

Thomas M. McDade's Journal

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TRANSCRIPT OF THOMAS M. MCDADE'S JOURNAL
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Nov. 9. 1934 - Spent day on wire tap for Monte Carter who is supposed to know Bremer hideout. Nothing doing so tap removed after 10 days. Returned to office at 8:30 P. M. Played poker with Purvis Cowley and other agents, won \$2.25, game ended at 11:30 P. M.

Nov. 10th Saturday

Spent all day visiting hospitals trying to locate Edna Murray who is Volney Davis paramour. Found plenty of Hanson's (Davis alias) but didn't find her. Returned to the office at 5 P. M. Then went to two taxi stands to try to locate driver who took Volney Davis to his girls apartment. Received my .38 calibre (sic) super automatic which I took apart and had trouble assembling. To bed at 11:30 P. M.

November 11. Sunday

Up at 2:45 A.M. when Tillman came in from a party at Chez Paree Dressed and went out at 3:15 AM to track people who might visit Doc Moran who changed the fingerprints of the Bremer kidnapping gang. Ryan, Tillman and I each had a car and covered the house as below

(Sketch here)

Covered all alley exits but waited till 11 AM then left. Home and slept till 7 P.M. Out to dinner then to a 10 cent movie and burlesque with Tillman. Terrible. Home and to bed 12:30

November 12, 1934 Monday

Spent all day visiting city hospitals trying to locate Edna Murray without success. Took Arleen Ryan of the office to the Harding for dinner and found her to be the first person in Chicago interested in the theatre. She had to return to work so I went to see Grace Moore in the picture "One Night of Love".

November 13, 1934 Tuesday

Finished the remainder of the hospitals without avail. Bought shirts and socks for Paul Stayed around the office till 8 P. M. but no one was there so Fred and I came home to listen to the radio. Listed 40 hospitals I visited looking for Edna Murray; Muzzey went to 30 and Tillman visited 8. A few drops of snow this evening.

November 14, 1934. Wednesday

Visited two more hospitals and that finished all in Chicago. Stopped in the Board of Trade Bldg to see the Wheat Pit which resembles the floor of the N. Y. Stock Exchange, then in the tower on the 44th floor to get a view of the city. Smoke hung over the west end but the lake looked beautiful. Went to apartment to see woman about putting tap on "Slim" Gray's (Brekid) sister-in-law but superintendent wasn't in. After dinner Tillman and I went to get a Sam Miller for questioning but he wasn't home. Spent balance of evening looking for new apartment and stole soap from all those visited.

November 15, 1934 Thursday

In morning went with Ryan to 525 Cornelia St., home of Mrs. Guymon, sister-in-law of Slim Gray to see if a tap could be put in. Lined up situation and apartments. After lunch went to 6714 Stony Island Ave. Saloon looking for Willie Harrison. After dinner Brown, Madala and I went to Harry Samsky's to wait for Slim Gray to call for his furniture. Samsky, a mover formerly carted booze and knows many hoodlums

and told us plenty of stories of the prohibition days of police escorts for liquor shipments, hijacking from him with the robbers leaving money in his car for his expenses and the graft in the whole police force. Waited at his home for Gray till 12:30. Three other fellows were at the Club Algiers waiting for Gray but he failed to show. So home at 1:30 AM and to bed.

November 16, 1934 Friday

Beautiful weather - clear and mild. Replaced Jones in a plant with Suran. Volney Davis is supposed to contact a girl nearby the room we have and will call here if he comes in. Waiting on a spot like this and that of last night is like waiting for the start of a race; you get all excited inside. After returning to the office went to a saloon at 47th Street and Lake Park Avenue where Slim Gray is supposed to visit. Sat there drinking beer and looking the place over. One fellow tried to get me to play a horse in a race in a bookies next door. Went to dinner, then found Clarence Hurt watching the place from a car. Sat in Hurt's car till 10 P.M. Hurt says that Gray (real name Russell Gibson) started as a bicycle thief and handling "hot" bikes! And now wanted for kidnapping, the boy who made good!! Hurt, one of the men who killed Dillinger (Charles Winstead Jr. was the other) arrested Gray in Oklahoma some time before. So home and bathed and to bed. Had the jitters and was so nervous I couldn't sleep. Sat in the lobby till 3 A.M. then upstairs and finally to sleep.

November 17, 1934 Saturday.

Arose a little shaky but felt much better. Sent out to watch Lake Park Tavern for Slim. Phoned Betty Morse, a friend of Paul Plunketts whom he told me to look up when I reached Chicago. Hope to call her again when I am not so busy. Left Lake Park Tavern about 11, and drove to Lake Villa, almost 40 miles to check a bill which turned up at a bank and which may be a Bremer ransom note. Learned little and returned to office about 5. Ate, then went to see "Great Expectations" with Henry Hull & George Breakston. Very enjoyable though slow in spots. Home and stopped on the way to see Tillman in a plant opposite the Club Algiers watching for Slim Gray. So home and to bed.

November 18, 1934 Sunday

Up at 11:30 AM after a good sleep and out to breakfast. Read the paper and looked in all the shop windows on the way downtown noting this and that for Christmas presents. Phoned Betty Morse but she was out so went to see Max Reinhardt's "Midsummer Nights Dream in the Auditorium Theatre. A most enjoyable performance with George Breakston playing Puck instead of Mickey Rooney. Dinner, then called Betty Morse again and spent the evening at her house talking of this and that. Impression not very clear yet, but she has a fine figure.

November 19, 1934 Monday

Drove to Streator Ill. 101 miles from Chicago to check up on L. A. Hobson who is writing to Violet Grigg. Found he receives mail general delivery, put mail cover on him. Very mild and rained much of the day, dispensed with topcoat it was so warm. Musing I thought of how it was said that Old Kate Barker worries so when her sons, Freddie and Doc, are pulling a job just as any mother might though they be kidnapping. Thence to 596 Hawthorne Street to to (sic) watch Slim Gray's sister in law who moved there from Camelia Street. Reminder all night but saw nothing.

November 20, 1934 Tuesday

Picked up Sam Miller on the way to the office. Wanted to question on Slim Gray and has been avoiding agents. Miller promised to try to locate Slim for a cut of the reward. He is a Jew bookmaker and knows a good many hoods and his wife is a friend of Clara, Slim's wife. Went home about noon and bathed and read the paper. Then to the Orabby Show which was of little interest. Had dinner with Tillman and Larry then Tillman and I decided to move to the Knickerbocker. Went up to Hawthorne Street tap at 8:15 PM for a night's session.

