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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

RE: Telephone taps, Hot Springs, Arkansas, O'Brien.

This resume covers an examination of the longhand logs on the telephone taps for January 24, 25, and 26, 1937. The pertinent information disclosed is as follows:

January 24, 1937

It appears from the telephone conversation at 11:49 P.M. over 648 between Representative Carroll Hollingsworth and Mayor McLaughlin, that members of the State Legislature are attempting to induce the estranged wife of McLaughlin to testify against him. Particular attention should be paid to that part of the conversation where Hollingsworth mentions "the payoff at the Kingsway." The Kingsway is now operated under the name of the Eastman Hotel and three friends of McLaughlin, viz., Grady Manning, Raymond Rehmus and another man, all from Little Rock, Arkansas, are supposed to have obtained the gambling concession at the Eastman Hotel for the coming season.

In the call at 3:26 P.M., Mayor McLaughlin agrees to the release of one tells.

January 25, 1937

It appears from telephone call at 2:37 P.M. over 648 that Hazel Marsh, Secretary to Mayor Leo F. McLaughlin is kept advised by the Mayor of confidential matters. The "Preachers" referred to, probably are Baptist Ministers who at their convention at Paragould, Arkansas, pledged their support to the investigation of Hot Springs that is being conducted by the State Legislature. (See Clipping from the Hot Springs News Era of 1/24/37, herewith attached).

The calls at 10:30 P.M. over 623 and at 10:40 P.M. show that Arch Cooper, Captain of Police who was dismissed from the force as a result of the death of John Nickerson on 12/21/36 is employed at the Belvedere Night Club, the largest gambling resort in Hot Springs. Apparently Cooper uses a sawed-off shotgun at the Belvedere Club and Bert Cooper, who is Night Captain of Police agreed to deliver such a gun to Cooper at the Belvedere.

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January 26, 1937

Note should be made of the telephone call at 2:14 P. M. over #123 between a woman named Billie and "Dutch" Akers, where Akers suggests a plan by which the Police Department will aid her in collecting on a bond. Akers quickly withdrew the suggestion when he saw that the woman was not pleased with the idea.

Your attention is directed to the telephone conversation at 7:18 P. M. over #123, between "Dutch" Akers and an unknown man, where the man suggests that Akers can make $20.00 by convicting a person for a violation committed in a house, upon which the H. O. L. C. had loaned money. If there is such a law, it probably can be verified through the H.O.L.C. office at Little Rock, Arkansas.

In the conversation between Mrs. Minnie King and Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin at 9:40 A. M. over #648, Mrs. King complained of her young nephew frequenting a pool hall.

In the conversation between "Steve" and Akers at 7:00 P. M. over #446, a suggestion is left that in case a certain party comes to Hot Springs, Akers will profit to the amount of $25.00. This call may have reference to some "Con" man.

This evening State Revenue Officers under Commissioner D. L. Ford raided the Club Belvedere, Southern Club, Ohio Club, Kentucky Club, Miller's Cigar Store, Miller's Cigar Store and probably other gambling places in Hot Springs. Gambling equipment was seized and the newspaper indicates it will be destroyed if possession is not regained of the equipment within 24 hours. It appears that the local police department were not given prior notice of the intended action of the State Revenue Department and were surprised. After news of the raid was obtained, Akers became quite active and advised one man, probably Roscoe Johnson of the Southern Club to "go down the Avenue and tell all the boys" of the raids that were being conducted. Akers thereafter conversed with Mayor McLaughlin, who stated that they would have to start proceedings tomorrow morning to regain possession of the equipment that was taken.

Respectfully,

[Signature]
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: Telephone tapes, Hot Springs, Arkansas, Breckin.

This memo covers an examination of the longhand logs on the telephone tapes for January 27, 28, 29, and 30, 1937. The pertinent information disclosed is as follows:

January 27, 1937

It appears from the conversation between Captain Jerry Watkins and Phillips (Jimmie Phillips, Manager of the Southern Club), overheard at 2:31 P.M. over #649, that Watkins is either presently residing in or intends to move into the house at 125 Florence Street. The conversation indicates that this house is owned by Phillips.

Your attention is called to the following conversations: 4:15 and 4:18 P.M. over #123; 4:35 and 4:37 P.M. over #446; 4:43 and 4:50 P.M. over #123, where it appears that Akers is not interested in prosecuting Attorney Frierd for writing a bad check but is working with the Vance Brothers Pawn Shop to locate Frierd so that he can get a "cut" in inducing Frierd to make the check good.

Previous reports have set out conversations between Grace Goldstein and Dutch Akers concerning a ring that Grace Goldstein bought. The ring apparently was stolen and "Dutch" and Grace apparently got $90.00 from the deal. The call at 6:28 P.M. over #123 apparently has reference to that same ring.

Note call at 10:55 P.M. over #446 where Officers Davis and Bradley report they are telephone #176, which is the Miller's Cigar Store, a gambling house.

In the conversation at 9:13 A.M. over #648, the Mayor tells Carroll Hollingsworth, a State Representative, a story, somewhat bawdy, to make his point that the State Legislative Committee is aiming at him in investigating Circuit Judge Earle Witt. Also note statement of the Mayor that he made $25,000.00 for the city out of that thing (probably referring to gambling houses).

In the conversation at 9:48 A.M. over #648, Judge Ledgewood agreed to fix a parking or traffic ticket.

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Memorandum for the Director  February 17, 1937.

January 28, 1937.

Note should be made of the telephone call at 9:10 P.M. over #446 where Herbert "Dutch" Akers converses in a friendly fashion with a girl who gives her address as 7089 Central. This is the address of a house of prostitution run by a woman named "Rosa." Your attention is also directed to a conversation at 9:00 A.M. over #646 between Mayor Leo McLaughlin and W. S. Jacobs. The exact nature of the subject of this conversation is not known but it appears that the Mayor is doing some kind of work for Jacobs. It has previously been reported that the Mayor represents Jacobs in a legal capacity.

In the newspaper clippings above mentioned it will be noted that the Mayor in representing the chamber of commerce is opposing the sale of radio station KTHS at Hot Springs, Arkansas to Colonel T. H. Barton of El Dorado, Arkansas. It will be recalled that in previous conversations overheard on the taps that the Mayor himself has a plan whereby he, himself, can make some money from the sale or leasing of this same radio station.

January 29, 1937

It appears from telephone calls at 8:33 A.M. and 8:45 A.M. over #648 that Hazel Kersh, Secretary of Mayor McLaughlin handles the fixing of traffic tickets, probably through Judge Ledgerwood.

The reaction of the Police Department readily manifested itself shortly after the State Revenue Officers began to conduct raids on gambling establishments at Hot Springs on the above evening. Akers became very active shortly after receiving word of the raids being carried on.

The first telephone call overheard over the telephones under surveillance, was at 7:37 P.M. when Mrs. Akers advised "Dutch" Akers of the raid then being conducted at Millers Cigar Store. Thereafter one Crawford, identity unknown, telephoned "Phil" (probably Norwood Phillips) at the Chicago Club and spoke of the raids then being staged. Thereafter at 7:02 P.M. over #123, Akers informed his wife of details of the raid on the Millers Cigar Store. Thereafter the following significant conversation was overheard by Special Agent H. A. Snow at 7:05 P.M. over #123, the call being an incoming one:

Akers: Hello what's happening?
Man. Dutch, this is Roscoe (or Robert). I just heard that they are tearing things down the street.
Akers. Yes they are. You'd better close up your place. Go down the Avenue (Central Avenue) right away and tell the boys.
Man. O.K. Thanks, Dutch.
(The man calling probably was Roscoe Johnson, proprietor of the Southern Club.)
Memorandum for the Director

February 17, 1937.

In the telephone conversation at 7:08 P. M. over #123 between Mrs. Ebel (probably wife of Walter Ebel, a local newspaper reporter) and "Dutch" Akers, Mrs. Ebel in speaking of the raid asks "Dutch" if he can square things up and Akers replies "I'm trying."

The reaction of the local police officers to the raids can be gathered from the conversations over #123 at 7:12 P. M. and 7:41 P. M.

The following conversation between Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin and Herbert "Dutch" Akers, over #123 at 8:11 P. M. was overheard by Special Agent H. A. Snow.

Akers. Called 600 (Telephone at residence of Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin).

McLaughlin. Hello.

Akers. You still want me?

McLaughlin. Did they take all the stuff (Gambling equipment)?

Akers. Yes. Everything. Loaded it all in trucks. Its Ford's (Commissioner of State Revenue Department) 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 Lou Petrocco (phonetic) come 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. Alright.

In the above call when Akers is mentioning the Committee he is probably referring to the State Legislative Committee now investigating vice and corruption in Hot Springs and vicinity. Representative Nichols is a member of that committee. The keen interest of Mayor McLaughlin in regaining possession of the seized gambling equipment for the proprietors of the places raided, is evident. He appears not at all reluctant to suborn a witness in suggesting that one Petrocco (phonetic) claim all and bring it back.

Attention is called to the call at 9:31 P. M. over #444, where Dave Johnson, who appears from the conversation, to be engaged in some illegal business, telephones the Hot Springs Police Department and asks Ben Rogers who is Night Captain whether "Those suckers" have left town, in probably referring to the State Revenue men.

Note should be made of the conversation at 8:15 A. M. over #123 where Akers agrees to fix a parking ticket for Dr. Stough and conversation overheard at 9:02 A. M. on #644 where Judge Ledgerwood agrees to take care of a ticket for Dr. Carroll.
Memorandum for the Director

January 30, 1937

In the telephone call at 8:15 A.M. over #446 between Night Captain Ben Rogers and Ebel (Walter Ebel, Reporter of the Sentinel Record and War Era Newspapers at Hot Springs), attention is directed to the statement of Ebel in referring to a traffic ticket, that Judge Ledgettwood said he would straighten it out. In the subsequent call at 8:30 A.M. over #446 Ebel reminds the Police Department to be sure to give the ticket which he sent down, to Judge Ledgettwood.

The call at 5:35 P.M. over #446 between Cecil Brack (Dismissed policeman under indictment for the killing of John Mckonan) and Mrs. Brack, it would appear that Brack and wife are operating either a "slickie" place or a horse race wire service. It will be recalled that a few weeks ago, it was reported that Brack had installed three unlisted telephones in his residence, he already having another at that time.

At 6:33 P.M. Akers calls William S. Jacobs' residence, unlisted telephone #2115. Akers has little to report to Jacobs and says there is nothing important to see Jacobs for tonight and then states he will see Jacobs in the morning. The reference to the "fire" is to the burning of the gambling equipment taken from the Belvedere Club and other gambling places on the preceding night by the State Revenue Officers. This equipment actually was burned on the evening of January 30, 1937, at Little Rock.

In the conversation between Akers and an unknown woman overheard on #446 at 9:16 P.M. Akers states the Mayor is talking of cutting the force to only three men at day and three at night; of cutting the Fire Department in half and the Street Department by two-thirds. In referring to the raid the woman states that 1100 were put out of employment thereby (the same figure quoted in the local papers) and Akers states it is close to 2000 in counting those persons indirectly employed as well as persons directly employed by Jacobs.

Note the warning given by Chief of Police Roseberry to Night Captain Ben Rogers not to permit any of those fellows (dismissed policemen) aid in any arrests, hereafter. Apparently none one of the dismissed officers had taken part in an arrest, since his dismissed.

In the call at 9:30 A.M. over #648, a man named Chase, who probably is identical with Ed. Chase, co-owner of Millspa's Cigar Store, a gambling place which was raided on the previous night by the State Revenue Officers, speaks with Mayor McLaughlin and mentions that "those machines" are out. The Mayor states that it is a good time to keep them out. The machines mentioned probably are slot or other type of gambling machines.

Note should be made of the call at 9:40 A.M. over #648 between Mayor McLaughlin and Jacobs (B. S. Jacobs). The Mayor is apparently referring to the gambling equipment seized on the previous night by the State Revenue
Officers, then he advises Jacobs that the only decision was over 30 years ago when the stuff was finally burned and he does not believe that anything can be done. When Jacobs asks whether it is alright to go ahead on the horses (Horse race betting), the Mayor says it is alright to do so. In this same matter, note should also be made of the conversations at 10:35 A.M., 10:36 A.M., and at 11:27 A.M. over $648. In the last mentioned call, Jacobs mentions to the Mayor that they wouldn't put up the boards (Race Entry and Result Boards) and that they had a cut-off on their phones. The Mayor again states it will be alright. It also appears that Jacobs advises with Sheriff Anderson, but the Mayor appears to be dominant.

Your attention is called to the statement of Mayor McLaughlin in the call at 12:10 P.M. over $648 that Scott Wood, Carroll D'Wood and Griffin Smith are responsible for every thing and told Ford (Commissioner of the State Revenue Department) to get to work. This apparently refers to the previous night's raids.

In the absence of Mayor McLaughlin, Rosea Johnson of the Southern Club tells the Mayor's Secretary that he wanted to tell the Mayor that he got orders to close from Sol Godwin. The identity of Sol Godwin is not known.

Respectfully,

[Signature]
MEMORANDUM FOR THE REPEATER

RE: Telephone taps, Hot Springs, Arkansas, Brazil.

The taps on telephone numbers 123, 446, 648, which are listed to the Hot Springs Police Department and the Mayor's Office were removed February 3, 1937. The Junction Box where the taps were located was kept under surveillance from time to time throughout February 4, 1937. No cases were seen working either around the Junction Box or in the vicinity of the Police Department and the box shows no evidence of having been touched. It is highly improbable that Akers will take any actions to check the telephone lines after February 4th. For this reason, after an inspection is made of the neighborhood it is intended to replace the taps on the above telephone lines in the morning of February 5, 1937. The tap on the residence telephone of F. S. Jacobs will also be installed at this time, the point of surveillance being at 206 Cedar Street. This surveillance will be maintained on a 24 hour basis by Special Agents J. M. Jones and Sutliff.

This resume covers an examination of the longhand logs on the telephone taps for January 31, February 1, 2, and 3, 1937. The pertinent information disclosed is as follows:

January 31, 1937

At 7:50 A.M. the telephone taps on telephones 123, 446, and 648 were re-established by Special Agent J. M. Jones. Nothing came over the taps today to indicate that anyone was suspicious of their presence. Akers reported for work in the morning but went home a short while later. He spent the rest of the day at home.

At 10:15 A.M. the tap on the residence telephone of F. S. Jacobs of 116 Cedar Street, telephone 2215, was established. Several calls have been overheard over this telephone and it appears that Jacobs transacts most of his business over this phone. For this reason it should be productive. Pending receipt of another listening set, the set formerly attached to line 648 was temporarily removed and it is now being used on the Jacobs' tap.

It will be noted in the logs for the taps on telephones 123, 446, and 648 at Hot Springs for January 31, 1937, which are attached hereto that Mayor Slaughter made several calls from his office telephone although the day was Sunday.
Memorandum for the Director

February 18, 1937.

In the call at 2:00 P. M. over #648, between Mayor McLaughlin and Representative Carroll Hollinsworth, it is evident that the Mayor is exerting every effort to have the investigation being conducted by the State Legislature. He asks about Murray (J. T. Murray, member of the investigating committee) and Hollinsworth states that he has a man who will talk to him. Note should also be made that Hollinsworth states that they want Circuit Judge Erskine to resign alleging that he takes bribes, drinks and gambles on horse races. Hollinsworth also mentions that the committee expects to get some information out of a man named Watts (he is Watts) and the mayor disagrees with this opinion because he believes that Watts is interested with Jacobs.

In the telephone call at 11:05 P. M. over #123 between some officer at the Police Department and Chief of Police Haskett, it will be noted that two men arrested in the rear of Jack Fry's place (Keystone Bar) for gambling were arrested and taken to jail but Fry was shot by a man entering the docket, it being stated that he would be dead in the morning, no bond apparently having been put up by him.

February 1, 1937

Two calls refer to the fixing of traffic tickets, one at 8:50 A. M. over #123 where Captain of Police Jerry Watkins states that he thinks he can fix a parking ticket and the call at 8:54 A. M. over #467 where Judge Laddigood agrees to fix a parking ticket for one Charlie.

Attention is called to the call at 10:37 A. M. and 10:38 A. M. over #123 which indicates that "Dutch" Rogers connivances with the Vance Brothers Penn Shop, probably with the idea of purchasing at a nominal price articles such as rings, that have been pawned by persons who have been arrested.

The association of the local police with known gamblers and gambling places is indicated in the call at 8:30 A. M. over #46 where a woman calls #1065 (Southern Cigar Stand, a part of the Southern Club gambling house) and tells Frank Sabet that she and Jerry Watkins, Captain of Police) will pick him up at the Southern Club at 6:30 A. M. At 9:25 A. M. a party asking for Murray (Officer John Murray) is told he can be located at Miller's Cigar Store, a gambling house. At 10:03 P. M. Officers Murray and Deros report in at 116, listed to the Miller Cigar Store, which place they practically make their headquarters each night.

With reference to the activities of Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin to learn of the progress of the Legislative Investigating Committee and his efforts to avert further investigation, attention is called to the following conversations which were overheard on this date:
Call at 9:16 A.M. over 648. The man calling suggests that Bob Campbell, a State Representative and stooge for McLaughlin, invite 40 or 50 representatives over to a card game, probably to win their sympathies. The mayor also states in this conversation that from Mr. Farris, (Secretary State Racing Commission) told him about the bill introduced by Representative Butt to make horse racing, that they (certain politicians) want to be dealt with.

Call at 9:32 A.M. over 648 where Representative Carroll Hollisworth reports that five witnesses appeared before the Committee but they (the Committee) got nothing and states that he will advise the identities of the witnesses later.

Call at 9:51 A.M. over 648 where Mayor McLaughlin advises Circuit Judge Earl Litt that the Committee had charged him, Witt, with drinking and betting on the races.

Call at 11:10 A.M. over 648 where W. W. Bousic, former prosecutor suggests Mr. Lawrence Burrows as a contact at Little Rock, to the Mayor. The Mayor shows his interest when Bousic suggests that action be taken in the Appellate Court to prevent the raiding of the Club Belvedere again by Revenue Officers.

Call at 11:45 A.M. over 648 where the Mayor tells John Vold that the raiding and closing of the local gambling houses costs the city $1,800.00 per month. (This income is probably derived by the system of collecting fictitious fines from the operators, it amounting to a "city payoff.

Call at 2:00 P.M. over 648 where the Mayor and G. W. Manning discuss the constitutionality of the issuance of seizure writs (on gambling equipment) and Mayor McLaughlin speaks of "getting to" some men who were in Forest City on this date.

Call at 4:40 P.M. over 648 between Dr. Thompson (City Jail Physician and Informant for the Mayor) and the Mayor re getting "stuff" ( Gambling equipment) back through Bousic.

Note: The newspapers report that not all of the equipment seized by the State Revenue Officers on the Night of January 29th in raiding gambling places at Hot Springs, was burned on the night of January 30th, but that equipment which was questioned as coming under the category of "Gambling Equipment" was held for a decision by some judicial body. This gambling equipment which was not burned is probably the subject of the above discussion between Doctor Thompson and the Mayor.
February 2, 1937

In the telephone call at 8:34 A.M. over 123 it will be noted that "Dutch" Aker is attempting to induce Mr. Moberger, manager of the Western Union, to fix up a form congratulatory telegram to be addressed to Representative Garner, and solicit throughout Hot Springs for persons to send that or a similar message to Garner for his speech of the previous day. Garner alleged that Little Rock was just as corrupt as Hot Springs.

The call at 2:00 P.M. over 446 indicates that Officer Charles Robbins resigned. Information has since been obtained that Robbins obtained a position with the State Revenue Department.

At 7:05 P.M. Officer George Young calls the Citizen's Cigar Store, & gambling house, and agrees to "fix" a traffic ticket for Lee Bell.

The Attorney Grover with whom Mayor McLaughlin converses at 8:35 A.M. over 648 apparently is representing the Mayor in his divorce action. The Mayor makes reference to his speech of the night previous. At that time he addressed the City Council and told the Council that the city was losing $5000 every month by the closing of gambling houses in the city, the money being obtained by a system of fines, the payment of which each month gives practical immunity to gambling operators from police interference.

In the conversation, overheard over 648 at 10:46 A.M. the Mayor mentions that two other men from Little Rock and himself visited Jacob's house on the previous evening. The conversation is guarded but it is evident that the Mayor is speaking of the Oaklawn Race Track at Hot Springs and he indicates rather strongly that the race track can operate only through a "payoff" to certain people in Little Rock, indicating particularly, members of the Racing Commission.

The Mayor is keeping a close watch on the activities of the investigating legislative committee as is evidence by the call at 11:11 P.M. over 648, there he states that he has learned that a man named Level who was giving information to the Committee was convicted of burglary in January, 1936.

At 4:30 P.M. over 648 the Mayor reports to the Sheriff's Office that they are certain people at a hotel who are "flushing more money than they did at the Belvedere."

February 3, 1937

Attention is directed to the two calls at 8:15 A.M. and at 9:02 A.M. over 648. In the first call Judge Ledgerwood agrees to take "care of" two men charged with being drunk. In the other call Ledgerwood agrees to take care of a warning notice probably for parking for some woman. Ledgerwood agrees to fix a parking ticket for one Brasswell in the call at 12:15 P.M. over 648.
Memorandum for the Director

February 18, 1937

It will be noted that a man named Kemp, who may be identical with S. A. Kemp, Postmaster at Hot Springs telephones Mayor McLaughlin and informs him that Grady Manning of Little Rock has been trying to scare Circuit Judge Earl Pitt. See call at 9:13 P. M. over #646. Manning, in the past, has been in frequent touch with Mayor McLaughlin by long distance telephone. It now appears, from the above call and from the conversation between the Mayor's secretary, Hazel Marsh and her girl friend, Mary, who is employed at the Bus Depot in the Citizen's Building, that Grady Manning is a dirty rat and is on the other side of the fence." See call at 2:12 P. M. over #648.

In the call at 9:41 A. M. over #648, Representative Hollingsworth advises the Mayor that Level and Spivens are opposed to him and that Sellers, a former Hot Springs Police Officer are aiding the Legislative Committee investigating Hot Springs.

In the telephone call at 8:24 A. M. over #446 mention is made that the Chief is dead. This refers to Fire Chief Pate.

I have previously submitted a memorandum quoting the telephone conversation in the call at 3:56 P. M. over #123 between "Dutch" Akers and a man whose voice sounded like that of former Chief of Police Joseph McLaughlin. Particular attention should be had to that part of the conversation where Akers states that the men at Little Rock are "willing to pay Joe (J. E. Jacobs) back in business, but they want someone else in charge of the money. They are shooting at Leo (McLaughlin) through Earl Pitt."

In the telephone call at 6:30 P. M. over #446, Akers agrees to fix a traffic ticket for Miss Price, identify unknown.

Respectfully,

[Signature]
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
775 First Avenue Building
Louisville, Kentucky

February 19
1937

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

There is enclosed herewith form covering telephone tap dated February 14, 1937, submitted by Special Agent John L. Haden, which was inadvertently forwarded to the Louisville Division with copy of his January expenses account.

It is believed this original form should have been forwarded to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

O. C. Dewey

O. C. DEWEY
Special Agent in Charge.

[Handwritten notations and codes]
PAID INFORMANTS - TELEPHONE TAPS

Date: February 11, 1937

Title of case: George Timmy; Dr. Joseph P. Harrs, with aliases - Fugitive,

 Edward George Premer - Victim: Kidnapping etc.

Name of informant: Mayor's Office, City Jail, and Chief of Police

Address: Hot Springs, Arkansas; Telephone No.

Authority requested by Division by letter: ( ) on
telegram ( ) on

Authority granted by Division by letter: ( ) on
telegram ( ) on

Approximate period of employment: Month

Rate of compensation per $ 95.00. Compensation to be claimed
in voucher: Submitted by: John La Padale
(Special Agent)

Noted in Chief Clerk's Office

*Give name of person to whom telephone is listed.
Federal Bureau of Investigation

L. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 1469
Little Rock, Arkansas
February 20, 1937

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREXID

Dear Sir:

With reference to the above styled matter I am enclosing herewith copies of the logs for February 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, 1937, submitted by the Agents at Hot Springs, Arkansas, who are maintaining a tap on the telephone of the residence of W. E. Jacobs, being telephone number 2115.

