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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG
BREMER KIDNAPPING**

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Post Office Box 1489
Little Rock, Arkansas
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EDWARD GEORGE BREMER
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Inspector E. J. Connelly,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
1130 Enquirer Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

RE BREMER

Dear Sir:

Confirming the telephone conversation had by
Special Agent D. P. Sullivan with you on the above date,
please be advised that investigation at Hot Springs,
Arkansas, by Special Agents John L. Madala and D. P.
Sullivan resulted in the following information:

William S. Jacobs resides at 116 Cedar Street,
Hot Springs, Arkansas. The premises at 116 Cedar Street
consist of a large, double house which, apparently, has
telephonic service, the wire running into an aerial cable
which runs along Cedar Street. On both sides of the street
in the immediate vicinity of the Jacobs residence, for
a distance of three or four blocks, there are numerous
furnished apartments, furnished rooms and furnished cottages
which would be available in case it is found desirable to
put a tap on this telephone.

Information was obtained and this was verified
that Jacobs operates the Southern Club Bookmaking and Gambling
establishment located over the Southern Grill on Central Avenue.
Jacobs has an office in the Southern Club and it was learned
that he generally spends his afternoons at this place where
he was seen by agents. The rear of the buildings in this
vicinity are set against a small mountain and our observation
from the rear windows of adjoining buildings resulted in learning
that the telephone lines, apparently serving these buildings,
ran along the rear of same. At the present time, the Southern

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Club is operating only as a bookmaking establishment in the afternoons and the gambling portion is not yet opened and will not be until approximately December 1. Until such time it is probable that Mr. Jacobs will spend most of the daytime period at this address.

At night Jacobs is reported as frequently visiting the Belvedere Cafe, located about 2 1/2 miles outside of Hot Springs, Arkansas, on the Little Rock highway. The Belvedere Cafe is a combination night club and gambling place and is purportedly owned and operated by Jacobs. Two telephones are listed to this address; one in the name of the Belvedere Club Cafe, telephone #2494, and the other in the name of the Belvedere Club Office, telephone #2494. From observation, it was noted that the Belvedere Club Office is a small shack located apart from the club where, apparently, a caretaker is located. Jacobs is reported to spend his evenings at the present time at the Belvedere Club Cafe and he was seen at this place by agents on one evening. Special Agent B. L. Dameron has advised that after the gambling establishment in the Southern Club opens, Jacobs spends practically all of his time at that place, both in the daytime and at night.

The telephone lines from the Belvedere Club cafe are, apparently, carried on an aerial cable toward the downtown district of Hot Springs, Arkansas, and terminate in a large junction box around the 600 block of Park Avenue. This cable appears to be the main cable for that section of town and the telephone line of the residence of Herbert "Dutch" Akers at 345 Harrell Avenue also apparently runs into this main cable located on Park Avenue. A tap, therefore, probably could be made on both the Belvedere Club Cafe telephone and Akers residence telephone, which is probably an unlisted telephone, at a point on Park Avenue. It is noted that there are numerous furnished cottages, furnished apartments and furnished rooms located on Park Avenue which would be available if a tap on these telephones is desired.

In connection with the Southern Club, the Dugan-Stuart Building is located next door. Agents have checked and learned that office space is available in this building at a monthly rent of \$30.00. No furniture is available in this office building but a desk and chairs probably could be rented somewhere in the city. This tap probably would be productive only during the daytime period.

Leo P. McLaughlin, Mayor of Hot Springs, Arkansas, was found to be presently residing on the corner of East Grand and Malvern Avenues, which is purported to be the residence of his parents. Telephone 600 is listed to this address. The box of this telephone is located in the rear of McLaughlin's residence and the only available place suitable for surveillance purposes would be a three-room furnished apartment located in the residence of Ray Owen, 131 Maurice Blvd., which address is located about one-half block from where the McLaughlin's telephone line apparently goes under ground. If the cable serving the Owen residence is a distinct cable from the cable serving the McLaughlin residence, a tap at this address would necessitate the stringing of a wire across the street, a distance of about 150 or 200 yards.

McLaughlin likewise has an office in the Arkansas National Bank Building, rooms 305 and 306, telephone 871. Numerous telephone calls were made to this office both in the morning and afternoon, but at no time was any response obtained and from personal observation it appears that this office is very seldom occupied during the day.

The office of the mayor is located in the City Hall, telephone 648, listed to the mayor at this address. A fictitious telephone call to McLaughlin's residence resulted in agents learning that McLaughlin generally can be located through his office in the City Hall during the day.

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The City Hall is located in the downtown district at 125 Benton Street. Next to the City Hall is located the Chamber of Commerce Building which also contains a radio station. The Postoffice is located next to the Chamber of Commerce Building. None of these buildings are large buildings. The City Hall is an old building and the Police Department is located in the rear of this building. From an examination of this building it appears that there is no switch board located therein and that each office is, apparently, served from a separate telephone wire running from aerial cables. It was noted that there appears to be three distinct aerial cables, all of which go into the ground and meet on the four sides of these three buildings and telephone wires extend from each of these cables to the rear of the buildings mentioned. For this reason, it is difficult to locate a place to be used for surveillance purposes on a tap to be placed either on the Mayor's office of the Police Department without definite cable information. However, a cottage was located at 124 Spring Street, situated to the rear of the City Hall. This is a small four-room furnished cottage, but the landlady lives in the rear of the same cottage and this location probably would not be entirely satisfactory. Of course, if the cable information was available, a suitable place for observation might be located as far as three or four blocks away.

Special Agent E. L. Darron has advised that Akers does not spend a great deal of his time at the Police Department and can be generally found in various gambling places and hotels in the downtown district. Akers also spent some time in the afternoons at the Citizens News Company which is a bookmaking place. A check was made of the country home of "Dutch" Akers called "Akers Acres", which is located on Lake Catherine and can be reached by going out Malvern Road, $\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the Postoffice building, and turning right at the J. M. Lowe Grocery Store. It was learned from personal observation and inquiry that there was no telephone service at this cottage or any cottage located in the immediate vicinity. Akers spends little time at this cottage and rents it out to friends for short periods of time.

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Chief of Police Joseph C. Wakelin has his office at the Police Department in the City Hall, telephone 123 and 446. He resides at 215 Lacer Blvd., telephone 1723. It was learned that Wakelin is at the Police Department during the day and probably spends most of his time there. Previous contact has been had by this office with A. B. Moore, Division Manager of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company located at Little Rock, Arkansas, and he has provided confidential information to this office in the past and expressed to Special Agent B. L. Darnon a desire to be cooperative with this Bureau wherever possible. It is probable that Mr. Moore can be of assistance in obtaining cable information concerning the telephones located at Hot Springs, Arkansas. This cable information appears to be highly desirable in view of the difficulty that, apparently, will be encountered in tracing the cables serving telephones in that city, particularly in the vicinity of the City Hall.

I have discussed the above matters with Special Agents John L. Madala, D. P. Sullivan and B. L. Darnon with the view in mind of contacting a representative of the Telephone Company either at Hot Springs or at Little Rock, Arkansas. Mr. Moore appeared to be a person who could be trusted but in line with your suggestion, no contact will be had with this man until further word is received from you. If you deem it desirable to approach Mr. Moore for cable information, every precaution will be taken to keep from him the exact telephones concerning which, cable information is desired. It is probable that we can obtain this information by asking for cable information on the telephones located either in the Chamber of Commerce offices or the radio station located in the same building without disclosing that we desire information concerning the telephones located in the City Hall or the Police Department.

Very truly yours,

JOHN B. LITTLE
Special Agent in Charge

WPS:AM
cc Bureau
Cleveland

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

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November 17, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

In connection with the setup which is being arranged at Hot Springs, Arkansas, from my recent conversations with the Agents working on this, namely, D. P. Sullivan and J. L. Madala, it is possible that we might be able to make taps on the telephones of William Jacobs, Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin and possibly the police department at Hot Springs, and run same into one location for observation, if the cable information as to these various telephones can be worked out.

It is believed that we will be able to obtain confidential cable information under discreet pretext from a reliable executive of the telephone company at Little Rock, as to which we are checking the situation. However, in order to intelligently apply this information and understand what the engineer would be giving us, as indicated to you in my conversation of November 16, 1936, I have arranged for Special Agent J. M. Jones to report to Special Agent D. P. Sullivan at Little Rock in order that he might be available when this information as to cables is obtained. However, Agents Sullivan and Madala are arranging such contact and will also arrange the setup from which the observation on these taps will be made.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY
Inspector

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United States Department of Justice

Post Office Box #1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
November 23rd, 1936.

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

With reference to teletype addressed to the Bureau under date of November 19th, 1936, requesting authority to install certain telephone taps at Hot Springs, Arkansas and Bureau teletype dated November 20th, 1936, authorizing installation of these taps, please be advised that at 1:00 P. M. today the installation of the following taps at Hot Springs, Arkansas, was completed by Special Agent J. M. Jones, in conjunction with investigations by Special Agent John L. Madala and D. P. Sullivan:

Telephone #123 - Hot Springs Police Department
Telephone #446 - Office of the Chief of Police, Hot Springs
Telephone #648 - Office of Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin

All of these telephones are located in the City Hall in Hot Springs, Arkansas and the point of surveillance of these three taps is located at 207 Laurel Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Very truly yours,

John B. Little
JOHN B. LITTLE,
Special Agent in Charge. 7-576-3-3

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AUTHORITY REQUESTED TAP FOLLOWING TELEPHONES IN HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS. MAYOR LEO

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ALL THREE TELEPHONES LOCATED IN CITY HALL. BELVEDERE CLUB CAFE LITTLE ROCK HIGHWAY

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ANERS RESIDENCE THREE FOUR FIVE HARREL AVENUE TELEPHONE NUMBER PRESENTLY UNKNOWN.

SOUTHERN CLUB TWO FOUR EIGHT CENTRAL AVENUE TELEPHONE NUMBER PRESENTLY UNKNOWN.

CHIEF OF POLICE JOSEPH WANLING RESIDENCE TWO ONE FIVE LASER BOULEVARD TELEPHONE

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FORTY DOLLARS FOR MONTHLY RENTAL SUITABLE PLANT TO INSTALL TAP ON SOUTHERN CLUB.

AUTHORITY ALSO REQUESTED EXPEND MAXIMUM FIFTY DOLLARS FOR MONTHLY RENTAL SUITABLE

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Inspector E. J. Connelley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1150 Euclid Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Confirming the telephone conversation had by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan with you on the evening of November 23, 1936, please be advised that at 1:00 P.M. on the above date, the telephone taps were established on the following telephones at Hot Springs, Arkansas:

Hot Springs Police Department, No. 123
Chief of Police Joseph McFallin, No. 444
Mayor Lee P. McLaughlin, No. 648.

All of the three above telephones are located in the City Hall at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

The point of surveillance for these three taps is located in a furnished cottage at 207 Laurel Street. This address is located approximately three and one-half blocks from the City Hall at Hot Springs, the cottage being located on a side street where there is little traffic. The occupants of the surrounding houses are either tourists or negroes, and it is improbable that that there would be any reason for any suspicion becoming attached to this point of surveillance.

On November 24, 1936, Special Agents H. A. Snow, of the Kansas City Field Division, and R. McSwain, of the Oklahoma City Field Division, reported at this Division. On the afternoon of the same date, these two agents took up the surveillance of the three above mentioned telephone taps located at Hot Springs, Arkansas. The surveillance is being maintained 24 hours a day, and these two agents will be relieved at times by Special Agents John L. Madala and D. P. Sullivan until December 1, 1936, at which time they are expected to leave for assignment in the Cleveland

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Field Division.

The three telephone taps presently in operation appeared to be quite active during the afternoon of November 24, 1936. Numerous telephone calls, both incoming and outgoing, were overheard, and it appears that the telephone #446, which is listed to Chief of Police Joseph Hakelin, also is used by the City Jail. It is probable that information concerning the fixing of cases and corruption on the part of bondsmen or attorneys who attempt to "spring" prisoners may be received over this line.

Regarding the gambling establishment at the Southern Club, which is operated by William S. Jacobs, several attempts have been made by Special Agent J. M. Jones, John L. Madala, and D. P. Sullivan to make an inspection of the telephone line, which appears to be located in the rear of this establishment. Because of the fact that the rear wall of this building and adjoining buildings is set immediately against a large mountain, it has been impossible to make such an inspection without possibly creating suspicion.

It has been learned that a Mrs. Dugan, who owns the Dugan-Stewart Building located next to the Southern Club, is also the owner of the premises where the Southern Club is located. The second floor of the Dugan-Stewart Building is presently being converted into, and will be operated as a hotel. Casual conversation with the manager of this building disclosed that nine or ten men employed at the Southern Club intend to room at the Dugan-Stewart Building.

It is known that William S. Jacobs spends about two hours each afternoon at the Southern Club, and thereafter spends some time at the Belvedere Club Cafe, located outside the City limits of Hot Springs, Arkansas. It is probable, however, that information concerning Jacobs and other members of the criminal element of Hot Springs, will be obtained over the taps presently in operation.

Discreet inquiry was made concerning City Judge Vernal S. Ledgerwood, and it was ascertained that he is presently residing at his summer home located on a lake somewhere in the vicinity of Hot Springs, and that when the weather gets colder, he will return to Hot Springs. Further information was obtained that Judge Ledgerwood apparently still maintains his permanent residence at the Como Hotel. He has a private telephone, #378, listed to him at this address, where he is presently receiving his mail.

County Judge Earl Witt resides at 2234 Central Avenue, telephone #2234, Hot Springs, Arkansas, in a large home which overlooks the Oaklawn Park Race Track. The telephone line running into this address apparently runs into a cable which extends along Central Avenue approximately one mile. Several tourist camps and furnished rooms located on Central Avenue probably could be used for surveillance purposes in case a telephone tap should be established on this telephone.

In order that the names of various officials need not be used in telephone conversations, it is suggested that the following numbers and letters be used to designate individuals and places herewith set out, as was suggested by you in your telephone conversation with Special Agent D. P. Sullivan:

- No. 1 - Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin
- No. 2 - Chief of Police Joseph Wakelin
- No. 3 - Hot Springs Police Department
- No. 4 - Herbert "Dutch" Akers
- No. 5 - William S. Jacobs
- No. 6 - City Judge Vernal S. Ledgerwood
- No. 7 - County Judge Earl Witt
- No. 8 - City Attorney A. T. "Sunny" Davies

Present or expected plants

- A - 207 Laurel Street
- B - Southern Club
- C - Belvedere Club Cafe
Residence of Herbert "Dutch" Akers,
345 Harrell Avenue
- D - Residence of William S. Jacobs,
116 Cedar Street

A detailed log is being maintained on the telephone taps presently in operation in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and a copy of this log will be periodically forwarded to you for your information. A copy will be retained at this Division.

In accordance with your suggestion, Special Agent J. M. Jones will remain at this Division in order that he may be available in case anything should go wrong with the taps presently being maintained at Hot Springs. Up to the present time it appears that these telephone taps are operating

satisfactorily, and there apparently is no suspicion on the part of officials at Hot Springs that the taps are in operation. Special Agent Jones will remain at this Division until further word is received from you.

No active effort is being made to inspect the telephone line at the Southern Club, Belvedere Club Cafe, or the residence of Herbert "Dutch" Akers, at the present time. As suggested by you, no action will be taken at Hot Springs, Arkansas that would endanger in any way the present set-up on the telephone taps now being maintained.

A report covering any available information in the Brekid and Kanno files in this Division, concerning corruption on the part of police officials at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and also covering the known activities of Alvin Karpis and his associates and their connection with law enforcement officials and residents at Hot Springs, will be submitted by Special Agents John L. Madala and D. P. Sullivan prior to their expected departure on December 1, 1936. This report will probably encompass most of the investigation that will be conducted at Hot Springs, Arkansas, concerning such persons as were responsible for harboring Alvin Karpis and his associates in that city during the years 1935 and 1936.

Very truly yours,

JOHN B. LITTLE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Post Office Box 1469
Little Rock, Arkansas
November 27, 1936

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

As a result of a telephone tap which is being maintained on a telephone, 446, of the Hot Springs Police Department, Hot Springs, Arkansas, the following conversation was overheard by Special Agent G. R. McSwain on November 25, 1936:

3:55 P. M. Incoming call.

Akers - City Jail
Man - Dutch
Akers - Yes
Man - Say I've got a telegram here I want to give you.
Akers - Whats it all about?
Man - Wait and I'll read it.

Telegram "Telegrams rec'd Stop Stocks tied up at present Tell Dutch to advance necessary funds to release Mac. My word is my bond. Will settle when I return.

L. M. Strauss,
Wm. Penn Hotel,
Los Angeles, California

Dutch - I'll wire him.
Man - I wish you would. It's only \$150. Don't twist me up.
Dutch - All right.

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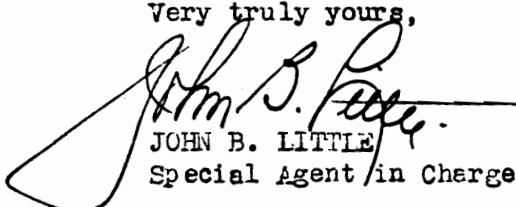
The Dutch referred to in the above conversation is Herbert "Dutch" Akers, Chief of Detectives of the Hot Springs Police Department. It is probable that L. M. Strauss, the sender of the above quoted telegram, is a criminal and probably a confidence man.

It is suggested that the Bureau check its files of Known Confidence Men in an effort to identify the L. M. Strauss above mentioned.

It is also suggested that the Los Angeles Division make a discreet inquiry at the William Penn Hotel, Los Angeles, California, for the purpose of ascertaining the identity of L. M. Strauss and the identity of the Mac, mentioned in the above wire, who probably is incarcerated in the City or County Jail in Los Angeles at the present time.

It is not advisable to disclose to anyone at the present time the nature of the inquiry made.

Very truly yours,


JOHN B. LITTLE
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. J. B. Little,
Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
800 Rector Building,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Re: GEORGE TIMINEX; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,
with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. #122,
et al - KIDNAPING; HARBORING FUGITIVES;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIRE-
ARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated November 27, 1934, furnishing information concerning a conversation overheard on the telephone tap of the Hot Springs, Arkansas Police Department between an unknown man and Herbert Akers, Chief of Detectives, in which conversation the unknown man referred to a telegram received by him from L. M. Strauss, William Penn Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

There are transmitted herewith two copies of the criminal record of Louis Mathison, San Francisco Police Department #28428, who was arrested by the Police Department at Hot Springs on January 27, 1934 as Louis Mathews Strauss, alias P. Walker, who might be identical with the individual referred to in your letter of November 27th. The Bureau files reflect no additional information concerning this individual.

One copy of the criminal record is being transmitted to the field divisions receiving a copy of this letter.

In connection with the investigation presently being conducted at Hot Springs, you are instructed to promptly advise the Bureau of all developments in connection therewith and reports should be submitted to the Bureau at least once each week.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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REPORT MADE AT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	DATE WHEN MADE 12/3/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/23-30/36	REPORT MADE BY D. P. SULLIVAN IN
TITLE GEORGE TIMINNEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. # 1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Telephone taps installed on telephone numbers 123 and 446, telephones of the Police Department and City Jail, and on telephone number 648, telephone of Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin, Hot Springs, Arkansas, on November 23, 1936. Twenty-four hour surveillance of these telephone taps are being maintained; pertinent conversation overheard and information concerning identities of various police officers, and activities in the Police Department and Mayor's office set out.			
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REFERENCE:		Report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated 12/2/36.	
DETAILS:		Authority having been received from the Bureau by teletype dated November 20, 1936, taps were placed on the following telephones, located at Hot Springs, Arkansas, by Special Agent J. M. Jones on November 23, 1936: Hot Springs Police Department, Telephone number 123. Chief of Police Joseph Wakelin, Telephone number 446. Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin, Telephone number 648.	
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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All of the three above named telephones are located in the City Hall in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

The point of surveillance for these three telephone taps is located in a furnished cottage at 207 Laurel Street. This address is located approximately three and one-half blocks from the City Hall at Hot Springs; the cottage being located on a side street where there is little traffic. The occupants of surrounding houses are either tourist or negroes, and it is improbable that there would be any reason for any suspicion becoming attached to this point of surveillance. On November 24, 1936 Special Agent H. A. Snow, Kansas City Field Division, and Special Agent G. E. McSwain of the Oklahoma City Field Division took up the surveillance on these telephone taps. Upon instructions of Inspector E. J. Connelley, Special Agent John L. Madala reported at Hot Springs, Arkansas, on November 28, 1936 to aid in the surveillance of these telephone taps which are being maintained on a twenty-four hour a day basis.

Because of the numerous telephone conversations heard over the above mentioned telephones a longhand log is being maintained by the agents maintaining these taps. A copy of this log is being retained in the Little Rock Field Division file, and a copy is being forwarded to Inspector E. J. Connelley for his information.

It was noted that both telephones, numbers 123 and 446, apparently are located in the Hot Springs Police Department. Both of these telephones also appear to have extension telephones located in the City Jail; it has been noted that persons at either the Police Department or the City Jail are somewhat backward in engaging in confidential conversation over either of these two telephones for reason that someone might possibly be listening in on the extension telephone.

The following conversations of interest to the investigation to be conducted at Hot Springs, Arkansas, are quoted:

November 25, 1936 - 8:30 A. M. - Telephone # 446

INCOMING

City Jail:
Is Arch there?
Night Jailer: No.
Is Dutch there?
Night Jailer: No.
Well listen this is Carl Forahar. Tell Dutch or Tucker to take care of a ticket when it comes through this morning. (Hung up.)

The above telephone conversation apparently has reference to a traffic ticket which he received and which he desired to be "fixed".

November 25, 1936 - 3:55 P.M. - Telephone # 446

INCOMING

Akers: City Jail.

Man: Dutch?

Akers: Yes.

Man: Say, I've got a telegram here I want to give you.

Akers: What's it all about?

Man: Wait and I'll read it.

Telegram - "TELEGRAM RECEIVED STOP STOCKS TIED UP AT PRESENT TELL DUTCH
TO ADVANCE NECESSARY FUNDS TO RELEASE MAC MY WORD IS MY
BOND WILL SETTLE WHEN I RETURN"

L. M. STRAUSS WM PENN HOTEL
LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA

Dutch: I'll wire him.

Man: I wish you would. It's only \$150 - don't twist me up.

Dutch: All right.

The above telegram apparently has reference to some criminal who is in jail at Los Angeles, California. In view of the known close association of Chief of Detectives Herbert "Dutch" Akers with nationally known confidence men, it is probable that L. M. Strauss, the sender of the above telegram, is also a confidence man. By letter dated November 27, 1936 the Los Angeles Field Division was requested to make a discreet inquiry at the William Penn Hotel to learn the identity of L. M. Strauss, and to ascertain the identity of "Mac" also mentioned in the above telegram. In the same letter the Bureau was requested to check its files of known confidence men for information concerning Strauss.

November 25, 1936 - 3:30 A. M. - Telephone # 446

INCOMING

Sgt: Hello.

Crawford: This Crawford at the Southern Grill. A man here won't pay off and we want him put in jail.

Sgt: OK.

The Southern Grill mentioned in the above telephone conversation is a restaurant located on the ground floor, directly beneath the Southern Club, a gambling establishment, operated by William S. Jacobs. It is possible that Crawford, mentioned above, desired that the party be arrested because of the failure to pay a gambling debt.

November 26, 1936 - 2:10 P. M. - Telephone # 445

INCOMING

Man: This is Rabbit calling - are any of the boys around?
Man: No, there isn't.
Man: Well, I would like to have someone come over to work in my place for a couple of hours.
Man: Well, there is no one here.
Man: Is Davis or Cecil there?
Man: No.
Man: You know where I can get in touch with either of them?
Man: No.

The man named "Rabbit" mentioned in the above telephone conversation probably is an employee of a gambling house in Hot Springs, Arkansas; it has been reported that members of the Hot Springs Police Department frequently relieve employees of gambling establishments for lunch periods, and at other times, especially during the busy season.

November 26, 1936 - 5:25 P. M. - Telephone # 445

INCOMING

Man: Is Mr. Akers there?
Man answers: No he is out home to supper.
Man calling: What is his number.
Man: 666 is his number.

It appears that the above mentioned telephone # 666 is an unlisted telephone located in the residence of Herbert "Dutch" Akers at 345 Harrell Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

November 26, 1936 - 6:15 P. M. - Telephone # 446

OUTGOING (did not get number, probably to the Hatterie Hotel)

Man: Is Grace there?
Grace: (Goldstein) Hello, sober?
Man: Yes.
Grace: I'll see you like hell. That all-night business gave me hell. We had a wonderful time. The Belvedere closed at 3:00 A.M. and the bunch came up.
Man: Was Bud up? (probably "Bud" Moore, son of Bob Moore).

Grace: Yes. But he got lost. We had prizes up and Arch Cooper won a prize, a cigarette outfit. She had to pay for a prize too, a lay. Ha. Ha. Connie (Morris) won a prize, a pair of step-ins. She had a few drinks and got on a chair, took off her clothes and put them on. Arch (Cooper) told me today that he only had time to get home, take a bath and report for work.

Man: Well, he did not get here until noon. Did Arch get drunk?

Grace: No, he didn't have a drink. We had Scotch, Rye, Seagram's, cocktails and everything. I got to bed about 8:00 A. M. They are having another party tonight. Tom Carroll (phonetic) and Connie did a dance. Connie put on a hula skirt. Bobbie was there.

Man: You mean Bobbie Hughes a former prizefighter?

Grace: Yes, that's the fellow. I called you this afternoon, but you weren't in.

Man: No. I was at home. We had dinner and then Myra and the kid, Maude, the wife and myself went driving together.

Grace: You didn't show them that house on the hill did you? Ha. Ha. (probably referring to Woodcock home).

Man: No, we went down to Malvern.

Grace: (Talked about good time at party)

Jack did not come up. He was the only one missing. We had three maids working last night and they were kept busy mixing and serving drinks. We could go out for a little tonight but not for long.

Man: That is up to you.

Grace: We are having a party tonight to entertain the chauffeurs and there a bunch of them. We had better make it tomorrow night.

Man: OK. See you tomorrow night.

The persons engaging in the above telephone conversation apparently are Grace Goldstein, operator of the Hatteria Hotel at 233 1/2 Central Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas, and Chief of Police Joseph Wakelin. The party mentioned apparently took place on the previous evening of November 25, 1936, and apparently was given to celebrate the birthday of Connie Morris, a prostitute employed by Grace Goldstein. The "Bud" mentioned in this conversation probably refers to "Bud" Moore, son of Robert L. Moore, Night Captain of Police, Hot Springs, Arkansas; the "Arch" mentioned, undoubtedly is Captain Arch Cooper of the Hot Springs Police Department.

November 24, 1936 - 12:15 P. M. - Telephone # 123

INCOMING

Man: Hello

Girl: Hello - say Robert talked to that fellow -

Man: Who - the little one?

Girl: Yes - He saw him down on Central Street. Robert just called me - He said the fellow said "You can't get blood out of a turnip."

Man: Did Robert follow him to find out where he is staying?
Girl: Yes - for awhile but the fellow is just loitering around.
Man: Well, if Robert calls you again find out where he is and call me.

The above conversation apparently has reference to an attempt on the part of Robert, (last name unknown) and someone at the Hot Springs Police Department to "shake down" the individual mentioned in this telephone conversation.

November 24, 1936 - 8:40 P. M. - Telephone # 123

OUTGOING

Man: 3421
Girl: Hello
Man: Well, how are you?
Girl: All right - first time I've answered the phone this afternoon. Saw you this afternoon.
Man: You see everything. Don't you?
Girl: Connie's here and says tell you that you see everything too - (Jokes) - Connie's going to have a party - Names from Southern and Belvedere - Your son will get an invite. Heard where Mayor sued for divorce - Might have a chance now.
Man: That's what we were doing yesterday - serving papers on him.
Connie: Are you coming to party?
Man: Better not come - we might all get pinched - you know someone has to stay on the outside and keep that from happening. Arch only one here now - Teeth hurting me - am going to Dr. Barton in the morning -
Girl: Hope you feel better - don't take any wooden nickles.

Telephone # 3421 is listed to the Batterie Hotel, operated by Grace Goldstein, and the above conversation probably was between Grace Goldstein and Chief of Police Joseph Wakelin. The Southern and Belvedere mentioned probably has reference to the Southern Club and the Belvedere Club Cafe, both gambling establishments located at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and both reportedly operated by William S. Jacobs, who, it is said, practically controls gambling in that city.

November 25, 1936 - 4:45 P. M. - Telephone # 123

INCOMING

Man: Chief's Office
Woman: Let me speak to the Chief.
Man: just a minute
Chief Wakelin: Hello
Woman: Hello - how do you feel?
Wakelin: Not much
Woman: Have a cold?
Wakelin: Yes.

Woman: Well - I just was wondering how you were and thought I'd call up.
 I'll be glad when you are well again.
 Wakelin: So will I.
 Woman: Call me sometimes - won't you honey?
 Wakelin: Yes -
 Woman: Guess you can't talk much - I'll let you go - so long, honey -

Grace Goldstein and Chief of Police Joseph Wakelin probably were the two persons engaging in the above conversation.

November 25, 1936 - 7:00 P. M. - Telephone # 123

INCOMING

Man: Hello, Chief's Office.
 Woman: (elderly) - The officers were out here after that drunk - why don't you go down and search Jim Pepper's place. That's where the whiskey is.
 Man: We've searched that place a hundred times. See if you can find out where its hid.
 Woman: No I can't but I know that's where the whiskey is. I used to work near there - He pays you officers not to bother him. I know.
 Man: I know who this is now. Shut up that kind of noise or we'll come out there and put all of you in jail.
 Woman: Hung up.

Note should be made of the allegation made by the woman calling above that the person operating Jim Pepper's place was paying off officers of the Hot Springs Police Department, and the threat made by the person answering the telephone at the Hot Springs Police Department to throw her in jail if she continued making such allegations.

November 27, 1936 - 2:19 P. M. - Telephone # 123

INCOMING

Akers: Hello
 Cecil Brock: Dutch this is Cecil.
 Akers: Just minute Cecil while I close the door.
 Cecil: You can squeeze one of these things for \$5.00 or \$10.00.
 Akers: I'll be rite over to see what I can do.

The above conversation apparently has reference to an effort on the part of Cecil Brock, in charge of the Identification Unit of the Hot Springs Police Department, and Chief of Detectives Herbert "Dutch" Akers

to "shake" somebody down for \$5.00 or \$10.00.

November 27, 1936 - 2:30 P. M. - Telephone # 123

INCOMING

Woman calling: Is Chief Wakelin there?
Wakelin: Hello
Woman: Joe, someone else is checking up on those cars, and I'm worried.
Wakelin: Do you know who it was?
Woman: No, I don't, but he asked me all kinds of questions over the telephone. He said he would be up this afternoon.
Wakelin: Don't tell him anything unless he tells you who he is.
Woman: Are you sure those 2 cars are O. K.
Wakelin: They checked through all right.
Woman: You know those people are from Chicago, and one of them has Kansas License Plates on it.
Wakelin: That's all right, maybe he bought those plates while he was in Kansas around license time.
Woman: Well Joe, I'm worried. He asks all kinds of questions.
Wakelin: You call me as soon as he leaves, and let me know what he had to say.

The above conversation indicates a possibility of Chief of Police Joseph Wakelin being in some way engaging in a "hot car" racket.

November 27, 1936 - 4:40 P. M. - Telephone # 123

OUTGOING

Akers: Called 1037
Girl: Emory and Ridgeway (Attorneys)
Akers: Speak to Mr. Emory.
Emory: Hello.
Akers: Emory there was just a wreck out at grove and Pleasant. The Brown boy and the other people were sent to hospital. Thought you would like to know.
Emory: Thanks Dutch -

Apparently Chief of Detectives Herbert "Dutch" Akers is closely associated with the above law firm of Emory and Ridgeway, which firm is located in the Citizens Building, telephone number 1037, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

November 27, 1936 - 5:10 P. M. - Telephone # 123

OUTGOING

Akers: Calling 184.
Man answering: City Clerk's Office

Akers: What is the regulation on fur coat salesman.
Man answering: It's \$2.00 per day while they are selling in town, but we usually charge \$25.00 when they get here. That way we can make more money, for as a rule they stay only 3 or 4 days a week at the most. What's the matter, are there any in town?
Akers: Yes, four of them.
Man Answering: Well, collect from them - that's \$100.
Akers: O.K. Thanks a lot.

Apparently the Police Department and City Clerks Office are engaging in a petty racket of collecting exorbitant fines off of street pedlars arrested for not having a license to operate in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

November 27, 1936 - 9:15 P. M. - Telephone # 648

OUTGOING

Mayor: 2204

Girl: Hello

Mayor: Virginia

Virginia: Yes

Mayor: Any chance of getting out at night.

Virginia: Well, may be tomorrow

Mayor: I'll call you tomorrow.

The above mentioned telephone conversation overheard on telephone # 648, listed to Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin, indicates that the Mayor is friendly with the girl Virginia at telephone 2204. From information obtained over the telephone taps presently being maintained it has been learned that the Mayor is presently attempting to obtain a divorce from his wife, who is reported to be residing in Little Rock, Arkansas.

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DPS:ADM

4:00 P. M. Incoming on telephone #123.

Arch Cooper: City Jail.

Judge Ledgerwood: Say Arch, do you have a warrant there for Mrs. Shannon for obtaining money under false pretenses.

Arch Cooper: Yes, I have.

Judge Ledgerwood: Put it in your pocket and don't serve it. The lady and her son will be up Monday.

JLM

4:03 P. M. Outgoing call on 123.

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Arch Cooper: No. 743 (This is Ledgerwood's number). Say Judge, this is Arch again. Dr. Housey swore out a warrant for his wife. What do you want us to do with it?

Judge Ledgerwood: Don't serve it on her, and have some one call Doc and tell him to be in Court Monday morning.

JLM

The Ledgerwood mentioned in the two above telephone conversations undoubtedly is City Judge Vernal S. Ledgerwood. It has been learned from a surveillance on the taps being maintained at Hot Springs, Arkansas, that Judge Ledgerwood apparently uses the Mayor's office in the City Hall as his office each morning. The conversations quoted above indicate that Ledgerwood, in certain cases, gives orders to withhold warrants that should be served on certain persons.

4:10 P. M. Outgoing call on telephone #123.

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Chief Wakelin: Calling 3421 (Hatterie Hotel). Asked for Grace.

Grace: Hello.

Wakelin: How are you, Hon?

Grace: I'm tired - went to the Belvedere last night - had lot to drink and gambled. Didn't get in until late.

Wakelin: I don't feel so good either. Had a couple of teeth pulled yesterday.

Grace: I need some work done on mine too.

Wakelin: I won't be able to see you tonight. I'm going away with the others.

Grace: What's the matter? Is it the "G"?

Wakelin: Oh no, nothing like that.

Grace: Call me tonight then, won't you. I'm going to stay in.

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

JLM

It is indicated from the above telephone conversation that Chief of Police Joseph Wakelin possibly may be afraid of an investigation conducted by Government Agencies.

5:02 P. M. Outgoing on telephone #123 or #446. HAS

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Akers: Called 87 (Craighead Laundry)

Girl: Craighead Laundry.

Akers: Hello honey. You don't get off in time for supper do you. Will you call me later honey? I love you.

Girl: All right. I'll call you.

From the above telephone conversation, it appears that Chief of Detectives Herbert "Dutch" Akers is keeping company with the girl who answers the telephone at the Craighead Laundry.

6:35 P. M. Outgoing on telephone #123 or #446. November 28, 1936

Akers: Called 2714.

Maid: Hello.

Akers: Asked for Miss Spencer.

Miss Spencer: Hello.

Akers: Hello, honey. How do you feel.

Girl: I'm mad at you.

Akers: I couldn't talk while ago. Somebody was here.

Girl: I thought so, or, that you were mad at me. I'm going to St. Louis next Tuesday. Going to leave the baby here. I couldn't do nothing with the baby there anyway. I'd feel better about him being left here with Bill. We're going to get a divorce.

Akers: How are you going?

Girl: On the train. Bill is going to buy my ticket.

Akers: I got to hang up. Somebody coming. HAS

Chief of Detectives Herbert "Dutch" Akers, apparently, is also very friendly with Miss Spencer, mentioned in the above telephone conversation.

9:59 P. M. Outgoing call on 123. November 28, 1936

Akers: Calling 2484 (Belvedere Club) Who is this?

Man Answering: This is Sam Watt speaking.

Akers: Listen Sam, there are a couple of fellows in town playing one of these holdout machines. They worked it at Benny Harris' place last nite in a black jack game. Gives a

description of them. Said they were a couple of slickers and to watch out for them.

Watt: O. K. Dutch, we'll do that - thanks for the tip. JLM

10:01 P. M. Outgoing on 123. November 28, 1936

Akers calling 800 (Miller's Cigar Store). He talks with Harry Blackstone there and warns him of the above two mentioned fellows. Told him to watch the poker games. Harry thanked Akers for the tip. JLM

The Belvedere Club Cafe and Miller's Cigar Store, called by Chief of Detectives Herbert "Dutch" Akers, are both gambling places which are reportedly operated by William S. Jacobs. It is apparent from the above conversations that Akers is closely associated with both of these places in view of the precautions he, apparently, took to see that either of these two gambling places would not lose money through the operations of some "sharp shooting" gamblers.

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12:55 P. M. Incoming on 446.

Man Calling: Is Cecil there? (He comes to the phone)
Cecil, this is John Haines talking. Have you got a woman there in jail?
Cecil: Yes, she is in now.
Haines: What's she charged with?
Cecil: Destruction of property. I also have a warrant for you, John. You better hide out until tomorrow.
Haines: O. K. I will - is there any chance of making bond for this girl.
Cecil: No, there isn't John until tomorrow morning.
Haines: Hell, she had nothing to do with that matter.
Cecil: I'm sorry, but that's all I can say. JLM

Attention is directed to the advice given by Cecil Brock to John Haines, for him to hide out in order that a warrant would not be served on him that day. It is noted that the date of this conversation was Sunday, November 29, 1936, and it is probable that Brock advised Haines to hide out that day so that he would not be forced to spend the night in jail.

6:14 P. M. Incoming on #123 November 29, 1936

GRM

Tucker: City Jail.
Margaret Sugg: Is Chief Wakelin there?
Wakelin: Hello.
M. Sugg: Mr. Wakelin, this is Margaret Sugg. I work for Dr. Wade at the Clinic. Mr. L. Alton Dingley, the new Manager at the Clinic was given a ticket last night for speeding and put up \$5.00. He has only been here several months and he doesn't want Dr. Wade to know about it. Is there anyway you can arrange so he won't have to appear in Court in the morning?
Wakelin: All right, I'll take care of it and I'll try to get his \$5.00 back.
M. Sugg: Thank you so much Mr. Wakelin.

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8:50 A. M. Incoming on telephone #648 - Telephone of Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin.

GRM

Mayor: Hello.
Harvey: Is Judge Ledgerwood in?
Mayor: Yes, just a minute.
Ledgerwood: Hello.
Harvey: This is Harvey. I've got a ticket for parking too long in front of Bank yesterday.
Ledgerwood: All right, leave it there. I'll get it.

6:45 P. M. Outgoing on telephone #123 or #446

GRM

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Akers: 2202 R

Campbell: Hello.