November 21, 1934 Wednesday

Pouring all day. Trailed Geo. Guymon from the apartment to 42nd and Ashland W. Wilson Packing Co. Easy to trail in rain for the rear window fogs up and you can see the cars behind you. Returned to Hawthorne Pl and at 12:30 PM, trailed woman I thought was Mrs. Guymon. After she went to 5 and 10 and a butcher store, I lost her. Returned to apartment and Ryan came in about 1:30 P.M. To the office

then home with Tillman. We then looked in the stores selling imported foods and bought some salami which we ate in the theatre. Its strong odor must have made people wonder. Saw "The Case of the Howling Dog" fair enough. Drove back to Hawthorne Place at 9:00 PM and relieved Ryan.

November 22, 1934 Thursday

Left at 9.15 AM and drove downtown. Stopped off to see the Navy Pier. Consulted with an officer of the Federal Reserve Bank concerning numbers on the Bremer ransom money. In the cellar saw girls counting piles and piles of bills. Was told there was about 20 million there and that 5 to 6 million passes through each day. Went to the Steuben Pool for a swim and left slightly tired but greatly refreshed. Met Betty Morse on the street and walked back to her building with her. Walked on uptown and had tea and toast at Elles Tea Room on Mich Blvd. thence home to read the New Yorker. Back to the office and up to the plant for the night.

November 23, 1934 Friday

Went to the office in the morning and then went pricing for scarfs for mother but as the prices started at \$95. they look too high. Had lunch with Betty Morse at the Sherman Hotel Old Tap Room and it was pleasantly dull. Then walked about, stopping at the Art Institute and looking in shop windows. Went to the movies to see "The Captain Hates the Sea" which was amusing. Back to the office, ate and out to the plant at 6:30 P.M. Nothing of any interest on the wire tap so far except the affair Mrs. Guymon is having with a boy friend. Studied some then to bed.

November 24, 1934 Saturday

Down to the police station to check the license number of Mrs. Guymon's boy friend. Then took the exam from the inspectors and did passing fair. Then drove about town checking old leads on Slim Gray and Dr. Honston claims he saw him 2 or 3 weeks ago in front of Galeechi's. Had a puncture right in front of Galeechi's while driving Slim Grays' own car taken some time ago, a Ford V-8 coupe. Tried to get in a gambling hall where Slim is supposed to hang out but didn't make it. Having dinner at Mrs. Sullivan's with Tillman and met Francis Macfarlane Phi Delta Phi from Brooklyn. He is working for the Hown Owners Loan Corp and lives at the Knickerbocker. Knows plenty of girls so may be a help. Then back to the plant with no success.

November 25, 1934 Sunday

To the office from the plant and Tillman and I had late breakfast. Visited the Field Museum then to the Star and Garter Burlesque show which did what it was expected to do, gave me ideas. So back to the plant to relieve Ryan.

November 26, 1934 Monday

To the office and then on a lead to interview a Miss Randall whose name was on a card found in Doc Moran's room. Girl, a hostess in a tavern, said two fellows picked her up to take her to her tavern. Stopped at place to treat a patient and then took her on to tavern. Identified Slim Gray from photo but not Doc Moran. Looked over Galeechi's again, then revisited Randall girl to find place she stopped with Slim and found it as 3341 Wilson Ave. Returned to Ryan and found that a man had called Mrs. Guymon, said he would meet her at the corner. Ryan waited near his car and soon a new Ford without plates drove up and took up Mrs. Guymon. Ryan lost them after trailing several blocks. Cowley advised both of us to make a 24 hour watch.

Went to Randall girls tavern and met her girl friend who also identified Slim Gray but Jumnell (?) Wilson seems to have been his companion. She had no information so I returned to the plant at 11:15 P.M.

November 27, 1934 Tuesday

A day I will never forget. Up at 8 AM and hung about plant till noon when I went to lunch. While eating saw Mrs. Guymon's boy friends car pull up so rushed out and trailed in Ford with Ryan trailing in his car. They only went to the doctor's and returned. Ryan called the office at 2:45 and Cowley said for both of us to go to Lake Geneva on a tip on Baby Face Nelson and to watch for a Ford sedan Ill license 639-578. Outside Barrington, Ill we both spotted a car coming towards us with number -578. We turned back and they had already turned and as we passed again we saw it was 639-578. They turned again

and running about 40-45 miles per hour they ran along side and the driver yelled to us to pull over. A man in the back seat had a rifle or tommy pointed in at us. I stepped on the gas and ran down road and they opened fire. The plunk of the shots sounded on our rear. We bent low and Ryan started firing through the rear window with an automatic. I kept the accelerator to the floor and ran about 72-75 M.P.H. We drew away from them but they continued to follow. We looked for a road to turn off to phone or get to cover from their guns but had to run to Palatine. In trying to turn in I went too fast ran off the road and into a field. We jumped from the car and Ryan borrowed an attendants at a gas station to get to a phone. I watched the road but they didn't follow. Purvis advised us to come back and phone in half an hour. When we phoned from Park Ridge Zimmer told Ryan that Hollis and Cowley had met them, that Hollis was killed and Cowley badly hurt. We watched the road a while, then come into town. Hung about for almost an hour when four of us drove to Lake Bluff to raid a place where Nelson might stop. I took a shot gun and at Waukegan we got three officers who came with us. It poured all night and we went through a house and farm buildings without success. Thoroughly soaked we got back at 4:30 A.M. and at 5 I lay down in one of the prisoners rooms and slept till eight. Cowley died of his wounds.

November 28, Wednesday

Up at eight and washed at the office. Stayed around till noon when Tillman and I went home. Ate and then slept till 4:45 P.M. Rode downtown and in the trolley and saw in paper that Nelson was found dead of wounds received in the battle with Cowley & Hollis. They had taken the government car but abandoned it at night. At the office at 6 P.M. and on all night. Did some accounting problems, then sat in a poker game from 2 AM to 6:30 AM. Everybody was just waiting for an emergency call. Went to the prisoners room about 7 AM and slept till 10 A.M. Up again and home at 11:30 to bed and up again at 4:30 P.M. Packed trunk for moving then to the office after eating a turkey sandwich for dinner. In office at 6:30 PM. (Crossed out: sat about till 8:30 when Caldwell and I were sent to the morgue to watch persons coming to view Nelson's body.) and sat about the office all evening until 8:30. It was now Thanksgiving day evening. Caldwell and I went to the morgue to watch persons observing Nelson's body. At 2 AM. I went to sleep in the coroner's inquest hall and woke at 5 A.M. Caldwell then went in for a rest. Almost a hundred people passed through to see Nelson's body. It looked liked (sic) the man who drove the car after us, but I would never know him from the photographs. At 9:30 AM the inquest started and Caldwell and I were relieved at eleven. Returned to the office and were told we were off till 9 P.M.

