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Special Agent in Charge, Hashville, Tennessee,

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Dear Bir

This will advise you that the triel of Joseph H. Adams and Henry Duke Rendell on the cherge of having herbored Alvin Karpis at Miami, Florida, will come on for trial on June 7, 1937, at that point. The United States Attorney at Tempe, Florida, the Honorable Herbert 8. Phillips, has been furnished with a list of those for whose appearance subposenss are to be issued and served.

A subposes duces tecum has been issued for the appearance of Walter Stokes, Commissioner of the Department of Pinance and Taxation, War Memorial Building, Mashville, Tennessee, ordering him to bring with him records showing the issuence of 1934 Tennessee license plates, number 309381, on 1934 Buick Sedan, Motor No. 2384746, to T. C. Blackburn, Etowah, Tennessee, on or about November 16, 1934.

It is desired that immediately upon the receipt of this
letter, you communicate with the office of the United States Marshal
in Daughan and render him every assistance in locating Mr. Stokes and serving
Un Clean the said subposes, which calls for his appearance at Missi on June 7th.

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Harry R. Cook, Etowah, Tennesses;

Frenk Jennings, Etowah, Tennessee; Roy Arp, Etowah, Tennessee.

It is requested that you offer the same assistance in locating and arranging for the service of subpoenas upon these individuals.

Very truly yours,

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April 16, 1937

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Special Agent in Charge, Cleveland, Ohio.

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Dear Sire

Please be advised that Joseph H. Adams and Henry Duke Randell will be tried at Miami, Florida, on June 7, 1937, on the charge of having harbored Alvin Karpis at that point.

A subpoena has now been issued, calling for the appearance at Miami, Florida, on May 31, 1937, of Mary Goodman alias Mary Irene "Billie" Koreen. You will note that investigation has previously been conducted by your division in an effort to locate this individual, and she was finally located as being an employee of the Hanna Grille, 2123 East 14th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, her residence being 2065 East 81st Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

Subpoenas have likewise been issued, calling for the appearance of Robert Donley, in care of the George A. Falke Motor Company, 17600 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, and Miss Ruth Winterfield, Bookkeeper, George A. Falke Motor Company, 17600 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. The subpoena duces tecum for Miss Winterfield calls for her to bring with her the books and records of the George A. Falke Motor Company, showing the purchase of a Ford coupe by Charles Bronson on July 20, 1934, from the said company. The subpoends call for the appearance of these persons at Miami, Florida, on June 7, 1937.

It is my desire that immediately upon the receipt of this letter, you get in touch with the United States Marshal and offer him every assistance in locating and arranging for the 103 service of the subpoenss in question upon the above named persons.

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Very truly yours,

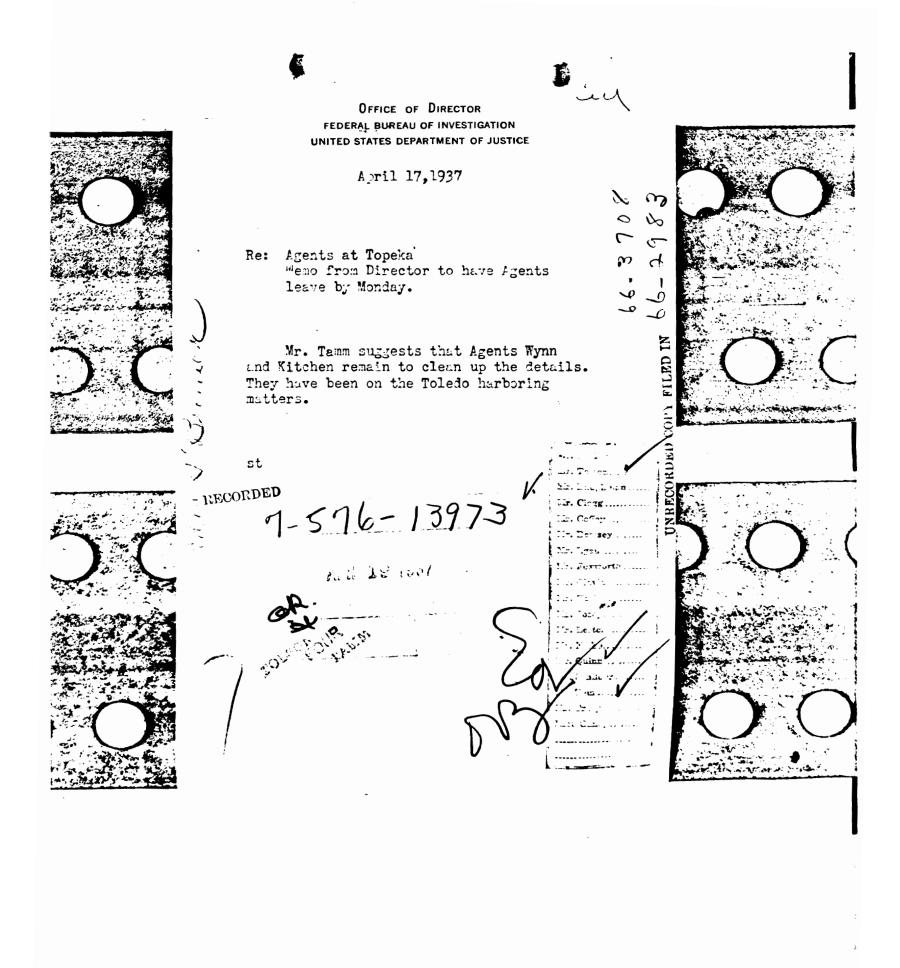
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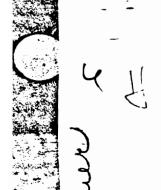


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IL S. Department of Justice 607 U. S. Court House, Foley Square, New York, N.Y.

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April 19, 1937.



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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Recently the brother of BRYAN BOLTON, now serving four three year concurrent sentences at Milan, Michigan, in the above entitled matter, addressed a letter to me at Chicago, Illinois, as to the possible arrangements in connection with the parole of BRYAN BOLTON. The brother indicated that it would be highly undesirable that he be paroled to report to a Parole Officer at Chicago, Illinois; that consideration should be given to allowing him to proceed some place where he could successfully avoid any and all prior associates and contacts due to the danger to his life.

It is my belief that we should not do anything which would hinder his parole, if allowed in the usual course of events. However, it is believed that definite consideration should be given to the fact that if this individual BRYAN BOLTON is placed on parole where the interests, particularly of the CAPONE syndicate at Chicago can learn of his location, it will result in his early demise as they will undoubtedly kill him.

It will be difficult to figure out just what arrangement can be had as to this individual, but it is my opinion that a definite serious possibility exists of action being taken to dispose of him due to his assistance to the Government in this case when he is again at liberty.

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J. CONNELLEY Inspector.

cc-Cleveland Detroit Chicago Cincinnati



Re: GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MCRAM, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. 1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim; KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

The Bureau recently received a letter from a brother of William Bryan Bolton in which the brother indicated that it would be highly undesirable that Bolton be paroled to report to a Parole Officer at Chicago, Illinois because of possible danger to his life from the underworld element there.

William Bryan Bolton was sentenced on August 25, 1936 to serve three years at the United States Detention Farm at Milan, Michigan in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case. Bolton aided the Government in the prosecution of this case against the other subjects.

Although the Bureau in no way desires to influence or take any part in connection with any possible future parole action, which might be taken with regard to Bolton, it is deemed advisable to point out the possible danger to Bolton's life if he is paroled to a Parole Officer at Chicago because of the probability that he might be the object of gang reprisals for aiding the Government in this case.

Respectfully,

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John Edgar Hoover, Director.

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Er. E. J. Connelley, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 936 Raymond-Commerce Building, Hewark, New Jersey.

Res GRORGE TIMINET; Dr. Joseph P. Moran, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. C. \$1232; et al; Edward George Bremer, Victing Ridnaping; Obstruction of Justice; Harboring of Fugitives; Sutional Fireness Act.

Dear Sirt

In connection with your letter of April 19, 1937, pointing out the uniesirability of William Bryan Bolton being paroled to a parole officer at Chicago, Illinois, you are savised that this natter has been brought to the attention of the Parole Board.

Yery truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover, Director.

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Special Agent in Charge, Minai, Florida,

> REL GEORGE TIMINEY: DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232, et al; EDWARD GEÓRGE OBREMER - Victim; Kidnaping: Harboring Fugitives: Obstruction of Justices National Firearms Act

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter to your office dated January 9, 1937, wherein it was shown that the registration cards of the KL Comodoro Hotel, listed therein, were forwarded to you by air mail, special delivery and registered mail with the request that they be turned over to the United States Attorney to be subsequently delivered by him to Mr. Bart A Riley, defense counsel for Joe Adams. The further request was made that when these cards had served their purpose they should be returned to you. The purpose of this letter is to inquire as to whether you have yet obtained possession of these cards from Mr. Riley. You are advised that it will be necessary for the Government to use these cards as Government exhibits during the course of the forthcoming trial involving Joe Adams and Duke Randall at Miami, Florida on June 7, 1937.

I wish to call your attention now to the letter of your office to the Bureau in which you acknowledged receipt from United States Attorney George F. Sullivan, St. Paul, Minnesota, of certain records of the El Comodoro Hotel which were set out more specifically in the letter directed to your office by Mr. Sullivan on January 11, 1937 and which included the RECORDED followings

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Bellboy call sheets for many dates during latter part of year 1934 and first part of year 1935.

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Hr. Eullivan's letter points out that he forwarded the above mentioned items to your office for the inspection of Kr. Riley. The Eureme now wishes to inquire as to whother you have these records in your possession. If not, it is desired that you obtain them at the earliest possible moment and retain them in your office, in view of the fact that they will be used in the forthcoming trial of Adems and Rendell as Government exhibits. I would like a reply to my injuiries as soon as it may be practicable.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover, Director.

CC - Er. E. J. Connelley (Cincinnati) Cincinnati



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April 16, 1957.

#### MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I am attaching hereto an article appearing in the Baltimore Sun, it being an associated Press dispatch from Washington, D. C., April 15th, in which the statement is made that a Department of Justice official stated that the Government would ask a Federal Grand Jury in Toledo next week to indict nine persons on charges of harboring Alvin Karpis. This same story appeared in the late editions of the yesterday evening papers and also in the papers this morning throughout the country.

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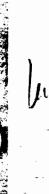
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The Attorney General -2 - April 16, 1957.

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Press correspondent who covers the Department is the one who procured the

information from some official, name not given, in the Department.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover, Director.

Inclosure #288701

To Seek Indictment For Harborers Of Karpis

Department Of Justice Man States
Government Hopes To

Charge Nine

Washington, April 15 (P)—A Justice Department official said today the Government would ask a Federal grand jury in Toledo, Ohio, next week, to indict nine persons on charges of harboring Alvin Karpis, co-leader of the Barker-Karpis gang, while he was a fugitive from justice.

Karpis is serving a life sentence at Alcatraz Prison for the kidnapping of William A. Hamm, Jr., wealthy St. Paul (Minn.) brewer, in 1933.

Assistant Attorney General Brien McMahon declined to discuss the Government's plans on grounds it would serve as a warning to those involved but acknowledged the indictment would be sought.

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

April 16, 1937.

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The Bureau was not advised that any such indictments would be procured and did not know of this action until the announcement of it appeared in the papers yesterday evening and this morning, with the inevitable result that, as I have indicated, some of the persons who may be indicted have now taken steps to disappear from their usual haunts.

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Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover, Director.

Inclosure #288701

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#### MEMOSANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Res Harboring Cases at Toledo.

I telephoned SAC MacFarland at the Cleveland Division with reference to Mr. Connelley's telegram to him suggesting that he consult with United States Attorney Freed relative to the above entitled matter.

I told ar. MecFarland that no action should be taken on this telegram; that we have done everything we can on this matter, and it is now their turn to come to us.

Respectfully,

E. A. TANK.

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Special Agent in Charge, Newark, New Jersey.

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Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This will advise you that a subpoens his bein insued M for Gregory I. Codomo, calling for his appearance at Miemi, Florida, on May 31, 1937, with reference to the triel of Joseph H. Madik TICE and Henry Duke Randall on the charge of having harbored livin Karpis at Miemi, Florida, which is to take place at that point file on June 7, 1937.

It is my desire that immediately upon the receipt of this letter, you get in touch with the appropriate United States Marshal and offer him every assistance in locating and serving upon Codomo the subpoena mentioned above. The appearance of Codomo as a witness on behalf of the Government in this matter is of utmost importance. His address has been listed on the subpoens as being "Care of Leonard Codomo, brother, 373 Central Avenue, Newark, New Jersey. With reference to the location of Codomo, however, I wish to call your attention to the report of Special Agent B. F. Meekins, dated at Trenton, New Jersey, July 28, 1936, wherein it is shown that an interview with Leonard Codomo disclosed that Gregory I. Codomo was then residing at 310 West Webster Avenue, Roselle Park, New Jersey, but that he generally could be more easily reached at 91 Washington Avenue, Nutley, New Jersey, where he is employed at a gasoline service station and parking lot operated by Leonard Codomo. It is further pointed out in that report that Leonard Codomo advised that his brother would be most willing to cooperate in any fashion and that as Gregory I. Codomo's whereabouts is always known to him, Leonard Codomo, the latter would be glad to assist in locating at any time the prospective witness. Leonard Codomo stated at that time that if he could not be located at his place of business, 91 Washington Avenue, Nutley, New Jersey, he could be located at his residence, the Regent Hotel, Bleeker Street, Newark, New Jersey.

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Subpoenas have likewise been issued, calling for the appearance at Miemi, Floride, on May 31, 1937, of the following persons:

Samuel E. Horley, 126 South Kentucky Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

William A. Morley, Denmor Hotel, 123 South Kentucky Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Elisabeth Morley, Danmor Hotel, 123 South Kentucky Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

The same assistance should be rendered by you in locating and arranging for the service of subpoenas, in cooperation with the office of the United States Marshal.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover, Director.

cc - Miami

cc - Mr. Connelley, Cincinnati

cc - Cincinnati

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S ecial Agent in Charge, St. Paul, Minnesota.

#### Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Ilr. Coffey .....

Mr. Egan....

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In connection with this matter, a subpoena has been issued for the appearance at Mismi on June 7, 1937, of Mrs. Florence Humphrey, 417 Vest Catlin Street, Pipestone, Minnesota.

It is desired that immediately upon the receipt of this letter, you communicate with the United States
Marshel and render him every assistance in locating and erranging for the service of this subpoens upon the above mentioned individual.

cc - Miemi

cc - Mr. Connelley, Cincinnati

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Special Agent in Charge, Atlanta, Georgia.

Re: BREKID

Mr. Eerbo .....

Eir. Joceph ..... Mr. Lester .....

Fr. Nichole.....

Mr. Schilder .....

Dear Sir:

This will edvise you that Joseph H. Adems and Henry Duk Randell will be tried at Miami, Florida, on June 7, 1937, on the charge of having harbored Alvin Karpis at that point.

A subpoena has been issued, calling for the appearance at Mismi, Florida, on June 7, 1937, of Mr. M. F. Hendrix, Superintendent, Western Union Telegraph Company, Atlanta, Georgia.

It is my desire that immediately upon the receipt of this letter, you communicate with the appropriate United States Marshal and render him every assistance in locating and arranging for the service of the said subjoena upon Mr. Hendrix.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover, Director.

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April 16, 1937.

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METORAGIDUM FOR MR. TARM.

Re: Karpia case.

Brien Mc anon telephoned in reference to the Associated Press news flash which appeared in the Washington Star last night to the effect that the Department of Justice was going to indict certain individuals in Toledo and Cleveland for harboring Karpis. I stated that I had talked to the Special Agent in Charge at Cleveland and he informed me that cartain of these persons were not in their usual haunts this morning; that I did not have the names of these persons available at the moment. Mr. "clichon stated that he had a list of those, who were to be indicted, this list being as follows: Ted Angus, Bert Angus, Frank Greenwald, Edwa and Clara MoGram, Tony Amereback, Edith/Berry and Sharkey/Coruan and Arthur Hebebrand, of the Harkard Club in Classiand; that this list plus/Hoscoe made ten in all; that these were the only ones against whom the Department feels it can make a case. I stated that my understanding with the U.S.Attorney in Cluseland was that if and when indictments were procured that it vould be done quietly and secretly so that the arrests could be made simultaneously over a weekend and interrogation made and the subjects arraigned on Monday morning. Mr. McMahon stated that apparently the Scrippe-Howard press in Toledo know as much about the case as the Department, and that they had spent s lot of money finding out about it. I stated that the story that come out this morning was an Associated Press disputch from Washington and when I checked back on it I found that Knythorne was the one who got it, from whom I did not know but I understood from an official in the Department; that this story breaking would make it extremely difficult for the Bureau; that what the Bureau had hoped was that we could pick up some of the "week sisters" and get some additional evidence from them. Mr. McMehon stated that the Anguses owned a Mr. Nestaurant and were married and living in Toleco and that they could not leve there Mr. Believe that they could make a case against him. I stated that there should be a Mr. Check more as to where Hawthorne gets his information as it would be an outrage if me should have to chase these people all over the country because of this next lesk.

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Very truly yours,

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April 19, 1937

Special Agent in Charge, Atlanta, Ga.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request contained in the undeveloped lead in the report of Special Agent W. K. Overstreet, dated at Atlanta, Georgia, April 16, 1937, please find enclosed a photograph of Bensony roves.

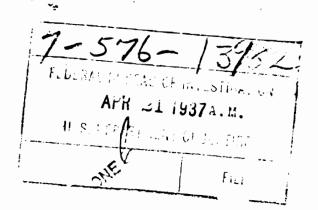
As it is anticipated that the harboring charges will be presented to the United States Grand Jury within the next ten days, it is suggested that the contemplated investigation in your Division, looking toward the location of Fenson Groves, be expedited.

Very truly yours,

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J. P. NAC FARIAND, Special Agent in Charge.

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April 19, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

DOLORES/DELINEY, serving sentence at Filan, Fichican, in connection with the harboring charge growing out of the above entitled case, in a letter dated April 15, 1937, made the following request to me:-

"I am writing to you because you were in charge of our case and I feel that you can explain what I wish to find out. In Sept. 1934 I left Cleveland, Ohio, and left there a five room house of furniture and a number of clothes- Then a year ago a Pept. of Justice agent whose name I believe was kr. Latney came here to see me. He had with him a few things from the above mentioned house. At that time I asked him about my clothes there and he informed me that they would be sent to my people. Up until this time they have not been sent and I would like to know it I am going to receive them. I would also like to get the furniture but I imagine that is impossible. There were also a number of my clothes and my baby's bed and other things in the house we had at Miami, Fla. The judge who sentenced me told me I would receive those things but although I have written there many times I have received no satisfaction. Would you please let me know whether I am entitled to these things or not and if so whether I will receive them. Anything you may do in this matter will be greatly appreciated. I

> Very sincerely yours RECORDED & INDEXED Dolores De Laney"

Flease examine the file in this matter as to just what transactions have occurred in connection with the restoration of the property of this woman if any was held by the Bureau, in order that SUSTICE we may know definitely whether we can assist her in her request as set out in the letter in question.

After your office, the Detroit office and the Chicago office have examined their files to determine what, if any, property was returned to this woman, and after it has been definitely established none of her property is in the possession of the Bureau, she should be advised accordingly.

At that time it is also suggested that it be indicated to this woman in such letter or by an agent calling upon her that we have nothing to do with the property or furniture which she left in the house at Cleveland, Ohio, and that she should communicate as to this with the owners of the property. She should be thoroughly familiar with the parties they rented from, particularly Art Hebebrand. Some relative of Hebebrand succeeded to this furniture. If the Delaney women does not know this, she can be diplomatically so advised with the suggestion she might get some action by writing to these persons for the return of her furniture. It is not believed they will surrender such property. Any conflict of interest as between this woman and Febebrand might have much to do with her telling the truth as against Tebebrand, et al if she is called as a witness. She should probably be a subject in the harboring.

She should be advised that with reference to her property left in Fismi, Florida, she having taken this up with the court there suitably as to the return of this property, her recourse would be through the same previous channels.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY, Inspector.

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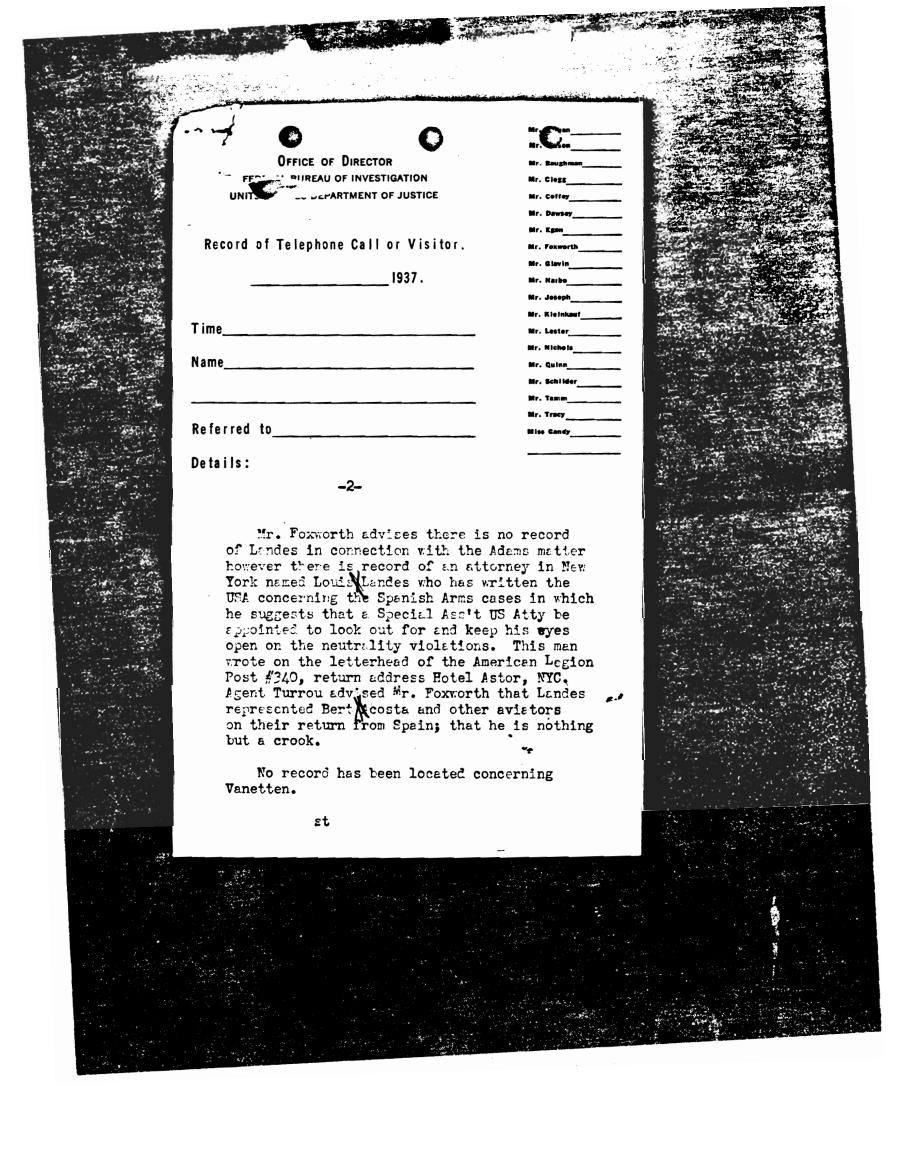
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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR TIPFAU OF INVESTIGATION ... TMENT OF JUSTICE Record of Telephone Call or Visitor. April 10 \_\_\_1937. Time\_1:30 PM Name Mr. Charles Pettijohn, tele from New York Referred to RECORDED Details: INDEXED When informed that the Director was voil GATION asked that the following message be origen him: There is a Col. Landes, with offices at 32 Broadway, New York, who is a lawyer in Washington and New York, and who represented the Brooklyn Ash Removal Co. in Washington on an income tex suit that the man that Landea represented was one C.R. Venetten; that Vanetten has been writing to people i: Florida urging them to employ Landes who assures them that he could obtain a dismissal in the Adams case in Florida. Mr. Pettijohn stated that he thought a mutual friend of his and Mr. Hoover, Mr. Hoover would know who he meant, knew-Landes very well and even since the talk the other day there has developed "something rotten in Denmark". Mr. Pettijohn suggested that Mr. Hoover have someone telk to Landes. Mr. Pettijohn stated that if this is not clear to Mr. Hoover that he could call him at home, Rye 1149. cbs.



United States Department of Justice Washington, B. C.

EAT:RP

April 16, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Relative to the attached telephone call from Charles Pettijohn, I desire to advise that the name of Colonel Landes, New York City Attorney of 32 Broadway, is familiar to me through rather frequent appearance of his name in the newspapers in connection with nasty criminal cases. It is my recollection that he appeared as a counsel for Polly Adler, his name was mentioned in the Mae Scheible case and he is generally associated with the worst type of criminal practice. The man is without principles and I doubt that it would do the Bureau any good to contact him concerning the Adams case.

E. A. Tamm.

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#### Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice P. O. DRAWER "V", Plaza Station, St. Louis, Missouri.

April 20, 1937.

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

Dear Sir:

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Reference is made to my letter of March 27, 1937 and to Bureau letter of April 13, 1937 (7-576).