I am also enclosing herewith the following newspaper articles with reference to this case:

Sentinel Record, Hot Springs, Arkansas, for February 5, 1937.
New Era, Hot Springs, Arkansas, for February 9, 1937, (5).
New Era, Hot Springs, Arkansas, for February 11, 1937, (2).
Sentinel Record, Hot Springs, Arkansas, for February 11, 1937.
Sentinel Record, Hot Springs, Arkansas, for February 12, 1937.
New Era, Hot Springs, Arkansas, for February 14, 1937.
New Era, Hot Springs, Arkansas, for February 16, 1937.
Arkansas Gazette, Little Rock, Arkansas, for February 16, 1937.
New Era, Hot Springs, Arkansas, for February 16, 1937, (2).
Sentinel Record, Hot Springs, Arkansas, for February 16, 1937.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

JOHN B. LITTLE
Special Agent in Charge

BLD: ADM
cc Cincinnati
2-18-37

9:30 P.M. Out on 2115

Jacobs: "42.

Man: "Hello."

Jacobs: "This is 10-4. Jacobs talking, Jake. Have you got any "Chrysidae" (phoretic) and what price is it?"

Man: "Just a minute, Mr. Jacobs." Pause.

Jacobs: "I can give you a price of $2.75." Pause.

Man: "Mr. Jacobs—there's on a hundred."

Jacobs: "Ok. I'll call you back.

10:10 P.M. Out on 2115

Maid called grocery.

10:30 P.M. Out on 2115

Maid called 1606 personal commissary.

11:15 P.M. Out on 2115

Johnny Harris called his wife and told her to meet him at 1 PM. He was going to play golf.
2-18-37

11:50 A.M.  pine 2115
Long distance operator #12 at
Little Rock trying to locate
Jacks.  He was out.

12:05 P.M.  pine 2115

Jacks:  "Operator get me operator #12
Little Rock this is Jones 2115."

Man:  "Hello."

Jacks:  "What's up?"

Man:  "I just got the report, it's 3 to 2
in favor of impeachment."

Jacks:  "Is that all he's knowledge yet?"

Man:  "No but it will be this afternoon
they are going to try to present
it before lunch.  Peterson
and Jones are going to present
a minority report.  Thompson
Murray & Nichols to form the
majority."

Jacks:  "OK, thanks a lot."
12:10 P.M.  Out on 2115
Jacobs: "648"
Lee: "Hello."
Jacobs: "The guy just called me, said he got a chance to look at the report, it's 3 to 2 for impeachment."
Lee: "Yeah, I just heard."
Jacobs: "Ok."

The guy that Jacobs refers to is probably Louis Politzer, whom he talked to last night.

12:45 P.M.  Out on 2115
Jacobs: "210"
Agent: "-- 2 -- there?" (Could not catch name)
Man: "No."
Jacobs: "Thanks."

1:05 P.M.  In on 2115
Johnny Morris' wife called for him to hurry up and meet her.
2-18-37
8:15 P.M.  Out on # 2115

Jacobs called at 10:35 and asked how dinner was going and if the people were using the upstairs dining room. Party answered dinner was very good but very few people had used the upstairs room.

8:25 P.M.  In on # 2115

Party asked Jacobs to listen to the sport program on K.T.I.L.S. at 10:15 P.M. then remarked that the minority report had been very good in that it charged the committee with only hearing the evidence which cast reflections upon Judge White's conduct. Calling party stated he had spoken to him this afternoon. Judge White was broken up about the report submitted but had felt better after hearing the minority report. White's health. The Jacobs stated he did not believe the house would take any drastic action.

9:25  Out on # 2115

Jacobs called at 10:35 and asked for the correct time. "9:28"
19:05 AM  CALL OUT 2118  2/17/37

Jacob: "Hi."

Max: "Hello. How's Plumbing?

Jacob: "Charlie, this is Jacob. Would you mind coming up to my house at 574 Cedar St. and fixing that toilet there? It's leaky in it."

Max: "Sure will. Mr. Jacobs and say if you're interested in an ice cream making machine send Sam up to the Army & Navy Hospital to look at the one they're gonna sell. It's a sixteen hundred dollar machine, you can probably bid it in for $250."

Jacob: "All right, thanks."

Max: "All right, Mr. Jacobs."
2-17-37

10:25 A.M.  21N  37

Jach:  "Hello."

Worten:  "Jake, did Wulfe, Arkansas Bank, need any change this morning?"

Jach:  "Sure do."

Worten:  "Well come on down & bring your script.  I've got two cashier checks for you, for $2,500 each, I sold your stock."

Jach:  "Can't I send somebody?"

Worten:  "Yeah, I can fix it that way."

Jach:  Well Johnny Marvin does the work.  On my books for me, he'll be down and sign for them.

Worten:  "There'll be 50c per share cost for transfer."

Jach:  "That's all right, thanks very much, you'll be well paid."

Worten:  "All right, goodbye."
2-17-37

10:45 A.M. From 211W

Man: "Hello.

Man: "Mr. Jason, our man got drunk last night. We've got nobody to run the machine today."

Jason: "Well, don't let anybody know if you do. It'll be all over town.

Man: "What are we gonna do?"

Jason: "We Memphis tockies open?"

Man: "No, they're closed too."

Jason: "Well, take the winners and the scratches from the radio, then call in everyone in a while. Nobody'll find out you can work it out that way."

Man: "Ok, that all right."
2-17-37

11:45 A.M. Out on 2145

Jack: "Hi!"
Mon: "Hello."

Jack: "Is Blackie around there?"
Blackie: "All right."
Jack: "I've up now Blackie's come up whenever you feel like it."
Blackie: "Ok, I'll be right up."

12:05 P.M. In on 2115

Johnny: "Hello."
Woman: "Johnny, Little Rock is trying to see Bill."

Johnny: "Will he have talked to Rene in Little Rock during the past 2 or 3 minutes?"
Woman: "Ok, was that the last one?"
Johnny: "Yes, she wants an apartment."
Woman: "That's all right then."
2-17-37

12:30 P.M. Int on 2115

Men: "Hello."

Blackie: "This is Blackie, has Othe left yet?"

Men: "Yes."

Blackie: "Well what is — (Cuts out tape) address in New Orleans?"

Men: "We don't know, wait till Othe gets there."

Blackie: "Ok then."

1:05 P.M. Out on 2115

Jack: "210."

Men: "Ha -you."

Jack: "Let me speak to Mr. Smith please."

Smith: "Hello."

Jack: "I say you can get your books back now, Johnny went over & got yours, send yours receipts down to Renee, he'll get them today when he gets his."

Smith: "I'll sure be glad to get them back, thanks Jack."
2-17-37

1:30 P.M.  Out on 2115

Maid called to say personal
conversation.

1:45 P.M.  Out on 2115

Maid called 2746 W., spoke
to Henry, asked him to come
down & fix a bed, informed
him "they were gone, meaning
Jacob & Morris.

5:45 P.M.  Out on #2115

Jef.

Jacob called Western Union and sent
the following message:

A. H. Conley
523 Vine St.

Strong fort Dr.

Sorry can not use your tools

W. S. Jacobs.

6:22 P.M.  In on #2115

Jef.

Emi called Jacobs and said he would leave that
"receipt" at the cigar stand for him,
2-17-37

6:30 P.M.  Feb 21st

arty called Jacob and stated he just had Harris (or Harvis) on the phone and he thought repat was going to be alright.

Jacob: "I hope you are right - I don't think Ed - (interrupted)

C.P. - "Yes he said it looked as if it was going to be OK."

Jacob: "I was talking to someone who said he heard Nichols and Murray fighting on the phone."

C.P. "Well this fellow is in the know" and said it would be good.

Jacob: "Yes I guess so - hope so anyway."
2-17-37

6:15 P.M.  2/17/37  

Jacks:  "Hello."

Miller:  "Mr. Jacobs, this is Bill Miller. There was a government man checking our license today, he said they were going to turn in the report tomorrow and that we could all get our books back."

Jacks:  "Yeah, I heard it. Johnny got ours back today."

Miller:  "OK, just thought I'd tell you."

7:20 P.M.  2/17/37  

Jacks answered

Carroll:  "Mr. Jacobs this is Tom Carroll, that fellow is down at the Ohio, drunk again."

Jacks:  "Then call the Police. Do him good, might get him sober."

Carroll:  "All right."
2-17-37

7:21 P.M. Out on 211V

Jack: "123"

Men: "Police Station."

Jack: "Is 'Butch' there?"

Men: "No, he's out right now."

Jake: "All right, thank you."

7:22 P.M. Out on 211V

Jack: "Long distance."

L.D.: "Long distance."

Jack: "This is Jack, 211V, calling Louis Polaski at the Albert Hotel on 472-37 Little Rock."

Polaski: "Hello."

Jack: "How ya do?"

Polaski: "All right, Jake."

Jack: "What's your number?"

Polaski: "The report goes in tomorrow."

Jack: "In our favor of course."

Polaski: "No, 3 to 2 the other way."
2-17-37

7:22 P.M. (long distance call continue page 2

Jarko: "You believe of that."

Polski: "No, but I heard they want to shift the responsibility."

Jarko: "We had a couple of scenes that Murray Nicholas had a fight with even going the other way."

Polski: "Nicholas is the fifth man you knew. I heard he wanted to force the truck to the house. "They're gonna take it up in the morning."

Jarko: "There'll be no way of knowing until then, eh?"

Polski: "Well, I'm going down to the station now to mail a letter, if I hear anything on the way back, I'll let you know."

Jarko: "All the boys were here talked to Nicholas today but he's not to be depended on. He took Miller's license over there if he had taken mine I would have had him arrested, he's liable to get
2-17-37

7:22 P.M. (long distance call with) page 2.

Jake: "The government's on him for that. I just wish he had taken mine."

Bobbi: "I'll call you tonight if I hear anything at all, otherwise I'll call you in the morning. If they don't pass on it tomorrow it will be next week. Thompson will probably raise some Cain."

Jake: "All rightie, thanks!"
2-17-37

7:55 P.M. Out on 2115

Mayor Lee McLaughlin called long distance.
Leo: "Long distance this is 2115 calling Ed Ferris in Little Rock."

Little Rock: "We sent S.R. Ferris at 5115 30483."

Operator called Ferris at his home 30483

Mr. Ferris: "Mr. Ferris is having dinner at the Hotel Marion."

Operator: "Had him page here."

Ferris: "Hello."

Leo: "Ed, this is Leo."

Ferris: "Wait, Leo. We call you back from a pay station booth." He did.

Leo: "Ed, I called you about two things first. I was talking to Earl while ago and he told me what you told him what Jake had said about me when you were talking to Jake."

Ferris: "That's right."

Leo: "Jake must have been rebuking you Ed. He must have been rebuking..."
7:00 P.M. (Long Story, Call Later) page #2

Leo: "or kidding me, you know I never told Jake any such damn thing."

Jerry: "I didn't think so but I told Witt just what Jake told me. Jake ought to cut out such bull— it's liable to put you in the middle."

Leo: "Jake must have been ribbing me. Anyone else present?"

Jerry: "Yes, Witt."

Leo: "Well, no wonder Jake and Witt are always ribbing each other."

Jerry: "Here's the thing Leo, I've got no damn business being in on this thing at all but Witt tried to be a good friend to all of you fellows in Hot Springs."

Leo: "I know that Ed."

Jerry: "You know too that Graham Anderson and Judge Witt are both friends of mine, that's why I told Witt..."
2-17-67

7:05 P.M. (10 minutes off speed) page 3

Jerris: What Jake said. Do you want me to tell you over the phone what Jake said.

Leo: Yeah, it's all right. go ahead.

Jerris: Well Jake said you were really in with Governor Baily and there sure you were going to get to some of the representatives.

Leo: You knew damn well I didn't make any such statement.

Jerris: I knew it and it made me mad.

Leo: The whole thing is this bid the investigation really started out on Earl Witt and before they got three they were investigating me as much as they were Earl. The only ones that knew a damn thing about me are these two preachers. You knew about my divorce. That's why I hate to come
2-17-37

7:55 P.M. (long distance call cont'd) page #4

Leo: ever to Little Rock, every time I do those two damn preachers tailing, they know every where I go, every room I'm in.

Farris: I know there a lot of bull—going around Lee, that's why I've kept quiet to everybody except Bill about what Jake said. Now listen, I'll tell you something else Jake told me, I haven't told anybody this and am not except you. He said he heard you talking to Carl Daily on the phone, he said he was on an upstairs phone listening. I'm not going to tell anybody that.

Leo: "Please don't, Jake's crazy as hell. He ought to quit talking like that, that'll put me in the middle sure enough."

Farris: "I won't say a word."
2-17-37

7:55 P.M. (Long distance call with) page #5

Leo: "The other thing I wanted to ask you about is why the Commission won't let Doc work out at the track?"

Jarr: "They just don't want Doc out there, they have their own man."

Leo: "Well what about this man Hammett?"

Jarr: "Who?"

Leo: "It's Hammett or Hammond; he was recommended by Hillard."

Jarr: "The Commission is opposed to Hillard."

Leo: "Well please keep us out of the middle on this.

Jarr: "I'll try to but the Commission don't want to interfere."

Leo: "Sellers (phonetic) did not want to get cross with the Commission."

Jarr: "Poor little Leo."

Leo: "No, I want you to get the whole thing straight. Sellers even told the Governor would recommend Ray. Hillard called"
2-17-37

7:15 P.M. (Long distance call number) page #6

Leo: me and wanted me to recommend

Hammond.

Tarris: "Suppose you wait a couple of days to
see what the commission does."

Leo: "What can I tell Hilliard if he
calls me?"

Tarris: "Just tell him you are marking time
for a few days."

Leo: "Thanks Ed."

Tarris: "I'll be over there some time tomorrow
and call you."

Leo: "OK."
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9:30 A.M. Out on No. 2115

Ella called #410 ordered butter

10:00 A.M. Out on No. 2115

Jacob called #1065 asked for Capt. Smith

"Not in"

10:15 A.M. Out on No. 2115

Jacob told "Smitty" to call Murray and show him the boxes the "wheel" came in - so he can pack them up for shipment.

11:30 A.M. Out on No. 2115

Jacob called #226 for Bickemrige

"Not in"

11:50 A.M. Jacob called #226 - Burr - Not

12:05 P.M. Jacob called #226 - Made date for 11:15 P.M.

with Bickemrige at Belenos to estimate on manufacture of "table tops" as he reported these were old ones - up.

12:10 P.M. Ella called #410 - gave 111127.

which she mentioned "Stuyvesant wood"
2-16-37

12:30 P.M.  Case # 2115  Mr.

Elle called # 2115 ordered butter and
eggs.

1:05 p.m.  Case # 2115  W.T.

Maid called 30 and named a conversation
with another woman about baby control.

1:40 p.m.  Case # 2115  W.T.

Mr. Hulcind called for Joseph. Maid
informed he was not at home and
she didn't know where he could
be located.
2-16-39

7:05pm  Dr. #115  JU710

Who calling? Hello! Who is this?

J: Just for talking.

S: This is John. I got these things.

J: Well, good! Find.

S: If you can get the other receipts.

J: Get the other stuff.

S: Here, let's see.-- Please get this...

(Interrupted)

J: What else you got-- since?-- you got

that one also.

S: What are you sure? Little Rock?

J: No, I just got in there.

S: Let's see.-- Please have some.--

(Interrupted)

J: I told you what, I'll check up

on it tomorrow when I bring the stuff.
2-16-37

8:05pm  2/2/15  W&G

Mr. giving name "Blackie" called Peter saying he wanted to come in and Peter
would give him a spot. Peter urged him to get tomorrow. He was on
bed sick, having a fever. He was closed the locomotive saying "things
didn't look so hot up there."
2-15-37

9:55am  Out #2115  WTM
1065  (Southern Hill
(Rice Lowny)

1:36am  Out #2115  WTM
1065  (Socor Johnson)

Man calling, asked for "Peace", who
was not there.

11:08am  Out #2115  WTM
2142  (Barbara Davis)

Woman asked him about sandwich.

11:44am  Out #2115  WTM

Man called and gave instructions for
"Morning" to rent "11 Rapier" (lichman)

[Handwritten note]

[Stamp: FEB 17 1937]

[Handwritten address]

[Handwritten name]
2-15-37

1:14 pm  Out #2115  2-27-37

(Dear boys, please long distance calls to 
Detroit - 5913 Detroit, Mich.)

Answering party: Hells!

Jas: Hells, this is Jas at 7149 Young.


Jas: Oh, a little - those things will happen. Say, I saved back the center o' my car's wheel and I want to use if I can get me some tires.

A. P.: Oh, I think as you.

Jas: Now what will that mean just to send the center up and get the rings?

A. P.: Wait a minute. I'll better let you talk to Mr. W. Delk and I'll be right back.

(Jas referred to another.

Jas: Hells, Charlie, they didn't get my letter. I had one in the mail and I want to know what it would cost...
(Call from 2/15 at 11:14pm)
Don't get my wheels fixed up -
the lines, you know, I've got the
Center.

Dutch: Why you, Jack, we can do that now.
I won't let you suffer.

Jester: Well, now what will that come up to?
They didn't take the center, key, and
tops of tables - I've got all that stuff.
Dutch: Well, never, let's see (indicating figuring);
that will run about $100 a line. I think
you are going to get started up soon?

Jester: Well, the guys figuring on getting
some tools - it isn't straightened out
yet — can't get in jail.

Dutch: Well I tell you Jack, we can fix that
setup you in good shape in two times, just
extends it up. Send all the stuff you
got; the beds, legs, etc., and we'll put
a mean on it right away, and you'll
have it back in ten days.
(Call from *2115 at 1:14 pm) 2:15 pm

Joesir: Don't get it up to you right away.

Dutch: In the meantime, if you get your way going, I got started cold here and let me know and I'll send you some
new stuff— you know— just right up.

Dutch: I may get down there soon to take some
bath. I am feeling kinda down.

Joesir: Come on down; the car was up
soon and the people were waiting for

Dutch: Do you think you are getting things
straightened out down there?

Joesir: Well, I think they will. They are
trying to impress us on our way but
I don't think they will

Conversation ended with several goodbyes

(badinings of goodbye)
2-15-37

11:30 am Oct 21/5 2024
1088 (Ply furniture Co.)
(Jim Cushing)

11:31 pm Oct 21/5 2024
Joe was called back after lunch (phone) Pole.
"had done anything up at Eden," saying
"we are ready for some of it—At times I
drop this and see what they are ready for,"

1:35 pm Oct 21/5 2024
Mr. called Joe to ask about giving notice.
"Mrs. Bussard (phone) about giving
up a building. Apparently Mr. Bussard
T. some of building."
2-15-37

8:50 pm. Out #115

#1335 (dict. to Miss Hazel March, secretary to Maya McLaughlin)

Note: The following conversation was carried on between a man with a voice believed to be identical with that of Maya McLaughlin, and a woman whose voice is believed to be identical with that of Miss March. Her name was called several times in a whisper.

Woman (answering): Hello.

Man: You are in— you want me to call you back?

Woman: Please.

9:20 pm. Out #115

#1335 (continued call)

Note: Following conversation between same voices as above call and carried on in a whisper.

Man: Are you out?
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(Call from #4115 at 9:20 pm) 2/173

Woman: Yes.

Man: I am at Jake's — coming in soon. Didn't I feel it coming more?

Woman: Must have Reeves.

Man: Well, we're lucky if you are the only one I know who can satisfy it when it comes on.

(Pause) (Pause)

Man: Say who is that blonde girl? Can she dress there at the Chamber of Commerce?

Woman: Yes, yes — is she real blond or blonde?

Man: Well, I expect more than blonde.

Woman: I don't know what her name is.

Man: She was one of the flappers last night — very aggressive — very aggressive.

Woman: Why, why.

Man: Saw her at Knickerbocker (plastic) I was out this afternoon, got there — (interrupted)

Woman: Yes, and so were we.

Man: Yes, she is that aggressive kind, kind of sang me right to the kind you know, this sailor, etc. Then was the next thing...
Woman: First thing tomorrow I'll wake up and then she will sit.

Man: Ah very well.

(Woman) (Pauses) (Pauses)

Woman: Interested?

Man: Oh any goodness no. I am simply indifferent in some one I am all the time calling up and answering.

Woman: Who do you love any?

Man: You know the one I adore more than anything.

(The conversation following consisted of unarmored expressions and small talk in which the man expressed his affection to the woman)

Woman: Well, I am going down and I'll call you.

Woman: Where are you going?

Man: Out there. She calls you.
2-14-37

3:00 A.M. Out on #115
Man called #2184 made date with woman who answered — will see her in ½ hour.

3:15 A.M. Out on #115
Man called #33 (Trex) told "Bill" to come to #116 Cedar St.
Party calling: Hello! How are you? (Note: Thin voice is similar to that of Mayor Ohanian)

Answering Party: OK.

P.E.: Was some kind of day/etc. ? You going to be around there all the time?

A.P.: Yes—not all the day.

P.E.: Well, I may want to get in touch with you, but I don't know when—but I'll want to get you.

A.P.: Well—about seven I'll be here or at the bus stop.

P.E.: Well, I want to know positively that I can get you at either place at that time.

A.P.: All right.

(Answering party comes a minute and a half later.)
2-14-37

12:08 p.m.  Dr. #2115

Answering Party: Hello!

Calling Party: Do you have it?

A. P.: No, he isn't.

P. C.: How are you feeling?

A. P.: Oh, all right. He called me this morning and said he would see me sometime.

P. C.: Did he say he would see you this morning?

A. P.: No. He said this afternoon.

P. C.: Well, all right. I just didn't know where he was.

(Neither party identified themselves)
2-14-37

2:07 pm  Dr. #2115  WITH
          (not answered)

2:30 pm  Dr. #2115  WITH
          (not answered)
2-14-37

4:15 P.M.  In a #2115  Daf.

Helen: "Mrs. Jacobs, I'm getting ready to leave at 5:00 and wanted to see you before I go."

Jacobs: "Well, I don't believe I can make it as I was out last night and didn't return until 4:00 a.m. - Have several people here now."

Helen: "Will I just wanted to ask - If you leave here and open up any place else will you give me a jif - somewhere else - where ever you go."

Jacobs: "Well, I don't believe I'll leave but I'll keep you in mind."

Helen: "Please do as I am getting tired of everything."

Jacobs: "Ok. I will."

Note (This girl is probably the same one who was on a party with Jacobs several nights ago and made a call to his house to see if she had left her keys there)
2-14-37

1:55 P.M.  

A man # 2115  

Patty who identified himself as Johnny called (not familiar) wanted to see Jacobs who claimed he was in bed and did not expect to get up. Jacobs' tone of voice indicated he was not over anxious to meet Johnny.  

Johnny: I heard some very good information from up there - there won't be any impeachment - they may vote 2 for and 2 against with a neutral of course then the house won't act.

Jacobs "Jake":

Johnny: Say I just got to have some money from you as I am broke and my room rent is due.

Jacob: "I'll see you at the Southern about 2 tomorrow. I've generally do a little clerical work between 12 and 2."

Johnny: "OK!"
2-14-37

2:25 pm     Out #2115     WTM
#305

Man calling - woman answered, mother identified. Man asked if anyone called him there. She replied, he didn't.

2:26 pm     Out #2115     WTM

Mr. Haugherin (Mayor) placed long distance call to Mr. Crisp (planter) Hall, Little Rock.

Mr. Haugherin: Mr. Crisp (planter) - have you heard that big fellow said they've got two more men in the Senate that will vote any way he wants, and they are here for him.

Holl: Well, hah, I tell you, I am laying out of that fight. He's going to lose that. You want me to tell him in the morning?

Mr. Haugherin: Yes, you can tell him they are for his law - they will go any way he wants them.
(Call from 2115 at 9:26 pm)

Hall: All right, I'll tell him in the morning.

McLaughlin: I was one of these fellows today, this afternoon in the filling station and a fellow was in there and he made a crack about that bill that didn't seem to go good. When he went out I asked who he was. They told me he was a [illegible]. Now you know elections are made in the filling station.