November 30, Friday.

Arriving home found Tillman in bed so I slept till five when the phone called us both to the office. First we rushed our things to the Hotel Knickerbocker where we took up our quarters in a nicer room. At the office we learned that a man had passed a car containing 4 men and a woman; that one man had a tommy gun and another was loading an automatic clip. He said the car was a new Buick sedan, NY. plates - 337. Tillman, Knittle, another agent and I went cruising about town in the Barker-Karpis spots looking for the car as the man picked out the photo of Willy Harrison as the driver. We all wore bullet proof vests, Tillman and I had tommies the others a rifle and shotgun. Rode about till 11:30 PM checking spots then returned to the office and thence to our new home at the Hotel Knickerbocker.

December 1, 1934 Saturday

Came in the office at 9 AM; and Tillman and I were about to go out to the tap at Guymon's when a stand bye order was issued to wait for trouble. Learned today that Nelson spotted our car from the missing license plate in the rear and suspected us of being "hoods" or G men. One of Ryans bullets smashed the water jacket and kept them from catching us. All this came from Mrs. Nelson now in custody but unknown to anyone except the agents. We sat around till 5 P.M. when we were told to go home and report back at 1 AM. Dickerson came home with me and we slept till 12 then to the office where we were dismissed at 1:30 AM as the proposed raid was off. Home again with orders to stand by all day Sunday.

December 2, 1934 Sunday

Up at 10:30 and bathed and shaved. Breakfast at "The Ranch" then sat about reading the New Yorker and Tribune. Called Betty Morse and she was out. Visited Macfarlane and Harley Penn his roommate at the hotel and with two other friends of his and Fred. We went to "The Tunnel" on West Madison for steaks. Then some of us went to see Will Rogers in "Judge Priest" leaving our phone

number at the office so we could be reached. Back to the hotel and Macfarlane and his friend brought two girls up to the room and we sat about talking. To bed at 12:30 with prospects of meeting some of the girls in the hotel.

December 3, 1934 Monday

Pouring rain and snow. To the office and learned that the Ford Ryan and I had was overhauled the day before we used it to get away from Nelson and it was burned out from the speed. Mrs. Nelson claims one of Ryans shots nearly killed her as it went through the wind shield. I examined the glass of their car but it is hard to tell the direction of the shots on the shatterproof glass. Tillman and I were sent to 596 Hawthorne St. for 24 hour watch for Slim Gray. Took our radio and moved in again at noon. Trailed Mrs. G to the stores then stopped when we thought she might be on. Used Buick coupe and on foot.

In evening a man called and asked for George. Mabel said he was out and the man said he would call again. Right after this Mrs. G. left the house and I followed her down Hawthorne Street. She looked backed and I got into our car. Just then a dark sedan passed. I was watching her through the rear view mirror. The car stopped suddenly by her and she got in and it ran to Mich Blvd. And turned south on a red light. I never had time even to start the car. Fred and I camped about and she returned in about half an hour but not in the car. Phoned Brown and we decided to stop trailing her as she seemed suspicious of us today.

December 4, 1934 Tuesday

Quiet on tap all day. Changed Buick for a Hudson sedan. While listening to the radio at 7 PM. heard the Chicago American broadcast a scoop story of Ryan and my encounter with Nelson, also that Mrs. N. was in custody. Seems like a leak somewhere. Did accounting problems most of afternoon and evening.

December 5, 1934 Wednesday

Sat about the plant most of the day. Trailed Mrs. G to Broadway and Sheridan Road where we lost her because of being over cautious. Can't risk recognition or its all off. Started to snow in the evening and continued all night.

December 6, 1934 Thursday

In all day with 6 inches of snow on the ground. While Fred was out to the store I saw Mrs. G. and another woman leave. I followed for about a mile, nearly losing them and finally saw them go in the Century Theatre. Returned and Fred and I went to the movies. Came out early and watched the Century Theatre thru the rear view mirror of the car. Woman with Mrs. G. looked like her mother. Other woman took Clark Street car and we followed her. Passed the car with our auto and I got on and sat in the rear of the car. At Madison she got off and I did also signalling Fred who was following in the rear. She stood talking to the change girl at a theatre booth then took the Madison Street car. I took the auto, picked up Fred and followed the car. When she got off I stepped out and followed as closely as possible on empty streets. She went into 1529-31. 1507 Warren Blvd.

Returned to the office then back to the apartment at 2 A.M.

December 7, 1934 Friday

Very quiet about the plant all day. No trailing-did accounting problems. Prepared our own meals in the apartment. To bed at 11 PM when the G's retired early.

December 8, 1934 Saturday.

Up at 9:30 AM and I cooked bacon and eggs which with bran, oranges and coffee with buns was our breakfast. In all day except for a short walk around the block. Mr & Mrs G. left almost 8 PM, got the car to follow, but made no real attempt to stick close as it is very unlikely they would drive to Slim's and we could not risk detection. Lost them soon, then drove downtown to the office. Stopped at the hotel for a shower, had something to eat, then back in the plant about 12 P.M.

December 9, 1934 Sunday

The G's in all day and so were we. A dark day with broken snow flurries. Out only to walk around the block. No calls. To bed at 11:30 P.M.

December 10, 1934 Monday

Prepared breakfast of cereal, bacon, eggs, coffee bread and cake. After Mrs. G went out with her boy friend Fred and I drove downtown to the office and were back about 2:30 P.M. It snowed heavily from 12 to midnight – a veritable blizzard – 12 inches of snow. On trip downtown I applied for \$5,000 – insurance with Prudential Ins. Co. At 7:30 PM Brown, Sullivan and Suran joined us at the plant in hopes Slim would come as his last visit was on Monday. Heavy snow killed any such chance and they left at 9:30. To bed at 10:45 but could not sleep from lack of exercise. Finally to sleep at 2 AM after reading the New Yorker by flashlight.