In line with the suggestions contained in Bureau letter of reference, I am forwarding to the Bureau the following:

6 photographs full view of shirt furnished Bremer by kidnapers showing neckline of underwear furnished Bremer by kidnapers of socks furnished Bremer by kidnapers 7 Half length view of underwear furnished Bremer by kidnapers Half view of inside of shirt furnished Bremer by kidnapers 2 photostat copies of rough drawing of wall paper in hideout of

- Bremer. 6 extra copies of list of fires in Illinois, North of Springfield,
- exclusive of Cook County.
- 12 copies of photographs of underwear, shirt and socks furnished Bremer by kidnapers.
- 7 photos of four signal lights used in this case 6 photostat copies of hideout of Bremer.
- 28 photographs of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, et al.
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- " Mrs. Ed Bentz RECORDED 9 " Tommy Carroll 9
- \* Kate Barker 10 \* Paula Harmon 4 Full length photos of Alvin Karpis

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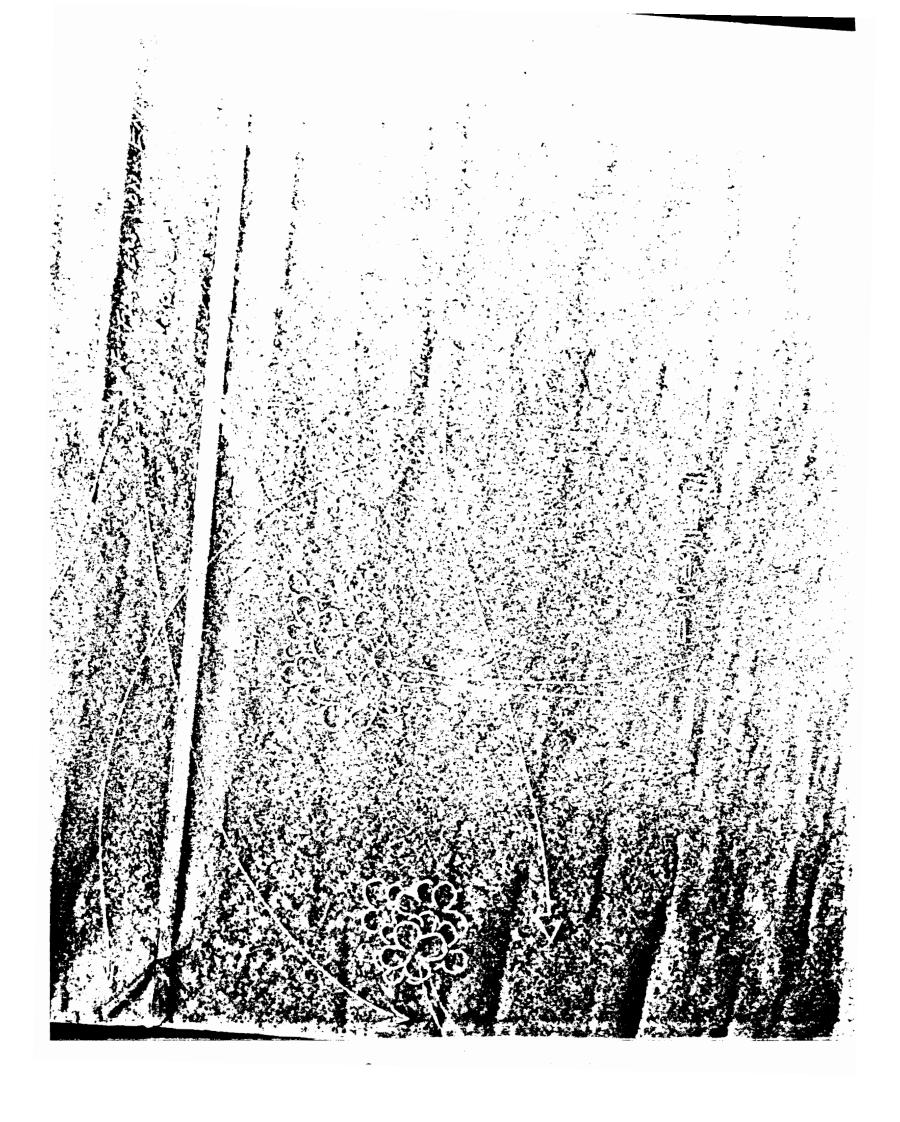
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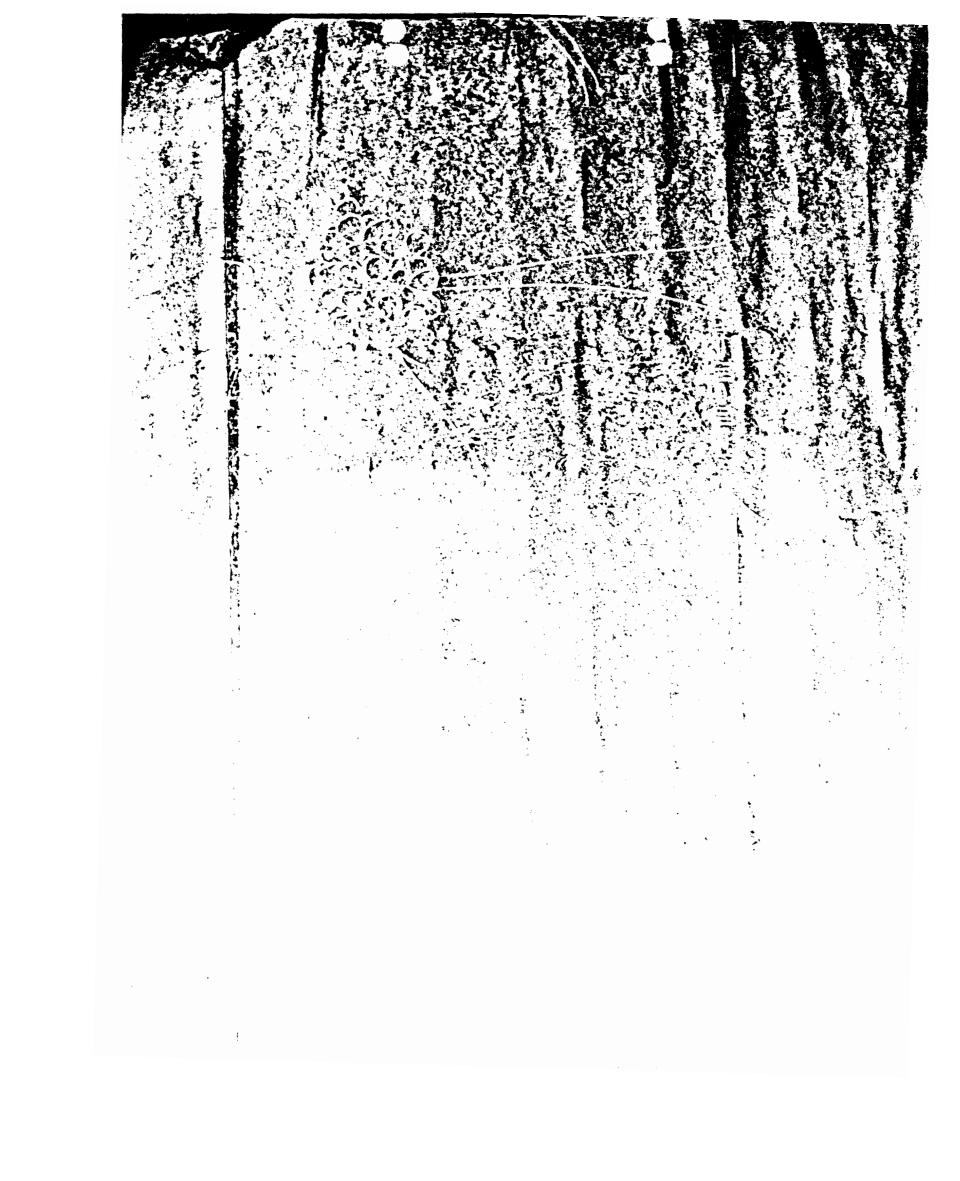
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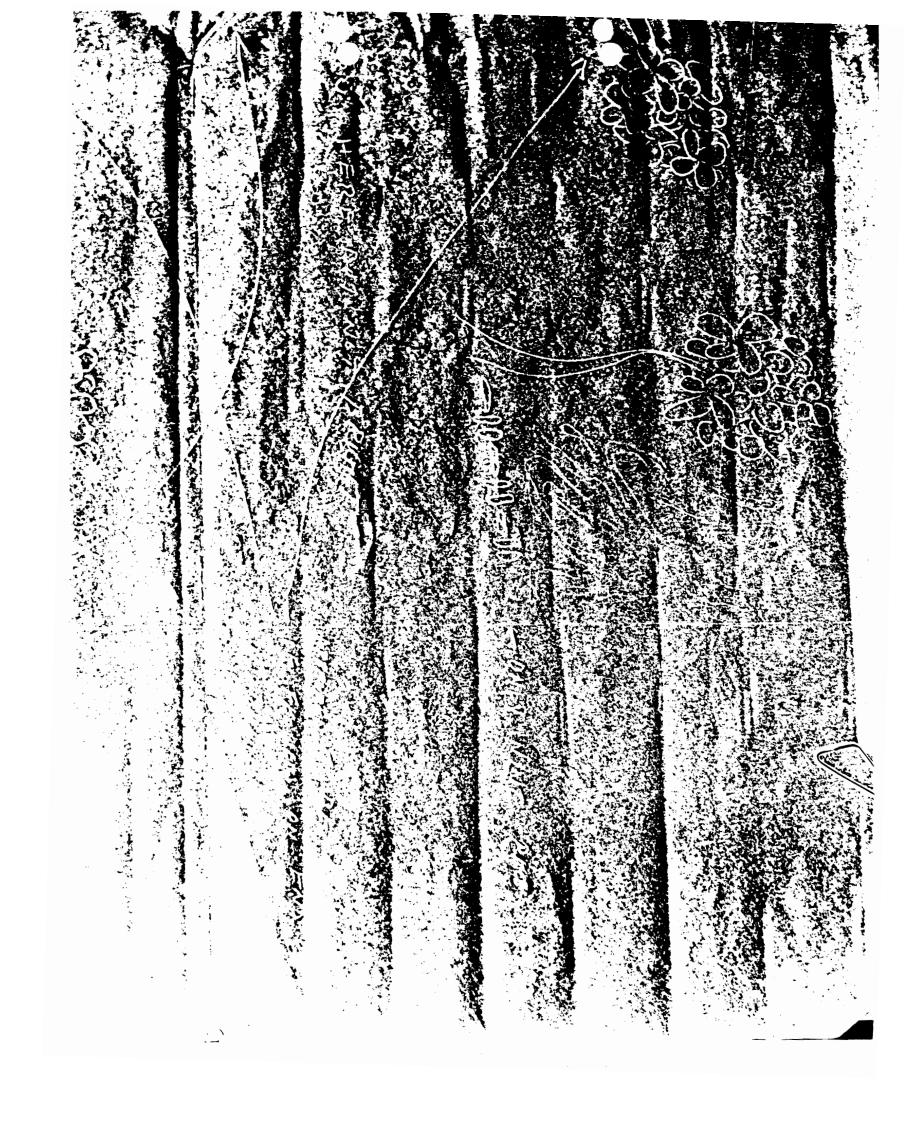
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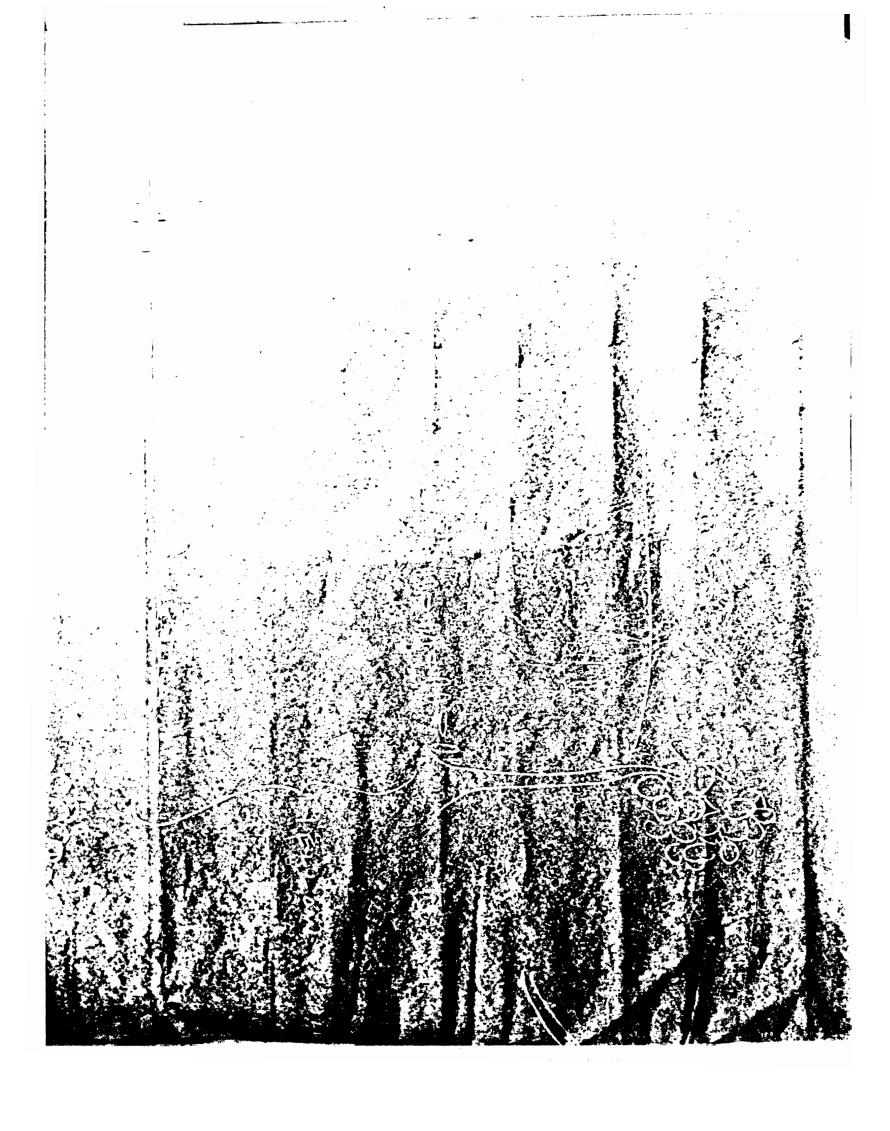
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LIST OF FIRES WHICE OCCURRED IN ILLINOIS, HORTH OF SPRINGFIELD, EXCLUSIVE OF COOK COUNTY, From January 15, 1934 to February 10, 1934, inclusive.

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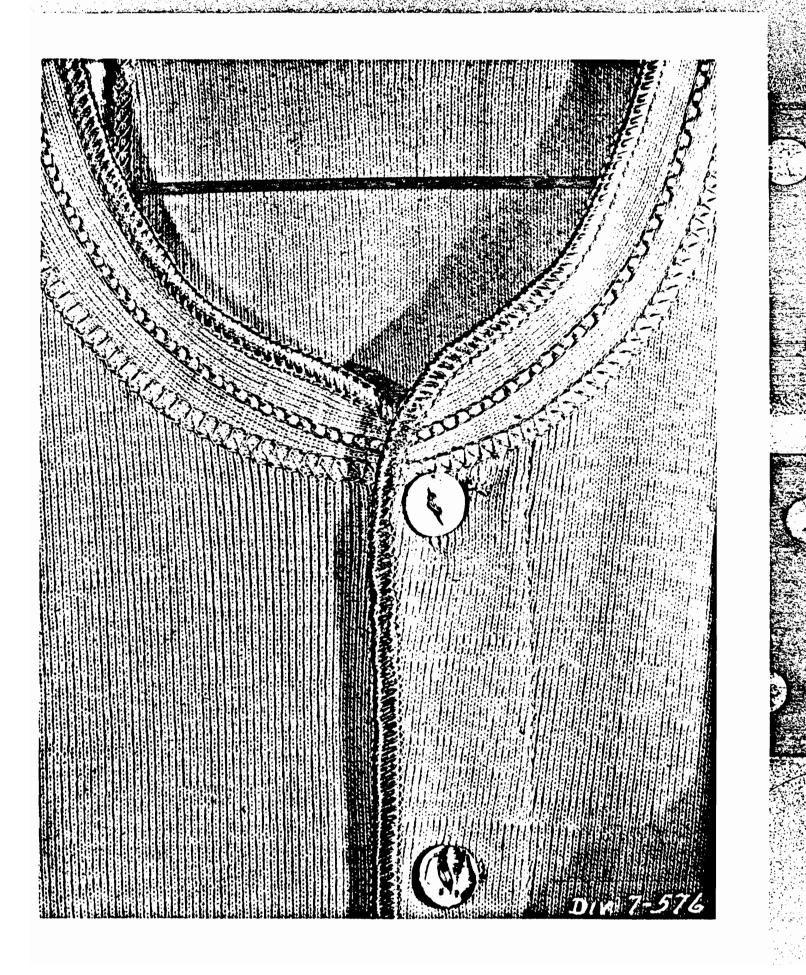
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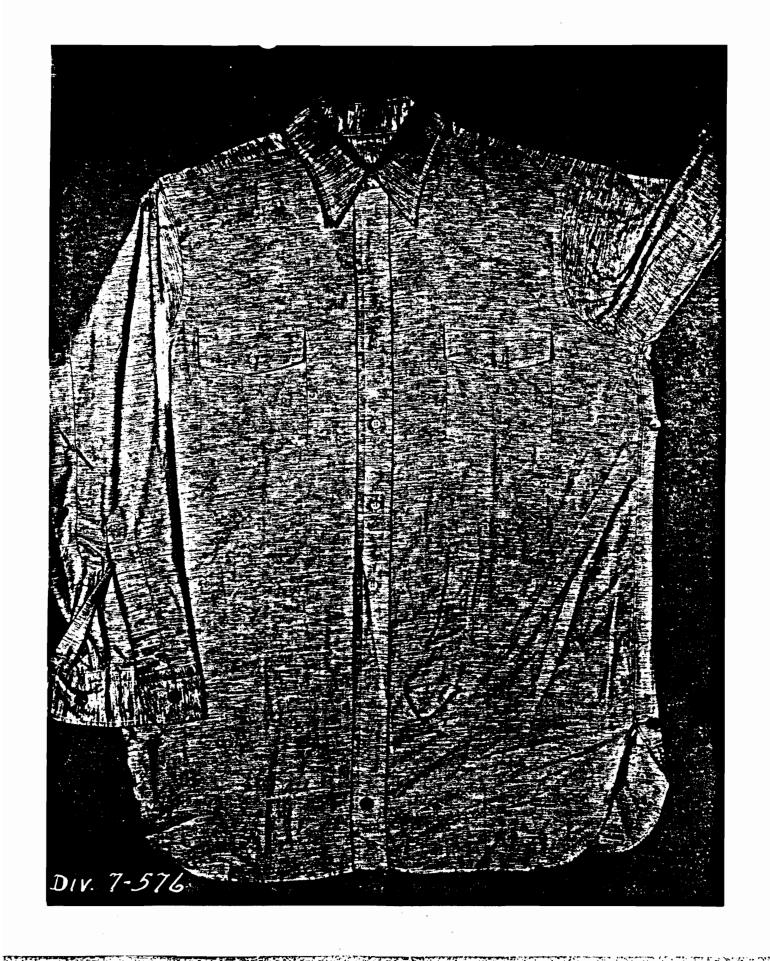
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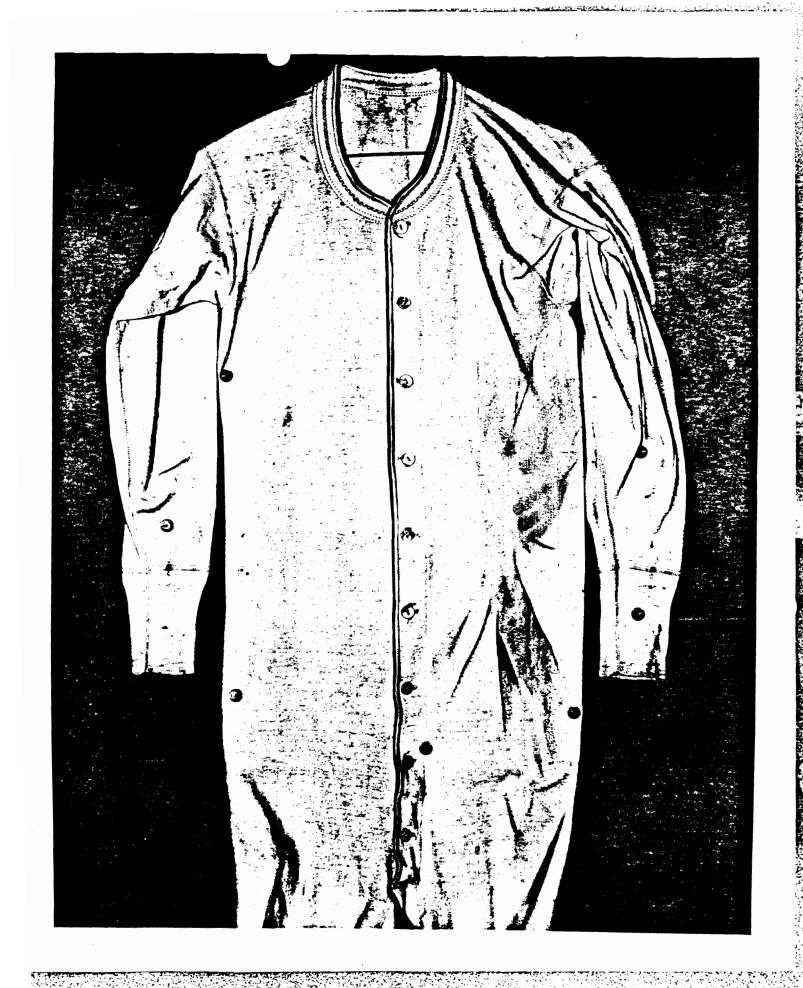
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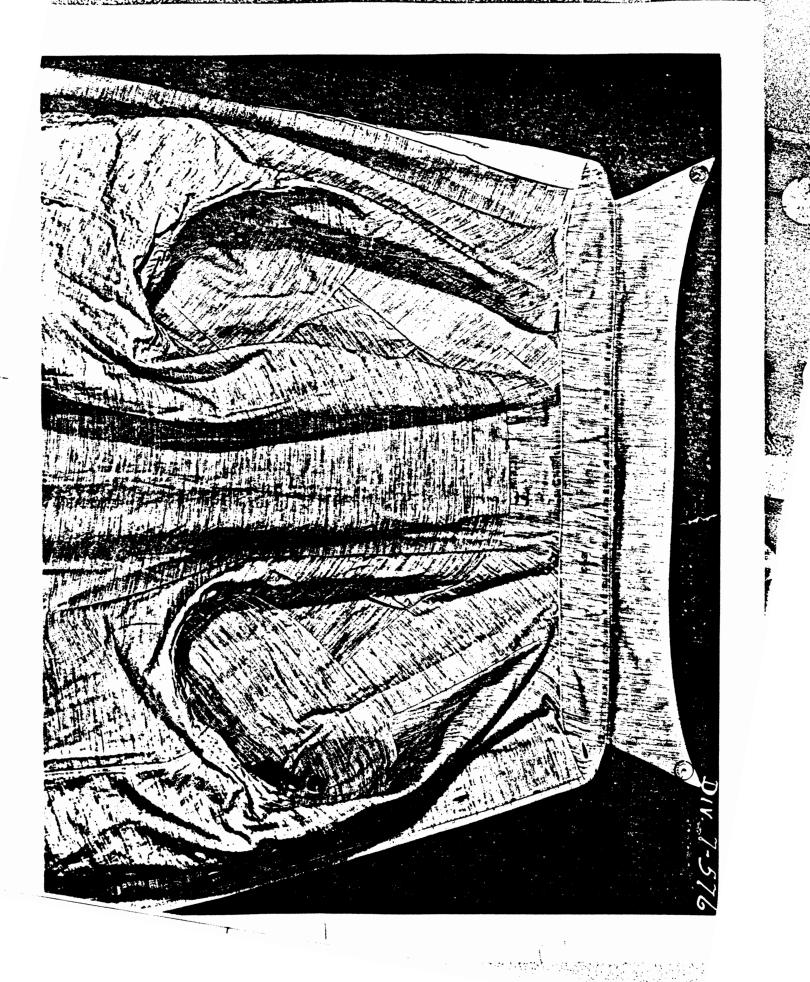




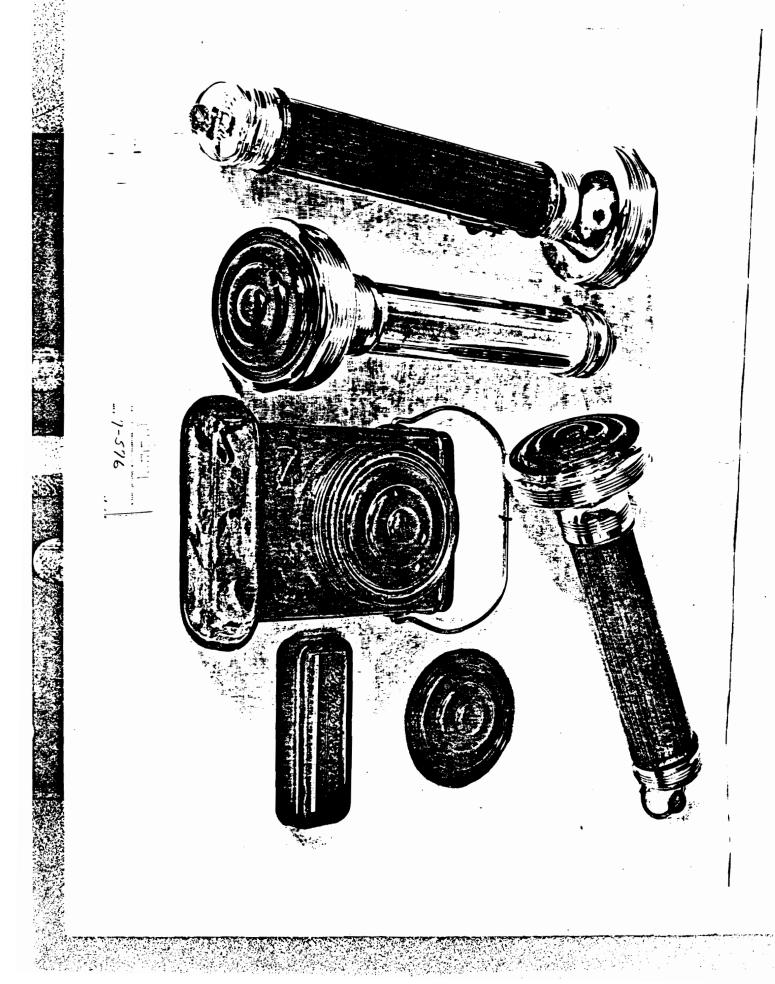












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Merle Carson, 708 South Emporia Street

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Lela Mise, 3605 North Emporia Avenue (this person is
identical with Peggy Mise, a sister of Milton
Lett, who now resides at Mojave, California)

Vivian Mantooth, alias Hollingsworth, 150 South Lulu
Clifford Collins, 150 South Lulu Street

Tony Collins, ReRe 1, Box 182, Wichita, Kansas
(1300 Block on West 35th Street)

Mrs. Orey Collins, 150 South Lulu (this individual
is now using the name of Mrs. Jane Collins).