Hall: Now just between you and me, I told him it had better put some money in that bill—but the Senate picked me and the House picks me, if they want that thing through. Now this is confidential, the public hasn't got to hear this, but he is going to mention that in his speech. He talks to Whately.
2-14-39
(Called from 4215 at 7:25 pm)

McLaughlin: These boys talked it over and told us he was in trouble and said they would help him if it came through us.

Hall: I think it can pass the Senate if—that's interrupted.

McLaughlin: Yes, but that book refused to I have got a God damn lot of fire in it.

Hall: Well, now let me get it clear, you want me to tell him you know they boys who will work for him—they all the way with him?

McLaughlin: Yes, yes, you can tell him that.

Hall: And we're going to guarantee that they will not say anything and say anything they want them to.

Hall: All right, I'll tell him in the morning. You want me to call you and tell you?
2-14-37

(Call from #2115 at 7:26 pm)

Mr. Taublin: Yes, call me in the morning. I will be in my office.
2-14-37
8:15 P.M.  Out on #2115
Mayer called #1335
No Answer

8:46 P.M.  Out on #2115
Mayer called #1335
No Answer
9:25 A.M.  on # 7115  

Jack:  "Hello."

Nays:  "Earl just called me and said they arrested all the boys that were booking yesterday. I reckon we better stop all booking until this thing is over."

Jack:  "All right. Thanks."

Nays:  "All right."

9:28 A.M.  Out on # 2115  

Jack:  "Are Mr. Young there?"

Man:  "No."

Jack:  "Is Brownie there?"

Man:  "Yes." He calls Brownie to phone.

Brownie:  "All right."

Jack:  "Brownie they called me up and told me we're have to quit booking so don't book any in the store today. If you see any boys take em across to a total room, you know."

Brownie:  "OK. Thanks Mr. Jacobs."
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9:01 A. M.  Left on 2:115

 Jacobs: "AAA"
 Man: "Kentucky Tap Room." (Could not catch name)
 Jacobs: "Is he there?"
 Man: "No."
 Jacobs: "When he comes in tell him not to do
 anything around the store today, just
 get a call about it, tell him I'll
 be around later."
 Man: "Thanks, Mr. Jacobs, I sure will."

9:38 A. M.  Out on 2:115  (G.M.S.

 Jacobs: "1695." (This is the Southern Creek)
 Man: "Hello."
 Jacobs: "The horses come down yet?"
 Man: "Yes."
 Rees: "Hello."
 Jacobs: "They called me and told me to quit looking every-
 where."
 Rees: "Who called you?"
 Jacobs: "So called me and said the judge
told him we'd better quit looking.
9:33 a.m. (cont'd) (from 2:37)

Jack: the borders today. "If you see any
Reece: bit around, though, take em down
the street or across to the hotel,
don't pull em up."

Reece: "Sure, I know." Say I picked up
some good money on the last race
yesterday, made $1 even. Old man
Jack (phonetic) wanted $200, another
fellow had $100. I had two $50
Smithy had $2.50.

Jack: "You musta won."
Reece: "We did, two to one."

Jack: "That's good, listen if they come
around take him and a couple
more over to a room and take
their bet."

Reece: "All right, you coming around?"
Jack: "No, I'm going to Bellevue to pay off."
Reece: "Ok, see you later."
2-13-37

10:18 A.M. Out on 2115  
Man: Evidently a negro called 2746 W.  
Man at 2746 W answered.  

Man: Hello Krieger (phonetic) tell Dewey to come down to Miss Ella, she got something she wants to carry up to the house."

The "Miss" Ella referred to above is Ella the negro maid for 108 Jacobs.

11:27 A.M. Out on 2115  
Maid called 2746 W Personal Conversation.

11:45 A.M. In on 2115  
Man called wanted Jacobs.

12:13 A.M. In on 2115  
A Mr. Young called wanted Jacobs.  
Maid informed Jacobs at Belvedere.
2-13-37

12:40 P.M. Out on 211S

Ella, the maid called Marie at 80 for a personal conversation. During the course of the conversation, the following was stated:

Ella: "You know Mr. Jacobs has got a house up the street now.

Marie: "Yeah, I know, it was Mr. Wright's house.

Ella: "Sam is working up there this morning."

The house she refers to is 2746 W., address at this time is unknown.

1:00 P.M. Out on 211S

Ella called 2746 W., no answer.

1:02 P.M. In on 211S

Mr. Young telling Mr. Jacobs. (Out)

He asked maid to have Jacobs call him at 210.

1:06 P.M. Out on 211S

Ella called for personal conversation
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5:00 P.M.  In #2105  4F

them  "Did you find any keys up there?

Jack  "No. you must have lost them somewhere else.

Helen  "Oh, I've been out the whole end of the Majestic.

Jack  "Well, I may see you before you go back.

Helen  "No, that gives me a ring 248 (phone or room #2)

Jack  "OK, I will."

7:35 P.M.  In #12 2115

Jack:  "Hello."
Maya:  "Hello, what's up?"
Jack:  "No, I don't hear a thing today.

Maya:  "I just wonder if there was anything in what Harris told you in that letter."
Jack:  "No, I don't think so. He's trying to get elected to some sort of political

job. nothing to it. Seems to be quite a few people in town today.

Maya:  "Yeah, picking up, well that's all

I wanted to know."
Jack:  "OK. I'll see you later."
2-13-35

8:01 C.M. Out on 2115 (M.M.

Jack: "210."

Man: "Hello."

Jack: "Is Blackie around?"

Man: "No."

Jack: "How was everything today, was anybody around?"

Man: "No, we seized them all out and kept the place thinner out today."

Jack: "Make any bet?"

Man: "Oh yeah, couple $10.00 and the rest $2.00 once."

Jack: "That's good, I'll see you then.

Man: "OK.""

9:37 P.M. In on 2115 (M.M)

No Answer.
A.M. In on 2 11

Jack: "Hello."

Man: "Well I've got those figures up, do you want to show each man's salary separate?"

Jack: "Yes, we've got to pay the Government 2% on everything we paid out last year including individual salaries."

Man: "I've got all the salaries into each man's name by his salary, is that what you wanted?"

Jack: "I think so but call Johnny at 109 to make sure, he's gotta make up those returns. They're got to be exact this year not approximately as last year."

Man: "OK I'll call Johnny."

Jack: "What happened in Police Court this morning about those brokies."
2-12-37

11:45 (In on 2155 Cont's page 2)

Man: I met the Mayor while ago just as he came in, he said they were coming up this morning.

Jacks: "You haven't heard the result yet?"

Man: "No."

Jacks: "They found some skiing sheets in the place didn't they?"

Man: "Yeah."

Jacks: "That's bad, they ought not to have them laying around."

Man: "I told Judge Ledgewood about this. I explained to him we didn't have no light going on, the lights hadn't even been turned to heck in the room but twice."

Jacks: "Dutch Aker came by yesterday and said he heard they were putting knock out drops, 'shoo fly.
2-12-37

Jerk: in the bar at the bar. What about that?"

Man: "Well he (eventually the bartender) admitted he had put some "shoe fly" drops in a couple of drinkers' beer, said they were too soon put, made them both sick at the stomach. He said he got the drops at the drug store, just for these two."

Jerk: "I don't know where Dutch got all his information, you'd think a hundred people had been drugged to tear him.

Man: "Well I'll call Johnny about this. This business, it's going to amount to quite a hit. The salaries alone amount to $42,000. I know, I've got the figures here in..."
11:45 A.M. (Would show in page) - C.S.W.

Man: fact to be exact it is $47,376.50.

That's a lot of money.

Jester: "Yeah, the better will run it up some more, before you get it all up and turn it in. Let me see it and see if we can't cut it a little."

The last paragraph of the above conversation would indicate that W. Jacobs was planning to arrive in some manner to falsify his statement of expenses for the year in an effort to defraud the government. He was evidently talking to one of his employees at the Ohio or Southern as some mention was made yesterday of detectives coming to the Ohio cigar store & gambling den.
2-12-37

11:57 A.M.  On #2115  Bill
Milk (plastic) called Jack and stated he had
taken that party over to see the house.
Jack: "Ok."
Milk: "I'll let you know all about it when you come down.
I just need [insert]."

12:03 P.M.  On #2115  Bill
Johnny Dennis called #116 up to Bill Elks (プラタ)
Bill: "Do you want each man separate on the whole
price together because I had done just
Time men and in order to make up for that I
gave some others credit even though they only
worked three months - I gave them credit for
a year.
Johnny: "That all right for last year but this year
must have each man and the amount -
keep the horse books separate from the gamb-
ing.
Bill: "Ok."
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12:57 P.M. Out on #2115

Ellen called #860. Personal conversation during which they indicated they knew a woman who had been approached by an investigator and asked to testify. The man told this woman to be sure and tell the truth or she would go to jail for several years.

1:03 P.M. Out on #2115

Ellen called Margaret on #2746 W said Mr. Jacobs wanted "Jim" to clean up the house at 174 Cedar St after the paperhangers finish.

1:06 P.M. Out on #2115

Ellen called #440 ordered groceries.

1:07 P.M. Out on #2115

Ellen called #860 ordered groceries.

1:10 P.M. Out on #2115

Ellen called #440 ordered groceries.

1:17 P.M. Out on #2115

Ellen called #2142 ordered chicken for herself - not to be charged to Jacobs.
2-12-37
2:45 P.M.  
Ellan #1989  
Funeral conversation

5:30 P.M.  In on #2115  
BMS.

Man: "Hello."
Man: "Is Mr. Jacobs there?"
Man: "No, will you have your number?"
Man: "No, that's all right."

This was probably the Mayor as it sounded very much like his voice.

7:15 P.M.  In on #2115  
Jef

She told me that Nat Wilson was trying to locate him — not at home telephone #3217

1:30 P.M.  Out on #2115  
Jef

Leo called #3217 and spoke to man who was addressed as "Mack" — Mack suddenly testified yesterday before committee re: fuel tax
deb: "Looks as if things are falling away there."
Mack: "Yes it is disgusting and ominous if they
7:30 P.M. Call continued.

Leo: "Are having more trouble turning the thing loose and wish they had not started it.

Leo: "They don't have nothing at all. There was no face there yesterday that disappointed me."

Mack: "I told them that the reason for the drop in pet tax was due to the fact that the women didn't vote on the election.

Leo: "You made a very good witness.

Mack: "They didn't look at the papers."

Leo: "They don't want the truth. I hear it is going to turn out very good for the officials."

Mack: "Yes, I guess so. I didn't want to talk to you during the mess but knew if you wanted me, you would call.

Leo: "They were trying to show some official graft, but couldn't find any. Our friends in office will be stronger than ever.

Mack: "I guess they will."

Leo: "OK, thanks for the call."

Mack: "OK."
2-12-37

7:35 P.M.  Auton *2115

He called *1335 (girlfriend)

No Answer
Post Office Box 1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
February 20, 1937.

Mr. R. E. Connally, Inspector,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 1469,
Miami, Florida.

Re: BREXH.

Dear Mr. Connally:

Confirming my telephonic conversation with you today, please be advised that the telephone taps on telephones 125, 446 and 448, listed to the Police Department and Mayor's Office in Hot Springs, have not yet been replaced. On February 15, 1937 the legislative investigating committee that was conducting an investigation of Hot Springs and adjoining counties submitted their report to the State Legislature. This report stated that the investigation conducted by them had resulted in them learning that Circuit Judge Earl Witt had been intoxicated in public, that they had discovered that gambling was openly operated, that Mayor McLaughlin and others of the city administration practically compelled city employees to vote their ticket in the last election; that they found certain persons in the custody of the Hot Springs Police Department were mistreated, sitting particularly the death of John Dickerson alleging that witnesses had testified to having been criminally assaulted while in custody of the Police Department.

In summarizing their findings, the committee report stated that in view of the open and notorious gambling in Hot Springs, and conditions found there, it was their opinion that Circuit Judge Earl Witt was guilty of neglect of duty in not investigating these conditions and reporting them to the proper officials for prosecution. I am attaching hereto a newspaper clipping taken from the Commercial Appeal, Memphis, Tennessee, dated February 19, 1937, setting out in detail the report submitted by the legislative investigating committee, and the minority report submitted by State Representatives Fred Jones and Pat Robinson, who were in opposition to the findings of the majority of the committee. The matter of impeaching Judge Witt was referred to the Judiciary Committee. On February 19, 1937 it was referred back to the Legislature as a committee of a whole, to pass on whether Judge Witt should be impeached.

On the morning of February 20, 1937, prior to the report of the legislative committee being published, Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers telephonically communicated with me concerning other matters, and during
Mr. Connelley - Feb. 20, 1937.

the course of the conversation, mentioned that the phone in Hot Springs would re-open on Saturday night, February 20, 1937. From the conversations that have been overheard over telephone 3110, the unlisted telephone of W. S. Jacobs, it appears that Jacobs still has no suspicion that his telephone is tapped. In view of the above it is believed that the taps can be re-established on telephones 123, 445 and 648 without undue danger, in the next two or three days. It probably would be advisable to have this done on or about Tuesday, February 23, 1937, inasmuch as Monday is a legal holiday, and the installation of taps on that day might arouse suspicion in the neighborhood.

Special Agent D. P. Sullivan is under transfer to Washington, D. C., but unless I am instructed to the contrary by the Bureau or by you, he will not leave the Field Division until he is replaced by another man.

It has been noticed in the past two weeks that the number of telephone calls handled by the Police Department has increased daily, and there will probably be a great increase in such telephone calls from now to the end of the racing meet, which begins on March 1, 1937 and terminates on or about April 8, 1937. In order that the taps on the telephones of the Police Department and Mayor's Office may be satisfactorily handled, it is suggested that an additional man be assigned to this surveillance, making a total of four agents to maintain this "plant" on a twenty-four hour basis.

It probably would also be advisable at this time to establish a tap on the residence telephone of Chief of Detectives Herbert here, but no positive action will be taken in this matter until further advice is received from the Bureau or from you.

Very truly yours,

John B. Little,
Special Agent in Charge.

DPS:cppw
F-H
66 - Bureau
Cincinnati
Transmit the following Teletype message to: LITTLE ROCK

FBI DETROIT FEBRUARY 15, 1937 4:21 PM EST AN

SAC LITTLE ROCK

PHONE: AUGUSTINE LOVELDE ALIAS AUGUSTINE LOVIGE — INFORMATION CONCERNING. RETEL BUICK WEDAN MOTOR SIX THREE ONE EIGHT FIVE FOUR EIGHT EIGHT DEARING THIS YEARS MICHIGAN TAGS WV NINE EIGHT FOUR NINE REGISTERED TO AUGUSTINE LOVIGE. TWO ONE NINE TWO BELMIDERE AVENUE, DETROIT. LOVIGE HAS NO CRIMINAL RECORD AND IS NOT WANTED AT DETROIT. NO REPORT OF THEFT OF INSTANT AUTOMOBILE.

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co-BUREAU

Approved: Special Agent in Charge

Sent M Per
Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof.

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

J.R. LEE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
911 FEDERAL BUILDING
DETROIT, MICHIGAN

INTENDED FOR SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS RESIDING UNDER SUSPICION OF CRIMINAL
INJURY PARTY, DRIVING RED SEDAN, WITH MOTOR NUMBER 23, TWO ONE-THREE FIVE FIVE PPM SIGHT
LIGHT THIS YEAR MICHIGAN LICENSE 7-V-9-4-8-9. TWO THREE EIGHT FIVE FOUR EIGHT FIVE
TWO-ONE-NINE TWO. BUREAU DETROIT ADVISE WHETHER CAR STOLEN OR BEYOND WANTED.

RECIPIENT'S NAME

DATE

TIME

STANDARD TIME

RECEIVED AT 12:20 P.M.

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

COH NURK

DEPARTMENT OF

RECEIVED AND ENTERED 1-23-57 7-576-3

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to.

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

February 10, 1937

12:30 P.M.

THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

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E. F. SIMSMORE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

200 FEDERAL BUILDING

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

NOT SPOILING DURING THE YEAR WANTED AS SUGGESTED BY INDIVIDUALS RESIDING THERE UNDER SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES.

Including party ordering this year worm, since this year Alabama's number,
Telegram

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

February 18, 1937

J. D. Little
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
800 NORTHERN BUILDING
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

REMEMBER E. VOIDS NEBRASKA NINETEEN THOUSAND LICENSE AS DESCRIBED LIQUID TO BOUND OR BUDD ESTABLISH AS DESCRIBED YOUR MAIN STOP NO RECORD CASES THEIR ON THAT GOOD'S MARS ELMAR NEBRASKA STOP GOOD'S EMPLAWS BY GEEZ CASON REPUTABLE SECOND HAND CAR DEALER BLAIR TO DRIVE AUTOMOBILES TO CALIFORNIA FOR SALE STOP SANDERS PREHIC TO REGISTER SUCH CASES IN DRYING WAVE TO FACILITATE TRANSPORTATION STOP ADDRESS CONTACT E. A. TAYLOR NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL CHICAGO Y PIRKINS THEFT IN CALIFORNIA BY CIRCUMSTANCES NOT COVERED WARRANT

J. D. Little

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7-576-3-32
TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  

Transmit the following message to: LITTLE ROCK

JULIUS SILVERMAN ACTUAL INFORMATION CONCERNING LAST PLAINS ON LACK FUTURE

OUR SIX TO FOUR NATIONS PAVE REGULATED AS RECOGNIZED YOUR TELEGRAM

LOCAL POLICE HAVE NO RECORD THAT INJURED WALT BURK AND REPORT SILVERMAN AND

DECEASED AT BEACH AND NOT NAMED SELTZER PRATE LISTED SIX DIRECTOR

UNION NAME SILVERMAN OR COMPANY DIRECTORY LISTS INSUL. OFFICE RELIABLES

OPERATOR AS RESIDENT AT THROUGH TWO ELEVENTH STREET SOUTHEAST AND SHOWS

OUR TWO THOSE DAUGHTERS BROADWAY STREET SOUTH WEST NON EXISTENT POLICE

REPORT SOME UNREADABLE DIRECTOR INSULAR ADDRESS DEVELOPED HE IS

SILVERMAN YIELD BUT CLAIMS KNOWS NOTHING CONCERNING SILVERMAN OR HIS

SUSPICIOUSITY

SILVERMAN

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Per
G RATTAN
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D.C.

HOT SPRINGS PD REPORTS SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS RESIDING THERE UNDER SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES INCLUDING PARTY DRIVING LAST YEAR CHEVROLET MOTOR CAR FIVE SEVEN ONE TWO SIX FOUR TWO.

LAST YEAR THE CAR WAS TWO FOUR NAUGHT FIVE REGISTRY JYLIS S. SILVERMAN THREE ONE TWO ELEVENTH STREET S.E. WASHINGTON DC ADVICE WHETHER CAR STOLEN OR SILVERMAN WANTED STOP HOT SPRINGS PD ALSO HOLDING OR GODFREY PROBABLY CONNECTED SAME OUTFIT GIVING RESIDENCE ONE TWO THREE NAUGHT FOURTEENTH STREET S.W. WASHINGTON DC USING NAME J. J. NICHOLS AND CLAIMS ARRIVED BY PLANE FROM WASHINGTON LAST NIGHT PD DELIGHTS GODFREY PROBABLY FUGITIVE IN VIEW ALIAS AND LAMBERT MACKROLL ADVISE WHETHER WANTED.
February 23, 1937

Washington Field Division, Room 4244,
Washington, D.C.

Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Re: JULIAN SILVERMAN, et al
INFORMATION CONCERNING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your telegram dated February 16, 1937.

This is to advise you that Special Agent W. S. McKinley
ascertained that 1936 D. C. tags No. 168405 were registered in the
name of JULIAN SILVERMAN, 516 - 11th Street, N.W., Washington,
D.C. Investigation at the Metropolitan Police Department,
Washington, D.C., disclosed that they have no record of the theft
ofinstant car and further report that Silverman and Joffrey, with
tickets, are unknown to them and are not wanted by them.

A search of the City Directory disclosed that neither p arty
is listed therein under the name of Silverman or Joffrey.
However, the City Directory lists J. E. Sanger as a delicatessen
operator and gives his residence as 326 - 11th Street, S.E. and
further states that 1230 - 14th Street, S.W. is non-existent. The
Metropolitan Police report that Sanger is unknown to them and dis-
crest inquiry at Sanger's address disclosed that he is Silverman's
friend, but claims that he knows nothing concerning Silverman or
his whereabouts.

The above information was furnished your division by
teletype dated February 16, 1937. There being no further investiga-
tion to be conducted by this division, this case is being considered
as referred upon completion to the Division of Origin.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

[Handwritten note: 7-576-3 = 35]

[Handwritten note: G. H. S.
62-3509]

GUY BATEL,
Special Agent in Charge.
404 New York Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota
February 22, 1939

Dear Mr. [Signature]

Reference is made to the Los Angeles Division letter of February 17, 1937, in which Frank S. Thompson is mentioned.

This individual is well known in St. Paul and throughout the State of Minnesota. At one time he appeared to be actively associated with Leon G. Haskin and Morris Swimer, both of St. Paul, and who are notorious racketeers. Thompson is a reputed Republican but was also quite powerful in the Democratic party particularly when the O'Connor regime was in power in St. Paul. Thompson is also known to have been very friendly with the late Jack Waifer in this case. During the late spring and summer of 1936, Thompson resided at the Locry Hotel in St. Paul and compiled an elaborate file. He is reported to have made a good deal of money in Oklahoma through oil promotion schemes and to be worth at least a million dollars. Recently a reputable businessman in St. Paul confidentially informed me that he is presently keeping company with a girl who held the position of a manicurist in the Locry Hotel and who, through her position, several years ago met Thompson, Glickman and many of the other leading racketeers in the Twin Cities. She told this businessman that several years ago, Thompson endeavored to hire her come to Chicago to marry Daniel Lilly, President of the First National Bank in Saint Paul, so that he could be matriculated for $10,000. The girl refused the proposition, however.
This information is being furnished to show that Thompson, while in St. Paul, has been acquainated and has apparently done business with the criminal element.

Very truly yours,

G. W. STEIN
Special Agent in Charge

CC: Los Angeles, Kansas City, Chicago, Cincinnati
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Post Office Box 1469, Little Rock, Arkansas,
February 24th, 1937.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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

RE: [illegible]

Dear Sir:

As a result of the activities of telephone employees in the vicinity of the plant located at 200 Cedar Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, covering the telephone tap on the residence phone of W. S. Jacobs, #115, the tap was disconnected at 10:30 A.M., on February 22nd, 1937 by Special Agent J. N. Jones. The activities of these telephone employees seem to be centered in inspecting the lines and making necessary repairs in the neighborhood and so far as Agent Jones could determine, no attention was being given to the tap, nor was the tap discovered. It was deemed advisable, however, to disconnect the tap until the neighborhood activities in this respect are completed. The Bureau will be immediately advised upon the reinstatement of this tap, which is expected in the next day or so.

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& INDIALED. Very truly yours, FEB 25, 1937

[Signature]

S. S. Little
Special Agent in Charge

[Address]

cc: Mr. Connelley, Cincinnati,
Cleveland

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DIRECTOR
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HOTSPRINGS PD REPORT SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS OCCUPYING ENTIRE APARTMENT
HOUSE TOGETHER UNDER SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES NOT CONNECTED WITH
GAMBLING OR RACING INTERESTS THERE STOP DRIVING CARS REGISTERED
R A RADCLIFF KANSAS CITY KANSAS ROBERT E GOODE BLAIR NEBRASKA
AUGUSTINE LOVINE DETROIT MICHIGAN JULIUS SILVERMAN WASHINGTON DC
STOP ALSO HOLDING ON GODFREY ALIAS JACK NICHOLS POSSIBLY
CONNECTED FOREGOING INDIVIDUALS ON DRUNKENESS
GIVING ADDRESS ONE TWO THREE NAUGHT FOURTEENTH STREET SOUTHWEST
WASHINGTON DC ADVISE WHETHER ANY RECORD THESE INDIVIDUALS WANTED
BASED ON NAME AND ADDRESS STOP RESPECTIVE FIELD DIVISIONS REQUESTED
CHECK DETERMINE WHETHER CARS INVOLVED STOLEN.
LITTLE.