December 11, 1934 Tuesday

Close to plant all day – with only a short walk outdoors. Down to the hotel after 11 P.M. and Fred slipped off with his new girl friend Marie. Macfarlane and his girl fell asleep on me so I slipped down to the office. Picked up Fred at 12:30 AM and went back to the plant.

December 12, 1934 Wednesday

Same routine all day. Alternated watching the window for Mrs. G. to leave and sitting at the tap. When it gets dark we wait until Mr. G. is in, then sit in the dark till 10 P.M. watching for them to leave. They have stayed in the past 4 nights. Drove to the office alone after eleven to get a pair of binoculars.

December 13, 1934 Thursday

Mrs. G.'s affair with the boy friend is getting shaky. He hasn't been here since Saturday. He claims he is tired and needs sleep.. By judicious silences she lets him talk himself into a hole. He had decided not to come till tomorrow but called a second time, being worried about one of her remarks then decided to come up today. I recognize the technique.

Watched her mail a letter before driving off so waited at the box for the mail pickup and found it was addressed to her mother in Kansas City.

She left house again about 8:10 PM and thinking she may have gone to a movie, Fred and I went in and waited but didn't see her.

December 14, 1934 Friday

Close to the plant all day. At 8:30 P.M. the G.'s went out so Fred and I shifted about for dates. I called Betty Morse and taking the Hudson we went to her house, then got a friend for Fred, Loretta Brady. Tried to get in the Aragon Ballroom bt it was formal that night so we went to the Stables, a northside dance and beer place. Drove down to the Knickerbocker for a few moments and finally left the girls home at 1 A. M.

December 15, 1934 Saturday

Mrs. G. Went shopping so we left the plant at 11 AM and went downtown to shop. Bought a bag for Mother and also "Archy & Mehitabel" and "Goodbye, Mr. Chips". The latter I read in the evening a delightfully sad sweet tale. Wrapped the Christmas presents and addressed all the Christmas cards at the plant. As Gallechio (?), Slim Gray's partner was arrested in Chicago on an extortion case, it is believed that Slim blew town for a while.

December 16, 1934 Sunday

Cooked breakfast and stayed in till 3:30 when I went out for dinner. Learned on the wire tap that Mrs. G. will go home (Kansas City) for the holidays so we may get away from this plant. The G.'s went out to the movies in the evening so we drove downtown and saw a show of no great importance.

December 17, 1934 Monday

Nothing of importance that I can recall on Wednesday as I write this.

December 18, 1934 Tuesday

About the plant all day. One call came from a man for George but he was out. Thought it may be Slim. Finally left at 10:30 P.M. when G's went to bed.

Stayed at Knickerbocker for the evening.

December 19, 1934 Wednesday

Met Mary Maurine at the station arriving from Washington on way home. Spent day with her, calling Tillman continually to see if all were well. We saw Eugenie Leontovich in "Romance" a fine actress in a musty out of date play. She left at 5 for Duluth and I returned to the plant. Learned from office that Slim was seen in town last night and his car answers the description we gave of it, license no. 1-289-927. III.

December 20, 1934 Thursday

Quiet about the plant all day. Ran down to the hotel late in the evening then back to the hideout. A fire in a house across the street enhanced the evening.

December 21, 1934 Friday

Brown and Madala dropped up to the plant and we learned that there are nine plants now with no one in the office. From the tap learned that Mrs. G. leaves for Kansas City at 10:30 P.M. for the holidays. Fred and I saw her off on the train. At the office learned that the Barkers, Karpis and Slim are all in town and things may be happening tomorrow. So to bed after reading G & S.

December 22, 1934 Saturday

To the office to stand by for the Big Push. The night clerk at the hotel where Slim was to show up tipped them off so it looks as though that fell thru. McKee and I went out to trace a phone call. During the ride he told me of the killing of Pretty Boy Floyd. It seems that 2 cars were paroling (sic) the highway near East Liverpool Ohio and spotted a coupe coming from behind a corn crib. Floyd saw the officers uniforms and started to run across a field. They fired pistols at him but he ran about 200 yards. Sam McKee was behind the officers and yelled for them to get down. Hall, another agent, dropped to the ground and McKee fired a burst from a tommy. It hit the dirt in line with Floyd who was dodging like a football player. A second burst brought him down. An officer moved to approach (sic) but McKee warned him off when Floyd rolled over with a gun in his hand. Another burst was put into him. When they reached him he had a loaded automatic in his hand but a bullet through his forearm prevented his firing it.

McKee and I returned to the office and I sat about all day with Connelly waiting for word of a break.

McKee also told me why the bullets from Chase's gun didn't penetrate our car in our chase with Nelson. The dum-dum's he used in a rifle (it was a rifle and not a tommy) mushroomed as they went through the windshield and had no force hitting the car.

At the office till 10:15 P.M. when we were released for the night.

Duke's Christmas card says that (remainder redacted)

December 23, 1934 Sunday

Went to the office at 10 A.M. and Madala and I went out to see about putting in a wire tap on some whores who may know the Barkers. Couldn't find the main box and Sunday being bad for reconnoitering we came back. At 3:30 Tillman and I went out with guns looking for the gang cars. We toured the southside haunts then came in at 6:30 P.M. Had to stay in the office till 9 P.M. when we were released So home and sat clipping (?) and finally to bed.

December 24, 1934 Monday

To the office and at 10:30 went to the police range alone for pistol practice to break in the automatic. Met Mr. McCampbell on the street. Knew he was in town from a letter I had from John but hardly expected to run into him. Off at 5 o'clock so home to wash and open presents. Dinner with Fred and his girl Marie then to Doris Rogers for the evening. Finally to bed at 2:30 A.M.

December 25, 1934 Tuesday

Christmas – up at 7:30 and to a plant at 442 Arlington St. to watch 409. It is a home for prostitutes. (illegible) going out for business. Friends of Doc Barker's girl friend live there. Sat in the window till midnight observing the persons entering and leaving their home and to bed about 2:30 A.M.

December 26, 1934 Wednesday

Daytime off. Visited McCampbells and finally on the tap at 439 (located at 425, a doctor's house) and sat up till midnight. People call up the house we are tapping and ask for girls and they are then sent out

to the various hotels and apartments where someone wants a prostitute. Seems to be a fairly high class house with all the business done on your own premises. The callers may ask for a certain girl by name or take one recommended by a short sales talk of her description.