Doyle Hollingsworth, 427 South Washington Street.

The address of Leslie Droughman is not being set out here in view of the fact that Detective Erra O'Connor, of the Wichita Police Department, advised the writer that information previously to the effect Droughman is a contact of Lett is erroneous. O'Connor advised that Droughman is now a Deputy Sheriff in Sedgwick County, Kansas. O'Connor was positive of the fact that this individual is in no way connected with Milton Lett and further advised that Droughman and Dick Sprecher, 402 North Vassar, Wichita, Kansas, are closely associated, which leads O'Connor to believe that Sprecher likewise has no contact with Lett. Sprecher is employed at the Wichita Wholesale Furniture Company, Wichita, Kansas, but he has not been interviewed to date.

Captain L. E. Bowry, of the Wichita Detective Bureau, advised the writer that he and his department are still endeavoring to locate Milton Lett and that he would be glad to cooperate with the Bureau in any way possible. It was Detective Bowry's opinion that Lett is not in Wichita at the present time and has not been at that place for sometime, although Lett has a number of relatives residing at Wichita. He advised Agent that Detective Ezra O'Connor, of the Wichita Police Department, had previously worked with Kansas State Police Officers Anderson and Edwards and with several Agents of the Bureau for the purpose of locating Milton Lett.

Agent interviewed Detective Ezra O'Connor, who stated that he had not obtained any information recently which would be of assistance in locating Lett. However, he referred Agent to J. W. Tinsley, who offices in the Bitting Building, Wichita, Kansas, whom he stated might be able to furnish valuable information concerning Milton Lett's present address. O'Connor said that Tinsley is a native of Missouri and formerly lived in the section of that state where Milton Lett's father resided. It was O'Connor's opinion that Lett in all probability was following the oil fields in view of the fact that they afford better fields for gamblers. O'Connor stated in the event he obtained information which might be of assistance in this investigation he would immediately contact this Agent, or any other Agent of the Eureau located in Wichita, Kansas.

Doyle Hollingsworth, who resides at 427 South Washington Street, was interviewed and he advised he has not seen Kilton Lett since last contacted by an Agent of this Bureau and has no idea where Lett is located at this time. Hollingsworth said that Lett is known to have followed the oil fields quite a bit and he might be located at Russell, Kansas at this time. This individual was unable to furnish the name and address of any person at Russell, Kansas likely to be contacted by Lett. Hollingsworth stated Clifford Collins and Vivian Mantooth went to Kilgore, Texas, last Fall and stayed at that place for approximately two weeks and it is his opinion that they were visiting Milton Lett at that time. Vivian Mantooth is a sister of Doyle Hollingsworth and he stated that they were not on speaking terms at this time and therefore he could not obtain any information from her concerning Lett's present whereabouts, but Hollingsworth stated he felt certain that Vivian Mantooth could contact Lett immediately if she so desired.

Hollingsworth further advised he had heard, through members of his family at Coffeyville, Kansas, that Lucille Lett, the wife of Milton Lett, had recently returned to the home of her mother at Coffeyville, Kansas, and that she is expecting to give birth to a child at any time. This information was immediately furnished to the Special Agent in Charge of the Kansas City Division, who, in turn, immediately furnished the information to the Oklahome City Division with the request that appropriate investigation be conducted at Coffeyville, Kansase

Hollingsworth stated he had no idea what type of gambler Wilton Lett is, althoughhe is known to have supposedly followed that mode of making a living for a number of years. This individual seemed to be very cooperative with the Buroau and stated in the event he received any information whatsoever concerning Milton Lett he would immediately contact the Kansas City Field Division, and the address and telephone number of this Division was left with hime

In addition to the above, Hollingsworth stated that the person most likely to be contacted by Lett in Wichita, Kansas, is Clifford Collins. He said he felt certain Collins would not cooperate with Agents of the Bureau in effecting Lett's apprehension

At the U. S. Post Office letter carrier Glen Walters was interviewed and the photograph of Milton Lett displayed to him. Mr. Walters stated he had not seen an individual resembling that photograph at 150 South Lulu Stroet. He said he seldom sees any man at that address and the only person at said address with whom he is personally acquainted is Mrs. Jane Collins. He advised Agent that Mr. J. R. Wright, 204 South Lulu Street, is a respectable individual and his home is so situated that he can observe almost anything taking place at 150 South Lulu Street. Mr. Walters stated

he would not recommend that Agent contact anyone other than Mr. Wright in the immediate neighborhood of 150 South Lulu.

J. R. Wright, 204 South Lulu, was interviewed by Agent and he advised he had lived at that address for 16 years. He stated he was casually acquainted with Mrs. Jane Collins, but knew nothing concerning the other individuals who resided with her at 150 South Lulu Street. Mr. Fright, who is an elderly man, stated he seldom leaves his home and that he has an opportunity to observe most anyone who enters or leaves the home of Mrs. Jane Collins, and he stated he had seen only one man there recently, whom he supposes is a son of Mrs. Collins. He stated this man drives an old model car, probably a Ford and he is apparently employed somewhere in the city of Wichita. It will be noted here that Clifford Collins drives a 1928 Blue Ford Roadster, and in all probability Clifford Collins in the individual referred to by Mr. Wright. Mr. Wright advised the writer he would be glad to cooperate with the Bureau in effecting the apprehension of Milton Lett and stated he would keep a close watch on the house of Mrs. Jane Collins for an individual resembling the photograph of Milton Lett. A photograph of Milton Lett bearing the address and telephone number of the Kansas City Field Division was left with Mr. Wright.

### - at KoPherson, Kansas -

Agent interviewed Mr. A. V. Farris, the father of Lucille Farris Lett, who stated he had no idea where his daughter and Subject Milton Lett are located at this time. Mr. Farris said he had made every effort to contact his daughter but had not been successful in locating her since her marriage to Lett. He said that on March 5, 1937, he went to see Maggie Lett, at Wann, Oklahoma, and tried to obtain from her the present whereabouts of Milton Lett and his wife, Lucille, but that Maggie Lett refused to give him any information whatsoever but stated they were getting along all right or she would hear from them. Mr. Farris requested that Agent not let it become known to other persons at McPherson, Mansas, that he is the father of the wife of Milton Lett. He also stated he would immediately contact the Kansas City Field Division, the address and telephone number of which were left with him, in the event he obtained any information concerning the whereabouts of Lett.

## - at Wichita, Kansas -

An examination of the records of the Wichita Police Department disclosed that the following description of Roy James Cole is on file there:

NAME AGE HEIGHT WEIGHT ROY JAMES COLE 34 (1936) 5' 7" 130 1bs. (Description of Roy James Cole continued)

HAIR Dark brown
EYES Blue
F.P.C. 29 W I
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POLICE NUMBER Wichita, Kansas 4615-M-53

The record does not indicate the present address of that individual but does reflect he was picked up on a vagrancy charge.

Informant Doyle Hollingsworth was again contacted and he advised that a man by the name of Roy Cole, who worked with Tony Collins at the Innes Warehouse, at Wichita, Kanses, resided at 150 South Lulu for several months. Hollingsworth was unable to advise whether or not Cole is still employed with Tony Collins and stated that he knew nothing whatsoever of the liklihood of that individual contacting Milton Lett.

At the time of this interview with Doyle Hollingsworth his wife was present and stated it is her opinion that Vivian Mantooth is presently contacting Lett. However, she was unable to state where Vivian Mantooth is meeting Milton Lett or where Lett is located at this time. She was of this opinion because Vivian Mantooth recently contacted her and endeavored to persuade her to go to an unmamed destination to meet two men whose names Vivian Mantooth refused to divulge. Mrs. Hollingsworth stated she tried to arrange to go with Vivian Mantooth on this occasion but that such arrangements were not possible. However, she advised Agent she would visit the said Vivian Mantooth within the near future and endeavor to obtain some information from her concerning Milton Lett's whereabouts.

Both Doyle Hollingsworth and his wife advised Howard Thurston no longer resides at 150 South Iulu Street and so far as they know he has moved to the state of California. They advised they obtained this information from Vivian Mantooth.

J. We Tinsley, 719 Bitting Building, was interviewed and he stated that he was well acquainted with Milton Lett and his family. Mr. Tinsley is a native of the state of Missouri and was reared in Miller County, Missouri, where the father of Milton Lett was also reared. Tinsley stated he would know Milton Lett on sight and he was well aware of the fact the Bureau was endeavoring to effect his apprehension. However, he stated he had not seen Milton Lett for several years and that when he last saw him he unsuccessfully tried to apprehend him near Wichita, Kansase

Mr. Tinsley was unable to suggest where Milton Lett might be located at this time, although he stated he might contact an Indian woman who resides on a farm near the Lowery Brothers Ranch, which is located just south of South Coffeyville, Oklahoma. He stated that Lett is known to be very friendly with this woman and has in the past visited with here. Mr. Tinsley was unable to furnish the name of the Indian woman but stated her name could be obtained from anyone residing on the Lowery Brothers Ranch. He further stated there is a Lett working as a janitor in the Condon Bank at Coffeyville, Kansas, who is in all probability related to Milton Lette.

Mr. Tinsley further advised that Milton Lett has been known to follow the oil fields and that in view of the fact that there are a large number of crooks known to hang out around Russell, Kansas, at this time, there is a liklihood that Milton Lett is in or near that place.

While contacting Deputy Marshal C. O. Minter on other matters he advised that Deputy Sheriff Jamison, at Lyons, Kansas, had some information of value concerning Milton Lett.

## - at Lyons, Kansas -

Agent interviewed Deputy Sheriff T. B. Jamison at the Lyons County Sheriff's Office, who advised he is well acquainted with Milton Lett, having known him when he, Jamison, resided in Coffeyville, Kansas. Jamison stated he obtained information through one Betty McCartney, a bootlegger who resides near Chase, Kansas, that Milton Lett is working for some oil company either in or near Russell, Kansas, and that he is going by the mame of Bob, last name unknown. Mr. Jamison was unable to accompany Agent to interview Betty McCartney, but suggested that Deputy Sheriff Holloway take Agent to the Beer joint operated by Betty McCartney.

Betty McCartney was interviewed by the writer and Deputy Sheriff Holloway and she advised that an individual identical with the photograph of Milton Lett, exhibited to her, had been in her place twice within the last few weeks for the purpose of purchasing liquor. She said that the individual resembling Lett's photograph was using the name Bob and that he was dressed in dirty working clothes which indicated he was employed in the oil fields. She stated that this individual was accompanied by another person, unknown to her, and that they were both in possession of an oild field truck. However, she was unable to furnish the name or license number of said truck. Betty McCartney agreed to immediately contact Deputy Sheriff Holloway in the event she obtained any information concerning Milton Lett. It was suggested she directly contact the Burcau, but she stated she preferred to notify Mr. Holloway if she obtained any information of value.

In view of the fact that this individual seemed to be positive concerning her identification of Milton Lett's photograph it was deemed advisable to conduct an investigation at Russell, Kansas for the purpose of determining whether or not Milton Lett was employed by any of the trucking or supply companies at that place.

#### - at Russell, Kansas -

Officials of the following named concerns were contacted and the photograph of Milton Lett exhibited to them with negative results:

E. E. Tracy Trucking Company
Bridgeport Oil Well Supply Company
Jeracki Oil Well Supply Company
Frick Reed Supply Company
National Supply Company
Mountain Iron Supply Company
Continental Supply Company
Bonviard Supply Company
Republic Supply Company

Republic Supply Company General Machine Supply Company Farley Supply Company Bethlehem Supply Company.

Several of the individuals contacted stated that the photograph of Milton Lett was familiar but none of them were able to advise where or when they had seen an individual resembling said photographe

During the course of this investigation it was determined that R. C. Williams, a truck contractor at Russell, Kansas, was widely acquainted throughout the oil fields. Mr. Williams was interviewed and he was unable to furnish any information of value to this case and stated he was not acquainted with an individual resembling the photograph of Milton Lette

Through Kr. Williams contact was made with one Orval Donnelley, a bootlegger at Russell, who likewise stated he was not acquainted with Milton Lett, but said that the photograph of Lett resembled some individual he had recently seen in and around Russell, Kansas. Donnelley stated he would endeavor to obtain the name of the individual who, in his opinion, resembled the photograph of Milton Lett and furnish Agent with the name of said party.

Several days thereafter Donnelley was again contacted and he advised that the party referred to by him when previously contacted by the writer was one Jack Miles, who is employed at Brad's place in Hays, Kansas. He said that Brad's Place was a gambling hall and Jack Miles was reported to be dealing dice at that place.

### - at Hays, Kansas -

Through Sheriff Joe Doerfler it was determined that Brad's Place is the Blue Lantern Tavern, which is located just outside of the East city limits of Hays, Kansas on Highway 40.

Accompanied by Sheriff Doerfler the writer interviewed W.E. Bradley, who apparently is well known to Sheriff Doerfler and Bradley stated he had never seen an individual resembling the photograph of Milton Lett and that so far as he knows such an individual has never gambled at his place of business.

Prior to conducting this interview Agent personally observed the dice dealers and blackjack dealers in this place, and none of those individuals in any way resembled Milton Lett. Inquiry was then made of Bradley concerning Jack Miles and he stated Jack Wiles formerly worked for him at Russell, Kansas, and he had resided in Russell, Kansas for approximately two years or more. He described Miles as follows:

NAME
AGE
AGE
HEIGHT
WEIGHT
HAIR
EYES
OCCUPATION

JACK MILES
30
175 to 180 lbs.
Brown
Brown
Tool dresser.

Bradley positively stated that Miles in no way resembled the photograph of Milton Lett. It was noted while at the Blue Lantern Tavern that a Deputy Sheriff is stationed at that place at all times and Sheriff Doerfler stated that deputy would be furnished with the description of Milton Lett and a photograph of that individual, with instructions to effect his apprehension should be appear at said tavern.

On April 8, 1937, the writer contacted Mr. J. W. Tinsley, who had recently been in Russell, Kansas on business and Mr. Tinsley advised that he had obtained information from one Billie Gates, a truck driver at Russell, that an individual fitting the description of Milton Lett had been working on casing crews in that vicinity and using the name of Bob Kelly. Mr. Tinsley was unable to furnish the address of Billie Gates at Russell, Kansas, but suggested he might be located through the Post Office at that place. He also stated that Gates was probably employed by the American Petroleum Company in view of the fact Gates had told him he was endeavoring to get a position with that concern. Mr. Tinsley said that it was not at all unlikely that Milton Lett is employed on a casing crew because of the fact that those individuals do not work regularly, although when they go on a job it is necessary that they work until it is completed and some jobs sometimes will require 72 hours. He

stated a casing crew consists of five men and they receive in the neighborhood of \$10. to \$12. per day for their services when working. Casing crew members are always paid in cash, according to Mr. Tinsley and their addresses are seldom known to anyone other than the casing crew foreman. He said in his past experience in the cil fields he has learned that most of the wanted criminals in and around the cil fields endeavor to obtain employment on casing crews in view of the fact it is very difficult to keep up with individuals engaged in that type of work. Mr. Tinsley said that Charley Gilbrith, of the American Petroleum Company, could probably furnish a complete list of the casing crew foremen operating in and around Russell, Kansas.

On March 20, 1937, the Los Angeles Field Division advised that as a result of a mail cover placed at Mojave, California, on the mail received by Peggy Mize and her husband it was determined that the following mail has been received by Peggy Mize and her husband:

Letter dated at Wichita, Kansas, March 9, 1937, addressed to Mrs. Peggy Miz, General Delivery, Mojave, California, bearing the return address "May Yoke, 1535 Jeanette, Wichita, Kansas".

Letter dated Wichita, Kansas, March 11, 1937, addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mise, General Delivery, Mojave, California, bearing return address "T. L. Collins, Rt. 1, Box 182, Wichita, Kansas".

Letter dated at Wichita, Kansas, addressed to Mrs. Raymond Mise, General Delivery, Mojave, California, bearing the return address "818 So. Holyoke, Wichita, Kansas".

An examination of the Wichita City Directory disclosed that Edward and May Woke reside at 1535 Jeanette Street and Edward Yoke is employed as a Shipping Clerk by the Clear Vision Pump Company, Wichita, Kansase

The directory further reflects Charles J. Coe and wife, Ada, reside at 818 South Holyoke Street and that Mr. Coe is a yard man for the Jackson-Walker Fuel Company, 622 East Murdock Avenue.

It was noted that in the neighborhood of 818 South Holyoke Street, the following individuals are home owners:

H. D. Howard, 810 South Holyoke, a jeweler employed by the Innes Dry Goods Company.

Austin I. Robinson, Insurance Agent, 822 South Holyoke.

Wayne Bradley, President of the Dickey Oil

Company, 826 South Holyoke.

Interviews were had with Messrs. Howard and Bradley and both individuals stated that so far as they know Charles J. Coe and wife are reputable citizens. Both of these individuals examined the photograph of Milton Lett and stated they had never seen an individual similar to said photograph in the vicinity of 818 South Holyoke Street. Through Mr. Howard it was ascertained that Mrs. Charles J. Coe is a sister to Raymond Mize, the husband of Peggy Lett Mize.

Mrs. Austin I. Robinson, who resides at 822 South Holyoke, was interviewed and a photograph of Milton Lett displayed to here Mrs. Robinson stated she had never seen an individual resembling that photograph at 822 South Holyoke Street, and so far as she knows only Mr. and Mrs. Coe and Mr. Coe's aged mother reside at that address. Mr. Howard advised that Charles J. Coe was presently employed at the Egstrom Lumber Company, 151 South Waco Street, and inquiries at that place disclosed Mr. Coe is presently confined to his home because of illness. A lead is being set out to contact Mr. Coe within the near future.

A further examination of the city directory disclosed that the only home within the near vicinity of 1535 Jeanette Street, is the home of John E. Moore, 1537 Jeanette. Mr. Moore is employed as a meat cutter in the Johnson Meat Market, 924 East Douglas Street, and was interviewed at that address. He advised, after examining the photograph of Milton Lett, that he had never seen an individual resembling said photograph at the home of Edward and May Yokum. He stated that Edward and May Yokum are law abiding citizens, so far as he knows. He suggested Agent contact his wife, whom he said was well acquainted with Mrs. May Yoke.

Mrs. Moore was interviewed at her home and after viewing the photograph of Milton Lett advised that she had never seen such an individual in or near the Yoke home. Agent inquired whether or not Mrs. Moore was acquainted with Mrs. Peggy Mize and she advised she was and further advised Mrs. Peggy Mize and May Yoke are apparently very friendly, and prior to the time Mrs. Mize moved to Mojave, Californis she visited Mrs. Yoke.

In view of the fact it was ascertained that May and Edward Yoke are in no way related to Milton Lett Agent interviewed Edward Yoke at the Clear Vision Pump Company, at which time he advised he was well acquainted with Mrs. Peggy Mize but that he never knew of an individual by the name of Milton Lett. He stated that Mrs. Mize formerly worked for him in a hamburger stand on East Douglas Street, in Wichita, and that prior to the time she moved to California she frequently visited in his home. He said he had never heard Mrs. Mize

mention Milton Lett. He said he would be glad to cooperate with the Bureau in any way possible in effecting the apprehension of Milton Lett and said he would immediately contact the Kansas City Field Division should he obtain any information of value, which he said was very unlikely. The address and telephone number of the Kansas City Division were left with Mr. Yoke.

Prior to the interview with Edward Yoke, Ralph Gish, the letter carrier who delivers mail to 1535 Jeanette Street, was interviewed and the photograph of Milton Lett displayed to him. He stated he had never seen an individual resembling said photograph at 1535 Jeanette Street, and so far as he knows the only individuals who have ever received mail at that address are Mr. and Mrs. Yoke. Mr. Gish stated Mr. and Mrs. Yoke enjoy a good reputation in that community.

It is noted that T. L. Collins, Route 1, Box 182, Wichita, Kansas, mentioned in the letter from the Los Angeles Field Division, is identical with Tony Collins, heretofore mentioned in the files of this case, who is believed to be an uncle of Milton Lette

Frank Fisher, the rural mail carrier on R.R. 1, was interviewed at the North Wichita substation and the photograph of Milton Lett was exhibited to him. He stated that T. L. Collins and his family have been living on R.R. 1 since about Christmas, 1936, and he had never seen an individual resembling Milton Lett at that place. Mr. Fisher stated he does not recall having delivered mail to that address to anyone other than members of the Collins family. He stated that the only individuals living in that immediate neighborhood to whom he would refer Agent were Messrs. W. H. Haun and F. E. Newton, who operate the Broadway Lunch on North Broadway.

F. E. Newton was interviewed at the Broadway Restaurant and he advised he resided at 1315 West 35th Street, which is directly across the street from the home of T. L. Collins. Mr. Newton, after examining the photograph of Milton Lett, stated he had never seen an individual resembling him in the Collins home and he suggested Agent interview his wife who frequently visits in the Collins home.

Mrs. Newton was interviewed and was unable to furnish any information of value. She stated that during her numerous visits to the Collins home she had never seen an individual resembling Milton Lett at that place and had never heard his name mentioned by any of the Collins family.

W. H. Haun, who resides next door to T. L. Collins, was interviewed by the writer and he examined the photograph of Milton Lett and advised he had never seen an individual resembling Lett in the Collins home. Mr. Haun stated the Collins had lived there only

a short time and he was not very well acquainted with them, but stated he would endeavor to become better acquainted with Tony Collins for the purpose of obtaining information concerning Milton Lett. Mr. Haun is an ex-sheriff, having served as Sheriff of Barber County for four years. He stated that he would gladly cooperate with the Bureau in causing the apprehension of Milton Lett.

### UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION at Wichita, Kansas, will continue to contact Doyle Hollingsworth, 427 South Washington Street for information concerning Milton Lett.

Will interview Charles J. Coe, at the Egstrom Lumber Company for information concerning the whereabouts of Milton Lett. It should be recalled that Mr. Coe is a brother-in-law of Peggy Mize, the sister of Milton Lett.

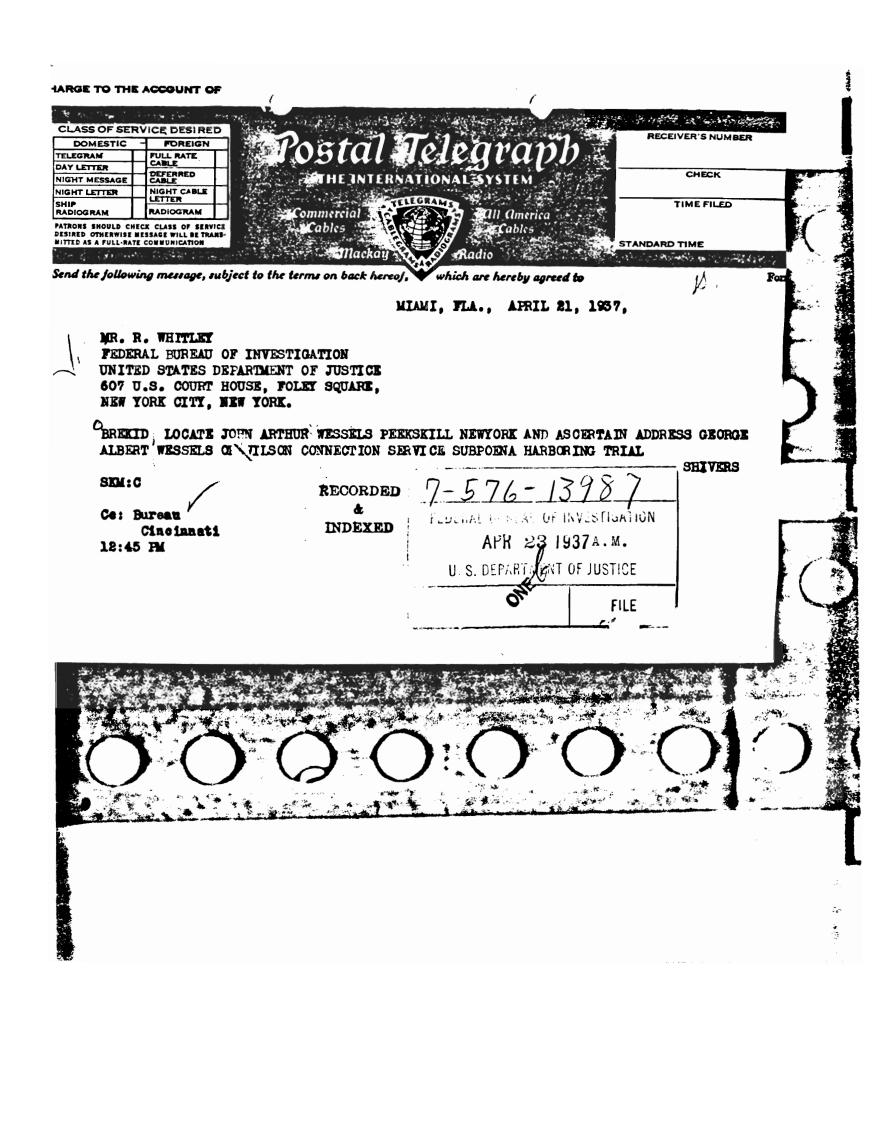
At Russell, Kansas, through R. S. Williams will contact Orval Donnelley and ascertain whether or not he has obtained any further information concerning the liklihood that Wilton Lett is in or about Russelle

Will interview Betty McCartney for any further information she may have concerning the whereabouts of Milton Lett.

At the offices of the American Petroleum Company, will interview Superintendent Charles Gilbrith and obtain from him the names of the Casing Crew foreman known to operate in and about Russell. Will thereafter interview each of those individuals for the purpose of determining whether or not Milton Lett is employed on a casing orew in or near Russell, Kansas.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION will conduct appropriate investigation at the Lowery Brothers Ranch, South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, in an effort to determine the name of an Indian woman residing on a farm near this ranch with whom Milton Lett is reported to be very friendly. This Indian woman should then be interviewed for information concerning the present whereabouts of Milton Lett.