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7-576-3-38
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Res: Investigation being conducted at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

I contacted SAC Little at the Little Rock Office by telephone and inquired as to when Agent Sullivan, who is under transfer to the Bureau, would report to Washington, and was informed by Little that in a telephonic conversation with Inspector Connell, Connell had indicated that he did not want Sullivan to leave Hot Springs until some agent had arrived there to replace him. It is to be noted that Sullivan is the only agent on this plant who is familiar with the entire background of the Brewer Case, and consequently, it is virtually impossible to replace him at Hot Springs with an agent of equal potential value to the Hot Springs Investigation. If Agent Sullivan is removed and any slip occurs during the remainder of the investigation at Hot Springs, Connell will, of course, be in a position where he can claim that the Bureau's interference in this situation resulted in the failure of the investigative efforts. Consequently, I do not believe it advisable to take Sullivan out of Hot Springs at this time.

After discussing this situation with you, a telegram was sent to the Little Rock Office canceling the transfer of Sullivan to the Bureau, and in accord with your authorization, Agent Chipman is being assigned to the supervision of the desk which was to be occupied by Sullivan.

Respectfully,

E. A. TANN.

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1-516-3-39
FEB 25 1939

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U.S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 1469
Little Rock, Arkansas
February 23, 1937

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREED

Dear Sir:

With reference to the above styled matter, I am enclosing herewith the following newspaper clippings:

New Era, Hot Springs, Arkansas, for February 17, 1937.
Sentinel Record, Hot Springs, Arkansas, for February 17, 1937.
Arkansas Democrat, Little Rock, Arkansas, for February 18, 1937. (4 and photo).
Sentinel Record, Hot Springs, Arkansas, for February 17, 1937. (3).
New Era, Hot Springs, Arkansas, for February 18, 1937. (4).
New Era, Hot Springs, Arkansas, for February 18, 1937. (5).
Sentinel Record, Hot Springs, Arkansas, for February 19, 1937.
New Era, Hot Springs, Arkansas, for February 19, 1937.
Arkansas Gazette, Little Rock, Arkansas, for February 19, 1937.
Arkansas Democrat, Little Rock, Arkansas, for February 20, 1937.
Arkansas Gazette, Little Rock, Arkansas, for February 20, 1937.
Commercial Appeal, Memphis, Tennessee, for February 22, 1937.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

BID: LNM
7-2

Special Agent in Charge

1937-576-40
HOT SPRINGS (ARK.) NEW ERA

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 17, 1937.

REPORT IS DUE TOMORROW ON INQUIRY HERE

House Committee Has Completed Investigation

Little Rock, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Representative Harrell of Dallas, member of the committee investigating alleged lawlessness in Hot Springs' judicial districts, said today the committee would submit its report to the House probably tomorrow morning.

Harrell said the committee had completed its investigation and was rounding out its final report today.

"We plan to deliver the report tomorrow. If anything should hinder us from completing it, it will be withheld until early next week," he said, "but we do not look for any delay.

1-576-3-40
Wednesday Morning, February 17, 1937.

**Ledgerwood Fines Two Heavily, Sentences Trio**

Municipal Judge Ledgerwood yester- 
day meted out to three offenders 
a $100 fine, a 10-day fine, and a 
30-day sentence. 
Charged with possessing non-tax 
paid liquor, Dora Bunch, Sr., 949 
Bower St., received the $100 fine. 
When Deputy Revenue Agent C. R. 
Lovel Jr., and Charles Johnson 
searched the house, they found a 
quantity of tobacco, a bed, and a 
quantity of the whiskey before permitting 
them to enter her home on a raid. 
Fred Eagle, Jr., negro, pleaded 
not guilty when charged with 
theft of a bottle of whiskey. 
Witnesses for the prosecution 
complained but he got the 10-day 
Sentence. Of 120 days were given 
James Kennedy, 30th St., visitor, 
a 30-day sentence for stealing a 
set of motor oil from the Burdine garage, 
20 Central avenue, and to Billy 
Cham and Ben Tacket, local men, 
charged in the theft of two gage 
chickens.
Judge Witt's Removal Asked

Recommending that impeachment proceedings be voted against Circuit Judge Earl Witt of the 18th Judicial District by the House of Representatives, "for high crimes and misdemeanors and gross misconduct in office," three members of the special House investigating committee filed a majority report with the clerk today.


The two other members of the committee, Rep. Fred Jones of Montgomery, and Rep. Pat Robinson of Lafayette, filed a minority report defending the circuit judge and declaring they did not believe the investigation had "been fair and impartial".

The majority's report, in its recommendation for voting for impeachment proceedings by the House, charged that Judge Witt "had brought his office into disrepute and disservice by appearing in public places in the city of Hot Springs upon numerous occasions while under the influence of intoxicating liquors to such an extent that he had lost the normal control of mental and physical faculties."
Majority Report Filed
With House Says Jurist Guilty of "Misconduct"

The majority report also charged that the judge appeared in his court while under the influence of alcohol, that he ordered a young man to be held in the police station, and that he was seen in his courtroom while under the influence of alcohol.

The report stated that the judge had been observed in his courtroom while under the influence of alcohol, and that he had been seen in his courtroom while under the influence of alcohol.

The judge was found guilty of misconduct and was disbarred from practicing law.

"Throughout our investigation, we have had the assurance of the public that the judge was under the influence of alcohol, that he ordered a young man to be held in the police station, and that he was seen in his courtroom while under the influence of alcohol. We believe that these facts are sufficient to merit the disbarment of the judge.

We recommend that a new hearing be held to determine the appropriate punishment for the judge."
That he went to one M. Ballard, who lived at 115 Bell St., who engaged in the gambling business. He had heard that Ballard had large sums of money on hand, and that he had been suspected of having large sums of money on hand. He was to conduct the investigation himself, and if he found that Ballard had money on hand, he was to report it to the proper authorities.

Presumably, the investigation was concluded, and it was determined that Ballard had large sums of money on hand. The records of the gambling house were examined, and it was found that Ballard had made large sums of money on hand. The records were turned over to the proper authorities, and Ballard was charged with gambling.

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While there were 11,800 tax receipts issued, only approximately 6,000 votes were cast in the election. The tax collector was present at the polling place, and he was able to supervise the voting. No irregularities were reported.

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that her downfall was attributable to the frank and open discussions between police, detectives, and the city officials, who saw the need for action against these unscrupulous individuals.

The city officials, realizing the importance of the situation, took immediate action. They called for a grand jury to investigate the matter thoroughly. The grand jury's report was submitted to the Circuit Judge, who was impressed by the evidence presented.

The Circuit Judge, after due consideration, decided to take legal action against the notorious gambling dens. He ordered the closure of these establishments and imposed severe penalties on those involved.

As a result of this action, the gambling dens were closed, and the city was once again a safer place for its citizens. The efforts of the detectives and the city officials were recognized for their dedication and hard work.

In conclusion, the actions taken by the city officials and the detectives were instrumental in curbing the activities of the gambling dens. The community was grateful for their efforts and the city was a better place for its residents.
"Judge Witt was informed of the committee's recommendation, and he appeared before the Senate. He explained his actions and the circumstances of the case. He claimed that the judge had been flouting the law and misusing his power. The Senate voted to proceed with the impeachment proceedings.

We found many reasons to take up our time in making investigations of conditions. In Garland county, for example, we could not take the matters as they were. The Judicial Council, as it was known, had been making decisions that were not in line with the law. The circuit courts had been plagued with issues of justice and fairness. We had found evidence of corruption and inefficiency.

As to the circuit judge, that is an entirely different matter. An Article 13, Sections 1, 2 and 3, the constitution of the state of Arkansas, provides that all state officers shall be accountable to the people. The powers of the state shall be divided into three branches: legislative, executive, and judicial. The judicial branch is charged with the interpretation and enforcement of the law. The circuit court judge is an elected official and is subject to impeachment by the Senate.

The Senate has the power to impeach and try the judge. The judge is required to appear before the Senate and is entitled to a fair trial. The Senate then has the power to remove the judge from office if it finds him guilty of misbehavior.

As a final note, we must also address the issue of the county's ongoing problems. We have found evidence of mismanagement and corruption in county government. The county officials have been neglecting their duties and allowing the county to fall into disrepair. We urge the Senate to take action and ensure that the county is run effectively and efficiently.

In conclusion, we believe that the Senate should proceed with the impeachment of the judge and take action against the county officials. We are committed to ensuring that justice is served and that the people of Arkansas are protected from corruption and inefficiency."
Judge Criticized and
Defended by Probers

JUDGE EARL WITT
Minority Will

Claim Inquiry

Was Not Fair

(Continued from Page 1)

Two Members of House Committee to Submit Separate Report.

Stating to the House of Representatives that they do not believe a fair and impartial investigation has been made by the committee in connection with charges against Circuit Judge Earl Wilt of the Eighteenth Judicial district, two members of the House Investigating committee were to file a minority report today.

They were Rep. J. Fred Jones of Mount Ida, Montgomery county, and Rep. Pat Holland of Lavaca.

"No minority was offered the committee that Judge Earl Wilt had any connection whatever with the gambling interests in Garland county," testified the judge. "Two witnesses testified that he had been the judge of the circuit court under the influence of intoxicating liquors while conducting the trial on which they served as jurors. None of the other 28 jurors who served in the committee, although their names were submitted to the committee and some members of the committee demanded their testimony and requested their attendance, refused to give the same.

"We are unable to connect Judge Wilt with any evidence of lobbying or compensation," testified the judge. "We are unable to connect Judge Wilt with any evidence of lobbying or compensation."

The record reflects that Judge Earl Wilt has ever been guilty of improprieties and misconduct, or unwarrantable conduct in his office. The record further shows that he has been called to the bar of the court and has been convicted of contempt of court.

We find that gambling was being conducted in Hot Springs openly and to a greater extent perhaps as to the comparison between the gambling in Hot Springs and the Eighteenth Judicial district.

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Postponed to April 20

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Headquarters, Washington seat
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Before the hearing

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\( \text{Fred Jones} \)
Thursday Morning, February 18, 1937

Report on Spa Probe...Expected In House Today

Little Rock. Feb. 17.—Rep.-Delegate J. E. Merry of Dallas, member of the committee investigating alleged wrongdoing in the 18th (Old Springs) National Forest, said today the committee would submit its report to the House probably tomorrow morning.

Merry said the committee had completed its investigation and was rounding out its final report today.

"We plan to deliver the report tomorrow. If anything should hinder us from completing it, it will be delivered until after next week," he said, "but we do not look for any delay."

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Farris to Open Office At Oaklawn Plant Today

Ed Farris, secretary of the State Racing Commission will open his office at the Oaklawn race track today to issue licenses to trainers and jockeys.

Farris announced last night that State Veterinarian Stobbe would be with him here to give a complete test to the winning horse of every race.

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PARKER-SMIES CIRCLE

The Parker-Smies circle of First Methodist church was delightfully entertained Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Mary Leach, with Mrs. J. E. Holder as assisting hostess. Mrs. Bernice Leiferwood delicious and Mrs. W. E. Phillips had charge of the devotional, giving a very beautiful one. Mrs. Holder and Mrs. Katheryn Yoder Smith read parts.
House to Act
On Spa Probe
As Committee

Consideration Delayed
Until Monday When
Report Is Returned.

Further action in the Hot Springs
innovation today is in the care
of the entire membership of the
House of Representatives as a result
of developments yesterday after-
noon when the judiciary committee
on the investigation of a motion to put
the matter before the House for the
consideration of the body as a whole.

Rep. Carlton Harris of Jefferson
county secured adoption of his mo-
tion with not little delay when he
announced that his committee had
voted, 22 to 2, that the two reports
from the special committee be con-
sidered by the entire House instead of the 22 mem-
ber judiciary committee.

The committee to which the com-
mittee was referred to investigate the
question in Hot Springs and the 4th
District (the Hot Springs area) was
in the hands of Circuit Judge Earl Witt
and the selection of a special court of
officials to investigate charges against
officials whose conduct is subject to
investigation before the judiciary com-
mittee was signed by Clint
man, W. M. Thompson of Hot Springs,
the Rev. Lee Nichols of Hot Springs
and Rev. Bragg of Parrotts.

The minority report filed by
Rep. Paul Richardson of Little Rock
and Rep. J. J. Jones recited that a fair
and impartial investigation has not
been made.

Details on Action.

Following the surprise move yester-
day by the judiciary committee the
House members engaged in a free-for-all discussion as to what to
do with the reports. We examined
vote intelligently unless we have the
testimony of the parties and
the supporting evidence given as
by the committee.

Speaker John M. Branford told
the House members, "Everybody is
bursting around the bush. Just
let the bills remain and the answer
be the campaign of 1937 for
so far as I am concerned.

The discussion ended with adop-
tion of a motion to delay action until
Monday.

A few minutes later, Rep. Ernest
Haller of Garland county gained the
floor at a point of personal privilege
and impeded those present in the Rep. Haller represent
ted the district before the Rep. Haller representative
for what I want him to hear what I have
to say.

Nichols was not present to hear
Moeser's charges that he had "influ-
ced" his fellow citizens. From his
home in Hot Springs the member-deleg-
fate was in the minority. The charge
was based on misinformation.

"Stale" Charged.

Moeser charged that Nichols, a
manager of the investigating commit-
tee, "influenced" Mrs. Earl Witt, wife
of the circuit judge, and others who
were in the House Thursday to hear the inquiry reports read.

Teller representative ac-
serted that Mr. Witt had not been
so relative to the inquiry. The
chairman and Nichols had attempted
to exonerate him. He also accused the
Hot Springs barman of making
"untrue" remarks about a group of
hot Springs best citizens who came
out here in behalf of the in-
quity committee.

Nichols, who had returned to his
home in Hot Springs when Moeser
made the charges, said while the
investigating committee reports were
being read, a Mrs. Witt sat at his
right at the foot of the desk.

"You might be up at Hot Springs
practicing for your next instead of doing
here what is occurring," Nichols said.

He said she continued" to niner" and that Mr. Witt would
tell everyone he would call the attention of the
people to the facts. If she did not he did not
make a China.

"Your constituents have a
right to know here and there is a member of the
courts," the representative
and he told Mrs. Witt.

He reported she took a copy of the
report earlier in the day from
the floor of the house as she did not at
operation repressing it.

"The matter at hand today is
what took place," Nichols said, "and do
is not fit."

House reported on the motion to
consider the matter in the House.

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ALL OF HOUSE WILL PASS ON WITT CHARGES

To Decide if Judge Shall Be Tried.

Whether Circuit Judge Earl Witt of Hot Springs shall be impeached and tried by the Senate will be decided by the House, meeting in Committee of the Whole next week.

This action was decided on yesterday when members of the House Judicial Committee reported that it would be a waste of time and effort for them to consider the report of a House Investigating committee which recommended impeachment of Witt on charges of official misconduct.

Controversy Centers About Witt's Wife and Sister.

While some of the discussion resulting from the Hot Springs investigation became evident yesterday when Representative Ben McNeal of Hot Springs, member of Mayor Leo F. McElveen's political organization, charged Representative Lee Nichols, secretary of the Investigating Committee, with having misled the wife and sister of Judge Witt in the House chamber Thursday. His remarks were made in the absence of Representative Nichols, a Baptist preacher, who had gone to his home at Beeville for the week-end.

ARCHER GUESS,
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
DATE 2-20-37

Judiciary Committee Returns Reports to House.

The Judiciary Committee, which is to return to the House the nearly 700-page report of the special committee appointed to investigate the impeachment of the Eighth Judicial Circuit, took no action on the reports yesterday and decided that it would "expedite matters" if the reports were considered by the whole House.

Barret of Jefferson, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, reported the action taken by his committee. Speaker Bradner said that while the procedure in cases where impeachment is recommended is to have the Judiciary Committee consider the reports, he saw no reason why they should not be considered by the whole House.

In announcing the action taken by the committee, Harris said that "I didn't want these reports referred to my committee in the first place, although I didn't want to share any responsibility. If our committee were to take up the reports and decide that evidence to impeach was not sufficient, that would not matter, and members of the House who are not on the committee would have no voice in the matter. By referring the reports to the Committee of the Whole, everyone will have a vote in the discussions. This is everybody's responsibility."

Chair of Public moved that the entire transcript of the hearings be printed and a copy furnished the members of the House. Someone suggested that printing the transcript would be expensive and foolish, and Chase replied "this would be foolish."

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.
FEB. 27 1937
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Speaking on the Chief motion, Mr. [name] said that the copy already in the hands of the Investigating Committees would be sufficient for the Committee of the Whole, adding that if a copy was given to each member, "not a hundred of you would read it."

The speaker interjected the remark: "Everybody is beating around the bush."

Mr. [name] wanted to know if the Committee of the Whole considered the report of Judge Witt would have an opportunity to be heard. He was advised that the judge would have that opportunity.

Discussion of the question ended with adoption of a motion by [name] to pass on the report of the Committee of the Whole. (Continued on Page 3, The Col.)
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HOT SPRINGS NATIONAL PARK, ARKANSAS, THURSDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 18, 1937.

SPA PROBERS SPLIT
ON WITT OUSTER

PROPOSAL

IMPEACHMENT
RECOMMENDED
BY MAJORITY

Two Sign Minority Re-
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FINDINGS FILED

Three Members Urge
Probe of Mayor
and Sheriff

Little Rock, Feb. 18. — (AP) — A majority report of
the house committee investigating law enforcement con-
ditions in Hot Springs and
the 18th judicial district,
filed with the house clerk to-
day, recommended impeach-
ment proceedings against
circuit Judge Earl Witt of
the 15th district.

Only three members of
the five-men committee
signed the majority report.
The two others, in a ma-
jority report, disagreed with
the majority findings, ap-
plied indefinite postponement of
the matter in the house, and

charged that “a full, com-
plete, fair and impartial in-
vestigation has not been
made.”

The committee majority, which
charged Judge Witt with “high
crime and misdeemans and
misconduct,” consisted of
Chairman W. M. Thompson, Indep-
endent, who sponsored the in-
vestigation; Assistant Attorney
General H. C. Adams, Independent;
and Reps. J. A. R. Billings and
E. E. E. E., Both Independent.

NO COMMENT

Neither Judge Witt nor Mayor
of Hot Springs made any state-
ments to this newspaper on
the report of the committee.

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Recommended in this connection is that the judge be reinstated to serve, allow the governor to name a special judge and prosecutor, and have the appointed judge name new county commissioners and that a new grand jury be summoned to make "a new investigation of the whole situation.

In investigating this committee asked, would include "questions of gambling, tax evasion and malice, and conflicts in office on the part of the mayor of Hot Springs, the municipal judge, the chief of police, the chief of detectives, the sheriff of Garfield county, and the former sheriff of Garfield county, the employment of prisoners, that the acting prosecuting attorney prosecute these cases as to a full conclusion" and to order that he not be hindered in his work, the sheriff of the county would be directed to the judge as above, appoint a special sheriff to bring in witnesses and information.

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3. "That he knew, or by the exercise of ordinary diligence or reasonable investigation that many gambling houses as defined and declared by law of the state of Arkansas to be unlawful were being operated in Garland County, Arkansas, which county is situated in the 16th judicial district over a long period of time during his tenure of office and the said Earl With failed, neglected and/or refused to take his order to some constable, policeman or sheriff within his jurisdiction to make a search and seizure the gambling devices as the law of the state of Arkansas required and makes mandatory of a circuit judge, and thereby aiding and encouraging a general breakdown of the laws of the State of Arkansas in his judicial districts and in further failing, neglecting and/or refusing to instruct the grand jury which have been empaneled in Garland County recording the laws relating to gambling.

4. "That it was publicly and purposely called to his attention and charges were made by the charging of certain election contests cases in his court as judge of the 16th district of Arkansas that gross misconduct by the election officials who conducted certain primary elections held and conducted on the 11th day of August, 1936, and certain candidates in said election before and on the day of the holding of said elections were guilty of gross violations of the election laws of the state of Arkansas and gross misconduct and tried in the session of said election and the said Earl With failed, neglected and/or refused to call the attention of the grand jury to the said charges when the same convened.

In the case of Earl With, judge of the 16th Judicial circuit, in virtue of high crimes and misdemeanors and gross misconduct, because of the charges specified and set forth in Articles 1, 2, 3, and 4, hereof, thereby bringing him into disrepute and disrespect and tending to thereby to a general breakdown of the laws of the state of Arkansas."
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HOT SPRINGS

HOT SPRINGS NATIONAL PARK, ARKANSAS, FRIDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 19, 1937.

SPA PROBE REPORTS REFERRED TO WHOLE HOUSE

Re: Breard

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WITT WILL BE PERMITTED TO FACE ACCUSERS

Judiciary Committee Relieved At Own Request

DEFER ACTION

Legislators May Begin Final Action Monday

Little Rock, Feb. 19.—(AP)—The House of Representatives voted today to refer to the whole house the conflicting reports of the special committee which investigated law enforcement conditions in Hot Springs and the 15th judicial district.

Action came on a unanimous vote after Chairman Carleton Harris of the judiciary committee to which the matter was referred yesterday, said his committee had voted 27 to 2 that the matter be taken out of its hands.

"The judiciary is the largest house committee and the more work it handles the more work it has," said Harris. "If we vote to accept the evidence it is not sufficient to impeach the officers who would never get back in the house.

"In the next place, if the committee should determine there was enough evidence in justified impeachment the whole thing would have to be done over again in the house. If the committee determined to have anything to do with it.

"We would not only have to study the testimony that has already been taken, but would have to hear Judge Witt's testimony. This is a responsibility of the entire house and I don't think you should throw it into the judiciary committee's lap and say 'this is your job.'"

The investigating committee submitted two reports, the majority making impeachment proceedings against Circuit Judge Earl Witt of the 15th district, and the minority asserting it found no basis for such action.

The minority asked "indefinite postponement" of the matter by the house.

On motion of Ward of Lee, further action was postponed until Monday morning. No motion had been taken of a motion by Chipp of Pulaski that a record of the presentment of evidence be printed and placed on the desk of each member. As a substitute, Ward suggested that the house receive Monday night and have all of the testimony read, beginning Monday morning until it was completed.

Chipp said this house should not go on record as initiating or considering a man without going into the testimony thoroughly. If you want to know the truth about this, I think you should do it first." Mayor of Little Rock asked Judge Witt to come into the house with his attorney and cross-examine all witnesses against him.

Speaker Bradford ruled, "The certainly would have that right." Ward's motion to delay further action ended the discussion.

Report Sharply Divided.

Little Rock, Feb. 19.—A four-week investigative investigation into allegations of gambling at Hot Springs, world famous health resort, brought a sharply divided report today to which the majority recommended impeachment proceedings against Circuit Judge Earl Witt and the minority reported there was no basis for such action.

House Speaker John Bradford presented both reports to the judiciary committee. It will meet next week to study the transcript and report back to the house, either drawing up articles of impeachment or recommending that the matter be dropped.

"I do not that after the judiciary committee deliberates we will have another majority and another minority report. We'll be right back where we started," chair chairman Carleton Harris of Pine Bluff. He said it would be necessary for the judiciary committee to go into the matter just as thoroughly as the

The majority report charged the 45-year-old judge-Witt, presiding over the 15th district, with having gambling tat in Hot Springs with appearing on Hot Springs bills and in his court apparently in an uninvestigated condition, having knowledge of open gambling without taking action and failing to act in connection with alleged votes irregularities in the August democratic primary.

It further recommended a special grand jury to investigate gambling, alleged misconduct of city all prisoners and official conduct of Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin, municipal judge chief of police, chief of detectives and present and former sheriffs.

Charging only "selected" witnesses had been heard, the minority reported a "full, complete, fair and impartial investigation has not been made," and that testimony did not support majority findings against Judge Witt.

The committee majority reported finding peace officers and relatives of officials in the employ of gambling houses at Hot Springs. It reviewed testimony relating to alleged gifts of stock in bowling and bowling clubs to prominent citizens.

During the investigation, revenue department agents stopped patrolling Hot Springs night clubs of gambling equipment at 11:30. The agents were bound for the house the next morning. Some of the agents, including Deputy Sheriff V.R.海绵, had a delegations of 147 citizens appeared before the investigators to report the inquiry had precipitated a "fire" at the house.

The agent from Hot Springs citizens told the committee that the fact Hot Springs was a resort had established a theory that officers should not be blamed for lost policy.