Akers: Hello Jim. The motor bus from Little Rock ran off the road this afternoon and about 12 persons are in the hospital. I talked to the Mayor and he said get you to go up and see if a few cases can't be fixed against the Bus Co.

Campbell: Well, I don't know whether I can do that - I have represented the Company - we might get juicy fees - working both sides. Call George Ryan.

Akers: I just called there and both the Mayor and Dick said to call you.

Campbell: I'll see what I can do.

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6:50 P. M. Outgoing #123

GRM

Akers: 600
 Mayor: Hello.
 Akers: Dick is tied up and Campbell can't handle, says he may represent the Company.
 Mayor: Who are they?
 Akers: (read list of victims)
 Mayor: Well, try to contact them yourself and tell them to make no statements and sign nothing until they've talked to us.

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3:00 P. M. Incoming on #648, telephone of Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin

McLaughlin: Hello.
 Man: Did you want to see me Leo?
 McLaughlin: I just wanted to let you know something. Keep it quiet. I can't talk much now because some people are coming in soon. Anyway we are organizing an outfit to buy the station ourself. If we do that we can overshadow both of the other contracts and make something for ourselves.
 Man: O. K. I won't say anything about it. When can I see you? Will you be in your office tonight?
 McLaughlin: I'll be down town tonight but not in my office.
 Man: I'll see you tomorrow night before council meeting.
 McLaughlin: All right. Don't say anything about it.

In the above conversation Mayor McLaughlin apparently talked with one Jack Campbell, an attorney of the law firm, Campbell & Kaner, Citizens Building, Hot Springs, Arkansas. This conversation probably refers to the purchase of Radio Station KTHS, the property of the City of Hot Springs, Arkansas. The sale of this Radio Station is presently pending and newspaper reports indicate that two parties were negotiating for the purchase of same, Col. T. H. Barton of El Dorado, Arkansas, being one of the prospective purchasers. It appears that Col. Barton contracted with the Board of the Chamber of Commerce, Hot Springs, Arkansas, to pay \$75,000.00 for this Radio Station, but the membership of the Chamber of Commerce repudiated this contract and are opposed to the sale of the Radio Station. As a result of this controversy between the Board and the Membership of the Chamber of Commerce, the eleven members of the Board resigned their positions on or about December 1, 1936. It would appear that Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin and Jack Campbell are planning to take advantage of the controversy and to purchase the Radio Station themselves for their own profit. From the observation that

has been maintained on the telephone taps at Hot Springs, Arkansas, considerable information has been obtained concerning the identities of various members of the Police Department and Mayor's Office of Hot Springs, Arkansas. A memorandum containing the following information was submitted by Special Agent John L. Madala.

JOSEPH WAKELIN - CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Wakelin spends very little time at the Police Department, possibly on account of his weak physical condition. It appears that he was involved in an accident a short time ago, and has injured his left side. He receives very few calls over the police phones. It was noted that he calls Grace Goldstein at the Hatterie Hotel every evening, and thereafter goes out with her around seven p.m. Another woman at telephone #3667 is apparently very intimate with Chief Wakelin. Chief Wakelin resides at 213 Lasser Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, and his home telephone number is 1923. His wife frequently calls him from this number.

HERBERT "DUTCH" AKERS - CHIEF OF DETECTIVES

"Dutch" Akers appears to be the figure head in the Police Department. They call him in regard to all important matters and cases, and his word seems to be authoritative. Many women call and ask for Dutch Akers, and they seldom discuss their business with him over the telephone. It is not known whether these women are informants of Akers, or whether they are consorts of his. Akers is usually at the police station all day, except when he is out on calls or making contacts. He usually leaves for dinner around 5:45 P. M. and returns to the station in the evenings. He and Cecil Brock appear to be very close. Akers appears to be "sweet" on the girl who answers the telephone at the Craighead Laundry, and also on one Miss Spencer who either lives or works at the place of Mrs. Fennie Cephert, 212 Jackson Street, which probably is a house of prostitution. It was noted the "Dutch" Akers spends considerable time at the Hot Springs Confectionary, Citizens Cigar Store and the C. J. Spencer Cigar Store. He resides at 345 Harrel Avenue, Hot Springs, and his home telephone is #666, which is unpublished. He has a maid working in his home. Akers recently purchased a lot from Alfred Shick, and he's building something in the country somewhere.

CECIL BROCK - BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION

Cecil Brock appears to be next in power to "Dutch" Akers. He goes out on frequent calls and takes care of most of the complaints. He and "Dutch"

Akers are very close, and some of the conversations between them indicate an understandable confidence. Brook usually reports at the police station around nine o'clock in the morning and remains there all day until dinner time. Some evenings he returns to the station. His home telephone is #1402 which is unpublished. He appears to be married. It was noted that many girls call him at the station, and it is not known whether these women are informants or consorts of his. He frequently calls the operator at the Klyman Cleaning Company, telephone #87, and talks with her, after which he usually drives her home. He has other girls "on the string", the names of which are as yet unknown. Persons who call him refer to him as Cecil and Mr. Brook.

ARCHER COOPER - DAY CAPT. OF POLICE

This individual is also referred to as Arch Cooper and Capt. Cooper. He comes on duty at 9:00 A. M. and goes off duty at 9:00 P. M. or thereabouts. He receives frequent telephone calls during the day, most of them being over telephone #123, and he likewise covers most of the complaints. It was observed that Cooper transacts considerable personal business over the telephones in the police station. He is married and resides at 124 Kenwood Place, telephone #3339.

HARRY H. "CURLY" EVANS - DETECTIVE

This officer is usually referred to as "Curly" by those who call him over the telephone. He comes on duty at 9:00 A. M. and goes off duty at 9:00 P. M. He also frequently answers the telephone, particularly #123. It is not known for certain whether he is married, but telephone calls indicate this. He has a girl friend who resides at Ada, Oklahoma.

JOE L. SCOTT - PATROLMAN

This officer is usually referred to as Joe or Mr. Scott. He comes on duty at 9:00 A. M. and goes off duty at 9:00 P. M. He drives the red car of the Hot Springs Police Department, and more or less looks after traffic violations. His partner is officer Floyd Davis. He spends most of his time on the streets in the red Police Safety car. Scott is married and resides at 1102 Garland Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas, no telephone.

FLOYD DAVIS - PATROLMAN

This officer is usually referred to as Davis. He comes on duty at 9:00 A. M. and goes off duty at 9:00 P. M. He rides in the red police car of

the Hot Springs Police Department with Officer Scott, and they handle probably all of the traffic violations. It appears that he spends most of his time on the streets riding around in the red car.

GARNETT MOORE - DETECTIVE

This officer is usually referred to as Garnett by those who call him over the telephone. He is the son of Night Captain Bob Moore. He comes on duty at 9:00 A. M. and goes off duty at 9:00 P. M. He answers the telephones occasionally, and frequently goes out on calls. He spends his time equally in and out of the station. He has a girl friend named Ruby. It is not known whether he is married. His home address is 609 1/2 Central Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, no telephone number.

BUCHANAN - DETECTIVE OR PATROLMAN

The first name of this officer is not known, nor is it known whether he is a detective or patrolman. He appears to work with Officer Curly Evans, and he receives very few calls over the police phones. Very little is known about this officer.

FRANK H. TUCKER - DAY JAILER

This individual is usually referred to as Tucker over the telephones. He answers all incoming calls over telephone #446 between 9:00 A. M. and 9:00 P. M. He is married and resides at 312 Pleasant Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas, no telephone.

ROBERT L. MOORE - NIGHT CAPT. OF POLICE

This officer is usually referred to as Bob Moore or Captain Moore. He is the father of Officer Garnett Moore. He comes on duty at 9:00 P. M. and goes off duty at 9:00 A. M. He is the boss at the police station during the night. He answers nearly all of the telephone calls coming over telephone #446 at night. When he is not at the station, he can usually be found at Miller's Cigar Store. He is married and his wife appears to work in the City Dog Pound Office. His home address is 625 Oak Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, telephone #1965. Capt. Moore receives frequent calls from women, and it is not known whether these girls are informants or his consorts.

ANDY IRWIN - DETECTIVE

This officer is usually referred to as Andy by those who call him over the telephone. He goes on duty at 9:00 P. M. and goes off duty at 9:00 A. M. He very seldom answers telephone calls, unless they are for him. He works with

Officer Preston Griffin, and these two answer most of the complaints which are registered during the night. Nothing else is known about him at this writing.

~~PRESTON GRIFFIN~~ - DETECTIVE

This officer is usually referred to as Press by those who call him over the telephone. He goes on duty at 9:00 P. M. and goes off duty at 9:00 A. M. He very seldom answers the telephone, and only talks over it when some one calls him. He works together with Officer Andy Irwin, and they answer most of the complaints made during the night. They get their orders from Capt. Bob Moore. Griffin is married and resides at 501 W. Grand Avenue, Hot Springs, no telephone.

~~BEN ROGERS~~ - LIEUTENANT

This officer is usually referred to as Rogers over the telephone. He answers the telephone on line #123 when Capt. Bob Moore is not there. He appears to be next in command to Moore during the night. He comes on duty at 9:00 P. M. and goes off duty at 9:00 A. M. He is married and resides at 635 Oak Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, telephone #3232-W.

~~GEORGE YOUNG~~ - PATROLMAN

This officer is usually referred to as George over the telephone. He very seldom answers the telephone, and very few calls are received by him. Very little is known about him, and it is believed that he walks the beat at night between 9:00 P. M. and 9:00 A. M. He is married and resides at 520 Pullman Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

~~JOHN MURRAY~~ - PATROLMAN

This officer is usually referred to as John over the telephone. He works together with Officer Bill Abbot, and they apparently walk the beat, as they report in every hour on the hour, leaving the telephone number of some place of business in town where they could be reached. This officer reports for duty at 9:00 P. M. and goes off duty at 9:00 A. M.

~~WILLIAM S. ABBOTT~~ - PATROLMAN

This officer is usually referred to as Bill over the telephone. He works with Officer John Murray, and they apparently walk the beat, as it was noted that they report in every hour on the hour, leaving the telephone number of some place of business where they could be reached. This officer reports for duty at 9:00 P. M. and gets off at 9:00 A. M. He resides at 601 Park Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

~~OWEN~~ CORRINGTON - NIGHT JAILER

This individual is usually referred to as Corrington over the telephone. He comes on duty at 9:00 P. M., relieving Jailer Tucker, and goes off duty at 9:00 A. M. He answers all of the calls coming over telephone #448. He is married and resides at 635 Ouachita Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, no telephone.

~~LOUIS~~ HINKLE - POLICE JANITOR

This individual is usually referred to as Louis over the telephone. It will be noted that his name is occasionally mentioned in the logs. He appears to be janitor, and probably cleans up the entire City Hall. He works with a man named Jack, last name unknown, whose name also is occasionally mentioned in the logs.

LEO P. McLAUGHLIN - MAYOR

This individual is usually referred to as Leo or "The Mayor" by those persons who call him over the telephone. He is usually in his office in the City Hall from 9:00 A. M. to noon every day. It is believed that he spends very little time in his office in the Arkansas National Bank Building, as at no time as yet did his Secretary call that office to get in touch with him. Mayor McLaughlin appears to spend most of his time at home during the evening, and at times during the day persons are told to call his home phone, #600, for contact with him. Since the inception of the tap on his telephone, it was noted that Mayor McLaughlin apparently consorts with various women - one being his Secretary, Hazel Marsh - another being a girl named Virginia at telephone #2204, which is unpublished - and a girl at telephone number #3336, which is listed to E. E. Breckenridge, 145 Oaklawn Street, Hot Springs. He resides at Grand & Malvern Streets.

~~HAZEL~~ MARSH - MAYOR'S SECRETARY

This girl is usually referred to as Hazel over the telephone. She is the Mayor's Secretary, and apparently his only employee in his office in the City Hall. She appears to be well-trained in handling the Mayor's affairs, and at no time will she furnish any information over the telephone unless she first is apprised of the identity of the caller. She will never furnish the Mayor's whereabouts to any person over the telephone. She answers all incoming calls to the Mayor's office, and is usually on duty from 9:00 A. M. to 4:15 P. M. Miss Marsh frequently talks with a girl named Vi who resides or works in the home of County Judge Earl Witt at telephone #2234. She resides at 111 Woodbine Street.

~~VERNON S. LEDGERWOOD~~ - CITY JUDGE

This individual is usually referred to as Verne or Judge over the telephone. He apparently has some kind of an office in the Mayor's quarters in the City Hall, as it was noted he frequently receives calls over the Mayor's phone. He has made and received calls over this phone in the mornings between 9:00 A. M. and noon. Judge Ledgerwood also maintains an office in the Citizens Building, telephone #743. His residence is in the Como Hotel. During the past week he did not spend much time in the city. He is frequently consulted by police officers regarding disposition of complaints before service is made on them.

~~MARION ANDERSON~~

This man has been mentioned in the Kahn file as an associate of Frank Clark, who formerly was a slot machine "boss" at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and was an associate of Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin. He, apparently, still is friendly with Mayor McLaughlin, who occasionally is still in communication with him. Anderson resides at 18 Hazen Street, telephone #2393, Hot Springs, Arkansas, and may presently be a Deputy Sheriff, as the Mayor's office has reached him at the Sheriff's office on at least one occasion.

From telephone conversations overheard, it appears that Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin is the attorney for the Oaklawn race track located at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and that Charles Galla of St. Louis, Missouri, is the owner of this race track. It is apparently maintained that this track will open for the season on March 1, 1937, and will run until April 3, 1937.

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio.

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REPORT MADE AT Little Rock, Arkansas	DATE WHEN MADE 12-23-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/1-10/36	REPORT MADE BY B. L. DAMRON cpw
TITLE GEORGE TIMINNEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM. <i>Bremer</i>			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Conversations of interest in this case and concerning activities of Police Department, Hot Springs, Ark., overheard in telephone taps set forth herein, same covering the period of Dec. 1st to 10th, 1936. Telephone taps continuing on 24 hour basis and, apparently, without knowledge of subscribers. <div style="text-align: center;">P.</div>			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, Little Rock, Ark., dated Dec. 3, 1936.			
DETAILS: AT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS: By virtue of the taps being maintained on telephones 123 (Police Department), 446 (Chief of Police) and 648 (Mayor's Office) at Hot Springs, Arkansas, the following conversations of interest appear from the logs submitted by Special Agents John L. Madala, H. A. Snow and G. R. McSwain, who are listening in: <div style="text-align: center;">December 1, 1936</div> 1:56 P.M. Outgoing call on 648. Hazel Marsh (Secretary to Mayor) called Vi at 2234 and told her that their horse did not win at Charleston. (No. 2234 is telephone of County Judge Earl Witt's residence.)			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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11:to A.M. Incoming on No. 123.

Arch Cooper:

Hello.

Man:

Cooper?

Cooper:

Yes.

Man:

Say, I got my money from that fellow -
lay off him and I'll be down to see
you in the morning.

3:25 P.M. Outgoing call on No. 123.

Chief of Police Joe Wakelin held a conversation with a woman
at telephone 3667 and after telling her of being injured in
making some arrest stated "I would have called you sooner, but
I couldn't get to a phone where there is any privacy."
(The identity of this woman is unknown to date.)

6:30 P.M. Outgoing on No. 123.

Wakelin:

3421.

Grace:

Hello.

Wakelin:

What are you doing?

Grace:

Fixing my face.

Wakelin:

Get it on straight. (Laughter).

Grace:

My watch says 6:30.

Wakelin:

Right.

Grace:

7:00 o'clock.

Wakelin:

O.K.

(This call or conversation is between Grace Goldstein of the
Hatterie Hotel and Chief of Police Wakelin.)

5:11 P.M. Incoming on No. 446.

Girl:

Mr. Akers please.

Akers:

Hello.

Girl:

Everything is O.K.

Akers:

What?

Girl:

You know what I'm talking about.

Akers:

Oh yes. Did you get it?

Girl:

Yes, everything is O.K. I wish you would
see me tonight.

Akers:

I may drop around later.

9:52 P.M. Outgoing call.

Moore:

Called 2485 (Belvedere Club) and asked
for Jimmie Phillips.

Phillips:

Hello.

Moore:

Request amount Phillips would charge to
cook two rabbits and furnish bread and
coffee to Police Department.

Phillips:
Moore:

Advised he would do it gratis.
Well, come over about 1:00 A.M.

10:00 P.M. Outgoing on No. 123.

Moore: Called 1532 and asked for Mr. Shelton.
Shelton: Hello.
Moore: How about coming down town. There's a
man here who needs an attorney. He
must be talked to tonight, though.
Shelton: I was undressed. Is it local business?
Moore: No, when can you come - early in the morning?
7:00 A.M.
Shelton: I'll try to be there by 7. Wouldn't 8:30 be
alright?
Moore: No.
Shelton: O.K.

(The Shelton mentioned herein is Attorney A. D. Shelton,
with offices at 728 1/2 Central Ave., telephone 911, and
residence at 433 Orange St., telephone 1532. He is very
close to the present administration.)

December 2, 1936.

9:56 P.M. Incoming call on 648.

Conversation between Mayor McLaughlin and Al. Moyses, in which
the Mayor advised that the concessions at the race track (Oaklawn)
were controlled by Joe Martin, 7005 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo.

6:32 A.M. Incoming on 123.

Corrington: City Jail.
Shelton: Is Bob Moore there?
Moore: Hello - Say - this boy over here has about
\$300.00. He thinks he's mixed up in
this more than he really is.
Shelton: Has he asked for a lawyer though?
Moore: Well, he talked about it last night. We
could say some of his friends sent you.
Shelton: Has anyone talked with him this morning to
find out if he wants a lawyer?
Moore: Wait - I'll send some-one to find out. (pause)
Yes - he says he wants one. Say, there are
six boys - your fee should be \$50.00 or as
much more as you can make it.
Shelton: O.K. I'll see you in a few minutes.

9:46 A.M. Incoming on 123.

Attorney Shelton called Cecil Brock and said "You were talking to me about that 'rube' - can you drop up here a few minutes? Brock said he would be there in a few minutes.

(This call would indicate that Shelton deals with several members of the Police Department.)

12:58 P.M. Incoming call on 123.

A Miss Spencer, who either lives or works at the home of Mrs. Fannie Gephart, 262 Jackson Street, called Chief of Detectives Akers and asked to see him that afternoon. Akers replied that he couldn't as his wife was going to meet him downtown. Miss Spencer stated, "I want to talk to you before I leave. After I trusted you and done what I did, I think I have a right to see you". Akers then stated he wanted to see her before she left on the following day (apparently for St. Louis) and she then asked him for some money to buy some clothes with to which Akers replied that he had no money but would see if he could get hold of some.

(The identity and occupation of this woman is unknown at the present time, nor her address in St. Louis.)

2:31 P.M. Outgoing call on 446.

Akers:	Called No. 498.
Akers:	How are you, patient - heard you tried to commit suicide.
Woman:	(Laughs) Not doing so good.
Akers:	Would like to borrow \$100.00 from you.
Woman:	(Laughs).
Akers:	I've been trying to get \$100.00 on a loan - no luck though. I've got to pay for those things in the next few days or else it will be too bad.
Woman:	Have you seen "Sunny" or J. Rowland lately? Rowland is supposed to call me if he finds out anything - he hasn't called me to date.
Akers:	Did you write him a letter like I told you to
Woman:	Yes, but he hasn't answered it or called me.
Akers:	I'll try and locate him and find out what he intends to do and then let you know.
Woman:	I wish you would - I gave him plenty of money he ought to take some action.

(The subscriber of telephone 498 is unknown at the present time. The reference to "Sunny" apparently refers to Sunny Davies, City Attorney.)

6:36 P.M. Outgoing on 123.

Daily call between Chief of Police Joe Wakelin and Grace Goldstein, Hatterie Hotel, a part of which reads:

Wakelin: I drove down by our man's place tonight,
but he's not there.
Grace: Yeah? That's tough, we've got to find out
where he stays. I think Press (Griffin)
knows where that old fellow lives. I guess
we're just S.O.L. there tonight.
Wakelin: Yeah, I guess so.
Grace: Well, what do you know good.
Wakelin: Make it light on yourself.
Grace: Its about 25 minutes to seven now.
Wakelin: O.K. Make it the same time then. You know
I'll have to get another house.
Grace: O.K.

9:50 P.M. Outgoing on No. 446.

Capt. Bob Moore called Room 412, Marquette Hotel, and left word for "her" to call him before 10:30 P.M. if she comes in. The night clerk appeared to be very friendly with Moore.

[While the writer was in Hot Springs on other matters and registered at the Marquette Hotel, it was ascertained through casual examination of the registration records and mail that Room 412 was occupied on this date by Mrs. E. W. Carlson, of 105 E. 66th., Kansas City, Missouri. Her mail and conversation with "Smitty", the day clerk, indicated that her husband is connected with the Sunshine Laundry in Kansas City. Subsequent telephone calls, shown on the logs, revealed that Capt. Moore and this woman are carrying on an affair unknown to her husband as she once called Moore and told him that her husband was coming to Hot Springs and she would be unable to see him. A view of this woman at the hotel desk disclosed that she was approximately 38 years of age, medium-heavy build, black hair, and has a Jewish appearance. She was still registered at the Marquette Hotel when the writer departed on Dec. 19, 1936).

December 3, 1936.

The following conversation indicates a control over County officials by Mayor Leo McLaughlin:

3:18 P.M. Outgoing on 648.

Hazel:
Mayor:
Hazel:

800.
Hello:

Where have you been? Mr. Karsten called and said that he had been summonsed for Grand Jury service tomorrow morning at 9:00 o'clock, and wants you know he is supposed to be at Ryan's office for you at 11:00 A.M. He wants to know what he should do - whether he could be excused from jury service.

Mayor:

No, I want him to stay on it - tell him it won't make any difference if its late - he can come up there at 12:00 o'clock, we'll wait for him.

Hazel:

Then you won't call those fellows at the court house about him?

Mayor:

No, I want him to serve on that jury.

Hazel:

O.K. I'll call him and tell him what you said

The Mr. Karsten referred to herein is Mr. Emmet Karsten, Manager of the Eastman Hotel (formerly the Kingsway) and where Mayor Leo McLaughlin and his wife formerly resided. The deposition referred to therein is probably a deposition of Mr. Karsten to be used in the divorce proceedings pending between Mayor Leo McLaughlin and his wife.

12:53 P.M. Outgoing on 446:

Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers called 3800 (Arkansas National Bank) and inquired whether a C.O.D. package shipped to him in care of the bank had arrived yet. Man did not know. The shipping of this C.O.D. package to Akers in care of the Bank appears unusual and is set forth herein for possible future use and tracing of the package.

7:40 P.M. Incoming on 123.

Akers:
Ada:
Akers:
Ada:
Akers:

Hello.
Dutch, this is Ada. Some man is here and has taken possession of the hall.
Who is it?
I don't know - never saw him before.
I'll be right up.

The Ada referred to in this conversation is apparently Ada Garner, proprietress of a house of prostitution at 708 1/2 Central Avenue.

9:41 P.M. Incoming on 446.

Capt. Moore: Chief of Police's Office.
Mayor: This is Leo - are all of the men working?
Moore: All of them except Charlie.
Mayor: Keep the rest of them on those banks now.
Moore: O.K. I'm making the rounds every hour myself.

(The reason for this call is unknown, nor is it known whether the Mayor was referring to the banks at the gambling establishments or the commercial banks.)

9:53 P.M. Incoming on 446.

Man: Is Bob Moore there?
Corrington: No, but Ben Rogers is here.
Man: Ben, this is Charlie. Sunny Davies and his girl are in here pretty much drunk. He's got a shot gun and threatens to shoot someone. You better come after him.
Rogers: O.K. Charlie, I'll be right over.

The Sunny Davies referred to herein is the City Attorney of Hot Springs.

December 5, 1936.

11:35 A.M. Incoming on 446.

Akers: Hello.
Sid: This is Sid - were you trying to get me?
Akers: Yes - you better see Doc right away and have him go up and talk with Charlie and straighten things out. They were riding the town all night looking for you and if they find you they won't stop to answer questions.
Sid: But, I didn't have anything to do with it.
Akers: Well, after you are six feet under you can't do anything to show that - now do as I tell you.
Sid: O.K.

2:12 P.M. Incoming on 446.

Sid called and spoke with Dutch Akers. Told him that he would do anything in the world for him, but that if those fellows continue to threaten him he will go out there with a shot gun and kill the entire bunch of them; that Dutch could tell them that if he wanted to. Akers told him to cool off and sit tight.

The log shows that Akers attempted to contact this party prior to 11:35 A.M. by calling No. 1749 and asked for Sid. This number is listed to Dr. L. R. Ellis.

3:50 P. M. Outgoing on 445.

Chief Wakelin:

No. 3421

Grace:

Hello.

Wakelin:

Say hon, have you got a girl working for you that has a fellow on the outside driving a Pontiac Coupe?

Grace:

No. Why?

Wakelin:

Dutch is laying for him on the street.

Grace:

Why, what is the matter?

Wakelin:

I don't know yet - I haven't been able to find out. All I know is that they have information that the girl is supposed to be hustling out of your place.

Grace:

I have a couple rooming here that came in last Monday. I think the fellow is driving an Oldsmobile or Plymouth Sedan with Ohio license plates on the car.

Wakelin:

Well, that's the kind of plates that are supposed to be on this car.

Grace:

I don't know much about them except that they used to live at the Majestic Hotel before coming here; that the man has an ulcerated stomach and is being treated by Dr. Garrett that the girl wears diamonds, expensive clothes and is an awful good looking. They came to me last Monday and said that someone from the Majestic sent them over. I asked for \$17.50 in advance for a week's rent and he paid me right then.

Wakelin:

Listen Grace, when you hear that phone click, stop talking and I'll tell them to get off the line. (Refers to extension phone at Police Dept.)

Grace:

I understand. I know that the girl is hustling over at the Majestic and she answers calls from here, but she's not working for me. She received a call here the night before last and went out. How do you feel?

Wakelin:

Not so good.

Grace:

You were out of town yesterday, weren't you?

Wakelin:

Yes, and I didn't get in until nine o'clock.

Grace:

Well, what do you think I ought to do?

Wakelin:

I don't know what to say - if you say she's not hustling for you I guess they can't do anything to you. You better not say anything about it to anyone.

Grace:

I don't know much about those people. As long as I get my money - that's all I care about, you know that.

Wakelin:

I know. I haven't heard what these people were up to. If they pick them up in the street and she says that she is hustling out of your place - well you know what "Dutch" will do. You know how he feels - he'll tear your place upside down. Jesus, I don't want anymore trouble up here. What do you think I better do?

Grace:

Are they there now?

Wakelin:

No, I don't think so.

Grace:

Wakelin:

If you think you can trust the girl, tell her without disclosing the source of your information that you heard someone was checking up on them and that they had better move or leave town. You might tell her that Government might get after them if it's found out that her "man" brought her in here from out of the State to hustle.

Grace:

The girl doesn't look like a P.G. to me. I think it would be better if I told him. I feel that I can trust him more. I'll just tell him that I was downtown and heard it mentioned that the police were checking up on them.

Wakelin:

That will be all right. If I hear anything more I will call you.

6:22 P.M.

Outgoing on 446.

Wakelin called 3421 (Hatterie Hotel) and after a few remarks the following conversation took place:

Grace:

Those people you spoke about left here this afternoon. I don't know whether they left town or not.

Wakelin:

That's a good thing I guess. What do you know?

Grace:

Well I guess I'll have to do the talking. (Laughter). I went down by that old fellow's place this afternoon, but he's not there.

Wakelin:

Well, any old port in the storm will do.

Grace:

Yeah.

Thereafter made a date for 7:00 P.M.

The two above mentioned conversations indicate a "tip-off" by Chief Wakelin, and shows the intimacy between he and Grace Goldstein, madam of the house of prostitution at the Hatteria Hotel.

While the writer was in Hot Springs on December 17, 1935, Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers related how he and Lieutenant Cecil Brock had spotted a car parked in front of the Hatteria Hotel on several occasions and thinking that it might be some-one "hot" they began checking up on the car; that they wired out on the license plate and received an answer as to the owner of the car, but when he and Brock went to check further they found that the car had left town and he was sure that Chief Wakelin tipped them off through Grace. He stated that this was an example of what he had to contend with. As an explanation for his activities Akers stated that he always kept an eye on Grace's place, as he had never forgiven her for not tipping him off on Karpis and Hunter and allowing him to collect the reward. Akers then stated that this incident might be a white slave case, and described the car as a Pontiac Sedan with 1935 Ohio license B 6937. He then exhibited a letter from the Columbus, Ohio, Police Department in which it was stated that this license was issued to Ralph Eugene Dull, 176 1/2 East Long Street, Columbus, Ohio, for Pontiac Sedan, motor #6195071, and that Mrs. Dull, upon interview, stated that her husband was in New York City being treated for ulcers of the stomach. The letter further stated that Dull was from Celina, Ohio.

No inquiries were made as to this matter in the absence of instructions from Inspector Connelley.

8:15 P. M. Incoming on 123.

A. C. Fox called Akers and said his children had found license plates in vacant lot near his house. One was a Florida 1937 one was a Michigan 1936, one Alabama and one Arkansas. Akers told Fox he would come right out and get them - that he made a report on all tags picked up.

(The above conversation is being related for future use and view of rumors to the effect that there is protected auto stealing in Hot Springs.)

December 7, 1936.

2:20 P.M. Incoming on 445.

A man named Campbell called Chief of Detectives Herbert and stated he had received a telegram to bet on Patch in the 6th race at New Orleans and asked Akers if he would it and gave him the odds.

(Note: by Agent Madala: Patch Pockets won at New Orleans, paying \$4.80.)

4:15 P.M. Outgoing on 123.

Chief of Police Joe Wakelin made his customary call to 5421, the Hatterie Hotel, but was unable to contact Grace. The Maid (not Lillian) who answered stated she knew who the person was that was calling although no names were mentioned.

7:30 P.M. Outgoing on 446.

Chief Wakelin called Grace Goldstein at the Hatterie Hotel, No. 3421, and told her of his plans to go to Hugo, Oklahoma. This trip to Hugo was for the purpose of locating John Dickson, wanted by the Hot Springs Police and a subject of a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act case in the Little Rock Division, and had been telephonically discussed by the writer with Chief Wakelin at 4:30 P.M., at which time Wakelin was advised that agent might go to Hugo with him. The following reference to the writer was made in this telephone conversation:

Wakelin: Your friend is going tomorrow.
Grace: Who?
Wakelin: Demron.
Grace: (laughs) My friend?
Wakelin: (laughs)
Grace: If he says anything about me, plug him.
Wakelin: Yeah! Might leave him on the road.
(both laugh.)

8:56 A.M. Outgoing on 648.

Mayor McLaughlin called 110 (Governor's Office) and talked with Mr. Dixon. The Mayor, after being informed that the Parole Board was meeting, said he would like to see Wash Baxter get a parole today - that this fellow was in a bad shape physically and that he is certain this fellow will go straight if given a parole. Mr. Dixon suggested that the Mayor talk to Mr. Walter Helms, Chairman of the Board, and Mr. Helms was requested to call.

10:20 A.M. Outgoing on 648.

Mayor McLaughlin called Walter Helms at L.D. 110 Little Rock, and talked about Wash Baxter who was serving a sentence for receiving stolen property. The Mayor stated this boy had been examined by the prison physician who found that he only had one kidney and was in bad health. Asked Helms to do what he could for Baxter and Helms replied that he would look after the matter. (It was noted from the local press that Baxter was granted a parole.)

December 8, 1936

1:30 P.M. Incoming on 123.

Akers: Hello.
Man: Your horse won yesterday.
Akers: Didn't pay much - what I want is 400 to 1
tips - what have you got.
Man: (Gave him names of horses at several tracks)
Akers: I'll take about \$50.00 worth.
Man: O.K.

This conversation apparently is with a person named Campbell, who gave Akers the tip on December 7, 1936 (see log for Dec. 7, 1936, 2:20 P.M.)

8:50 A.M. Outgoing on 648.

Mayor McLaughlin called Mr. Ford at Little Rock and congratulated him on his appointment as the new Commissioner of the State Revenue Bureau. McLaughlin then stated that the Hot Springs representative of the Bureau was not satisfactory, and suggested that Mr. Ford replace him with a more efficient and competent man; that he and Judge Ledgerwood had talked the matter over and they were of the opinion that the State would be better off if the present representative was removed; that he wasn't suggesting anyone, but was merely calling this to Mr. Ford's attention. Mr. Ford replied that he would keep Hot Springs in mind when he made his appointments.

It may be stated that Mr. H. S. Davis is the Hot Springs representative of the State Revenue Bureau.

9:03 A.M. Incoming on 648.

Bruce Wallace, Manager of the Majestic Hotel, called Mayor McLaughlin, at which time Mayor McLaughlin congratulated him on his appointment as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Governors, Chamber of Commerce. At this time a conversation took place concerning the methods used in getting conventions to meet in the Arlington Hotel, and Mayor McLaughlin suggested to Mr. Wallace that "you're in a position now to tear into them" and Wallace assured him that he would.

Note by Agent Madala: It appears that for some reason Mayor McLaughlin is trying to stir up some dissension between the present Board of Governors and Douglas Hotchkiss, the present Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

On several occasions the writer has heard from several sources in Hot Springs that the management of the Arlington Hotel does not sympathize with the present city administration and it would appear that Mayor McLaughlin is attempting to curtail their convention business.

3:30 P.M. Incoming on 648.

Mayor McLaughlin called Miss Hazel Marsh, his Secretary, and asked her why she didn't tell him that "Sonny" had been with her the previous night but had gone when he called. Miss Marsh remarked, "Well, I want you to get that straight. I want it settled once and for all."

It appears that the "Sonny" referred to is Mr. Davies, the City Attorney, and both he and Mayor McLaughlin are intimate with Miss Marsh.

December 9, 1936.

10:40 A.M. Incoming on 123.

Arch Cooper:	Hello.
Hendricks:	Hello Arch - this is Hendricks, I think I can peddle that 351 of yours.
Arch Cooper:	Who to?
Hendricks:	Do you have to know?
Cooper:	No - not necessarily.
Hendricks:	Wait. (turned and talked to someone) Arch, it is Jervell Hicks out on the lake.
Cooper:	Why don't you have him come by to see me.
Hendricks:	O.K. I'll send him to see you.

It may be mentioned that on a recent occasion the writer attempted to obtain the numbers of some weapons taken from Chief of Police Joe Wakelin when he was assaulted and it was discovered that no record had been made of them and there was considerable trafficking in guns by the police. The Jervell Hicks referred to in this conversation is possibly connected with Hicks' Landing on Lake Hamilton.

10:45 A.M.

Outgoing on 123.

Cooper:	682.
Man:	Hello.
Cooper:	This is Arch - When Marion Anderson comes up let him see that thing.
Man:	He's got it.
Cooper:	O.K.

Marion Anderson is a Deputy Sheriff and Sheriff-Elect of Garland County. He is very friendly with Captains Arch Cooper and Bob Moore of the Police Department. Anderson and Moore are very interested in an indictment pending against Charles Sellers, a member of the Hot Springs Police Department, wherein Sellers is charged with assisting John Dickson, et al, in a safe robbery in Hot Springs.

11:02 A.M. Outgoing on 123.

Arch Cooper: 2400 (Arlington Hotel) Asked for Mr. Chester.
Chester: Hello.
Cooper: How is everything? This is Arch.
Chester: Everything is fine. Why don't you come up and see me.
Cooper: I'll be up soon.
Chester: I'll be looking for you.

A Mr. Chester is Manager of the Arlington Hotel. What this conversation refers to is unknown, but it may be mentioned that Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers recently advised the writer that some of Lucky Luciano's crowd were in Hot Springs and would probably remain until Christmas. Luciano and his associates stayed at the Arlington during the 1935-1936 season.

11:03 A.M. Incoming on 446.

Akers: Hello.
Mant: That party brought that back Dutch.
Akers: O.K. I'll get the money and come up and get it.

This conversation is set forth for possible future reference.

11:14 A.M. Incoming on 446.

Cooper: Hello.
Mayor: What is Matt Brown in jail for?
Cooper: For fighting with Jack Griffin - the Judge gave Brown 30 days and dismissed Griffin this morning.
Mayor: Let him out and have him come to my office in the morning. I'll take it up with the Judge.
Cooper: O.K.

6:00 P.M. Outgoing on 123.

Chief of Police Joe Wakelin called Grace Goldstein at 3421, Hatterie Hotel, after returning from Hugo, Oklahoma, and after relating the time of his arrival in Hot Springs, the following conversation took place:

Grace: Have any luck?
Wakelin: It took us two days, but we got one of the guys we wanted - Price.
Grace: You must have had a hell of a trip.
Wakelin: Yeah, I was up all night.
Grace: Jesus Christ - you did a good job.
Wakelin: We picked Price up at Hugo, Oklahoma.
Grace: You didn't find the others then?
Wakelin: No, they're out in the mountains near here now. We'll go out after them in a couple of days.
Grace: I might go home Sunday for a while.
Wakelin: Is that road this side of Powderly?
Grace: Yes.
Wakelin: We went over in that way on this trip.
Grace: Did you go with "my friend."
Wakelin: No, he didn't go. They sent a fellow from Oklahoma City. He was down near the road.
Grace: Yeah?
Wakelin: That road is between Hugo and Powderly, isn't it?
Grace: Yeah, on the Texas side.
Wakelin: I noticed it when I passed it, but I didn't say anything. (Laughter)
Grace: You're not in the habit of saying anything, are you?
Wakelin: No, guess I haven't been, have I?

Thereafter discussed general matters and made a date for 7:00 P.M. The trip referred to herein was when officers from Hot Springs joined Oklahoma Officers and Special Agent C. O. Hurt of the Oklahoma City Division at Hugo, Oklahoma in an effort to apprehend John Dickson, subject of an N.M.V.T.A. case. John Dickson, "Pug" Dickson and John "Shorty" Price were wanted by the Hot Springs Police for safe robberies, and assault on Chief Wakelin. The activities at Hugo resulted in the apprehension of Price, but John Dickson and "Pug" Dickson were not found. The road referred to in this conversation is apparently a rural road used by Grace Goldstein in going from Hot Springs to the farm of her parents in Texas.

10:30 P.M. Incoming on 123.

Akers: Hello.
Ben Murray: Dutch, this is Ben. I want to get Rosie out.
Akers: She's in for county - you'll have to see
Marion Anderson.
Murray: I've talked with them and they said it was
all right.
Akers: O.K. Ride over to Spencers.

The above conversation indicates a "fixing" of a case.

9:08 A.M. Incoming on 548.

Mr. Karston: Understand you've been trying to call me.
Mayor: Yes - when are you going to open up your
bar over at the hotel?
Karston: About the first of next month.
Mayor: There's a good friend of the city admini-
stration and a good bartender named Joe
King. I wish you would hire him as a
bartender when you open up.
Karston: O.K. I'll keep him in mind.

No calls have been noted or overheard wherein W. S. Jacobs was talking or referred to.

The logs disclosed numerous conversations between police officials and unknown women and in which dates were made or they met the women. It appears that Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers receives numerous calls from women whom he recognizes by their voices, and he usually arranges to meet them some place. It is unknown whether these are "dates" or sources of information.

The log further reveals that business is fair at the Belvedere Club, and Sam Watts is now at this club. Mr. Watts and W. S. Jacobs are said to be partners and operate the Belvedere, Southern Grill and Miller's Cigar Store.