At Coffeyville, Kansas, will contact a Mr. Lett, first name unknown, who is said to be working as a janitor in the Condon Bank, who is in all probability related to Milton Lett, for any information he may have relative to the present whereabouts of Milton Lett.



404 Hew York Blag., St. Paul, Minn. April 21, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge, Miami, Florida.

Dear Sir:

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## BREK ID

Referring to letter from the Mismi Field Office dated April 13, 1937, in which information was requested as to the disposition to be made of the thousand dollar bills presently being held by the Jacksonville Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank, please be advised that Assistant United States Attorney George Heisey of St. Paul, has indicated that these \$1,000 notes are in no way identifiable as ransom moneys and no jeopardy would attach to any member of the public in connection with their general circulation in the future. Fr. Reisey also stated that they are no longer needed as evidence and can be returned to general circulation.

Very truly yours,

oc-Bureau Cincinnati

E. P. GUIHANE, Special Agent in Charge.

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Kr. E.J.Connolley, Tacoma.

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Mr. J. P. MacFarland, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 1448 Standard Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 23, 1937 transmitting the hands and forearms and a portion of the breast of an unknown dead men in connection with the above-sutitled case. Reference is also made to the Bureau's letter of April 15, 1937 in which you were advised that this naterial was being returned to you.

The naterial was shipped to you on April 15, 1937 by reilway express. Government Bill of Lading #J-84641 covering this shipmont is being transditted herewith.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,

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REGISTERED MAIL

Englosure #1039880

Director.

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

## United States Department of Instice

Post Office Box 1887, Charlotte. N. C.

April 22, 1937

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated April 17, 1937, Bureau file No. 7-576, requesting that this division communicate with the United States Marshal for the western district of North Carolina, to ascertain that he immediately serves the subpoenas calling for the appearance of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Gray, Statesville, North Carolina, at Miami, Florida, on May 21, 1937, in connection with this case.

R. J. Jones, Chief Deputy Clerk, United States Marshal's office, Asheville, North Carolina telephonically informed me that he served the subpoenas on Mr. and Mrs. Gray today, at Asheville, North Carolina, where Mr. Gray is manager of the Battery Park Hotel.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Vincent

RES: KSM 7-50 J.-W. Vincent, Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Miami

cc - Mr. Connelley, Cincinnati

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio. L. R. FILENO. 7-2 DATE WHEN MADE REPORT MADE BY REPORT MADE AT PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/20/37 3/22; 4/4-12/37 Little Rock, Arkansas John L. Madala opw TIME GEORGE TIMINEY; CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, HARBORING OF FUCITIVES: I. O. No. 1232; ET AL; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; EDWARD GEORGE-BREMER - Victim. NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT Upon instructions of Inspector E. J. Connelley SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: the four telephone taps maintained in Hot Springs, Ark., were permanently discontinued on Apr. 12, 1937. Mrs. Scott Wood, wife of former Circuit Judge of Garland County, advised that certain persons observed Alvin Karpis eating with Charles "Lucky"/Luciano in a prominent restaurant in Hot Springs a year ago. She also advised that A.T. "Sonny" Davies, City Attorney, rented the house in which Karpis lived in Hot Springs and which was raided by Bureau on Mar. 30, 1936. Archie Ledgerwood, brother of municipal judge Verne Ledgerwood, testified before State legislative committee that he saw Alvin Karpis in Hot Springs a year ago. Conversations of interest overheard on taps of Police, Mayor's and W. S. Jacobs' telephones at Hot Springs for period April 4 to 12, 1937, inclusive, set forth herein. Logs for this period reveal that C. E. Palmer, local publisher, and Hendrix Alphin, State Commissioner, Highway Department, will talk with Governor Carl E. Bailey at the instance of Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin in the next few days in the interest of W. S. Jacobs' . gambling desires. - P -Report of Special Agent John L. Madala, dated Reference: at Little Rock, Arkansas, April 13, 1937. DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES APR 26 1937 COPIES OF THIS REPORT 3- Bureau ' 2- Cincinnati COPIES DESTROYED 1- Cleveland 20 5 MAR 25 1965 1- Chi cago 1- Mr. Connelley 4- Little Rock

DETAILS:

On April 6, 1937, Inspector E. J. Connelley appeared in this district, and after talking over the matter of the instant investigation with Special Agent in Charge Chapmon Fletcher and Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, it was decided to remove the telephone taps maintained on the telephones of the Police Department, Mayor's Office, and W. S. Jacobs' residence on April 12, 1937. It was believed that the continued operation of these taps would only show additional instances of the general corrupt condition in Hot Springs, and would not add much available information that could be of use to the Bureau in presecutions under Federal violations.

In view of the above, and since the Bureau did not advise this office to the contrary, the four telephone taps heretofore mentioned were removed by the reporting agent on the afternoon of April 12, 1937, and thereafter all evidence relative to these taps was removed by agents from the two points of surveillance; namely, 207 Laurel Avenue and  $205\frac{1}{2}$  Cedar Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Special Agents W. T. Morton and R. H. Laughlin, who manned the tap at 207 Laurel Street, returned to their respective headquarters on April 12, 1937. Special Agents H. A. Snow, B. M. Suttler, D. P. Sullivan, and the writer will continue the harboring investigation at Hot Springs along the lines suggested by Inspector E. J. Connelley in his memorandum to the Bureau dated April 7, 1937.

The following memorandum was submitted by Special Agent W. B. Metney, which covers his interview with Mrs. Scott Wood on March 22, 1937. Mrs. Wood's husband was formerly Circuit Judge at Hot Springs, and is a radical opponent of the present administration of Hot Springs:

"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 what soever, 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 skted 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 whe 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 Buff, 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 edvised that 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 edvised 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 erticle 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 men 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. Rendolph 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 werned 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. C. Bouis, 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 if is if you read "10,000 Public Enemies'". It is worth while to note that Mrs. Wood used this publication on several occasions 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."

Herbert ikers, Chief of Detectives, Hot Springs, Arkansas, took Gver 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 Minisipal Judge V. S. Ledgerwood, came back to Hot Springs, Arkensas, about a year ago from a tuberculosis senitarium 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 \$15,0.0.00 in 1933, and stated that he borrowed this money from a man named allard, 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 alvised 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 aspeech 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."

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As of interest and possible value to the investigation of corruption and vice in Hot Springs, there is being set out her eunder a portion of a report which was prepared by the majority of the legislative committee which investigated conditions generally in Hot Springs during the period January 14 to February 18, 1937. This report was signed by W. M. Thompson, Ike Murry and Lee Michols, Representatives, the latter individual being the person mainly responsible for this particular investigation:

"We began our labors immediately after our appointment, and continued to take testimony for almost four weeks. We were greatly handicapped at first, by the attitude of those being investigated and those citizens who would be benefitted by such investigation.

"The report was freely circulated about Hot Springs that no real investigation was contemplated, and that the city officials and gambling interests would be able to block the investigation. In view of existing conditions many of those who could have given valuable testimony, feared to do so, or at least expressed such fear, because of the dread of reprisals on the part of the lawless element of the city, as well as on the part of those in authority.

"It was not until the agents of the revenue department had raided the leading gambling houses of the city of Hot Springs did both sides become convinced that the committee was in earnest. From that time, the task of getting witnesses to testify became much simpler.

"Every city of the size and importance of Hot Springs has its gembling problem to a greater or less degree. So long as men and women are possessed of the gambling instinct, society must deal with this problem. But we seriously doubt

if there is a city anywhere that deals with the problem as it is dealt with in Hot Springs. All states have anti-gambling laws and a greater or lesser effort is made on the part of the legal authorities to enforce these laws. But in the city of Hot Springs, for the past several years, not only has there been no effort made to enforce the anti-gambling laws of this state, but officials have boldly taken the view that gambling is an industry necessary to the health, peace and safety of Hot Springs and Garland county.

"We find from the city records furnished us by the leading gambling clubs and books of the city and county, that policemen, firemen and other employees of the city and county, as well as relatives of rpominent officials of the district, county and city are employed and on the payroll of these gambling houses.

"These employees consist among others of the following: P. A. Witt, uncle of Circuit Judge Earl Witt, Archie Ledgerwood, brother of Municipal Judge Verne S. Ledgerwood, Mrs. Herbert Akers, wife of Chief of Detectives Herbert (Dutch) Akers, T. O. (Curley) Evans, policemen, watchman at Belvedere and Holiness preacher.

"In order to entrench themselves safely in control of local government, such leading gembling resorts as Belvedere Club and book, Southern Club and book, Kentucky Club and book, and other clubs controlled by the W. S. Jacobs interests, have resorted to the practice of making gifts of large dividents to prominent people of the city, as one of Mr. Jacobs' partners, Mr. Sam watt, expressed it, "in order to obtain their influence, I suppose." Mr. Watt was reluctant to give the names of these "influential" people, but when forced to answer the question, named the following:

"Archie Ledgerwood 25 percent dividend on Belvedere and Southern Club, L. D. Cooper, wholesaler and former president of the Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce; Douglas Hotchkiss, secretary of the Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce, and at that time a member of state racing commission, each of whom were made a present of \$3,375.00, in the year 1936.

"We had before us, Archie Ledgerwood, after Mr. Watt, who owns 15 per cent of the Belvedere and Southern, and who is the bookkeeper at Belvedere, had testified that W. S. Jacobs had made a present of 25 per cent interest in these clubs and books to Ledgerwood. Ledgerwood told us a fantastic story about how he came to own this large interest in these two gambling houses.

"He told us that he returned from El Paso, Texas, in 1931, where he had spent about nine years taking a cure for tuberculosis and went to work for the Jacobs interest at a salary of fifty dollars a week. That after he had worked about one year, Mr. Jacobs was so impressed with his work that he offered to sell him a 25 per cent interest in the "bank roll" of the Belvedere and the Southern Clubs for \$15,000. That he went to one Ed Ballard, a famous gambler and broker of gamblers, who lived at West Baden, Indiana; and succeeded in borrowing this large sum of money on his plain note, agreeing to repay Ballard the money, in October, 1936,

with 10 per cent interest, and a bonus of 25 per cent of his part of the net earnings of the two clubs and books.

Whe further stated to us that he repaid this money to Mr. Ballard, while Ballard was on a visit to Hot Springs about October, 1936. Pressed further, he Btated that he paid Ballard the large sum of \$20,500.00. Asked if he paid it with a check, he said that he no longer kept money in banks, that he paid this in cash, that he took no receipt, and destroyed the note immediately efter it was paid.

Further questioning developed the fact that about two days after Ledgerwood paid this large sum of money, Ballard and a former partner with whom Ballard had previously quarreled were both found shot to death in a room of the Arlington hotel. He stated that the verdict was that the other man killed Ballard and them killed himself. At any rate, no further investigation seems to have been made.

"Records of different gambling houses submitted to us, show that the smaller concerns pay semi-monthly fines of \$100. each, while large establishments like Belveders and others, where the real money is won and lost, pay no fines. For example, one establishment, operated by George/Pakis and others had net earnings last year of approximately \$15,000, and paid these fines twice a month, while the Belvedere with net earnings of \$40,000, after paying enormous salaries running from five dollars to twenty dollars per day, and the Southern Club and book with dividends of \$50,000, last year paid no fines. The Jecobs interests alone, earned net dividends of approximately \$332,000 last year, yet none of his clubs or books paid any fines, according to the records submitted to us by them.

"The practice of making large gifts to prominent people and relatives of public officials, the payment of large salaries to policemen and firemen and other "philanthropic" activities of Mr. Jacobs have certainly paid him large returns at the expense of somebody.

# Political Activities

"The above mentioned alliances between public officials and those who run rough shod over the state's penal laws could not exist in any other sub-division of government in this country. But when we come to consider the system by which these public officials keep themselves in office, a system by which the voice of free people cannot make itself heard or felt at the polls, we can readily unlerstand why such conditions can perpetuate themselves.

"The committee called before it the records of the tex collector of Garland county, and the records of the secretary of the democratic county central committee of Garland county.

"From those records, we learned that in a county with a population of about 44,000 people, 11,800 poll tax receipts were issued.

"Of this number, more than 2,000 were issued upon written order to the tax collector. The records of the secretary of the central committee showed that of the judges and clerks of the election, the following were employees of gembling houses: Matty Picchi, Loyd Lemons, Buddy Wakelin, Louis Longinotti, Pat Pollard, Cecil Parker, George Hinkle, Cecil Brock, Norwood Phillips, Gorden Henderson, Jack McJunkin and Floyd Banski.

"The following were also employees of the city or county government: Cecil Brock, Jack McJunkin, Tex Rutherford and two or three others.

"Witnesses testified that Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin, who seems to dominate the politics of the county called in various employees of the city of Hot Springs and gave them lists of names for whom they were to obtain order for poll tax receipts. That having obtained those orders, receipts were issued by the tax collector, and delivered to the Mayor who sent the purchaser of these receipts to the city clerk who in turn paid him the amount he had paid for these receipts. At the proper time these receipts were delivered to the voter whose name appeared thereon, if it was found that such voter could be counted upon to vote the so-called "administration ticket."

"It was also shown that on the day before the election was held, in August, 1936, Mayor McLaughlin called a meeting of employees of the city, judges and clerks of the election, and other persons identified with the city administration and made them a speech, in which he told them that all employees who did not go down the line for the administration ticket from governor to constable would be looking for a job the morning after the election.

"He also asked them to say to all business men of the city that if they wished to do well in their respective businesses, not only they, but their employees had better vote the administration ticket. That after this meeting, he called those selected to serve as judges and clerks of election to meet him in his private office for instructions as to their duties on election day. What those instructions were, we were unable to find out. We can only conjecture from the results.

"The records of the tax collector of Garland count show that several policemen and officers of the city of Hot Springs bought large groups of poll tax receipts, some of which they were unable to deliver. One policemen bought a list of 175, 39 of which he was unable to deliver for some cause or another, and our investigators were unable to get possession of these undelivered receipts, and the same are now in our possession. These city officials include George McLaughlin, brother of the mayor and clerk of the police court; Mrs. Fannie McLaughlin, city health nurse, Charles Sellars, city policeman, and several others. Also, large lists were purchased by operators of gambling houses, including Roscoe Johnson, closely allied with the W. S. Jacobs interests, and several others.

# Mistreatment of Prisoners.

"Your committee had before it, several young women who testified to ill-

treatment received at the hands of policemen, while confined in the Hot Springs city jail. One young man from the country near the city, also told of barbarous treatment received by him, while in prison. The testimony of one of the girls was that her downfall was attributable to the Chief of Detectives, one Akers, who she claims seduced her when she was voluntarily in his custody at the city jail. Since that time, she has been sent to the girls' industrial school twice and to the state farm for women several times.

"The committee is not unmindful of the fact that these girls' testimony is weakened by their prison records, but call attention to the further fact that the best people seldom get in jail, and in the recent trial of "Lucky" Luciano in New York, after he was extradicted from Hot Springs, Prosecutor Dewey convicted and sent him to prison for a period of thirty to fifty years on charges supported only by the evidence of women of this reputation or worse.

"Since we have listened to the evidence of witnesses who testified as to the brutal treatment received by one John Dickson, and have seen the pictures of his broken, burned and bleeding body, treatment received at the hands of members of the Hot Springs police force, we see nothing unreasonable in the statement of these girls. One of the policemen accused by some of these girls, T. G. (Curley) Evans, made an affidavit published in the Hot Springs newspapers, in which he denied these charges, and sought to bolster his defense with the pious claim that he is a "Holiness" preacher, yet the records of the Belvedere club show that this man is on the pay-roll of that club as a watchman at a salary of \$5.00 a day, or until that place was closed a few days ago.

"Prison records nowhere, reveal a case that will compare with the Dickson case, a case no doubt without a parallel in the history of prison systems, yet when it became apparent that this man was going to die, he was denied the privilege of seeing his father, his aunt, or even a doctor, not connected with the city administration.

#### Courts

"It is obvious to us, from the facts set out above, that such intolerable conditions could not exist in a community, where the courts function as the constitution and the law contemplates. The law requires that at the opening of each term of the circuit court, the circuit judge shall instruct the grand jury to investigate all treasons, felonies misdemensors and breaches of the penal class of which they may have knowledge or may receive information, the law also contemplates that he shall specially instruct them as to felonies which he knows or has reason to know are being practiced in his jurisdiction.

\*It is inconceivable that the circuit judge of the 18th judicial district would not know that gembling operations which are felonies under our state laws have been carried on in Hot Springs, and Gerland county during the 14 years which the present circuit judge has been on the bench in his district. These are facts which are not only well known to people in all parts of the state, but this information extends throughout the country. Many magazine articles

have been published throughout the country calling attention to these conditions and yet nothing has been done about it. The newspapers occasionally call attention to raids made on negro crap games and other small dives, but the records before us show that the larger gambling concerns have been nurtured and encouraged in that jurisdiction. But worse still, evidence has been brought before us, showing that at least one relative of the circuit judge holds a remunerative position with Belveders and the Southern Club.

"Other witnesses testified to seeing the circuit judge, Honorable Earl Witt, placing bets on different games at some of these gambling places. Other witnesses have testified to seeing him on the streets of Hot Springs in a drunken condition, and still others testified to seeing him in his courts apparently intoxicated.

enference with Judge Witt and Mayor McLaughlin soon after the prosecuting attorney took office, in which an agreement was had under which these gambling houses were to operate under quasi senction of law, on condition that they pay a fine of ten dollars (\$10.00) each week in municipal court. Later, on complaint that the county was getting no revenue from these houses, it was agreed that they should pay a fine of \$100.00 each month, to the city, and an additional \$100.00 each month to the county. But the records of Belvedere, and the testimony of its bookkeeper, Mr. Sam Watt, shows that neither Belvedere nor Southern Club ever paid a fine either to the county, or to the city. We wonder if the fact that a brother of the municipal judge and an uncle of the circuit judge both worked for these clubs, and the further fact that "influential" citizens of the city of Hot Springs, drew large dividends as gifts from these clubs had anything to do with the fact that no fines were ever assessed against them."

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It will be recalled that during the legislative investigation as to the corrupt conditions at Hot Springs, Arkm sas, several employees of W. S. Jacobs were called before the legislative committee to give testimony regarding their knowledge of the alleged alliance of the gembling forces at Hot Springs with the public officials of that community. Sam Watt, who has in the past, identified for the benefit of the Bureau, the photographs of Alvin Karpis and Harvey Bailey as frequenters of the Belvedere Club, testified that he is part owner of this night club and the Southern Grill; that the profits from the two places in 1936 was estimated between \$80,000 and \$100,000; that the following persons shared in the profits of these gembling places because of their influence in the city of Hot Springs: Archie Ledgerwood, brother of Municipal Judge Verne Ledgerwood; L. D. Cooper, merchant and former president of the Chamber of Commerce; Douglas Fotchkiss, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce; Roscoe Johnson, Manager of the Southern Club; Harry Strong; Ctis McGraw, and Captain William Smith.

It might be stated that the committee repeatedly asked Mr. Watt questions calculated to show that the two places (Belvedere and Southern Clubs) operated under the protection of city officials of Hot Springs, but Watt firmly asserted that he had no knowledge of any protection payments.

Arch Ledgerwood, sho is a brother of Municipal Judge Ledgerwood testified before the committee in February, 1937 that he at one time had seen Frank Nash, Alvin Karpis and Dick Galatas in Hot Springs, Arkenses.

As a matter of interest, it was observed in the local newspapers that Charlie Sellers, a former city police officer who was indicted in Hot Springs for participation in the robbery of the Blue Ribbon Club, a gambling establishment, was tried in Circuit Judge Earl Witt's court on April 13, 1937. He was acquitted on a directed verdict by Judge Witt after two witnesses previously incarcerated in the Arkansas State Penitentiary repudiated their previous testimony in which they involved Sellers, stating that they were brutally beaten by former police officers Cecil Brock and Arch Cooper, and a third officer unknown to them.

The following conversations of interest were taken from the logs submitted for the period April 4, to 12, 1937, inclusive.

The following conversation is of interest, as Bert Hall is reported to be manager or "pimp" of Ada Carner's house of Prostitution at Hot Springs:

8:30 P.M., April 4, 1937

Incoming on No. 123

H.A.S.

Akers:

(Calling from Highland Park Inn.)
Instructed "Swede" to see whether they were playing
"nickel music boxes" at Bert Hall's place. If so,
Akers intends to "raise Hell" so they may be played
on Sunday at his place. (Highland Park Inn.)

NOTE: Highland Park Inn is reported to be owned by Herbert "Dutch" Akers and Marshall Purvis, attorney of Hot Springs.

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The following conversation between W. S. Jacobs and Roscoe Johnson, Manager of the Southern Club, is of interest:

10:07 A.M., April 4, 1937

Incoming on No. 2115

B.M.S.

Jacobs:

Hello.

Roscoe: Do you remember that woman Dorothy that owes you \$400?

Jacobs:

Yeah, she was married to Tedding.

Roscoe:

No, not her, this one is a dope field, she use to play the wheels. Dave says she's bad pay, he says he has some china he will give you for that \$400 marker.

Jacobs:

Who is Dave?

Roscoe:

I don't know where he's from or who he is.

Jacobs:

Sounds like he's trying to run a racket or threw some angle on us. I lent her this money personally when she was in jail in New Orleans. Stall him off a few days and try to locate her, at the different hotels. She has paid us up before and she might pay this. She sells dresses or is a pick pocket, thief, or

something. O.K. Jake.

Roscoe:

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The following conversation between W. S. Jacobs and Otho Phillips, Manager of Belvedere Club, is of interest. The suggestion that the Arkenses Gezette newspaper is mainly responsible for the closing of the gambling places in Hot Springs is pointed out. Attention is also directed to Jacobs' personal interest in the city election, which took place on April 6, 1937:

3:55 P.M., April 4, 1937

Incoming on No. 2115

D.P.S.

Othe: Jacobs: How you feeling?

A little better. How about the crowd?

Otho:

\$563 - mostly from Little Rock.

Jacobs

Had over 700 down there (Southern Grill), but small checks.

Otho:

Yeah. Had trouble all night add a few arguments, but nothing serious.

Jacobs:

I'll bet you'll find every one of them was from Little

Rock. Was Doc over?

Otho:

Yeah. He said it is the Gazette now. He suggested why

not go ahead.

Jacobs:

Yeah. Would like to. Did you see Joe Pirro? Did he

get those votes in?

Otho:

I don't know. I'll try tonight.

Jacobs:

Yeah, call him. If he mails 'em Sunday it'll get in

tomorrow.

Otho:

I'll do that.

Jake:

Did you get your dice box?

Otho: Not yet.

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The following calls reveal the contacts by Lee Brown, of Houston, Texas, with W. S. Jacobs, the former endeavoring to establish blot machines in a county in Texas. Reference is made to the reports of Special Agent John L. Medala, dated at Little Rock, Arkansas, April 6 and April 13, 1937, relative to this matter;

5:37 P.M., April 4, 1937

Incoming on No. 2115

D.P.S.

Man calling:

From pay station telephone. Hello, Jake, this is Lee Brown.

Jacobs:

Hello.

Lee Brown:

Just got in. Can I stop up and see you?

Jacobs: Yeahlight.

Lee Brown:

All right. I'll be up in a few minutes.

A few minutes after the above call was intercepted, this agent walked past the residence of W. S. Jacobs, 116 Cedar Street, and observed a 1936 Chrysler automobile, bearing 1937 Texas license plates No. 491-835, parked in front of the house.

11:35 P.M., April 8, 1937

Outgoing on No. 2115

J.L.M.

Jacobs called Lee Brown at the McAtee Hotel, Houston, Temas.

Lee Brown: Jac obs:

Hello.

Got your letter, and I thought I would call you and see

what more you found out.

I just got back from up there trying to get a spot; that's Lee Brown:

hard to get.

Jacobs: Lee Brown: Can you get on the ground floor?

The place I'm thinking of now is a room in a small country hotel. The place is very small, and Ism not sure whether I can get what I want. I was thinking, if I can't get a spot in this hotel, about

renting a residence right outside of town.

Jacobs:

That's not so good for booking - it would be best if you could get on the ground in the hotel or near a hotel

- a place where there is a lot of business.

Lee Brown:

I talked to that fellow all afternoon about remaing some place on the ground floor, and he'll let me on the ground floor if I put some sort of alibi in the

front - a news stand or cigar store.

Jacobs:

Lee Brown:

Yeah, they won't let you run it open like that. I had to spend a lot of time around the Court House

trying to locate my man. He wants \$25.00 a week more now. He said he can't get oh with less than \$125.00; that he had to care of some people in town.

Jecobs: Lee Brown:

The other point is all set - they'll let me do whatever

Well, you can try it that way for a while.

I want.

Jacobs:

That's good.

The hotel man didn't want to talk to me at first, so Lee Brown: I went to the court house, and he went over to the hotel with me, and told him I was OK. Jacobs: How about some other town, if you can't find a spot Well, Bremond (phonetic) is 18 miles from Marlin -Lee Brown: there's nothing there. Then Highbank is just a few miles from there- there's nothing there. I think this is the best spot. 3 Jacobs: Yeah, I guess so. Lee Brown: Now, this fellow said he'll give me to the first of August to feel it out - that he'll let me go on \$125.00 a week to that time, and if I can't make a go of it, I can quit and move out. But that if things go along all right by that time, he must have \$250 a week. Well, that's all right - you ought to know by August Jacobs: whether or not you can pay him \$250. Lee Brown: I told him this - that we'll either give him \$250 a week by the first of August, or quit. Jacobs: That's good. Everything is all fixed with those fellows all right. Lee Brown: I'm not worried about them. I just need a location now. I'm going to see the hotel man again tomorrow. He didn't tell me today what he wants to do. Another thing you have to investigate is your wire Jacobs: service. How about the telephone wires running into town - are they along the highway? Lee Brown: Yeah, I noticed a lot of them this morning. I think I can get wire service out of Waco all right. You could get it out of Houston too - it would pay you. Jacobs: Lee Brown: Yeah - I've already got paid service here in Houston it would be cheaper if I would get it from there over the telephone. How far is this place from Waco? Jacobs: Lee Brown: Oh, about 60 miles - I'll check into that find out which would be cheaper. Jac obs: Is there a lot of business in that town at night? Yeah - there are a lot of places there. When I saw all Lee Brown: those people in town the other night, I knew that there would have to be a lot to support them. (Again talked with Jacobs about running in a good spot in this town.) He said, "My good friend up there got in a car and talked with this hotel man then - he went right to the front for me." Jacobs: Uh huh. Lee Brown: How was the election down there? Jacobs: Our election here went over good. Leo got 5,000 votes to 200 for the other guy. - 16 -

Lee Brown: Well, I'll write and let you know what I do tomorrow.