December 27, 1934 Thursday

Up at 7:30 relieved by Barber so to the office then shooting at the armory with fingerprint and tap practice in the office.

Called for Loretta Brady at 8:30 and we saw "Stingaree" and had a fine playful evening. Sleep at Hawthorne Place to be near the tap in the morning.

December 28, 1934 Friday

On tap all day and all night. What is annoying is the fact that the people talking on the wire speak in half sentences and "you know's" so that we can hardly guess the meaning. They are especially vague when mentioning what the girl is to do. I seem to be missing a chance to learn the whole house business because they are so indefinite. Most phone requests for girls want a certain type, blonde, red-head etc. They are then described by height and looks and if accepted the madame is told to send them to a certain address. The madame then uses the other phone we are tapping and gives the girl the address. No girls live in 439 – that is just headquarters.

Learned today with elation that John Paul Chase, Nelson's companion and the killer of Cowley was taken into custody in California.

Saturday December 29, 1934

Left plant at 11 AM. Spent afternoon at the hotel loafing about. Had dinner with Lottie Bundrick (?) roommate of Fred's Marie O. (?)

At 7:30 walked over to Doris Rodgers and Olive Gilbey's. Olive was in and we talked and I read poetry. Finally home at 1:15 A.M. to read the New Yorker for a while and eating the cookies Eleanor sent me for Christmas.

December 30, 1934 Sunday

Got to the plant at 10:15 AM to relieve Tillman. Read "While Rome Burns" and sat about. Practiced with the pistols – dry firing.

December 31, 1934 Monday

Downtown at 11 A.M. appeared before the Grand Jury and told the story of our scrap with Nelson. I saw Chase in the detention room at the office. Without my saying a word, Chase said "You were one of the fellows in the coupe, weren't you?" Most of the fellows, including myself, feel sorry for him as he seems to have been merely a tool in Nelson's hands. He said that Nelson bawled him out for not shooting us when they were along side. He readily admits his part in the crime. He claims he had a automatic rifle – probably a Browning and never tried to hit us and that Nelson was firing out of the side window at us with an automatic while driving. We had several line ups in the office but none of the persons who saw the battle at Barrington could pick out Chase. He looks somewhat different than his photo.

In the evening Olive (Mrs.) Gilbey (ex-wife) and I went to Brown's apartment and McCarthy, Sullivan & Muzzey were there with wives or a girl. Finally to bed at 6 A.M. after drawing the third blank with the women in five days.

January 1, 1935 Tuesday

Up to the plant by 9:30 AM and on until the next morning. All the girls in 439 and thereabouts were recuperating from the holiday to do any business. Mrs. Brindley, the sister of the doctor

(Remainder of entries redacted)

January 3, 1935 Thursday

On the plant reading "The Lonely Lady of Dulwich" which I received from Duke at Christmas and inside found a slip written by Eadie "McDade is a dope". which caused me to write a few lines and send them to Duke to forward to her.

January 4, 1935 Friday

Downtown from the plant and was held at the office by a stand by order. Waited about till midnight and then were told to go home. Two cars of men have been seen and it is believed Karpis drove one and Willie Harrison the other.

January 5, 1935 Saturday

Out to the plant to relieve Tillman. Wrote letters most of the day.

January 6, 1935 Sunday

Left plant in morning to hotel to bathe and shave. Met Doris Rogers and Olive Gilbey on street. Walked home with them and helped prepare dinner. Stayed there the whole day and had a pleasant evening.

January 7, 1935 Monday

Problems in running a whore house. The coppers know the girls running this place and must have found them at another location. So far they don't know they are at 439 and the girls hope to keep it quiet till the spring. To break the lease at her last place, Barbara, the Madame, wrote an anonymous letter to the management who thereupon asked her to move. She doesn't want to move out of the neighborhood because of the phone number, which, being in the address books of a good many of the clientele possesses value as good will.

January 8-9, 1936 (sic) Tuesday & Wednesday

Left plant and stayed in office all day waiting to crash two places for the gang. At 6 o'clock Gillespie, Larry and I went to 432 Surf St to join to gang there to take anyone leaving the place while another group crashed 3912 Pine Grove Av. Gillespie left us in the car around the corner from 432 to get the lay of the land. As he reached the house Doc Barker and Mildred came out. Campbell, Walsh and Muzzey went for them. Walsh stuck a pistol at Doc and Jerry Campbell pointed a tommy in his face. Doc raised his hands then dodged to run across the street. He got about 10 feet when he fell. The boys stood over him and Bob Jones coming up the alley from covering the rear of the house put handcuffs on him. He had no pistol on him but \$300 in cash. Muzzey then came back for Larry and I and we learned what had happened. Jones and Campbell took Doc in to the office and with the key to their apartment Larry and I went in the front, letting Gillespie in the rear. We all had machine guns and were ordered to wait to see if Fred would show up. In the apartment we found a machine gun, two drums, a pistol and a bullet proof vest. I sat at the window from 1 A.M. to 8 A.M. watching and waiting for someone to come. About midnight Campbell came back to tell us that the Pine Grove apartment had been raided. After surrounding it Connelly called (on the house phone) Mrs. Gray, Slim's wife, to tell them all to come out one at a time. Slim rushed out the back door with a Browning automatic rifle. He fired it three times when Doc White hit him with a bullet from a .351 rifle which ripped thru his bullet proof vest and tore thru his stomach (sic). Slim died shortly thereafter. When hit, he pulled off the vest and ran a few steps with a pistol in his hand but collapsed. Monte Carter, Mrs. Gray and Ruth Heidt came out of the front of the apartment and were taken. The agents did put gas in the wrong apartment and had the whole neighborhood coughing and crying.

We did not leave our apartment until 4:30, I having no sleep in this time. We packed all of Barker's clothes and those of Mildred in their bags and cleaned out the apartment. There was not a single scrap of paper or one word of writing in the whole place. There were about 10 suits there without there being as much as a button in any of the pockets. Brought it all to the office where I saw Carter (Byron Bolton) and Doc Barker in chains in the detention rooms.

During the watch in the night sounds of cats, milkmen, radiators and creaking boards kept Larry and I on edge waiting for some of the gang to come in, but they have probably fled the city.

So home for dinner for once in so long and to bed at 10:30 PM with orders to be at the office at 8 A.M.

January 10, 1935 Thursday

Went to the inquest of Slim Gray where little of the real story came out. Almost all the appeared was that Gibson was dead.