A matter of possible interest in future investigations was recently learned by the writer while in Hot Springs, Arkansas, on other official business, the same dealing with the "wire service" used by all the "bookies" in Hot Springs. This information was obtained from Jim Poulos, a confidential informant and proprietor of the Lee Hotel. Mr. Poulos is a Greek and is a close friend of George Pikeas, a Greek, and part owner of the Blue Ribbon Bar (a bookie). Poulos stated he was told by Pikeas that all of the "bookies" paid a little more than \$25.00 a day for wire service at the present time and on the basis of 24 days per month; that there are nine (9) "bookies"

paying for this service, and that W. S. Jacobs controls the service but must be splitting with someone, as the "take" is enormous. Pikeas did not say who collected this money, but said they had to pay in advance.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

LITTLE ROCK FIELD DIVISION.

In accordance with Bureau instructions, will submit weekly reports as to the taps being maintained in Hot Springs.

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FILE NO. 7-2

REPORT MADE AT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	DATE WHEN MADE 1-4-37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/10-31/36	REPORT MADE BY B. L. DAMRON GWO
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEX; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Pertinent conversations overheard on telephone taps at Hot Springs, Arkansas, during period of December 10 to 23, 1936, being set forth herein. Conversations pertain mostly to activities of Police Department. Taps temporarily disconnected on December 23, 1936 due to activity of telephone company employee, but re-installed on December 26, 1936 as taps not discovered. Chief of Police and three detectives suspended during investigation of death of prisoner whose body showed bruises, etc. Taps now in operation on twenty-four hour basis.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent B. L. Damron, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated December 23, 1936.</p> <p>DETAILS: AT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS.</p> <p>The taps being maintained on telephone 123 (Police Department), 446 (Chief of Police), and 648 (Mayor's Office), continued on a twenty-four hour basis from December 10, 1936, to December 23, 1936, apparently without the knowledge of the subscribers. On the last mentioned date the taps were temporarily disconnected from the terminal box when it was discovered that a telephone company employee was doing repair work in the immediate vicinity and would probably work at the terminal box. However, on December 26, 1936, the taps were re-installed and it appeared that no discovery was made by this employee.</p> <p>The following conversations are taken from the logs:</p>			
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December 10, 1936

9:35 A.M. Outgoing on 123.

Akers: Called 3232 W. What did you find out at the
Post Office?
Rogers: He told me that he wanted to see you about that.
Akers: O.K.

The Rogers mentioned above apparently is Capt. Ben Rogers of the Police. For possible future use it may be stated that from previous experience it appeared that Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers receives any and all information he desires from Mr. George Duval, Superintendent of Mills at Hot Springs.

10:05 A.M. Outgoing on 123.

Akers: 3672.
Clerk: Marquette Hotel.
Akers: Has Damron gone out.
Clerk: Yes.
Akers: Who is that negro who rooms at 215 1/2?
Clerk: That is Henry.
Akers: Send him over here.
Clerk: O.K.

10:25 A.M. Incoming on 123.

Akers: Hello.
Smitty: We didn't find those papers in that room.
Akers: O.K. Thanks. Say what about that man and woman.
Smitty: The man was a small man. The woman was a peroxide. She was small too.
Akers: Thanks.

The Clerk and Smitty referred to in these conversations is the Day Clerk at the Marquette Hotel and Henry is a bell boy at this hotel. Although agent was registered at the Marquette Hotel on this date and had arranged to confer with Arkansas and Oklahoma officers at the Police Station, efforts will be made to ascertain if the search of the room at the Marquette Hotel had reference to this agent's room.

3:30 P.M. Outgoing on 446.

Arch Cooper: 2791 (Unpublished - Southern Grill)
Man: Hello.
Cooper: Is Roscoe there?
Roscoe: Hello.
Cooper: This is Arch - did you find that?
Roscoe: That was on the 23rd?
Cooper: I think so.

Roscoe: I asked Emmett if he was short and he said
he wasn't.
Cooper: Have him check again.
Roscoe: O.K.

This unpublished number, according to previous conversations, is assigned to the second floor of the Southern Grill where the gambling rooms are located.

December 11, 1936

10:45 A.M. Outgoing on 123.

Akers: Arkansas National Bank #3400.
Flippin: Hello.
Akers: Pete - this is Dutch - has my package come yet?
Flippin: Not yet Dutch.
Akers: O.K. Thanks.

Previous conversations indicate that Chief Akers was expecting a C.O.D. package shipped to him in care of the bank and, if true, might be traced at a later date.

1:26 P.M. Outgoing on 123.

Cecil Brock called Bruce Rickert #82766, Memphis, Tennessee.

Rickert: Hello.
Brock: Hello - this is Brock at Hot Springs. I just
back from the Country and there has been
some expense attached.
Rickert: Have you got the man?
Brock: We know who the thief is and we've got the car.
Rickert: That is fine - Is there any evidence of collu-
sion?
Brock: No - not at all - The fellow who had the car
is O.K.
Rickert: What will your expense run?
Brock: It will run a flat \$50.
Rickert: What shape is the car in?
Brock: It's in bad shape - it's been up in those
Mountains and you know what that means.
Rickert: Do you think we could get \$125 for it
Brock: I don't think it would bring more than \$75.
Rickert: What I'd like is to have it sold and get a
check for the price less your expense so
we can clear our records - Do you think
you could find a buyer?
Brock: I'll look around and call you back.

Rickert:

Don't call me for I'm leaving tonight for Chicago. Just drop me a line tomorrow and let me know.

Brock:

O.K., I'll do that.

Rickert:

Thanks.

It will be noted that Brock stated his expenses would run a flat \$50.00. This Plymouth Coach was examined at Glenwood, Arkansas by Detective Glenn Buchanan, two officers from Oklahoma and this agent when information was received from Chief Akers that it was a stolen car, probably from Oklahoma and was sold by a car thief named M. A. "Red" Linder. After examining the car these officers and agent returned to Hot Springs and Lieut. Brock sent a telegram to the Automobile Underwriter's Detective Bureau who replied that a car of similar description but with different identification numbers as to one numeral had been stolen in Hot Springs. The following day Lieut. Brock went to Glenwood where he seized the car and returned it to Hot Springs where he examined the secret number and identified the car. The Plymouth Coach was in a running condition at the time of its examination by this agent and it would appear that to justify an expense of \$50.00 there must have been other expenses prior to the time the matter was reported to this agent.

2:23 P.M. Outgoing on 123.

Akers Called #3421 - Grace Goldstein.

Akers:

3421.

Grace:

Hello.

Akers:

Grace?

Grace:

Yes.

Akers:

This is Herbert Akers - what do you want me to do about that diamond you bought from that thief?

Grace:

I don't know anything about buying any diamond.

Akers:

Quit that stuff - This guy just kicked in and told me all about giving you the ring for \$15.

Grace:

I've got a bunch of rings.

Akers:

I'm talking about the one you got from that little fellow - you know the one I mean.

Grace:

I didn't give him no \$15. he came up here about a week ago and borrowed a buck but I didn't let him have any \$15.

Akers:

You want to talk to him -

Grace:

Yes - I'll talk to him.

Akers:

Wait - I'll send for him.

Grace:

Are you still mad -

Akers:

No - I'm not mad - never have been mad - are you mad?

Grace:

No - say why don't you go up to Sears Roebuck and buy a stove?

Akers: I don't need any stove - I just bought one.
 Grace: These are new - they burn either wood or coal and they don't have any chimney.
 Akers: Hell - I don't need one - might swap with them.
 Grace: But this one doesn't have any chimney -
 Akers: But what about the smoke -
 Grace: Oh - that goes up the Cheff's A--.
 Both laughed.
 (Dutch called to prisoner - "Come here Johnson")
 Johnson: Hello - Grace this is O.K. - I'll give you your money back - it's all right. I'm in jail and this will help me get out. Tell Dutch.
 Akers: You remember, don't you.
 Grace: Yes - I remember now I bought that from him.
 Akers: Well, I guess I'll have to put you in jail.
 Grace: Well, it won't be the first time - (laughs)
 Akers: Well you want me to get your money back?
 Grace: Yes -
 Akers: Well I'm going to fix it up so he can get on the ground over there and I'll dig it out of him.
 Grace: O.K.

3:03 P.M. Incoming on 446.

Akers: Hello.
 Grace Goldstein: Dutch - this is Grace - try to fix that up - I sold that ring and made \$50 on it.
 Akers: Well - you certainly made a hell of a mess - I guess I'll have to send you to the pen.
 Grace: O.K.
 Akers: You know where that ring came from?
 Grace: Where?
 Akers: From Nashville - they ordered that guy picked up. You say you made \$50.
 Grace: Yes - and I can't get it back.
 Akers: I'll split that \$50 with you.
 Grace: O.K. but don't you tell anybody.
 Akers: Just between you and me, darling - O.K.
 Grace: O.K.

On December 11, 1936, and while agent was at the Police Department Chief Akers told of receiving a request from the Sheriff at Donaldson, Georgia to arrest Arthur Johnson and how Johnson called Akers from the bus station when he arrived in Hot Springs to tell him of bringing him a present (safety razor) and of the subsequent arrest, he also related that Johnson told him of selling a stolen diamond ring to Grace Goldstein but did not say what action was being taken to recover the ring. Arthur Johnson is the Subject of a White Slave Traffic Act case in the Little Rock Division which was closed when the

United States Attorney declined prosecution. The Victim in the case was one Pauline Parvin who has made several telephone calls to Detective Curly Evans and appears to be his "girl friend".

December 12, 1936

9:02 A.M. Incoming on 123.

Akers: Hello.
Red: Mr. Akers - this is Red at Maurice Baths. The girl who works in my pool got a summons on her car for this morning. She can't get away - can you take care of it?
Akers: I'll take care of it - what is the number?
Man: 7510.
Akers: O.K.
Man: Thanks.

It may be stated that the Maurice Bath House is reputed to be patronized by the criminals in preference to other bath houses.

10:02 A.M. Outgoing on 123.

Akers: 3800 (Arkansas National Bank)
Pete: Hello.
Akers: Say Pete, did that package come for me this morning?
Pete: That fellow hasn't been around yet, Dutch.

It will be noted that this inquiry is similar to the one made on December 11, 1936, at 10:45 A.M. but in this instance "Pete" referred to a fellow coming around and not a C.O.D. package.

December 13, 1936

10:55 A.M. Outgoing on 123.

Wakelin: Called 100 (Central Garage) asked for Reece - not in - spoke to Charlie and told him he was bringing a fellow over who was interested in buying "that Auburn".
Charlie: O.K. The last time I was out there the tires on it were flat.

This conversation would tend to further indicate that the Police are trafficking in automobiles and that the same are stored someplace other than at the Central Garage. This garage was formerly the contact point for the Galatas crowd.

9:45 P.M. Incoming on 123.

Mrs. Foster: Is Chief Wakelin there?
Bob Moore: No, what is it you want, I'm the night captain.
Mrs. Foster: Sometime ago you had a call on Magnolia Street
about my husband and me - his name is Gene
Foster and he works in front of Miller's
Cigar Store - he brings in the business.
Bob Moore: Yes, I know him - what's the matter?
Mrs. Foster: He's on a rampage again, is drunk, and I'm
afraid to go home. Can I have any police
protection.
Bob Moore: Where are you now?
Mrs. Foster: I'm at a friend's house.
Bob Moore: You go on home, and if he lays a hand on you -
call the station and we'll put him in jail.

9:58 PM Incoming on 446.

Woman called and advised Bob Moore that Mrs. Foster left for home;
that Mr. Foster is raving crazy and probably will beat the hell
out of her. She pleaded with Moore to go to 115 Magnolia Street
and give Mrs. Foster some protection. Moore said he would send
a man out there.

10:31 P.M. Incoming on 123.

Bob Moore: Is there anything doing Sgt?
Corrington: Just a minute, Griffin wants to talk to you.
Griffin: Say Bob, I brought Gene Foster in - he's sober
as a judge and I found him at home in bed.
Moore: Let me talk to him.
Foster: Bob, I haven't done anything - I was in bed
when Press picked me up.
Moore: I don't know - I got two calls about you being
drunk. I want to talk to you - better wait
for me over at the jail. Press will stay
with you.

10:36 P.M. Outgoing on 123.

Gene Foster: #1711.
Woman: Hello.
Foster: I want you to know that I appreciate what you
have done tonight. I know you took her in
your car to Arkadelphia, and I'm going to
get even with you, if it's the last thing on
earth I will ever do.
Woman: I don't care what you do (Hung up).

11:02 P.M. Outgoing on 123.

Gene Foster: Called 116 (Miller's)
 Thelma: Hello.
 Foster: Hello, Thelma, who's there?
 Man: Hello.
 Foster: Well they've got me on the inside looking out.
 Man: Need any money?
 Foster: I don't think so yet. I'll probably be over there in a little while -

11:05 P.M. Outgoing on 123.

Gene Foster: Called 657 (?) and asked for his wife, Mrs.
 Mrs. Foster: Foster - Inquired why she had him locked up -
 I was afraid of you. Don't call up again -
 mother is scared to death - I'll see you at court in the morning -

11:20 P.M. Outgoing on 446.

Moore: Called 1690, spoke to Mrs. Foster and inquired
 what her husband did to her -
 Mrs. Foster: Advised her husband had been drinking during
 the afternoon and threatened to kill her -
 requested he be kept locked up -
 Moore: Stated that several people offered to make bond
 for him and he would have to let him out, but
 would make him promise not to go to Mrs. Foster's
 home tonight -

11:30 P.M. Outgoing on 446.

Moore: Called 1690.
 Mrs. Foster: Hello -
 Moore: Mrs. Foster I talker to your husband again. He
 is willing to buy you a divorce and give you
 \$50.00 to boot, if you don't appear against
 him in the morning, and he wont bother you
 any more -
 Mrs. Foster: That's all right -
 Moore: Let me know if he ever bothers you again -

The above conversations appear interesting in view of the fact
 that Foster is employed by Millers Cigar Store (bookie) which is owned and
 operated in conjunction with the Belvedere and the Southern Grill and is also
 the "headquarters" for the night shift of police.

December 14, 1936

2:36 P.M Incoming on 648.

Clyde Brown: Is Leo there?
Miss Marsh: No, he's gone for the day.
Clyde H. Brown: This is Clyde Brown talking - Leo is the attorney for W. S. Jacobs of the Southern Club, isn't he?
Miss Marsh: Why yes.
Clyde H. Brown: I've got a client here who is going to file suit against Jacobs - he almost got killed in that Southern Club.
Miss Marsh: Why - what happened?
Clyde H. Brown: He's a nigger with about seven kids. He used to work at the Club, and they almost killed him there. Now they won't give him a job.
Miss Marsh: (Laughs) I'm glad that's all it is.
Clyde H. Brown: Tell Leo I'll see him in the morning.

From this conversation it will be noted that Mayor McLaughlin represents W. S. Jacobs and thus would be the attorney for all gambling establishments maintained by him which would include the Belvedere, Southern Grill and Millers.

Early morning conversations on this date over the police telephones disclosed a raid was made by officers near Prescott, Arkansas, resulting in the arrest of John Dickson. In getting the raiding party together it was ascertained that Lieut. Cecil Brock was working on a private case at the Eastman Hotel that he referred to as a "dough deal". It also appeared that a Mr. Thompson and one Carl, of Apartment 806, Arlington Hotel, were working with Brock and the parties involved or under suspicion were two girls and a man occupying Room 326 at the Eastman Hotel on this date.

December 15, 1936

10:25 A.M. Incoming on 123.

Long Distance call from Little Rock.

Akers: Hello.
Gray Albright: Dutch - this is Gray - Did you want me.
Akers: Yes - the Sheriff from Killgore, Texas is up here but he will leave before you can get over here. I'll try to get some information from him about that punk. There's a \$1000 on him. The Sheriff says he is going to work on it when he goes back but I'll pump him for some dope for you.
Albright: O.K. do that Dutch.
Akers: Listen, Gray call the D.J. and give them the number of that car so they can get busy at Port Arthur.
Albright: O.K. - I'll do that.

Gray Albright is the present Superintendent of the Arkansas State Rangers. He failed or omitted to notify the Little Rock Division of this information and is not considered a close co-operator of the Bureau.

5:36 P.M. Outgoing on 446.

Arch Cooper: 3421.
Girl: Hello.
Cooper: Is Connie there?
Connie: Hello.
Cooper: What were you doing - this is Arch -
Connie: Was reading.

Cooper: Need any help - ?
 Connie: Don't guess so -
 Cooper: Do you know anything?
 Connie: Not a thing -
 Cooper: Got a call now - see you later.
 Connie: O.K.

The Connie referred to in this conversation appears to be Connie Morris who was apprehended with Fred Hunter at New Orleans.

7:00 P.M. Incoming on 123.

Man: Is Chief Akers there?
 Akers: Hello.
 Man: This is Tony at the White Front. You picked up a fellow who is a good friend of mine - what have you got on him.
 Akers: This boy had a lot fire on him - the State Police requested that he be picked up.
 Tony: He used to work for me several years ago, and I'd like to do something for him.
 Akers: I'm sending Dick Swain, an attorney, over to see you. Talk to him.
 Tony: Can't you come over with him?
 Akers: No, Swain will do all he can for him.
 Tony: All right send him over, tell him to meet at Rankin's Restaurant next door to the White Front.
 Akers: All right, he'll be over in a little while.
 Tony: I want to see you sometime about that little thing you got - I think I can dispose of it for you.
 Akers: O.K.

7:39 P.M. Incoming on 123.

Tony: Dutch, who is this Swain - is he O.K.
 Akers: Yes.
 Tony: He wants a half "C" for his fee, and doesn't know for certain whether he can do the boy any good over there.
 Akers: He'll do all he can for the boy.
 Tony: Yes, I know - but I hate to give out \$50.00 and perhaps pay \$25.00 court fees and other incidentals over there if he can't do him any good.
 Akers: You can rest assured that he'll do all he can.
 Tony: Say Dutch, isn't there anything you can do for him.
 Akers: Not tonight - he'll have to sit in jail.

This conversation appears to refer to a person arrested for counterfeiting and under investigation by the Secret Service. It is an example of the phrase usually spoken when referring to Chief Akers as being one who "plays both ends against the middle".

9:20 A.M. Incoming on 648.

Mr. Ed McHaney from Little Rock called longdistance for Mayor McLaughlin. They discussed the developments of the Mayor's Divorce Suit - nothing important. Mayor asked McHaney what the new Governor was going to do with Gray Albright, the Chief of the State Rangers. McHaney said he hadn't heard a thing, but that he saw Albright the other day, and that Albright now feels a lot better about the outlook. McLaughlin said he heard that Brandenburg of Little Rock had his eye on the job, and in this connection suggested to McHaney to do all he can to discourage his possible appointment - he said that Brandenburg was no good. McHaney indicated that the entire personnel under Governor Futrell will resign by the first of the year. McLaughlin suggested that McHaney take him around and introduce him to the new appointees after the holidays.

The Brandenburg mentioned above is the former Chief of Police of Hot Springs and a close friend of Richard Tallman Galatas. He now operates a private detective agency in Little Rock and is prominently mentioned in a file at the Little Rock Division entitled "C. Floyd Huff, Jr., United States Commissioner."

December 16, 1936

7:45 P.M. Outgoing on 123.

Wakelin:	Called 3421 (Hatterie Hotel).
Grace:	Hello.
Wakelin:	Well, hello -
Grace:	I'm just as naked as a jay bird (laughter) I was just going to take a bath.
Wakelin:	Well, I just got a telephone where I could talk - nobody here now.
Grace:	I just got in a few minutes ago - Shine and I got into trouble coming back. He wouldn't sit still - Sat on me most of the way.
Wakelin:	Yeah? Bet that got old.
Grace:	I haven't had anything to eat but a sand- wich since I left home, was late leaving there.
Wakelin:	What's that, a hint?
Grace:	No, not exactly - got any hot tamales?
Wakelin:	Yeah -
Grace:	Mother asked about you -
Wakelin:	How is she?

Grace: Fine - Well, guess I'll be taking my bath.
 Wakelin: I've got twenty to eight -
 Grace: I've got fifteen til eight.
 Wakelin: How about eight-thirty?
 Grace: All right.
 Grace: O.K.

It will be noted that Grace Goldstein's mother inquired about Chief Wakelin but it is unknown whether they are personally acquainted.

Mayor McLaughlin called Charles Cellas, Southern Real Estate and Finance Company, St. Louis, Missouri, at 11:00 A.M. on this date over line 648. The conversation indicates that Mr. Cellas controls the Oaklawn Park Race Track in Hot Springs.

December 17, 1936

6:15 P.M. Incoming on 123.

Woman: Mr. Akers, please.
 Akers: Hello.
 Woman: This is Ginger - I'm leaving tomorrow at 1:30 to go home to my husband.
 Akers: Well, what do you want me to do about it.
 Ginger: I thought I'd call you and say goodbye, and thank you for everything you've done for me.
 Akers: Yeah, that's all right.

It is possible that this "Ginger" is the prostitute who formerly worked at the Hatterie Hotel for Grace Goldstein and was working there at the time Karpis and others were frequenting the hotel.

11:58 A.M. Incoming on 648.

Mayor: Hello -
 Man: Did you see the Judge.
 Mayor: Yes - we had a very satisfactory talk. He didn't raise any objection.
 Man: That's fine - Thanks very much.

It appears that Mayor McLaughlin is a close friend of all County Judges and possible dictates to them also.

December 18, 1936

11:51 A.M. Incoming on 123.

Tucker: Chief's office.
 Granville: Is the Chief in?
 Wakelin: Hello.

Granville: Chief this is Granville, What will you take for that gun?
 Wakelin: Not less than \$15.
 Granville: Can I see it?
 Wakelin: Yes - I'll bring it down after supper tonight.
 Granville: O.K.

In a recent investigation at Hot Springs involving the transportation of a stolen automobile it was ascertained that the thief had assaulted Chief Wakelin and took three guns from him. When inquiry was made as to the numbers on these guns it was ascertained that no record had been made of any of them, thus allowing a traffic in guns without any record of same.

1:00 P.M. Outgoing on 446.

Akers: 2527 (Ada Garner's house of prostitution)
 Woman: Hello.
 Akers: What's my favorite number?
 Woman: 1992.
 Akers: Is she there?
 Woman: Yes, hold the wire.
 Ada: Hello.
 Akers: What do you know about this crippled fellow called Slim?

Ada: I don't know where he is now.
 Akers: We got him in jail here.
 Ada: All I know is that they came to my place, and he told me positively that they were man and wife. He also asked me whether the girl could hustle at my place.

Akers: In front of her?
 Ada: Yes, in her presence.
 Akers: Did you ever hear them argue any.
 Ada: Yes - once. I heard him tell her that he was getting sick and tired of her not making any money.
 Akers: That's fine. Are you going back to the house?

Ada: Yes.
 Akers: Call me at 2:00 o'clock.
 Ada: O.K. honey.

1:51 P.M. Incoming on 446.

Ada: Is Dutch in?
 Akers: Hello.
 Ada: You asked me to call you.
 Akers: Hold the phone while I close the door.
 Ada: There's nobody here now.

Akers:
Ada:

Well, what do you know about this couple?
They came to me last Thursday, and he asked me whether I had any rooms - he said they were married. I told him yes, and he then asked me whether I could give her a job hustling. She looked O.K. and I told him I would give her a try.

Akers:
Ada:

You said that he had an argument with you.
Yes, after the first nite he fussed about the heat in his room - said it was too cold in there, and that they were going to move. He asked me how much they owed and I told him \$1.00 for one night. I didn't care so much about him staying, but I wanted her to stay.

Akers:
Ada:

Are you sure they were married?
Well, I talked to her, and she said that she married him to keep people from calling him a pimp, and she a "H". She said that they were married in Missouri and that the license was down there - that she would have it sent up if I wanted to see it. I told her that that wouldn't be necessary.

Akers:
Ada:

Did he work while he was here?
I don't know - he said that he was going to work for the Yellow Cab Company as a taxi driver, but I don't know whether he got the job.

Akers:
Ada:

What name did he give you?

Akers:
Ada:

I think it was Pat McCoy.

Akers:
Ada:

Did he bring her up any dates?

No, I don't think so. One time she was in the room with him and another fellow, but of course, I don't know what they done in there. She made \$9.00 as her share while she was here.

Akers:
Ada:

Did you ever hear the two argue?

Yes, once. It seems that she lost her overcoat somewhere, and wanted to buy one here. I was will to loan her half of the money for one, but he didn't want her to get the coat - then he also fussed with her because she wasn't making enough money to suit him.

Akers:
Ada:

Do you know where they came from?

I think she told me they came up from Texarkana. She said that business was good down there, and that she was working nights.

Akers:
Ada:

Did she say where in Texarkana she hustled?

No, she didn't. She also said that she worked in a place somewhere in Texas, before they went to Texarkana.

Akers: Did she say where in Texas she worked?
 Ada: She mentioned the name of the town, but I forgot it now.
 Akers: That's important - try and think of the town and call me back.
 Ada: All right, honey.

6:31 P.M. Incoming on 446.

Ada Garner: Is Mr. Akers there?
 Akers: Hello.
 Ada: I talked with that party, and one of the places you asked me about this afternoon is 115 Jackson Street, Memphis, Tennessee, and the other place is the Lamarthan Hotel (phonetic), St. Louis, Missouri.
 Akers: Fine - hold on to it, Ada, and I'll see you later.

The above conversations between Chief Akers and Ada Garner indicates the extensive knowledge of Chief Akers as to the prostitution in Hot Springs. Patrick "Slim" McCoy, mentioned herein, is the subject of a White Slave Traffic Act case at the Little Rock Division, the investigation being based upon information supplied by Chief Akers. The logs fail to indicate any complaint received by the Police Department and the first reference to McCoy is in a telephone conversation from Night Capt. Bob Moore to one of the officers giving orders for the arrest.

2:03 P.M. Incoming on 446.

Akers: Hello.
 Bert: This is Bert --- Two of my girls got in an Illinois car last night with two strangers - one of them claimed to be Buddy Baer - Max Baer's brother. One of my girls got scared and ran off - the other hasn't shown up yet.
 Akers: You better get all the details and let me have them. We'll round those fellows up.
 Bert: I'll have more by four o'clock - will call you then.

3:35 P.M. Incoming on 123.

Tucker: Chiefs Office.
 Girl: Is Mr. Akers there?
 Akers: Hello.
 Girl: This is the girl Bert Hall has been inquiring about.
 Akers: Where have you been?

Girl: First one place and then another.
 Akers: Well - you had better watch your step -
 you'll get in trouble that way.
 Girl: Well - O.K.
 Akers: I'll be seeing you.

It is believed that Bert Hall lives in the house of prostitution operated by Ada Garner as she has mentioned one Bert.

7:35 P.M. Incoming on 123.

Akers: Hello.
 Scudder: I see where the F.B.I. has been over here raiding again. Got a couple out of a local hotel for extortion - a man by the name of H. B. Combs and his wife.
 Akers: I knew those suckers were up to something when I saw a bunch of them in the Hot Springs Confectionery early this morning.
 Scudder: It just came over the wire. They wrote a man in California. He's coming to Arkansas to appear against them.
 Akers: O.K. thanks Johnnie.

The above conversation relates to the activities of Agents at Hot Springs in the Case of Thomas Lee Combs, Mrs. Thomas Lee Combs with aliases, Karl Dern - Victim, Extortion. Chief Akers entered the Hot Springs Confectionery while this Agent and other Agents were eating breakfast immediately prior to the arrest of Combs and his wife.

1:14 P.M. Outgoing on 648. Conversation between the Mayor and a Miss Beavers who works on the second floor of Sears-Roebuck Company and indicates that they are intimate.

1:16 P.M. Incoming on 648.

Miss Sims: Mayor - you have my brother in jail.
 McLaughlin: I have!
 Miss Sims: I mean the police picked him up last night for being drunk.
 McLaughlin: What's his name?
 Miss Sims: Willie Graham - this is Miss Sims - you know I worked for you last election.
 McLaughlin: Yes, I remember you.
 Miss Sims: I wonder if I can get him out, if I get him out - I'll take him to his aunt's in Little Rock.
 McLaughlin: Where are you now?
 Miss Sims: I'm at home.
 McLaughlin: Can you get over here before two o'clock?
 Miss Sims: Yes, I think so.

McLaughlin:

If you come over here right away, I'll get him out for you. You've got to hurry, because I got to be at the Court House at 8:00 o'clock.

Miss Sims:

Oh thank you, I'll be right over.

1:34 P.M. Outgoing on 448.

Mayor:

448.

Garnett Moore:

City Jail.

Mayor:

Who is this?

Garnett Moore:

Garnett Moore.

Mayor:

This is Leo, what have you Willie Graham in jail for?

Moore:

Is in her for being drunk.

Mayor:

His sister is coming down there - turn him over to her, and I'll sign a ticket for him.

Moore:

O.K.

The above conversation indicates a "fixing" of a case because of previous political activities of a friend.

Telephone calls originated at the Police Station on this date indicating that John Dickson, a prisoner, was in bad physical condition and was secretly removed from the jail to a private hospital. John Dickson died on December 24, 1936, and because of the publicity and findings in the autopsy these conversations are being consolidated subsequently in this report. The autopsy revealed, however, that there were bruises, etc. on the body of Dickson although the death certificate showed the cause of death as pneumonia.

December 19, 1936

1:35 P.M. Incoming on 446.

Man:

Is Dutch there?

Akers:

Hello.

Man:

They're taking Stanley Hill to Little Rock for the Federals this afternoon - have you still got that little book?

Akers:

Yes.

Man:

Freeze to it - let him take his baggage and stuff with him.

Akers:

O.K.

The Stanley Hill mentioned above is the Subject of an impersonation case in the Little Rock Division office and involves fraud perpetrated by Hill in obtaining money from persons by promising a pension. It is possible that Hill is a confidence man.

2:38 P.M. Incoming on 123.

Rockafellow: Is Dutch there?
Akers: Hello.
Rockafellow: This is Rockafellow - what did you do about that?
Akers: I called that fellow and he was very arrogant about it.
Rockafellow: What did he say he was going to do to me?
Akers: He said he was going to put you in the penitentiary for the Mann Act.
Rockafellow: There's no Mann Act charge there.
Akers: I know it - that's what I told him.
Rockafellow: I'm going to do just what Verne told me to do.
Akers: Yes, you do that - stall till Monday and see what they are going to do.

2:55 P.M. Incoming on 123.

Rockafellow: Is Dutch there?
Akers: Hello.
Rockafellow: This is Rockafellow again - can you come up here - I want to tell you something.

The above conversations would indicate a possible blackmail of Charles Rockafellow of the Rockafellow Hotel and Bath House, with the police and city administration going to the aid of Mr. Rockafellow.

December 20, 1936

3:00 P.M. Outgoing on 446.

Joe Scott: 682.
Man: White Front Cigar Store.
Joe Scott: Is Dick Whitaker there?
Man: Yes, just a minute.
Whitaker: Hello.
Joe Scott: This is Scott at the City Jail - I've got your boy and car down here in jail.
Whitaker: Why, what's the matter?
Scott: You better come down and see.

This is the first incident noted in the logs to date where the Police called relatives and notified them of an arrest instead of the relatives inquiring of the police. It will be noted that in this instance the police notified Whitaker at the White Front Cigar Store which is reputed to be the headquarters of "con" men and was the headquarters of Dick Galatas.

5:10 P.M. Outgoing on 123.

Akers called long distance to Roger's Landing on Lake Catherine

and while the operator was ringing that place, agent heard snatches of conversation between Akers and another person believed to be a Mr. Levi. They were apparently discussing the Bureau, and agent heard Akers make the following remarks:

Yes, this couple extorted some money out of this guy in California - they came into town Friday morning and didn't contact any of us. I saw them at breakfast at the Hot Springs Confectionery around 7:30 in the morning - I personally know some of them, but none of them said anything to me. I figured they were up to something - that's the way those guys operate. You know, I had a clash with Hoover on that Karpis raid that those fellows made last April - a whole bunch of them came in to town and almost burned up Woodcock's place. I told them that I didn't like them sneaking into town like that without letting anyone know. Christ sake, we could have gone out there and tangled with them, and some of us or them might have been killed - that's what every police department in the country is kicking about - Look what they did in New York - they almost got a couple of firemen killed - they shot this apartment full of lead and then threw in some tear gas and set the place on fire. The New York police raised plenty hell about it - (at this point some one apparently entered the room, as agent heard Akers introduce Mr. Levi to Sheriff Ellis). At this juncture the operator plugged in and advised that Roger's Landing doesn't answer.

The extortion case referred to above is the case of Thomas Lee Combs and wife hereinbefore mentioned. Akers comments on the raid conducted in the instant case appears of interest.

December 21, 1936

2:18 A.M. Outgoing on 446. A telephone conversation between Chief of Police Joe Wakelin and Grace Goldstein of the Hatterie Hotel which lasted approximately forty-five minutes. Much of the conversation dealt with the effort of Connie Morris to jump out of the front window of the Hatterie Hotel while drunk and the disappearance of a small child. The conversation indicated that Chief Wakelin did not know the residence address of Connie Morris as he inquired of Grace Goldstein as to her home address when told that she was home-sick. Grace Goldstein also told Chief Wakelin of having a conversation with Dr. W. M. Blackshare in which Dr. Blackshare told her that he had campaigned for Governor-elect Carl Bailey and "He was just telling me that Bailey would raise Hell here, and for the sake of argument I said he wouldn't - I don't guess he will have anything to do with it though." Wakelin then replied "Well, if Bailey don't start in and show his butt down here, we ought to have a pretty good season". Grace then said "Maybe he won't. Lot of people say he won't." Wakelin then stated "Yeah - a fellow at the Southern Grill the other day said everything will be all right" to which Grace replied

"Jesus, I hope everything will be all right, so I can make a dollar ninety-eight this winter." This phase of the conversation then ended with the remark by Wakelin "Yeah, me too." Dr. W. M. Blackshare maintains an office in the Medical Arts Building in Hot Springs.

December 22, 1936

12:05 P.M. Outgoing on 123.

Akers: 3421 (Grace Goldstein).
Maid: Hello.
Akers: Is Grace awake?
Grace: Hello.
Akers: One of you girls was down at the Kentucky last night with a man who had a \$50 Express Check. Do you know anything about him?
Grace: Yes - he tried to get me to cash it but I wouldn't.
Akers: Well - I don't think it is any good.
Grace: We just ran into him down at the Hot Springs Confectionery. He said his name was Hinton. He wanted to spend some money up here but he only had that check and I wouldn't cash it for him.
Akers: Well, try to get a line on him and let me know. You might run into him again.
Grace: O.K. honey!

The log shows a previous call from Chief Akers to the Western Union inquiring about the identity and validity of these checks.

12:40 P.M. Incoming on 123.

Jack Manier: Is Akers there?
Akers: Hello.
Manier: This is Jack Manier - there is a fellow named Schalk (phonetic) laying up here - a gang has been contacting and threatening him for something. I thought you might want to know something about it.
Akers: I most certainly do.
Manier: Can you come up here to talk to him.
Akers: Yes, I'll be right up.

1:00 P.M. Incoming on 123.

Man: Is Akers there?
Akers: Hello.
Man: This the Lamar Bath House - do you want to come up here, or do you want that gentleman to come down there?
Akers: I'm pretty busy right now - tell him to come down here and ask for me.

Man: O.K. Dutch -

Jack Manier, mentioned in the first conversation, is Manager of the Lamar Bath House.

1:20 P.M. Incoming on 446.

Jimmy Stoneripher: Did you call me, Dutch?
Akers: Yes - the wife of the boy who stole your car is coming up to deal with you. She wants to buy the car. Ask \$50.00 for it - if she pays one half it'll be O.K. to deal with her.
Stoneripher: Where is the car?
Akers: It's stored at my brother's garage.
Stoneripher: O.K. Dutch - thanks for calling.

The automobile mentioned in this conversation, according to the previous logs, was recovered at Hot Springs and identified through the heat process. At the time of recovery the car was in the possession of one Brantley and had been changed from a Sedan to a Touring car. At the time the car was identified by Lieut. Cecil Brock he, Brock, called Chief of Detectives Akers and notified him of the identification and at that time inquired as to the numbers of "those other two". No interstate cars have been mentioned. It will be noted that Chief of Detectives Akers mentioned a garage of his brother. Efforts will be made to ascertain the location of this garage.

2:51 P.M. Incoming on 123.

Billy: Is Chief Wakelin in?
Wakelin: Hello.
Billy: This is Billy - how are you feeling?
Wakelin: I'm tired.
Billy: What have you been doing?
Wakelin: Hunting that kid.
Billy: I want to tell you something - you know Parker, don't you? He works in the rear of Miller's Cigar Store. Well last Thursday he invited me to his room at the Marquette Hotel for a drink - I had three or four drinks, and then he took eight dollars out of my pocketbook. I asked him for the money, and he wouldn't give it back - said there wasn't anything I could do about it. Do you know him?
Wakelin: No, I don't.
Billy: Well, he works for Millers in the back of the store.
Wakelin: You call me back - and I'll see what I can do and find out.

3:14 P.M. Outgoing on 446.

Akers: 116 (Miller's Cigar Store)
 Man: Hello.
 Akers: Is Herb Greeley there?
 Greeley: Hello.
 Akers: That boy, Parker - they got him on a robbery charge. He had a girl at the Marquette Hotel, and robbed her of \$8.00. He admitted to it.
 Greeley: Well, I don't know what to do - I think I'll see the "old man" about it.
 Akers: You can call me.

3:16 P.M. Outgoing on 448.

Wakelin: 4571.
 Billy: Hello.
 Wakelin: Billy, can you come to the Clerk's Office and get out a warrant for Parker?
 Billy: Will I have to do that?
 Wakelin: If you get out a warrant, I can go and pick him up.
 Billy: Listen Joe, there was another couple in the room with us - I suppose he'll get them to say that he didn't take the money from me.
 Wakelin: He made a crack that he gave you \$5.00 of that money.
 Billy: He did.
 Wakelin: Did you turn a trick for him.
 Billy: Yes, he told the porter he wanted to see me - after we finished he invited me to have a couple of drinks. I had three or four, and he took that money from me then. I really don't want him arrested, - I just want my money back.
 Wakelin: O.K. - you come down to the Clerk's Office and get a warrant for him - we'll get the money for you all right.
 Billy: I won't have to go to court, will I?
 Wakelin: NO, I don't think so - I think we can settle this without any trouble.
 Billy: Will you meet me, and tell me where to go and what to do.
 Wakelin: O.K. I'll see you in front of the City Hall.

3:52 P.M. Incoming on 123.

Billy: Is Chief Wakelin there?
 Wakelin: Hello -
 Billy: I did that - the man said he'll send it around to you.
 Wakelin: We got Parker here now - come over by here.
 Billy: All right - watch for me.

4:22 P.M. Incoming on 123.

W. S. Jacobs: Is Dutch there?
Sgt. Tucker: He's out just now.
W. S. Jacobs: Do you know whether Parker got out of jail
or not?
Sgt. Tucker: Yes, he's out.
W. S. Jacobs: All right - this is Jacobs talking.

It will be noted that Parker was an employee of Miller's Cigar Store (bookie). The "old man" apparently refers to W. B. Jacobs who later called and inquired if Parker was in jail. The log for the following day (December 23, 1936) discloses that Stanley Parker resided on Grand Avenue, second house past the City Furniture Company, was re-arrested by officers Rogers and Griffin and booked for larceny. The disposition of the case is unknown.