I still might get a place at Marlin - that place looks/good to me. (Then talked about soliciting bets at hotels and bath houses, particularly by the doctors). I ought to get a lot of horse race bets

from these doctors.

Jacobs:

Well, if you don't get a spot there, you still might

try in Marlin.

Lee Brown:

Jake, there's nothing in Mari in at all.

Jacobs:

Well, it's all right with me - do whatever you feel

best.

Lee Brown:

All rightie.

10:15 A.M., April 11, 1937

Outgoing on No. 2115

J.L.M.

Jacobs:

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Man:

Rock Island.

Jacobs:

I'd like to have some information on Marlin, Texas -

is that a Hot Wells town?

Man:

You'll have to call the Missouri Pacific - we don't

go there.

Jacobs:

All rightie, thanks.

10:20 A.M., April 11, 1937

Outgoing on No. 2115

J.L.M.

Jacobs:

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Man:

Missouri Pacific.

Jacobs:

I'd like to have some information on Marlin, Texas -

is that a Hot Wells town?

Man:

No, I don't think so.

Jacobs:

Is it a resort?

Man: Jacobs:

Man:

It's not advertised as one by the railroad company.

Do the railroad company make a round trip rate there?

No, not more than any other place.

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The following calls are further evidence of Jacobs' interest and participation in Leo P. McLaughlin's election campaign. It is to be noted that the administration at Hot Springs was endeavoring to poll as large a vote as possible in order to show Governor Carl E. Bailey the strength of the political machine at Hot Springs, hoping that this showing will gain them prestige with the Governor:

12:21 P.M., April 5, 1937 Outgoing on No. 2115 .P.S. To 210 (Ohio Club) Young: Hello. Jacobs: The Kingfish (Mayor) wented to know if you can let Eddie off. Yeah - what ya know? Young: There's a lot of talk about election figures, that Jec obs: he (Tackett) won't get 300 votes. That fellow (Bailey) is got to run again. If we get enough votes it may make him think, but I don't think it'll do much good. Judge Bouic is going over there with 3 or 4 fellows to Young: see if he can't do something about specifying 3 or 4 places, Belvedere, Southern - - -Jacobs: Yeah, he's taking care of himself. Yeah, but he ain t "conning" me, he's "conning" Young: himself. Jacobs: He'll be trying to slip you a \$10 or \$12 check. Young and Jacobs passed a couple of remarks that were unintelligible. Both laughed, and Jacobs ended the conversation by saying, "We'll take care of that." NOTE: Judge Bouic was the former city attorney. Cutgoing on No. 2115 10:55 A.M., April 6, 1937 ه. الأه الله ف 1065. Jacobs: Woman: Southern. Is Otts or Lloyd around there? Jacobs: Lloyd: Hello. Jac obs: How near through are you? Lloyd: I got about three or four names left on my list. That's good - where's Otis? Jacobs: I don't know - he hasn't showed up yet. I don't know Lloyd: what to do about it. He's got about 30 or 40 names on his list. Maybe he overslept or something - he ought to get out Jacobs: as soon as possible. Lloyd: That's what I thought. Cap Smith had a few men hired, and they got all their's in. That's good. Erb Wheatley is here now, and he's Jacobs: finished his list up. I thought maybe we could help him a little. Lloyd:

overslept.

All right.

Call Otis and tell him to get out - he must have

Jacobs:

Lloyd:

11:13 A.M., April 6, 1937

Outgoing on No. 2115

J.L.M.

Jacobs:

123 (Police Department)

Tucker: Jacobs:

Chief's Office. Is Dutch there?

Akers:

Hello.

Jacobs:

This is W. S. Jacobs. I can't get in to 648. I wish

you would have some one go up there and have him

call 2115. I got some fellows waiting here.

Akers: All right, Mr. Jacobs:

11:20 A.M., April 6, 1937

Incoming on No. 2115

Those absentees that we used - do you want us to use

J.L.M.

Jacobs:

Hello.

Did you want me?

Mayor: Jacobs:

them again?

Mayor:

Yes.

11:50 A.M., April 6, 1937

Incoming on No. 2115

J.L.M.

Jacobs:

Lloyd:

Hello Mr. Jacobs. Otis came down and we got all the

wotes out but one. We'll get that out too.

Jacobs:

Good.

1:15 P.M., April 6, 1937

Incoming on No. 2115

J.L.M.

Jacobs:

Hello.

Frank:

This is Frank (Stroud). I was at the bank this morning, and Doc was there wanting to cash a check. Mr. Wooten didn't want to at first, and I told him

Doc was OK.

I'm glad you did. Jacobs:

Frank: Mr. Wooten said he would talk to you about it.

Jecobs: Yeah, he called me.

Frank: No mail for ma.

That means I don't owe anybody nothing. How's business? Jacobs:

Frank: Everything's quiet. I guess everybody is out voting. Jacobs:

Did you vote yet.

Frank: Yes, I went this morning - guess there'll big vote. Jacobs:

Yeah, that's what we want.

Frank:

Anything you want me to tell Roscoe?

Jacobs:

No. Roscoe hasn't gotten back from voting yet, has he?

Frank:

No, he's still out. Well, I'll see you later.

Jacobs:

All rightie.

3:35 P.M., April 6, 1937

Incoming on No. 2115

J.L.M.

Jacobs:

Jacobs:

Otbo:

Hello.

Just called to see how everything was coming.

Walter (Ebel was just here - he made the rounds of all wards for the paper, and these were the votes at

2:30 P.M.

First Ward: McLaughlin 218 Tackett McLaughlin 1000 Second Ward; Tac kett 20 Third Ward: McLaughlin 550 Tac ket t 20 Fourth Ward: McLaughlin 125 Tackett Fifth Ward: McLaughlin 375 Tackett Sixth Ward: McLaughlin 175 Tackett 10 McLaughlin' 257 Seventh Ward: Tackett 25 Eighth Ward: McLaughlin 231 Tackett 18

The total of that is for Leo 2931; for Tackett 100. Now that was the vote at 2:30 P.M.

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Jacobs:

I don't think he'll poll 300 votes. Doesn's look that way. We might poll 5000 votes today.

Ebel said that there might be 1400 votes polled at

Melvern Ave. (Second Ward)

Otho:

Well, it looks mighty good.

Jacobs:

Any mail there for me?

Otho:

Yeah, a paper and a letter from the Union National Bank Building at Little Rock. I'll be over later and

bring it with me.

Jacoba:

All rightie.

5:45 P.M., April 6, 1937

Incoming on No. 2115

J.L.M.

Jacobs:

Hello.

Just heard that there are 1568 votes in the Second Ward.

Lloyd: Jacobs:

Is that right?

Lloyd:

Yeah, and the other guy only got 10 or 12.

(Laughs) That's about right.

Jacobs: Lloyd:

I think though, they're going to give him a little more.

I think Leo said for them to give him a few more.

Jecobs: Lloyd:

Yeah, that looks bad. Well, I'll be seeing you.

6:15 P.M., April 6, 1937

Outgoing on No. 2115

J.L.M.

Jacobs:

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Man: Jacobs: Kentucky Club. Is Doc there.

Doc:

Hello.

Jacobs:

How's the election?

Doc: Jacobs: It is a einch. The other guy didn't get many votes. Do you know how many he got?

Doc:

No, but don't think it's more than 500.

Jacobs:

Walter Ebel got the votes at 2:30 P.M., and he then

had only 100.

Doc:

Maybe he'll get around 500. (Laughs)

Jacobs: Doc:

How's the business from Little Rock? No business from there in the last two days. We

handled \$103.00. I think we're a little winners.

Jacobs:

I wonder if they quit us over there.

Doc: Jacobs:

They might be closed. No, I think they're just slacking over there.

Doc:

Jacobs:

Maybe. All right Dock, just thought I'd call you.

7:14 P.M., April 6, 1937

Outgoing on No. 2115

J.L.M.

Jacobs:

210 (Ohio Club)

Tink:

Hello.

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Last report by the Literary Digest Poll had Tackett Tink: in the lead by 20,000 votes (laughs). Jacobs: (Laughs) Did you hear enything? Tink: Yeah, I heard Leo got around 3000 to 3500 votes and the tops for Tackett is about 400. That is about close to it. Ebel was up at 2:30 and he Jacobs: said that we then had around 1500-1600, and Teckett had about 100. That'll be about the ratio. Tink: Lloyd called me from the Second Ward - he said "he" had Jacobs: 1500 and Tackett had 10 votes. Tink: There are a lot of people in town that don't like Leo that won't vote because they don't like the other fellow either. Yeah, I guess a lot of them aren't voting today. They Jacobs: told me Bill Seiz wouldn't vote for this fellow either, and that he isn't voting. I guess a lot of people feel the same way. Tink: How's business? Jacobs: We handled about 400 today. There's not very much Tink: business. Everything's pretty quiet. Did you hear anything from Bill (or Bouic) (phonetic) Jacobs: today? No, he left this morning at 7:30 for Little Rock. He Tink: will see the Governor when he gets through. He said that if he could get done with that business today, he would catch an early evening train to Memphis and then go to Louisville from there. Jacobs: Has he got things pretty well lined up there? Tink: Yeah, I think so. Jacobs: Heard they tried to put Berryman and Priestly off the track Saturday. Condon thought they were booking. They never booked any horses . they are betting men. Tink: Yeah, that was lousy; that was the damnest thing that happened in the whole race. Jacobs: By the way, have you ever seen Condon around your place? Tink: No, not since we closed. He used to come around here once in a while when we were open. Jac obs: Would he buy drinks? Did you ever see him drunk? Tink: He'd buy a beer once in a while, but I never saw him drunk. Jacobs: I always heard that he doesn't drink. Bill told me lately that he talked with Condon at the Southern and that Condon had been drinking, and he said that Condon had been drinking, and he said that he was going to keep everything closed around here. I think it was Bill who was drunk.

How's the election?

Jacobs:

Tink:

Yeah, I don't think that Condon drinks much. I

don't know of him being drunk ever.

Jacobs:

Neither do I. I think Bill was drunk himself, and he

just made that up.

I think so too. I believe if he had made that remark

I would have gotten it over here.

Jacoba: Tink:

Tink:

Yeah, I think so too.

Marion is around him all the time - he hasn't said

Jacobs:

Tink:

anything, has he? Mo.

Otis' wife worked up there in the office. She would have heard him talking around there, and if he had said

anything we would know about it through Oits. Yeah, that's right. Well, I hope we won the election.

Jacobs:

Yeah, I guess we will.

Tink:

7:23 P.M., April 6, 1937

Incoming on No. 2115

J.L.M.

Jacobs:

Jac obs:

Tink:

Tink:

AC. 1.35

Hello.

Got a paper and pencil? I got some data for you.

All right.

Third Ward:

Leo 770

Tackett 19

Fifth Ward:

Leo

Tackett

I understand that two of those votes were cast by Babe Huff and his mother. (laughs)

Sixth Ward:

Tac kett

Leo

Seventh Ward:

Leo

Tackett **57** 

Jacobs: Tink:

The total of that is - for Leo 1971; For Tackett 104. Are those the totals for those wards? Yeah, I got those from Andy, and he said those wards

were all in. If I get any more, I'll call you.

7:30 P.M., April 6, 1937

Incoming on No. 2115

J.L.M.

Jac obs:

Hello.

Tink:

I got some more dope for you ---

Fourth Ward:

205 Leo 11

Tackett

Eighth Ward:

334 Leo

Tackett

Jacobs:

The fourth ward is South Hot Springs, isn't it?

Tink: Yeah.

Jacobs:

That's the first time we ever carried that ward, that

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I know of. That's right.

Tink: Jacobs:

You haven't got the First and Second Wards yet,

have you?

Tink: Jacobs: Tink:

No, not yet.

Well, it looks like we'll poll around a 4000 majority. Yeah. The other fellow might not get more than 200.

I'll call you, if I get anything more.

Jacobs:

All rightie.

8:27 P.M., April 6, 1937

Incoming on No. 2115

J.L.M.

Jacobs:

Louis Bloom:

Hello, We were bad guessers, weren't we. He got 280 votes

altogether.

Jacobs:

How did he do in the First Ward - you worked there,

didn't you?

Louis Bloom: Jacoba:

He only got 31 votes out of 500 in the First Ward.

It was a hard day, wasn't it?

Louie Bloom:

Yeah, but we made a clean sweep and showed him

(probably Gov. Bailey) something.

Jacobs:

Yeah.

9:00 P.M., April 6, 1937

Outgoing on No. 2115

J.L.M.

Jedoba:

3700.

Sentinel-Record. Man:

Jecobs:

What are the final results? McLaughlin - 4609, Tackett - 209.

Man: Jac obs:

All rightie, thank you.

9:11 P.M., April 6, 1937

Incoming on No. 2115

J.L.M.

Jacobs:

Mayor:

We're still going - we won by 4200 votes. Paper said 4609 for you and 209 for him.

Jacobs: Mayor:

Well, that's about right.

Jacobs:

Are the absentee votes in yet?

Mayor:

No - no use using them now. We won't need them.

Jacobs:

Yeah.

Kayor:

Judge McHaney from Little Rock called me. I told him about the results. He said he was glad of it it's going to have a lot of effect down here. He said he talked with the fellow (probably Gov.

Bailey) about it.

Jacobs: Mayor:

Was that the old man?

Jacobs:

Yeah, the boy is an a wedding trip. He's a pretty

smart man.

Mayor:

Yeah, he's a smart old man all right. Well, I'll be seeing you.

Jacobs:

Are you home?

Mayor:

Yes.

Jacobs:

Elizabeth called you - I just wondered.

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The following calls reveal that the Kentucky Club, Ohio Club, and Southern Club, which places are reported to be owned by W. S. Jacobs, are booking horse racing bets in violation of the law. According to previous conversations these bets are being made with the full knowledge and sanction of Mayor Leo P. Mclaughlin:

5:17 P.M., April 5, 1937.

Outgoing on No. 2115

D.P.S.

Jacobs: Docs

To 1117 (Kentucky Club) How was the action today?

Jacobsi Doct

Not a thing from Little Rock. We done about \$100. It looks like we won't get any of it.

Oh, I think we will get some, but think it will be slow for a day or two. After that we ought to get

Jacobs:

some. We are stirring around. A pretty good crowd around the Southern today.

Thought you might get some.

6:40 P.M., April 5, 1937

Incoming on No. 2115

D.P.S.

Man:

200 net losers - \$1711 in markers and \$944 in cash. Frank Costello didn't make a bet today.

Jacobs:

Dos said there was nothing from Little Rock.

Man:

I've got some money for you, I'll bring it up

tomorrow.

Jacobs:

All rightie. - 25 - 5:55 P.M., April 8, 1937

Incoming on No. 2115

B.M.S.

Jecobs:

Hello.

Roscoe:

Lost 329.60 today. 4,547.58 markers, 898 cash.

Jacobs: 329.60.

Roscoe:

Yes, that's all I had to tell you, anything else?

No, all right. Jacobs:

6:39 P.M., April 9, 1937

Outgoing on No. 2115

D.P.S.

Jacobs:

To 1117 (Kentucky Club) Hello, Doc, how did you do today?

Dog:

\$161.00 today, Mr. Jacobs, and \$400.00 with the

Southern. Did pretty well today.

Jacobs:

Doc:

How did you do yesterday? Lost \$500.00 yesterday, but let me explain how that happened. (Doc here explained something about old markers and old bets that had been carried for some

time and were liquidated.)

Jacobs:

Levy from Little Rock gave us some bets today for the first time in a long while. Are you getting that

upstairs fixed up?

Doc:

Yes. It's all cleaned and polished. The boy is

washing the windows tonight.

Jecobs:

That's fine.

1:00 P.M., April 9, 1937

Incoming on No. 2115

D.P.S.

Man: Jake: Hello, this is Tink. (Tink Young)

I'm going to try and see that fellow the first part of next week.

Tink:

We did well yesterday. We are only taking \$2.00 bets,

but the other places aren't.

Jacobs:

As long as we are sneaking, take anything. I think they'll let us go upstairs, but I haven't seen him since the election. Yeah, we might as well take emything as long as the rest of the places are deing

it.

6:25 P.M., April 10, 1957

Incoming on No. 2115

H.A.S.

Jecobs:

Hello.

Man (Roscoe?): Jacobs:

Went down three hundred fifty today.

Well -- (Further discussion as to weekly business

and expenses.)

Man:

Ray Ryan down at the Kentucky Club lost \$161.00

yesterday and \$500.00 the day before. Well. You'd better check over Tommy Ray.

Jacobs:

Man:

Yes. I'll check him up Monday. He went down \$500 two or three days ago. Don't know whether he's charging it off or adding it on. (May refer to Kentucky Clay accounts.) I'll lock. (pause) He would have quit a thousand down the other day but a "blow bet" paid it in. He had a \$500.00 "blow bet" so he

just went down \$500.00 that day. Today's sheet shows \$470.00 lost on one bet; \$48.00 on another; \$160.00 on enother - \$770.00 down on one sheet. He took those bets too late. I was up in the wire

room at the Southern. He could have bet me.

Jacobs:

Well, tell him not to take those bets so late. You know John Hardin and "them" will get that "Dictograph", I mean "teletype" and beat the wire service by three or four minutes. Be sure to tell him not

to take those bets so late.

Man:

Yes sir. I'll check him over Monday.

7:10 P.M., April 10, 1937

Outgoing on No. 2115

H.A.S.

Jacobs:

Called 1117 (Kentucky Club)

Hello.

Man: Jacobs:

How'd you make out today?

Man:

Take was \$1251.00. I'll lose some in California yet -

about \$200.00.

Jacobs:

One bad horse? A couple of them.

Man: Jacobs:

Where'd you get them - from Little Rock?

Man:

Yes. Well, business seems to be picking up a bit.

Hope you get out soon.

Jacobs:

I think I will.

6:00 P.M., April 11, 1937

Incoming on No. 2115

J.L.M.

Jacobs:

Otho:

Hello. Did I get any beefs last night?

Jacobs:

No - I haven't heard a thing.

Otho:

I ran all night - I had a coupe of fellows there

playing \$20.00 stakes.

Jecobs:

That was good - how did you do?

Otho: Jacobs: We lost 4750 - had a lot of good money played though.

Did you have a pretty good crowd?

Otho:

Yeah, we made around \$400 - \$500. Friday night we made \$106.

Jacobs: utho:

Jimmie told me he had a good crowd at the Southern too.

Yeah, it might pick up now.

Jacobs:

Well, glad you had a good crowd. Too bed you didn't

make any money.

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent John L. Madala. dated at Little Rock, Arkansas, April 13, 1937, which indicates that Louis Bloom is interested in the opening of a new gambling casino over the Kentucky Club, and W. S. Jacobs is probably financing this venture. The following conversations reveal that arrangements have been consummated to open this place in the near futures

5:31 P.M., April 5, 1937

Incoming on No. 2115

D.P.S.

Louie (Bloom):

Mr. Jake, it's all over. I paid 'em the rent and

everthing is all set.

Jacobs:

all right Louis.

10:30 A.M., April 10, 1937

Incoming on No. 2115

J.L.M.

Jacobs:

Louie Bloom:

Hella.

Hello Jake. How are you?

Jacobs:

Pretty good, Louis.

Louie Bloom:

We cleaned up that top floor - I found a lot of tops from wheels and tops from crap tables up there. I thought maybe you might want to fix them tools up

and take them to the country.

Jaco bs:

I meant to fix them and use them up there - I think they're still good. Clean everything up and them

let's see how it looks.

Louis Bloom:

Everything is all ready for the painters to go up there and start painting. The only thing laying

around is those things I told you about.

Jecobs:

I'm getting along pretty good, Louie, and will be out in a few days; then I'll go up there and look it over with you.

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The following call from an unidentified man to the Mayor's office is of interest:

2:44 P.M., April 5, 1937 Incoming on No. 648 H.A.S. From Pay station. Hazel: Hello. Mr. McLeughlin, please. Man: Hazel: He's out now. Leave number? Man: Are you his secretary? Hazel: Yes. Take this, then. I want him to get this message. Man: Hazel: All right. Man: Quote - I hold in my hands eleven poll tax registrations subject to the Laws of Arkansas pertaining to "Bribery". You should be familiar with that shouldn't you?

Hazel: Who's calling? Man: Will you finish taking this? Hazel: I'm not interested.

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The following calls between Jack McJunkin, recently appointed Chi ef of the Fire Department, and Ada Garner and Grace Goldstein, both operators of houses of prostitution, and are indicative of the fact that the administration compells immates of these houses to vote the administration ticket:

10:43 A.M., April 6, 1937 outgoing on No. 648

Jack McJunkin: Called 3421 (Hatterie Hotel)

Hello. Maid: Grace there? (Grace Goldstein) Mc Junkin:

Hello. Grace:

Grace, what time will you be ready? This is Jack. Mc Junkin: Grace: I won't be ready until this afternoon. That'll be all right, won't it "hun"?. I haven't even gotten up

yet. McJunkin: Yeah, OK - about 1:30? Grace: All right.

Mo Junkin:

10:46 A.M., April 6, 1937 Outgoing on No. 648

Called 1992 (Harvey Garner) Ada (Gerner): Hello. Mc Junkins: Ada, this is Jack McJunkins. Get all those people

H.A.S.

to at your place out to vote. All right Jack. We're going out after a while. Ada:

Mc Junkins: All right - don't forget it now. Ada: I won't.

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The following calls indicate some irregularity on the part of the city administration in connection with the city election on April 6th:

1:03 P.M., April 6, 1937

Incoming on No. 648

B.M.S.

Leo:

Hello.

Dr. Eve:

Dr. Eve talking, is everything going to suit you out here? There's 900 in so far.

Leo:

Well, there's 2500 eligible in that ward.

Dr. Eve:

Somebody's making mistakes here, we've got to find

out who's making these mistakes out here.

Leo:

Why? What's the matter?

Dr. Eve:

Well, out of that 900 votes there were four for this fellow Tackett, and we want to know who is making

the mistake. (Both laugh)

Leo:

Well you tell Pete and the Judges to watch those tickets and see that they are made out right.

Dr. Eve:

Pete's in there now. I'll see you.

3:55 P.M., April 6, 1937

Incoming on No. 648

H.A.S.

Johnny Scudder:

Is it too late to get it fixed up so I can vote? I may be able to do it up here and also for my maid. Go over to the voting place by Dave Dodd's Service Station and vote. The boys there will let you OK.

McLaughlin:

You won't need to have any papers or receipt.

6:47 P.M., April 6, 1937

Incoming on No. 648

R.H.L.

George:

I have the final returns from the 5th Ward - 556 for you and 4 for Tackett. I told Dugan that he had better swell that total, but he said no. Well, if that was the vote, let it stand that way.

Leo: George:

O.K.

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The following call between Richard Ryan, attorney, and close friend of the city administration, and Judge J. H. Ryan, is of interest:

11:10 A.M., April 6, 1937

Outgoing on No. 648

H.A.S.

Richard Ryan:

Called 1173 (J. H. Ryan) Asked his "sunt May" if she could vote in the election of Mayor. "No." Asked

to speak to his uncle, "Judge" J. H. Ryan.

J. H. Ryan: Richard Ryan: Hello . (elderly)

Requested "the judge's" support of McLaughlin in

election.

J. H. Ryan:

No. I'm not going to vote for him. I'm through with that crowd down there.

The following call reveals Circuit Judge Earl Witt's participation in the campaign of Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin. Agent desires to point out the corruption attendant upon Judge Witt's solicitation to secure votes for McLaughlin in this particular instance:

11:34 A.M., April 6, 1937

Outgoing on No. 648

H.A.S.

Earl Witt:

Called 1587 (T. E. Sanders)

Asked Mrs. Sanders there if she was going to vote for

Leo.

Mrs. Sanders:

Reported that she was unable to vote for failure to register. Asked if she could vote anyway.

Witt:

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Yes. I'll see that it's all right. Go shead and vote. There'll be no questions asked about it.

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The following conversation probably refers to the seven police officers who were asked to resign by Mayor McLaughlin, and who are presently under indictment for second degree murder in connection with the brutal killing of John Dickson:

12:00 Noon, April 6, 1937

Outgoing on No. 648

B.M.S.

Leo:

19 - Cook Ice Cream Co.

Woman:

Hello.

Leo: Arthur: Is Arthur there?

Leo:

Hello.
Arthur, Leo. Weldon Rasberry told me that you told him

those fellows who were fired are going back to work

here if I am elected.

Arthur:

Why I ain't said no such thing.

Leo: I didn

I didn't think so, but tell your friends that none

of those fired is coming back to work here.

Arthur:

I've done done it.

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According to newspaper dispatches and telephone conversations overheard during the period of this report, the following individuals who were election judges and clerks are known to have been, and some still are, employees of gambling houses in Hot Springs, Arkensas: Matt Picchi, Lloyd Lemons, Pat Pollard, George Hinkle, Norwood Phillips, Louis Bloom, Jack McJunkin, Harry Bledsoe, and one Crawford, and D. B. Murry, a professional bondaman.

The following calls reveal election activities of the gemblers set out above, which are self explanatory:

9:52 A.M., April 6, 1937

Incoming on No. 648

H.A.S.

Lloyd Lemon:

For Leo -- Not in.

Hazel, tell Leo to keep people out of the Fourth Ward. The judge there is challenging all of the

voters.

Hazel: Lemon: He is? What's his name?

Name is Berry. Tell Leo, because I know what I'm

talking about.

Hazel:

All right, thanks.

5:35 P.M., April 6, 1937

Outgoing on No. 648

H.A.S.

McLaughlin:

Called 2856 (unlisted "Clarks Sand. Shop")

Request for Matt Picchi at the polls.

Picchi:

Hello.

How's it going, Matt?

McLaughlin: Picchi:

346 for, and about 20 against.

5:52 P.M., April 6, 1937

Incoming on No. 648

H.A.S.