In the office all day until midnight questioning Mildred Clark the girl who was with Doc Barker. Professed all ignorance of knowing who he was though we know from our informant that she knew this. Melvin and I did most of the questioning but learned very little. She denied vigorously she ever hustled but admitted several men had kept her.

January 11, 1935 Friday

Except for a short while I spent all day with Melvin questioning Mildred. She finally admitted she knew Barker and that they were gangsters, admitted seeing the machine guns and knew the whole gang was crooked. She gave no real information concerning others not in custody but merely set right her own part in the affair.

January 12, 1935 Saturday

Learned in the morning that I am going to Jacksonville Fla. tonight for the rest of the Barker gang. Tried to get a date with Loretta but was unsuccessful. Saw "Dangerous Corner" in the movies. Left on the 11:55 PM for Florida with 9 other agents.

January 13, 1935 Sunday

On train all day.

January 14, 1935 Monday

Arrived in Jacksonville at 6:30 AM. Registered at a hotel Mayflower and sat about all day waiting for orders.

January 15, 1935 Tuesday

Standing by for orders. Told we were to leave tonight for Ocala. Lay down but couldn't sleep in afternoon. Saw a movie in evening then left at 12:30 AM for Ocala.

January 16, 1935 Wednesday

Nine of us drove in two cars 120 miles to Oklawaha on Lake Weir. Met five other agents near there and we proceeded to surround the building on the lake. Fred Barker and his mother Kate were the only ones in the house at the time. We arrived at the house at 5:30 A.M. and took the positions assigned to us. I had a gas gun, a tommy and was wearing a bullet proof vest. We waited till 6:45 – 7:00 when it became light when Connelly yelled out for Fred and Kate to come out with their hands up. Kate said something but what it was no one seems to know. We waited almost 10 or 15 minutes but no one came out so Muzzey and I fired gas shells but they didn't go into the house. Immediately they began firing from the house and the boys A – D answered with a volley. From then on there was sporadic firing but no shots came from the house after 9 A.M. We continued to shoot and put in gas but no one answered or came out. At 12:30, the negro worker for the Barkers went in and found both of them dead in the top front bedroom. Fred had 10 holes in his left shoulder 2 in his chest and one thru the head. Kate had three holes in her chest. She had been firing a tommy with a 100 drum clip. They had fired about 150 shots from 2 tommys, a 33 Winchester rifle and a .45 Colt automatic which had been shot out of her hand splitting the butt, jamming the gun and wounding her hand. The gas lingered in the house. I went in with my camera and took some photos. Took Freddie's knife as a souvenir.

Harry Campbell and his girl had been at the house but had left almost a week before.

January 17-19, 1935

Some of us stayed on around the house sleeping on the porch or on cots doing nothing in particular until we packed to leave Saturday. I drove a car to Jacksonville and after dinner and a few drinks Whitten (an agent from Charlotte) and I went out for entertainment.

January 20-21, 1935

On train home to Chicago.

January 22, 1935 Tuesday

Arrived in Chicago at 7:35 A.M. In late morning drove to Bensenville with Ryan to see if we could locate people who might be able to identify some of the kidnapers. Neighbors around the hideout and stores were interviewed with out success.

On Sunday Jan 20, the Atlantic City police found the car Karpis and Campbell were driving from the number broadcast by the Division but they shot their way out of the hotel and escaped.

January 23, 1935 Wednesday

Same as yesterday.

January 24, 1935 Thursday

Went to a plant at 1049 Oakdale watching Arthur Johnsons home to get Jack Perkins, a fugitive for harboring Nelson. LaFrance and I were on watch there.

January 25-26, 1935 Friday & Saturday

When in bed at the plant at 1 AM on the 26th LaFrance woke me to say he had a lead on Perkins in a restaurant on Sheridan Road. I dressed and we went there and approached the cashier who had identified Perkins from his picture. "There he is talking to that woman". We looked down and saw him there. I was for taking him at once so we threw down on him with pistols and frisked him then put him in LaFrance's car and ran him to the office.

It seems that some girl called the office New Years night and said Perkins Johnson and Negri were at this restaurant. On a chance LaFrance just dropped in on his way back to the plant.

Johnson was in the restaurant when we grabbed Perkins but we didn't know him. After questioning Perkins till 6 A.M. LaFrance and I went out and took Johnson out of bed and brought him into the office for questioning. He is supposed to have peddled some bonds which Nelson stole.

Home to bed about 1 P.M. and up at 8:30 PM. Had dinner then to a movie. On returning from the movie at 12:20 AM found a note to call the office and was told that LaFrance and I had to try to locate Perkins apartment.

January 27, 1935 Sunday

The only lead we have to find the apartment is the two keys found on Perkins one numbered 833. Drove around the north side near the restaurant where he was taken looking for 8 story buildings. Went home at 4:30 A.M. with no success. Visited the McCampbells in the afternoon and Doris Rogers in the evening and we sat about and talked. Progress noted but G. is too hot to stay when I am there.

January 28, 1935 Monday

Around the office all day doing nothing of consequence. Scientific instruction at 7 PM then a sudden word to leave for Detroit at midnight which a party of us did.

January 29, 1935 Tuesday

Arrived in Detroit at 7:35 AM Played poker in the office all morning and won \$5.00 then received word to go to Toledo. Left at 3 and arrived in Toledo at 4:40 P.M.

Sat on a wire tap at the telephone company from 7 PM to midnight then to the Secor Hotel for the night.

January 30, 1935 Wednesday

Up at 11 AM and finally to the tap at room where we sat till 6 P.M. Six hour shifts is the present plan and makes it very enjoyable. Hope to pick up a lead on Karpis and Campbell. 8 telephones being tapped here.

Had dinner at Zimmerman's then Dickstein and I saw "David Copperfield" a good picture, so home and to bed.

January 31, 1935 Thursday

Up at 10 AM and off to the tap at room. Nothing of importance developed. In evening Connelly and Larson went out to a house near Lake Erie to see if a man stopping there was Karpis. Madala, Smith and I waited in a car at the head of the road while the other two visited a farmer showing him pictures.

The farmers boy went over to the house with a newspaper and on return still could not identify Karpis from the pictures. So back to the city to think it over, all going to bed about 2 A.M.

February 1, 1935 Friday

Up at 7 AM. Plan was finally decided that we were to get around the place and Larson was to go in dressed as a farmer and get a look at the fellow.