December 23, 1936

6:25 A.M. Incoming on 123.

Mr. Dodge: Is Joe Scott there?
Joe Scott: Hello -
Mr. Dodge: Hello Joe - this Dodge. You gave a lady
friend of mine a ticket for parking. She
is scared to death. I told her that Mr.
Scott would be the last fellow in town to
scare anyone. Can you do anything about
it?
Joe Scott: Have you got the ticket?
Mr. Dodge: Yes, she gave it to me.
Joe Scott: Bring it over here, and I'll fix it up for
you.
Dodge: O.K. Joe - thanks a lot.

Joe Scott is a uniformed officer and often rides in the safety car (equipped with loud speaker).

2:20 P.M. Outgoing on 123.

Akers: 858 (Blue Ribbon Club)
Man: Blue Ribbon
Akers: Someone call Herbert Akers?
Man: Yes - you were talking about Santa Claus.
Which would you rather have - a suit or
an overcoat?
Akers: Much Oblige.
Man: Well, arrangements are already made at
Welcher's (go by and pick out what you
want).
Akers: Much oblige.

It will be noted that the unknown man stated Akers was talking about Santa Claus.

10:35 A.M. Outgoing on 648.

Mayor McLaughlin called the Arkansas National Bank for his balance and was told that it was \$736.44.

11:50 A.M. Incoming on 648.

Mayor:

Hello.

Marion Anderson:

This is Marion.

Mayor:

Yes. Runyon is all equipped at the Black Cat, I want you to go over there and tell him not to start and that if he does you'll have to burn his stuff. If he does start you're going to have to do it too.

Anderson:

O.K. I'll tell him.

Marion Anderson took office on January 1, 1937, as the Sheriff of Garland County. The Black Cat referred to is a liquor store that was recently remodeled and is located on Central Avenue.

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

In order that the facts as to this occurrence may be clarified the conversations appearing in the logs have been consolidated and are hereinafter set forth. It may be stated that John Dickson et. al. are subjects of a pending National Motor Vehicle Theft Act case in the Little Rock Division based upon the theft of a Chevrolet Coupe in Hot Springs which was transported to Tahlequah, Oklahoma where a Ford V-8 was stolen and the two cars transported to the vicinity of Perryville, Arkansas. Investigation has disclosed that John Dickson, Alfred "Pug" Dickson and Robert DeMarr transported and stole these cars. The Hot Springs Police Department were also seeking the apprehension of these three men not only for the car theft at Hot Springs but the robbery of a safe in the Blue Ribbon Bar (bookie) and an attempted robbery of a safe in the Ohio Club (bookie) during the fall of 1935. On September 28, 1936, Chief of Police Joe Wakelin and other officers conducted a raid at the farm of Walker Dickson near Perryville, Arkansas, in an effort to apprehend these three men but were successful as to DeMarr only. During the raid and while Chief Wakelin was guarding the Ford Coach three men assaulted him and stole two pistols and a .351 caliber rifle from him. The guns were subsequently recovered, one revolver being found on Alfred Dickson at the time of his arrest. DeMarr is now confined in the Arkansas State Penitentiary under a sentence of five years for grand larceny and Alfred Dickson is now confined in the City Jail at Hot Springs awaiting trial for grand larceny. DeMarr and "Shorty" Price entered pleas of guilty to the robbery

of the Blue Ribbon Bar and also implicated two policemen, one of whom is dead and the other, named Charles Sellers, is under indictment as an accessory.

John Dickson was arrested by State Officers at Prescott, Arkansas on December 13, 1936, and was immediately taken to Hot Springs and confined in the City Jail. The following conversations took place there after:

December 14, 1936

5:45 P.M. Incoming on 123.

Woman (weeping) - Inquired from Tucker (who knew her voice) as to whether John Dixon would be tried on following day -
Tucker: I hardly think so -

5:55 P.M. Outgoing on 448.

Man: Called 1723 (Wakelin's residence) Spoke to Wakelin and informed him that the prisoner held upstairs was in very bad shape and needed a doctor immediately.
Wakelin: I'll be right down -
Man: O.K. I didn't want to call a doctor without letting you know - (Note: Prisoner referred to may be John Dixon).

6:15 P.M. Outgoing on 446.

Buchanan: Called 426 - Asked for Dr. Merritt.
Dr. Merritt: Hello -
Buchanan: Doctor, can you come over to the jail right away to see a prisoner?
Dr. Merritt: Is he sick?
Buchanan: No.
Dr. Merritt: Is he hurt?
Buchanan: Some - I'll tell you when you get here -
Dr. Merritt: O.K. (Note: #426 is listed as Dr. J. F. Merritt, 1524 Central Ave. Conversation possibly refers to beating of prisoner, John Dixon).

December 15, 1936

5:45 P.M. Outgoing on 123.

Akers: 6734 Little Rock.
Girl: F.B.I. Field Division.
Akers: Let me talk to Damron -
Damron: Hello -

Akers:

This is Akers - how bad do you want that guy who has been collecting for pensions. Don't know anything about it Dutch - we've got a couple of cases on these eye doctor rackets. What's the fellow's name?

Damron:

Gave me the name of Hill.

Akers:
Damron:

I'll see what we've got - what are you doing with John?

Akers:

He's slightly ill today - doesn't feel so well. Are you going to help me keep my word about Pug - that he'll be in jail in 24 hours -?

Damron:

I sent those out last night.

Akers:

I think we've found where he has been sleeping - at Little Rock - well thanks -

Damron:

O.K. Dutch -

December 16, 1936

10:17 A.M. Incoming on 123.

Dr. Eaves:

I see you got Dixon - I guess your neck will get well now but I'll bet there won't be any hose pipe left in town. (laughs)

Chief Wakelin:

O.K.

December 18, 1936

1:36 P.M. Incoming on 123.

Ridgway:

Is Akers there?

Akers:

Hello.

Ridgway:

This is Curtis - how are you getting along with John Dixon?

Akers:

We haven't talked to him today yet.

Ridgway:

Heard some talk in these attorney's offices that his father is here to spring him.

Akers:

They won't have much luck.

Ridgway:

Thought I'd tell you about it.

Akers:

What do you think about taking him out of town.

Ridgway:

I don't think that is necessary.

Akers:

Well, if we wanted to - is it all right by you.

Ridgway:

Sure it would be O.K.

6:05 P.M. Outgoing on 123.

Arch Cooper:

#29.

Herbert:

Gross Mortuary.

Arch Cooper:

Is Herb, there?

Herbert:
Arch Cooper:
Herbert:
Arch Cooper:

This is he.
This is Arch - how long are you going to
be there?
I'm working all night.
I'm going to call you after a while, and I
want you to jump in one of your cars and
drive down to the City Jail. When you
get here park the car in the driveway op-
posite the door where it says "City Jail".
I want you to take a fellow to the New
Park Hospital, and I don't want anybody
to see you take him away. I want to get
him out of here as quickly and quietly as
possible.

Herbert:
Arch Cooper:
Herbert:

O.K. Arch, I'll be there when you call.
I don't want you to tell anybody about this.
O.K. Arch - I won't.

6:08 P.M. Outgoing on 446.

Arch Cooper:
Mrs. Merritt:
Arch Cooper:
Mrs. Merritt:
Arch Cooper:
Mrs. Merritt:

#426 (Dr. J. F. Merritt residence)
Hello.
Is Dr. Merritt there?
No, he's not.
If you can locate him - tell him to come
down to City Jail right away.
I think he's on his way over there.

6:13 P.M. Incoming on 123.

Sgt:
Dr. Merritt:

Chief of Police office.
This is Dr. Merritt - tell Arch I'll be
there in about 15 minutes.

6:20 P.M. Outgoing on 446.

Arch Cooper:
Herbert:
Arch Cooper:

29.
Gross Mortuary.
Herb - this is Arch. We're ready - now
when you get over here, back into the
driveway to the door of the City Jail-
the doctor will be here and he will go
over to the New Park Hospital with you.
Try and get out of here as fast as you
can, for we don't want anybody to see
us taking him away.

Herbert:

O.K. Arch - I'll be right over.

6:29 P.M. Outgoing on 446.

Dr. Merritt:
Nurse:

#2089.
New Park Sanitorium.

Dr. Merritt: Miss Nash (?) please.
Nurse: Just a minute -
(Heard Dr. Merritt say to someone near the phone that this woman was A 1, and no one need be afraid of anything getting out of there).

Mrs. Nash: Hello.
Dr. Merritt: My patient is on the way down there now.
Mrs. Nash: He's already here - we have a nice room for him.
Dr. Merritt: Fine - I'll be over later in a few minutes.

7:00 P.M. Incoming on 446.

Tucker: City Jail.
Dr. Merritt: Is Louis there?
Tucker: No. Cecil is here.
Brock: Hello.
Dr. Merritt: I told Louis to put that medicine in ambulance but I don't have it now.
Brock: I don't know about it Doctor. Louis isn't here - where are you.
Dr. Merritt: Up at New Park Hospital - If he's not there look and see if it is in upper part of station - if so let it stay there 'till morning.
Brock: O.K. Doctor.

7:05 P.M. Outgoing on 123.

Brock: 2089 (New Park Hospital)
Nurse: New Park
Brock: May I speak to Dr. Merritt -
Nurse: He just left.
Brock: Thanks, honey.

9:10 P.M. Incoming on 446.

Woman: Advised she was a nurse at New Park Hospital and that Officer Griffin was sick himself and unable to guard "that man" any more. Advised also it would be dangerous for Griffin to be in the room with pneumonia.

December 19, 1936

9:55 A.M. Outgoing on 123.

Akers called S.A.C., Little, FBI Field Division, Little Rock, Arkansas, #6734.

Little: Hello.
Akers: Hello - this is Herbert Akers - are you familiar with this John Dixon Case?

Little: Yes -
Akers: Can you place a warrant in our hands?
They are trying to serve a writ on us.
Little: The Marshal has a warrant, I am sure.
Akers: I wonder if you'll have him wire me or
get in touch with me.
Little: Yes - sure.
Akers: Have you heard from the U. S. Attorney on
that Mann Act Case?
Little: I'll find out and let you know.
Akers: Have you heard anything about Pug?
Little: No -
Akers: If you can get into his wife's trunk I'm
sure you can get a good picture of him.
Little: If anything comes up I'll let you know.

10:04 A.M. Outgoing on 123.

Akers called Sheriff Bearden at Hope, Arkansas.
Sheriff: Hello -
Akers: This is Herbert Akers - you want John Dixon
don't you?
Sheriff: Yes -
Akers: Mail me a warrant on him today. They're
trying to serve a writ and I want your
warrant.
Sheriff: Have you got the other two.
Akers: Yes - If you want them send warrants with
that for Dixon -
Sheriff: O.K. I'll get them in the morning mail.

10:14 A.M. Outgoing on 123.

Akers called Sheriff at Perryville.
Sheriff: Hello.
Akers: This is Herbert Akers - send me warrants
on everyone of these fellows you want.
Sheriff: O.K. Dutch - I'll get them off today -
Akers: I wish you would - they're trying to serve
a writ on me and I need them.

10:15 A.M. Incoming on 123.

Woman called Tucker and reported Garnett Moore sick.

10:16 A.M. Incoming on 123.

Long Distance call for Akers from U. S. Marshal's Office, Little
Rock.
Akers: Hello.

Julian: Akers - do you have John Dixon?
 Akers: Yes - have you a warrant?
 Julian: Yes - can I come over and take him off your hands.
 Akers: No - what I want is to get a copy of your warrant. They're trying to serve a writ on us. He's sick.
 Julian: Well - can't we move him over here - ?
 Akers: No - you've got plenty of time to get him - I can't explain now.
 (Akers turned and asked woman to leave the office for a minute). Julian, he's in a local sanitarium and I'm sure the doctor wouldn't consent to his being moved.
 Julian: What's the matter with him?
 Akers: That's all I can tell you but I'd like to have you send me that warrant.
 Julian: O.K. I'll wire you right away and confirm it by letter enclosing a copy of the warrant.
 Akers: O.K. Thanks.
 Julian: I'll advise Little of the FBI in view of the fact he called me.
 Akers: All right.

10:25 A.M. Incoming on 123.

Akers received a long distance call from S.A.C. Little at Little Rock.
 Akers: Hello.
 Little: I just heard from Julian. Understand John is in the hospital.
 Akers: Yes - he's got a little fever.
 Little: On that other case the U.S. Attorney has authorized prosecution and complaints have been filed. (Talked about criminal record of McCoy). Just keep them there - Owens will be down in a few days for further investigation.
 Akers: O.K.

10:30 A.M. Outgoing on 123.

Akers called Sheriff Rooker at Benton, Arkansas.
 Sheriff: Hello.
 Akers: Sheriff this is Akers - shoot me a warrant for John Dixon right away. They're trying to get a writ.
 Sheriff: O.K. Dutch - it will be on the way today -
 Akers: Thanks.

10:38 A.M. Outgoing on 123.

Akers called Jake Strickler - Okla. State Auto Bureau - Okla. City, Okla.

Strickler: Hello.
Akers: Jake this is Herbert Akers. Have you got a warrant for John Dixon?
Strickler: No - there's a Federal warrant outstanding. I can get a warrant if you want.
Akers: I wish you would and send me a copy. They're trying to serve a Writ on us.
Strickler: O.K. - I'll send some of the boys over and get them to file on him.
Akers: All right.
Strickler: We went to Dover and looked the place over and couldn't get a thing.
Akers: All right Thanks.

10:54 A.M. Outgoing on 446.

Man: 426 (Probably Louis Hinkle calling)
Dr. Merritt: Hello.
Man: Dr. Merritt are you going up to the hospital?
Dr. Merritt: I've already been - I'm coming down there in a few minutes.

11:18 A.M. Incoming on 446.

Woman called Tucker - (this woman is believed to be wife of John Dixon's half uncle).

Tucker: Hello.
Woman: Do you know whether boy is in hospital -
Tucker: I don't know you'll have to talk to Dr. Merritt. He can tell you.
Woman: What is his number.
Tucker: 471 I think.

12:20 P.M. Incoming on 446.

Curly Evans called from the New Park Hospital and asked for Arch Cooper or Chief Wakelin - Tucker advised they were both at lunch. Curly Evans then asked for Akers or Brock - was advised they were out on a fire call, and that no one else was at the station. Evans advised that the fellow at the hospital had the chills, and that the nurse suggested he be given a hot toddy - said that when Cecil come back for him to call at the hospital.

12:59 P.M. Incoming on 123.

Curly Evans called and spoke with Chief Wakelin - said that the fellow he was guarding had the chills, and that the nurse suggested he be given a hot toddy - said he called Dr. Merritt,

and that he said it would be all right to give him one.
Evans further advised that the hospital didn't have anything,
and suggested that the Chief send something up. Chief Wakelin
advised he would tend to it. He then asked Evans how John was
getting along, and Evans replied that he was in a pretty bad
shape, and that he may pull through.

4:20 P.M. Incoming on 123.

Curly Evans: Asked Akers if he could get a pint of liquor
for Dixon - said Dixon was very low and
that the doctor told him liquor might help.
Akers: Informed Evans that it would be O.K. with him.
(Note: Evans evidently at New Park Hospital
guarding the prison John Dixon.)

4:22 P.M. Incoming on 123.

Curly Evans: Asked for Brock -
Brock: Hello -
Evans: Asked Brock how he was to pay for liquor for
Dixon's use - said Wakelin probably thought
the hospital supplied it, but none there -
Brock: Call the Mayor about it -

8:05 P.M. Incoming on 446.

Tucker: City Jail.
Louis Hinkle: Mr. Tucker this is Louis - Tell Mr. Akers I
gave Curly a pint of whiskey and we won't
need any more.
Tucker: All right - I'll tell him.

9:10 P.M. Incoming on 123.

(Woman believed to be Mrs. Haynes - wife of John Dixon's half-
uncle called and asked for Bob Moore)
Bob Moore: Hello.
Woman: Bob I want to ask you a few questions - just
answer yes or no.
Bob Moore: If I can.
Woman: Did they take him to the hospital.
Bob Moore: Yes -
Woman: Which one.
Bob Moore: (whisper) New Park -
Woman: Can you go to a booth and call me?
Bob Moore: You call back in about 30 or 40 minutes.
Woman: O.K.

9:18 P.M. Incoming on 123.

Curly Evans called Bob Moore and asked to be relieved from duty

at the hospital - Moore said he would send a man out in a little bit.

10:40 P.M. Incoming on 123.

Woman (believed to be Mrs. Haynes - wife of John Dixon's half uncle) called for Bob Moore.
Moore: Hello.
Woman: Can you talk now?
Moore: Drive down and park by the side of the auditorium I'll meet you there.
Woman: All right - we'll be down there in about 10 minutes.
Moore: Oke Doke -

8:53 A.M. Outgoing on 648.

Mayor called 446 (City Jail) and told Cecil Brock to have all the boys come to his office after court - that he wanted to talk to them.

11:35 A.M. Incoming on 648.

Woman: What did you find out about that boy?
Mayor: I told the Chief to investigate that matter.
Woman: I heard they got him in the hospital - if he's in that condition - that's the place for him.
Mayor: Yes, I should guess so.
Woman: I wish you could let me know what hospital he is in.
Mayor: I'll look after it, and will let you know.
Note: Woman probably trying to seek information about the whereabouts of John Dixon.

December 20, 1936

10:00 A.M. Incoming on 446.

Murray called from Hospital and asked that someone be sent up to relieve him. Was told that someone would be sent up.

11:29 A.M. Incoming on 123.

Long Distance call from Gray Albright at Little Rock to Chief Wakelin)
Wakelin: Hello.
Albright: Hello Chief - Jim Sanderson had a hold-up over there this morning. The two men got away and were driving a dark colored Dodge

or Plymouth Sedan (1935 or 1936) with Texas license #709534. Both were white and about twenty-five years old. Have your men look out for them.

Wakelin: Yes - I will.
Albright: How is John? (John Dixon)
Wakelin: He's in the hospital but is reported better this morning. It's too bad it wasn't all finished out there.
Albright: We'll look out on that and if you get anything let Sanderson know.
Wakelin: All right.

4:55 P.M. Outgoing on 123.

Dr. Merritt: #1923.
Woman: Hello.
Dr. Merritt: Is Chief Wakelin there?
Chief Wakelin: Hello.
Dr. Merritt: What time are you coming down to the station?
Chief Wakelin: Around six o'clock - why what's the matter?
Dr. Merritt: Things don't look so favorable - I want to talk to you about this thing. I'll try and be here at six o'clock to talk this over with you.
Chief Wakelin: Anything happen?
Dr. Merritt: Those folks are calling up at the hospital, and have also been trying to get hold of me all day. I don't know how they found out he is up there.
Chief Wakelin: How is he?
Dr. Merritt: He's no better - that's what I'm afraid of. If anything, he is worse.
Chief Wakelin: Yeah.
Dr. Merritt: That's what I want to talk to you about - maybe we can get him out of town.
Chief Wakelin: I'll be there in a little while.

6:03 P.M. Incoming on 446.

Woman: Have you heard how John Dixon is today, Tucker?
Tucker: No I haven't heard a word - I don't know anything about that case.
Woman: Where is he? What hospital is he in?
Tucker: I don't know - there's no one here now but me.
Woman: Well it seems mighty funny that no one knows where he is or anything about him - I called all the hospitals and they don't know anything either -

Tucker: Well, I don't know -

8:50 P.M. Incoming on 123.

Officer Davis called from the hospital and asked for relief.
Was told that someone would be sent out to relieve him.

9:16 P.M. Incoming on 123.

Officer Floyd Davis called in and said that he was at the New Park Hospital guarding John - that he was feeling sick and wanted to be relieved. Akers or Brock said they would send someone up to relieve him.

9:25 P.M. Incoming on 123.

Woman: Is Captain Moore there?

Moore: Hello.

Woman: This the New Park Hospital - the officer on duty here is very sick. He has pains in his stomach, and he's very much nauseated.

Moore: I have a man coming up there to relieve him.

December 21, 1936

9:55 P.M. Incoming on 123.

Andy Irvin: Informed Moore he was relieving G. Moore at the New Park Hospital -

11:21 A.M. Incoming on 648.

Miss Marsh: Mayor's Office.

Mrs. Haynes (believed to be wife of uncle of JOHN Dixon): May I speak to the Mayor.

Mayor: Hello.

Mrs. Haynes: This is Mrs. Haynes. I just talked with Dr. Merritt.

Mayor: Well, you'll have to straighten all that out with him.

Mrs. Haynes: Well, I did talk with him but he wouldn't even tell me what hospital he was in.

Mayor: Well, Dr. Merritt is in charge of the case. I don't know anything about how they handle those cases. They may be getting ready to take a statement.

Mrs. Haynes: Well, John's father is so worried and I wanted to get another Doctor to examine him.

Mayor: Well, you see Dr. Merritt and you call me later.

Mrs. Haynes: All right.

December 22, 1936

10:20 A.M. Outgoing on 123.

Brock: 2089.
Woman: New Park Hospital.
Brock: Let me talk to Buchanan.
Buchanan: Hello.
Brock: Buck - the Chief wants you to stay up there
and to send Abbott back with the car.
Buchanan: O.K.

10:15 P.M. Incoming on 446.

Officer: Advised Moore that the "old woman" said
that a lot of people know that the fellow
was there and might come get him.
Moore: Tell her to call Capt. Cooper if she wants
to - If you're afraid - go on home.
Officer: No - I just wanted to let you know what she
said.

Since the preparation of this report, information has been received that Chief of Police Joe Wekelin, Captain Arch Cooper, Lieutenant Cecil Brock and Detective Glenn Buchanan, have been suspended indefinitely from the police department by Mayor Leo McLaughlin pending an investigation of the death of Dickson by the Garland County Grand Jury.

- P E N D I N G -

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U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box #1469,
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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the logs
for December 27th, 28th and 29th, 1936, covering the
taps being maintained on the telephones at Hot
Springs, Arkansas, in connection with the above
captioned case.

Very truly yours,

John B. Little
JOHN B. LITTLE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc: Mr. Connelley, Cleveland
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Post Office Box 1469,
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Director,
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Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

With further reference to Bureau letter dated December 22, 1936 (7-576), relative to transmittal of logs covering the telephone taps in operation at Hot Springs, Arkansas, a review of the file in the Little Rock Field Division reflects that copies of these logs have been furnished to the Bureau covering the following dates:

November 24, 25, 26, 1936,
December 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27,
28, 29, 30, and 31, 1936,
January 1 and 2, 1937.

The file reflects that the taps were out of operation on December 24 and 25, 1936.

There are transmitted herewith logs on these taps covering the dates of December 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17, 1936. Copies of the logs submitted on the intervening dates between November 24, 1936 and January 2, 1937, have been forwarded to Inspector Connelley, and in accordance with information in the letter of reference they will be forwarded to the Bureau as soon as they are returned by Inspector Connelley, unless contrary instructions are received from the Bureau.

With reference to the telephonic conversation had with Mr. Tamm of the Bureau on January 11, 1937, I have instructed the agents engaged on the plant at Hot Springs, Arkansas, to immediately obtain duplicate copies of the newspaper clippings that have been referred to heretofore in connection with the submission of logs on the taps at Hot Springs, and they will be forwarded to the Bureau as soon as they are received. The agents engaged on the plant at Hot Springs have been instructed to submit two copies of all such clippings in the future.

With further reference to the telephone conversation had with Mr. Tamm, there are transmitted herewith newspaper clippings from the Arkansas Gazette, Little Rock, Arkansas, under dates of December 16, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30 and 31, 1936, January 4, 6, and 7, 1937, and from the Arkansas Democrat, Little Rock, under dates of December 27, 1936, and January 7, 1937, relating to the death of John Dickson, a subject in Little Rock file 25-678, entitled "John Dickson (deceased), et al;

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National Motor Vehicle Theft Act", while in custody of the Hot Springs Police Department on State charges. As a result of Dickson's death, it will be noted that several members of the Hot Springs Police Department were discharged, including Chief of Police Joe Wakelin, and seven members of the Police Department have since been indicted for second degree murder arising out of Dickson's death. Former Chief of Police Joe Wakelin was not indicted. Those under indictment are: Day Captain Arch Cooper, Lieutenant Cecil Brock, head of the identification bureau, Night Captain Robert Moore, Detective R. G. Buchanan, Patrolman Press Griffin, Officer Joe Scott, and Patrolman Andy Irwin. Information received through the taps reflected that Herbert "Dutch" Akers, Chief of Detectives, was offered the position of Chief of Police, but declined.

There is also transmitted herewith a copy of the log covering January 3, 1937, and a copy of a memorandum submitted by Special Agent John L. Madala, dated January 10, 1937, relative to the developments following the death of John Dickson. With this memorandum are submitted two newspaper clippings, one from the New Era, under date of January 6, 1937, and the other from the Sentinel-Record under date of January 7, 1937, both of which newspapers are published in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Very truly yours,

JOHN B. LITTLE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-2**

REPORT MADE AT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	DATE WHEN MADE 1-27-37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/14-21/37	REPORT MADE BY B. L. DAMRON GWC
TITLE GEORGE TIMINNEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. # 1232 et al.; EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <div style="text-align: center;">- P -</div> <p>Conversations of interest overheard on telephone taps at Hot Springs for period of January 14 to 21, inclusive, set forth.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p>Report of Special Agent B. L. Damron, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated January 4, 1937.</p>			
DETAILS: <p>The telephone taps on numbers 123 (Police Department), 446 (Chief of Police) and 648 (Mayor's Office) continued on a twenty-four hour basis during the period covered by this report and apparently without the knowledge of the subscribers.</p> <p>It would appear from the conversations hereinafter quoted that Day Captain of Police Jerry Watkins, a new appointee to the Police Department, has many outside contacts some of which are questionable.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>JANUARY 14, 1937</u></p> <p>The following conversation apparently originated with former Day Captain of Police, Robert L. Moore:</p> <p>11:05 A.M. Incoming on 648 JLM</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <p>Bob Moore: Is Leo in, Hazel?</p> <p>Miss Marsh: Yes -</p> <p>Mayor: Hello</p> </div> </div>			
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Bob Moore: This is Bob Moore - how do you want us to vote on that bond issue?
 Mayor: Well, I'm going to vote for it.

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

7:37 P.M. Incoming on # 123

JLM

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

JANUARY 15, 1937

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

1:40 P.M. Incoming on # 446

GRM

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

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

2:18 P.M. Incoming on # 123

GRM

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

4:25 P.M. Outgoing on # 446

JLM

Akers: # 98 (Keystone Bar)
Jack Frye: Hello -
Akers: Did you call me, Jack?
Jack Frye: Yes, - did you find that like I told you?
Akers: Yes, he's down here dead drunk.
Jack Frye: Was anybody with him?
Akers: Yeah, some pimp working for Ma Procter.
Jack Frye: Have you got him?
Akers: Not yet. How much does this fellow owe you?
Jack Frye: \$225.00.
Akers: Well, I'll get it for you as soon as he sobers up.
Jack Frye: All right, Dutch, thanks.

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

11:08 P.M. Outgoing on # 123

H.A.S.

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

JANUARY 16, 1937

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

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

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

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

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

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

JANUARY 17, 1937

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

5:25 A.M. Incoming on # 446

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

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

10:47 A.M. Incoming on # 446

JLM

Jack Fry: Is Dutch there?

Akers: Hello -
 Jack Fry: I saw that party last night - what happened to him?
 Akers: Dr. Brown signed his bond for his appearance in court Monday.
 Jack Fry: Well, I didn't want to go to Court with him on this - couldn't you get him to pay the money out of court?
 Akers: No, I couldn't do a thing with him - he's going to contend it was a gambling debt.
 Jack Fry: Has he got an attorney?
 Akers: I don't know.
 Jack Fry: Well, Dick Swain called me just a while ago and said that he was representing the boy.
 Akers: I won't be here tomorrow, but why don't you get a hold of Verne before court and explain this to him. If you don't want to do that, ask him to continue the case until you can round up your witnesses, and in the meantime I'll talk to him.
 Jack Fry: Well, I can do that.
 Akers: Can't you get some witnesses who will testify that they saw you give him the money outright. You can say that you didn't know what he was going to do with the money; that he walked to the back of the place, and couldn't see what he was doing back there.
 Jack Fry: I can get three or four witnesses all right that can say they saw me give him the money.
 Akers: Well, you contact Verne early tomorrow morning, and either have your witnesses there for court, or ask him to continue it for a couple of days, and I'll talk to him then.
 Jack Fry: O.K. Dutch -

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

1:31 P.M. Incoming on / 123

JLM

Dick Swain: Is Akers there?
 Akers: Hello -
 Dick Swain: This is Dick - are you going to be in town tomorrow morning?
 Akers: No, I'll have to be in Little Rock.
 Dick Swain: I wondered if you could get someone to whisper in Ledgerwood's ear tomorrow morning for him to tell Jack to give this fellow his check back. If he doesn't, he threatens to go before the

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

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

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

5:10 P.M. Incoming on # 446

QTM

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

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

9:30 P.M. Outgoing on # 123

HAS

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

9:40 P.M. Outgoing on # 123

HAS

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

11:35 P.M. Incoming on # 123

HAS

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

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

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

11:31 A.M. Outgoing on # 123

GRM

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

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

4:20 P.M. Incoming on # 446

HAS

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

The identity of Marjorie Fatheres is unknown at this time.

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

3:30 P.M. Incoming on # 648

HAS

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

The following comments made by Mayor McLaughlin appear of interest:

4:55 P.M. Outgoing on # 648

HAS

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

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2:45 A.M. Incoming on # 123

HAS

Officers: Abbott and Davis reported at The Chicago Club (217)
The Chicago Club is a bookie with private card games in the rear.

8:32 A.M. Incoming on # 446

GRM

Carrington: City Jail

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

8:35 A.M. Outgoing on # 123

HAS

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

7:15 A.M. Incoming on # 123

HAS

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

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

4:32 P.M. Incoming on # 446

JLM

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

4:35 P.M. Outgoing on # 446

JLM

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

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

6:12 P.M. Incoming on # 446

JLM

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

7:11 P.M. Outgoing on # 123

GRM

Akers: 688
Man: White Front.
Akers: Is Matt there? (Matt Picki)
Matt: Hello -
Akers: Did you call me?
Matt: Yes, I saw that fellow. - O K - I think I'd better
get a receipt.
Akers: All right.

7:13 P.M. Incoming on # 446

GRM

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

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

11:00 P.M. Outgoing on # 123

HAS

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

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

Lillian Bahre operates a house of prostitution in Hot Springs.

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

12:30 A.M. Outgoing on # 123.

HAS

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

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

9:46 A.M. Incoming on # 123

GRM

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

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

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

11:52 A.M. Incoming on # 183

GRM

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

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

2:35 P.M. Incoming on # 446

JLM

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

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

10:20 A.M. Incoming on # 648

JLM

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

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

(bookie and gambling establishment) was open at 1:30 A.M. Previous conversations indicated that small beer taverns were ordered to close at 11:00 P.M. and others were closed permanently.

The following two calls are between Mayor Leo McLaughlin and W. S. Jacobs, reputed to be the head of all gambling in Hot Springs:

9:53 A.M. Outgoing on # 648

GRM

Mayor: Alls
Woman: Hello -
Mayor: Ella, this is Leo - where is Mr. Jacobs?
Woman: He's upstairs.
Mayor: Well, ask him to call me when he comes down.

9:54 A.M. Incoming on # 648

GRM

Jacobs: Called Mayor -
Mayor: Hello -
Jacobs: Did you call?
Mayor: Yes, I'm going over there to be before the Commission (Racing Commission) at 4 P.M.
Jacobs: Well - That piece in the paper isn't the same as the one I saw. The morning paper didn't carry anything.
Mayor: Well, this one isn't so bad. I'll see you before I leave -
Jacobs: I'm leaving for Belvedere now.

The following conversation is between Mayor McLaughlin and Ed Farris, Secretary of the Racing Commission. Mr. Cella, mentioned in the conversation, is Mr. Charles Cella of St. Louis, Missouri, owner of Oaklawn Park racing track.

10:26 A.M. Incoming on # 648

JLM

Long Distance call from Ed Farris at Little Rock, Arkansas.
Farris: I talked with Mr. Hilliard, and he said this meeting is going to be just a get-together, to get the boys acquainted with each other - that we'll probably have another meeting in about ten days at which time we'll discuss the problems that confront us in the coming season. Hilliard feels that we won't be in a position to discuss anything at this meeting.
Mayor: Mr. Cella wants me to take a message to him - it won't take over five minutes for what I have to say to them.
Farris: That'll be all right - you come right up.

In view of conversations indicating an unlisted telephone to W. S. Jacobs, # 2115, who is reputed to control all gambling in Hot Springs, the advisability of tapping this telephone is being considered by the Bureau and appropriate investigation is being conducted at Hot Springs as to the location of this telephone.

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

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January 8, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

RE: TELEPHONE TAPS -
HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS.

The telephone taps being maintained at Hot Springs, Arkansas, have disclosed that Chief of Police Wakelin is in frequent telephonic communication with Grace Goldstein; that there is a close relationship existing between these two individuals; and that Wakelin informs Grace Goldstein concerning all matters which might possibly affect the operation of the house of prostitution operated by the Goldstein woman.

A portion of a telephone conversation between Chief of Police Wakelin and Grace Goldstein is quoted below:

WAKELIN: "Say hon, have you got a girl working for you that has a fellow on the outside driving a Pontiac Coupe?"

GRACE: "No. Why?"

WAKELIN: "Dutch (Akers) is laying for him on the street."

After further conversation in which it was revealed that a prostitute was living at Grace Goldstein's place, who no doubt was the individual being investigated by Akers, Wakelin advised Grace Goldstein, as follows:

WAKELIN: "If you think you can trust the girl tell her, without disclosing the source of your information that you heard someone was checking up on them and that they had better move or leave town. You might tell her that the Government might get after them if it is found out that her man brought her in here from outside of the state to hustle."

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At 7:30 P. M., on December 2, 1936, Wakelin called Grace Goldstein and advised her that he planned to go to Hugo, Oklahoma, for the purpose of locating John Dickson, wanted by the Hot Springs Police Department. Dickson also is a subject of a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act case in the Little Rock Division.

The following conversation took place between Grace Goldstein and Chief Wakelin concerning Special Agent Damron:

WAKELIN: "Your friend is going tomorrow."

GRACE: "Who?"

WAKELIN: "Damron."

GRACE: (laughs) "My friend?"

WAKELIN: (laughs)

GRACE: "If he says anything about me, plug him."

WAKELIN: "Yeah! Might leave him on the road." (both laugh)

At 7:35 P. M., on December 18, 1936, the following conversation took place:

AKERS: "Hello."

SCUDDER: "I see where the F. B. I. has been over here raiding again. Got a couple out of a local hotel for extortion - a man by the name of H. B. Combs and his wife."

AKERS: "I knew those suckers were up to something when I saw a bunch of them in the Hot Springs Confectionery early this morning."

SCUDDER: "It just came over the wire. They wrote a man in California. He's coming to Arkansas to appear against them."

AKERS: "O. K. thanks Johnnie."

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The above conversation relates to the activities of Agents at Hot Springs in the case of Thomas Lee/Combs, Mrs. Thomas Lee/Combs with aliases, Karl/Dern - Victim, Extortion. Chief Akers entered the Hot Springs Confectionery while Agent B. L. Damron and other Agents were eating breakfast immediately prior to the arrest of Combs and his wife.

At 5:10 P. M., on December 20, 1936, Akers called by long distance telephone to Roger's Landing on Lake Catherine, and while the operator was endeavoring to put the call through Special Agent Madala overheard a conversation between Akers and another individual believed to be a Mr./Levi. Akers and Levi were apparently discussing the Bureau and Agent Madala heard Akers make the following remarks:

"Yes, this couple extorted some money out of this guy in California. They came into town Friday morning and didn't contact any of us. I saw them at breakfast at the Hot Springs Confectionery around 7:30 in the morning. I personally know some of them but none of them said anything to me. I figured they were up to something -- that's the way those guys operate.

"You know, I had a clash with Hoover on that Karpis raid that those fellows made last April. A whole bunch of them came into town and almost burned up Woodcock's place. I told them that I didn't like their sneaking into town like that without letting anyone know. Christ sake, we could of gone out there and tangled with them, and some of us or them might have been killed - that's what every police department in the country is kicking about. Look what they did in New York. They almost got a couple of firemen killed. They shot this apartment full of lead and then threw in some tear gas and set the place on fire. The New York Police raised plenty hell about it."

(At this point someone apparently entered the room and Agent Madala heard Akers introduce Mr. Levi to Sheriff Ellis.)

Respectfully,


E. A. Tamm.

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

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February 1, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Telephone Taps,
Hot Springs, Arkansas
BREKID

This resume covers an examination of the longhand logs on the telephone taps for January 14, 15 and 16, 1937, the pertinent information disclosed being as follows:

January 14 - Conversation of "Dutch" Akers with his wife indicating that his wife was working at the Belvedere Club.

Considerable activity over the Mayor's telephone indicating his interest in suppressing the resolution that had been passed by the State Legislature calling for investigation of the gambling activities in Hot Springs, Garland and Montgomery Counties, to include investigation of the Eighteenth Judicial District. A telephone call was made by Mayor McLaughlin to State Representative Burkle indicating the Mayor's effort to enlist the latter's aid in an attempt to block the resolution. Burkle, however, from his conversation, does not appear too sympathetic towards the Hot Springs Administration.

A telephone call from McLaughlin to State Representative W. K. Toney of Jefferson County, Arkansas, indicates that Toney and the Mayor are intimate and that Toney evidently can be relied upon to follow instructions in so far as the needs of the Hot Springs Administration are concerned.

Another interesting call is between the Mayor and Judge Ledgerwood, the latter appearing very close to McLaughlin, wherein the Mayor in discussing the contemplated investigation and resolution states briefly that probably the best way to handle the situation is to go ahead with the investigation and when they find nothing they will discontinue their efforts.

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Call between McLaughlin and Ben Harris, alias Ben Harrison, indicating a friendly relationship between the two. Harris is the owner of the Citizens Cigar Store, one of the town's largest handbook places.

Another call of interest is that between the Mayor and A. T. "Sunny" Davies, City Attorney of Hot Springs, wherein the conversation indicates the desire of both parties to let the investigation go forward but to determine the individuals comprising the Committee so as to arrange for the necessary "fix."

Another call received from Representative Carrol Hollingsworth indicates his desire to be of assistance to the Hot Springs Administration. The conversation between Representative Hollingsworth and the Mayor indicates familiarity with John Bransford, Speaker of the House, and the fact that he can be relied upon to react sympathetically.

A later call between the Mayor and Judge Ledgerwood concerns the passing of the resolution by the House of Representatives by a vote of seventy-two to twenty-one, Ledgerwood indicating that he thought the measure would pass, and saying that "the only thing to do now is to work on that Committee."

A call on this date indicates the close cooperation between the Mayor and Charles Goslee, General Manager of the Hot Springs Sentinel-Record newspaper, so much so that an editorial appeared in a subsequent issue of the paper after the conversation, very much in favor of the Hot Springs Administration.

January 15 - An interesting series of calls on this date were between James Dilliard (phonetic) and "Dutch" Akers. Dilliard had issued a worthless check in the amount of \$225 to Jack Fry, owner of the Keystone Bar, which is one of the many

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gambling "joints" in Hot Springs. The sum was for a gambling debt. One of the calls received by "Dutch" Akers concerning this matter indicates clearly that Akers had been promised a commission by Fry for collecting this debt. The boy apparently wanted to be represented by an attorney. Akers called his attorney, Swain, to represent him.