Ben Murray:

Anything else you want me to do, Judge?

Ledgerwood:

No. Not now.

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The following conversation between Cecil Brock, former police officer and presently under indictment for second degree murder, and one Yvonne, who formerly worked as cashier in the Eastman Hotel Coffee Shop, is of interest, and is evidence of fraud:

1:10 P.M., April 6, 1937

Outgoing on No. 648

B.M.S.

Cecil Brock:

2410 (Eastman Hotel)

Operator: Eastman.

Brock: Give me Parlor F.

Yvonne: Hello.

Brock: What are you doing?

Yvonne: Just got in.

Who is there with you? Brock:

Betty. Yvonne:

Ready to vote? Brock:

He don't need my vote. Yvonne: Oh yes he does.

Brock: I can't vote. Yvonae:

Brock: Oh yes you can, you and Betty meet me in a few minutes.

Wait a minute. (She paused, turned to Betty and Yvonne: said - "Cecil wants us to meet him and vote, he says we can both vote. Com on, why not.") Then

to Brock - Betty says all right.

Meet me at the Post Office in 10 minutes.

Brock:

10 minutes, OK. Yvonne: Brock: All right, Yvonne.

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The following conversation between Jerry "Swede" Watkins and Meyor McLaughlin, indicates the Mayor's popularity and prestige in State politics:

11:35 A.M., April 8, 1937

Incoming on No. 648

H.A.S.

Jerry:

We're just reading papers and notice Bailey (Gov.)

is still after you.

McLaughlin:

How's that?

Jerry:

Trying to pass a sterilization law.

McLaughlin: That doesn't apply to me. I'm too old. Anyway, I just got a wire of congratulations from "Crip" Hall (Sec'y. of State). That made one from every

constitutional office.

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The following call between W. S. Jacobs and Tink Young, Manager of the Ohio Club, indicates that W. S. Jacobs contemplates seeing McLaughlin relative to the smeaking of horse racing bets in his establishments:

1:00 P.M., April 9, 1957

Incoming on No. 2115

D.P.S.

Men:

Hello, this is Tink. (Tink Young)

Jake:

I'm going to try and see that fellow the first part

of next week.

Tink:

We did well yesterday. We are only taking \$200 bets

but the other places aren't.

As long as we are sneaking, take anything. I think they'll let us go upstairs, but I haven't seen him since the election. Yeah, we might as well take anything as long as the rest of the places are doing it.

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The following conversation between W. S. Jacobs and Roscoe Johnson appears to be of interest;

2:52 P.M., April 9, 1937

Incoming on No. 2115

B.M.S.

Jacobs:

Hello.

Roscoe:

The light stove was 695, how much of that do you want

us to take?

Jacobs:

Well they used about half of it, take 50%. And say,

Roscoe, you know Patty Maloney, don't you?

Roscoe:

Jacobs:

Yeah. He'll be down there after while, give him \$50.00 for

me and take it out of my salary tomorrow. And listen, get one of the boys to clean up good upstairs get all the chairs fixed so it will look like we're gonna start a little pool up there, you know, kinda get the boys to sittin' around up there. Don't say

nothing about it to Louis,

Roscoe:

OK. You know Roy Rhine (or Rine) that won about \$30,000 around here, well he's been in the last few days bettin' on the horses. Phil trys to discourage him, as he causes the other boys to stay away.

Jacobs:

Well that's one of those things you have to put up with. If you don't you're liable to have trouble with those boys that hang out with him.

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The following call between W. S. Jacobs and an unidentified man relative to gambbing in Dallas, Texas, appears to be of interest:

5:14 P.M., April 9, 1937

Incoming on No. 2115

B.M.S.

Jacobs:

Man:

I just got a call from Bill Hart in Dallas. He says those people in that house have got the best and most liberal layout he has seen. He says they are willing to let it out to anyone who has the money for 15% of the winnings.

I'll think it over. It takes a lot of money to hendle Jacobs: that. They're dealing a hundred and four. No. 25 to 100. Man:

Jacobs:

I don't know. Things are kinda hot over that way now

maybe --

Man: McFarlan went over there last night. He says money is plentiful, that it's a very liberal Fairbanks

game and a good poker game and he ought to know.

Yeah, he ought to know. Jacobs:

I'll come up and see you tonight. Man: Jacobs:

All right.

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The following conversation between W. S. Jacobs and Stella McLeughlin, sister of Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin, shows the close association of Jacobs with the McLaughlin family:

6:02 P.M., April 9, 1937 Incoming on No. 2115 B.M.S.

Jacobs: Hello.

Stella: I heard you were sick in bed.

Jacobs: Yes, I've been in bed more then a month now.

Stella: I'm sorry you're feeling so bed. How did the election

suit you?

Jacobs: Fine.

Stella: It certainly was a landslide. You know Johnny Clemmons,

> he and I took 37 people to the polls. That's quite a few especially when you have to wait on some of them to dress and go back two or three times for

others.

Thirty seven is good. Jacobs:

Yes, Johnny certainly did his share, he's a nice boy. Stella: I got up at 5:30 that morning and got breakfast for

Leo. Last year he left at 5:30 and did not get

back for breakfast 'til nine c'clock.

Jacobs: Did that woman come down for the races this year?

You mean the blonde, Mrs. Thompson? Stella:

Jacobs: No that's not the one.

Stella: Oh, Mrs. Hite.

Jacobs: Yes.

No, her horses weren't good enough to bring this year. Stella:

I don't know whether she intends to keep up her

stable or not.

I knew she had intended coming, she told me before I Jacobs !

got sick.

I was tickled when I called your number by mistake Stella:

the other day.

Jacobs: I recognized your voice Stella.

That was funny, I meant to call the store. That Stella: Mrs. Bracy from Merion, Illinois was here this year again. She sure had a good time. Jacobs: Most people do have a good time here. Stella: I think I'll go to Lake Forrest Horse Show this summer. The people there are so nice and entertain so much and have such lovely homes. I'm going to stop a while in Chicago on my way back. That's a nice place. Jec obs: Stella: Are you going to keep Belvedere open? I don't know yet, things are kind of ragged here now. Jacobs: Stella: Tom Carrol must have stayed here on his own resources this season. I think he did. He has no job end no family except Jacobs: a sister, so he just stays here with Johnny Clements for a change. Things are in bad shape now, I've been sick and we didn't make any money during the season, and now summer times coming and we never do make any in the summer. Stella: We were talking about you the other day. You ought to get out of that big house and get a small one with a porch on it so you could sit out in the sun. Jacobs: I know it. I've kept this place because Johnny and I have had our office here, but I think this summer I'll do away with the office and move out into the country. I built me a place out inthe country last year and I think I'll move out there this aummer. Stella: Well, you do that, and I hope you get much better. Jacobs: Glad you called. Goodbye.

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The following conversations between a Mrs. Moore and Walter Ebel, newspaper reporter, with Mayor McLaughlin, respectively, appears to be of interest, as it is known that Scott Wood is a staunch opponent of the city administration at Hot Springs:

8:57 A.M., April 9, 1937

Incoming on No. 648

H.A.S.

Mrs. Moore:

Leo, do you think it would be all right to have an article in the paper under the Young Peoples' Democratic Club, commending the Mayor's race for lack of "mud-slinging".

McLaughlin:

No, I don't think that would be necessary. Better not mention it.

Mrs. Moore:

Heve you heard that Mrs. Scott Wood is stirring up the club women of Hot Springs to recommend Wood for appointment to the Federal Judge. She's not popular with the women and she couldn't swing four votes. She may have some of the men in Little Rock fooled but, not the women.

McLaughlin:

I know it. I heard yesterday from Little Rock something about it. I told them there wasn't a thing to it. Last time I was in Little Rock I told the new officers in the State House all about Mrs. Wood.

Mrs. Moore:

She goes off on those trips as President of the State
Parent-Teachers Association, and talks about how

much influence she has. She hasn't any.

MoLaughlin:

Anyhow, Scott Wood's record as a former Circuit Judge wouldn't stand investigation by the Department of Justice. You know they investigate the records

of all the candidates.

Mrs. Moore:

Yes.

1:45 P.M., April 8, 1937

Incoming on No. 648

H.A.S.

Walter Ebel:

Reported to McLaughlin (laughing) that A.P.news release carried story to effect that Mrs. Will F. Lake, a "big shot" clubwomen from Little Rock was advocating the appointment of Scott Wood as Federal Judge, with request that Ebel investigate. Have you heard anything about it?

McLaughlin:

(Laughs) No - not a thing. You know that he wouldn't stand up under an investigation by the Department of Justice. There'd be too many of us to swear that he is crooked and accepts bribes. (Both laugh)

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The following conversation is between Herbert "Dutch" Akers and probably Marshall Purvis, local attorney, and appears to be of interest, although the exact nature of the topic of conversation is unknown:

8:44 A.M., April 9, 1937

Incoming on No. 446

W.T.M.

Marshall: Akers: Hello, Dutch? This is Marshall (Purvis, Attormy).

Yes.

Marshall: I talked to Elzie about that business and he said to tell you to come to his station on Ouachita and he would give you a \$100.00.

Akers:

Akers:

(Indistinct inquiry about going "over there" and lining up some witnesses and digging up some criminal record. This conversation did not leave the impression that witnesses were to be "fixed".) Who is going to represent that other fellow. (opposing?)

Marshall:

Sem Robbins. Alohe?

Akers: Mershall:

I don't know. I have no idea whether heo will come in

on it.

Akers: Marshall: Akers: Marshall:

Akers:

That's what I would like to find out first. Why don't you came out point blank and ask him?

Did that nigger doctor come to see you?

No, he hasn't.

Well I swear to Christ! I told him to.

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The following conversation between W. S. Jacobs and Tink Young, Manager of the Ohio Club, reveals the close alliance between Jacobs and Marion Anderson, Sheriff of Gerland County. It is pointed out that Jacobs mentioned that his telephone may be tapped. In this connection it is thought that Jacobs believes that the State Revenue Agents have the telephones of his residence and gembling places tapped.

11:30 A.M., April 10, 1937

Incoming on No. 2115

J.L.M.

Jacobs:

Hello.

Tink:

Hello Jake. This is Tink. Have you had your

breakfast yet?

Jacobs:

Jacobs:

Yes,

Did you hear anything today? Tink:

Jacobs:

Tink:5

Heard a rumor that some of them were in town. Yeah, they to around here on that local affair.

told you?

Tink:

Young Witt told Jackson, and he told me. I thought you might call Marion (Sheriff) and find out what's up.

Jacobs:

You want to watch out what you say over the phone this line is tapped and maybe your's is too. They've

tied in back of the switchboard.

Tink:

Well, I just called to find out whether you heard

anything.

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The following conversation between W. S. Jacobs and Roscoe Johnson reveals that Jacobs is financing the contemplated removal of three prisoners from chicago, Illinois, to Hot Springs, Arkansas, these prisoners having been arrested by the Chicago police and subsequently identified by witnesses in Hot Springs as the robbers who perpetrated the robbery of the Southern Club on March 19, 1937:

1:30 P.M., April 10, 1937 Incoming on 2115 J.L.M. Jacobs: Hello. Roscoe: Hello Jake - you got a telegrem here, .95¢ collect. Do you want me to pay it? Tho's it from? Jacobs: Roscoet I don't know. I think you're allowed to open it - it's probably from Jacobs: Dutch and Frankie. (Opens it) Yes, it's from Dutch from Chicago. It Roscoe: says, "Four identified. Tied up in Governor's office about bringing four men to Hot Springs. Suggest you send money for transportation of four. Jacobs: (hesitates) All right wire him \$200. Where should I send it to - he didn't say. Roscoe: I don't know - either to Western Union or the Chicago Jacobs: Police Department. Roscoe: All rightie. I've got to go down there and sign an affidavit that we were robbed. Well, you better go - we got to go along with those Jacobs: fellows. We lost around \$4,000. how much should I say we lost Roscoe: - you know about that -Yeah - cut it around \$3,000. You didn't know just how Jacobs: much we do lose. Roscoe: I know it was \$4700. Jacobs: Well, in that case do whatever Dutch wants you to do. Don't lie to them. Roscoe: Well, you're the boss.

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All rightie.

Do whatever you can to help him.

Jacobs:

Roscoe:

The following conversation between Mayor McLaughlin and C. G. (Crip) Hall, Secretary of State, is of interest, as it contains an admission from the Mayor that the administration had already started the operation of securing illegal registrations for voting. The person named Al/Hutchins mentioned in this conversation is a political figure in the State, and it is understood that he is leading contender for the Federal Judgeship for the Eastern District of Arkensas.

11:22 A.M., April 10, 1937

Incoming on No. 648

H.A.S.

L. D. Operator: Hall: McLaughlin:

Reported ready with call to "Crip" Hall, Little Rock. Hello.

Stated that Verne (Ledgerwood) was in his office when he called Hall and they wish to thank him for his wire congratulating himself. Assured Hall of his support in anything he needed, stating that "he could count on 10 or 11 thousand votes in the next State election", as they had been busy lately getting various employees at the track, etc., registered. Warned Hall that "that Little Rock Crowd" was going to "tie his hands" if he was not careful. Said that Scott Wood and "Babe" Huff had done all that they could do in Hot Springs and that as a result thereof they were despised by "all the people of Hot Springs", having caused so much adverse publicity that the present conditions amounted to a "one month town". Asked if Hall had "read his piece in the paper" - "expressed the opinion of the people." Said that "they" were trying to tie Hall's hands - Al Hutchins was down here for no good reason.

Hall: McLaughlin:

Well, thank you, Leo.
We just wented you to know that you can count on us at any time.

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The following conversation reveals the interest of Night Zeilor Owen Corrington in the sale of a gun to a prospective buyer:

8:13 A.M., April 10, 1937 Outgoing on No. 446 W.T.M.
To 2745 (Vence Bros. Pawn Shop)
Corrington arranged for Vence to send over a 7.32 gun with 3 inch barrel\*
for Corrington to look over as a prospective purchaser.

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The following conversation between Curtis Ridgeway, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, and Weldon Rasberry, Chief of Police, is of interest, particularly the underscored portion thereof:

7:58 P.M., April 11, 1937

Incoming on No. 123

W.T.M.

Curtis Ridgeway called Rasberry, asking if Wells (Secretary to Governor) would notify him when the application for the extradition of the Southern Club robbers were granted. Rasberry said Wells hadn't said he would notify them, but promised to secure the Governor's signature and forward

the papers this afternoon to Akers in Chicago. Ridgeway warned him that the Governor might refuse to sign the extradition papers on the ground that he was assisting gamblers and gambling houses.

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The following conversations between Roscoe Johnson and W. S. Jacobs reveal that Jacobs is assessing each bookmaking place in Hot Springs the fee of \$50.00 for racing result wire service, which he presently has at the Southern Club:

12:41 P.M., April 12k 1937

Incoming on No. 2115

J.L.M.

Jacobs:

Hello.

Roscoe:

Hello Jake - I talked with all those parties. They said

they can't pay the \$50.00, because they're not doing

business.

Jacobs:

Who did you go to? Roscoe:

Blue Ribbon, Millsaps, and the Ohio. Tink wasn't there

- also Ben.

Just tighten it up, so they won't be able to steal it. Tell them they'll have to protect it. The Ohio and Kentucky will pay it all right, so you won't have

to go there.

Roscoe:

Jacobs:

All right.

3:44 P.M., April 12, 1937

Outgoing on No. 2115

B.M.S.

Jacobs:

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Southern.

Jacobs:

How many took it?

Roscoe:

Ohio, Blue Ribbon and Kentucky.

Jacobs:

White front didn't take it, eh?

No - cheap. Roscoe:

Jacobs:

They've been using our line. We'll out that out tomorrow.

Roscoe: Jacobs:

I'm going out riding for the afternoon.

Roscos:

That sunshine'll do you good.

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The following conversations appear to be related, and definitely disclose that C. E. Palmer, publisher, and Hendrix Alphin, Commissioner of Highway Department, are working for Leo P. McLaughlin in behalf of Jacobs' gembling combination, to have gembling resumed in Hot Springs. Attention is directed to the contemplated conference of Palmer and Alphin with Governor Bailey in this connection:

10:27 A.M. April 7, 1937

Outgoing on No. 648

B.M.S.

Judge Ledgerwood: Man:

370. (Dr. Foster Jarrell)

Hello.

Judge:

Well friend how are you?

Man:

All right Judge.

Judge:

When is Hendricks (or Hendrix) going to be in town

Man: Judge: I don't know exactly. The next time he comes in town I want to talk to him

and work along his line. We want to dump this

organization right in his lap.

3:15 P.M., April 8, 1937

Outgoing on No. 648

W.T.M.

Mayor: Jacobs:

2115 (W. S. Jacobs) Hello, how are you feeling?

Oh, all right, I reckon.

Mayor:

Well, "that fellow" I told you that would be over

Friday - he was here today.

Jacobs:

Uh huh.

Mayor:

I was up eating dinner with him and he got a call. He's

going to arrange that early.

I thought you meant that man you were going to meet Saturday. He's here.

Meyor:

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No. you know, I mean that fellow I told you would be

over here Friday.

Jacobs:

Oh, huh - I thought you were talking about that fellow

coming up from Texarkana - the boss.

Mayor:

Jacobs:

Yes, Carl - he was supposed to be at the Majestic Hotel

last night. I don't know if he was - that's what

The boss?

Mayor:

Well, this one I'm talking about - he's going to

arrange this thing early next week at "his" house

and give us a call.

(Conversation here indistinct)

Mayor (cont'd):

I got wires from all the constitutional offices except one - the Governor's - I didn't get one from him. (mentions that he got congratulatory messages from Crip Hall, Bod Barnes and Senator Borney of Texarkana) I got 'em from all over the State.

Jacobs:

Inquired of that "thing of Marion's" and Mayor told him there was a motion to be disposed of.

NOTE: "Marion" is probably Sheriff Marion Anderson.

9:44 P.M., April 10, 1937

Incoming on No. 2115

D.P.S.

Mayor:

Hello.

Jacobs: Mayor:

How are you feeling? Have had a cold. Haven't been feeling so good. Frank Haney and Grover Owens are over. That other fellow

over there may iron those wrinkles out.

Jacobs:

I hope so. I notice that things have straightened out not so much discord. My doctor said that no one would

vote against you.

Mayor:

Yeah. I've been working around.... I've seen a lot of people... Got wires from all over the state (Mayor here quickly named some Judges names who had wired him, but Agent could not get the names except Judge McHaney.) He's a big man in the State. I think it'll

work out, but, of course, it will have to be

conservative. Of course.

Jacobs:

Mayor:

If necessary, I'll see you. (Hung up).

4:20 P.M., April 11, 1937

Incoming on No. 2115

J.L.M.

Jac obs:

Hello.

Mayor:

That other fellow arranged that conference - they might come to talk to you. Now, I don't want him to

know I talked with you.

Jacobs:

Mayor:

No. I'me been around talking with a lot of fellows, but I don't think I'll do anything now. I'll wait and see what

I have a note for you, if you got time to stop by here.

Jacobs: Mayor:

Have you got any Scotch up there?

Jacobs:

No, but I'll get some.

that other fellow says.

Mayor:

All rightie. I'll be there in 20 minutes.

10:01 A.M., April 12, 1937

Outgoing on No. 648

Ledgerwood:

Called Long Distance to Chairman of Highway Commission

at Little Rock.

Operator:

I will call you.

10:12 A.M., April 12, 1937

Incoming on No. 648

H.A.S.

L. D. Operator:

Reported that Mr. Alphin, Highway Commissioner was at his El Dorado, Ark. office. Would call him there.

10:20 A.M., April 12, 1937

Incoming on No. 648

L. D. Operator:

Reported ready with call to Highway Commissioner, who

would talk from El Dorado, Ark.

Hendricks Alton: McLaughlin:

(Phonetic) Hello.

Hendrix, will you be able to see our friend (probably

Governor) soon for us?

Alton:

McLaughlin:

Alton:

I think so, Leo. Well, we got in touch with Palmer (newspaper owner) and he will be gled to go with us when you arrange

things. Can you do it Tuesday or Wednesday?

Not hardly then, Leo. I'm down home now, and won't get back up there until later in the week (Little Rock?)

McLaughlin:

I'll see him then, though, and let you know. That's fine - when you arrange it let me know. (lowered

voice) and when you do arrange it make it out at

his home - at night - will you?

Alton:

McLeughlin:

All right, Leo. Verne (Ledgerwood) was here and sends regards.

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732 Rust Building, Tacoma, Washington, April 22, 1937.

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Dear Sir:

re BREKID

Reference is made to Personal and Confidential letter dated April 14, 1937, Serial 7-576, directed to this Agent relative to investigative activities of Special Agent Clarence Hurt and the writer in Miami, Florida, from November 18, 1934 to December 5, 1934.

Please be advised that immediate and expeditious action is being accorded this matter and it is expected the desired information will be forwarded within the next few days.

Very truly yours, C. G. CAMPBELL, Special Agent.

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## MULTORANDUM FOR MR. JOSEPH

Recently Abel J Gregg, National Secretary for Work with Boys of the Kational Council of the Young Men's Christian Associations, 347 hadison Avenue, New York, visited the Bureau and in a conversation with the Lirector related an incident pertaining to Karpis' early youth about which he said he would attempt to secure more data.

I am now in receipt of a letter from Mr. Gregg wherein he relates that between eighteen and twenty years ago in the Branner district of Topeka, Kansas, a group of boys played in the alleys and vacant lots under a visduct who were constantly in difficulty with the authorities. These boys were in their early teens and T. D. Williams of the Railroad Y.M.C.A. organized these boys into a Y.M.C.A. Club. They were all from the Branner School and had grown up together. Alvin Karpis was the only member of this group of boys that would not join the Y.M.C.A. Club because of religious reasons and the fact that Mr. Karpis wanted Alvin to get a job and help support the family. Karpis is reported to have said that he did not want to join with that sissy gang.

A varied program of activities was provided for the boys. They spent sometime in a summer camp with the assistance of the Topeka Rotary Club. Of the original gang which numbered approximately twenty boys, one is now a doctor in Topeka, another an attorney, another a minister, another a Y.M.C.A. Secretary. Karpis left the gang at the time they joined the Y.M.C.A. Club activities. This is particularly interesting because it does show the necessity of a constructive program to consume the leisure time activities of boys in their adolescent ages.

Fr. Gregg also gives another interesting picture of this particular section as it exists today where there are two groups of boys numbering approximately forty-three. Two or three times a week they play under the old Branner viaduct under the supervision of a trained college student who is studying methods of furnishing increased service to boys of this type.

Fr. A. E. Ecord, Principal of the Branner School has stated that truency has decreased. The Probation Office spot map indicates that there were no new cases of juvenile delinquency during 1936 within a radius:

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of six or eight blocks of the school. In a recent campaign for \$45,000. carried on by the Y.M.C.A. the budget was oversubscribed. It would appear from Mr. Gregg's letter that the campaign was predicated upon the prevention of juvenile delinquency in Topeka.

In his letter Er. Gregg expresses the hope that this information may be of assistance to the Director in the future and also expresses appreciation for his tour and for meeting the Director. A letter is attached to Kr. Gregg.

Respectfully,

L. B. Nichols.

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

## RE: HARBORING CASES, TOLEDO AND CLEVELAND

In compliance with your request I am outlining herewith the various activities of the Barker-Karpis gang while at Toledo and Cleveland, Ohio during the years of 1934, 1935 and 1936, which form the basis of contemplated Federal prosecution under the harboring statute.

You will recall that Edward George Bremer was kidnaped at St. Paul, Minnesota on January 17, 1934, and released on February 7, 1934. While he was still being held by members of the Barker-Karpis mob, Edna Murray, paramour of Volney Davis; Wynone Burdette, paramour of harry Campbell; and Paula Harmon, paramour of Fred Barker proceeded from St. Paul to Chicago upon instructions from the gang and contacted hilliam J. Harrison at Hammond, Indiana. Harrison rented an apartment for these three women in Chicago which was used as a meet ng place for various members of the mob while bremer was being held.

On or about January 27, 1934, upon instructions received from Fred Barker, William J. Harrison, accompanied by Edna Murray and Wynona Burdette, drove from Chicago to Toledo, Ohio for the purpose of obtaining a set of Ohio license plates. Upon their arrival in Toledo they went to the Casino Club, located in the suburbs of Toledo, where William J. Harrison contacted Colin Monroe, a bartender at the Casino Club, and arranged with him for the purchase of a set of license plates. Harrison and the two women registered at the Algeo Hotel during the afternoon. While they were sleeping in their rooms at this hotel they were arrested by two police officers and were taken to the Casino Club. It later developed that the arrest was the result of a planned hoax instigated by Captain George Timiney, in charge of the Hoodlum Squad of the Toledo Police Department, and Bert and Ted Angus, who operated the Casino Club. After the set of license plates was obtained by Colin Monroe, Harrison and the two women returned to Chicago, Illinois.

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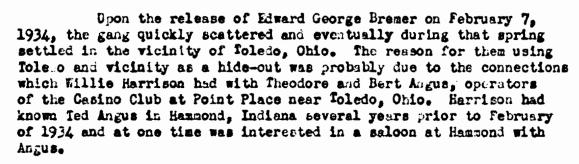
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Harry Campbell, Wynona Burdette and William J. Harrison arrived at Toledo on February 11, 1934, stopping at the Algeo Hotel. On March 25, 1934, Campbell and Wynona Burdette rented a house at 2831 -131st Street, Point Place, a suburb of Toledo, using the name of Mr. and Mrs. George Winfield, and occupied this house until August 3, 1934. Ted Angus and his paramour, Ruth Wells, fronted for Campbell in renting this house and Buth Wells aided Wynona Burdette in purchasing furniture for it, which purchases took place in the latter part of March, 1954.

About February 20, 1934, Volney Davis, Edna Murray, Milliam Reaver and his paramour, Myrtle Eaton, moved from Chicago, Illinois to Aurora, Illinois, where they stayed until approximately May 1,1934, when they also joined the other members of the gang in Toledo. On February 23, 1934, Fred Barker and Paula Harmon rented an apartment at 4905 Summit Street, Foint Place, Ohio, using the name of A. G. Bradford. The rent on this house was paid to May 23, 1934, when they moved to Cleveland, Ohio.