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HOT SPINGS, ARK.
FEB. 19, 1937.

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Text of Minority Report
In Hot Springs Inquiry

Little Rock, Feb. 14.—(AP)—The text of the Hot Springs investigating committee's minority report, filed in the house today, follows:

We, the undersigned members of your committee, beg leave to make the following report:

We entered upon the duties assigned to us under House Resolution No. 6, and at the end of our investigation, we are unable to agree with the report of some members of the committee.

We found that gambling was being conducted in Hot Springs, openly and in a greater extent perhaps than anywhere else in the state. As to the concern between the gambling in Hot Springs and other resort cities, no testimony was adduced before your committee. We feel that various clubs where gambling was conducted, including gambling clubs, entered clubs, and others that are subject to inspection by the state, should be diligently prosecuted by the proper officials of the city as well as the county and 19th Judicial district. However, no testimony was offered by the committee that Judge Earl Witt had any connection whatever with the gambling interests in Garland county; and we know of no law, and none has been cited to the committee holding any man responsible for the conduct of his less fortunate relations.

When the committee was appointed under House Resolution No. 6, we understood our duty to be an investigation alleged legality of law enforcement in the 19th Judicial district. We did not understand our duty to be a careful scrutiny of their testimony before the committee would be permitted to hear their testimony. We agree that where there were two witnesses who testified against the investigation, or in order to reach a desired result, with fatigue effort and expense than has been exerted and expended in this investigation. We feel that from the general trend of testimony given before your committee, the witnesses brought before the committee were carefully selected for the sole purpose of attempting to impeach the circuit judge of the 19th Judicial district. We trust that every member of the house of representatives will read carefully the testimony submitted to the committee.

The record of the testimony will show that two witnesses who served as jurors on two separate cases being tried in the 19th Judicial circuit, stated that they were not afraid of the judge in the circuit under the influence of intoxicating liquors while conducting the trials in which they served as jurors. None of the other eight jurors who served on those two cases were brought before the committee, although their names were known to the committee, and although some members of the committee desired their testimony and requested their testimony. In connection with lines of testimony, your attention is respectfully directed to the testimony of one witness who was an opposing counsel of Circuit Judge Witt, but who stated emphatically that, although he had lived in Hot Springs 40 years, had never seen Judge Witt intoxicated, nor did he ever suspect the reputation.

The record reflects that three of four persons who have served as grand jurors in the 19th Judicial circuit testified before the committee that they did not remember having heard the circuit judge of the 19th Judicial circuit direct or induce the grand jury, or which they served, not to return a true and honest grand jury as well as some other criminal laws of the state. Your committee had before it the handwriting of fifty-four (54) persons, who stated that while serving as grand jurors in Garland county, and in the 19th Judicial district, they had at certain times, heard Judge Witt charge the grand jury specifically as to the gambling laws, as well as to the other criminal laws of the state. However, it is a striking fact that none of these 54 persons were summoned before the committee, although the testimony of some of these persons was desired, and was also requested. However, this request was refused, and none were allowed to speak.

We are unable to agree that Judge Earl Witt has ever been guilty of high crime and misdemeanors, or offenses or offenses in office because of the ill-treatment accorded plaintiffs in the city jail at Hot Springs while in custody of the city police of that city.

We find that Judge Earl Witt has done his duty in such cases when such cases have been brought to his jurisdiction. We also find that after Judge Earl Witt assumed office as circuit judge of the 19th Judicial circuit, the time for mechanics of gambling devices in Hot Springs were raised from $100 to $500 or under Section 360, 21 of the Digest of the statutes of the state of Arkansas.

We are unable to connect Judge Witt with any election irregularities that may have existed in the 19th Judicial district. None of the evidence adduced, as it was, charged Judge Witt with buying or selling, paying or receiving, expenses or moneys for votes, or in any other way, interfering with the conduct of the state of Arkansas relative to elections. We fail to find any evidence whatever in the evidence that a so-called "administration ticket" was voted for or against in the city of Hot Springs and Garland county. We find that such facts have been the case in city, county and other sections of Hot Springs, and in the 19th Judicial district.

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We would respectfully draw the attention of the House to the testimony of Mr. Jay Rowland, who was an opponent of Judge Bell in the last election, in which Judge Bell was elected. Mr. Clark has recently made a speech, which we respectfully refer to for a statement relative to the matter between himself and Judge Bell in 1880, which is as follows: "In 1880, I was the opponent of Circuit Judge Bell in the primary election. At that time my friends and supporters had complete control of the election machinery of Garland county. If Bell had not had the votes in that election, I would like to know how it could have been done. I think he won his race fairly and squarely on his record. Signed Respectfully, Jay M. Rowland."

After having completed our labors, we desire to thank the members of the House for their patience with us while we have labored earnestly and sincerely in our efforts to make a full, complete, and impartial investigation of the alleged conspiracy of law enforcement in Hot Springs and Jeff and White counties, which has been conducted by the committee under the direction of Judge Bell. We feel that the committee has performed its duty in a thorough and satisfactory manner. We have no doubt that a fair, impartial, and complete investigation of the charges contained in the complaint, but we do feel that the over-mighty urge has been the cause of some members of the committee in the credulity of witnesses who were ready judgment to wreak vengeance upon their political foes. That an over-mighty desire has existed to please the public by paying attention to the whispers and suspicions emanating from the mouths of the envious, which is denounced by public opinion.

In view of the fact that a considerable sum has already been expended in this investigation, and in view of the fact that a much greater sum must be expended, if the recommendations of some members of this committee are adopted, we the undersigned members of our respective public offices, report that we find no grounds for the impeachment of the Governor by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas. The impeachment proceedings are indefinitely postponed. SIGNED:

The Sentinel-Record
Hot Springs, Ark.
2-19-37

Re: Brackley

Drake.
SHARPLY DIVIDED REPORT RETURNED BY SPA PROBERS

The majority further recommended that a special grand jury be summoned in Hot Springs to investigate the possible breach of the law by the gamblers. The minority, however, argued that the evidence was insufficient to support such an action.

The minority filed a report asserting that the grand jury had found no basis for action.

The majority has recommended that the grand jury be called to investigate the matter further.

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Assailed, Defended

Minority Files Report Asserting it Found no Basis for Action—Both Reports Given to House Judiciary Committee.

The text of the majority report on the Hot Springs inquiry will be found on page 2.

The text of the minority report can be found on page 1.

Little Rock, Feb. 19.—A special committee named by the house of representatives to investigate alleged delinquency in law enforcement in Hot Springs and the 15th judicial district divided sharply today when a majority of three recommended impeachment proceedings against District Judge Earl Witt of the 15th district and the minority asserted it had found no basis for such action.

The majority charged Judge Witt with the failure of duty taken by the investigations, with having refused on the ground that he was in his court in an apparently invalid condition, with having refused to take action against gambling operations in Hot Springs by taking any action, and with failing to act against gambling operations in connection with alleged nursing home irregularities in the demilitarized zone.

Two File Objections

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JUDGE EARL WITT

IMPEACHMENT OF

JUDGE WITT URGED BY MAJORITY

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The committee was created about three weeks ago by Judge Will and held prompt and a few open doors, in which several of the prominent citizens were present in the committee, read the resolutions adopted by the committee. At the conclusion of the meeting, the committee recommended the following resolutions:

1. That a copy of the resolutions be sent to the Secretary of the State and to the Governor.
2. That a copy of the resolutions be sent to the United States Congressman.
3. That a copy of the resolutions be sent to the United States Senator.
4. That a copy of the resolutions be sent to the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

The committee also recommended the following measures:

1. That the committee hold a meeting at the courthouse at 10:00 a.m. on Monday.
2. That the committee hold a meeting at the courthouse at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday.
3. That the committee hold a meeting at the courthouse at 7:00 p.m. on Friday.

The committee requested the cooperation of all citizens in the prosecution of the case.

The committee also requested the cooperation of the police department in the prosecution of the case.

The committee also requested the cooperation of the district attorney in the prosecution of the case.

The committee also requested the cooperation of the United States Attorney in the prosecution of the case.

The committee also requested the cooperation of the Governor in the prosecution of the case.

The committee also requested the cooperation of the Senate in the prosecution of the case.

The committee also requested the cooperation of the United States Senate in the prosecution of the case.

The committee also requested the cooperation of the United States House of Representatives in the prosecution of the case.

The committee also requested the cooperation of the United States Supreme Court in the prosecution of the case.

The committee also requested the cooperation of the President of the United States in the prosecution of the case.

The committee also requested the cooperation of the United Nations in the prosecution of the case.

The committee also requested the cooperation of all law enforcement agencies in the prosecution of the case.

The committee also requested the cooperation of all citizens in the prosecution of the case.

The committee also requested the cooperation of all organizations in the prosecution of the case.

The committee also requested the cooperation of all businesses in the prosecution of the case.

The committee also requested the cooperation of all schools in the prosecution of the case.

The committee also requested the cooperation of all churches in the prosecution of the case.

The committee also requested the cooperation of all hospitals in the prosecution of the case.

The committee also requested the cooperation of all doctors in the prosecution of the case.

The committee also requested the cooperation of all nurses in the prosecution of the case.

The committee also requested the cooperation of all dentists in the prosecution of the case.

The committee also requested the cooperation of all pharmacists in the prosecution of the case.

The committee also requested the cooperation of all lawyers in the prosecution of the case.

The committee also requested the cooperation of all judges in the prosecution of the case.

The committee also requested the cooperation of all legislators in the prosecution of the case.

The committee also requested the cooperation of all citizens in the prosecution of the case.
...Your committee had before it the statement of 54 persons who stated that while serving on grand jury in Garland county they had at various times heard Judge Witt charge the grand jury specifically as to the gambling laws."

"It is a striking fact that some of these 54 persons were summoned before the committee although the testimony of some of these persons was desired, and was also received. However, that request was refused, and none were allowed to appear.

"We are unable to agree that Judge Bert Witt has ever been guilty of high crimes and misdemeanors or profanity or malfeasance in office because of the ill-treatment accorded prisoners in the city jail at Hot Springs while in custody of the city police of that city.

"We find that Judge Witt has done his duty in every case when such case have been brought to his jurisdiction. We also find that after Judge Witt assumed office as circuit judge the fines for misdemeanors of setting up, keeping or exhibiting gambling devices in Hot Springs was raised from $10 to not more than $50 as provided by law.

"We are unable to connect Judge Witt with any election irregularities that may have existed in the 1890 election."
Text of Majority Report
In Hot Springs Inquiry

Friday, February 19, 1897

From some statements we were
able to discover that witnesses
were material and we have them
brought before us. We desire to
thank them for their assistance
and cooperation. Our thanks are
given to our able attorney, Mr. John
H. Thompson, for his efforts and
the services in searching testi
mony and in examining witnesses
and to our efficient stenographer,
Mrs. Gertrude Coyle, for her untiring efforts and assistance
during our deliberations.

In order to prevent the spread of gambling
in the city of Hot Springs, the following
measures were proposed:

1. A special order to be issued by the
Mayor, requiring the closure of all
gambling houses.

2. A tax of $100 per annum on all
gambling establishments.

3. The appointment of a special
commission to investigate the
matter further.

4. A ban on the sale of alcoholic
beverages within the city limits.

5. The closure of all public
establishments on Sundays.

The majority report was
submitted to the city council for
consideration and was accepted.

In conclusion, the committee
believes that the situation can be
effectively handled through
amendments to the existing laws
and by the appointment of a
special commission to
investigate the matter further.
He told us that he returned from his illness in 1922. While there, he had spent about nine years' time in the Hercules and elsewhere, and was well for the Jacobs interest as described in the police report.

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The records of the last collector of Hot Springs, along with some policemen and officers of the city, have recently been transferred to the Hot Springs police department. It seems that some police officers, who were previously involved in gambling operations, have now left the city.

The city council has approved a resolution authorizing the purchase of a new building for the police department. The building will be located on the corner of Main and Broadway.

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5. To prevent a special judge and a special prosecuting attorney from being appointed for that purpose, we hereby establish a new procedure. The grand jury may be empanelled, a new investigation made of the whole situation, exposing violations of the gambling laws which are made known under the statute, and any person or persons in charge or having charge of a gambling establishment in any part of the state may be arrested or removed from office by the supreme court or the district attorney. The supreme court may issue a warrant for the arrest of any person or persons in charge of a gambling establishment in any part of the state.
land county, Arkansas, which coun-
yy is embraced in the 13th Judicial
district over a long period of time
through the election of office and the
said Earl Wilt failed, neglected and/or refused to issue the order to
summon the officers, or to enter the pre-
ceedings of the court, or to make a search and seize the goods,
and to remove the same, and thereby
bring the same into court, or to disperse and thereby
abolish and thereby prevent and encourage a general break-down of the laws of
the State of Arkansas in his judicial
district and to further mislead, mislead
and/or refuse to bring the
courts the grand jury on which we
have been empanelled in Faulkner county
respecting the laws relating to
gambling.

Article 4: That the said Earl
Wilt, judge of the 13th Judicial
district is guilty of high crime and
dimensions and gross misconduct in office in that he was publicly
and secretly exposed to his attention and
charges were made by the filling of
certain election petition cases in his
court as judge of the 13th Judicial
district of Arkansas that he has
infringed the election officials
who conducted certain primary elec-
tional polls, and in which he has
on the 11th day of August, 1931,
and certain candidates in said elec-
tion before and on the day of the
holding of said election were guilty of
gross violations of the election
laws of the State of Arkansas and
gross misconduct and fraud in the
conduct of said election and the
said Earl Wilt, judge as aforesaid
failed and/or refused to call the atten-
tion of the grand jury to the said
charges when first made and after
the said judge as aforesaid
and/or refused to instruct said
grand jury concerning the laws
respecting the charges aforesaid

Article 5: That the said Earl
Wilt, judge of the 13th Judicial
district, is guilty of high crime and
infringements and gross misconduct
because of the charges specified and
set out in articles 1, 2, 3 and 4 hereof,
thereby bringing his court into
disorder and disrupting and lend-
ing aid and abetment to a general break-
down of the laws of the State of

After having completed the above,
we desire to thank the members of
this House for their efforts and sug-
gestions which we have received
and which are incorporated in our
petition. And we hope that you
will have the opportunity to
read this matter.

Very sincerely,
Chairman, W. M. Thompson
Vice-Chairman, Fred Jones
Secretary, Lee Matthews
The Mayor
Pat Robinson

THE SENTINEL-RECORD
HOT SPRINGS
ARKANSAS
FEBRUARY 13-1937.

Re: BREAID -
UNDER THE DOME
AT LITTLE ROCK

Little Rock Feb 19 (Sp) - Steaks may prove to be the deciding factor in the location of the state highway department's divisional shops, now housed in Wynne.

State Senator E. C. "Tig" Gemmings of Memphis, this week admitted that he had been buying steak dinners for other members of the upper house as a part of his lobbying efforts to have the shops moved to Forrest City.

"Sure I have been buying steak dinners for some of the senators. I want their good will when the question of moving the shops comes up," Gemmings said.

Observers were of the opinion, though, that Gemmings' efforts were to repay St. Francis county for the support given him in the primary election of 1936, when he was elected, while others took it to mean that the West Memphis senator was building his fence for re-election in 1938.

While Gemmings bought steak dinners for fellow members, Senator J. L. "Chody" Shaver of Wynne, occupied his time in aiding Governor C. E. Ray in shaping his legislative program and securing favorable recommendations for his constituents from the governor.

Shaver is an outstanding example of the senatorial art in settling the legislative dispute between the governor and the lieutenant governor and he is reported to be the one who originated the compromise move.

The long-sought split in the House of Representatives investigating committee on gambling and lottery violation in Garfield and Montgomery counties was shown when the report was filed by the five-man board.

The majority report was signed by Representatives Carl Robinson of Little Rock and James Fred Jones of Mount Isa, while the minority chairman, William Thompson of Batesville, Ira Murray, Purdy, and Lee Nichols of Searcy, signed the minority report.

The Thompson-Murray-Nichols report stated that Cudney, Judge Paul Will be impeached for misconduct.

The Jones-Robinson report commented on the selection of witnesses and asked why a larger number of persons who might have given the investigation information were not called.

The minority report suggested the House, that the investigation be dropped.

RE BROAD.
PLACING JUDGE EARL WITT ON TRIAL FAVORABLE

Probers' Report to Committee.

Impeachment of Circuit Judge Earl Witt of Hot Springs was recommended to the House yesterday by a majority of the Special Committee appointed to investigate alleged laxity of law enforcement in the eighteenth Judicial Circuit, but a minority report was filed containing the evidence did not justify the recommendation.

The reports were referred to the Judiciary Committee by Speaker Brown. Chairman Carlton Harris of Jones County, said hearing would be held next week in the House chamber, the date to be announced later.

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LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
DATE: 2/11/37

Rules of NIH House were:

Chairman: C. M. Price

"So you will, therefore, note that the procedure followed in the only impeachment case in Arkansas was in accordance with the precedents outlined above.

Mr. Hollingsworth had drafted the method of impeachment for the State House of Representatives and received the following reply from Lewis他们都 understood the proceedings.

Mr. Hollingsworth had drafted the method of impeachment for the State House of Representatives and received the following reply from Lewis DeShong, the author of the letter:

"I am pleased to have been asked to submit my draft. However, I am confident that the procedures outlined in the letter are sound and will be followed in the future.

The majority report recommending Judge Witt's impeachment was signed by Representatives W. M. Thompson of Independence County, Lee Nichols of Logan and C. E. (Bob) Murray of Dallas County.

Petition of Lanier and Jones of Montgomery, signed on minority report.
PLACING JUDGE EARL WITT ON TRIAL FAVORED

 рассказал (некоторые детали в колонках), что его задача была задача решить, какой из вариантов правильнее. Он сказал, что хотя задача была задача решить, какой из вариантов правильнее, он считал, что в конечном итоге выбор был сделан в пользу одного из вариантов. Он отметил, что в отношении выбора одной из опций был проведен анализ, который показал, что этот вариант оказался более предпочтительным.
In another plot, the report says, was also targeted that in some specific instances, business houses connected by those not in sympathy with the local set-up were boycotted. When two prominent business men asked a number of questions and investigations, it was stated that the committee and the people who refused to guilty the committee and give valuable information to the committee for the reasons why they claimed that it would be detrimental to their persons and to their businesses, and force them to seek a local solution.

The majority also called attention to charges that the Hot Springs police have been guilty of gross brutality and impropriety and referred to the case of John Atkinson, who was shown by an eyewitness to have suffered serious injuries while he was a prisoner of the Hot Springs police.

Investigation of All Hot Springs Officials Urged.

As a remedy for present conditions in Hot Springs, the committee recommended:

"We cannot too strongly condemn the gross and inhuman practices of the police and other officials of Hot Springs, in their treatment of prisoners who are unfortunate enough to fall into their clutches. We do not condemn this condonation in the police officers alone, but in the tribunal case. In particular, the whole decision, the mayor, the municipal judge, and the city police, are guilty of either gross neglect of their duties, or of actual non-assistance in making this case improper attention after same was called to their attention. We think that this presentation can only be corrected by having the present judge vacate the city, and if the president is unable to appoint a special judge for this purpose, and if the judge appointed for that purpose approves, we recommend that the president appoint a new judge for the purpose of making the Hot Springs police give proper action."

The report discusses the Montgomery County situation by saying that it had not time to properly investigate the situation, but although there is evidence of bad conditions in the county, it was recommended that the proceeding against the police be speeded up.
Judge Witt Treated Unfairly,
Minority Charges.

The minority report signed by Representatives Jones and Robinson, said that the two legislators found that gambling had been conducted openly in Coos County and that the people of the county had been kept in ignorance that gambling had been conducted openly in Coos County.

The report further charged that the committee had been told by Judge Witt himself that there was no law prohibiting gambling in Oregon, and that the committee had been told that Judge Witt had no connection with the gambling interests in Coos county and that there was no law prohibiting gambling in Oregon.

The minority said: “We feel that the witnesses brought before the committee were carefully selected for the sole purpose of impeaching the circuit judge.”

The report said that although two former jurors said that they had seen Judge Witt under the influence of intoxicating liquor while presiding over his court, none of the other 22 jurors who served on those two cases were brought before the committee. Although their names were known to the committee.

The report called attention to the testimony of a witness who was an acquaintance of Judge Witt, who testified that he had heard Judge Witt say that he had been a judge for 65 years, in Coos bay, and that Judge Witt did not bear such a reputation.

The minority said that the committee had before it signatures of 65 persons who, while serving on grand juries, had heard Judge Witt charge the grand jury specifically as to the gambling laws.

The committee also stated that in fact that after Judge Witt assumed office, fines for gambling were increased to those prescribed by law.

The report said that “We are unable to connect Judge Witt with any election irregularities that may have existed in the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit.”

The report called attention to the fact that none of the recommendations of the committee majority would be favorable and recommended that further action be indefinitely postponed.
LEADERS HINT ACTION TO DROP WITT Trial; HOT SPRINGS INQUIRY

House indicates Impeachment Proceedings May Be ‘indefinitely Postponed’

ACTION EXPECTED TODAY

Jammed Calendar, Lack of Funds Given as Reasons

TO HAVE NIGHT SESSIONS

Hearing on Jurist Would Cost $100,000; Political Head Noy—Only $50 Now in Contingent Fund

By W. D. RESOR

From The Commercial Appeal

LITTLE ROCK, Feb. 21—Reliable sources indicated here tonight that further investigation of reported insanitary conditions in Hot Springs, including any impeachment proceedings against Judge Earl Witt, will be indefinitely postponed tomorrow by the House of Representatives.

The House voted Friday to devote Monday to consideration of the two reports of the House committee in charge of inquiry into the insanitary conditions in the Hot Springs judicial district. The majority report, signed by three members, recommended impeachment charges against Judge Witt, while the minority report signed by two members asked indigent postponement.

House Calendar Jammed

Political leaders said tonight that a resolution would be introduced to postpone action indefinitely on the ground that less than three weeks of the session remain with many indigent bills still demanding consideration. The calendar is so jammed that, as it now stands, legislation will not be started tomorrow night in an effort to clear the more important bills pending.

Cost or money to the House contingent fund is another reason for asking postponement. Less than $50 remains, and it is estimated conservatively that the impeachment trial would cost at least $100,000. Judge Witt would be privileged to appear with counsel and his witnesses. It is said that the hearing would take at least two weeks.

Report Challenged

The majority report of the committee recommended impeachment on grounds that Judge Witt has been seen on the streets of Hot Springs in an intoxicated condition; that he conducted courts under the influence of liquor; that he failed to act on charges of law violations in the late Democratic primary, and that he allowed gambling to run wide open in Hot Springs.

The minority report said that some witnesses appearing before the committee appeared to have been selected and their testimony altered before it was allowed to appear, and that charges against Judge Witt were not warranted.

The impeachment investigatory committee voted to file the report as it was by the present negative sentiment was overwhelming in favor of the investigation, but it is known to have undergone a decided change during the past week.
Probe Appears Shelved

There is every indication that the Arkansas House of Representatives will shelve the impeachment proceedings against Circuit Judge Witt growing out of the recent investigation of vice conditions in Hot Springs.

The attitude seems to be that with only three weeks of the session to go and with much legislation to be considered, the House does not want to push a situation that could result at most in the removal of one officer—and there have been many complaints that the hearing resulting in a majority committee report for impeachment was a closed proceeding.

Moreover, some legislators feel that the spotlight has been turned on the conditions as they existed, that the good people of Hot Springs were aroused and the salutary effect the investigation has had is sufficient without making a “goat” out of Judge Witt.

In other words, the legislature is about to bow out and put it right back in the hands of voters of Hot Springs. But civic conscience is hushed as time elapses. There is left only the flimsy hope that the men who permitted conditions to exist that brought brutal beating of prisoners and cruelties on jailers have been impressed with the proceedings. That assumption, however, demands more credulity than most of us have to spare.
Arkansas Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc.

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Chief of Bureau, Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington D.C.

February 25, 1939

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The inclosed clipping from this morning's issue of our state's leading newspaper prompts me to bring to your attention a number of recent developments in connection with the reign of crime, corruption and terror in our National Park. The other inclosed newspaper clippings will serve to give you the story better than I could repeat it. This morning's news story as you will see draws the Federal Government into our picture, even though it may be a vein and impractical hope.