One of the most interesting incidents occurring on this date was a call by a newspaper employee at Little Rock inadvertently advising Walter Ebel, a local reporter, that the State Rangers were due to come into Hot Springs that night and clean up the town. It is quite significant that Ebel immediately furnished this information to Akers, who in turn called the Mayor's home. Akers then called the unlisted number assigned to W. S. Jacobs, one of the most prominent gaming house operators. Jacobs could not be reached. The surveillance then indicated the absence of Akers from the Police Department for some time, which leads to one conclusion, that he personally made the rounds to notify them of his newly acquired information. Shortly after his return to headquarters he called Western Union and "Skeeter," an employee there, verified the information of the contemplated raid. Almost immediately thereafter Akers called W. S. Jacobs and informed him of the verification of this information. Subsequent calls on the same date by Akers to his wife and former Chief Wakelin indicate clearly that Akers made the rounds notifying Jacobs and that it was the plan to keep all gambling "joints", also awaiting the arrival of the State Rangers, notified.

The phone at headquarters was extremely active during the evening that the Rangers were making their rounds and after the subpoenas had been served Akers in one call indicated that the "boss" (McLaughlin) wanted all of the "boys" down at his office the first thing in the morning before going over to Little Rock in response to the subpoenas. The "Boys", according to other conversations, indicated that the Mayor wished to include in the group Earl Witt, Circuit Judge of Garland and Montgomery Counties, as well as Marion Anderson, the Sheriff of Garland County, of course including such others as had been subpoenaed, among which was W. S. Jacobs, the most prominent of the gambling house operators. "

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January 16 - George McLaughlin, mentioned in a call on this date, is a brother of Leo McLaughlin, the Mayor, and indicates that he was present at the meeting held prior to the departure of the men for Little Rock in response to subpoenas. George McLaughlin is believed to be part owner of the Chicago Bar, another gambling place in Hot Springs. A call on this date during the early morning indicates W. S. Jacobs to have definitely been at the gathering in the Mayor's office on the night following the subpoena services.

Prior to the departure of the group for Little Rock, a call was put through by McLaughlin to State Representative Nichols, Secretary of the Legislative Committee handling this investigation, endeavoring to "hedge off" and not appear in response to the subpoena. The conversation disclosed the attitude of Nichols to be rather hostile and indicated that he would make no concessions for McLaughlin.

A call was received by the Mayor from the Mayor's estranged wife on this date wherein she rambled on and indicated that everybody and his brother are investigating the Mayor, making some implication that the Government men were flooding the towns of Hot Springs and Little Rock with the objective in mind of investigating the Mayor with the hope of impeaching him. The conversation is significant, however, only in so far as she bluntly cautions the Mayor against any attempt to bribe the members of the Committee, apparently taking it for granted that would be the chief objective on the part of the group from Hot Springs. She cautioned and recautioned him against taking such action, stating that the Committee would have to be over zealous in taking advantage of just such an approach.

Respectfully,


P. E. Foxworth.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box #1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
December 30th, 1936.

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the instructions contained in Bureau letter dated December 22nd, 1936, (7-576), I am enclosing herewith copies of the logs as to the telephone taps in operation at Hot Springs, Arkansas and covering December 20th and 21st, 1936.

Pursuant to the suggestion of Inspector Connelley, the original logs are being retained at the Little Rock Division pending the preparation of weekly reports, after which these logs for that week will be forwarded to Inspector Connelley, who will return them to the Little Rock Division after he has read them.

Very truly yours,

JOHN B. LITTLE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice
Post Office Box 1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
January 13, 1937.

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

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Referring to my letter of January 12, 1937 in the above case, I am transmitting herewith copies of newspaper clippings from the "New Era", published at Hot Springs, Arkansas, under dates of December 29, 30, and 31, 1936 and January 1 and 2, 1937, and from the "Sentinel-Record", published at Hot Springs, Arkansas, under dates of December 25, 26, 27, and 31, 1936 and January 3, 1937, which have been mentioned in connection with the submission of logs covering the telephone surveillance maintained in Hot Springs in this case and referred to in my telephonic conversation with Mr. Tamm on the night of January 11, 1937.

There are also transmitted herewith copies of the logs covering these telephone taps for January 4, 5, 6, and 7, 1937, together with copies of attendant memoranda submitted by Special Agent John L. Madala, and newspaper clippings from the "New Era" under dates of January 4, 5, 6, and 7, 1937, and a clipping from the "Sentinel-Record" under date of January 7, 1937, relative to developments in connection with the police administration in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Very truly yours,

JOHN B. LITTLE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
January 20, 1937.

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Inspector E. J. Connelley,
931 Rust Building,
Wescom, Washington.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the telephone taps being maintained at Hot Springs, Arkansas, please be advised that there have been several important developments bearing on the city administration at Hot Springs, Arkansas. On December 24, 1936, John Dickson, who had previously been arrested by the Hot Springs Police Department, died in the New Park Hospital at Hot Springs, still in the custody of the Hot Springs Police Department, who had taken him from the city jail. Dickson was charged with assault upon Police Joseph Wakelin, and from what has followed it appears that he received a severe beating while in the hands of the police at Hot Springs, and possibly died as a result of the beating received by him.

The autopsy performed on Dickson showed the following ailments: facial abrasions (probable burns), contusions and lacerations; fractures of fifth and seventh ribs; rupture of left kidney, and bronchial pneumonia. The autopsy report indicated that pneumonia had preceded the wounds by several days and was in itself sufficient to cause death. The injuries included a wound on the head apparently made by a blunt instrument, in addition to burns and bruises about the thighs. During the time Dickson was lying, the Hot Springs Police Department took extreme precautions to prevent information getting to the public of the serious condition of Dickson. On January 1, 1937 Mayor Leo F. McLaughlin suspended Chief of Police Joseph Wakelin, Captain L. A. "Arch" Cooper, Lieutenant Cecil Brock, and Detective Glynn Buchanan, pending the outcome of the grand jury investigation of the death of John Dickson. On January 4, 1937 the Garland County grand jury initiated an investigation into the death of Dickson, and on January 6, 1937 returned second degree murder indictments against Captain L. A. "Arch" Cooper, Captain R. L. "Bob" Moore, Lieutenant Cecil Brock, Detective Glynn Buchanan, Patrolmen Press Griffin and Andy Irwin. All of the above officers were released on \$1,500.00 bonds each.

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Shortly before the Garland County grand jury initiated its investigation into the death of Dickson, information was obtained over the telephone taps of the possibility of an investigation possibly being conducted by the State legislature. Mayor Leo F. McLaughlin and William S. Jacobs advanced \$50.00 to State Representative James Campbell of Garland County, Hot Springs, Arkansas, so that he might proceed to Little Rock for three or four days and exert his influence in preventing a legislative inquiry. Newspaper accounts indicate that Campbell did so and exerted every effort to prevent such investigation, but was unsuccessful.

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The background of the controversy existing between the State administration and the city administration at Hot Springs is found in the fact that Mayor McLaughlin opposed the present Governor, Carl E. Bailey in the State primaries. Bailey apparently has determined to expose conditions relating to vice in Hot Springs, in retaliation to the opposition of the Hot Springs administration. As a result, on January 14, 1937 the House of Representatives authorized a sweeping investigation of charges of lawlessness, vice and corruption in Hot Springs, and in Garland and Montgomery Counties, Arkansas.

On Friday night, January 15, 1937, State Rangers visited the Belvedere Club, Southern Club, and Miller's Cigar Store, and served subpoenas on William S. Jacobs, and other operators of gambling establishments, and took pictures of the interiors of the above mentioned places. Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin, former Chief of Police Joseph Fakelin, Chief of Detectives Herbert "Dutch" Akers, and numerous other persons, who are alleged to either operate or have an interest in gambling houses in Hot Springs, were served subpoenas to appear before the committee appointed by the State legislature to investigate lawlessness, vice and corruption in Hot Springs and in adjoining counties. These persons were ordered to appear with all books and records concerning their businesses, income tax returns, bank accounts, etc. Mayor McLaughlin has since appeared before the committee, and from a conversation overheard on the telephone taps it appears that he is no longer greatly worried, as he stated that he was merely questioned as to whether he had received any income as a result of the operation of gambling establishments at Hot Springs. Mayor McLaughlin and others close to the city administration at Hot Springs, have exerted every effort to prevent an investigation by the State legislature, but apparently they have failed to do so up to date.

All of the officers above mentioned who were indicted by the Garland County grand jury have since been discharged by Mayor McLaughlin. On January 1, 1937 Mayor McLaughlin appointed Lieutenant Seldon Hasberry of the Hot Springs Fire Department to be Acting Chief of Police.

In view of the above recent developments at Hot Springs, Arkansas, it might be advisable to place one or more additional telephone taps on the telephones of the Belvedere Club, the home telephones of Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin, the residence of Chief of Detectives Herbert "Dutch" Akers, and on telephone number 2115, which number is believed to be an unlisted telephone located in the residence of William S. Jacobs. As you will recall, the above telephones were considered by you as possible sources of valuable information when the investigation was first initiated by the installation of the present telephone taps now being maintained.

Special Agent J. M. Jones will be in Little Rock in a day or two, and telephone lines serving the above telephones will be examined by him for the purpose of ascertaining whether the taps can be installed on any

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of these telephones.

Special Agent John L. Madala will probably leave Little Rock on January 23, 1937 for retraining school. His place will be taken by Special Agent B. P. Sullivan.

Very truly yours,

JOHN B. LITTLE,
Special Agent in Charge.

DPG:cpw

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cc - Bureau
Cincinnati
Cleveland

Via Air Mail

ADDENDUM BY S. A. C.

In a copy of a letter addressed to the Bureau under date of January 12, 1937, you have previously been advised of the indictments returned at Hot Springs. Seven officers were indicted however, it being noted that the name of Patrolman Joe Scott is omitted from paragraph 2 of this letter. In view of the development of activities at Hot Springs, and the indicated intention at the outset of telephone surveillance at Hot Springs, that more taps might be installed at a later date, the Bureau was contacted telephonically relative to the desirability of placing additional taps mentioned in this letter, hence the fact that Agent Jones is proceeding to Little Rock to make necessary observations at Hot Springs.

JBL:cpw

J. B. L.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT Little Rock, Arkansas	DATE WHEN MADE 1/21/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/31/36 to 1/14/37	REPORT MADE BY B. L. DAMRON cpw
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEX; Dr. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE; I. O. #1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Results of telephone taps being maintained at Hot Springs, Arkansas set forth herein. Due to death of prisoner in custody of Hot Springs police seven officers indicted for second degree murder and discharged from Police Department. Chief of Police also under indefinite suspension.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent B. L. Damron, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated January 4, 1937.</p> <p>DETAILS: The telephone taps on telephone 123 (Police Department), 446 (Chief of Police), and 648 (Mayor's Office) at Hot Springs, Arkansas remained in active service (24 hours) during the investigative period covered by this report, and apparently without the knowledge of the Police Department or Mayor.</p>			
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The logs submitted by Special Agents John L. Madala, H. A. Snow and G. R. McSwain, maintaining the telephone taps at Hot Springs, Arkansas, reveal the following conversations of interest:

9:22 A.M. Outgoing on 648 (Mayor) DECEMBER 30, 1936

JLM

Mayor McLaughlin called Long Distance for Federal Judge Martineau at Little Rock, Arkansas.

Judge Martineau:

McLaughlin:

Hello.

Judge, this is Leo McLaughlin. I wonder if you and the Mrs. will join us tomorrow night in a little New Years Eve celebration. Mr. and Mrs. Grover Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schneider, and Lee Cazort and his wife are all coming down here from Little Rock. We'll spend a few hours at the Arlington Hotel, and then go to the Club Belvedere. Do you think you and Mrs. can make it?

Judge Martineau:

I expect some people from out of town tomorrow, and if the Mrs. and I can get away, we certainly would enjoy being with your party.

Mayor McLaughlin:

Judge Martineau:

Well, I hope you can make it.

I'll call and let Joe Schneider know if we can go all right and he can get in touch with you.

McLaughlin:

Judge Martineau:

That'll be fine, and I hope I'll see you tomorrow night.

O.K. Leo, thanks for calling

The log for December 31, 1936 indicates that U. S. District Judge Martineau, of Little Rock, was mentioned as being in the party when reservations were made at the Arlington Hotel. Grover Owens is an attorney of Little Rock, Joe Schneider is the Referee in Bankruptcy at Little Rock, Lee Cazort was on December 30th the Lieutenant Governor of Arkansas, and E. R. McHaney is a Judge of the Supreme Court of Arkansas.

JANUARY 1, 1937

2:00 P.M. Incoming on No. 123.

GRM

Woman named Lou called Akers.

Akers:

Lou:

Akers:

Lou:

Hello

This is Lou. Did you find Eddie's watch and my purse and ring?

No - I've talked to all the boys who were out there (Belvedere) and none of them know about it.

Well, Dutch, I want those things. I want you to see Arch Cooper and tell him I want those things. He'll know what I mean.

Akers: I'll take it up with Mr. Jacobs when he gets up, but I won't do anything until then.
 Lou: You don't have to see Mr. Jacobs. Arch Cooper is responsible.
 Akers: No, Lou, I'll have to talk to Mr. Jacobs and let him handle it.
 Lou: Well, tell him to tell Arch to get those things back to me. I mean it.
 Akers: All right.

Arch Cooper, mentioned above is the Day Captain of the Police. The conversation would indicate a possible "rolling" of some drunks at the Belvedere Club.

The following conversation further indicates that Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers is the contact man for criminals or "con" men:

4:15 PM Incoming on No. 446.

HAS

Man: Asked for Dutch Akers.
 Akers: Hello.
 Man: Dutch, that party ever come back?
 Akers: Who?
 Man: Named Smith.
 Akers: Oh, I know who you mean - the one you spoke to me about not named Smith though, was he? Named Zack something.
 Man: That's the party.
 Akers: No, he hasn't been back that I know of.
 Man: Well, some fellows here wanted to get in touch with him - they'll be here a few days. Let me know if he comes back in.
 Akers: O.K.

The following conversation apparently originated with Otis McGraw, of the Belvedere Club and indicates that Mrs. Akers is employed in the gambling room of this club:

6:45 P.M. Incoming on No. 446 (#2)

HAS

Man: Dutch, this is Otis. Tell your wife I'd like to have her work tonight.
 Akers: O.K.

The following conversation discloses the fixing of a traffic violation by officer Joe Scott, who rides in the "Safety Car".

6:43 P.M. Outgoing on No. 123. January 2, 1937.

HAS

Scott: Called 237.
Clerk: Mandels.
Scott: Speak to Mr. Albert Mandel?
Mandel: Hello.
Scott: Did you want me?
Mandel: One of my customers just got a ticket while in my store buying some dresses - for parking double. Wish you would let him off this time.
Scott: I already have - as soon as I found out he was in your store.

January 4, 1937

The following telephone calls indicate that Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers also attempts to fix divorce cases:

2:24 P.M. Incoming on No. 446

JLM

Miss Cannon: (phonetic) Is Mr. Akers there, please.
Akers: Hello.
Miss Cannon: Have you seen the Judge yet?
Akers: No, I haven't gotten around to it yet - when are you going up there - in the morning?
Miss Cannon: Yes.
Akers: I'll make it a point to see or talk to him tonight.
Miss Cannon: You won't fail me, will you?
Akers: No, I won't.
Miss Cannon: O.K. I'm depending upon you.

6:17 P.M. Incoming on No. 123.

HAS

Woman: Discussed with Akers her divorce suit which was docketed for the following morning.
Akers: I'm going over there about ten o'clock myself. I'll call the Judge now and remind him of what he promised me. You don't have to worry.

6:22 P.M. Outgoing on No. 446:

HAS

Akers: Called 783 (listed - S. W. Garrett, Atty.)
Woman: Hello.
Akers: Is Judge in?
Garrett: Hello.
Akers: Judge, you remember I spoke to you about that woman's divorce case.
Garrett: Yes. sure
Akers: Roland (attorney?), has her case, and I would appreciate some help on it.
Garrett: All right - I'll take care of her.

6:33 P.M. Incoming on No. 446.

WAS

Woman: Is Mr. Akers there?
Akers: Hello.
Woman: Did you call the Judge?
Akers: Yes - everything's all right. By this time tomorrow you should be a "widow".
Woman: Will I get a break tomorrow?
Akers: Yes. A good one - in fact it may be so good that the other side might appeal. I reminded the judge of the promise he had made me. You don't have to worry.
Woman: Don't know how I can thank you.
Akers: Maybe we'll celebrate by getting drunk and going to Atlantic City. (Woman believed to be Mrs. Connor.)

5:25 P.M. January 3, 1937 Incoming on No. 446.

HAS

Woman: Asked for Akers.
Akers: Hello.
Woman: Were you up there today?
Akers: Yes - what happened to your attorney?
Woman: He told me it came up, but hadn't been settled yet.
Akers: Maybe tomorrow - or maybe next week. Did you see the Judge today?
Akers: Yes - you don't have anything to worry about.
(Conversation probably refers to divorce action in which Akers is interested.)

The following conversation appears of interest, and apparently refers to the contest of the right of Walter Wheatley to his seat as a member of the House of Representatives, the contest alleging that Wheatley had been convicted of a felony:

9:40 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648

JLM

Mayor: Called long distance for Jack Holt in the Attorney General's office at Little Rock. Mr. Holt was not in, and the Mayor talked with Mr. Humphries.
Mayor: I want to congratulate you on your new appointment.
Humphries: Thank you, Leo.
Mayor: I wanted to talk to Jack. I understand he isn't in.
Humphries: No, he's at Harrison today.
Mayor: Walter Wheatley is in my office here, and he understood that Jack Holt wanted to get in touch with him - he just came in from the country, and they told him at home that Jack called for him. Do you know what he wanted?
Humphries: No, I don't, but I'll try to reach him at Harrison and have him call you.

Mayor: All right, you have him call my office here. Wheatley will want on the call.

10:05 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648.

JIM

Mayor placed long distance call to Mr. Jack Holt at Jasper, Arkansas.

Mayor: Hello, Jack, how are you?
Holt: Just fine, Leo - how is everything down your way?
Mayor: All right - listen Jack, Walter Wheatley is here in my office, and he said that he just came in from his farm, and they told him at the house that you put in a call for him.
Holt: No. I didn't call him for anything.
Mayor: Well, they either misunderstood the call, or else that crazy Evans is responsible for it. You've read what he is trying to do, haven't you?
Holt: Yeah - tell Walter not to worry about it too much.
Mayor: He's a valuable man, Jack - served over there in the Senate since in 1931.
Holt: Yeah, I know him all right - tell him the best thing he can do is to say nothing, and when the time comes we'll see what we can do about it.
Mayor: Well, you know how things like that naturally worry a fellow.
Holt: Yeah, I know. Just tell that boy to keep quiet and say nothing.
Mayor: O.K. Jack. Thanks a lot for your time.

JANUARY 6, 1937.

The following conversation indicates that W. S. Jacobs has much influence with the police:

5:01 A.M. Outgoing on No. 446.

HAS

Griffin: Called 2683.
Hart: Hello.
Griffin: This is Press Griffin - city police officer - did you just call?
Hart: Yes.
Griffin: Who is this?
Hart: Bill Hart. I work out at the Belvedere.
Griffin: What did you want?
Hart: I just woke up - need a pint of gin bad - go down to the Southern Grill and bring me one, will you?
Griffin: Don't know whether I can get away.
Hart: If you will, I'll see that you're taken care of as soon as I see Jacobs.
Griffin: I'll do it as soon as I can get away. Where to?
Hart: 138 Cedar Street.

JANUARY 7, 1937.

The origin of the following conversation is unknown:

7:38 P.M. Incoming on No. 446.

JLM

Man:4 Is Akers there?
Akers: Hello.
Man: I called you four or five times today - they said you were busy.
Akers: I was busy.
Man: Did you see Joe about those rings?
Akers: No, he's still in bed. I haven't had a chance to go over there yet.
Man: I wish you would hurry up and get those rings for me.
Akers: I'll probably see him tomorrow.
Man:4 What's Cecil doing with three unlisted phones in his house?
Akers: He had three of them put in Saturday right in a row.
Man: I don't know anything about that.
Akers: Find out and let me know.
Akers: O.K. I'll see him later.

The writer also received information that Cecil Brock had four unlisted telephones installed in his residence; that Brock had moved into the same house with Johnny Scudder, a newspaper reporter, on Park Avenue.

The following conversation indicates a new "prostitute" at the Hatterie Hotel, as this girl's name has not appeared before and is unknown to the Little Rock Division:

9:32 P.M. Outgoing on No. 123

HAS

McJunkins: Called 3421 (Hatterie Hotel).
Maid: Hello.
McJunkins: Is Grace there?
Maid: No. This is Lillian.
McJunkins: Let me speak to Jerry.
Jerry: Hello.
McJunkins: Hello, what're you doing?
Jerry: What are you?
McJunkins: Talking to you.
Jerry: Who's this? I think I know.
McJunkins: I think you ought to.
Jerry: I went over to the hotel and called Rooms 543 and 544 but no one answered.
McJunkins: You've got the wrong party.
Jerry: Oh, I was telling you everything I know. Who's this?
McJunkins (joking): That Rogers.
Jerry: Quit your kidding.
McJunkins: This is Jack McJunkins. How about borrowing five dollars?
Jerry: All right, but I'll have to borrow it from Grace.

McJunkins: I was just kidding.
 Jerry: Well, where are you now?
 McJunkins: Over at the jail.
 Jerry: When are you coming to see me?
 McJunkins: I don't know exactly.
 Jerry: Come over tonight, can't you?
 McJunkins: Maybe, I don't know. I'll try to.
 Jerry: O.K. try to.

(Jack McJunkins is a city fireman, and chauffeur for Mayor McLaughlin).

JANUARY 8, 1937.

The following conversation indicates that Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers acts as a collection agency for women in Hot Springs:

10:29 A.M. Incoming on No. 446 JLM

Violet: Is Dutch there?
 Garnett Moore: No, he's not just now.
 Violet: Garnett, this is Violet - tell Dutch to be sure and get Charlie Hughes Jr. for me. He gave me two bad checks for \$4.00 and I got to have that money.
 Moore: O.K. I'll tell him.

The following conversations apparently relate to the same subject matter and indicate that Day Captain Jerry "Swede" Watkins is a friend of Herb Wheatley of Millars Cigar Store (bookie):

3:45 P.M. Outgoing on No. 123 GRM

Deputy U. S. Marshal reported ready to talk on call from Little Rock.

Woman (clerk in Marshall's Office):
 Julian: Hello, Mr. Julian, did you get those men?
 Yes - we arrested two men at Kelley Institute. We took them before Commissioner Huff and bond was set at \$25,000.00 each. They were unable to make bond and we are bringing them in.

7:08 P.M. Outgoing on No. 123 HAS

Akers: Called 3543 (Walter Ebel, reporter)
 Ebel: Hello.
 Akers: You want me?
 Ebel: What're you doing - holding out on me?
 Akers: About what?
 Ebel: That big narcotic case. The Federals knocked over two town today.
 Akers: I don't know anything about it. I'm no narcotic agent just a damn good city officer. Why don't you call Rhinehart. He's the narcotic man - stays at the Townsend when he's in town.

Ebel: Well, they arrested two at Keeley Institute and
rushed them to Little Rock. Who is Dan Moody?
Akers: I don't know.

8:37 P.M. Incoming on No. 446.

GRM

Tucker: City Jail.
Wheatley: Let me talk to "Swede" Watkins.
Watkins: Hello.
Wheatley: Swede, this is Wheatley. What did they snatch that
fellow for?
Watkins: I don't know. I'll have to find out and call you.
Wheatley: O.K.

The following conversation pertains to activities of Monroe Young,
newly appointed to the Police Department, and a relative of John Young, constable:

11:40 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648.

JLM

Mayor: 446. (John Young, Constable)
Young: Hello.
Mayor: John, I meant to tell you this when you were in the
office this morning, but I forgot. I got some
information that Monroe (Young - newly appointed
police officer) has been contacting some of these
places in the nigger section, asking them to take
care of him. We can't have that kind of thing, and
I won't stand for it. I wish you would talk to
him, and tell him that I got that information this
morning.
Young: All right, Leo - I'll tell him this afternoon.
(Note: Apparently Monroe Young is either a son or
brother to John Young, Constable.)

JANUARY 9, 1937

5:30 P.M. Incoming on No. 446

HAS

Mrs. Arch Cooper: Advised Watkins that she had received a "funny"
telephone call from supposedly a Jimmie Thompson;
frightened her; man said he was coming out to get
paid off; doubted that it was Jimmie Thompson,
because her husband was supposed to be with
Jimmie - drinking.
Watkins: All check up and call you.

6:00 P.M. Outgoing on No. 446.

HAS

Akers: Called 3339 (Arch Cooper's residence)
Mrs. Cooper: Hello.
Akers: We got Jimmie Thompson and are going to lock him up
until he sobers up.

Mrs. Cooper: Fine. Did you see Arch? They were supposed to be together.
Akers: No, we haven't seen him.

It will be noted that a "pay-off" is mentioned in the first conversation.

4:00 P.M. Incoming on No. 446

GRM

Tucker: City Jail
Grace Goldstein: Is Dutch in?
Tucker: No, he's out now.
Grace Goldstein: Have him call 3421.

5:12 P.M. Outgoing on No. 123

HAS

Akers: Called 3421 (Hatterie Hotel)
Grace: Hello.
Akers: Did you call me? Somebody did.
Grace: Yes, you were out. I've got that ready for you now.
I'll call a Postal boy and send it over to you right away. Don't say anything to anybody about it.
Akers: All right. No, I won't say anything about it. Did you find out what I wanted you to last night?
Grace: Yes. I found out within a few minutes after I left you. I talked to the boys at the hotel. The boys say that both of them are working here - they see them going out on parties - they're from Kansas. I don't think that they have any men here with them.
Akers: Well, next time you pass them driving, stop and proposition them and let me know.
Grace: All right. Well, I'll send that other over by a boy right now.
Akers: O.K.

8:43 P.M. Incoming on No. 123

GRM

Akers: Hello.
Grace Goldstein: Did the Postal boy get that package to you?
Akers: Yes, I got it.
Grace Goldstein: OK, I just wanted to check to be sure you got it.

"That ready for you" appears to refer to some money Grace Goldstein promised to pay to Chief Akers in return for Akers not tracing or seizing a stolen diamond ring that Grace purchased from one Arthur Johnson. (See log for Dec. 11, 1936 (2:23 P.M. Outgoing on 123, page 4 of reference report.)

The two girls referred to by Grace were seen by Chief Akers and agent riding the streets of Hot Springs in a 1936 Oldsmobile Sedan bearing 1936 Kansas license #410-789. Chief Akers subsequently ascertained that this license

was issued to a woman in Pittsburgh, Kansas, and for a 1936 Oldsmobile Sedan. On the following evening this agent noticed these girls enter the Marquette Hotel and it was ascertained from the clerk that one of them was registered at this hotel. The Marquette Hotel is probably the one referred to by Grace in the last conversation.

6:37 P.M. Outgoing on No. 123

QRM

Akers: 2203 (Houston Emory)
Emory: Hello.
Akers: Can you come down?
Emory: I'm already in bed.
Akers: I've got a client for you.
Emory: Can't it wait and I'll get it first thing in the morning.
Akers: OK.

Houston Emory is the former prosecuting attorney.

10:15 P.M. Incoming on No. 446

HAS

Rogers: Hello.
Akers: Get that telegram that just came in and show it to that guy in the upstairs cell. Let him go, but hold the woman. Give him his money - he's got a good bit.
Rogers: All right.

6:10 P.M. Outgoing on No. 123

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HAS

Akers: Called 2002
Houston Emory: Hello.
Akers: Houston is your client coming into court in the morning?
Emory: I don't think so, Dutch.
Akers: Well, you'd better wire the Governor's office about it. They might send down tonight or tomorrow.
Emory: I'll call the Governor's office.
Akers: No, it would be better to wire because a new Governor's coming in a couple of days and would be better to have wired.
Emory: Al
Akers: All right. What is the woman's name again?
Emory: Mary Helen Sasse.
Akers: And where is she from in Iowa?
Emory: Wait until I get the telegram. (pause) From Clinton, Ia.
Akers: All right, I'll wire the Governor's office.
Emory:

10:43 PM Incoming on No. 446

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HAS

L. D. Operator: Joplin, Mo. is calling the Police Department.
Corrington: All right.
Man: This is Sheriff Wilson of Wright County, Iowa. I'm delayed at Joplin, Mo., on account of bad weather. Just wanted to make sure you are still holding that woman, Mrs. Sasse for me. Will be in tomorrow.

Corrington:

Yes. She's still here. We let the man go according to your instructions.

(Note: Considerable difficulty experienced by the parties in hearing - mainly due to Corrington.)

These conversations appear to relate to the above client of Mr. Mr. Emory. It will be noted that Akers mentioned he had quite a bit of money.

9:05 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648.

JLM

Miss Marsh:

No. 699 (Elmer W. Wheatley, in ts).

Mr. Wheatley:

Hello.

Miss Marsh:

You called for Judge Ledgerwood a while ago. He won't be down this morning, but Judge Ryan will be in his place. Would you want to talk to him?

Mr. Wheatley:

No. I just wanted to tell Verne that Charlie Hughes forged a check on him and signed his name to it.

Miss Marsh:

All right, when we see him, we'll tell him.

Judge Ledgerwood is the Municipal Judge. The identity of Charlie Hughes is unknown.

JANUARY 10, 1937.

2:18 P.M. Outgoing on No. 123

JLM

J. M. Smith:

1269

Andrews:

Hello.

J. M. Smith:

Is Mr. Andrews there?

Andrews:

Talking.

J. M. Smith:

This is J. M. Smith. I just got in on the Rock Island.

Have you a place I can stay at for a day or two?

Andrews:

All my cabins are occupied, but I have a nice sleeping room.

J. M. Smith:

All right - can you come after me?

Andrews:

I can't, but I'll send my nephew. Where are you?

J. M. Smith:

At the city jail - I'll wait for him out in front.

Andrews:

O.K., he'll be driving a brown Chrysler.

The name J. M. Smith appears to be fictitious and may be a person in whom the Bureau is interested.

JANUARY 11, 1937.

10:52 A.M. Incoming on No. 123.

JLM

Long distance call from Mr. McCall, Little Rock, Ark., for Herbert Akers.

McCall:

I got that other recommendation. I wonder if you get that wire ever here from the Judge.

Akers: Well, I don't know. Did you ever talk to his people over here?
McCall: No. I'm leaving that up to you.
Akers: Yeah.
McCall: The prosecutor recommended it this morning, and I said it would be done.
Akers: All right, I'll see him right now.

Note: The above individual is Grady McCall, the State Game and Fish Commissioner.

11:06 A.M. Outgoing on No. 123

JLM

Akers called Long Distance for Grady McCall, the State Game and Fish Commissioner at the Capitol in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Akers: Those people are over there - they're trying to do something for themselves today. The only thing you can do is to contact them at their office over there.

McCall: I'll tell you what I'll do - I'll get them to my office and have them call you.

11:29 A.M. Incoming on No. 446

JLM

Roy Erney: On that fellow McCauley (phonetic), Curtis said to let him sign his own bond.

Akers: Christ! We can't let that fellow out like that. He's got a long record.

Roy Erney: Well, he's the boss on it. I got a call in for him now.
Akers: If he wants it that way, all right then.

The Curtis referred to is Curtis Ridgeway, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney.
Roy Erney is a Deputy Sheriff.

1:40 P.M. Outgoing on No. 446.

JLM

Akers: 1723 (Chief Wakelin.)

Wakelin: Hello.

Akers: Babe Huff was just down here raising hell about those rings.

Wakelin: Well, one of those is that Hall ring.

Akers: Well, I'll go up and see Verne and see what he wants to do. Have you got them out there or are they down here.

Wakelin: They are locked up down there.

Akers: O.K. I'll see Verne (Ledgerwood) and will let you know what he says.

It would appear that the rings referred to were recovered from John Dickson or Alfred "Pug" Dickson. "Babe" Huff is United States Commissioner and attorney for Alfred Dickson. The "Hall ring", according to Chief Akers, was stolen from a Mrs. Hall by Alfred Dickson the night the Princess Theatre burned in Hot Springs resulting in several deaths, and which is considered an unsolved arson case.

1:52 P.M. Outgoing on No. 446

JLM

Akers: 2791 (unpublished)
Man: Southern Club.
Akers: Is Mr. Jacobs up there?
Man: Yes, he is.
Akers: Well, I'll be up there.

This call establishes association between Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers and Mr. Jacobs, who is reputed to control all gambling and race result wires in Hot Springs.

9:50 P.M. Outgoing on No. 123.

JLM

Rogers: 2002 (Houston Emory)
Emory: Hello.
Rogers: Houston - that Sheriff of Iowa just came in for that woman. What do you want me to do?
Emory: Let me talk to him.
Sheriff: Hello, what's the set up?
Emory: Have you any papers for that woman? She came down here for a divorce, and I was going to get it for her.
Sheriff: The certified copies of the fugitive warrants will be in tomorrow.
Emory: We'll demand proof of her identity and her case, and I will represent her at the hearing before the Governor.
Sheriff: We'll have all that tomorrow.
Emory: What's she charged with?
Sheriff: Adultery.
Emory: Is that a felony?
Sheriff: Yes.
Emory: Well, you be around tomorrow and I'll see you.

By reference to the calls made on January 9, 1937 by Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers and Houston Emory, it will be noted that the woman referred to is Mrs. Sasse. The Little Rock newspapers (1/19/37) indicate that Mrs. Mary Helen Sasse, about 24, was charged with immorality; that Sheriff Roy E. Wilson, of Clarion, Wright County, Iowa was seeking custody of Mrs. Sasse; that the Governor, in the absence of more proof, had declined extradition on the ground that there was no evidence to show that the second party to the alleged crime was being prosecuted and that Houston Emory (Hot Springs) and Laurence Auten (Little Rock), attorneys, stated that Mrs. Sasse had been driven from home by her husband, was fearful of her life if returned to Iowa and that she came to Hot Springs in good faith to establish residence and secure a divorce.

Operator completed call to Chas. Cella at St. Louis, Missouri.

Mayor: Have you bought that fertilizer yet?(laughs) This is Leo.

Cella: Oh, how are you, Leo?

Mayor: Just fine - how's Joe (Martin)?

Cella: He's been sick in bed for the last three days - looks like the Grippe.

Mayor: Say Charlie - what are you going to do about those concessions at the track this year?

Cella: Joe (Martin) will handle that when he gets up.

Mayor: Well, here's the proposition: Joe gave it to Floyd (retiring Sheriff) last year, and he might feel that he owes it to him again this year. Joe let him have it every year since 1934. Well, Floyd is out now, and I thought that if Joe is going to deal those things out, I'd like to participate in that.

Cella: Say Leo, we got to watch our step down there. My purchases (phonetic) last year were \$18,000 - that's too damn high. I can't make any money that way. If they're going to put any burden on me, I'm not going to "run" down there any more.

Mayor: What's the trouble.

Cella: Just this - the business men are skipping out on me. I haven't heard anything like that down here.

Mayor: Well, I got a letter from Higgins the other day to that effect. I tell you, Leo - I came to the conclusion that if they don't do me right down there, I'll tell the whole bunch of them to go to hell. Oh, I'll run this year, all right, but if things don't change, I won't have anything to do with you fellows next year.

Mayor: I think it will or could be worked out all right.

Cella: I've got an offer to rent out the track through some people in Chicago. I'm considering that proposition right now, and I came to the conclusion that I can make a damn sight more money that way.

Mayor: What did that letter say and who was it from?

Cella: I think Higgins down there wrote it. He said they had a meeting and all kinds of other crap. I tell you, Leo, I'm not going to stand for any pushing around.

Mayor: I've seen and talked with Higgins about every day in the past two weeks, and he never said anything to me about having a meeting on this thing.

Cella: You know they used to give from \$3,000 to \$4,000, and they now decided to cut that out. I'd like to come down there and tell these guys where to get off. I would tell the Governor too in the same tone of voice.

Mayor: Are you talking about that letter from Cazort?

Cella: (Lieutenant Governor)
Yeah.

Mayor: That was just a parting shot. I don't think there is anything to that.

Cella: You know, Leo - I like Hot Springs and all that, and I'd like to be down there, but if they are going to kick me around, I'll tell them all to go to hell.

Lee: Can you send me a copy of that letter?

Cella: Yeah. I'll send you a copy - say, Leo - do you think it would do any good if I came down there and talked with those fellows myself?

Leo: No, I don't. Let me talk with Higgins about this, and I'm sure everything can be straightened out. Its funny though, that I haven't heard about this meeting up until this time. O. K. Charlie, you send me a copy of that letter and I'll see what I can do.

Cella: All right, I'll call Joe and see where it is. I'll also talk to him about that other matter you mentioned.

Leo: Goodbye, Charlie.

Note: Charles Cella is reported to be the owner of the Oaklawn Race Track in Hot Springs. Higgins probably is identical with John G. Higgins, President of the Arkansas National Bank.

JANUARY 12, 1937.

1:41 P.M. Outgoing on No. 446

JLM

Akers: 3675 (D. B. Murry)

Woman: Hello.

Akers: Where is Dan?

Woman: He's asleep.

Akers: Wake him and tell him to get on the telephone.

Murry: Hello.

Akers: Dan, I got a girl down here that needs a \$1000 bond. Get a hold of Houston Emory. I think he wants you to go her bond.

Murry: All right.

This telephone is listed to Dan B. Murry, reputed to be the professional bondaman of the administration. Richard Davis, State Revenue Inspector at Hot Springs, advised this agent that Murry is close to the administration; is probably mixed up in "lots"; was once involved in a killing, and would bear watching.

3:06 P.M. Incoming on No. 446

GRM

Akers: Hello.

Houston Emory: Dutch, that woman is coming over with \$50 for bond. Please see that the girl comes up to see me and have her come alone.

This call would indicate that the same woman was interested in Mrs. Sasse's case, and paid the \$50 fee to Dan Murry for the bond.

JANUARY 13, 1937

12:42 P.M. Incoming on No. 123

JLM

Jock Wheatley: Is Swede there?
Watkins: Hello.
Wheatley: This is Jock
Watkins: They ordered Matt picked up this morning. When you see him tell him to get himself straightened out and to get somebody to help him.
Wheatley: All right Swede, I'll tell him as soon as I see him.
Watkins: There's no use in wrestling around with him.
Wheatley: What's the charge?
Watkins: Oh, it's that same old mess he was into last week. Somebody sent in a complaint about him. If you see him tell him he can do as he pleases about it.
Wheatley: All right Swede. Thanks very much for the call.

The above conversation is between Day Captain Jerry Watkins and "Jock" Wheatley of Millers' Cigar Store, a bookie, and gambling joint. The identity of Matt is probably Matt Brown who has been arrested on several occasions for being drunk and disturbing the peace.