Alvin Karpis with his paramour, Dolores Delaney, arrived in Toledo about April 1, 1934, where they resided for a short period with Fred Barker and Paula Harmon, later moving into the Jarvis Apartments as Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Beaudry. They resided there until approximately May 18, 1934, when they also moved to Cleveland, Ohio. Eventually, practically all of the members of this gang either established residence in Toledo and vicinity or visited there, particularly the Casino Club, during the spring and summer of 1934. In this connection the following members of the gang have been identified as frequenting the Casino Clubs

Alvin Karpis
Fred Barker
Arthur "Doc" Barker
Volney Davis
William J. Harrison
Russell Gibson
Charles J. Fitzgerald
William Weaver

Harry Campbell
James J. Wilson
Dr. Joseph P. Moran
Oliver A. Berg
Wynons Burdette
Edna Murray
Paula Harmon
Dolores Delaney

Myrtle Laton

Bert Angus during the period that the gang was becoming located in Toledo aided them in obtaining apartments and in becoming settled there. On May 25, 1934 Hynona Burdette became afflicted with woman's disorder which necessitated her going to the hospital. Ruth Wells introduced her to Dr. Fred Douglas of Toledo as Bynona Minfield and Hynona entered the hospital for an operation, using Ruth Wells' address of 4209 North Lockwood Street, Toledo, Ohio, as her own address, with the permission of Ruth Wells. It was at this address that Ruth Wells was living with Ted Angus.

Was returned at St. Paul, Minnesota on May 4, 1934, by the Federal Grand Jury. This indictment charged Alvin Karpis, Arthur "Doc" Barker, Roy Gray (Russell Gibson), Izzy alias Jones (Oliver A. Berg), Phillip Delaney, William Edward Vidler, John J. McLaughlin, Jr. with conspiracy to kidnap Bremer. On May 4, 1934 bench warrants were issued for Arthur "Doc" Barker, Roy Gray with aliases and Izzy with aliases. On May 7, 1934, a bench warrant was issued as to Alvin Karpis. The second indictment including the various members of the gang and designating them by their real names was not returned until January 22, 1935, so that the acts of harboring committed by the Angus brothers, Ruth Wells and the other individuals, who will be mentioned hereinafter, would not apply during the year of 1934, except as to "Doc" Barker, Alvin Karpis and possibly Mussell Gibson.

This second indictment included the various subjects in the kidneping case as follows:

Alvia Karpis
Arthur R. "Doc" Barker
Volney Davis
Harry Campbell
Limer Farmer
Harold Alderton
William Menver
Harry Sawyer
William J. Harrison

Oliver A. Berg
Joseph Patrick Moran
John Joseph McLaughlin, Sr.
billian Edward Vidler
Phillip J. Delaney
Byron bolton
James J. Wilson
Jess Doyle
Edna Murray
Myrtle Eaton.

Bench warrants were issued for Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell on January 22, 1935.

During the period that the various members of this gang were in Toledo in 1934 they were regular patrons of the Casino Club, located at Point Place and operated by Ted and Bert Angus. The Government has numerous witnesses who can testify that in the summer of 1934 the various members of the gang visited at this Club and spent a considerable portion of their time there. Alvin Karpis and Oliver A. Berg visited it less frequently than the other members, inasmuch as they departed from Toledo in May, 1934. William J. Harrison was very well acquainted with the Angus brothers and at times he would become intoxicated and pull various pranks, such as, putting on strip dances and mimicking entertainers. During this period the members of the gang carried firearms at the Casino Club to the knowledge of Bert and Ted Angus and exhibited guns there while involved in drunken brawls.

Captain George Timiney of the Toledo Police Department was a frequent visitor at the Casino Club, both officially and socially, in 1934. He associated with members of the Barker-Karpis gang, drank with them and they apparently appeared to be at ease in his presence. As above outlined, Captain Timiney appeared to be well acquainted with William J. Harrison and arranged for his false arrest as a hoax in January of 1934. During the summer of 1934 Lucian C. Fleming, an Ohio State Prohibition Officer, also frequented the Casino Club, and associated with members of the gang. He had a speedboat which they used during the summer months and which he tried to sell to "Doc" Barker.

About the first of May, 1934, Dr. Joseph P. Moran performed operations on Volney Davis, Arthur "Doc" Barker and Harry Campbell at the residence of Harry Campbell, 2831 -131st Street, Point Place, in an effort to alter the finger tips of these men and to change their facial characteristics. Thereafter they frequented the Casino Club and associated with the Angus brothers, Ruth Wells and various persons who worked at the Club while carrying bandages on their hands and faces as the result of these operations. During this period Joseph Roscoe, who will be hereinafter mentioned and who operated a cafe in Toledo, also visited the Casino Club and associated with members of the gang.

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On June 4, 1934, Wynona Burdette was released from St. Vincent's Bospital at Toledo and Madeline Angus, wife of Bert Angus, entered the hospital, being released on June 18, 1934. Shortly after Madeline's release she was visited in her apartment by Edna Murray and Wynons burdette, at which time there were present Madeline's two sisters, Hene and Thelms Holst. On this occasion Thelms Holst picked up the July, 1934 issue of the Startling Detective magazine, which contained photographs of Fred Barker and Alvin Kerpis, and exhibited the photographs to Madeline Angus, Edna Murray, Wynona Burdette and Rene Holst. The magazine mentioned the fact that Barker and Karpis were wanted by the Government for the kidnaping of Edward George Brezer and all of the women who viewed the pictures identified them as being those of Fred Barker and Karpis. Bert Angus viewed a magazine about May of 1934, containing photographs of some of the members of the Barker-Karpis gang. At about this time he made the remark to Edna Zurray with reference to the hoax arrest of William J. herrison on or about January 27, 1934, that We did not know that they were a bunch of kidnapers then. Bert Angus also read later in the Toledo newspapers about the arrest of Wynona Burdette, Paula Harmon and Gladys Sawyer, wife of Harry Sawyer, at Cleveland in September of 1934, said newspaper articles linking these women with members of the Barker-Karpis gang who were wanted for the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer.

Colin Monroe, an employee of the Casino Club in the summer of 1934 read of the Bremer kidnaping in July, 1934 in the Startling Detective magazine and observed therein photographs of Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker.

During the late spring and summer of 1934 various members of the Barker-Karpis gang moved from Toledo, Ohio and suburbs to Cleveland, Ohio. On May 20, 1934 Fred Barker and Paula Harmon, as Mr. and Mrs. J. Earl Matterson, rented an apartment in a building known as 10515 Parkhurst Avenue and later at 10615 Florian Avenue. About May 18, 1934 Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney moved to Cleveland and on June 3, 1934 rented a house at 18109 Flamingo Avenue, Cleveland. They later rented a house from the Arthur W. Hebebrand Real Estate Company at 4973 West 140th Street under the name of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Milgreth. On or about August 21, 1934 Harry Campbell and Wynons Burdette, as ir. and Mrs. George Wolcott, rented an apartment at 7909 Franklin

Boulevard, Cleveland, at which address Arthur "Doc" Barker also resided.

During the late spring and summer of 1934 Alvin Karpis and "Doc" Barker frequented a notorious gambling establishment in Kewburg Heights, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland, where they were friendly with Arthur E. Hebebrand, one of the operators of the place. It will be noted that Hebebrand was president of the real estate organization which rented Karpis and Barker their houses in Cleveland, as above mentioned.

On September 5, 1934, Paula Harmon, Nymona Burdette and Gladys Sawyer were arrested in the cocktail room of the Hotel Cleveland, at Cleveland for drunk and disorderly conduct and a search of their premises revealed data concerning their connections in Cleveland and vicinity. These arrests were given considerable publicity by the Cleveland and Foledo newspapers. It was developed subsequent thereto that Fred Barker and Harry Campbell had ordered tailored shirts from the Thomas Shirt Company of Columbus, Ohio through the assistance of Arthur W. Hebebrand. As an indication of the close association of Hebebrand with this mob, Fred Barker under the alias of T. C. Blackburn wired him flowers on November 2d, 1934 through a florist in Ocala, Florida.

During the late spring of 1934 Alvin Karpis, "Doc" Barker, Fred Barker and other members of the mob frequented a house of prostitution operated by Eiith Barry at 524 Southard Street, Toledo, Ohio. Karpis and Campbell later used this house as a hide-out after their escapes from the police at Atlantic City, New Jersey and also while they were planning the Garrettsville, Ohio sail robbery.

During the sugger and fall of 1935 Karpis, Campbell and Barker, while frequenting the Harvard Club above mentioned, were in close contact with Arthur W. Hebebrand, John F. Gorman and Anthony Amersbach, all of whom were connected with the operation of this gambling establishment. These men are possible subjects in the harboring case and will be covered more in detail hereinafter.

John Brock, who is a possible subject in this case and who was also involved in the Garrettsville mail robbery, arrived in Toledo from Tulsa, Oklahoma approximately March 23, 1935. He is a native of

Oklahoma and was incurrerated in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at the same time that Sam Coker, Volney Davis and Arthur "Doc" Barker were there as prisoners. He was acquainted with them at the time. He later visited the house of prostitution operated by Edith Burry where he met Karpis and Campbell and arranged to trade Campbell's 1933 model Ford coupe, which had been wrecked, to the L. B. Arnold, Incorporated, for a 1935 model Ford coupe. Sometime between March 23 and March 26, 1935, Brock made a trip to Cleveland at the request of Alvin Karpis and contacted John P. Gorman at the Harvard Club relative to Gorman, making a trip to loledo to see Karpis and concerning the rental of an apartment in Cleveland for Karpis. Gorman later contacted Karpis and Campbell at Edith Farry's house as the result of Brock's trip. Approximately March 26, 1935 Fred hunter, who was also involved in the Garrettsville mail robbery, rented an apartment at 4720 Bridge Avenue, Cleveland, and resided there for several weeks with Alvin Karpis. During this period they were visited several times by John Brock and Joe Boscoe, who was also involved in the Carretteville mail robbery. From March 26 to March 51, 1935, Joe Roscoe, John F. Gorman and John brock visited numerous buildings in and about the vicinity of Cleveland in an effort to locate a hide-out to be used by Alvin Karpis, Harry Compbell and others after the robbery of the mail truck at Warren, Ohio, which was perpetrated on April 25, 1935.

On May 1, 1935 Harry Cambell moved into the apartment of Edward &cGraw, an ex-convict, and the latter's wife, Clara, at 20112 Adams Street, Toledo, Ohio. The McGraws operated a house of assignation and bootleg liquor "joint" at this address. In May of 1935 the McGraws introduced Harry Campbell under the alias of Bob Brown to Gertrude Billeter, Clara McGraw representing Campbell as being her cousin and a road contractor. Shortly thereafter at the request of Clara McGraw, Certrude Billeter, who was a call girl for the McGraws, spent the afternoon and evening with Harry Campbell at the MoGraw apartment. Soon thereafter Gertrude Billeter gave up her job as a waitress and soved into the McGraw apartment with Harry Campbell. On May 29, 1935 Campbell married Gertrude Billeter at Bowling Green, Ohio and Edward McGraw to obviate the five days notice of marriage required under the Ohio State Laws introduced one Jack Livingston of Reston, Ohio, who posed as the uncle of Gertrude Billeter, the result being that the marriage was able to be

performed that date rather than to wait five days after declaration of an intent to marry. Campbell and his wife thereafter continued to live at the McGraw apartment at various intervals until about November 15, 1935. During this period they were visited by Alvin Karpis on numerous occasions, at which time Karpis would drink with the Campbells and the McGraws. In September of 1935 Sam Coker, another ex-convict from Oklahoms, who had known the Barkers, Karpis and Volney Davis since 1931, appeared at the McGraw apartment, being brought there by Campbell. Thereafter he visited the apartment regularly and on December 6, 1935 moved to the McGraw apartment where he lived until approximately May 7, 1936, when he moved in with Harry Campbell. Karpis was an associate of Sam Coker while at the McGraw apartment. Coker you will recall was arrested in Toledo on May 7, 1936 with Harry Campbell by Agents of the Bureau.

It was also at the McGraw apartment that Milton Lett of Wann, Oklahoma as ociated with Campbell and Karpis. He first appeared there about October 10, 1935 and on October 14, 1935 remained there overnight when he left with Harry Campbell, the latter not returning until about October 18, 1935. On October 25, 1935 Lett purchased a Plymouth sedan which car was used in the robbery of the mail train at Garrettsville, Ohio on November 7, 1935, by Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Fred Hunter, John Brock and Benson Groves. He next appeared at the McGraw apartment about November 5, 1935 and on this occasion drove away in a 1934 Ford automobile belonging to Harry Campbell. Efforts are being made at the present time by the Bureau to locate Lett for further facts in connection with the harboring situation at Toledo and Cleveland.

While planning the Garrettsville mail robbery Joe Roscoe in October of 1935 arranged a contact for Alvin Karpis with John Zetzer at Port Clinton, Ohio for the purpose of chartering an airplane to be used on a trip down south and Karpis talked with Zetzer at this time in Roscoe's presence. On November 6, 1935 Alvin Karpis and Fred Bunter visited John Zetzer at Port Clinton, Ohio and gave him \$100 to be used towards the purchase of an airplane and made arrangements to meet him at the garage on the night of November 7, 1935. After the Garrettsville mail robbery on November 7, 1935, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Fred Bunter, John Brock and Benson Groves met Joe Roscoe near Port Clinton, Ohio and all of these men proceeded to the garage at Fort Clinton

operated by John Zetzer where in the presence of Zetzer and Joe Roscoe the loot of the mail robbery was divided and the mailbags and mail burned. On November 8, 1935, Fred Hunter, John Brock and Alvin Karpis left Port Clinton in an airplane piloted by John Zetzer and thereafter traveled to Hot Springs, Arkansas for the purpose of avoiding apprehension. Karpis and Bunter left the plane at Hot Springs and Brock was piloted by Zetzer to Tulsa, Oklahoma where he paid Zetzer for the trip.

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Frank Greenwald, another potential subject in the harboring case, is a taxicab driver at Toledo, who spent considerable of his time at the Casino Club. On the morning of January 21, 1935, Karpis and Campbell, following their escape at Atlantic City, New Jersey, kidnaped Dr. Horace Hunsicker near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They left him at Guilford Center, Ohio and proceeded in his automobile to a point near Erie, Michigan, located about twenty miles from Toledo. They were met on the road by Frank Greenwald and Colin Monroe and Greenwald drove them to the Casino Club where they asked Bert Angus for aid.

Greenwald admitted to Agents John L. Madals and V. E. Criss that he never saw Karpis again after he drove Karpis and Campbell to the Casino Club; that, however, about four weeks prior to the time of Cambbell's apprehension he met Campbell at the house of Edward McGraw and later drove Campbell and San Coker away in his taxicab.

Mr. R. P. Shanahan, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, has reviewed the summary report submitted in this case and has conferred with Special Agent E. J. Wynn, who has been investigating the case at Cleveland and Toledo and it is Mr. Shanahan's opinion that successful prosecution can be had against the individuals who are hereinafter being set forth, together with a brief summary of the evidence which may be used against them.

## THEODORE (TED) ANGUS AND BERT ANGUS

Hynons Burdette will testify to the trip she took to Toledo from Chicago with Willie Harrison and Edna Murray in January of 1934, where she was introduced to Colin Monroe at the Casino Club operated by

the Angus brothers, as has heretofore been outlined; that after the release of Bremer, she with Harry Campbell and Harrison drove to Toledo and that Ted and Bert Angus aided her and Campbell in renting a house at 2831 -131st Street, Point Place, Ohio under the name of Er. and Mrs. George Winfield. She will further testify that about Eay 1, 1934, while at this address Dr. Moran operated on the faces and finger tips of Campbell, "Doc" Barker and Volney Davis; that Ted Angue visited Harry Campbell at this address on numerous occasions and that while the above men were carrying bandages, because of Dr. Moran's operations, they were frequent visitors at the Casino Club. She will testify that a short time prior to said operations and while they were at 2831 -131st Street, a car appearing to be occupied by officers parked in front of the house and "Doc" Barker, Campbell and Davis left the house by a side door and proceeded to the Casino Club where they obtained permission from Bert Angus to use a cottage belonging to him. She will also testify to the incident at the Casino Club in the presence of Ted Angus when police of Sicers entered the establishment and Harry Campbell ran into the kitchen to secret his gun. She will further testify that she entered St. Vincent's Hospital through the intercession of the Angus brothers.

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Eina Murray will testify that as the companion of Volney Davis she frequented the Casino Club operated by the Anjus brothers during the summer of 1934; that an apartment was rented for herself and Volney Davis under the alias of J. K. or H. J. Morley at Toledo on May 9, 1934 through the intercession of Bert Angus; that while Davis, "Doc" Barker and Campbell were suffering from the effects of the operations performed by Dr. Moran, they appeared nightly at the Casino Club. She will testify that on different occasions spent at the Casino Club various members of the gang were often addressed by the Angus brothers by their true names and that the gang carried guns practically all the time while visiting at the club; that this was known to Bert and Ted Angus and on one occasion Bert Angus had kidded \*Doc Barker when the latter in stooping over had dropped his gun which fell to the floor. She will sloo testify that Bert Angus aided Volney Davis in purchasing a new Ford automobile, Davis using the name of L. J. or J. L. Ponell; further that in the summer of 1934, after she and Davis had moved to Sunnyside Beach near Sandusky, Ohio, she had an argument with Davis and proceeded to the Casino Club where Bert Angus informed her that Melvin Purvis was in town and she could tell the "boys", referring to members of the gang; also that they should stay away from his place as it was "hot". At this time Angus further informed her that two strange men were working on the docks, had been

coming into the Casino Club to drink beer and that he, Angue, thought they were "G-men". She also recalls talking with Bert Angus during the early summer of 1934 and while discussing the hoax arrest of fillie Harrison in Chicago of that year with Angus, he stated "We did not know we were fooling with a bunch of kidnapers". The members of the gang, she will testify, frequented the Casino Club for some time after this conversation. Bert Angus further informed her that he could get her admitted to a hospital and no questions would be asked. She will further testify that during the time the gang was frequenting the Casino Club she recalls that there was a photograph of Volney Davis in the newspaper (May 25, 1934 issue of the Toledo News-Bes). A photograph of Alvin Karpis and "Doc" Barker and the statement that they were wanted for the Bremer kidnaping were shown also. She recalls that Bert Angus mentioned this incident to her.

Mrs. M. B. Duffy will testify that at the time the apartment at 2d31 -131st Street was rented to Campbell under the name of Minfield through the reference of Bert Angus on March 25, 1934, Angus informed her over the telephone that Campbell was employed on the boots on the lake. She will further testify that the unfurnished apartment at 4905 Summit Street, Toledo, was rented to Fred Barker on February 23, 1935, who gave led Angus as a reference, the latter paying the first month's rent for this apartment.

Various persons residing in the neighborhood of 2831 -131st Street, Point Place, Ohio will testify to the frequent visits to that address by the Angus brothers after Campbell moved into same.

C. E. Buehrer, of the West Toledo Furniture Company, will testify that he sold Wynona Burdette and Campbell furniture, they using the names of Mr. and Mrs. George Winfield, through the recommendation of Ted Angus whom he knew to be an operator of the Casino Club.

Mrs. Dell Egner will testify that she was in charge of the Duffy Real Estate operation at the time the apartment at 4905 Summit Etreet, Point Place, was rented to Fred Barker, and that she talked to a man who said that he was Bert Angus over the telephone at the time of the negotiations; that thereafter Ted Angus appeared and paid the first month's rent. She will also testify this epartment was rented to Fred Barker and Paula Harmon under the name of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Bredford.

Harold Barry will testify that on March 28, 1934, he sold "Doc" Barker an automobile upon the solitation of Bert Angus who informed



him that the purchaser's name was Morley and that he was a bootlegger; that he paid Bert Angus a commission on this sale and also on the subsequent sale of a car to "Doc" Barker after the first car had been wrecked. He will further testify that he visited the Casino Club frequently, observing the various members of the gang present at this establishment with Bert and Ted Angus; that he saw an automatic pistol lying on the seat of "Doc" Barker's car and that Bert and Ted Angus had asked him what had occurred when he, Barry, had been interviewed by Governmental Department of Justice Agents.

T. D. Reed of the Jess J. Ellis Company, Toledo, will testify he sold a Ford coupe to harry Campbell under the name of Winfield on March 21, 1934, upon the solicitation of Bert Angus.

Hies Agnes Barry will testify she was employed as a cook at the Casino Club from early in May, 1934 until September 5, 1934; that she can identify the Barkers, Campbell, Tibson and other members of the gang as frequently as ociating with Bert and Ted Angus at the club; that these men were armed and that this fact was known to the Angus brothers; that during this period members of the gang were bandages on their faces and hands; that sometime during August of 1934 she observed Captain Timiney, accompanied by two men dressed in plain clothes, enter the club. Shortly thereafter Campbell came into the kitchen and walked over to a box of jars; that a few minutes later she reached in the box and saw an automatic pistol there. Ted Angus came into the kitchen at which time she pointed out the pistol, telling him that Campbell had placed it there; that fed Angus told her to leave it alone and not to say anything about it.

Charles Becker, an employee of the Casino Club, will testify to the frequent visits to the club by various members of this gang and that he had observed photographs of Russell Gibson and Alvin Karpis in the Toledo newspapers and had exhibited the papers to Ted Angus who remarked "It looks tough. They must be kidnspers." He will testify that on one o casion Bert Angus instructed he was to know nothing about these men and that during the summer of 1934 they used the speedboat belonging to Ted Angus, which was known as the "Hag Bag".

Other employees and entertainers at the Casino Club during the year of 1934 will testify as to the frequent visits there by Barker, Harrison and other members of the gang.

Ovel Webb will testify that in the summer of 1934 she visited the Casino Glub frequently and observed Harry Campbell, "Doc" Barker, Russell Gibson and other members of the gang associating with Bert and Ted Angus; that Ted Angus told her that these individuals were men from the boats and were absolutely all right. She observed Barker at the club with bandages on the fingers of both hands and a large bandage on the bridge of his nose.

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Inspector E. J. Connelley can testify to an interview with Bert Angus, at which time Angus informed that he just learned of an indictment having been returned against Arthur R. Barker and others in May of 1934; that he also recalls seeing photographs in a detective magazine of either two or four of the following: Fred Barker, Arthur Barker, Alvin Karpis and possibly one other; that he recalls seeing this magazine in May of 1934 and further that he had seen two different magazines which referred to Karpis, particularly as being one of the kidnapers in the brezer case.

Thomas Jetright, presently confined in the Indiana State Penitentiary, will testify that he has known Bert and Icd Angus for several years; that during the early part of June, 1935, he visited the new Casino Club operated by Bert and Icd Angus at Toledo, Ohio and that Angus had told him he was sorry he had been unable to get in touch with Getright sooner, as he had a couple of boys staying at his place who needed another man for a job. Ted Angus then told Getright that these two boys were Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell and that they wanted him to assist them in a mail robbery at Warren, Ohio.

Edward Winseman will to tify that he was employed as a taxicab driver by rank Greenweld from June through September of 1935 and that in the latter part of June he picked up Harry Campbell and a woman and drove them to the new Casino Club operated by Bert and Ted Angus at Point Place; that he carried Campbell to the new Casino Club several times from June until teptember of 1935 and on every visit there Ted and bert Angus were present with Harry Campbell; further that Frank Greenwald told him that Greenwald had hauled Karpis and Campbell some time prior to his, Winseman's, employment by Greenwald and that in driving Karpis and Campbell from and to the Casino Club the \$10 and \$20 tips had been "God sends" to idm.

### MADELINE ANGUS

Eynona Burdette will testify that she became well acquainted with Madeline Angus while frequenting the Casino Club and that Madeline visited her while she was in the hospital; that the day following her release from the Mospital Madeline entered and was released approximately two weeks later. While visiting Madeline in her apartment the Startling Detective magazine was examined which contained pictures of various members of the Barker-Karpis mob and Madeline Angus looked at the pictures and grinned, but made no comment. This took place in the latter part of June, 1934. She will testify that she, Wynona Burdette, called Harry Campbell by his correct name which was done inadvertently but in the presence of Madeline Angus and, therefore, Madeline knew Campbell's true identity.

Edna Yurray will testify that she was present during the spring and summer of 1934 when various members of the gang frequented the Casino Club and that she became well acquainted with Madeline Angus while there; that she recalls when Madeline Angus came to her home and picked up a magazine and called Wynona Burdette, who was present, and told her that she wanted to show her a cute picture; that the magazine contained a photograph of Fred Barker with the statement that he was wanted for murder of a sheriff and was wanted by the Government for the kidnaping of George Bremer; that she was present at the hospital when Madeline Angus came to visit Wynona Burdette, at which time Madeline Angus mother, who accompanied her, had a newspaper relating to the killing of John Dillinger, which she read to Wynona Burdette in Madeline Angus presence and then inquired if she was not scared.

Marie Barley, the cook at the Casino Club from May until September, 1934, recalls various members of the gang who visited there, including the two Barkers, Harrison and Campbell; that sometime in May of 1934 there was a fight between Harrison and some entertainers at the club; that "Doc" Barker, Campbell and Jimmie Bilson joined in the fight; that a pistol was pulled by Harrison; that Madeline Angus was present at this time and, in fact, was there almost every night and continually associated with members of the gang and their women.

John J. Eurtha, bartender at the Casino Club from May until

August, 1934, will testify that Madeline Angus and her two sisters, Rene and Thelma Holst, associated with "Doc" Barker, Wilson and other members of the gang during the summer of 1934.

Other employees of the Casino Club will testify to the close association between madeline Angus and members of this gang.

Leonard W. Diegre, editor of the Startling Detective magazine, will identify the July, 1934 issue and testify that it contained a story entitled: "Cracking the \$200,000 Bremer Kidnaping"; that on Pages 73 and 74 there are photographs of Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis and that the magazine set forth certain details concerning the Bremer kidnaping.