That there are aspects of this whole situation, such as evasions of income taxes by the ones receiving the large pay off, and the harboring of national criminals here (who were being sought by the Federal Government) that should command more attention from the Federal Government many of us are convinced. You, though may know far more about this than we do. The point just now is that with efforts to get some action that will make possible the breaking up of official corruption at some point so that the paralysis of our courts will be lifted, we are turning to you, for some help. We have taken you at your word as quoted from your address before the New York Herald Tribune Conference last March, in which you said, "Just so long as there is no highly active opposition to crime in a community, just so long will that community be crime ridden." About a dozen of us here, jeopardizing our lives, our businesses, our future have furnished the active opposition. We have been persecuted, censured by the local newspapers (which are owned by the same publisher and who is an agent of the corrupt administration) for belaboring our own "fair city" which is so notoriously known from one end of the continent to the other as "the haven of the criminal and friend of the felon". We have done everything that we possibly could to aid the committee who are investigating. Their report as you will see from the inclosed Post Dispatch account furnished sufficient evidence for the charges of impeachment, but note the complete reversal in vote. It would take more than a page to give you all the reasons for this. The accepted explanation on the streets of Eot Springs is "the use of money".

[Inclosed clipping]

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Now, you are probably wondering in all this what we want you to do. We feel, following this morning's newspaper story, that it would have a very salutary effect if you would on
the scene down here, even for just one day, and even though you didn't do a thing but get some information. The full import of the whole situation cannot be told you in letters. The one thing this arrogant, ruthless and brutal political machine fears above everything else is the Federal Government. They think that the fact that you have done nothing up to the present time, is pretty good indication that you are going to continue to let them alone. There are lawyers and others here who can supply you with an amazing amount of information, included among them the Superintendent of our National Park.

Would you give us a little encouragement?

May I hear from you at once?

Sincerely yours,

Muriel Wood

Box 315

Hot Springs Arkansas

I am now past president of the Arkansas Congress of Parents & Teachers, having served 4 years the limit of time allowed by our by-laws. My husband is an ex-Circuit Judge, having served two terms, and voluntarily taking from office 15 years ago to return to his legal practice. He has always been on the side of law enforcement (being a judge) and an enemy to the criminal, the racketeer and grabber of theft.
Not a single person was prosecuted. A former prosecuting attorney of Orleans County was quoted as saying that after he took office he attended two hearings with Mayor McLaughlin, agreeing that the gambling houses would be allowed to operate under certain conditions. He was quoted as saying, "It was a sin to close the gambling houses."

However, the city of Hot Springs decided to close the gambling houses. This decision was made by the city council and the county council. The council voted to close the gambling houses and divide the city into districts.

When asked about the decision, Mayor McLaughlin said, "We do not want to close the gambling houses. We want to keep them open."

The decision was met with mixed reactions by the residents of Hot Springs. Some were happy about the decision, while others were not.

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BRR!
Momma! It's too warm.
The spring authorities reported today at reports federal control of the city may be sought as an after

The Gazette said the legislature may be asked to extend the boundaries of Hot Springs National Park to include all of the city of Hot Springs and to turn over to the federal government supervision of police in the entire area.

"Under the proposed plan," reported the newspaper, "the state would relinquish to the federal government police power in the national park area and presumably law enforcement would be turned over to the United States Department of Justice."

This development spurred a visit of a delegation of Hot Springs officials to Gov. Earl R. Forey. After the House of representatives amended a Hot Springs law enforcement bill, Forey declared the city is beginning in its march toward freedom and full control of the area.

The proposed bill is a measure designed to extend the boundaries of Hot Springs National Park, which recently was enlarged under the authority of the U.S. government and now covers more than 1.200 square miles, or slightly more than one and a half square miles.

Forey said the city has been under the jurisdiction of the federal government for 10 years.

The Gazette said the Senate bill is designed to extend the boundaries of Hot Springs National Park.

The bill was introduced by Rep. W. A. Thompson, who headed the Hot Springs investigation and other members of the committee. Thompson and other members unhesitatingly asked to report the proceedings against the Circuit Judge Earl W. Stith on charges of misconduct.

The majority report also proposed special grand jury inquiry of local authorities in Hot Springs with reference to gambling and alleged general law enforcement.

"I have no objection," said Thompson, "I have no objection, and shall begin to work for the people of the state until I can be disposed of at all such matters as exist in this Springs are disposed of when the people know the facts.

No such.
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K. SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1937.

PAGE SEVEN.
The past week at Little Rock commands attention. Arkabas has been doing good things. First, the official declaration of war on the sinister status quo at Hot Springs. Second, the development of a new threat against Commonwealth College was combated. Third, the sustained move in favor of the anti-evolution law.

The country as a whole will be primarily interested in the administration's determination to rid the State of an evil and re-establish Hot Springs in its proper state as a national spa.

The resort has long been notorious. It was obvious, of course, that such fumes must be allowed to persist only at the peril of the government. The city hall, the courts, the legislature of law enforcement. As invariably happens, the partnership between lawlessness and the personnel of law and order is at last at an end. Corruption is overthrown. No appetite grows on what it feeds. That is the story of Hot Springs.

It is a tale that is ending. A legislative committee appointed to investigate common law has done a splendid job. It has produced the evidence. It has brought corruption to light. It has found a man of record blantly criminal. It has found the municipal government through with graft. It has found connections with the underworld's pay roll. Its report is a warning, chapter-and-verse indictment.

The committee has outlined a course of action for the conspirators, bringing them to justice. What is the offense who have been?
Committee Would Protect Visitors.

Effort to Be Made to Secure Federal Protection for Resort.

Several members of the legislature, who said they were not ready to talk for publication, confirmed reports per-

sently that a bill presented to the legislature would in-

tend to enlarge the Hot Springs National Park area of the wall to the

the federal government.

An act was passed in 1919 to vest

exclusive jurisdiction of all lands "free

of all public rights and restrictions" within the park area in the federal govern-

ment. The act provided that this grant of

jurisdiction should not prevent the ap-

pearance of any civil or criminal suit or pro-

cess on any person within the park

area. It reserved the right for the state
to tax all structures and other prop-

erty in private ownership within the

National Park area.

Evidencing jurisdiction to the

federal government would not interfere

with the other operations and func-
tions of the municipal and state govern-

ments or the city of Hot Springs, a legislator said. The Mu-

nicipal Court still would have jurisdiction over civil matters, but violation of
criminal laws would be handled either by the United States commissioner, or in

federal court, it was said.

McClennen Will File Bill To Enlarge Hot Springs Park.

Washington, Feb. 24 (UP).—Representa-
tive John L. McClennen of Malvern, Ark., and today he was preparing to

introduce a bill to extend boundaries of the Hot Springs National Park area, but the city of Hot Springs would not

be included. The bill, McClennen said, and nothing whatever to do with any

political controversy over governmen-
FEDERAL POLICE AT HOT SPRINGS TO BE SOUGHT

Committee Would Protect Visitors.

Hot Springs, Ark., Feb. 24 (AP)—A Citizens Committee which conferred with Donald A. Libbey, Hot Springs National Park superintendent today, proposed a plan for the federal government to take over police jurisdiction of the city. Recently seven members of the Hot Springs Police Department were indicted on charges of second degree murder.

A member of the committee who would not permit use of his name said the plan contemplated no change in any jurisdiction.

Superintendent Libbey said he told the group that any "formal application" by the state for the federal government to take over jurisdiction of Hot Springs would be transmitted to the director of the National Park Service.

It was said that the proposed federal police jurisdiction would extend only to the city limits and would not affect Oaklawn race track or "circus" outside the city limits. Under the proposal the federal police would enforce all municipal and state criminal statutes within the city proper.

Protection sought.

A member of the committee said that the proposed plan would not interfere with any other functions of the municipal government. There is a feeling of increasing liability to the federal government, he said, and the property owners would continue to pay taxes in the city and state as at present.

"As things now stand, the federal government looks the visitor to Hot Springs, but does little or nothing to protect him after he gets here," said this informant.

"This plan, if it could be put into effect, would assure protection for residents and visitors alike and once and for all would end the turmoil and anarchy that so frequently disrupt this community.

"It is not aimed at any individual or group. It is intended for the good of all. The plan originated because it would result in greatly increased property values and a rapid growth in the city's population."

The name declined to name others.

"Mr. Libbey, you said there was "quite a number."

The National Park Service maintains a small force of park rangers in Hot Springs for police purposes. They patrol the area and enforce national park and state park regulations.

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ON CASE PRINCIPALS

Life Terms For Widow And Her Lover

'State marriage' in Arkansas revealed

Special to the Gazette.

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To Organize Ouachita Valley Group

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Special to the Gazette.
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Rep. William M. Thompson of Garland county asked the House to determine whether or not the House should make an investigation of the recent gambling charges against officials in the Hot Springs area.

Witt replied, "I know the people of Garland and Collin County will understand the local source from which this request has come and the motive that has prompted it."
ASH! - The Tonight!
One Killed As Autos Collide At Camden

Trades Pianos With Flood's Assistance

Charleston, N.C., Feb. 23 (AP)—The recent flood took John Johnson's piano away—but it brought him another just as good. Johnson's home is in the Blue Point-New Madrid flood-

Body of Farm Youth Found Near Newport

State D. A. R. To Open Meet At Texarkana

One Killed As Train Strikes Auto
HOUSE AGAINST IMPEACHMENT OF JUDGE WITT

Exoneration Move Wins, 70-20.

Circuit Judge Bert Witt of Hot Springs, of the Eighteenth Judicial District, was commenced official misconduct by the House yesterday. The vote was 70 to 20 for adoption of a recommendation of the House of the Whole against impeachment proceedings.

Practically the entire day was devoted consideration of a motion by Ward of Lee not to impeach. Majority and minority reports of the Special Committee appointed to investigate reports of bribery in the enforcement of laws in the district, which includes Garland and Montgomery counties, had been referred to the Committee of the Whole after the Judiciary Committee declined to consider them. The Ward motion was seconded by McNair of Polk.

The special committee spent more than four weeks investigating allegations of misconduct between law enforcement officers and the criminal elements of Hot Springs. The majority report of the committee, signed by Chairman W. M. Thompson of Independence, Lee Nichols of Logan and L. E. "Red" Murry of Dallas, recommended the impeachment proceedings be voted against Judge Witt. The minority report, signed by Pat Robinson of Lafayette and James Fread Jones of Montgomery, declared evidence insufficient to impeach.

Changes outlined in the resolution adopted by the House January 14 by a vote of 71 to 31, were that Judge Witt had appeared on the street and on the bench in an intoxicated condition, that he had taken no steps to prevent open gambling in Hot Springs and that he failed to cause an investigation of alleged fraud in last summer's state primary election.

Vote by Which Judge Witt is Exonerated.

After the Committee of the Whole had voted, 56 to 14, to adopt the Ward motion, the committee was dissolved.

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The vote was taken on the recommendation of the committee.

The vote follows:

- For: A. Brown, B. Johnson, C. Taylor
- Against: D. Clark, E. Davis
- Absent: F. Rogers, G. Wilson, H. White, I. Lee, J. Brown
Woman Accused In Fatal Gunplay

Special to The Gazette.

Perryville, Feb. 12.—Ostie Paulina, about 31, died in a hospital here today after having been shot late Saturday night in a fight at "Pete's Place" a restaurant and dance hall operated by Ralph Mclntry, near Green- land, five miles north of here. Ostie's husband, John, served as cook in the restaurant. Apparently, Ostie was fighting with her husband, who was visited an evening earlier by a woman who said she saw him with Mclntry's Elva and feared she was going to "get away with it." Ostie's husband may have allowed Mclntry to make him do it and that the husband subsequently brought charges against her today. Officers who were called to the place after Paulina had been shot said that they knew that earlier in the night Mclntry had an altercation with Lloyd Coburn of Perryville. They said that they were told that Cober left, declaring that he was going to Perry- ville, get some friends and return and "shoot the place." They said that Paulina was one of the men who returned to Mclntry's establishment with Coburn and that the fight and shooting followed.

Groups 3 and 4 of Bankers' Association to Amalgamate.

Special to The Gazette.

Perryville, Feb. 12.—Groups 3 and 4 of the Arkansas Bankers' Association were formed into Group 3 at a meeting held here yesterday. The meeting was attended by 223 bankers. Frank D. Pope of Van Buren was elected chairman. The association has an aggregate membership of members from 14 counties. Other officers chosen were: Don At- tison, Bentonville, vice-chairman; and J. W. Wills, Fort Smith, secretary-treasurer. A convention nominating committee was selected composed of J. B. Burch, Franks Springs, and Clyde Hix of Charleston. Members of the Legislative Committee are Horace Wagner, Mclntry, Moses Whitmer, Greenwood, I. R. Lewis, Perryville. Wayne Hines, Rogers, and J. A. Purnell, Harrison.

Speakers included J. B. Burch, vice-president of the Commerce Trust Company, Fort Smith, and A. B. Neal of Jonesville, president of the Arkansas Bankers' Association. A meeting was held at the end of the meeting.

Record Claimed for University Men's Bible Class.

Special to the Gazette.

Perryville, Feb. 12.—The University Men's Bible Class of the Central Presbyterian church in Perryville is believed to be the oldest and largest class of its kind in the state. It has been functioning under the same name since 1912 when Dr. Harrison Hail, head of the Chemistry Department at the University of Arkansas, became teacher. Attendee attendance has increased yearly, with an average of 25 for the last 10 years. 
CAPTURED BY G-MEN

AT LEAST ONE OUTLAW TAKEN IN SWIFT RAID

U. S. Officers Seek Karpis, Campbell

Special to the Gazette.

Hot Springs, March 20—It was learned here late tonight that federal officers who raided a cottage on Lake Colubero, six miles southeast of Hot Springs early this morning, captured at least one man, identified as Gennaro Karpis.

The prisoner, or prisoners, were carried away immediately. It is believed that they were taken either to Little Rock, Hot Springs or Cleveland.

It was learned that the federal officers were looking for a man named Campbell, as well as Karpis. Campbell is said to have been implicated in a train robbery and to have been an associate of Karpis.

Also it was learned that the federal officers who made the raid this morning identified postal inspectors and Union Railroad Patrol officers as well as men from the Department of Justice Bureau of Investigation.

Raiders Say They Failed

To Capture Karpis.

A squad of not less than 25 government agents, brought here in airplanes and use of railroads from Ohio, Alabama, Kansas and Missouri, arrived late today at Lawrence Hotel, across street from Hot Springs, and on the road to deliver early this morning.

They had hoped to capture Alvin Karpis, the nation's public enemy No. 1, but failed when the man was not on the premises.

Although the government agents searched the entire house from top to bottom and the surrounding country, they failed to find any sign of the notorious outlaws.

The search continued until late this afternoon, when it was learned that the men were not in the house and that they had left the area.

The search was repeated several times throughout the night, but no trace of the outlaws was found.

The police are now concentrating on other areas and believe that the outlaws are still in the vicinity.

Observer Declares Two Persons Taken Prisoners.

The government men reported that the search was limited to the vicinity of the house, but that no one was taken prisoner.

However, a man who was identified as a known associate of Karpis was arrested and taken to the police station.

Hot Springs Police Learn They Had Narrow Escape.

Hot Springs police learned several weeks ago that Karpis and Karpis were in the vicinity of the house. They searched the area on March 20 and found a man who was identified as Gennaro Karpis.

The police learned that the occupants of the house had been released by the authorities and that they had been allowed to leave the area.

The officials of the house left immediately following the visit of the police.

Fingerprints obtained from the cottage were said to have established that Karpis had been there.

Hoping to throw the thieves off their scent, the police announced that their visit to the cottage was due to a mistaken identity and that they had learned that the cottage was occupied by a man who was wanted for murder in a case in Chicago.

The man was released after two hours and the police returned to the house.

Negro Girl Identifies Karpis.

Photograph of Hunter.

Following their visit to the house, the police obtained a photograph of a Negro girl who claimed to have seen Karpis. The photograph was taken by a local photographer and was shown to the man who identified him as Karpis.

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Karpis Reported to Have Been in Hot Springs.

It was reported here today that Karpis had been in Hot Springs for a period of several weeks, and that he had visited the house several times.

Karpis has been identified as a well-known outlaw and is wanted for murder in several other cases.
Photograph of Mr. Karpis

There was seen a photograph of Mr. Karpis, the man who is believed to be the man who visited the house.

The house, which is close to the Porsha Pool, is located on a hill that overlooks a view of Lake Catherine and the surrounding country, including roads that lead to the house.

Visitors to Scene of Raid
Meet frosty reception.

In the raid, the federal officers crept close to the house and then shot out the windows with guns that fired lead bullets.

The sound of the shooting caused persons living in that section to hurry to the scene. They met with a frosty reception.

First to arrive at the road that leads from the Hot Springs-Malvern highway was E. C. McPherson, Jr. He was stopped at the entrance to the grounds and was told to remain within sight of several armed men hiding behind trees. He stood there for about a half-hour, he estimated.

Other persons living in the vicinity were forbidden to enter the grounds.

When news of the raid reached the Hot Springs police headquarters, Chief W. W. Woolf, Chief of Detectives Herbert Allen, and Cecil Stott and newspapermen hurried to the area.

In the rear of the raided house they were met by a squad of five government men, none of whom would reveal his name.

The man who appeared to be in charge of the incident said that no one was in the house.

The Garten correspondent noted that a room on the second floor had been damaged by fire. On the ground floor, he said, party barriers were out.

He asked if to the scene of the raid and one of the government men replied that the fire had started when the house and farm were let into the house. He added that he and his companions had rushed in and extinguished the flames.

All the members of the raiding party were灯火 well equipped for their work, each wore a bullet-proof vest and a gas mask.

When the correspondents asked permission to look around, one of the federal officers answered:

"Please go in front of the house."

"We might meet with a sharp reception."

"We would not recognize you."
Murder Trial Opens At Booneville

Special of the Gazette.

Booneville. March 29.—Albert Holder, a blue mountain farmer, charged with the murder of W. T. Rice, age 55, and his stepdaughter, Mrs. W. T. Rice, a 48-year-old woman, was convicted of murder in a Booneville courtroom today.

The trial was held in the courthouse and was presided over by Judge Henry Martin. The jury consisted of 12 men and 12 women.

The prosecution was represented by attorney J. W. Brown, while the defense was represented by attorney W. H. Thomas.

During the trial, Holder maintained his innocence, stating that he was out of town on the day of the murder. The prosecution presented evidence that Holder had been seen at the scene of the crime, and that he had a motive to commit the murder.

The case was tried over a period of three days, and the jury deliberated for an hour before reaching a verdict.

Judge Martin sentenced Holder to life in prison, with no possibility of parole.

Warren Labor Case Delayed To April 15

Special from the Arkansas Democrat.

Washington, March 30.—The U.S. Department of Labor has delayed the hearing on the unfair labor practice complaint filed by the Arkansas Labor Council.

The hearing was scheduled for April 15, but the department has asked for more time to investigate the case.

The complaint alleges that the company has violated the National Labor Relations Act by engaging in unfair labor practices.

The company has denied the allegations and has requested a hearing.

Judge Refuses To Disqualify Himself

Special from the Arkansas Democrat.

Hope, March 30.—County Judge H. M. Stephens refused to disqualify himself from hearing the case because he was a member of the company.

The case involves a dispute between the company and a group of employees over work assignments.

Judge Stephens said that he would remain on the case, but that he would recuse himself from any roles that might be perceived as a conflict of interest.

The case has been scheduled for a hearing on April 15, and the judge has set a preliminary hearing for April 10.
Buttsville Fana Telegraph

To Dave Lockhard.

Special to the News.

Buttsville, March 29—Buttsville high ball took the afternoon wood $35 to Don, Lockhard, the University of Arkansas basketball team's star, in the final game of the series while 25 people were in attendance.

Lockhard has a sister on the Red Oak High School faculty before going to college. He has played for Mr. and Mrs. L. Lockhard, live here.

Miss Purnell Wins on 11 Track at Tropical Park

Tropical Park, Fla., March 30—Miss Purnell,istine,une once for Charles, Automated, ridden by W. W. Rhein, led all the way except for a couple of seconds when the fractional time was 6:19. She won the final race, a 10-furlong event, with a bullet time of 1:40 4-4. She was allowed 10 pounds for the race and paid $1.00 for $2.00 and $2.50 to win. She made the wire at 1:40 4-4.

Mr. Purnell, after improving his bid to $30,000 told his connections that the horse was not for sale. The horse was a Florida-bred and paid $1.00 for $2.00 and $2.50 to win. He was allowed 10 pounds for the race and made the wire at 1:40 4-4.

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NEW HOT SPRINGS.

Officials in Hot Springs, Arkansas, have announced the opening of a new hot spring, which is expected to be a great attraction to tourists.

INTELLIGENCE.

The New York Times reports that the federal government is considering the construction of a new railway line from New York to Chicago.

DEATH OF MRS. COOPER.

Mrs. Sarah Cooper, wife of the celebrated actor, has died at her home in New York. She was 62 years old and had been in poor health for some time.

WATER SHORTAGE.

The city of St. Louis is experiencing a water shortage, due to the dry weather.

Crashes, Incidents, Accidents

- A car crash occurred on Market Street, involving two vehicles.
- A pedestrian was struck by a car on Olive Street.
- A minor accident occurred on Chouteau Avenue, involving a bicycle and a car.
IS POST-DISPATCH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1926—4 PAGES

1 Mrs. Still

The news was described by many as a sorrowful one. However, there is no reason to believe that Mrs. Still's death was anything but natural. Her passing has been attributed to heart failure, which had been ailing her for some time. She was known for her kind and gentle nature, and will be missed by all who knew her.

2 Holyoke

Holyoke has been the scene of much activity lately. With the opening of the new school year, the community has been buzzing with excitement. The new gymnasium is a testament to the hard work and dedication put in by the community. The students are thrilled with their new space, and the teachers are eager to see what they can create with it.

3 Baseball

The local baseball team has been making waves in the league. With a solid defense and a powerful offense, they are currently sitting at the top of the standings. Fans are excited to see what the rest of the season holds for them.

4 Business

The local businesses have reported a steady increase in sales. This is likely due to the recent good weather, which has allowed for increased outdoor activities and shopping.

5 Community Event

The annual community event is just around the corner. This year's event promises to be the best yet, with a variety of activities and attractions for all ages. The community is looking forward to it with much anticipation.

6 Local News

Local news has been relatively calm this week. There have been no major incidents to report, and the community is feeling peaceful and secure.

7 National News

On the national stage, there has been much activity. The economy is hitting a peak, with low unemployment and high wages. However, there has been a call for more regulations to prevent the market from becoming too volatile.

8 International News

The international scene has been relatively quiet this week. There have been no major conflicts or wars, and the world is in a state of relative peace.

9 Science

In the world of science, there have been several advancements. A new drug has been developed that shows promise in treating cancer, and there has been a breakthrough in renewable energy sources.

10 Entertainment

The entertainment industry has been abuzz with activity. A new movie has been released that has received critical acclaim, and a popular TV show has returned for a new season.

11 Sports

The local sports teams have been performing well. The soccer team is leading their league, and the basketball team is making a strong run for the championship.

12 Obituary

Mrs. Still, a beloved member of the community, passed away last week. She will be missed by all who knew her. Her legacy will live on through the memories and stories that she has left behind.

13 Editorial

The editorial of the week is about the importance of community involvement. It highlights the benefits of volunteering and giving back to the community, and encourages others to do their part.

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The editorial of the week is about the importance of education. It highlights the benefits of a strong education system and encourages others to support it.

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The opinion of the week is about the need for more diversity in the workplace. The writer argues that a diverse workforce leads to better ideas and innovation.