4:12 P. M. Outgoing on No. 446

JLM

Akers: 1723 (Wakelin's residence)
Mrs. Wakelin: Hello.
Akers: How is the Chief feeling today?
Mrs. Wakelin: The weather has got him down.
Akers: Is he still in bed?
Mrs. Wakelin: In and out.
Akers: Ask him if there is anything he wants from town.
Wakelin: Hello.
Akers: Anything you want?
Wakelin: You can send out some meat to go along with these greens I got (laughs).
Akers: I'm going to send \$50.00 to that boy. Do you think that will be enough?
Wakelin: Yeah, I think so.
Akers: It'll have to do for the present, I'll get a money order for it and send it to him. I tried to wire him, but they don't have a telegraph office there. Guess that town is too small to have one.
Wakelin: Babe Huff was up here after those rings - he was shooting off his mouth about having the power of attorney to get that stuff.

Did you give him those rings and jewelry?
No, I told him to see Verne (Ledgerwood).
Babe's been after me to get those rings from you. I
just kept stalling him off, telling him you were sick.
One of those rings belongs to Scotty Murray, doesn't it?
Yeah. What's doing down there?
Everything is quiet. I talked with Leo this morning
about getting a fingerprint classifier. He wants to
work up that Bureau. He said he wasn't going to
put Cecil back on.
Did he say anything about me?
No, he didn't, but he did indicate that he was going
to let you ride on sick leave until you get well.
It's my guess that he won't do anything in your
direction until the first of the month.
So he's not going to take Cecil back?
No, he said he's through with him.
I haven't seen Verne (Ledgerwood) in two or three days,
so I don't know much of what's going on.
I understand he moved back into the Como (Hotel).
Who has the gambling at the Kingsway?
I understand they're going to open up there on the
16th. They all are - the Southern Club, Citizens, and
Miller's.
Who has it at the Kingsway?
Grady Manning and that crowd from Little Rock.
Yeah?
I talked with Jake (W. S. Jacobs) the other day, and I
understood him to say that they weren't going to have
any gambling there (Kingsway) this year. But, I heard
today that they will be ready to open up on the 16th.
What about that thing this fellow Nichols was going
to introduce in Little Rock - is that taken care of?
Yeah, I don't think there will be anything to it. Say,
Joe, do you know what happened to one of those two
slot machines that were in the back room?
No, I don't.
I think Cecil took it and is going to put it up at
the hotel (Kingsway). He's got nothing to do with
those machines. I picked up the fellow with them.
I'm going to get after him, and get that machine back.
What else?
I've got an extradition case down here, and Dick Ryan
is supposed to be handling it for the other side.
We can't do anything with him - he's scared to death
of Carl (Bailey). Don't you know anybody around town
that can classify fingerprints? I remember that some
fellows were fooling around with fingerprints a while
back, but I can't remember who they were now.
No, I don't know of anybody.

Akers:

I talked with Tommy Wilson today about helping us out temporarily, and he politely turned me down - said that none of them in the Government Service wanted to have anything to do with us on the city force. (Tommy Wilson is a member of the National Park Service Police).

Wakelin:

Well, I hope to be up and around in a couple of days.

Akers:

I'll try and drop up to see you in the morning, and if you think of anybody qualified enough to run the Bureau down here, give me a ring.

Wakelin:

All right, but I don't know anybody that can do that.

The identity of the boy to whom Akers sent a \$50.00 money order will be ascertained at a later date.

9:22 P.M. Outgoing on No. 123.

HAS

Akers:

Called 2146

Operator:

That's a party line.

Akers:

Well, give me 3366.

Man:

Hello.

Akers:

Did you see them.

Man:

I saw the boys, but I haven't seen the old man yet.

There's something coming up in the morning. Don't know exactly how you stand yet.

Akers:

What'd the boys say?

Man:

They couldn't say for sure - just said that the machinery had been put in motion, and that it would be Saturday or Monday before they'd know how you stand. I'll try to see the old man tomorrow.

Akers:

Well, thanks.

Telephone No. 3366 is unlisted and the man to whom Akers was talking and the subject matter of this call is unknown at this time.

Re: DEATH OF JOHN DICKSON, Prisoner in City Jail

As mentioned in the reference report, on January 1, 1937, Mayor Leo McLaughlin suspended indefinitely Chief of Police Joe Wakelin, Captain L. A. "Arch" Cooper, Lieutenant Cecil Brock, and Detective Glenn Buchanan, pending the investigation by the Grand Jury of the death of this prisoner. The Mayor, in a statement to the press, stated that this action was taken in order that these officers would not be clothed with any authority during the investigation.

On January 2, 1937 an article appeared in the Hot Springs Sentinel-Record newspaper, in which it was stated the report as to the autopsy on Dickson's body was filed with Scott Wood, Attorney for John Dickson and listed the following marks, etc:

Superficial abrasions (probable burns); contusions and lacerations; fractures of the fifth and seventh ribs, with the separation of the fourth, fifth, sixth and costochondral junctions with extravasation of blood into the surrounding tissue; rupture of left kidney; bronchial pneumonia involving left lung and upper lobe of right lung; a wound on the head which appeared to have been made with a blunt instrument; a discolored area the size of the palm of a man's hand on the left chest, and burns and bruises about the thighs.

According to the report the autopsy was witnessed by Dr. D. C. Lee, Dr. H. King Wade, Dr. F. J. Burgess, Scott Wood, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Curtis Ridgeway, former Prosecuting Attorney Houston Emory and R. J. Glover.

This agent heard, while in Hot Springs, that photographs were made of Dickson's body and are now in the possession of attorney Scott Wood.

On January 4, 1937 a grand jury convened at Hot Springs to investigate the death of Dickson, and other cases, and on January 6, 1937 returned an indictment charging second degree murder and naming the following police officers as defendants: Captain L. A. (Arch) Cooper; Captain R. L. (Bob) Moore; Lieutenant Cecil Brock; Detective Glynn Buchanan; Patrolman Press Griffin; Patrolman Joe Scott and Patrolman Andy Irwin. All of the defendants were released on bonds of \$1,500.00 each.

In reporting the Grand Jury made the following comment, among others, which was quoted in the newspapers:

"During our investigation we found no evidence to connect Chief of Police Joe Wakelin with the actual mistreatment of any prisoner, but the evidence revealed by our investigation leads us to believe that should Chief Wakelin have exercised a more dominant control over the officers under him such circumstances as those revealed in the Dickson case and other cases of alleged mistreatment of prisoners, would not have existed.

"We the members of the grand jury, strongly condemn any type of brutal so-called "third degree" methods used upon prisoners. Such practices tend to destroy the credibility of the evidence of officers in criminal trials, aside from being inhuman and which no civilized community should tolerate.

"We deeply appreciate the helpful co-operation of the mayor, the sheriff's office, the municipal judge and the circuit judge in our investigation of the Dickson case."

Upon the return of this indictment, Mayor McLaughlin announced the discharge of the seven police officers and the following appointments and promotions were made:

Weldon Rasberry, Chief of Police (New)
Jerry "Swede" Watkins, Day Captain (New)
Ben Rogers, Night Captain
"Red" Terry, Patrolman (New)
George Young, Patrolman (New)
Monroe Young, Patrolman (New)

Monroe Young and George Young are brothers of John Young, Constable.

The following conversations appear in the logs with reference to this matter:

11:30 A. M. December 30, 1936, incoming on No. 446

JLM

Man named Joe called for Cecil Brook. He said that mother was worried about him in that Dickson investigation. Brook advised there was nothing to worry about - that all that publicity was just newspaper talk.

8:40 A.M. December 31, 1936, incoming on No. 123

JLM

Bob Moore's sister called and talked with Bob Moore about personal affairs. the following was the last portion of their conversation:

Sister: Are you mixed up in this Dickson thing?
Moore: No, I had nothing to do with that.
Sister: I knew you didn't - you have too much sense for that.
I just thought they might have a shake-up, and you'll get out with the rest of them.
Moore: No, I'm not worried about that.

11:52 A. M. December 31, 1936 incoming on No. 123

CFM

(Dr. Eaves called Wakelin)

Wakelin: Hello.
Dr. Eaves: Chief this is Dr. Eaves. Have you gotten a doctor to represent you?
Wakelin: No. Nobody but you.
Dr. Eaves: Well - there are three questions - 1. If the lungs were punctured by the broken ribs was air in the lungs?
2. If kidneys broken - was there blood in the urine?
3. If the blow on the head caused blood clots that would have caused the man to lose consciousness.
Wakelin: Of course I don't know - Can I come up to see you?
Dr. Eaves: Yes, come on up.

6:12 P.M. December 31, 1936 outgoing on No. 446

HAS

Wakelin: Called 3421 (Hatterie Hotel)
Grace: Hello.
Wakelin: Well? been
Grace: Well - what you/doing?
Wakelin: Same thing.
Grace: Me too - been trying to get dressed. What do you know?
Wakelin: Oh - (pause)
Grace: (Laughing) Its all on yourself and you can't afford to tell it.

Wakelin: Yeah.
 Grace: Good Lord, did you see the morning papers?
 Wakelin: Yeah. Don't say anything. I'll tell you later.
 Grace: Well, who - - ?
 Wakelin: (Breaking in) Same Place?
 Grace: Same time?
 Wakelin: All right.

9:05 A.M. December 31, 1936, incoming on No. 648

JLM

Jones: Is the Mayor there?
 Mayor: Hello.
 Jones: This is Jones talking.
 Mayor: Oh yes. Say Johnny, in your own handwriting give Emory a list of those fellows who are going to meet up there next Monday.
 Jones: O.K.

Note: John Jones is Clerk of Circuit Court, Garland County, and the "list of fellows" may mean names of Grand Jurors who will investigate John Dickson's death.

6:30 P.M. January 1, 1937, incoming on No. 448.

HAS

Man: Asked for Akers.
 Akers: Hello.
 Man: Dutch, this is "Doc". Is Chief Wakelin there now?
 Akers: No, he isn't.
 "Doc": Well, I've got something on this thing that's coming up Monday.
 Akers: Maybe you could get him at home.

10:15 A.M. January 2, 1937, incoming on No. 123.

JLM

Akers: Is Cecil there?
 Cecil: Hello.
 Akers: This is Dutch. Just heard that you, Buck, Arch, and the Chief will be suspended in that Dickson matter. That's a tough break.
 Cecil: Yeah.
 Akers: Kept it under your hat - you'll probably hear about it later.
 Cecil: OK, Dutch.
 Akers: Send a wire to the Auto License Bureau at Austin, Texas, and have them give you the dope on 1936 tags #34-078.

10:53 A. M. January 2, 1937 Incoming on No. 123

JDM

Dr. Eaves: Is Mr. Wakelin there?
Wakelin: Hello.
Dr. Eaves: This is Doc Eaves. Did you see those parties this morning?
Wakelin: Yes, but I didn't get any satisfaction out of them. I wish you would call them.
Dr. Eaves: All right.
Wakelin: You'll probably find them all at No. 648 (Mayor's Office). I think they're all up there now.
Dr. Eaves: O.K. Joe, I'll see what I can do.

2:30 P.M. January 2, 1937 Incoming on No. 123

HAS

Tucker: Hello.
Ridgeway: Tucker this is Curtis Ridgeway. Were you on duty when they brought in John Dickson?
Tucker: I don't know. Don't think I was. I'll look on the book and see.
Ridgeway: Call me back at No. 1037.

2:32 P.M. January 2, 1937 Outgoing on No. 123

HAS

Tucker: Called 1037 (Emory & Ridgeway, attorneys)
Ridgeway: Hello.
Tucker: He was brought in here on the 14th of December and booked for "holdover."
Ridgeway: What time was that?
Tucker: I wasn't here at the time and the time doesn't show when they're booked as "holdover". I think it was some time in the morning. I booked him later myself on the docket.
Ridgeway: Does it show who brought him in?
Tucker: No. There were so many of them that he was booked by the "Police Department."
Ridgeway: Well, thanks.

6:05 P.M. January 3, 1937 Outgoing on No. 446

HAS

Ebel: Called 613 (Sheriff)
John: Hello.
Ebel: John, do you have a list of the witnesses summoned before the Grand Jury?
John: Yes.
Ebel: I'll be over.

6:46 P.M. January 3, 1937 Incoming on No. 123

HAS

Ebel: Dutch, I tried to get that list, but I couldn't. It's not for publication. Curtis Ridgeway said he'd rather not give the list out as it might get us into a worse jam. Joe had the list earlier and I could have gotten it from him.

Akers:

All right.

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4:36 P. M. January 4, 1937 Incoming on No. 123

JLM

Ledgerwood: Is Dutch there?
Akers: Hello.
Ledgerwood: This is Verne. Do you know the two colored fellows who are on that jury - one's name is Page?
Akers: Yes.
Ledgerwood: I wish you would contact them and tell them I want to see them in front of the City Hall at 8:30 in the morning.
Akers: O.K. Judge.

Note: The local newspapers disclosed that Will Page and E. I. Puckett are the two colored men on the Garland County Grand Jury probing the Dickson case.

At approximately 4:40 P. M. Special Agent H. A. Snow observed "Dutch" Akers in the police Oldsmobile Sedan drive towards the negro section of Hot Springs.

At 4:53 P. M. a man called in over telephone No. 446 and asked to speak to Akers. Jailor Tucker advised that he was out just then.

The following observations were made by Special Agent John L. Madala on the morning of January 5, 1937:

8:10 A.M. Agent saw "Dutch" Akers in "Jim and George's" Restaurant on Central Ave
8:15 A.M. Akers was called to the telephone, and thereafter he left the said restaurant.
8:18 A.M. Agent observed Akers talking with a dark complexioned man carrying a cane in front of Spencer's Cigar Store. The Police Oldsmobile Sedan was observed parked close by.
8:25 A.M. Agent observed a short, stocky colored man, wearing a dark overcoat, blue suit, and horn-rimmed glasses try to gain entrance into the City Hall. The doors were apparently closed. Agent then observed this colored man walk across the street and stand in front of the Rock Island Railroad Depot being visible to anyone at the City Hall.
8:26 A.M. Agent observed another colored man cross Benton Street at the City Hall and greet first colored man by shaking hands. The second party was approximately 5 ft. 11 in. tall, 135-140 lbs., wore a dark overcoat, tan hat, and had gold-rimmed glasses.
8:26 A.M. Both colored men remained standing in front of Rock Island Railroad Depot, being visible to anyone at the City Hall.
8:35 A.M.
8:32 A. M. Agent observed "Dutch" Akers and a second party (believed to be Judge Ledgerwood) drive by Post Office, agent's point of surveillance, and then back the car into the driveway between the City Fire Department and the Chamber of Commerce Building. This driveway leads to the City Jail.

8:35 A.M. Agent observed Judge Ledgerwood walk across Benton Street from the City Hall to the Rock Island Railroad Depot, and greet the shorter of the two colored men. Thereafter agent observed this colored man and Judge Ledgerwood walk to the rear of the Depot. None of the parties were visible to anyone at the City Hall, nor were they visible to agent, who was still maintaining the surveillance from the steps of the Post Office.

8:35 to 8:42 A.M. Judge Ledgerwood talked with both colored men in rear of Rock Island Depot for approximately seven minutes, none of which conversation could be overheard by agent.

8:42 A.M. Agent observed Judge Ledgerwood cross Benton Street and enter City Hall.

8:43 A.M. Agent observed the two colored men, described above, walk west on platform in back of Rock Island Depot towards Central Avenue.

8:43 to 8:50 A.M. Agent followed the two colored men, who were walking and talking together, to the Garland County Court House on Cueshita Street.

8:55 A.M. Agent observed the two colored men enter the Grand Jury Room on the third floor of the Court House.

Special Agent John L. Madala will be able to identify the two colored men and Judge Verne S. Ledgerwood should the same ever become necessary.

9:21 A. M. January 4, 1937 Outgoing on No. 648

JLM

Mayor: 637 (County Judge's Office)
 Elza Housley: County Judge's Office.
 Mayor: Who is this?
 Elza Housley: Housley.
 Mayor: Elza, this is Leo. Here's what I thought about that equalization board meeting. You know Clyde Brown, don't you? He's a smart young attorney from here. Yes, I know him well.
 Elza Housley: Well, he'll be sitting there as a spectator and taking it all in. If anything comes up, you can say, "Well, here's Mr. Brown - he's an attorney - let's get his legal view on the matter." I already have talked with Brown, and he'll know what to say - that will preclude me from coming over there.
 Mayor: I was hoping that you would sit in on this board meeting. Well, I would like to, but I believe it would be best if I didn't come around that court house at all today. It might leave a bad taste in somebody's mouth.
 Housley: You mean on account of that Dickson matter?
 Mayor: Yes.
 Housley: Well Leo, I want to commend you on your action in this case. A lot of those people who were bitterly opposed to you and the administration, have now changed their minds about you. I know one person in particular.

Mayor:

I've always been apposed to these third degree tactics, and I want the Grand Jury to take any action they see fit. I have several friends on that Jury and I told them just how I felt about the entire matter. If those fellows are found guilty, I'll want them prosecuted.

Housley:

That's the way it should be.

Mayor:

I'm not going to take back those fellows, regardless of what the Grand Jury finds.

Housley:

OK, Leo, I'll take care of that other matter.

JANUARY 5, 1937

10:22 A.M. Outgoing on No. 446

GRM

Akers:

1723 (Wakelin's Residence)

Wakelin:

Hello.

Akers:

Well, Louis (Hinkle) has been in (Hinkle called before Grand Jury) but he didn't do any damage. I thought he would preach a sermon but he didn't. I talked with him after he came out.

Wakelin:

How does it look?

Akers:

Well - they called Arch (Cooper) and Cecil (Brock). I think it will be over in a little bit. I'll call you when I hear something.

12:19 P.M. Incoming on No. 123

GRM

Tucker:

Chief's Office.

Deputy Sheriff:

Mr. Tucker they want you before the Grand Jury at 2:15 with the clothing of John Dickson.

Tucker:

I don't know whether I know where the clothes are, but I'll see if I can find them.

Deputy:

All right.

4:15 P.M. Outgoing on No. 123

GRM

Brock

613 (Sheriff's Office)

Roy:

Hello.

Brock:

Roy, have they returned anything?

Roy:

No, not yet.

Brock:

Call us as soon as you hear.

Roy:

OK.

JANUARY 6, 1937.

5:40 P.M. Incoming on No. 446.

HAS

Tucker:

Hello.

Roy Erney:

Is Dutch there?

Tucker:

No, he's not.

Erney: Do you happen to know where Brock is?
 Tucker: He's here, Mr. Erney.
 Erney: Let me speak to him.
 Brock: Hello.
 Erney: Cecil, go out and get Floyd Davis and both of you come over to the office.
 Brock: All right, Roy.

5:44 P.M. Incoming on No. 448.

HAS

Tucker: Hello.
 Erney: Is Joe Scott there?
 Scott: Hello.
 Erney: Come on over to the office.
 Scott: All right.
 (Note: Above calls possibly refer to returning of indictments by Garland County Grand Jury in John Dickson case.)

6:12 P.M. Outgoing on No. 123

HAS

Akers: Called 3339
 Cooper: Hello.
 Akers: Arch have you heard? Going up there?
 Cooper: Yes.
 Akers: Want me to go with you?
 Cooper: No - How many were there?
 Akers: Seven. Let me know if I can do anything for you.

7:33 P. M. Outgoing on No. 446

HAS

Akers: Called 613 (Sheriff's Office)
 John: Hello.
 Akers: John, did you get all the boys in?
 John: All but Irwin.
 Akers: He'll be down here at nine. You might bring a bond then and have it signed at the same time.
 John: Marion (Anderson) has the warrant. Said he would be by there later.

7:55 P.M. Outgoing on No. 446

HAS

Brock: Called 1402 (his residence)
 Mrs. Brock: Hello.
 Brock: What'd you say? I'll be out in a little bit to change clothes?
 Mrs. Brock: Come out and talk to me.
 Brock: Don't worry. Everything's being taken care of. Mr. Karston said work as usual. I'll bring you an extra.
 Mrs. Brock: Who's in it besides you four?
 Brock: Press Griffin, Bob Moore, and Joe Scott.
 Mrs. Brock: Mr. Wakelin isn't in it?
 Brock: No, they didn't "make" him. It's just a political

argument down here - don't worry. There were about a hundred people wanting to sign our bonds. Remind me to call my mother in the morning before she reads the paper.

8:43 P.M. Outgoing on No. 446

JLM

Bob Moore: 613
John Erney: Sheriff's Office.
Bob Moore: Who's talking?
John Erney: John Erney.
Bob Moore: I'll be up with a bond with Andy Irwin in a little bit - this is Bob Moore.
John Erney: O.K. Bob.

8:45 P.M. Outgoing on No. 446.

JLM

Bob Moore: 3675 (D. B. Murry)
Man: Hello.
Bob Moore: Who's talking?
Man: Russ Murry.
Bob Moore: Want someone to go Andy Irwin's bond, will you sign it?
Man: Yes.
Bob Moore: O.K. I'll be by after you.
Man: OK.

10:14 P.M. Incoming on No. 123

JLM

George McWilliams: Is Bob Moore there?
Corrington: No, but Rogers and Dutch Akers are here - you want to talk to them?
McWilliams: Did they fire Bob Moore?
Corrington: Yes, temporarily. Who is this?
McWilliams: George McWilliams.
Corrington: Yes, they laid him off temporarily.

10:27 P.M. Outgoing on No. 446.

JLM

Ben Rogers: 3232-W (his residence)
Wife: Hello.
Ben Rogers: I won't be able to go with you and Sam tomorrow morning.
Wife: Why not?
Rogers: Aw, everything is all upset down here.
Wife: Did they leave Bob go?
Rogers: Yes, and they even ousted our little lieutenant, Andy Irwin. We got a bunch of new men down here.
Wife: Who took Bob's place?
Rogers: I did. Well, I'll awake you tomorrow morning at six, and I'll call Sam around 5:30 A.M.
Wife: All right, honey.

11:40 P.M. Outgoing on No. 123

HAS

Man: Called 3421 (Batterie Hotel)
Grace: Hello.
Man: You know who this is?
Grace: Yeah. Hello. Where are you?
Man: At the station. I'm working nights now.
Grace: You are? You're working down town now?
Man: Yeah, for a few days. Not going to work nights for long though. Did you see the extra?
Grace: Yeah. Isn't it bad? Wonder who the other one was?
Man: Andy Irwin. The Gazette will be full of it in the morning. The Mayor was over here tonight. Told us that all of them were suspended - permanently.
Grace: You mean - fired?
Man: Yeah.
Grace: The "old man" too?
Man: Yeah. That's what the Mayor said tonight. Told it to the reporters. It'll all be in the Gazette in the morning.
Grace: Well, my God! That's sort of "tough titty" isn't it? I thought the "old man" would probably be all right. Maybe he will after this all blows over. They almost had to do something, I guess.
Man: Well, he's out now.
Grace: So you're working nights now?
Man: For a few days and then I go to working days again.
Grace: I saw Andy Irwin on the street tonight - in front of the "Confectionery".
Man: Yeah - he's the seventh one.
Grace: I guess it will all come out all right. \$1500 isn't such a high bond. Where is that "Pug" Dickson now?
Man: I don't know exactly - may be in the county jail, or he may be here.
Grace: Will you be down there all night?
Man: I'm going home tonight about three o'clock. Somebody's coming in - I'll call you tomorrow evening.
Grace: O.K., G'bye.
Note: Identity of man making above call was probably Jack McJunkins, a city fireman, since it appears he placed a call to Grace on following night.

9:02 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648 (Mayor's Office)

GRM

Ledgerwood: 1723.
Wakelin: Hello.
Ledgerwood: Joe, did you get that summons.
Wakelin: Yes.
Ledgerwood: Well, you won't have to go. I talked to the foreman and told him you were sick, he said it would be O.K.
Wakelin: All right, thanks.

9:02 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648

GRM

Ledgerwood: 613
Anderson: Sheriff's Office.
Ledgerwood: Marion, I just talked with the foreman, and told him that Joe was sick and would be unable to appear, and he said it would be all right.
Anderson: Thanks.

3:33 P.M. Outgoing on No. 648

JLM

Mayor: 743 (Judge Ledgerwood)
Ledgerwood: Hello.
Mayor: What do you know?
Ledgerwood: Heard anything?
Mayor: Yes, I was talking with Dink (Leon Dinkelspeil) this noon, and it looks like they're going to leave me without anyone.
Ledgerwood: Is that so?
Mayor: Looks like everybody is involved but Joe, Dutch, and Robbins. He said that in their report they are going to commend me for my cooperation in the matter.
Ledgerwood: What did he say about Joe?
Mayor: The only criticism they had about Joe is that he was too

Ledgerwood: lax - that he let Arch Cooper and Cecil run that
Mayor: police department.
Well, they did in a way.
Higgins was telling me that Gil uncovered something this morning that will involve the rest of them.

Ledgerwood: Yeah?
Mayor: He also asked me if Joe was in ill health. I told him that he's been sick for the past year, and that the recent assault upon him aggravated his condition considerably. I left with him the impression that a sick man couldn't fulfil his duties as efficiently as otherwise, and that that probably was the cause of his being so lax with the men. I think it went over all right.

Ledgerwood: Are they going to return any indictments?
Mayor: Oh yes - they said they would indict the principals for manslaughter and the others as accessories. They even got Red Terry and Joe Scott mixed up in it.

Ledgerwood: Aw - that's a shame.
Mayor: Well, that can't be helped. Of course, if they recommend anything, I will have to follow it out.
Ledgerwood: Oh sure, you've got to go all the way with them now.
Mayor: Well, that's what I aim to do, regardless of who it hurts.
Ledgerwood: Did you talk with Dave Pennington?
Mayor: Yes.

Ledgerwood: Reed talked to me somewhat about this. You know he kept us fronting for Joe all the time.
Yeah, I know.

Mayor:

He is a friend, but kind of an alarmist. He seems to think we won't get away with this; that there will be plenty of adverse publicity.

Ledgerwood:

Well, some people will bound to set up a holler - no matter what one does, there will always be people knocking him.

Mayor:

Yes, that's human nature all right. Guess I'll just sit tight and wait.

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5:45 P.M. Outgoing on No. 446.

HAS

Brock:

Called 1723, asked for Chief.

Wakelin:

Hello.

Brock:

How are you feeling?

Wakelin:

Pretty tough. Not so well.

Brock:

Well, I'm just stalling around. Working nights from nine to one at the hotel. How long before you'll be out?

Wakelin:

Not long.

Brock:

Call me and we'll go out to the river and cook some. It's a hell of a mess isn't it. I was talking to Verne Ledgerwood and he said the same thing. I've got a lot to tell you, but will have to see you. Might drop out there tomorrow.

Wakelin:

All right.

JANUARY 11, 1937.

7:20 P.M. Incoming on No. 446

HAS

Andy Irwin:

Asked for Press Griffin.

Griffin:

Hello.

Irwin:

Are you come out to Arch's (Cooper)?

Griffin:

Is Bob (Moore) there? I thought we were supposed to meet down here. That's no way to do business.

Irwin:

I know we were. Coming out?

Griffin:

Maybe.

7:35 P.M. Outgoing on No. 446

HAS

Man:

Called 3339 (Arch Cooper's residence)

Cooper:

Hello.

Man:

Who's there now, Arch?

Cooper:

Just Andy Irwin.

Man:

Did Bob Moore know to come out there?

Cooper:

Yes, I think so. Where are you?

Man:

At the jail. Press Griffin and Buchanan are here now. We'll come on out.

It may be stated that Chief of Police Joe Wakelin is a brother-in-law by marriage to Municipal Judge Verne Ledgerwood, which possibly may have had some bearing on the failure of the Grand Jury to indict Chief Wakelin.

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are copies of the telephone logs covering the taps on telephones #123, #446 and #648 at Hot Springs, Arkansas for January 31st, February 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 1937 and on telephone #2115 for February 5th and 6th, 1937, together with attendant memoranda submitted in connection therewith by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan. Copies of memoranda submitted by Agent Sullivan dated February 4th and 5th, 1937, in connection with these telephone surveillances are also enclosed.

There are also transmitted herewith the following newspaper clippings relating to the legislative investigation concerning conditions at Hot Springs, Arkansas and related articles:

ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Little Rock, Arkansas, February 5th, 6th, 7th and 9th, 1937.

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT, Little Rock, Arkansas, February 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th, 1937.

SEMINOLE RECORD, Hot Springs, Arkansas, February 2nd (7), 3rd (2) and 4th, 1937.

NEW ERA, Hot Springs, Arkansas, February 1st (3), 2nd (5), 1937.

With the copy of this communication for Inspector Connelley there are transmitted copies of memoranda submitted by Agent Sullivan in connection with the foregoing logs, dated February 5th (2), 6th and 7th (2), 1937. It will be noted in one of the memoranda submitted by Agent Sullivan dated February 7th, 1937, that he sets forth results of observations on prospective

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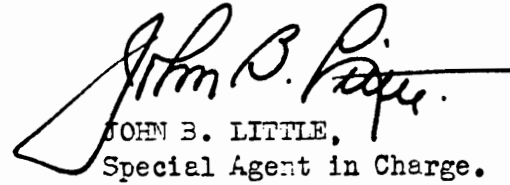
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telephone taps at Hot Springs, Arkansas, suggested in Inspector Connelley's letter dated January 27th, 1937.

Very truly yours,


JOHN B. LITTLE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc: Mr. Connelley, Cleveland
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In order to systematically record individuals available for ready reference in the investigation being conducted at Hot Springs, Arkansas, both through general investigations and that of telephone surveillances, it is deemed necessary to properly sub-divide this information and not include it in the regular Brekid file.

The writer has discussed this with Special Agent T. J. Donegan, who has advised that no difficulty will be encountered in properly segregating this information.

Accordingly, this procedure will be put into immediate practice unless contrary instructions are received from you.

Respectfully,

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February 4, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: BREKID

As a result of the telephonic surveillances being maintained at Hot Springs, Arkansas, I desire to call your attention specifically to a conversation between Mayor McLaughlin and Federal Judge Martineau of Little Rock, Arkansas, on December 30, 1936, which indicated McLaughlin to be very friendly with the Judge and to have invited the Judge and his wife to join the Mayor's party at a New Year's Eve celebration. The conversation further indicated that Mr. and Mrs. Grover Owens (Mr. Owens being an attorney in Little Rock, Arkansas), Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schneider (Mr. Schneider being the Referee in Bankruptcy in Little Rock) and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cazort (Mr. Cazort was, on December 30, 1936, the Lieutenant Governor of Arkansas) had been invited also. The Mayor indicated in his conversation that they intended to spend a few hours at the Arlington Hotel and then visit the Club Belvedere. The Judge indicated that his plans were uncertain but that he would endeavor to be present. The telephonic surveillance on the following day, December 31, 1936, reflects that when reservations were made at the Arlington Hotel, the name of United States District Judge Martineau was mentioned as one of the members of the party. It is not known whether he actually was in attendance, since no further conversations pertain to this. The first mentioned call would, however, indicate a friendly relationship to exist between McLaughlin and Judge Martineau, as well as with Joe Schneider, the Referee in Bankruptcy.

The log for January 4, 1937, indicates the interest of "Dutch" Akers in endeavoring to "fix" a divorce case.

A conversation on January 8, 1937, indicates that a newly appointed police officer had been endeavoring to shake down some of the individuals in the negro section. The Mayor, in his conversation with John Young, the Constable, called attention to these activities and instructed him to caution this officer against a repetition of this practice.

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In a conversation between Akers and Grace Goldstein, a known prostitute, on January 9, 1937, Grace Goldstein stated that a package had been sent over for him by a Postal Telegraph boy. From the conversation, it would appear that this was a payment of money to Akers in return for Akers not tracing or seizing a stolen diamond ring which Grace Goldstein had purchased from Arthur Johnson, previously the subject of conversation on December 11, 1936.

A conversation between McLaughlin and Charles Cella at St. Louis, Missouri, on January 11, 1937, indicates that there exists a friendly relationship between these two individuals. Cella is reported to be the owner of the Oaklawn Race Track at Hot Springs. This conversation relates to the coming racing season and the concessions incidental to the operation of the track, McLaughlin indicating his desire to control these concessions, and Cella briefly stating that he was not entirely satisfied with the setup at Hot Springs and wasn't going to tolerate being "kicked around".

On January 4, 1937, a Grand Jury convened at Hot Springs to investigate the death of John Dickson (as a result of third degree tactics) and, on January 6, 1937, returned an indictment charging second degree murder and naming the following police officers as defendants:

Captain L. A. (Arch) Cooper,
Captain R. L. (Bob) Moore,
Lieutenant Cecil Brock,
Detective Glynn Buchanan,
Patrolman Press Griffin,
Patrolman Joe Scott, and
Patrolman Andy Irwin. —

All of the defendants were released on bonds of \$1,500.00 each.

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Upon the return of this indictment, Mayor McLaughlin discharged the seven officers named and made the following appointments and promotions:

Weldon Raspberry, Chief of Police (new),
Jerry "Swede" Watkins, Day Captain (new),
Ben Rogers, Night Captain,
"Red" Perry, Patrolman (new),
George Young, Patrolman (new), and
Monroe Young, Patrolman (new).

George and Monroe Young are brothers of John Young, the Constable of Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Just preceding the indictment of these officers, several of the lines were rather active, indicating an effort was being made to obtain the names on the list of Grand Jury members, obviously for the purpose of "getting to" certain individuals, if possible, to prevent the indictment. "Dutch" Akers was observed by one of the Agents talking to a colored man who was known to be a member of this Grand Jury.

Respectfully,

P. E. Foxworth
P. E. Foxworth.

Post Office Box 1469
Little Rock, Arkansas
February 8, 1937

Special Agent in Charge
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of December 14, 1936, and other correspondence pertaining to L. M. Strauss, Los Angeles Police Department No. 26043 M. S.

Inquiry of the Western Union Telegraph Company at Hot Springs, Arkansas, failed to disclose any outgoing message to L. M. Strauss on or about November 25, 1936, to which the telegraphic reply of Strauss is mentioned in my letter of November 27, 1936, was made.

It appears advisable to ascertain the identity of the person in Hot Springs who telegraphed Strauss and to also ascertain the identity of the "Mac" referred to by Strauss. It is therefore requested that your Division contact the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Company in Los Angeles and efforts be made to obtain copies of the telegrams received by Strauss between the dates of November 23, 1936, and November 26, 1936, especially the telegram to which Strauss replied on November 25, 1936.

In this connection it may be stated that it has been ascertained that Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers sent the following Western Union telegram from Hot Springs on November 25, 1936, to Strauss:

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

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Los Angeles, California

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No reply to this message was located. It also appeared that this message was written on a blank of the Postal Telegraph Company and might indicate, therefore, that the Postal Telegraph was originally intended as the transmitter of this message and that this Company was used in other instances. Inquiry is being made at the Hot Springs Office of the Postal Telegraph Company but, according to advice received, copies of incoming messages are not retained at the receiving office but are available at the sending office for a period of one year.

While conducting investigation at Hot Springs the following data was obtained and may have reference to the same subject matter;

One Frank B. Thompson is now occupying a room or suite of rooms in the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs, this being the most modern and expensive hotel in this resort city. Telephone calls to and from this man indicate that he is accompanied by other men and, at one time, they, together with former Lieutenant Cecil Brook of the Hot Springs Police Department, were interested in the activities of some parties residing at the Eastman Hotel. Mr. Milton Noble, Manager of the Western Union at Hot Springs and a confidential informant, stated that Thompson is supposed to be from the Twin Cities in Minnesota and sends many telegrams referring to "stocks". (It will be noted that Strauss mentioned stocks being tied up in his telegram).

It was ascertained from Mr. Noble that on November 25, 1936, Mr. Thompson sent a telegram (Western Union) to Mr. James M. Crofton of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles; on November 21, 1936, sent two Western Union telegrams to Eddie Robinson, Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, and has also sent telegrams to Eddie Barnard and Baron Long, both in Los Angeles. One of the latter two parties, it was indicated, was a detective or house detective in one of the larger hotels. All of these telegrams pertained to the making of long distance calls between these parties.

It is suggested that discreet inquiry be made as to the identity and activities of Frank B. Thompson and the above mentioned parties as it is known that Mr. Thompson is not the house detective for the Arlington Hotel.

Very truly yours,

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cc Bureau
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JOHN B. LITTLE
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

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Washington, D. C.

February 4, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: BREKID

The pertinent information developed as a result of the telephonic surveillances being maintained at Hot Springs, Arkansas, as observed from the logs for January 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21, 1937, is as follows:

January 17, 1937

A telephonic call indicated that Mayor McLaughlin issued orders to close up all cheap "joints" in Hot Springs, Arkansas, at 11:00 P. M. This action is probably due to the recent "heat" placed on the town by the passing of the recent resolution by the State Legislative Body, demanding an investigation of Hot Springs.

A call on this date between Lillian Pearrow and Night Captain Rogers discloses that the houses of prostitution in Hot Springs are being operated with the knowledge and cooperation of the local police. Lillian Pearrow is madam of a house of prostitution at 105 Prospect Street, Hot Springs.

Another call, between "Dutch" Akers and Dick Swain (attorney), indicated Akers to be endeavoring to "fix" a \$225.00 gambling debt.

January 18, 1937

A call on this date between McLaughlin and Dr. Stough concerned Joe Scott, one of the police officers suspended from the Police Department, Dr. Stough indicating his desire to assist Scott and requesting the Mayor's advice as to the name of a lawyer who would meet with the Mayor's approval to act in Scott's behalf. The gesture on this occasion is obviously intended to create a friendly feeling, if at all possible, with McLaughlin. McLaughlin suggested Judge Cotham, indicating "He'd be as good as you could get".

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January 19, 1937

Conversations of interest on this date were between the Mayor and his contacts at Little Rock and reflected his efforts to defeat a proposed bill introduced in the Legislature which might affect horse betting.

A conversation with Ed Farris, a Representative, indicated a very friendly attitude. Farris is Secretary of the State Racing Commission, appointed by Governor Bailey.

Another conversation, between the Mayor and James R. Campbell at the House of Representatives in Little Rock, indicated a friendly feeling between the two. Campbell, in his conversation, stated he thought the committee was beginning to realize that the ballyhoo over the investigation of activities at Hot Springs was nothing more than a political fight and that the results of the investigation may eventually be dumped into the Attorney General's lap.

January 20, 1937

A conversation on this date indicates the Mayor to have again talked with Ed Farris regarding the recent commission meeting at Little Rock and the fact that the Mayor had sent a copy of the intended bill to Charles Cella, stating that he did not know what Cella wanted to do about it. The Mayor indicated that he would be present at Little Rock for the meeting.

A call from McLaughlin to Hollingsworth at the State House, Little Rock, reflects that instructions are going forward to Hollingsworth and Jim Campbell, State Representatives, relative to the manner of voting on a bill to exchange judges.

A call on this date between McLaughlin and Campbell indicates the Mayor to be interested in finding out how the committee investigating the situation at Hot Springs is "lined up". Campbell stated that three of them will be "fair", evidently meaning that the Hot Springs administration controls three of the votes on the committee comprised of five members conducting investigations at Hot Springs.

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A call between the Mayor and State Senator Wheatley at Little Rock indicates a friendly relationship between the two and the fact that Wheatley can be relied upon to back up the Hot Springs situation in a vote pertaining to the investigation. Wheatley stated that if he could do anything for the Hot Springs crowd they should let him know.

Another call, between McLaughlin and George X Neal of Little Rock, indicates that these two are very familiar and arranged a meeting for the following day at Little Rock.

A call between John X Clements and the Mayor reflects that the Mayor will "fix" a parking fine.

January 21, 1937

Two calls on this date between the Mayor and W. S. X Jacobs indicate the close association between Jacobs (gambling czar at Hot Springs) and McLaughlin.