#### RUTH WELLS

Wynona Burdette will testify that Ruth Wells, who was the paramour of Ted Angus, assisted in procuring her entrance to the hospital above mentioned; that on the day she left the hospital she, accompanied by harry Campbell and "Doc" Barker, proceeded to the Casino Club and visited with Ruth Hells and others. She will testify that after the Startling Detective magazine containing pictures of Karpis and Barker was published, she gave the magazine to Madeline Angus; that she continued to associate with Ruth Wells and others and that after she moved to the Jarvis Apartments, Ted Angus visited her and Campbell there. She will further testify that when she reentered the hospital on July 15, 1934, Ruth Wells permitted her to use her address as a reference and further that Ruth Wells was present at a party in Ted Angus' basement when Campbell, Harrison and Wilson were present and that she recalls Ted Angus and Ruth Wells had an argument at this time.

Edna Wurray will testify that she became well acquainted with Ruth Wells while the gang was frequenting the Casino Club; that Ruth Wells was around the club almost all the time and that she called members of the gang by their known names as did every one around the club; that Ruth was present after various members of the gang had their fingers operated on and were bandaged. She recalls Ruth Wells was infatuated with Jimmie Wilson and frequently went with him to the apartment occupied by Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette, where Ruth and Wilson stayed together.

C. E. Buehrer will testify concerning the purchase of furniture

by Wynona Burdette under the name of Mrs. George Winfield, at which time Ruth Wells accompanied her.

Marie Barley, cook at the Casino Club, will testify to Ruth Wells' close association with various members of the gang who frequented the Casino Club and to her being present there when Barker, Karpis and Campbell were bandages.

Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and E. J. Kynn will testify to a signed statement obtained from Ruth Hells on July 7, 1936, in which she admitted knowing various members of the gang. She also admitted in this statement that she helped Wynona Burdette purchase furniture for Harry Campbell for their apartment at 2831 -131st Street and that she visited them there. She further admitted permitting Wynona Burdette to use her address at 4209 North Lockwood Avenue and on May 25, 1934 of assisting Wynons Burdette in entering the hospital. She also admitted that in the fall of 1934 she read in the Toledo newspapers that Wynons Burdette, Paula Earmon and Gladys Sawyer were arrested in Cleveland; that she and Ted Angus discussed these articles; that afterwards, namely, on October 11, 1934, she received \$200 from Ted Angus which she paid to Dr. Fred M. Douglas on the account which Mynona Burdette had with the doctor. She also stated that at this time she told Ted Angus she felt slaky about making this payment, in view of the fact that there was a great deal of publicity in regard to the identity of members of the gang.

Dr. Fred W. Douzlas, another witness, will testify as to the payment of \$200 on Wynona Burdette's account by Ruth Wells.

Albert J. Bellg will testify that during the spring of 1934 he was employed by the West Toledo Furniture Company and that one representing herself as Mrs. George Minfield came into the store with Mrs. Ted Angus (Ruth Wells), at which time Mrs. Minfield selected certain furniture; that he accompanied Mrs. Winfield and Ruth Wells to the Winfield apartment and that he will identify Ruth Wells, Wynone Burdette and Ted Angus as being in this apartment.

### ARTHUR h. HEBEBRAND

Sally Jackson will testify that she, with her cisters, Pauline

and Florence Jasany, operated the Twilight Tavern at Cleveland, Ohio; that in the spring of 1935 Alvin Karpis, Fred Hunter and Harry Campbell visited her tavern; that in the latter part of April, 1935, one morning about 4:33 Art Hebebrand, whom the witness knew as the operator of the Harvard Club, visited the Twilight Tavern, accompanied by Karpis and Campbell; that the tavern was closed but upon identifying the man's voice as being that of Art Hebebrand she admitted them; that Karpis ordered a quart of Scotch and Hebebrand told her to pull all the shades down in the dining room, lock the front door and not to let anyone in; that the men remained in conversation for an hour and when it was terminated Hebebrand gave her a \$20 bill in payment for the Scotch whiskey. She will further testify that about the 19th of Kay, 1935, at approximately 3:00 A. M. Art Rebebrand and a girl nemed Ruth Spangler came to the tavern and joined the large party which included Harry Campbell, fony Amerabach and Alvin Karpis. Karpis became so intoxicated he had to be helped upstairs and he asked Sally Jackson to take his two pistols and put them away. When Art Hebebrand left with Ruth Spangler at about 8:30 L. M. he advised that he would take care of the bill for the whole party, which amounted to \$49.00.

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Florence Jasany will corroborate the statement of her sister, Sally Jackson.

Henry Kruger of the Kruger Florist Company, Ocala, Florida, will testify that on hovember 28, 1934, a men siving the name of T. C. Blackburn, whose photograph he is able to identify as being that of Fred Barker, ordered a dozen roses to be sent to Art Hebebrand in care of the Harvard Club at Cleveland, Ohio, requesting that the name card on the flowers be shown as T. C. Blackburn.

J. F. Guenther will testify to the delivery of these flowers to Art Hebebrand.

Witnesses are available to testify to the frequent visits of Barker and other members of the gang to the Harvard Club during the gang's stay in Cleveland.

### TONY AMERSBACH

Sally Jackson will testify that during the spring of 1935 Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and Fred Hunter frequented her establishment. the Twilight Tavern, in Cleveland and that Amerabach came to the tavern

and referred to Karpis and Bunter asking that they be given much attention and stating that they were two big time gamblers; that on or about May 19, 1935 Amersbach was a member of the party at the tavern consisting of Campbell, Art Hebebrand, Ruth Spangler and others, at which time Karpis was put to bed in a drunken condition; that on this occasion Ameribach and Campbell slept in the same room with Karpis. She can further testify that shortly prior to October 2, 1936 Tony Amersbach told her that he had been questioned about the Barker-Karpis gang by Agents of the Department of Justice and that she would undoubtedly be questioned; that he told her she would be shown a large number of photographs including those of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell and that she was not to identify any except those of himself and Art Hebebrand; that she could be seatenced to the penitentiary for five years for harboring criminals; that she was to tell the Federal Agents that the Twilight favern was a public place and that she was to say Karpis and Campbell might have been there but that she paid no particular attention to the customers inasmuch as it was a public place. She also can testify that Sharkey Gorman visited her tavern with Tony Amerabach and in his presence advised her to be cautious about answering questions of the Federal Agents. Florence Jasany, sister of Sally Jackson, will testify that

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Tony Amersbach was a regular customer at Iwilight Tavern and that in the latter part of February, 1935 Amerabach and Sharkey Gorman came to the tavern and Amerabach said that he was expecting some friends and that they should be well taken care of; that on the same evening Karpis, Fred Hunter and an unknown man came to the tavern and shortly thereafter Amersbach arrived and asked if the "boys" had come. Upon being advised that they were there, he went into the dining room and commenced conversing with them. She will also testify as to the parties Amersbach had at the Twilight Favern with Campbell and other members of the gang.

Special Agent S. K. McKee interviewed Amerabach, at which time he admitted being employed at the Harvard Club, as above outlined, and that Art Hebebrand was one of the operators of the club. He can identify the photograph of Milton Lett as being an employee of the club and will identify the photograph of Fred Hunter who worked at the club as a blackjack dealer during 1935.

#### SHARKEY GORJAN

Lillian Kerea will testify that from about January 1, 1934 to April 9, 1935 and from August 1, 1935 to November 15, 1935 she worked as a prostitute in the house operated by Edith Barry at Toledo; that she knows Karpis and Campbell and in the latter part of January, 1935, they stayed at Edith Barry's house for approximately ten days; that during this period they were visited by John F. (Sharkey) Gorman and that she was asked by Edith Barry to drive Gorman's Graham sedan from in front of her house and park it elsewhere. She will testify that during this period he visited with Karpis and Campbell on several occasions and stopped all night there on one occasion; that he at times was accompanied by Fred Hunter and that Hunter and Gorman both talked to Karpis in Edith Barry's bedroom.

Marie Gallup will testify she met Sharkey Gorman through Edith Barry approximately ten years ago; that he appeared at Edith Barry's house in the early part of 1935 accompanied by Karpis; that he associated with Karpis and Campbell while there.

John Brock will testify that upon the instructions of Karpis he went to the Harvard Club and asked for Sharkey, giving Karpis' message to him and telling him that "Sonny Boy" (Karpis) wanted him to come to see him and to have the "kid" get him an apartment in Cleveland; that he later saw Campbell, Karpis and Gorman at Edith Barry's place; that later Hunter and he, Brock, went to Cleveland contacting Gorman at the Harvard Club and that Brock and Gorman looked at several places to rent for Karpis and Campbell; that the following day Sharkey and Joe Roscoe continued to look around for a place to rent for a hideout for the gang in Cleveland.

Other witnesses are available to establish Sharkey's close relationship with Karpis and Campbell at Edith Barry's, the Twilight Tavern and other places they inhabited while in Toledo.

# EDITH BARRY

Lillian Herea, who is employed as a prostitute in Edith Barry's house, will testify to the fact that in the late spring of 1934 three

men called at Edith Barry's house, whom she can identify as Karpis, Charles Fitsgerald and William J. Harrison; that in January of 1935 Karpis and Campbell appeared there looking very haggard; that thereafter on or about March 1, 1935 Karpis and Campbell returned and on every occasion they would stay several days being waited upon by Edith Barry. She will also testify that in about March of 1935 at the suggestion of Harry Campbell she contacted John Brock at the Lorain Hotel and accompanied him to the Ford Company where Brock purchased a 1935 model Ford coupe for Campbell. She can further testify that in the early part of April, 1935 Karpis and Campbell appeared at Edith Barry's home, at which time she observed them in possession of revolvers and saw a submachine gun on the floor under their bed.

Marie Gallup, another prostitute, operating in the house of Edith Barry, will testify to the various visits there by Karpis and Campbell and that they were apparently receiving protection during the early part of 1935; that on or about April 5th of that year she purchased a quantity of detective magazines and in one of them recognized photographs of Karpis and a statement that he was wanted by the Government for the Bremer kidnaping; that she became frightened and left the house two days later leaving the magazines in the house.

Other employees at Edith Berry's house will corroborate in substance the statements above outlined.

John Brock will testify that he met Karpis and Campbell in Oklahoma in the spring of 1935 and upon their solicitation proceeded to Toledo where he checked into the Lorain Hotel under the name of T. J. Evens; that later in company with Lillian Merea he purchased an automobile from Campbell as heretofore related. He will corroborate the statements of other witnesses, verifying the fact that Karpis and Campbell spent a considerable amount of time at Edith Barry's during the fall of 1934 and the spring of 1935.

<u>William Wirick</u>, a taxicab driver for Frank Greenwald, will testify that he drove Campbell to and from Edith Barry's house on various occasions up until the time he quit working for Greenwald in April of 1936.

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Inspector E. J. Connelley and Special Agent E. J. Wynn can testify that Edith Barry in a statement admitted associating with Karpis, Campbell and others at her house of prostitution, at which time she had knowledge they were wanted for kidnaping by the Government.

#### PRANK GREENWALD

Special Agents John L. Madala and V. E. Criss can testify that Frank Greenwald made a statement to them to the effect that he had met various members of the Barker-Karpis gang during the summer of 1934 at the Casino Club; that in January of 1935, following a telephone call received from Colin Monroe, he with Monroe proceeded to a point four miles north of Erie, Michigan and that on Monroe's direction he stopped and picked up two men who had in their possession a machine gun which they loaded into his cab; that he drove them to the Casino Club where he was paid \$20 and he identified these men later as being Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell; that on the same day he observed the Toledo newspapers contained photographs of Karpis and Campbell which indicated that they were wanted by the Government for kidnaping and that they had abandoned a car at a point where earlier that morning he had picked them up. He further admitted he set Campbell about four or five weeks prior to Campbell's arrest on May 7, 1936, after responding to a telephone call to proceed to Edward and Clara McGraw's home, and picking up Sam Coker and driving him to Goulets Grill where they joined Campbell and Greenwald.

Lillian Merca will testify that Greenwald carried Karpis and Campbell to Edith Barry's home on various occasions and had visited them there as late as October of 1935.

Other employees at the Barry house of prostitution can corroborate Lillian Merca's statement.

### EDWARD AND CLARA MCGRAW

Gertrude Billeter Willer will testify that she met Harry Campbell on May 9, 1935 at the apartment of Ed and Clara McGraw; that

she later lived with him as his wife at the McGraw apartment; that on or about October 20, 1935 they moved into their own apartment; that she also during this period met Alvin Karpis at the McGraw residence, at which time kd and Clara McGraw were present. She will further testify that she met Sam Coker through Harry Campbell and Coker stayed at the McGraw apartment and she can identify Milton Lett as having stayed there; that through Ed and Clara McGraw she and Campbell arranged with Mr. Livingston of Reston, Ohio to be married immediately without awaiting the statutory five day period required under the Ohio law; that on May 29, 1935 the McGraws with herself and Campbell proceeded to Keston where in her presence Ed McGraw advised Mr. Livingston that she and Compbell wanted to get married immediately and Livingston replied that he could "fix" it; that they proceeded to the court house at Bowling Green, Chio where the marriage license was secured and Livingston posing as the witness uncle, the wedding ceremony was performed.

Various witnesses can be produced by the Government to corroborate the facts surrounding Mr. and Mrs. McGraw's aid in securing the marriage of Cambbell and Gertrude Billeter Miller and the fact that Karpis, Cambbell, Coker and other of their associates spent considerable time at the McGraw residence.

### SA' COKER

Gertrude Billeter Miller, Florence Jasany, and Sally Jackson can testify to the close association of Sam Coker with Harry Campbell and Karpis during 1935. Special Agent John L. Madala can testify that Sam Coker, who is at present in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, admitted that he was paroled from that penitentiary on September 6, 1935, after which he proceeded to Toledo where he associated with Mr. and Mrs. Edward McGraw and Karpis and Campbell. He will admit having read of the raid at Oklawaha, Florida in the newspapers prior to his release from the penitentiary and that he had known Karpis for approximately six years.

John Brock will testify as to Coker's close association with Karpis and Campbell during 1935.

#### FRED HUNTER

John Brock will testify that he was released from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in July of 1934; that he met Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell in March, 1935; that upon the solicitation of Karpis he proceeded to the Lorain Hotel in Cleveland and registered there under the name of T. F. Evans; that he and Fred Hunter met at Edith Barry's place and that they later drove around the country trying to find a suitable place for a hide-out for the gang; that he with Fred Hunter, upon Karpis' instructions, drove to Warren, Ohio and watched the movements of the mail truck, later returning to Gleveland to the apartment which Fred Hunter had rented where they found Alvin Karpis. He will testify that he talked with Karpis about the proposed robbery at Warren, Ohio and he will testify concerning the close association of Fred Hunter, Sharkey Gorman, Harry Campbell and other members of the gang who were in Cleveland and vicinity during 1935. Brock will also testify that after the Garrettsville, Ohio mail robbery which took place on November 7, 1935 and which was committed by Karpis, Campbell, Runter, Brock and Benson Groves, he with the other robbers met Joe Roscoe at an appointed place where they proceeded to the garage owned by John Zetzer at Port Clinton, Ohio. That night they divided the \$34,000 loot obtained in the mail robbery and burned the bags and the remainder of their contents in a stove in Zetzer's garage. Later Hunter, Campbell and Roscoe proceeded to Toledo and John Zetzer drove Karpis and himself to his home where they slept in Zetzer's front bedroom. Brock can further testify that Karpis, Fred Hunter and himself proceeded from Port Clinton to Hot Springs, Arkansas in a plane piloted by Zetzer.

Other witnesses are available to the Government to establish Fred Hunter's connections with Karpis and Campbell during this period.

#### JOHN BROCK AND JOE ROSCOL

Enveral witnesses are available to establish the close connections which existed between John Brock and Joe Roscoe with Karpis and Campbell during 1935. As has heretofore been noted, these men were involved in the Carrettsville mail robbery with Karpis and Campbell and Roscoe recently pleaded guilty to same and was sentenced to serve a term of seven and a half years in a United States Penitentiary. Fred Munter, upon a plea of guilty, received a term of twenty-five years. In connection with these subjects, however, the following statement of

John Zetzer may be of interest:

John Zetzer will testify that he owns and operates the Marine Garage at Port Clinton, Ohio; that in November of 1935, after he had talked with Karpis about securing an airplane, the latter and several other men arrived at his garage carrying bags and guns into the office; that these bags were thrown into the stove and burned; that Karpis told him in the presence of other men, one of whom he can identify as John Brock, that the car was "hot" and suggested that it either be burned or driven into the lake; that at this time Karpis advanced him (Zetzer) \$500 for the projosed airplane trip and that Karpis, Hunter and Brock followed him to his home at Port Clinton where they stayed all night. He will further state that the next morning he went to Toledo, obtained an airplane, flew back to Port Clinton where he picked up Karpis, Hunter and Brock and flew them to Hot Springs. Karpis and Hunter left him there and he continued on to Tulsa, Oklahoma with John Brock, leaving Brock there after the latter had paid him \$500 in cash for the trip.

Mr. R. P. Shanahan was of the opinion that there was insufficient evidence to support a successful prosecution with reference to the following individuals. Outlined herewith is a brief summary of the evidence which has been developed against them.

#### CAPTAIN GEORGE TIMINEY

Robert Fielding, a member of the Toledo Police Department, can testify to the hoax arrest of Milliam J. Harrison, Wynona Burdette and Edna Murray at the Algeo Botel, Toledo, Ohio, in January of 1934, and that in making this arrest he acted upon instructions received from Captain Timiney; that following these instructions he took these people to the Casino Club where Captain Timiney was and upon their arrival Harrison stated: "Hello Timiney, don't you know me? I am little Willie, the golfer. I used to play golf with you." Timiney and Bert Angus at the time denied knowing Harrison but it later developed the arrest was a boax instigated by Angus and Timiney.

The records of the Bureau indicate that the identification order on Alvin Karpis was issued on March 22, 1934 and the identification

order on "Doc" Barker was issued March 23, 1934. Of course, the Toledo Police Department was on the regular mailing list of the Detroit field division. In this connection John McCarthy, another Toledo Police Department officer, who was a member of the Hoodlum Equad, stated be recalled observing identification orders issued by the Bureau on Karpis and Arthur Barker, but that he cannot recall the times he observed these identification orders. Apparently it was a practice of the Toledo Police Department to route circulars and identification orders to a basket which was kept on the desk of Captain Timiney but the Government has no direct evidence indicating that Captain Timines saw any of them. Officer Fielding, above mentioned, and other members of the Boodlum Squad stated that they visited the Casino Club frequently, approximately three or four times a week, and on occasions Captain Timiney would accom any them there. However, these officers claimed they could not identify the photographs of any members of the Barker-Karpis gang as being at the club during any of these visits.

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Eynona burdette will testify that on one occasion she was speaking with Marie Barley, the cook at the Casino Club, in the kitchen when George Timiney, with five men, apparently policemen dressed in plain clothes, entered the club; that Harry Campbell ran into the kitchen, closed the door, pulled his gun from under his belt and peeped through a small glass aperture in the door; that Bert Angus yelled from the club proper to Campbell, advising him that it was all right for him to come out. Campbell thereupon replaced his gun under his belt and entered the club proper where Timiney and five men were standing at the bar; that later that night when she and Campbell were leaving and after the officers had departed, Bert Angus laughed about the incident. Wynona burdette will also testify about the incident above related where Earry Campbell hid his pistol in a box in the kitchen when Captain Timiney and two strange men entered the club; that, however, on other occasions Camball drank and conversed with Captain Timiney and he with other sembers of the gang purchased drinks for Timiney and displayed no fear of being amprehended when they were alone in Timiney's presence.

Edna Murray will testify that George Timiney visited the Casino Club almost nightly and drank with the gang; that Captain Timiney saw them there when Campbell, Karpis and Barker were carrying bandages as the result of the operations of Dr. Moran.

Harry Barry, automobile salesman; Richard Vost, former employee of the club and John Murray, former employee of the club will testify to the close association between Timiney and the Angus brothers and of Timiney's frequent visits to the club during the summer of 1934.

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John Murtina, bartender at the club; Arthur J. P. Fund, waiter; and Jack Schmidt, waiter, state that although they saw Timiney at the club on frequent occasions, they did not see him associate with any members of the gang.

Mildred Kuhlman, who lived with "Doc" Barker, has furnished information to the effect that one of the women hangers-on at the Casino Club, probably Rene Holst, informed her that Bert and Ted Angus and George Timiney were not receiving any money to protect the geng; that originally a large sum of money was to be set aside and given to George Timiney by the mob as protection money and Timiney was to divide some of this money with Bert and Ted Angus; that, however, Timiney refused to take the money because he felt the gang was too "hot". Mildred Kuhlman is a close friend of Buster Corbin, a confinential informant of the Bureau, and because of this relationship the Bureau is not in a position to use her as a witness unless she volunteers to be one. If later sis can be induced to testify, she will be a valuable witness against the various individuals involved in this matter, but it is doubtful whether she can furnish any additional testimony against Timiney.

In summing up the evidence against Timiney, it will be noted that no affirmative acts of harboring have been established against him. At best the Government can prove only a gross laxness of duty and possibly a weak case of guilty knowledge, as to the identity of members of this gang, against him. There appears to be no direct evidence that he actually knew the identity of this gang during the summer of 1934 and unless same could be brought out during the course of the trial, in which he was included as one of the subjects, it is the opinion of the writer that the case against him is weak. On the other hand it may be possible that if he is included in a general conspiracy indictment a successful prosecution might be obtained against him when his case is considered in connection with other subjects who, it is believed, can be successfully prosecuted.

#### RENE AND THELMA HOLST

Rene and Thelma Holst are sisters of Mrs. Bert Angus and as such were regular visitors at the Casino Club during the summer of 1934. Through this connection they met various members of the gang and became friendly with the women members, particularly Mynona Burdette and Adna Murray. As has been heretofore stated Thelma Holst in the presence of her sister, Rene, Mynona Burdette, Edna Murray and Buth Wells, picked up a detective magazine containing pictures of Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis in June of 1934. This incident can be established by Edna Murray and Mynona Burdette. Witnesses will establish that they visited Harry Campbell and Mynona Burdette when they resided at the Jarvis Apartments, Toledo, in the early part of 1934; also that they visited the Casino Club and associated with the gang during the period that members of the gang were wearing bandages.

On July 2, 1936, Special Agents J. L. Fallon and M. Chaffets interviewed Thelma Holst, at which time she admitted meeting various members of the Barker-Karpis mob during the summer of 1934 at the Casino Tub on many occasions; that, however, she understood the individuals were strikebreakers from Chicago who were in Toledo in connection with the strikes in the automobile factories there.

As to these two possible subjects the strongest piece of evidence against them is the testimony of Wynona Burdette and Edna Murray regarding their identifying Karpis and Barker through the detective magazine above mentioned. However, this at best would only establish a possible guilty knowledge as to their identities and the Government does not appear to have any evidence to the effect that they committed any affirmative acts of harboring.

## LUCIAN C. FLEMING

Lucian C. Fleming was employed by the Prohibition Commissioner of the State of Ohio from June 29, 1933 to November 19, 1935. Apparently it was one of his duties to enforce the State Liquor Law and particularly with reference to the serving of liquor after the legal closing hours. He lived in the vicinity of the Casino Club and kept company with Rene

Holst. He can be identified as a visitor to the Casino Club, at which times he was usually drinking heavily. In keeping company with Rene Holst he associated with members of the gang and during the summer of 1934 they used his boat on one or two occasions. His former wife. Eva Stern, whom he married in 1927 and divorced in 1936, stated that one Sunday in the summer of 1934 she identified several men riding in Fleming's boat, which at the time was in her name, in an intoxicated condition and that she later identified the photographs of Alvin Karpis and "Doc" Barker as being two of these men. When Fleming became sober he told her that a notorious gang from Chicago wanted to buy the boat. Fleming at that time was in the habit of purchasing the True Detective magazine and shortly after the above related incident took place his wife read some story in an issue of the frue Detective magazine in which she identified photographs of Karpis and Barker in this particular detective story; that her husband read the story and mentioned to her that these particular men were some of the men who wanted to buy the speedboat. It will be noted in the case of Fleming that the evidence of affirmative acts of harboring is limited. It will be further noted that apparently Captain Timiney, the Holst sisters and Fleming associated with the members of the Barker-Karpis gang during the spring and summer of 1934 and that the evidence as to their associations during the fall of 1934 and thereafter, at which time this gang was receiving considerable publicity in the newspapers and magazines, is very limited.

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With reference to the possible prosecution of Colin Monroe, it will be noted that this individual was an employee at the Casino Club in the summer of 1934 and observed various members of the Barker-Karpis gang frequenting the club. He was also employed during the summer of 1934 at a place known as Middle Island, which is located in Canadian waters and which is a resort operated by Joe Roscoe. You will recall that Monroe was the individual who on or about January 22, 1935 communicated with Frank Greenwald, the taxicab driver, and requested Greenwald to pick up Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, after they had abandoned the automobile which they had stolen from Dr. Hunsicker subsequent to their escape from the police at Atlantic City, New Jersey. Greenwald stated that Mouroe called him on the telephone early in the morning, but that he can identify Monroe's voice. Monroe is a Canadian subject and is presently and supposedly out of the jurisdiction of the United States. The Department, therefore, has not considered including him as a subject as he could not be extradited under these charges.

Benson wroves, an ex-convict, who was implicated in the Garrettsville mail robbery and who is at present indicted and a fugitive in that case, associated with Karpis and Campbell during the year of 1935. The Bureau is endeavoring to apprehend Groves in connection with possible charges which may be placed against him in this case for harboring and also to interview him in regard to the harboring cases at Toledo and Cleveland.

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The Bureau is also endeavoring to locate Milton Lett, who worked at the Harvard Club with Gorman during the period that Karpis and Campbell frequented the club. You will recall that Lett purchased the automobile which was used in the Garrettsville mail robbery and there is some indication that he mided Campbell in making contacts in Oklahoma while Campbell was a fugitive. However, the positive information in connection with his and Benson Groves' activities at present is limited and at this time he is not being considered as a subject.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

April 22, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL MCMAHON

For your information I am transmitting herewith a copy of a memorandum which I have today addressed to the attorney General, pertaining to the case involving Joseph Adams and Duke Randall of Miami, Florida.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover, Director.

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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

The attached memorandum summarises the information available against each of the prospective da endants in the Cleveland-Toledo harboring cases. This memorandum was prepared and dictated prior to the time that the Department announced that it would proceed against nine individual defendants. It is noted from the memorandum that Shanshan in the Department had previously indicated to the Bureau his belief that evidence was available justifying prosecution of 15 individuals.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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