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March 3, 1937

Mrs. Scott Wood,
Box 313,
Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Dear Mrs. Wood:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your communication of February 23, 1937, enclosing newspaper clippings, concerning conditions which are alleged to exist at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Please be advised that I am instructing Mr. Chapman Fletcher, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 530 Sector Building, Little Rock, Arkansas, to arrange for an interview in the immediate future, so that you may furnish any information in your possession which may pertain to a violation of any law coming within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau to the agent who calls upon you.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Harold Nathan,
Assistant Director.

cc Little Rock (Enclosed copies of incoming letter. No copies of newspaper clippings enclosed.)
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

CASE NO. 1
FILE NO. 69-118

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
2-23-37
2-24-37
N. A. DIDDLE

SUSPICIOUS PERSONS, HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, DRIVING FORD CAR, LICENSE NUMBER 166145.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:
Kansas City Field Division, Police Department, Kansas City, Kansas and Kansas City, Missouri, have no record of R. A. Rudolph and have no theft report on Ford car, license 166145.

REFERENCE:
Telegram from Little Rock Field Di.

DETAILS:

In telegram of reference the Little Rock Field Division advised that the Police Department, Hot Springs, Arkansas, had reported several individuals residing in Hot Springs under suspicious circumstances, including a party driving a Ford car, license 166145, bearing 1937 Kansas license 1-299, registered in the name of R. A. Rudolph, 11th Ruby Street, Kansas City, Kansas.

The Little Rock Field Division requested information as to whether this car was stolen or if Rudolph was wanted.

L. E. Westphal, Auto Theft Bureau, Police Department, Kansas City, Kansas, advised the writer by telephone that the Auto Theft Bureau, Kansas City, Kansas, has no record of a Ford car, license 166145 as having been stolen. Mr. Westphal further advised their license books show that 1937 Kansas license 1-299 had been issued to one R. A. Rudolph, whose address was shown as 1119 Ruby Street, Kansas City, Kansas.

After examining the identification records of the

CHIEF WANTED
J. H. WADSWORTH

CASE NO. 1
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BUREAU
Little Rock
Kansas City

OCCUPIES DESTROYED
11 MAR 04 1937
Kansas City, Kansas Police Department. Mr. Westphal further stated that he could not locate any record of R. A. Ratcliff or R. A. Radcliff.

Special Agent F. X. John ascertained at the Auto Theft Bureau, Kansas City, Missouri, that that Bureau has no record of instant Ford cars.

Special Agent John also ascertained at the Identification Bureau of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department that that Bureau has no record of anyone by the name of R. A. Radcliff or R. A. Ratcliff.

The substance of the foregoing information was furnished the Little Rock Division by telegram on February 18, 1937.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION
TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN.
TO ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

Reference is made to my circular letter of November 30, 1938 requesting that you be on the look-out for a 1938 Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, Motor Number 158-159668, which automobile is black in color with green wire wheels.

It has been ascertained that this automobile is now carrying 1936 Arkansas license 141-636 and, therefore, it would be appreciated if you will watch for this license. In the event any information is received concerning this automobile we would appreciate your immediate advice by telephoning Little Rock 7534 collect or telegraphing this office, the address of which is 500 Tower Building.

Very truly yours,

John E. Little
Special Agent in Charge

BID: 473
11-38

cc: Recorded 7-576-3-43
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[Stamp]
February 23, 1937

Division of Investigation
F. B. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 612
Chicago, Illinois

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

It is noted in letter of February 20th, 1937 of the Little Rock Field Division that Agent D. F. Sullivan has been ordered to Washington Field Division for assignments.

Agent Sullivan is now in charge of the detail under my supervision making inquiry under cover as to the situation at Hot Springs, Arkansas where we are maintaining several tapers. The situation there now is that as soon as we make certain additional checks on telephones and particularly as to additional tapers on certain houses of prostitution we will initiate an open inquiry. We expect to check particularly on two houses which Mayor Leo F. McLaughlin is reputed to own. In an open inquiry we will try later to successfully show the harboring of Alvin Karpis by Herbert Akers as well as the general corrupt set up which made this possible.

It is believed that Agent Sullivan should remain at Hot Springs at least until Agent J. L. Medina can replace him for the time of the undercover inquiry. When the open inquiry is started, Agents Medina and Sullivan should both be there for this work.

Will you please so arrange the assignments of Agents Medina and Sullivan so that either or both can be there for the further undercover inquiry and both to be there when open inquiry is made.

Very truly yours,

Inspectors

Little Rock
Cleveland
TELETYPE

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FBI LITTLE ROCK 2-27-37 5-30 P. DAN
DIRECTOR

SEKID. TAP RENEWED AT HOTSPRINGS 6 PM. YESTERDAY ON POLICE
TELEPHONE 123 AND CHIEF OF POLICE TELEPHONE 446 AND MAYOR'S
TELEPHONE 648.

TAP ON RESIDENCE W S JACOBS 2115 DISCONTINUED AT PRESENT TIME
DUE TO REPAIR ACTIVITIES BY TELEPHONE EMPLOYEES IN VICINITY. WILL
ADVISE WHEN RENEWED WHICH IS EXPECTED IN NEAR FUTURE.

FLETCHER

END
Post office Box 6444
Little Rock, Arkansas
February 8, 1937

Special Agent in Charge
New York City, New York

Recently information was received that one
Vic Ford (may be Ford) is now in Hot Springs, Arkansas,
acting as a bodyguard and employee of W.G. Jacobs, who
controls all gambling, at ostera in Hot Springs.

Ford is said to be a gangster and killer from
New York City.

It is suggested that inquiry be made concern-
ing this person and information obtained as to his identity,
at ostera, and the same provided the Little Rock Division at
your earliest convenience. It is also requested that if
possible a photograph be obtained and forwarded for the use
of this Division. It is possible that this person is wanted
by the State authorities of New York or by the New York City
Police Department.

Very truly yours,

John B. Little,
Special Agent in Charge.

MIL:IN
7-5
33-39
cc Bureau
Cincinnati

COPIES DESTROYED
11 MAR 25 1935
Interesting conversations overheard through tap on residences telephone of W. S. Jacobs quoted herein, and certain mostly gambling activities and legislative investigation. Majority report filed by legislative investigating committees, recommending impeachment of Circuit Judge and grand jury investigation of other officials, but report not accepted by House, which voted against impeachment. Taps being re-installed on telephones of Police and Mayor.

As previously reported, the taps on the police and Mayor's telephones in Hot Springs, Arkansas, were temporarily removed on February 10, 1937, because of activities of telephone company employees. Investigation and inquiries in Hot Springs immediately thereafter and during a part of the period covered by this report disclosed no evidence or indications that the existence or location of these taps had been discovered by the telephone company or the subscribers. However, due to the apparent unrest in Hot Springs, caused by the legislative investigation these taps were not reinstated. On February 23, 1937 the legislative investigation terminated and re-installation of these taps was

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authorized by Inspector Comelley. The case will therefore be reinstated on the morning of February 24, 1939.

Re: Legislative Investigation
of Hot Springs, Ark.

A hearing was held by the Legislative Investigating Committee on the night of February 10th, at which time several witnesses testified, and some of their testimony appeared in local newspapers. The substance of interesting testimony, as appearing in the newspapers, was:

L. D. Cooper, former President of the Chamber of Commerce, testified that he owned no interest in the Southern Club, but that he had been receiving checks from J. S. Jacobs for three or four years, the annual checks ranging from $500.00 to $1,000.00. He testified that he did not know whether he owned an interest in the Belvedere. He said Mr. Jacobs was one of his best friends and some years ago loaned Jacobs a few hundred dollars to go into the motion picture business. The committee indicated in its questioning of Mr. Cooper, that the books indicated he received 1936 dividends of $1,500.00 from the Belvedere and $1,075.00 from the Southern Club. Mr. Cooper claimed that because of his age (72) his memory was not so good, but insisted that he owned no part of the Southern Club.

B. N. Vernon testified that he once worked at the Southern Club, and in 1931 opened a "bookie" on Broadway; that he first started to open on Malvern Avenue, but was told that Judge Witt said there was a gentleman's agreement not to have gambling on Malvern; that the Sheriff and Constable told them to report in court at times and they were fined $100.00 and costs, they answering to a name given them by the officers.

Walter Edel, newspaper reporter, testified that Jacobs paid him a weekly salary of $25.00 "for what publicity I can give the city," that he once worked for Jacobs four or five years ago and that Jacobs is now an endorser on an automobile note for him. (Note logs showing activities of Edel.)

Mrs. Gladys Wilson, former Editor of a Hot Springs newspaper called "Public Opinion" and now engaged in the loan business, refused to testify in a public hearing.
The newspapers indicated at this session of the committee a delegation from Montgomery County appeared and introduced a statement in favor of Judge Witt.

According to press releases the committee held another public hearing on the night of February 11, 1937, and then announced the termination of the hearings. At this hearing, according to the newspapers, the following interesting testimony was introduced:

Mr. Samuel M. Pinn testified as to the loss of approximately $2,000.00 to confidence men and that he learned recently that the money was divided in Hot Springs, and that a relative of an official was mixed up in it.

John Albright, Hot Springs beer dealer, testified to seeing Judge Earl Witt on the bench and he appeared like he was drinking, but not drunk.

Dr. M. O. Evans, Hot Springs chiropractor, testified that Judge Witt was drunk on the occasion mentioned by Mr. Albright. (Dr. Evans was defeated for State Senator by Walter Chestley.) Nat W. Burgess, neighbor of Judge Witt, testified that he had seen Judge Witt in a drunken condition.

Ormond Shaw, Superintendent of theincome Tax Division of the State Revenue Department, testified as to the following income tax returns filed with the State:

1924 - Archie Ledgerwood - $21,266.00; to W. S. Jacobs. (This person had previously testified that he gave $26,000 to his brother, Municipal Judge Verne Ledgerwood, in 1924 as a “gift” and that his share of the Solvadera was purchased with funds borrowed from a man who is now deceased (having been shot recently in the Arlington Hotel) but he destroyed the notes.)

1925 - Archie Ledgerwood - $28,552.60. (No gifts were shown in either return.)

1925 - Leo McLaughlin - $5,975.04. Net from business, $220.00, from Liberty Bonds and $498.92 from rental property, making a net income of $5,993.96.

1926 - Houston Emery - $7,800.00 (salary).
No tax returns filed by Municipal Judge Yarns
Ledgewood since 1931.

On February 11th, according to the newspapers, a delegation of business and professional men of Hot Springs, which was 147 in number and included 34 professionals and businesses, 6 ministers, 12 lawyers, several doctors and bankers, introduced a statement criticizing conditions in Hot Springs. The spokesman of this committee was Mr. Ray S. Smith, real estate dealer and former Secretary of the Democratic Central Committee.

For the purpose of ascertaining if this legislative investigation had been completed, and other purposes, the following activity was conducted by Special Agent J. R. Calhoun, as disclosed by his memorandum:

"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 my 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 $6,000.00 to $12,000.00 presumably for the calendar year of 1936. 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 Ledgewood, a brother of the Municipal Judge at Hot Springs, Arkansas, had received $90,000.00. 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 $80,000.00 in Government Bonds; she did not know the source of the same or where they were placed later by her husband."
"Murry told me he had been involved in a chain of hotels which included the Hotel Majestic at Hot Springs, and the Hotel Marion in Little Rock, had become alarmed at the threat of the Legislature 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 furthermore, 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 "bodyguards" to Little Rock and a few of these men watched the approach to the office of Mr. Manning 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 "Dick" Daleas, now serving a term in the
Federal Penitentiary at Alcatraz, was determined to kill Louis MeLaughlin 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 the 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 any tribune 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 at that time and that my investigation at Hot Springs concerned such cases and inquiries made of the Hot Springs Police Department in those cases produced cooperation from Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers and Identification Officer Cecil Brook of the Hot Springs Police Department, inasmuch as such inquiries were as to the location of streets or the finding of witnesses for interview.

"Murry asked me if the Bureau had any information to indicate that Alvin Carps 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 Monroe, February 10, 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 Police 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 8:45 P.M. until a few minutes after 9:00 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 acquaintance with Mr. Ide 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, 1933. I did not know his identity until the 28th day of December, 1938, 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 Marry who was a member of the Legislature from Fordyce, but I had thought it was his father, Ike Marry, Sr. I do not know anything as to the reliability of Mr. Ike Marry, Jr., the member of the Legislature, but his family has always been well regarded in Fordyce, Arkansas.

Subsequent to the above activity by Special Agent J. R. Callahan, and on February 18, 1937 the committee filed two reports with the House of Representatives. The majority report, signed by Representatives W. M. Thompson (chairman), Lee Nichols and Ike Marry, recommended impeachment proceedings against Circuit Judge Earl Pitt, the appointment of a new judge pending impeachment proceedings with new jury commissioners and a new grand jury selected at Hot Springs to investigate misfeasance and nonfeasance on the part of officials at Hot Springs. The minority report, submitted by Representatives P. C. Robinson and Fred Jones, stated they found no just grounds for further action by the Legislature and recommended that further action be indefinitely postponed. The minority report further stated that they were of the opinion the investigation was not fair or impartial.

On this date both reports were referred by the Speaker to the Judiciary Committee for appropriate action. However, on February 19, 1937 the Judiciary Committee reported a vote of 27 to 2 on a motion that the matter be taken out of it's hands as they didn't want to have anything to do with it. The matter was then referred to the House as a Committee of the Whole for appropriate action.

On February 22, 1937 the House, acting as a Committee of the Whole, passed a resolution not to vote impeachment by a vote of 70 to 80 and thus terminated the legislative investigation. The newspaper articles reporting this activity quoted Representative Lee Nichols as stating there were 700 pages of testimony transcribed and 100 pages yet to be typed. Discreet inquiries will be made to
Mr. Bernard Machino (phonetic) of Memphis, Tenn., called on long distance after exchange of personal greetings, etc.

Bernard: Say, that Chairman of the racing commission Hilliard is a personal friend of mine - you know, he was one of Bailey's first appointees. He lives at Winn, Ark. He is a right guy, and if you want to talk to him you can give me as a reference. I asked him if he knew you and that any favor shown you would be appreciated.

Jacobs: Thanks, I sure need it.

Bernard: You can contact him if you want to, and say I told you to look him up. He told me things may come out OK for you.

Jacobs: Thanks, that's fine.

Bernard: Give my regards to Harry.

Jacobs: OK, good bye.

(The identities of Bernard Machino and Harry are unknown at this time.)

12:30 p.m., outgoing on No. 6115

Jacobs: Called 1065 (Southern Club) and asked assessed to look up amount "Phillips" owed at Chicago Club, as I wanted to charge it off on his tax return.

12:35 p.m., incoming on No. 6115

Roacks: Advised Phillips owed $500.00 as of 7-15 -- $300.00 of books and $200.00 for wire service.

Jacobs: That's right. I knew it was a little over $1100.

("Roacks" apparently is Roacks Johnson. Phillips appears to be Norwood Phillips, part owner of the Chicago Club.)
8:02 P.M., outgoing on No. 1113

Jacobs: We need about four girls over here.
Anna: Hello.
Jacobs: Oh yeah.
Anna: That's right, the Government regulations say we've got to have a cook, a chambermaid, a house maid, and a house girl.
Anna: Wouldn't I do?
Jacobs: Yeah, Ebel's over here, we just finished supper. He says we need five girls. I told him he wouldn't need four or five like you, you could be all five of them.
Anna: Well if he heard what you just said you tell him you were talking to a gal name Smith.
Jacobs: Well, you could, couldn't you?
Anna: I don't want but one at a time.
Jacobs: Wouldn't you go with all of them?
Anna: Now, only one. That's you. [laughs]
Jacobs: Atta kid. Say, how would you like to go to Glenwood?
Anna: Well, and then to Calico, for a swim.
Jacobs: I'll be by to get you in thirty minutes.
Anna: That'll be swell.

The woman named Anna is evidently Miss Anna Howard, 824 W. Grand, Hot Springs, Arkansas. (Ebel apparently refers to Walter Ebel, newspaper reporter. The identity of Anna Howard is unknown, nor is the address 824 West Grand known to reporting agent.)

8:25 P.M., incoming on No. 1115

Jacobs: Hello.
Mayor: Have you heard anything?
Jacobs: Yeah. Have you?
Mayor: Yeah. Some folks went over tonight that I've been wanting to go.
Jacobs: Yeah, and some folks went over to the other side today.
Mayor: So I heard.
Jacobs: You know this fellow Ebel, I was just getting first hand dope from him when you called. I don't want my lack of education to get this information mixed up, let me get it straight from Ebel. (He called Ebel and asked him to tell the part of the wire that happened this morning).
Ebel: Well, Wilma Wilson woman was testifying and they said her testimony was hearsay evidence gathered from friends, and unless she had direct evidence to get off the stand.

Mayor: Did you hear what Ebel said?

Jacobs: Yeah, she's just an old country woman.

Ebel tells me Ray Ventre (phonetic) and some others have gone over tonight.

Mayor: Yeah, I told 'Jim' to sit in and listen to everything. How about that other thing, did you do that today?

Jacobs: You mean Verns (phonetic)? Yeah, we gave him the one, two, three today. He's all right now. What was that some friend told you?

Mayor: Some friends told me about Taylor. He wanted Hiney (phonetic) Means and Witt impeached.

Jacobs: He's a damn fool.

Mayor: Yeah, I heard a lot of them were playing both sides. Watt is playing both sides, I was talking to him today. He says that they were all at the Gazette today when Bailey talked in they were all for Bailey. That's natural I reckon, but the folks over in Little Rock are getting God damn disgusted with the committee. They are beginning to see that the whole thing is just a political battle between the "cuts" and the "lins".

Jacobs: I'm glad those folks went over there tonight.

Mayor: It's perfect, damn 'em. They're in middle of the pot now, and belling like hell.

Jacobs: Yeah, and Ebel says Walter Boys (phonetic) over at the Gazette said Wells was the whole show, said Smith and Wells went over but Wood side stopped.

Mayor: Personally I think they are all God damn anxious to find out why you and I are such good friends, they've been trying to figure it out for 15 years. They can't figure how you are my friend if I'm not tied up in gambling.

Jacobs: They're crazy. By the way, two of the boys came up to the Ohio today and ask if we were booking horses there, they told 'em "No." Then they said they better get them two whoole out.

Mayor: Well, that's all right, I'll see about that later.

Jacobs: Well, I'll see you later.

Mayor: All right.

(Ebel apparently is Walter Ebel, newspaper reporter. "Wilson woman" apparently refers to Gladys Wilson, former editor of the newspaper, Public Opinion at Hot Springs. Ray apparently refers to Ray S. Smith, real estate man hereinbefore mentioned. "Jim" apparently refers to
11:45 A.M., incoming on No. 2115

Jacobs: Well, I've got those figures up. Do you want to show each man's salary separate?

Jacobs: Yes, we've got to pay the Government 2% on everything we paid out last year, including individual salaries.

Man: I've got all the salaries listed and each man's name by his salary, is that what you wanted?

Jacobs: I think so, but call Johnny at 109 (J. H. Morris Ins. Co.) to make sure, he's gotta make up those returns. They've got to be exact this year, not approximately, as last year.

Man: OK, I'll call Johnny.

Jacobs: What happened in Police Court this morning about those booties?

Man: I met the Mayor while ago just as he came in, he said they were coming up this morning.

Jacobs: You haven't heard the results yet?

Man: No.

Jacobs: They found some reading sheets in the place, didn't they?

Man: Yeah.

Jacobs: That's bad. They ought not to leave those lying around.

Man: I told Judge Ledgerwood about this, I explained to him we didn't have no booking going on, the lights hadn't been turned on back in the room but twice.

Jacobs: Dutch Atera came by yesterday and said he heard they were putting knock-out drops; "shoe fly" in the beer at the bar. What about that?

Man: Well, he (evidently the bar tender) admitted he had put some "shoe fly" drops in a couple of drunks' beer, said they were bar room pests, made them both sick at the stomach. He said he got the drops at the drug store, just for those two.

Jacobs: I don't know where Dutch gets all his information. You'd think a hundred people had been drugged to hear him.
Man: Well, I'll call Johnny about this tax business, it's going to amount to quite a bit. The salaries alone amount to $42,000. I know, I've got the figures here, in fact, to be exact, it is $45,978.69. That's a lot of money.

Jacob: Yeah, the other will run it up some more. Before you get it all up and turn it in, let me see it and see if we can't get it a little.

The last paragraph of the above conversation would indicate that W. J. Jacob was planning to commit fraud in some manner to avoid paying taxes for the year, in an effort to defraud the government. He was evidently talking to one of his employees at the Ohio Cigar Company, as some mention was made yesterday of detectives coming to the Ohio Cigar store and gambling hall.

(Telephone 105 is listed to the Morris Insurance Agency, 2022 Central Avenue.)

12:03 P.M., outgoing on No. 2115

Johnny Morris: Called 116 (Miller's Cigar Store). Spoke to Bill Erk (phonetic).

Bill: Do you want each man separate or the whole payroll together, because I had some part-time men and in order to make up for that, I gave some others credit, even though they only worked three months. I gave them credit for a year.

Johnny: That's all right for last year, but this year's must have each man and the amount. Keep the payroll separate from the gambling.

Bill: OK.

7:30 P.M., outgoing on No. 2115

Leo called 2217 (Mark Nolen, County Clerk) and spoke to man who was addressed as "Dick." Mark evidently testified yesterday before committee regarding poll tax.

Leo: Look as if things are falling apart here.

Mark: Yes, it is disgusting. It seems as if they are having more trouble turning the thing loose, and wish they had not started it.

Leo: They don't have nothing at all. There was no face there yesterday that disappointed me.

Mark: I told them that the reason for the drop in poll tax was due to the fact that the women didn't seem to vote off elections.

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Leo: You made a very good witness.
Mack: They didn't look at the papers.
Leo: They don't want the truth. I hear it is going to turn out very good for the officials.
Mack: Yes, I guess so - I didn't want to talk to you during the mess, but know if you wanted me for anything you would call. They were trying to show some official graft, but couldn't find any - our friends in office will be stronger than ever.
Leo: I guess they will.
Mack: OK, thanks for the call.
Leo: OK.

(This conversation appears to be between Mayor Leo McLaughlin and Mack Wilson, County Collector, the latter of whom testified before the legislative investigating committee.)

February 15, 1937

9:25 A.M., incoming on No. 2115

Jacobs: Hello.
Mayor: Earl (Judge Earl Kitt) just called me and said they arrested all the boys that were booking yesterday. I reckon we better stop all booking until this thing is over.
Jacobs: All right, thanks.
Mayor: All right.

9:28 A.M., outgoing on No. 2115

Jacobs: (Called 210 [Ohio Cigar Store]). Is Mr. Young there?
Man: No.
Jacobs: Is Brownie there?
Man: Yes (He calls Brownie to phone.).
Brownie: All right.
Jacobs: Brownie, they called me up and told me we'd have to quit booking, so don't book any in the store today, if you see any bets take 'em across to a hotel room, you know.
Brownie: OK, thanks, Mr. Jacobs.

9:33 A.M., outgoing on No. 2115

Jacobs: 1065 (Southern Grill)
Man: Hello.
Jacobs: Has Roscoe (Johnson) come down yet?
Man: Yes.
Roscoe: Hello.
Jacobs: They called me and said the judge told him we'd better go to the beek today. If I see any bets, take 'em down the street or across to the hotel. Don't pass 'em up.

Roscoe: Sure, I know. Say I picked up some good money on the last race yesterday, made five even. Old man Yale (phonetic) wanted 8000, another fellow had 1000. I had two and Smitty had two fifty.

Jacobs: You must have won.

Roscoe: We did, too. So we.

Jacobs: That's good. Listen, if Ray (Tom Ray?) comes around, take him and a couple more to a room and take their bets.

Roscoe: All right, you coming around?

Jacobs: No, I'm going to Belvedere to pay off.

Roscoe: OK, see you later.

("Smitty" apparently refers to Captain Mr. Smith, associate of Jacobs.)

7:30 P.M., incoming No. 2115 J.M.J.

Jacobs: Hello.

Mayor: Well, whadya know.

Jacobs: No, haven't heard a thing today.

Mayor: I just wondered if there was anything to what Harrison told you in that letter.

Jacobs: No, I don't think so. He's trying to get elected to some sort of political job, nothing to it. Seems to be quite a few people in town today.

Mayor: Yeah, picking up. Well, that's all I wanted to know.

Jacobs: Oh, I'll see you later.

(The identity of Harrison is unknown.)

8:00 P.M., outgoing on No. 2115 J.M.J.