A call on this date shows that State Representative Carroll X Hollingsworth at Little Rock reported to the Mayor the results of the investigation being conducted by the committee and indicated clearly that he is keeping closely informed as to the action taken by the committee conducting the inquiry.

From conversations to date it would appear that McLaughlin is the political "Boss" in Hot Springs and Little Rock and controls the official acts of State Representatives James Campbell and Carroll Hollingsworth and State Senator Walter X Wheatley.

Respectfully,


P. E. Foxworth.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

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Washington, D. C.

February 4, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: BREKID

The pertinent information developed as a result of the telephonic surveillances being maintained at Hot Springs, Arkansas, as observed from the logs for January 22 and 23, 1937, is as follows:

January 22, 1937

In a telephonic call to Mayor McLaughlin by Louis of the Kentucky Club (a bookie place), Louis complained of his inability to obtain a "gum" machine, probably referring to some type of slot machine, and the Mayor indicated he would "fix" it for Louis.

Another call on this date to the Mayor reflected his willingness to "fix" a parking ticket for Judge Fuller of Waldron, Arkansas.

Another call on the evening of this date by Mayor McLaughlin warned the police to keep a close watch on the "banks" that night. Similar calls have been made by McLaughlin before. The "banks" referred to by McLaughlin may be legitimate banks, but the impression is they refer to the banks or money at the different gambling houses in Hot Springs.

January 23, 1937

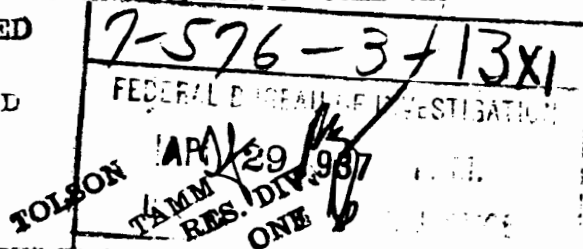
From conversations on this date, it appears that McLaughlin is fully aware of the operation of gambling establishments in Hot Springs and obviously has no intention of suppressing them.

A telephonic conversation between the Mayor and William S. Jacobs on this date indicated that the Mayor had warned certain places (undoubtedly bookie places on Central Avenue) not to call the

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results of the races so loudly, it being noted that one of the allegations made before the State Legislature was that the announcing of race horse results by bookie places in Hot Springs could be heard by persons on the street.

It appears that some complaint has been made of workmen of the laboring class not being able to afford to gamble and losing money at gambling places in Hot Springs. On this date, the Mayor spoke with Bob Dean of the Sentinel Record Newspaper, advising him that he will close up all places running "petty" games with stakes of less than \$1.00. (Such a program would tend to benefit the large operators, such as Jacobs, who run places patronized by wealthier people.)

A later conversation on this same date between the the Mayor and Judge Legerwood indicates that the Mayor is serious about his intentions with regard to the above. He told Legerwood that he had given the story to Dean but had requested him not to give the matter any publicity as he thought he, the Mayor, could do it better in a "quiet way".

Respectfully,

(P. E. Foxworth)
P. E. Foxworth.

Letter to City Sentinel Record

Post Office Box #1469
Little Rock, Arkansas
February 13, 1937

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Special Agent in Charge
Miami, Florida

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

At 6:35 P. M. of February 8, 1937 the following quoted conversation was overheard on the tap presently being maintained on telephone number 2115 which is an unlisted telephone number of William S. Jacobs, gambling "ex" at Hot Springs, Arkansas:

6:35 P. M. Out on # 2115 J.M.

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

Roscoe: "Hello Jackie?"

Jackie: "Hello Roscoe I wired you again today - Here is the set up - they are going to open up again but for you to open will be quite expensive I'll give you the setup - \$1000.00 flat rate for 10 days rent to the hotel. This fellow in my room wants 40% - The fines are \$500.00 a week - There are

450 guests in the hotel all Jewish - retired - and all like to gamble."

Roscoe: "\$1000.00 for fix?"

Jackie: "No for rent - The hotel supplies music and entertainment etc. - \$1000.00 when you open up and \$100 a day after the first 10 days."

Roscoe: "What about the fix?"

Jackie: "That's all right - nothing -"

At 8:00 A. M. I got the O. K. - Every one is going to open - Lefty Clark-Williams of New York - And "Game Boy" is opening

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the Palmolive Club. - If anything happens they will only close you up - no pinch and you won't loose your tools"

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

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

Roscoe: "What is their salary?"

Jackie: "About \$10 or \$15 a day - if I were you I would pay them about \$15.00."

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

Jacob: "What sort of entertainment have they got?"

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

Jacob: "What do you want out of this"

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

Jacob: "What is that fellow putting up for the 40% he wants"

Jackie: "Nothing" "You can get your tools down here if you want to - This fellow says you need 2 wheels - a crap table and a black jack table."

Jacob: "What kind of a room is it and where"

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

Jacob: "I think they had 6 wheels in there before"

Jackie: "They did but the room has been cut down and will only hold 2 wheels - crap table and black jack table"

Jacob: "O.K. find out how much it will cost to rent the tools and wire up here tonight - I'll wire you tomorrow" "Can we book the horses there"

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Jackie: "I think so but they have been pulling them in for it."

Jacob: "Who is the prosecutor?"

Jackie: "Ziegler - Ziegler said D.K. this morning about 8:00 A. M."

Jacob: "There is Taylor"

Jackie: "He is prosecutor at Miami not at the beach" "The beach don't have any"

Jacob: "It must - who is state prosecutor"

Jackie: "I don't know - Rubel is City Attorney and does all that work - something like Sonny Davis up there."

"Don't worry I can assure you there will be no arrests the most they'll do is close you up."

Jacob: "O.K."

Roseos: "O.K. Jackie - wire me tonight - night letter and I will answer you in the morning"

The above information is being provided your Division for any possible use it might have in the investigation presently being conducted at Miami. It is suggested, however, that no active investigation be conducted at this time at Miami that would disclose the source of the above quoted telephone conversation.

Very truly yours,

JOHN B. LITTLE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 22, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: ~~X~~ HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS,
~~X~~ POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Edw. D. Bremer
**Investigating*

You have by memorandum been previously advised regarding the death of John Dickson, who was a prisoner being held in the City Jail at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and who died in the New Park Hospital, Hot Springs, Arkansas, on December 24, 1936. John Dickson died of what physicians said was pneumonia, but his father, James Dickson charged that his son had been mistreated while confined in the Hot Springs City Jail. An autopsy instigated by Attorney Scott Wood, who was retained by the elder Dickson, revealed that young Dickson had suffered terrible injuries. A Grand Jury at Hot Springs, Arkansas considered the facts concerning the death of John Dickson, and during the time the County Grand Jury was in session, the following conversation was overheard by Special Agent J. L. Madala on the telephone of the Hot Springs, Arkansas, Police Department, which conversation took place between Herbert Akers, Chief of Detectives, and Municipal Judge Verne S. Ledgerwood:

Ledgerwood - Is Dutch there?

Akers - Hello.

Ledgerwood - This is Verne. Do you know the two colored fellows who are on that jury? One's name is Page.

Akers - Yes.

Ledgerwood - I wish you would contact them and tell them I want to see them in front of the City Hall at 8:30 in the morning.

Akers - O. K. Judge.

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At approximately 8:30 A. M. on January 5, 1937, Special Agent H. A. Snow observed Herbert Akers and a second party, believed to have been Judge Ledgerwood drive by the Post Office and then

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back their car into the driveway between the City Fire Department and the Chamber of Commerce Building. The individual believed to be Judge Ledgerwood then walked across the street and greeted one of two colored men who were standing there. One of the colored men and Judge Ledgerwood then walked to the rear of the Depot at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and thereafter this individual talked with the two colored men. Later Special Agent Snow observed the two colored men enter the Grand Jury room on the third floor of the Court House.

Municipal Judge Verne S. Ledgerwood is the brother-in-law of Chief of Police Wakelin. You have been previously advised that Chief of Police Joe Wakelin, Lieutenant Cecil Brock, Captain Arch Cooper and Detective Glynn Buchanan were suspended from the Hot Springs Police Department pending investigation of the charges made by James Dickson that his son had been mistreated while confined in the Hot Springs City Jail.

On January 6, 1937, the Garland County Grand Jury returned indictments charging second degree murder against the following Police Officers:

Captain L. A. Cooper,	Detective Glynn Buchanan,
Captain R. L. Moore,	Patrolman Press Griffin,
Lieutenant Cecil Brock,	Patrolman Joe Scott,
	Patrolman Andrew Irwin.

No indictment was returned against Chief of Police Wakelin. A significant point in this connection is that two negroes, A. R. Puckett and J. M. Page, were members of the Grand Jury, and it appears that these two individuals were probably approached in the interest of Chief of Police Wakelin.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm
E. A. Tamm.

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Post Office Box 1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are logs on telephone taps on telephones Nos. 123, 446 and 648, at Hot Springs, Arkansas, for February 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, 1937, together with two attendant memoranda submitted by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, dated February 9, 1937. It will be noted that these taps were not in operation on February 4, 1937.

There are also transmitted herewith logs on the telephone tap on telephone No. 2115, Hot Springs, Arkansas, for February 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, 1937, together with attendant memorandum dated February 9, 1937, submitted by Agent Sullivan.

The following newspaper clippings relating to the activities of the Legislative Investigating Committee at Hot Springs, and other items of interest in connection with the current observation there, are transmitted herewith:

Arkansas Gazette, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated February 8, 10 (2), 11 and 13, 1937.

Arkansas Democrat, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated February 5, 6 (2), 7 (2), 8, 9 (3), 10, 11 (2), and 12 (2), 1937.

The New Era, Hot Springs, Arkansas, dated February 4 (2), 5 (4), 6 (2) and 8 (3), 1937.

Sentinel-Record, Hot Springs, Arkansas, dated February 6 (3), 7(3), 8, 9 (4) and 10 (2), 1937

Commercial Appeal, Memphis, Tennessee, dated February 5 (2), 6, 7 and 8 (2), 1937.

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JOHN B. LITTLE,
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. J. E. Little,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
500 Hector Building,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Re: GEORGE TIMINEX;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,
Fugitive, I.O. #1232; et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim -
Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives;
Obstruction of Justice; National Firearms Act.

Dear Sir,

Reference is made to your letter of February 19, 1937 with which there were transmitted logs on telephone taps on telephones Nos. 123, 446, and 648, maintained at Hot Springs, Arkansas from February 5, 1937 to February 10, 1937, inclusive.

In the last paragraph of a memorandum dated February 9, 1937 to the Special Agent in Charge submitted by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, the following suggestion is noted: "Inasmuch as the Little Rock Field Division thoroughly reads and analyzes these logs and prepares current reports from week to week, setting out practically the same information as has been contained in the daily memoranda submitted at Hot Springs, there appears to be a needless duplication of effort. For this reason a memorandum will not be submitted with each day's logs hereafter, except in those cases where information may be in possession of the agents on the plants at Hot Springs which normally might not come to the attention of the agent reading the logs at the Little Rock Field Division".

You may discontinue the practice of furnishing complete logs to the Bureau until further notified; However, it is desired that weekly investigative reports summarizing pertinent details determined as a result of these surveillances be submitted, so,

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that they reach the Bureau not later than Wednesday of each week.

It is absolutely essential, however, that the Bureau be furnished all important developments through this medium, and that these instructions be diligently carried out.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Post Office Box #1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
February 11th, 1937.

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a copy of a memorandum prepared by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan dated February 10th, 1937, at Little Rock, Arkansas, for Inspector E. J. Connelley, which reflects that the taps on telephones #123, #446 and #648 at Hot Springs, Arkansas, were disconnected on the afternoon of February 10th, 1937, due to the activities related in this memorandum. Since the submission of the memorandum, all wires used on these taps have been taken from terminal boxes and I am advised that there appears to be no indication that taps were in effect. It is not believed that the Bureau's taps were referred to in this memorandum, but that the memorandum relates to the activities of the legislative investigative committee, which is probing into activities at Hot Springs.

In accordance with suggestions made by Inspector Connelley in telephonic conversation today, efforts to reinstate these taps will probably not be made for a period of a week or ten days, depending upon the results of observations at Hot Springs.

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Very truly yours,

JOHN B. LITTLE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
February 10, 1937.

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Memorandum for Inspector E. J. Connelley:

Re: BREKID.

At 2:33 P.M. on February 10, 1937 the line telephone tap on No. 648, listed to the Mayor's Office, Hot Springs, Ark. When the Mayor's secretary answered the telephone, a man was heard to say in a low voice, "Pardon, ma'am - just testing." The writer immediately left the plant located at 207 Laurel Street, leaving Special Agents Morton and Snow on duty, and proceeded to the large junction box near the Police Department, to ascertain whether the call was a routine test call from the telephone company office, or from an employee of the telephone company in the vicinity of the Police Department.

At 2:43 P.M., Agent Morton heard the telephone No. 123, listed to the Police Department begin to crack as though someone might be testing the line or plugging in and out on the line. Only snatches of the conversation was heard, as follows:

Man calling:	Can you hear me?
Man answering:	Yes.
Man calling:	Can you hear me all right?
Man answering:	Yes, but not so hot.
Man calling:	They've got taps on these wires - they got --- (indistinct) receiver on 64 (pause) 8, and the police phone.
Man answering:	Which one?
Man calling:	On 446. I got to go down and look at the diagram.

The voices were not familiar as being those of anyone known to work at the Police Department or Mayor's Office, and from the conversation it appeared that the two parties talking were working on the line, and were employees of the telephone company. Immediately after receiving the above call, Agent Snow disconnected the lines running from the small junction box located on the pole opposite the plant at 207 Laurel Street, drawing the disconnected wires into the plant. Agents Jones, Morton and the writer made surveillance in the neighborhood of the Police Department, and at 3:30 P.M. the telephone company's truck was seen parked beside the Police Department, the telephone employee on the truck apparently working either in or about the Police Department building. Everything was taken from the plant at 207 Laurel Street, and the house vacated. It was not deemed advisable to disconnect the taps from the large junction box located near the Police Department in view of the danger of being seen by men working for the telephone company. Agents Jones and Snow, however, will disconnect the same after dark this evening.

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acquaintance with Mr. Ike Murry is very limited. He has served as room clerk at the Hotel Kilgore in Fordyce, Arkansas, during the evenings and I have been at that Hotel on perhaps one-half dozen occasions since I was transferred to Little Rock, Arkansas, in May, 1935. I did not know his identity until the 26th day of December, 1936, when he talked with me in the Hotel dining room at Fordyce and mentioned that he was interested in making application for appointment as a Special Agent in the Bureau as he was an attorney-at-law. I knew previously that there was an Ike Murry who was a member of the Legislature from Fordyce but I had thought it was his father, Ike Murry, Sr. I do not know anything as to the reliability of Mr. Ike Murry, Jr., the member of the Legislature, but his family has always been well regarded in Fordyce, Arkansas.

Respectfully submitted,

V. R. CALHOUN,
Special Agent.

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"Dick" Galatas, now serving a term in the Federal Penitentiary at Alcatraz, was determined to kill Leo Malachuk as soon as he was free from prison. Murry asked me if I had heard any such rumors; I advised him that I had not. Murry then stated that Galatas was supposed to have been closely associated with the Hot Springs "ring", being a part owner of Belvedere Club, a gambling resort located just outside the city. I stated to Murry when Galatas was tried at Kansas City, Missouri, testimony was given indicating that Galatas was engaged in some form of gambling at Hot Springs and had declared that he was going to live there all his life, according to newspaper accounts. Murry asked me if my Bureau had had any trouble in securing cooperation with the Police Department at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and I advised him that I had been working on War Risk Insurance cases all together and that my investigation at Hot Springs concerned such cases and inquiries made of the Hot Springs Police in these cases produced cooperation from Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers and Identification Officer Cecil Brock of the Hot Springs Police Department, inasmuch as such inquiries were as to location of streets or the finding of witnesses for interview.

Murry asked me if the Bureau had any information to indicate that Alvin Karpis had been in Hot Springs, Arkansas, or had had contact with any of the officials in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and I told him that I personally did not know anything concerning Hot Springs, Arkansas, except regarding War Risk Insurance cases.

I then stated to Murry casually that the newspaper account for Monday, February 15, 1937, stated that the committee investigating Hot Springs, Arkansas, would make a report on Wednesday night, February 17, 1937, and Murry stated that the committee was endeavoring to have a report by that date. He stated that he would have to go immediately to the Wallace Building in Little Rock to attend a meeting of his committee as it had been called for 7:00 o'clock. I then drove Mr. Murry to the Hotel Marion where he got out of my car.

Mr. Murry was in my company from 5:45 P. M. until a few minutes after 7:00 o'clock in the evening; our conversation regarding Hot Springs did not last a long time for the reason that I did not think it advisable to make any inquiry for the reason that he might think that I was endeavoring to get information from him. As I stated previously, my family knew the Murry family in Fordyce, Arkansas, many years ago, but my

There being no indication of any suspicion on the part of W. S. Jacobs of the tap on his telephone, same is being maintained unless contrary instructions are received from you or from the Bureau.

No extraneous noises were noticed over any of the taps prior to their removal, and there apparently was no reason for anyone to suspicion same, other than the general suspicion caused in Hot Springs by the presence of investigators for the legislative committee who are investigating vice and corruption in Hot Springs. Probably the general idea was that they had installed taps on the telephones. It was noted that at 9:50 A.M., in response to a message left by the secretary of the Mayor, Shepherd, of the telephone company called the Mayor, who told Shepherd to come to his office the first time he was down that way, stated that it was nothing special. Officer Tucker, who generally answers the telephone at the Police Department, had a great deal of trouble this morning in understanding people who were calling the Police Department, although the line was apparently all right, and conversations could be overheard by agents very plainly.

Respectfully submitted:

D. P. SULLIVAN,
Special Agent.

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U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box #1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
February 4th, 1937.

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the logs for January 27, 28, 29 and 30, 1937, covering the telephone taps being maintained at Hot Springs, Arkansas, in connection with captioned case, together with newspaper clippings from the ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Little Rock, Arkansas, for February 2 and 4, 1937; the NEW ERA, Hot Springs, Arkansas, for January 28 and 29, 1937 and the SENTINEL-RECORD, Hot Springs, Arkansas, for January 28 and 29, 1937.

Copies of memoranda submitted by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan in connection with the above logs are also enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

John B. Little
JOHN B. LITTLE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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February 15, 1937.

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

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

In telephone conversation with Special Agent in Charge Little at Little Rock, Arkansas, today, as per my previous conversation with him, the telephone taps previously established on the Police Department and Mayor's office at Hot Springs, Arkansas, have not been re-established and it is believed desirable that these not be re-established at the present time. As previously indicated the State Legislative Investigation Committee is still active at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and I have instructed Special Agent in Charge Little to not replace these telephone taps until a very careful survey has been made to indicate just what, if any are the suspicions of the Police Department and the Mayor's office, as towards this Investigating Committee which might prompt them to believe their telephones were tapped at the present time. It is believed that at the end of the present week, we will be in a position to determine the advisability of re-establishing the taps on the police department and the Mayor's office.

In the meantime I have instructed Special Agent in Charge Little to arrange for the Agents engaged upon this, under the supervision of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, to prepare a comprehensive digest of any and all information we have developed to date and to segregate it as to the amount of information available as to each particular individual. The tap on W. S. Jacobs is, of course, being continued, as nothing has developed to warrant any suspicion as towards it.

In connection with the Legislative Committee making investigation at Hot Springs, Arkansas, Agent Calhoun has a friend who is a member of this Committee, who has previously suggested that he turn over certain information to us. He was advised at that time that we would be glad to receive any information indicating

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a violation of the Federal Law. It has been suggested to Special Agent in Charge Little that he arrange for any casual meeting possible between Agent Calhoun and this member of the Committee or any other person who might furnish us with the facts developed by the Committee without the Bureau disclosing any official interest in such activity of the Committee. I have in mind that we might develop considerable information through what the Committee learns without disclosing any official investigative action or disclosing to anyone any official interest in anything which might be accomplished by this Investigating Committee. Special Agent in Charge Little has been instructed to carry this on very discreetly and confidentially in order that we might not arouse anyone as the result of our action and at the same time possibly make available to us some particular information of value to the investigation we are presently carrying on.

Very truly yours,


E. J. CONNELLEY,
Inspector.

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REPORT MADE AT Little Rock, Arkansas	DATE WHEN MADE 2/15/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/22-30/37	REPORT MADE BY B. L. DAMRON opw
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEX; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Conversations of interest overheard on telephone taps at Hot Springs, Ark., for period of Jan. 22 to 30, 1937, inclusive, set forth. On night of Jan. 29, 1937 State officers raided gambling establishments at Hot Springs and confiscated gambling paraphernalia, but made no arrests. Photos of body of John Dickson obtained and forwarded to Bureau. Gambling apparently discontinued for present at large establishments, but "bookies" re-opened.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent B. L. Damron, Little Rock, Ark., dated January 27, 1937.</p> <p>DETAILS: The data contained in this report has been taken from the telephone tap logs submitted by the agents at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and supplemented by information obtained by the reporting agent. Telephone No. 123 is assigned to the Police Department, No. 446 is assigned to the Chief of Police, and No. 648 is assigned to the Mayor. This report covers the logs submitted for the period of January 22nd to 30th, both inclusive. The agents maintaining the taps for this period, and whose initials are set forth opposite the reported conversation, were H. A. Snow, G. R. McSwain, J. M. Jones, D. P. Sullivan and John L. Madala.</p> <p>On the afternoon of January 22, 1937 Special Agent John L. Madala was temporarily relieved, and his place was taken by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan. On the afternoon of January 30, 1937, Special Agent G. R. McSwain was</p>			
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relieved by Special Agent W. T. Morton.

The following conversations taken from the logs and supplemented data, appear of interest to this investigation:

JANUARY 22, 1937

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

9:27 A.M., Incoming on No. 648

GRM

Miss Marsh: Mayor's Office.
Judge Fuller: Hello, Leo, this is Judge Fuller from Waldron. I've got a ticket for parking. I can't get down this AM and wonder if I can fix it up later.
Mayor: That's all right Judge. Just tear it up and forget it. I'll take care of it.
Judge Fuller: Well, thanks! The ticket is #9327.
Mayor: All right.

The following conversation relates to the legislative investigation of Hot Springs. It will also be noted that two members of the legislature visited Hot Springs and were taken care of by Mayor McLaughlin and Representative Campbell:

9:43 A.M., outgoing on No. 648

JLM

Mayor called Long Distance for James R. Campbell, at the House of Representatives, Little Rock.

Campbell: Hello.
Mayor: How's everything look over there?
Campbell: Looks all right.
Mayor: Have you been talking to the boys?
Campbell: Yes, all the time - everything is going along great.
Mayor: That's fine.
Campbell: A couple of the members are coming over to Hot Springs this afternoon. I wish you would reserve a room for them at the Eastman. Their names are Jim Beck and George Baker. They're two nice boys and have a lot of influence. I'm coming in myself this afternoon, and I'll be with them.
Mayor: All right Jim, we can talk this other matter over when you get here, and I'll take care of that room.

The following conversation is between Louis Bloom of the Kentucky Club (bookie) and Mayor McLaughlin:

9:44 A.M., incoming on No. 648

JLM

Louie: This is Louie, of the Kentucky Club. They're putting gum (?) machines in every place in town, but mine. I wish you would do something about that.
Mayor: Isn't that fellow in your building over there?
Louie: Yeah. That's what I can't understand - we do all the work for him, and he don't let us have one. This ought to be one of the first places.
Mayor: Well, you contact him and have him call me.
Louie: All right.

The following conversation apparently relates the legislative investigation of Hot Springs:

10:03 A.M., incoming on No. 648

JLM

Sunny Davies: Anything new?
Mayor: Everything is shaping up all right.
Sunny Davies: I talked with the Jew (?) and the man I went to see - they're beginning to see that the whole thing is Scott Wood's politics.
Sunny Davies: This recent clash sort of brought Scott Wood's name into the limelight.
Mayor: Yeah. He thought he would just have to sit back and let the preachers do the work.
Sunny Davies: Call me later.

Several calls over the Mayor's telephone indicated that Eugene Berry has charge of the stables at Oaklawn Park race track and resides at the Eastman Hotel. A Mr. Schroeder is also connected with the track and resides in Hot Springs, telephone #2091. Conversations also indicated that one J. A. Murphy is to have several horses at the track this year, and is a friend of Circuit Judge Earl Witt.

The following conversation between the Mayor and Charles Cella, of St. Louis, Mo., owner of the Oaklawn race track, indicates the future "set-up" as to the race meet to begin March 1st, 1937:

10:54 A.M., outgoing on No. 648

GRM

Mayor: Placed call for Charles Cella at St. Louis.
Cella: Hello.
Mayor: Hello. This is Leo. How is the weather up there?
Cella: It's snowing and is very cold.
Mayor: Well, I went over to Little Rock yesterday. There wasn't room for the Racing Commission at the State House, so they moved all the records out to the home of Ed Farris and held the meeting there. We had a fine meeting. All the fellows are pretty young but are a swell bunch. They have

played the horses some and seem to know what it is all about. I went over this whole thing. It took a little explanation, and then I went over the whole thing from your standpoint.

Cella:

What about this new bill?

Mayor:

Well, they are all against the bill, realizing that it would cut down the State's revenue. They are all determined to keep the thing as it is. Hilliard said he had talked to the Governor and the Governor is not in favor of any change.

Cella:

That's good.

Mayor:

Well, on any of that technical stuff you want fixed, just let me know. The whole commission said they would stand back of me in everything.

Cella:

Do you think they want me to submit a list of the track officials by January 28?

Mayor:

I don't think that is necessary. They said we could get all that fixed up without any trouble.

Cella:

How did Ed Farris act?

Mayor:

Never better. He hasn't had a drink in a long time.

Cella:

That's fine.

Mayor:

They asked for a figure as to the State's income from the tracks. Farris told them that last year the State received from the horse and dog tracks a sum of about \$374,000.

Cella:

Well, the greater part of that was from the horses.

Mayor:

Yes. Farris pointed that out.

Cella:

Well, that is fine Leo. I think I've got a good attorney.

Mayor:

OK.

The following call further indicates that Mr. Higgins of the Arkansas National Bank is also interested in the Oaklawn Race Track, as previously indicated:

11:34 A.M., outgoing on No. 648

GRM

Mayor:

3400

Woman:

Arkansas National Bank,

Mayor:

Mr. Higgins, please.

Higgins:

Hello.

Mayor:

Has Hotchkiss been over there?

Higgins:

No.

Mayor:

I was over with the Racing Commission yesterday. Everything is looking fine.

Higgins:

Well, that's fine.

The following conversation indicates that the mayor is afraid Circuit Judge Earl Witt will imbibe too freely. The "lawyer Thompson" mentioned is a member of the legislature and the investigating committee investigating Hot Springs:

2:35 P.M., incoming on No. 648

GRM

Mayor: Hello.
Jerry Witt: This is Jerry Witt. How did you find things?
Mayor: Just fine.
Jerry Witt: I saw Earl, and he's feeling better.
Mayor: That's fine.
Jerry Witt: That lawyer Thompson - he's going to be the main figure in that thing.
Mayor: Well, you keep close to Earl and keep him in good shape.
Jerry Witt: All right.

JANUARY 23, 1937

Special Agent D. P. Sullivan substituted for Special Agent John L. Madala on this date to assist in maintaining the taps.

The following conversation is between W. S. Jacobs and the Mayor. In diminishing the noises in the bookies it will be noted that one of the allegations in the resolution for the legislative investigation of Hot Springs was that the race results were announced so loud that they could be heard on the streets.

10:50 A.M. Incoming on No. 648

GRM

Jacobs: Called Mayor.
Mayor: Hello.
Jacobs: Leo, I took the liberty of telling all these places not to call the horses so loud and to keep the doors closed. I thought I'd let you know about it.
Mayor: I'm glad you did. How is business?
Jacobs: Well, we'll just about break even this month. January is always a bad month. There is a good crowd in town, but they are what we call down-easterners. They don't spend for anything except hotel bills.
Mayor: Well, it should start soon.
Jacobs: I'm leaving for Belvedere now.
Mayor: O.K.

The following conversation indicates the closing of all petty gambling in Hot Springs. Subsequent news releases indicate that all bookies in Hot Springs were ordered not to accept bets for less than \$1.00:

11:44 A.M., outgoing on No. 648

GRM

Mayor: 3700
Woman: Hello.
Mayor: Is Bob Dean there?
Bob Dean: Hello.
Mayor: This is Leo.

Bob Dean:
Mayor:
Bob Dean:
Mayor:

Did you see the editorial in the morning's paper?
Yes. I saw it.
Do you want to say anything?

No, I don't think so. I think it's best to clean that up
and not have any publicity about it. We are going to
put a stop to all this petty gambling. There are places
taking bets on the horses for 25¢ and 50¢. We are going
to warn all operators that anyone caught selling bets for
less than one dollar will be closed.
I think that is the best. I won't write anything on it.
All right, I think that's the best way.

Bob Dean:
Mayor:

The following conversation appears to refer to the race horse wire
service in Hot Springs. Roscoe, apparently is Roscoe Johnson, of the Southern
Grill:

11:51 A.M., incoming on No. 648

Miss Marsh:
Smitty:
Mayor:
Smitty:
Mayor:

Mayor's Office.
Is the Mayor there?

Hello.

This is Smitty - did you call for Roscoe?
Yes - tell Roscoe to put a message on the wire that we're
going to close any of these places that take bets for
less than one dollar.

OK, I'll tell him.

Smitty:

JANUARY 24, 1937

The listing of telephone #1571, mentioned in this call, is unknown
but it will be noted that the call originates at the Police Station:

5:55 P.M., outgoing on No. 445

Man:
Woman:
Man:
Woman:
Man:
Woman:
Man:
Woman:
Williams:

Called 1571.
Hello.

This is Claude Williams from El Dorado (Arkansas).
How are you - just sobering up?
Yeah. What have you got up there? Any girls?
Yeah - two.
Any "French" girls?
Yeah - coming up?
Yeah - guess I'll drive up.

The following conversation is between Carroll Hollingsworth
Parliamentarian of the State Legislature, and Mayor McLaughlin, and r
the Legislative investigation of Hot Springs. That article about G
refers to an article appearing in the newspaper that George McLaughl
of the Mayor, had left Hot Springs.

1:49 P.M., incoming on No. 648 from Little Rock, Arkansas.

DPS

Hollingsworth: How are you doing Leo? I have a little dope for you.
When are you coming over?
McLaughlin: About Wednesday.
Hollingsworth: They hope to get some information from your ex-wife, but her attorney is afraid it will hurt her case (probably referring to divorce action) and he won't let her.
McLaughlin: I know. She called me last week and told me about it, but she don't know anything about me.
Hollingsworth: They have a secret investigator. They are trying to get her to tell about the payoff at the Kingsway.
McLaughlin: Well, she don't know nithing. I went over to the paper about that article about George (probably George McLaughlin) leaving town.
Hollingsworth: Is is true?
McLaughlin: Of course not. He never was mixed up in anything like that. It is just a lot of stuff likethat report about us intimidating witnesses.
Hollingsworth: That's right.
McLaughlin: Well, Carroll, I am glad you called, goodbye.

The identity of Charlie Conner, mentioned in the following conversation, is unknown:

3:26 P.M., incoming on No. 648.

GRM

Mayor: Hello.
Charlie Conner (?): Mayor, this is Charlie Conner (?). A friend of mine is down here in jail. Cole is his name, and he is from Ohio. I wonder if you'll let him go. It is just a drunk charge.
Mayor: OK - I guess so - tell the jailor to let him go and mark on the record "Released by Mayor".
Charlie Conner(?): Thanks.

JANUARY 25, 1937

7:59 P.M., outgoing on No. 446 to No. 1987 (Spencer's Cigar Store) DPS

Joe: Spencer will you sign a bond for me?
Spencer: What for?
Joe: For operating in competition with you.
Spencer: Alright Joe. I'll run over in a little while.

A previous call by Keller indicated that he was arrested for possession of liquor for which taxes had not been paid.

10:30 P.M., incoming on No. 123

DPS

Man calling: Go out to Arch Cooper's house and tell him I want him to go to work at the Belvedere. Let me hear how you made out.
Police Dept. O.K.

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

GRM

Arch Cooper: Called Captain Rogers.
Rogers: Hello.
Cooper: Ben, this is Arch. Will you do me a favor?
Rogers: Sure.
Cooper: Go out to Dyle's (Dyle Cooper), and tell him to get my sawed-off shotgun and come out to the Belvedere. Tell him to get in touch with me before he brings it in. There's nothing to be alarmed about. Will you do that for me?
Rogers: Sure.
Cooper: If he's not at home call me back at No. 2434.

Arch Cooper is the former Day Captain of Police and now under indictment for 2nd degree murder. Dyle Cooper is his brother. Ben Rogers is the present Night Captain of Police.

1:28 P.M., outgoing on No. 648

GRM

Miss Marsh: 600 (Mayor's home)
Woman:4 Hello.
Miss Marsh: Is Leo there?
Mayor: Hello.
Miss Marsh: Mr. George Neal is here and wants to talk with you.
George Neal: Hello - this is George Neal from Little Rock. Can I see you?
Mayor: I'm busy now. I'll try to get in touch with you Wednesday when I'm over there.
George Neal: All right.

It will be noted from previous reports that George Neal is Commissioner of State Lands, with offices in the State Capitol, Little Rock, Arkansas.

JANUARY 26, 1937

10:12 A.M., incoming on No. 648

GRM

Operator reported Frank Pace at Little Rock ready to talk on Mayor's call.
Mayor: Hello.
Pace: Hello Leo.
Mayor: Frank, this is Leo. Did you re-arrange that thing.
Pace: Yes, we set it down for next Tuesday.
Mayor: That's fine.
Pace: You know Wheatley, of course.
Mayor: Yes.

Pace: Well, we are interested in this Compensation Act. I wonder if you won't talk with him while you're over here.
 Mayor: Well, I'll tell you what I would rather do. I would rather you furnish me the information so I could talk with him when he comes over here Sunday.
 Pace: All right. I'll send you the dope today.

Frank Pace is listed in the current Little Rock telephone directory as an attorney of the firm of Pace & Davis, with offices in the Riegler Building. The Wheatley referred to is the State Senator from Hot Springs. A subsequent call indicated that the matter re-set pertained to the coming race meeting at Hot Springs. It also appeared from the subsequent call that one Judge Killorn, of St. Louis, was associated with Charles Cella of St. Louis, Missouri, owner of Oaklawn Park race track.

2:14 P.M., incoming on No. 123

GRM

Tucker: Chief's Office.
 Billie: (girl) Is Akers in?
 Akers: Hello.
 Billie: Dutch, this is Billie. Walter wanted me to go on his bond. What do you think about it?
 Akers: I wouldn't do it.
 Billie: Well, that's what I wanted to know.
 Akers: How much did they offer you?
 Billie: They didn't say anything about that.
 Akers: I thought that if you were going to get anything out of it, you could sign and when we turned him out we could pick him up again. You could collect.
 Billie: Oh. I wouldn't do that.
 Akers: I know you wouldn't. I wouldn't do it.
 Billie: OK - thanks.

The identity of Billie, a woman making several calls to the police department, is unknown to date, other than she appears to be a prostitute or madam of a house of prostitution.

7:00 P.M., incoming on No. 123

HAS

Steve: Is Dutch there?
 Akers: Hello.
 Steve: This is Steve, Dutch. I just made a connection with a party. Going up to his hotel now.
 Akers: Yeah?
 Steve: Yeah. Think it'll be worth about \$25.00 to you - if they come down all right. I'll let you know.
 Akers: All right. Thanks.

The identity of Steve is unknown. This call apparently refers to a "con" game.

7:18 P.M., incoming on No. 123

GRM

Akers: Hello.
Man: Dutch, do you remember that negro you picked up over in that house owned by the Home Owner's Loan Corporation?
Akers: Yes.
Man: Well, if he stole anything, and you convicted him you can get \$50 from the Government.
Akers: When you're down this way come by and tell me about it.
Man: OK.

It will be noted that Akers was interested in this call.

JANUARY 27, 1937

The following conversation indicates that Jerry "Swede" Watkins, day captain of Police, is residing in a house owned by Jimmie Phillips, manager of the Southern Grill:

2:51 P.M., Outgoing on No. 446 to 2063-W

DPS

Watkins: How do you get that phone turned on?
Phillips: Call the telephone company. It was listed to Claude Burns, No. 3250-W.
Watkins: O.K. The address is 125 Florence, isn't it?
Phillips: Yes, that's right.

The following conversations indicate that Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers collects for bad checks, and charges for his services:

4:15 P.M., outgoing on No. 446

HAS

Akers: Called 2745 (Vance Pawn Shop.)
Vance: Hello.
Akers: What'd you want with me?
Vance: Too late now. I gave the case to Watkins. That guy skipped out and left a hot check with me for \$200.00 for a ring.
Akers: See what I can do.

4:18 P.M., outgoing on No. 446

HAS

Akers: Called 246 (C. Floyd Huff) and inquired as to possible whereabouts of attorney Frieder (Sidney Frieder)
Huff: Advised that Frieder's friend was still in town, but that Frieder had gone on a honeymoon.

4:35 P.M., incoming on No. 123

HAS

Man: Reported to Akers that he had contacted a friend of Frieder for him and that Frieder would return in few days and take care of any "paper" he had left.

4:37 P.M., outgoing on No. 123 (

HAS

Akers: Called 2745 (Vance Pawn Shop)
Advised "Shotgun" Vance that Frieder was expected to return
and take care of his check.
Vance: Requested that Akers handle the case of collection from
Frieder and to advise Watkins. Offered to pay Akers for
collecting the check.
Akers: I'll stop and see you tonight. You know I don't charge more
than 90%. (Laughs)

4:45 P.M., incoming on No. 445

HAS

"Mickey" Supplied Akers with additional information relative to
Attorney Frieder.
Akers: Requested to be advised on the "Q.T." when Frieder returned
to his office from honeymoon.

4:50 P.M., incoming on No. 445

HAS

Akers: Hello.
Vance: I got that matter straightened out.
Akers: Yeah, I know. What's your home phone?
Vance: 3031. Call me anytime after supper. Tell Watkins not to
do anything about that.
Akers: OK.

The following conversation is self-explanatory:

9:10 A.M., incoming on No. 648

GRM

Mrs. Mobin: Called the Mayor.
Mayor: Hello.
Mrs. Mobin: This is Mrs. Mobin. Have you had a chance to do anything
yet?
Mayor: I'll get right on that and do what I can. I'll put in a word
for her at the Southern.
(Sounded as though the Mayor is to use his influence to procure
a position for Mrs. Mobin's daughter at the Southern Club -
a gambling club.)

The following conversation indicates that the Legislative Investigating
Committee is running short of funds, and that Mayor McLaughlin collected for the
City of Hot Springs from the gambling houses \$25,000.00, during 1936:

2:18 A.M., outgoing on No. 648

GRM

Mayor called Carol Hollingsworth at Legislature, Little Rock.
Hollingsworth: Hello.
Mayor: This is Leo. What's going on?

Hollingsworth: Nothing. They are trying to get some money. (Probably referring to the Committee investigating conditions at Hot Springs.) They are all tied up and are trying to get it from the House Contingent Fund, but they can't get that.

Mayor: Anybody from here been over there?