(sketch here)

Larson got overalls and hat etc and went in to chop wood and we camped all around to keep anyone from getting out. Larson talked with the fellow and chopped wood but wasn't sure. He thought it was not Karpis. We went back to town but returned at 5:30 PM and surrounded the place very rapidly. The persons in the house were Walter Belpash a Toledo gambler and Colin Munro a bartender at Ted Angus' Casino Club. They were taken to our hotel rooms for questioning but we got nothing of any value and they were allowed to go home at 1:30 AM whereupon we went to bed.

Telephoned home at 8:30 P.M. and talked to Mother and Pop, the first time since Sept 1st.

February 2, 1935 Saturday

Nothing developed on the wire tap so were given orders to leave Toledo for Chicago on the 1:35 AM Sunday. Went to the movies in the evening. Then on the train at midnight.

February 3, 1935 Sunday

Arrived in Chicago at 6:15 AM. Walked about during the day, no work. In evening visited Loretta Brady for a quiet evening at home

February 4, 1935 Monday

Pistol practice and averaged 88+, expert score. Around the office most of the day.

February 5, 1935 Tuesday

To River Grove with McRae to check up on a contact for Karpis. In afternoon to Fort Sheridan for rifle practice, very cold. Had the evening off, to bed early.

February 6, 1935 Wednesday

To River Grove again and got a man who lives across the street from our suspected harborer to keep his eyes open for Karpis. At four o'clock was told to go home and come in at midnight. It appeared that some one had been taken and we would guard him but his identity was a secret. At 7:30 P.M. was called to the office and learned that Volney Davis had been taken in Kansas City and was being brought by plane to Chicago. The plane was forced down at Yorkville Ill and the two agents bringing him in took him to town to phone the office. They took the shackles off him and one phoned the office. Volney knocked down the agent and escaped in a car he picked up on the street.

Squads were formed and we patrolled (sic) the roads at Bensenville and Elmhurst and visited many of the gang contact taverns. Back in the office at 2:30 AM and finally home and to bed at 3:30.

February 7, 1935 Thursday

Metcalfe and I were on a plant for Volney all day till 4:30 P.M. then to the office where we stood by for instructions. Went to sleep in a cell from 10 P.M. till 3:30 A.M. when Matt Gleason was brought in for questioning. Gleason was contacted by Volney Davis the night of his escape and Gleason gave him \$5.00 and then sold a ring for Davis to get him \$50-. Gleason was to meet Davis the next night but he didn't show. Nichols, Metcalfe and I questioned Gleason from 4 A.M. to 11 A.M. Friday and when he lied on several questions he was pushed about a bit then finally admitted the truth.

February 8, 1935 Friday

Home about 1 P.M. and slept till 7 P.M. then to dinner and a movie and on guard duty from midnight to nine A.M. though I got about 3 hours sleep during the night.

February 9, 1935 Saturday

Home about noon and slept till 5 P.M. Dressed, had dinner then to Brownies house, and his wife Ruth, two friends and I went to a polo game. Then to the office for guard duty from midnight to 9 A.M.

February 10, 1935 Sunday

Slept in the afternoon. In evening, Heilker and I saw Lucienne Boyer in the Continental Varieties (sic) then to the office for guard duty from midnight to 9 A.M.

February 11, 1935 Monday

Walked home and posted clippings in the scrap book. Guard duty in evening.

February 12, 1935 Tuesday

Movies and guard duty as usual.

February 13, 1935 Wednesday

Same as Tuesday

February 14, 1935 Thursday

Off guard duty at 9 A.M. After that home for a nap and back again for general instructions at 7:30 P.M. Finally home at midnight.

February 15, 1935 Friday

Our prisoner being released we were off guard duty. The papers carried a story of how Matt Gleason was held without process and beaten by agents. McRae and I drove around on leads in the city. McIntyre and I saw Gleason in the County Jail and he denied that he had spoken to reporters. So home and to bed at 10:15 P.M.

February 16, 1935 Saturday

Up at 5:15 AM and picked up Chaffetz, both of us to relieve Jones and Winstead in a plant while they went shooting. Had to call off a date with Faye.

February 17, 1935 Sunday

Called in to the office at 4 P.M. to dictate a memo on the questioning of Matt Gleason as the papers have stated he was beaten and an investigation is threatened. Fred and I had dates in the evening.

February 18, 1935 Monday

On Plant at Waller St all day and home in the evening.

February 19-27th

On plant at Waller St for Volney Davis, Tillman and I covering it. On 20th went over ground of Barrington shooting with Ryan and the U.S. Attorney for purposes of trial. Did many accounting problems in plant. On 27th informed I was suspended for 15 days for the Matt Gleason affair. Metcalfe and Nichols were asked to resign. McRae relieved me at Waller St on 27th – back to hotel

February 28, 1935 Thursday

Left 11 AM for New York on New York Central.

March 1, 1935 Friday

Arrived in N.Y. 8:10 A.M. Called Paul on phone, then saw him at 11 AM at his office. Had lunch with Joe and Duke Up to Enges, then met Paul for dinner and we saw "Life Begins at 8:40".

March 2, 1935 Saturday

Loafed over to town. Picked up Frankie Pierce and went to Radio City. Had dinner at her house then met Duke and El at Hotel Astor and went home with them and spent the night talking.

March 3, 1935 Sunday

Left Jersey at 5 and Paul and I met Mother and Pop at Jersey ferry station coming in from Florida so home for the reunion.

March 4, 1935 Monday

Over to New York. Visited at Prentice Hall then to N.Y. office of the Bureau and saw Hemery. So home for dinner and Mother and I went to the movies.

March 5, 1935 Tuesday

Visited the McDades in the morning, had lunch with Barry then Frankie Prince and I visited Enge. Home for dinner and Walt Frank and I played cards and argued in the evening.

March 6, 1935 Wednesday to March 11 Monday

Visiting around town – Joes (Thurs) at White Plains, saw Marge Weldon etc. Received wire recalling me to Chicago for Chase case.

March 12, 1935 Tuesday

Left by plane for Chicago at noon. Felt fine until I had something to eat then got sick to my stomach (sic). From Philadelphia to Columbus, Ohio dense fog, like flying in a steam room. Arrived Chicago 6:30 – an hour late. Saw Faye Knife in the evening.

March 13, 1935 Wednesday

At the office and conferred with the U.S. Attorney. Saw D'Oyly Carte production of "The Gondoliers" in the afternoon and had another conference with the attorneys in the evening.