Jacobs: 210 (Ohio Cigar Store)

Man: Hello.


Man: No.

Jacobs: How was everything today, was anybody around?

Man: No, we cleaned them all out and kept the place thinned out today.

Jacobs: Make any bets?

Man: Oh, yes, couple $10 and the rest $2 ones.

Jacobs: That's good, I'll see you then.

Man: O.K.
February 14, 1937

7:26 P.M., outgoing on No. 110

W.T.M.

McLaughlin (Mayor) placed long distance call to Grip Hall (phonetic). Little Rock, Ark. (Secretary of State).

McLaughlin: "Grip (phonetic) - Leo - you might tell that big fellow we get two boys and one in the Senate that will vote any way he wants and they are here for him.

Hall: Now, Leo, I tell you, I am laying out of that fight. He's going to lose that. You want me to tell him in the morning?

McLaughlin: Yes, you can tell him they are for his use - they will go any way he wants them.

Hall: All right. I'll tell him in the morning.

McLaughlin: I was over in one of these small towns this afternoon - in a filling station, and a fellow was in there and he made a crack about that bill that didn't sound so good. When he went out I asked who he was. They told me he was a - - (indistinct) - - Now you know elections are made in these filling stations.

Hall: Then just between you and me, I told him he had better put some amendments on that bill - let the Senate pick one and the House pick one, if he wants that thing to go through. Now this is confidential, the press hasn't gotten this, but he is going to recommend that in his speech. I'll talk to Wheatley.

McLaughlin: Those boys talked to me and said he was in trouble, and said they would help him - if it comes through me.

Hall: I think it can pass the Senate, if - (interrupted)

McLaughlin: Yes, but that bank refund bill has got a dead dam lot of fire in it.

Hall: Well, now let me get it clear; you want me to tell him you have three boys who will vote for him - go all the way with him?

McLaughlin: Yes, you can tell him that. I'll guarantee that - they'll vote anything and say anything he wants them to.

Hall: All right, I'll tell him in the morning. You want me to call you and tell you?

McLaughlin: Yes, call me in the morning. I will be in my office.

("Grip" Hall is the Secretary of State. The "two boys and one in the Senate" apparently refers to State Representatives James R. Campbell and Ernest Mamer and State Senator Editer Wheatley. The big fellow apparently refers to Governor Bailey.)
February 15, 1937

1:14 P.M., outgoing on No. 3145  J.T.M.

Jacobs placed long distance call to Cadillac 5974, Detroit, Mich.

Answering Party: Hello.

Jacobs: Hello, this is Jacobs at Hot Springs.

A.P.: Well, hello, Jake. Hear you had a little tough luck.

Jacobs: Oh, a little - those things will happen. Say, I saved back the centers of my wheels and I want to see if I can get some rims.

A.P.: Oh, I think so, Jake.

Jacobs: Now what will that run, for me to send the centers up and get the rims?

A.P.: Wait a minute, I’d better let you talk to Mr. G (indistinct).

Just a minute, (party referred to connects).

Jacobs: Hello, Dutch, they didn’t get my bowls. I had ’em in the safe and I want to know what it would cost me to get my wheels fixed up. The rims, you know, I’ve got the centers.

Dutch: Why, yes, Jake we can do that, sure. It won’t cost you much.

Jacobs: Well now what will that run up to? They didn’t take the centers, legs and tops of tables - I’ve got all that stuff.

Dutch: Well now, let’s see (indistinct figuring). That will run about $100 a rim. Think you are going to get started up soon?

Jacobs: Well, I’m just figuring on getting some tools - it isn’t straightened out yet - may get in jail.

Dutch: Well, I tell you Jake, we can fix that up for you in good shape in no time. Just express it up. Send all the stuff you got, the base, legs, etc., and I’ll put a man on it right away and you will have it back in ten days.

Jacobs: I’m getting it up to you right away.

Dutch: In the meantime, if you see you are going to get started, call me and let me know, and I’ll send you some new stuff - you know - for higher ups. I may get down there soon, to take some baths. I am feeling kinda down.

Jacobs: Well, I think they will. They are trying to impeach our man, but I don’t think they will.

(Conversation closed with usual bidings of good bye.)

Mayor Leo McLaughlin called Hazel Marsh, his secretary, at 9:50 P.M., this date from Mr. Jacobs’ residence and the conversation indicated intimate relations between the two.

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February 16, 1937

7:05 P.M., incoming on No. 2115

Man calling: Hello! Who is this?

Jacobs: Jacobs talking.

John: This is John. I got those things.

Jacobs: Well, good! What?

John: If you can get the other receipts I can get the other stuff.

Jacobs: Now, let's see -- Roscoe got his -- (interrupted)


Jacobs: Where are you now? Little Rock.

John: No, I just got in town.

Jacobs: Let's see — Roscoe has some (interrupted).

John: I tell you what — I'll check up on it tomorrow when I bring the stuff.

(The above conversation apparently refers to the return of books seized in the raid by State Revenue Agents.)

February 17, 1937

10:25 A.M., incoming on No. 2115

Jacobs: Hello.

Footen: Jake, Gil Footen, Arkansas Bank. Need a little pocket change this morning?

Jacobs: Sure do.

Footen: Well, come on down and bring your receipts. I've got two cashier's checks for you for $2000 each. I sold your stock.

Jacobs: Can't I send somebody?

Footen: Yeah, I can fix it that way.

Jacobs: Well, Johnny Morris does the work on my books for me, he'll be down and sign for them.

Footen: There'll be a 5% per share Government tax for transfer.

Jacobs: That's all right. Thanks very much, you'll be well paid.

Footen: All right, goodbye.

10:45 A.M., incoming on No. 2115

Jacobs: Hello.

Man: Mr. Jacobs, our man got drunk last night and we've got nobody to run the machine today.

Jacobs: Well, don't let anybody know, if you do it'll be all over town.

Man: What we gonna do?

Jacobs: Is Memphis bookies open?

Man: No, they've closed too.

Jacobs: Well, take the winners and the scratches from the radio, then call in every once in a while. Nobody'll find out, you can work it out that way.

Man: OK. That's all right.

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5:45 P.M., outgoing on No. 2116  

Jacobs called Western Union and sent the following message:

A. R. Cuney
222 Vign St.
Shreveport, La.

Sorry cannot use your tools.

W. B. Jacobs.

[Tools apparently refers to gambling equipment.]

6:55 P.M., incoming on No. 1126  

Jacobs: Hello.

Miller: Mr. Jacobs, this is Bill Miller. There was a Government man checking our beer invoices today. He said they were going to turn in the report tomorrow and that we could all get our books back.

Jacobs: Yeah, I know it. Johnny got ours back today.

Miller: OK, just though I'd tell you.

[Bill Miller operates the Miller Cigar Store.]

7:22 P.M., outgoing on No. 2116  

Jacobs: Long distance.

L. P.: Long distance.

Jacobs: This is Jacobs, 2116, calling Louis Polosky (Turlowski) at the Albert Pike Hotel or 4-7211, Little Rock.

Polosky: Hello.

Jacobs: How ye be.

Polosky: All right Jake.

Jacobs: Whadyaknow?

Polosky: The report goes in tomorrow.

Jacobs: In our favor, of course.

Polosky: Hope, s to s the other way.

Jacobs: You positive of that?

Polosky: No, but I heard they want to shift the responsibility.

Jacobs: We had a couple of flaches that Murray and Nichols had a flight and it was going the other way.

Polosky: Nichols is the first man, you know. I heard he wanted to pass the buck to the house. They're gonna take it up in the morning.

Jacobs: There'll be no way of knowing until then, eh?

Polosky: Well, I'm going down to the station now to mail a letter. If I hear anything on the way back, I'll let you know.

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Jacobs: All the boys over here talked to Nichols today, but he’s not to be depended on. He took Miller’s license ever there, if he had taken mine I would have had him arrested, he’s liable to get the Government on him for that. I just wish he had taken mine.

Poleski: I’ll call you tonight if I hear anything at all, otherwise I’ll call you in the morning. If they don’t pass on it tomorrow it will be next week. Thompson will probably raise some damn.

Jacobs: All right. Thanks.

(this conversation pertains to the legislative investigating committee.)

7:55 P.M., outgoing on No. 3115 B.M.S.

Mayor Leo McGaughin called Long Distance.

Leo: We are here calling B.I. Farris in Little Rock.

Farris: We have B.I. Farris at 3115 and 3-0483. (Operator called Farris at his home - 3-0483.)

Mrs. Farris: Mr. Farris is having dinner at the Hotel Marion.

Operator: End his paged there.

Farris: Hello. Leo, this is Leo.

Farris: Wait, Leo, I’ll call you back from a pay station booth. (He did.)

Leo: I called you about two things, first I was talking to Earl a while ago, and he told me what you told him, that Jake had said about me, then you were talking to Jake.

Farris: That’s right.

Leo: Jake must have been ribbing you Ed, he must have been clowning or kidding one, you know I never told Jake any such damn thing.

Farris: I didn’t think so, but I told Witt just what Jake told me. Jake ought to cut out such bull——, it’s liable to put you in the middle.

Leo: Jake must have been ribbing. Was anyone else present?

Farris: Yes, Mrs.

Leo: Well, no wonder, Jake and Witt are always ribbing each other. Here’s the thing Leo, I’ve got no damn business being in on this thing at all, but I’ve tried to be a good friend to all of you fellows in Hot Springs.

Leo: I know. slack, Ed. We don’t have to tell you what Jake said. You know too, that Graham (Marion?) Anderson and Judge Witt are both friends of mine, that’s why I told Witt what Jake said. Do you want me to tell you over the phone what Jake said.

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Leo: Yeah, it's all right, go ahead.
Farris: Well, Jake said you were really in with Governor Bailey, and through him you were going to get some of the Representatives.
Leo: You know damn well I didn't make any such statement.
Farris: I know it, and it made me mad. The whole thing is this Ed. The investigation really started out on Earl Witt, and before they got through they were investigating me as much as they were Earl. The only ones that knew a damn thing about me are those two preachers. You know about my divorce. That's why I hate to come over to Little Rock. Every time I do those two damn preachers *tell* me, they know where I go, every move I'm in.

Farris: I know there's a lot of bull—going around Leo, that's why I've kept quiet to everybody except Witt about what Jake said. Now listen, I'll tell you something else. Jake told me. I haven't told anybody this, and am not, except you. He said he heard you talking to Earl Bailey over the phone, he said he was on an upstairs phone listening. I'm not going to tell anybody that. Please don't, Jake's crazy as hell. He ought to quit talking like that, they'll put me in the middle sure enough.

Farris: I won't say a word.
Leo: The other thing I wanted to ask you about is why the commission won't let "Doc" work out at the track.
Farris: They just don't want "Doc" out there. They have their own men.
Leo: Tell, what about this man Hammett?
Farris: No?
Leo: It's Hammet or Hammond, he was recommended by Hilliard.
Farris: The commission is opposed to Hilliard.
Leo: Tell, please keep us out of the middle on this.
Farris: I'll try to, but the commission don't want to interfere.
Leo: Seller (Gelles)(phonetic) did not want to get cross with the commission.

Farris: Now listen, Leo.
Leo: No, I want you to get the whole thing straight, Seller (Gelles) was told that the Governor would recommend Ray Hilliard sell me and wanted me to recommend Hammond.

Farris: Suppose you wait a couple of days to see what the commission does.
Leo: What can I tell Hilliard if he calls me?
Farris: Just tell him you are marking time for a few days.
Leo: Thanks, Ed.
Farris: I'll be over there sometime tomorrow and call you.
Leo: OK.

(Ed Farris is Secretary of the Racing Commission.)
February 18, 1937

12:05 P.M., outgoing on No. 3115

Jacobs: Operator, get me Operator #12, Little Rock. This is Jacobs, 3115.

Man: Hello. (Probably "The Jew" - Louis Tarkowski, Attorney.)

Jacobs: Hello? "The Jew"?

Man: I just saw the report, it's 3 to 2 in favor of impeachment.

Jacobs: Is that public knowledge yet?

Man: No, but it will be this afternoon. They are going to present it before lunch. Robertson and Jones are going to present a minority report. Thompson, Murray and Nichols form the majority.

Jacobs: OK, thanks a lot.

12:10 P.M., outgoing on No. 3115

Jacobs: 643 (Mayor's Office)

Leo: Hello.

Jacobs: "The Jew" just called me, said he got a chance to look at the report, it's 3 to 2 for impeachment.

Leo: Yeah, I just heard.

Jacobs: OK.

The "Jew" that Jacobs refers to is probably Louis Tarkowski to whom he talked last night.

February 19, 1937

5:55 P.M., incoming on No. 3115

Jacobs: Hello.

Man: Jake, Long distance operator No. 19 was trying to get you from Shreveport about the call you put in for Lee Brown.

Jacobs: It didn't have any call in to Lee Brown.

Man: That's all I know about it, sorry I bothered you.

Jacobs: That's all right. Thanks.

5:57 P.M., outgoing on No. 3115

Jacobs: Called for Long distance. She answered.

Jacobs: Long distance, this is W. S. Jacobs, 3115, operator 18 at Shreveport was calling for me.

Operator 18: Just a moment.

Operator 18: Operator one eight.

Operator: Mr. W. S. Jacobs is on the line.

Operator 18: Mr. Jacobs, we were trying to locate Mr. Lee Brown through you.

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Jacobs: He's in Houston, Texas.
Operator 18: Do you know his address?
Jacobs: Yes, wait'll I get my glasses... [glasses], That's W-L Brown, Rhodes Apartments, Houston, Texas. Lee is his middle name.
Operator: Thank you, Mr. Jacobs.

7:10 P.M.; incoming on No. 3188

Jacobs: Hello.
Leo: What 'cha know?
Jacobs: Hey there — things don't look so hot to they?
Leo: I think things look pretty hot, did you read the New Era tonight.
Jacobs: Yes, about the testimony?
Leo: Yeah, the whole house is going to sit in as a committee and listen to all the evidence, if we can get in our evidence, Monday I think the house will kill the whole thing.
Jacobs: I sure hope they do.
Leo: Well, they're liable to.
Jacobs: The Democrat was good. Did you read the editorial?
Leo: Yeah, but it was the article under the editorial that was best. The people over there are sick of the whole thing and spending the State's money.

Jacobs: Listen, we've got a receipt from Thompson for $7,000 in currency and $3,500 in checks, for checking the Ohio's stuff. Johnny was checking up with the Revenue Department today and when he went over to get the stuff they could not produce the $7,000 in currency or the $3,500 in checks.

Leo: Have you got the receipt?
Jacobs: Sure. Thompson gave a receipt to Johnny.
Leo: We ought to bring that to light.
Jacobs: Do you want the receipt?
Leo: Yes.
Jacobs: OK, I'll mail it over in the morning.
Leo: But what's been done about it?
Jacobs: Johnny taken it up with the Revenue Department.
Leo: Why did Thompson give him a receipt for $7,000?
Jacobs: I don't know, but I was sitting by him and seen him write out the receipt.
Leo: Do you mean "Tink" actually gave Thompson $7,000 in currency?
Jacobs: Well, Thompson gave him a receipt for it anyway. You know he wasn't that much around...
Leo: Oh! I see. Well?
Jacobs: You know Tink, he had a box.
Leo: Well, how'd it happen?
February 20, 1947

9:46 A.M., incoming on No. 2115

Jacobs: Hello.
Leo: What's the news?
Jacobs: Nothing much, what's the news?
Leo: Well, a few of the boys were in town last night. Several of them are around here now. You know Monday is a legal holiday. The banks and everything else will be closed, so you better get me there. O'Gara up to the house right away. I may not want it, but want to be in a position, you know.
Yeah, is that all you need?
Leo: Yes, I may not need that, but in case I do, you know, just like that seven I needed.
Jacobs: I'll get it now, get a boy you can send over.
Leo: Yeah, maybe 30 or 40 minutes.
Jacobs: Well, is Washington's Birthday gonna affect the boys over there?
Leo: No, they'll work right on.
Jacobs: How do things look?
Leo: I'm getting things in good shape for you. I'm trying to handle it just like you would want me to.
Jacobs: That's fine, will you send one of your boys over.

(But it will be noted from the log as of February 10, 1937 that Jacobs had one of his men get $700 ready and it appears this is the money referred to by McLaughlin, and was paid to someone as a bribe.)

6:25 P.M., incoming on No. 5115

Man: Wait a minute.

Leo: Hello.

Man: Mr. Jacobs, Houston Emory just got back from Texas. Says he'd take a check for $1,000.00 for both pieces, here and Belvedere, wants to deal by Tuesday or says deal is off. Says he's interested in some-acreage over there and they have a well down 2400 feet and if we don't want to deal by Tuesday it's off.

Jacobs: Emory's wording both ends, he's putting out a lot of propaganda.

Man: You know he turned down my draft of $1940.00. He owes four thousand out there and $3900.00 here. I told him $1000.00 wouldn't go far divided between Capt. Smith, Bill, Harry, Gaff, Ted, Miller, myself and you.

Jacobs: Well, if we took the thousand, how would you boys want to split it?

Man: That's up to you. Emory says Al is sure about how much he lost.

Jacobs: He never lost over here, that son-of-a-bitch has taken more out of here than he ever left here. You fellows can take it but I'll get mine some other way.

Man: O.K., Mr. Jacobs.

[Houston Emory is the former Prosecuting Attorney. It would appear from this conversation that Emory owns a gambling debt of $25,400.00, and offered to pay the same with lead in Texas.]
5:45 P.M., outgoing on No. 2115

JACOB: Called 600 (Residence of Leo McLaughlin)

Leo: Where have you been all day?

Jacobs: Working.

Leo: Who ever heard of you working — I was talking to Ebel — he has a copy of the receipt and I told him to see you about whether it should be printed or not. I didn't want him to do anything without your OK. He's got a copy — you can break it or not.

Leo: Well, I've got several contacts tonight and want to talk it over first. The truth is going to come out now. They have allowed him to bring his witnesses — and everyone in town will go over and testify for him.

Jacobs: OK, see you tomorrow.

5:52 P.M., outgoing on No. 2115

Jacobs: Called 358 (Walter Ebel, newspaper reporter.)

Jacobs: I was talking to that fellow (Leo) he wants a little time to think it over, so don't cut loose until he says so.

Ebel: OK, I won't.

Jacobs: He is at his home now.

Ebel: I may call him.

(This conversation apparently refers to publication of the receipt given by Representative Thompson to Johnny Norris for $7,000.00 in cash, and $3,000.00 in checks.)

7:08 P.M., outgoing on No. 2115

Jacobs: Jacobs called 210 (Ohio Cigar Store) and asked for Mr. Young.

Young: What kind of fellows hang around your place?

Jacobs: All kinds, why?

Young: Well, one of them took me out and got me drunk — Do you think you'll get your $7000 back?

Young: He's I'm waiting for some folks to decide.

Young: I should get it.

Young: Yes, I see Nichols pick it up.

Young: And I get a receipt.

Jacobs: I told Ebel to wait on that — I told Rogers they took 7000 in cash and 3200 checks.

Young: That's correct. Hal! Hal!

Jacobs: It might be good publicity.

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Young: Well, it won't look good if they have to make good the $7,000.
Jacobs: How's business?
Young: Plenty of people but very little money, we could do better if we wanted to, but I wonder if it's advisable.
Jacobs: No, I'll see what can be done, and will call you if it's OK for Monday.
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. S. E. Hayes, who said he worked for the Postal Telegraph Company, called me from Hot Springs, Arkansas, and wanted to know if we could get an agent over to see him at once, in that the matter which he has in mind is very important. I told him that we have an office at Little Rock, and he said he tried to get in touch with that office, but could get no one.

I told him we would get in touch with our Little Rock Office and have him interviewed within the next hour or so.

Time - 3:06 P.M.

I telephoned SAC Fletcher at the Little Rock Office about the above matter, and he said he would have someone interview Mr. Hayes at once.

He said that Mr. Hayes must be mistaken about calling the office and getting no answer, because someone has been there all day.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.
Post Office Box 4218
Detroit, Michigan
March 5, 1937

Special Agent in Charge
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your telegram of February 15, 1937, requesting information as to whether or not a Buick sedan, motor \\#85325686, bearing 1937 Michigan tags #IV-9264 and registered in the name of Augustine Loveide, 2132 Belvedere Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, was stolen.

Please be advised that the registration records as maintained at the Detroit Police Department indicate that the above described automobile, bearing the tags mentioned, was registered in the name of Augustine Loveide, 2132 Belvedere Avenue, Detroit.

The Auto Squad of the Detroit Police Department advised that there is no report of theft on this automobile, and the Identification Division of the Police Department informed that there is neither a criminal record under either name nor any indication of any individual bearing these names being wanted by that department.

A check of the indices maintained at the Detroit Division reflected no information concerning Loveide.

A summary of the above was furnished your Division by teletype on February 15, 1937.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

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Special Agent in Charge

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
The records of the Little Rock Field Division indicate that the Bureau, by telegraph of November 20, 1926, authorized the installation of a tap on the two telephones of the Police Department, and the telephone of Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin, all located in the City Hall at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and also authorized the expenditure of a maximum of $50.00 per month for the rental of a suitable plant. This plant is located at 207 Laurel Street, and was rented at a monthly rental of $50.00. It appears, however, that the agents maintaining this plant are expending the sum of $55.00 per month as monthly rental of the premises located at 207 Laurel Street, but the records of the Little Rock Field Division indicate only the original authority from the Bureau to expend the sum of $50.00 per month. This excess of $5.00 per month is due to the fact that the property was rented with all utilities paid by the landlord, who, after the plant had been in operation for some time, complained that the utilities were very high, and the agents therefore reimbursed him in the sum of $5.00 to take care of the large utility bills. It will be noted that this plant or tap is in operation 24 hours a day, which occasions almost constant use of the electricity and gas.

In order that the records might be complete in this matter, it is requested that the Bureau authorize the expenditure of a sum not to exceed $60.00 per month for the maintenance of the tap on telephones 136 and 648 at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

H. A. Allen
Special Agent in Charge

cc - Cincinnati
Mr. Connely

[Signature]

H. A. Allen
Special Agent in Charge

Post Office Box 469, Little Rock, Arkansas, March 1, 1937.
Federal Bureau of Investigation

U.S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
March 1, 1937.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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

Re: BREXED.

Dear Sir:

The records of the Little Rock Field Division
indicate that by teletype of December 30, 1936 the Bureau
granted authority for the installation of a telephone tap on
the residence telephone of William A. Jacobs, 116 Cedar St.,
Hot Springs, Arkansas, telephone B117, and this tap has been
in operation since February 9, 1937, and until February 22,
1937, then the same was disconnected for a temporary period.

The records of the Little Rock Field Division
fail to indicate any authority from the Bureau as to the
expenditure of money for the monthly rental of a suitable
plant from which this telephone tap could be maintained. For
the completion of the records of the Little Rock Division, it
is requested that the Bureau authorize the Little Rock Field
Division to expend not to exceed $50.00 per month for the
rental of a suitable plant from which this tap may be
maintained. As it will be noted from the telegram from the
Little Rock Division to the Bureau under date of February
9, 1937, the plant covering this tap is located at 205 Cedar Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, which premises, I am
advised by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, is rented for $50.00
per month from Mrs. Sam Davis, of 809 Cedar Street, Hot
Springs, Arkansas.

Very truly yours,

/Signature/
S. B. How
Chief
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Cincinnati
Mr. Connelly

[Signature]
March 17, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas

Mr. George Timmey. Sr., Joseph P.
Norin, with alias, Fugitive —
U. S. F. 13235 et al. — Edward
George Steinhart, Victim:Killing
Construction of Furniture;
Extradition of Fugitives; National
Firearms Act.

Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to your two letters of March 1,
1937, requesting authority to make certain expenditures in
the maintenance of plants at 277 Laurel Street and 279 Cedar
Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, in connection with the telephone
taps which have been installed at Hot Springs. You are
hereby authorized to expend an amount not to exceed $50 per
month to maintain the plant at 279 Cedar Street and an amount
not to exceed $60 per month to maintain a plant at 277 Laurel
Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

In connection with this matter, your attention is
directed to the necessity of obtaining prior Bureau authority
before expenditures of this nature are made.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director

CC: Cincinnati

Tea, under cover

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