Hollingsworth: No, as I told you there is only one thing that will cause you any worry.

Mayor: Yes, I know. I want to tell you a little story: You heard about the man who went to the doctor and asked the doctor to give him a dose of clapp. The doctor asked him why and he said, "Well - I want to give it to the hired girl so the hired girl can give it to Father - so Father can give it to Mother - so Mother can give it to the preacher - - ". The theory of that story is this: they don't care so much about Judge Witt - but through him they think they can get me. I'm responsible for what goes on here. Last year I got \$25,000.00 for the City out of that thing (gambling houses) and what I don't want is an innocent man hurt. Why don't they make my wife testify.

Hollingsworth: She's got a smart lawyer.

Mayor: Ah - Hell - She don't know anything. I'll send you a letter this week-end by registered mail so it won't get lost.

Hollingsworth: All right.

JANUARY 28, 1937

The following conversations indicate that they are between Chief of Detectives Akers and Chief of Police J. A. Pitcock of Little Rock, and also indicate a possible fee to Chief Pitcock for talking to an attorney:

9:55 A.M., outgoing on No. 123

GRM

Akers: Called Chief of Police at Little Rock, Ark.

Akers: Where were you all day?

Chief: I was right at the edge of your town.

Akers: That attorney that is in that case - can you talk to him?

Chief: That party over here wants you to talk to him. It might be worth something to you, Jake.

Chief: In the next day or two?

Akers: That's alright. We just want some advance information.

Chief: Alright, I'll call you before Saturday night.

1:35 P.M., incoming on No. 123

GRM

L.D.Operator: Chief of Police at Little Rock calling Herbert Akers.

Akers: Hello.

Chief: A few minutes after you talked with me that fellow came in here. Can you come over here?

Akers: Did he want to do something?
 Chief: No - he's got the whole "lay-out".
 Akers: I'll find out what I can do and call you back.
 Chief: All right.

1:45 P.M., incoming on No. 123 GRM

Tucker: Hello.
 Akers: Tell Raspberry that I am going out of town and will be back about six P.M.

The address of 708 1/2 Central, mentioned in the following conversation, is a house of prostitution:

9:10 P.M., incoming on No. 123 HAS

Girl: Is Dutch there?
 Akers: Hello.
 Girl: Well how are you?
 Akers: Better. Where are you?
 Girl: At home - 708 1/2 Central. Coming up to see me?
 Akers: I guess so.
 Girl: If you want to you can come up the back steps.
 Akers: No - never mind. I'll be up the front way.

The following conversation indicates a "fixing" of the list of grand jurors by Circuit Judge Earl Witt and Mayor McLaughlin:

9:55 A.M., incoming on No. 648 GRM

Earl Witt: I just thought that in getting together the list of grand jurors, we get fellows like Moody, Gold and Al Reynolds, good business men, and also indicate their business connections.
 Mayor: That's a good idea.

The following conversation between Mayor McLaughlin and W. S. Jacobs indicates that Mayor McLaughlin is sending a large sum of money to someone and which money is being provided by Jacobs. The reference to the funeral pertains to the death of George Ryan, an old circus man and part owner of one of the "Bookies" in Hot Springs. Ryan, it was alleged, was a contact man for "con" men and a part of the administration in Hot Springs. His place as contact man, etc., is reported to have been taken by Ed Spears, who operates the Tango, a "keno" or "bingo" establishment on Central Avenue:

9:00 A.M., outgoing on No. 648, to 2115 (Wm. S. Jacobs) GRM

Jacobs: Hello,
 Mayor: What time this afternoon are you going to be at the Club?
 I ought to get this thing in the mail by tomorrow.

Jacobs: O.K. I haven't that much on hand now. Are you going to the funeral? (George Ryan)
 Mayor: No. I've got to try this KTHS (radio station) case today.
 Jacobs: I won't be able to get away.
 Jacobs: I see. O.K.

JANUARY 29, 1937

8:15 A.M., incoming on No. 646

GRM

Akers: Hello.
 Dr. Stough: Dutch, my wife parked her car up on Bath Street yesterday and got a parking ticket. I wonder if you'll fix it up?
 Akers: Yes, I will.
 Dr. Stough: Thanks.

8:33 A.M., incoming on No. 648

DPS

Woman: Called and talked with Hazel about a traffic ticket #7966 she got. The name being George M. Woman explained she didn't have time to come down and see Judge Ledgerwood. Hazel Marsh promised to see the Judge about it, that it wouldn't be necessary for the woman to come down.

8:45 A.M., incoming on No. 648

DPS

Man calling: Say Billie got two tickets for overparking - numbers 7950 and 7901. That's the first time in a year. I'll leave them.
 Hazel: All right.

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

GRM

Dr. Jarrell: Is Judge Ledgerwood there?
 Ledgerwood: Hello.
 Dr. Jarrell: Louise Madran parked her car on Central Avenue yesterday and got a ticket for parking - No. 9709.
 Ledgerwood: That's all right. Tell her I'll take care of it, my friend.
 Dr. Jarrell: Thanks.

The above calls indicate fixing of traffic violations.

8:10 P.M., incoming on No. 648

GRM

Miss Marsh: Mayor's Office.
 McLaughlin: Have Dutch or Marion (Anderson - Sheriff) or both of them drive up here and contact me.

It appears that Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers and Sheriff Marion Anderson are the two officers used by Mayor McLaughlin.

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

GRM

Miss Marsh: Called Long Distance Operator No. 7 at Little Rock, and advised that Marion Anderson would take the call from Mr. Hollingsworth.
Hollingsworth: Hello.
Anderson: This is Anderson. Leo said for me to take the message.
Hollingsworth: Well, tell him that fellow just came back, and I'll see what I can learn and will call him in the morning.
Anderson: All right.

Hollingsworth is Carroll Hollingsworth, previously mentioned.

JANUARY 30, 1937.

The following conversation indicates "fixing" of a traffic violation by Municipal Judge Ledgerwood for Walter Ebel, newspaper reporter:

8:15 A.M., incoming on No. 123

HAS

Rogers: Hello.
Ebel: My wife got a ticket for parking yesterday. I talked to Judge Ledgerwood about it and he said he can straighten it out if I sent it down this morning. I'm sending it down by my son. Give it to Ledgerwood before nine, will you?
Rogers: All right.

The following conversation further corroborates the fact that Chief Akers refers cases to Dick Swain, attorney. It will be recalled that Swain acted as an informant for Akers in the John Dickson case:

10:06 A.M., outgoing on No. 123 to 3420 (W. R. Swain - Attorney)

GRM

Swain: Hello.
Akers: We've got a Benny Hargo from Oklahoma here. He is driving an ambulance from Oklahoma and was arrested for being drunk, for driving while drunk, and for hit and run. The whole fine is about \$100.00. Why don't you come down and see about it. You might contact the firm he drives for.
Swain: Yes, I'll be right over.

With reference to this Benny Hargo, it may be stated that this man, apparently an Indian, was brought to the Police Station and booked about 11:30 P.M., and while reporting agent was interviewing Night Captain Ben Rogers. Hargo and another young man were brought to the Police Station by Robert Moore, former night Captain of Police, who told Rogers to book Hargo for being drunk and driving while drunk due to the fact that Hargo had run into his car while the same was parked on Central Avenue. Rogers booked him accordingly. The young man with Hargo related that he was connected with an ambulance company or funeral home of Wewoka,

Oklahoma, and that they had brought Hargo's brother to the hospital. This young man lodged a complaint about Moore speeding and Moore immediately told Rogers to book him too. Rogers searched this young man and he was booked, but was later released after apologizing to Moore and Captain Rogers.

This incident caused the following comment by Chief of Police Rasberry:

10:25 P.M., incoming on No. 123

DPS

Chief Rasberry: Did Bob Moore arrest that man last night.
Ben Rogers: There wasn't any arresting to it. Bob brought him over in a car.
Rasberry: I wouldn't have those fellows aid in an arrest. I'll tell you about it later,

(Rasberry is probably referring to those officers recently discharged.)

The Mack Wilson, mentioned in the following conversation, apparently is connected with some gambling establishment or roadhouse:

12:40 P.M., outgoing on No. 123

JMJ

Long distance call (did not get number due to another call.

Swede Watkins: Called Mack Wilson and told him of town being closed, also inquired about "Grease Ball" - Mack said "Grease Ball" was doing OK and had hired a new "Dago Band" also asked if things would be straightened out - Swede said, "The Mayor can't tell yet". Mack said he would be in Hot Springs Monday and made date with Swede at jail house,

In view of information received by reporting agent, the following conversation may be of interest.

5:35 P.M., outgoing on No. 123

HAS

Brock: Called 1402 (his residence) Requested Mrs. Brock to get out his "tux" for the night.
Mrs. Brock: All right.
Brock: How are you getting along?
Mrs. Brock: OK (laughing) We haven't taken in over from "grand" this afternoon. I'm just pushing things into holes. Don't you want to? (laughing)
Brock: Yeah. Well I didn't know whether the races were going OK or not, or whether they had the lines tapped. I'll be out soon.
Mrs. Brock: OK daddy.
(NOTE: Possibly refers to clearing race horse bets through Brock's home.)

While reporting agent was in Hot Springs on other matters information was received that Cecil Brock had four unlisted telephones installed in his home and it was believed that he was tapping some wires or carrying on some questionable activities. Brock heard of these rumors and voluntarily informed agent that he had four unlisted 'phones in his house, three of which were installed for his sisters-in-law, who were canvassing by telephone for the Curtis Publishing Company, and that telephone canvass was suggested by the Curtis Company.

The following conversation is self-explanatory, and discloses that one Mary is an inmate of the house of prostitution operated by Lillian Bahre:

5:55 P.M., outgoing on No. 446

HAS

Man: Called 5085-W (Lillian Bahre - house of prostitution)
Lillian: Hello.
Man: Is Mary there?
Mary: Hello.
Man: How are you?
Mary: What'd you mean - how are you, What do you know?
Man: Nothing.
Mary: Who's talking?
Man: You'll always wonder. Do you need any help?
Mary: I don't know who this is.
Man: This Arch (Cooper).
Mary: Where've you been?
Cooper: Around one place or the other.
Mary: Coming over?
Cooper: I'll be over if I can.
Mary: In about 15 minutes?
Cooper: Yeah, if I can make it.

The following conversation indicates the attitude toward the police as to prosecutions. The identity of the girl referred to is unknown:

6:05 P.M., incoming on No. 446

HAS

Fowler: Hello.
Dr. Eaves: Reported the condition of girl as having been brutally assaulted. Said he was tired of giving hospital attention to women victims in cases where no one was ever prosecuted for the assault.
Fowler: I don't know anything about the case, but will report it to Chief.

The following incident is another example of a fixing of a traffic violation:

6:20 P.M., incoming on No. 123

HAS

Lee (Fowler?): George Young put a parking ticket on my car. Must I come down?
Akers: Forget it.

The following conversation apparently originated with a Miss Connors whom Akers is assisting in getting a divorce. It is believed that Miss Connors is connected with a beauty shop near Violet Street:

9:16 P.M., incoming on No. 446

DPS

Girl: Heard anything new? Seen anybody?
Akers: No. I have been busy on that other thing (gambling houses).
Girl: I don't know what to do. I haven't seen my attorney yet.
Dutch: What you want to do is sell that place and move and open up in another town.
Girl: Well, how are you?
Dutch: Oh, I don't know. They'll very likely cut our salaries in half again. After a while we'll be working for nothing. The Mayor is talking about just having three police during the day and three at night and cutting off half of the firemen and two thirds of the street department.
Girl: Yes, I read where those raids put 1100 people out of work.
Dutch: That's direct employees, but with everything it is close to 2200. I'll see you before we go up there Monday, dear. Call me now.
Girl: I sure will.

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Re: RAID ON GAMBLING HOUSES ON NIGHT OF
JANUARY 29, 1937

At approximately 6:30 P.M., and while the reporting agent was in Hot Springs, officers of the State Department of Revenues, Little Rock, raided the larger gambling establishments and "bookies" located in Hot Springs. The raiding officers removed all gambling paraphernalia into trucks and removed the same to Little Rock, where it was destroyed by fire. The seizures were made upon the strength of seizure orders issued by the Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court at Little Rock, based upon a State statute authorizing such seizures. The main establishments raided by the State officers were the Belvedere Club, Southern Grill, Miller's Cigar Store and several "bookies". It also appeared that the officers seized several horse racing machines.

It appears that these raids were ordered or caused by the legislative investigating committee now investigating conditions at Hot Springs. It also appears that the authorities in Hot Springs were taken by surprise, and were not "tipped off" as on a previous occasion and that the State Rangers did not participate in this raid.

Information was subsequently received by the reporting agent from Jim Poulas, a confidential informant, that the officers missed several rooms in the Dugan-Stuart Building, where W. S. Jacobs had a large quantity of gambling paraphernalia in storage. Also, that the "bookies" were going to re-open on the

following morning, but Mayor McLaughlin, through Sheriff Marion Anderson, ordered them not to re-open as yet.

It was also ascertained from Clay Watt, son of Sam Watt, and a confidential informant, that all race horse slot machines were removed from the business establishments and stored in rear rooms of the establishments. The absence of these machines was noted by reporting agent at the beer parlors, hotels, etc. It is reported that these machines are controlled by a Little Rock man who operates a liquor store on Capitol Avenue near Louisiana Street.

It is interesting to note that although seizures were made of large quantities of gambling paraphernalia in several establishments and which were in operation at the time, no arrests were made by the State officers or any persons charged with a crime.

It is current rumor in Hot Springs that these raids were ordered by Governor Carl E. Bailey in retaliation for the fight made against him by the city administration during the last general election. Another rumor is that the raids were due to the fact that the administration and Jacobs refused to allow the "Little Rock crowd" to open gambling at the Eastman Hotel. It was ascertained from Cecil Brock, former Lieutenant of Police, and now house detective at the Eastman, that places had been made to open gambling on the 6th floor of the Eastman on January 15, 1937, but for some reason the plans fell through. Brock stated that the "Little Rock crowd" consisted of Grady Manning, Raymond Rebsamen, and a liquor dealer named Bemis, and Joe Hardin, a Little Rock gambler.

The following conversations appear in the logs with reference to this raid:

January 29, 1937

6:37 P.M., incoming on No. 445

HAS

Akers: Hello.
Woman: Dad, go over to Bill Miller's right away. They're raiding it and going to burn up everything.
Akers: I haven't got anything to do about that.
Woman: Well go over anyhow. Let me know what's happening.

(The woman making this call was probably Mrs. Akers.)

6:45 P.M., incoming on No. 445

HAS

Officer: Hello.
Akers: Couple of you boys come over to Bill Miller's right away.
Evans: OK.

(Call apparently refers to handling of traffic.)

6:50 P.M., outgoing on No. 446

HAS

Crawford: Called 217 (Chicago Club)
Clerk: Chicago.
Crawford: Is Phil (Norwood/Phillips?) there?
Phil: Hello.
Crawford: Phil, this is Crawford. Have they come over to your place yet?
Phil: No, not yet. I think they're at Bill Miller's now.
Thanks, I'm ready for them.

(The Chicago Club is a "bookie" establishment. The identity of Crawford is unknown.)

7:02 P.M., outgoing on No. 446

HAS

Akers: Called 666 (his residence)
Mrs. Akers: Hello.
Akers: Are you going skating?
Mrs. Akers: No, I don't think so. Are you coming out?
Akers: No, I'll be tied up - busy.
Mrs. Akers: What'd you find out?
Akers: Well, they're here - over at Miller's now - pulled all the "sheets" off the walls and piled up everything in the middle of the floor. They have to keep it like that for 24 hours, and then they'll probably burn it.
Mrs. Akers: That's too bad.

("The 'sheets' off the wall" refers to race horse entry sheets.)

7:05 P.M., incoming on No. 446

HAS

Akers: Hello.
Man: Dutch, this is Roscoe (or Robert). I just heard that they are tearing up things down the street.
Akers: Yes they are. You'd better close up your place. Go down the Avenue (Central) right away and tell all the boys.
Man: OK. Thanks, Dutch.
(Man was probably Roscoe Johnson, proprietor of the Southern Club.)

7:08 P.M., outgoing on No. 446

HAS

Akers: Called 3548 (Residence of Walter Ebel, news reporter)
Mrs. Ebel: Hello.
Akers: Is Walter there?
Mrs. Ebel: No, he's not, Mrs. Akers. He just heard that they are tearing up things downtown and ran down there. Are they really?
Akers: Yes.
Mrs. Ebel: That's mighty bad. Don't let them do it, this being the first of the season, and everything's just picking up. Can't you square things up somehow?
Akers: I'm trying.

(Walter Ebel is a newspaper reporter and Hot Springs correspondent for the Arkansas Gazette, a Little Rock paper.)

7:10 P.M., outgoing on No. 446

HAS

Akers: Called 2393 (Residence of Marion Anderson, Sheriff)
Woman: Hello.
Akers: Is Mr. Anderson there?
Woman: No, he's not.

7:25 P.M., incoming on No. 446

HAS

Jerry Watkins: Hello.
Garnett Moore: Jerry, what's happening? I'm up the street and just heard about it.
Watkins: Well, it looks like the "blow-off". They're closing them all up.
Moore: That's what I heard. I guess we'll have a Baptist convention here next month.
Watkins: Yeah, and you pray.
Moore: How long will it last?
Watkins: Don't know.

(Jerry Watkins is the day Captain of Police. Garnett Moore is a detective and son of Bob Moore, former night Captain of Police.)

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

HAS

Officer: Called 2815 (his residence)
Woman: Hello.
Officer: Clara, you might as well pack my other shirt and we'll start out for California. They're closing up the town down here.
Clara: Aw, sure enough?
Officer: Yeah. They're taking out everything and sending it to Little Roc

(Probably made by Jerry Watkins, as on prior occasions he has talked to a Clara.)

7:43 P.M., incoming on No. 446

HAS

Officer: Hello.
McLaughlin: Is Dutch there?
Officer: No, he's over at Miller's.
McLaughlin: Who's there?
Officer: They're mostly out clearing up a traffic jam. Chief and Watkins are here.
McLaughlin: Well, that's all right.

(Call originated with Mayor McLaughlin. It will be noted that he would not talk to Chief Raspberry or Captain Watkins, but asked for Akers.)

7:56 P.M., outgoing on No. 446

HAS

Man: Called 600 (Mayor's residence)
McLaughlin: Hello.
Man: It won't be out for thirty minutes or so. When it comes
out I'll bring you one.
McLaughlin: All right.
Man: They didn't take the machines - just put them in the back.
McLaughlin: Well.

(Probably refers to an "extra" issue of the "New Era".
Man talking may have been Ebel, news reporter. The machines
probably refers to the race horse electrical gambling machines
located in practically every hotel and business establishment
in Hot Springs.)

8:11 P.M., outgoing on No. 446

HAS

Akers: Called 600 (McLaughlin's residence)
McLaughlin: Hello.
Akers: You still want me?
McLaughlin: Did they take all the stuff?
Akers: Yes - everything. Loaded it all in trucks. It's Ford's men
who did it. They had an order from Chief Justice Griffin
Smith - dug up some old law about it. Ford was here with
the whole committee, I judge, because I know Nichols and
saw him with three men that I didn't know.
McLaughlin: Yeah. I found out from a newspaper man that that order was
issued by Chief Justice Griffin Smith. We'll have to
start proceedings tomorrow before they burn it. Let Louie
Petroccio (phonetic) claim it all and bring it back.
Akers: Yes. I talked to "Jake" (Jacobs?). He's out in the country, but
he's coming in after a bit. I'll see him.
McLaughlin: All right.

(Louie Petroccio apparently refers to Louis Tarlowski, attorney,
of Little Rock, who represents W. J. Jacobs. Martindale-Hubbell
Law Directory indicates that Mr. Tarlowski was born at Brooklyn,
N. Y., on August 3, 1901; graduated from the University of
Virginia; and during 1934-1937 was a member of the Arkansas State
Board of Law Examiners.)

8:15 P.M., outgoing on No. 446

HAS

Akers: Called 2485.
Clerk: Belvedere Club.
Akers: Who's talking?
Clerk: Adams.
Akers: Speak to Mr. Phillips. It's important.
Adams: I'll take the message. Mr. Phillips is where he can't
come to the phone now.
Akers: Never mind.

8:20 P.M., outgoing on No. 446

HAS

Akers: Called 600.
McLaughlin: Hello.
Akers: I'll be out - want to see you.
McLaughlin: All right.

9:31 P.M., incoming on No. 446

JMJ

Dave Johnson: Have those suckers gone back to Little Rock yet?
Rogers: I don't know yet.
Dave: Well I wish I knew, as I am supposed to open up again.
Rogers: Didn't they get you?
Dave: No, I heard about it in time.

(The identity of Dave Johnson is unknown at this time.)

January 30, 1937

9:35 A.M., incoming on No. 648

GRM

Man: This is Chase (Ed Chase, co-owner, Millsapp's Cigar Store, a gambling place). Those things I was talking about are out. You know - those machines.
Mayor: Yes, I know. Now is a good time to keep them out.
Man: Yes, that's right.

(The machines referred to appear to be race horse slot machines.)

9:40 A.M., incoming on No. 648

GRM

Wm. S. Jacobs calling: Hello.
Mayor: That fellow said that the only decision was over thirty years ago and they finally burned the stuff (gambling equipment). I guess there isn't anything we can do. I got a call from that fellow and he said he thought that this would create the differences we want.
Jacobs: Well, do you think it is all right to go ahead with the horses? (Horse race betting) We haven't anything else to go ahead with.
Mayor: Yes, that's alright.

10:05 A.M., incoming on No. 648

GRM

Man: This is Roscoe Johnson (Southern Club). Is the Mayor there?
Hazel: No, he isn't right now. Is it important?
Roscoe Johnson: Yes, I wanted to tell him I just got orders to close.
Hazel: Who from?
Roscoe: Sol Godwin.
Hazel: I'll have the Mayor call you.

(The identity of Sol Godwin is unknown)

10:07 A.M., outgoing on No. 648 to No. 477

GRM

Hazel: Asked for the Mayor
Mayor: Hello.
Hazel: Leo, call Roscoe at his home.

10:36 A.M., outgoing on No. 648

GRM

Hazel: Asked for Mayor.
Mayor: Hello.
Hazel: "Jake" (W. S. Jacobs) wants you to call him at home.

11:27 A.M., outgoing on No. 648 to 2115 (W. S. Jacobs)

GRM

Jacobs: Hello.
Mayor: Did Marion Anderson (Sheriff) call you?
Jacobs: I asked him if we ought to slip around.
Mayor: Oh, I think it's alright to go ahead.
Jacobs: Well, we won't put anything up and we have a cut off on our phones, so I think it will be OK.
Mayor: That's alright.

12:10 P.M., Incoming on No. 648

GRM

Man calling: This Ernest. I'd like to see you before I go back.
Mayor: OK, I was glad to hear the Governor had nothing to do with this. Griffin Smith, Scott Wood, and Carroll D. Wood started it. They went down and told Ford to get to work. The Governor didn't know anything about it.
Ernest: Well, goodbye.

6:33 P.M., outgoing on No. 446

HAS

Akers: Called 2115 (Jacobs, W. S.)
Jacobs: Hello.
Akers: Well, it wasn't anything so important this morning. That fellow came over here (Hot Springs?) this morning. He wound up being drunk - the one that led the raid - celebrating over it, I guess.
Jacobs: Yeah, I suppose so.
Akers: Well, there's nothing important to see you about tonight. See you in the morning. I suppose you saw in the paper that the fire will be at seven tonight.
Jacobs: Yes - thanks for calling.

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With reference to the death of John Dickson, city prisoner, and the resulting indictment of seven police officers, reporting agent was advised by Cecil Brock, one of the indicted officers, that one of the main witnesses before the Grand Jury was about to retract his testimony and disclose the reason for his actions and testimony. Brock stated that Chief of Detectives Akers was working on this angle and intimated that he would benefit by such action.

Also while reporting agent was in Hot Springs on other matters three photographs of the body of John Dickson, taken soon after his death, were obtained from Jim Poulos and were forwarded to the Bureau. Reproductions are being requested of the Bureau for inclusion in the Little Rock file.

Agent was also advised by Jim Poulos that duplicate books were kept on all gambling establishments. Poulos was formerly employed by W. S. Jacobs as a "bouncer" at the Belvedere Club, and said he had seen their bookkeeping methods. He said that tickets were the original entries and represented receipts and disbursements; that George McLaughlin collected these tickets and took them to the city and county officials for auditing and calculation of the percentage to be paid to the officers; that George McLaughlin collected from the gambling establishments, and Arch Cooper, former Night Captain of Police, collected from the "bookies"; that the data shown on these tickets represent the true facts as to the business conducted but when the entries are made on the books the figures are entered in another way; that the percentage paid to the city and county officials are entered on the books as gambling losses, as are the percentages paid to the dealers, etc.

Poulos stated that several of the larger gamblers are afraid of a Government investigation of their income and that if such an investigation was instituted, Sam Watt and "Tink" Young would tell the truth and Watt could disclose the bookkeeping set-up. Poulos mentioned that Jacobs and Sam Watt had a fight some months ago, and were not on very good terms, and that Jacobs had imported a New York gangster and killer named Jim Farrer to act as a body guard. Poulos knows Farrer and says he will do anything for money, and is considered a gunman.

Poulos also stated that the "ante" on race entry sheets had been boosted and that the bookies were now paying \$14.50 a day for these sheets alone. He apparently received this information from George Pikeas, a silent partner in the Blue Ribbon Bar.

The following memorandum was prepared by Special Agent in Charge John B. Little, with an addendum by reporting agent:

"On January 28, 1937 C. Floyd Huff, Jr., United States Commissioner at Hot Springs, Arkansas, called at the Little Rock Division ostensibly for the purpose of making my acquaintance, and of furnishing information that he possessed since he understood that the Bureau wished "to get something on Dutch Akers". Mr. Huff was advised that the Bureau was interested in receiving all information

concerning violations of Federal Laws within the Bureau's investigative jurisdiction.

"Mr. Huff prefaced his remarks with the statement that he and Scott Wood are opposing the present set-up in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Huff stated that C. B. Lovel, Sr. is the State Revenue Inspector and his son, C. B. Lovell, Jr., works for him. Lovell, Jr. reported to Huff that he raided a place near Hot Springs on January 25, 1937 in connection with illegal liquor, and the man whom he arrested at that time stated that he had paid Dutch Akers \$15.00 regularly to permit him to peddle bootleg liquor in Hot Springs, and stated that he would produce witnesses who could corroborate his statement, as well as this practice on the part of Dutch Akers. Mr. Huff stated he did not know whether to report this to the Bureau or to the Alcohol Tax Unit, and he was advised that this information would be transmitted to the Alcohol Tax Unit.

"Mr. Huff further stated that Bob Faust and Frank Witten, employees of the Arkansas State Revenue Department, are conducting the investigation for the Legislative Committee at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and had told him that they had been in contact with me relative to the results of their investigations which would be of interest to the Bureau. Mr. Huff was advised that they had not contacted this office, whereupon he volunteered information to the effect that these two investigators stated that Dick Galatis is the "connecting link between Mayor McLaughlin" and could give information which would result in the arrest of McLaughlin, and that they would guarantee he would be held under a \$100,000.00 bond. Huff stated that he did not know to what these investigators referred or what kind of violation they had in mind, that this is the only information they imparted to him and expressed their desire and intention to report this to the Bureau.

"At this point, Mr. Huff remarked that he is a personal friend of Dick Galatis, has known him since childhood and that "he got a raw deal—from that bunch down there".

"Continuing with his remarks about conditions in Hot Springs Mr. Huff stated that one Charlie Rockafellow a well to do resident of Hot Springs, Arkansas, operates the Rockafellow Bathhouse and Hotel; that he is implicated in the underworld activities in Hot Springs and introduced a victim of a confidence game to the "pay-off" man, who succeeded in extracting \$25,000.00 from this victim. Mr. Huff states that Scott Wood has the details of this incident, and that two or three individuals were subsequently indicted in the Federal Court but Rockafellow evaded any prosecution.

"Continuing his remarks about Rockafellow, Mr. Huff, with the understanding that the source of the information would be treated in strict confidence, advised that a violation of the White Slave Traffic Act prevails in connection with Rockafellow's activities in connection with a girl named "Louise" whose last name he could not recall. This girl talked to a lawyer (Scott Wood) with reference to this violation. From what Huff says, Louise has been Rockafellow's paramour for some time and has driven with him from Hot Springs to New Orleans and other

points outside the State of Arkansas; that they recently had a split-up and Rockafellow filed an action of replevin in the Municipal Court to recover a diamond ring, a diamond bracelet and a Pierce-Arrow automobile that he had given to Louise. Her name is carried in the title of this case in the Municipal Court. Huff pointed out that the venue of the Municipal Court in civil actions is \$300.00 and consequently had no jurisdiction whatever in this particular case. Louise refused to give up this property and officers went to her house and she was brought before Municipal Judge Verne Ledgerwood and she was ordered to either give the property up or furnish \$10,000.00 bond. She gave the property up and appealed her case to the Circuit Court on January 26, 1937. Huff pointed out that Mayor McLaughlin and Judge Ledgerwood are partners and that Rockafellow is a close friend of Judge Ledgerwood. Mr. Huff also exhibited three photographs of the corpse of John Dickson showing the scars, abrasions and discolorations alleged to be the result of mistreatment on the part of officers in Hot Springs. He did not volunteer to furnish the Bureau with copies of these photographs, however, copies of the same have been obtained by Agent Damron from a confidential informant at Hot Springs.

"I thanked Mr. Huff for his information in this respect and told him that the Bureau was always glad to receive any information whatever in connection with a violation of any Federal Law, and that I should be glad to receive any further information from him of this character in the future."

"Addendum by B. L. Damron, S. A.

"The 'con' racket mentioned by Huff and referring to Rockafellow apparently is the case of J. A. Connor. See Little Rock Division file 87-1, entitled, 'G. P. HOWARD, et al; INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY; UNLAWFUL FLEEING TO AVOID PROSECUTION OR TESTIMONY, and indictment in U. S. District Court, Little Rock.'"

By reference to the above mentioned file, of which Little Rock is the division of origin, it will be noted that one Samuel Yudin, of Tucson, Arizona, was allegedly robbed of \$22,000.00 by one F. E. Laynard and his associate, Laynard being introduced to him by Mr. Rockafellow. It appears from the Little Rock file that A. J. Connor, brother-in-law of Lou Connor of Hot Springs, was subsequently implicated in this robbery or confidence scheme.

It might be stated that Charley Rockafellow, owner of the Rockafellow Hotel and Bath House, is considered one of the richest men in Arkansas, a close personal friend of U. S. District Judge John E. Martineau and other court officials of Little Rock, and a friend of the present city and county administration in Hot Springs.

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Post Office Box #1409
Little Rock, Arkansas
February 17, 1937

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. E. J. Connelley, Inspector
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box # 2839
Miami, Florida

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter to the Bureau dated February 15, 1937, I am attaching a copy of a memorandum dated February 17, 1937, submitted by Special Agent J. A. Calhoun concerning his conversation with State Representative I. T. "Ike" Murry, who is a member of the Legislative Committee which is investigating Hot Springs, Arkansas.

The local Little Rock and Hot Springs newspapers have indicated that no further witnesses will be called by the Legislative investigating committee, and the papers state that a report of the Committee's findings will be submitted on this date, February 17, 1937. This is in line with what was learned by Special Agent Calhoun from Representative Murry and would indicate that the Committee has completed its investigation. It is probable that the local newspapers will definitely report in the next day or two whether the work of this Committee is completed.

It is not definitely known whether Representative Murry can be completely trusted, inasmuch as mention has been made over the telephone taps of a possibility of Murry being induced to align himself with the present City Administration at Hot Springs.

Regarding the situation as to the telephone taps at Hot Springs, Arkansas, Mr. Moyses, owner of the house where the surveillance of the taps on the police department and the Mayor's Office telephones has been maintained, has been discreetly contacted on several occasions and it was learned from him that no inquiries have been made in the

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neighborhood, nor has he received any information indicating that anyone besides himself is aware of the presence of Agents in Hot Springs. Special Agent S. L. Samson has casually contacted Chief of Detectives Herbert "Dutch" Akers who apparently does not know of the activities of the Bureau in Hot Springs.

From the conversations overheard over the telephone tap on the residence telephone of William S. Jacobs, telephone # 2115, it appears that Mayor McLaughlin spends a great deal of time at Jacobs' residence in the evening. He and Jacobs talk freely over this telephone and apparently have no suspicion of the presence of a "tap". McLaughlin apparently feels that the Legislative investigating committee will not return a report that will greatly disturb the present administration at Hot Springs, regardless of any minority report that will be submitted by Representative Lee Nichols who apparently has been the one active member of the Committee. This obstinate attitude is also manifested by William S. Jacobs who apparently is preparing for the reopening of his gambling establishments, as is reflected in a long distance telephone call at 1:14 P. M., February 15, 1937, over number 2115, the conversation being between William S. Jacobs and a man named "Dutch" at Cadillac 5974, Detroit, Michigan. "Dutch" apparently is a manufacturer of gambling equipment, and during this conversation he ordered certain equipment for "wheels" apparently referring to roulette wheels. In response to a direct question by "Dutch" as to whether Jacobs was getting straightened out, Jacobs replied, "I think they will", and then expressed his opinion that he did not think that "our man" (Judge Earl Witt) will be impeached. Thereafter at 10:15 A. M. on February 15, 1937 Jacobs gave certain orders over the telephone regarding the shipment of the "wheels" apparently to Detroit where the necessary parts could be manufactured for them.

In view of the sentiments expressed by the Mayor and Jacobs it seems that the Mayor and the Police Department no longer have any great fear of the outcome of any Legislative investigation and probably will have no suspicion that taps may be maintained on their telephones. Therefore unless the Legislative Committee indicates in the report that it will again become active in Hot Springs it is believed that the taps on the Police Department and Mayor's Office can be reestablished in the next four or five days.

The racing season begins on March 1, 1937. It is probable that "Dutch" Akers will be active in making contacts with criminals, racketeers and "son" men who are in Hot Springs during the racing season.

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Mr. Connelley

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The influx of visitors to Hot Springs has already started; the tap on Akers' residence telephone probably would be productive from the present time through the racing meet. As has been previously indicated the tap on the Club Belvedere telephone probably could be established at the same point of surveillance where the Akers' tap could be maintained. A furnished cottage to be used for a "plant" could probably be more easily located now or in the next week than after the beginning of the racing season when Hot Springs probably will be filled to capacity.

Since the present taps were installed at Hot Springs an index of the names of various persons mentioned in the telephone conversations overheard, and addresses and affiliations with a list of the various telephone numbers that have been called has been kept by the Agents located at the "plant" at 207 Laurel Street. Special Agents H. A. Snow, E. T. Morton, and D. P. Sullivan are presently engaged in checking the file and in bringing this index up to date. With the aid of Special Agent B. L. Dameron a cross index of all telephones listed in the Hot Springs telephone directory has been completed. These records will probably be of great value in any investigation to be conducted at Hot Springs.

The file in the Little Rock Field Division is now being reviewed and a digest of the information that has been obtained to date over the telephone taps regarding

Circuit Judge Earl Witt
Municipal Judge Verne S. Ledgerwood
Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin
Former Chief of Police Joseph Hakalia
Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers
Former Police Lieutenant Cecil Brock
William S. Jacobs

will be submitted. This digest necessarily will include a great deal of information concerning the various persons with whom these individuals have had dealings.

Copies of the memorandum of Special Agent J. R. Calhoun are also being attached to the copies of this letter being transmitted to the Bureau and to the Cincinnati and Cleveland Field Divisions.

Very truly yours,

JOHN B. LITTLE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box #1400
Little Rock, Arkansas
February 17, 1937

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MEMORANDUM TO THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE:

In accordance with your request that I secure from Mr. Ike Murry, member of the Arkansas State Legislature from Fordyce, Arkansas, as much information as possible concerning information learned by his committee on conditions in Hot Springs, Arkansas, I thought best to have him invited to my apartment to dinner rather than talk with him at the Hotel Marion in Little Rock, Arkansas, where our presence together might attract attention. Accordingly, I had my sister invite Mr. Murry to dinner at the apartment. It may be stated that I formerly resided in Fordyce years ago and my family was acquainted with the Murry family, although I did not know Ike Murry until 1936.

I met Mr. Murry in the lobby of the Marion Hotel at 5:45 P. M. on February 17, 1937, in accordance with arrangements made with him by my sister, and we went to my apartment at 1009 West 3rd Street. I did not bring up the subject of Hot Springs, Arkansas, but Mr. Murry, after dinner, mentioned Hot Springs, and I replied that I had been in Washington, D. C., for the past two weeks and had not had time to read the papers as to what had occurred. He then of his own volition told me that his committee was not at all satisfied with the State income tax report of Mayor Leo McLaughlin of Hot Springs, Arkansas, which indicated an income of only \$5,000.00 to \$6,000.00 presumably for the calendar year of 1935. He asserted that it did not seem reasonable that a "big shot" should have such a small comparative rate when gambling records show that a man named Ledgerwood, a brother of the Municipal Judge at Hot Springs, Arkansas, had received \$20,000.00. Murry continued by stating that the estranged wife of Leo McLaughlin had advised that upon one occasion recently she observed Leo McLaughlin count out about \$98,000.00 in Government Bonds; she did not know the source of the same or where they were placed later by her husband.

Murry told me H. Grady Manning, Little Rock, Arkansas, head of a chain of hotels which includes the Hotel Majestic at Hot Springs, and the Hotel Marion and Ben McCohee in Little Rock, had

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became alarmed at the trend of the Legislative Committee inquiry a short time ago and had telephoned Circuit Judge Earl Witt at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and suggested that Witt resign his position and thereby "turn off the heat" to some extent. Witt told Manning over the telephone that he thought favorably of the suggestion and that he would come to Little Rock that afternoon to see Manning at his office in the Hotel Marion. However, about one-half hour after Manning had talked over the telephone with Judge Witt, he received a call from Mayor Leo McLaughlin at which time McLaughlin stated emphatically that Judge Witt would not resign and that, further more, Judge Witt would not come to Little Rock at all that day. Later that afternoon Witt telephoned to Mr. Manning that he would come over immediately to confer with him. McLaughlin learned of this latter conversation and thereupon sent one or two car loads of "body-guards" to Little Rock, and a few of these men watched the approach to the office of Mr. Manning's on the mezzanine floor of the Hotel Marion, while others watched the Hotel lobby and some watched outside of the Hotel to intercept Judge Witt. However, Judge Witt did not come to Little Rock at all.

Further information learned from Murry was that Mayor Leo McLaughlin appeared before the committee and read a prepared statement; he was put under oath as to the substance of this prepared statement but was not subjected to any questioning.

Murry stated further that he had grown up in Arkansas fairly close to Hot Springs and had always thought of it as a "wide open town" but that he had never thought it possible for a city to be so completely organized as to enable a "ring" to collect contributions from everybody in business there, or to permit such a low class of people to gather there and "fleece" visitors and others.

Murry told me that his opinion was that Judge Earl Witt was well qualified from a knowledge of law to be a Circuit Judge, but that whiskey had been his downfall and that he undoubtedly had been put in as Judge by the Hot Springs "ring" because they knew that they could deal with him as they pleased.

Another thing learned from Murry was that he had heard a rumor, the source of which he could not recall, to the effect that Richard