March 14, 1935 Thursday

Walking with Faye in the afternoon. Not yet on duty. In evening saw "Ruggles of Red Gap" with Charles Laughton. Very good. Took Olive White to this one.

March 15, 1935 Friday

Reported for duty again and worked on some small leads on Bremer. In evening Hicks and I went to the movies.

March 16, 1935 Saturday

In the office all day. Wrote a new memorandum on the Gleason affair. To the pistol range at the post office and fired 110 rounds with the automatic. In the evening Hicks and I sat around and talked of this and that.

March 17, 1935 Sunday

Drove to Barrington with Dwight Greene, USA, Brien McMahon Special Asst to Atty General and Bill Ryan to go over the scene of the shooting. In the evening to the movies with Hicks.

March 18, 1935 Monday

Spent day in office and watching the picking of the Chase jury. Had interview with Asst Director Nathan about the Gleason matter and felt better after it. Sat in the room during the evening. Fred and I had taken Emerick's girls photo and wrote an extortion note threatening to draw a moustache on it (in ink) if 24 was not paid. I sent the photo back to Emerick with a threat across the upper lip to scare him. So to bed at midnight.

March 19, 1935 Tuesday

On the witness stand today and told the story of the chase at Barrington. O'Brien didn't make a very strong cross examination. On the stand about one hour, having followed Ryan. Stayed in the courtroom after the testimony and until 4:30 at adjournment. Saw Olive in evening.

March 20, 1935 Wednesday

At the Chase trial all day and stayed at the attorneys' office till midnight arguing tactics of offense.

March 21, 1935 Thursday

Glass and firearms experts on stand and miscellaneous witnesses showing conditions of the autos. Had dinner in the evening at Chaffetz house and met his wife.

March 22, 1935 Friday

Government rested in Chase trial and Chase was the only witness for the defense. His defense is solely one of self defense, that he thought Ryan and I were members of a "dago syndicate in Chicago" (Capone mob) and that we fired first.

To the movies in the evening.

March 23, 1935 Saturday

Have had no word from home since returning to Chicago. Both sides rested in Chase case. All exhibits in Chase case turned over to me including glass of cars from Parsons and Pickering. Bowled with Boardman and McRae in afternoon. Spent evening in working on accounting problems.

March 24, 1935 Sunday

Called to office at 2 P.M. to put I.O. and letters in envelopes. Letters being sent to all Hart Schaffner & Marx clothiers in country to watch out for Robinson, Stoll kidnaper. Also letters sent to doctors in our district to watch for him for treatment of syphilis (sic). He wears irregular long suit, Hart Schaffner & Marx. Had dinner with McArdle his wife and Stewart then to the movies.

March 25, 1935 Monday

Closing addresses made by Green and McMahon for the government and Henry and O'Brien for the defense. All were good except Henry which was disgusting. The jury retired at 4:30 P.M. and dined from 6 to 7. At 7:40 P.M. the jury asked what life imprisonment meant and when the judge (Sullivan) told them it meant sentence for natural life, then in custody of the Parole Board and the President, they retired and returned at 8 P.M. with a verdict of guilty of first murder with life sentence. Prosecution generally satisfied. Ryan and I took an awful roasting from O'Brien as cowards fleeing from the men we were sent to apprehend.

March 26, 1935 Tuesday

Spent the day packing and labeling all the evidence in the Chase trial. Met some of the jurors who were inclined to hang Chase but apparently had to compromise with others to reach a verdict. The question which kept the others from hanging him seemed to be whose shot actually killed Cowley? Since the bullet could not be traced to Chase's gun we couldn't prove he did the killing. Had dinner at the Pickwick with McArdle, Fred and Stewart.

March 27, 1935 Wednesday

Went with Chaffetz to home of Karpis parents. Max is supposed to be manager of the building for the receiver and father Karpis or Karpowicz is the janitor. Max is friendly with the old man. I had to wait outside to cover if Max is detained. Packed Chase Exhibits in afternoon. Kept for scientific instruction in the evening, playing with the dictaphone and phone tapping machine to pick up dial calls. A broken wire kept us all from getting it to work. Then lifted and photographed fingerprints from desks, chairs, etc, finally home at 10 P.M. Did some shooting in the afternoon and qualified with 87+ average.

March 28, 1935 Thursday

To Waller St plant with Chaffetz to relieve Jones and Winstead to go shooting. Did accounting lesson. I am told that Chase told one of his guards that his only regret was that he "didn't knock off those two lying cocksuckers in the coupe". He has no love for Ryan and me since our testimony did him great damage. At the plant till 11 P.M. then home and had a letter from Charlie Tyner who says he heard my name mentioned on the radio in connection with the Chase case. So to bed late.

March 29, 1935 Friday

Checking all the licenses and motor numbers of cars used by the Bremer gang and checking stops put in state license bureaus. Shooting at Fort Sheridan (.30-06 and .351 rifle and Colt Monitor) then to Waller St plant to let other agents go shooting. Dinner with Hicks, then sat around and to bed.

March 30, 1935 Saturday

An informant says that "Moon" Baker is hiding out one of the Bremer kidnapers. Campbell found Baker and today Campbell and I watched Baker who hangs about a poolroom and bookie joint. LaFrance and Muzzey relieved us at 4:30 PM and we returned again at nine. He was playing poker in the poolroom and I got a look at him from the window, an ugly ex-prize fighter about 200 pounds. At midnight he took a bundle of groceries and drove off in a Ford coupe. We followed, I driving, and though we missed him at one turn we found his car on McLean Ave. We waited 40 minutes when he came out and returned to the poolroom. Called Mr. Connelly and came in for the night at 1 AM. It looks as though someone is hiding out in the apartment on McLean Ave.

March 31, 1935 Sunday

At the office at 9:45 and waited till noon when Campbell and I went out to McLean Ave and got the names of the tenants and found Baker lives there, his name being in the bell. Streets too empty to stay around so came back. Out to see Elizabeth Caravan (?) and had a lovely time. Home about 1 A.M.

April 1, 1935 Monday

Jerry Campbell and I checking upon on Baker. The postman says he lived there at least 3 months. Another name in the door bell but no one knows who. A doctor who lives in the house knows nothing of him. I called on the owner of the house who lives in the house (2857 McLean Ave) and found it to be a Jewish family of dubious reliability. Posed as a furnace salesman when contacting them. Found the janitor and tried to bribe him to go into the apartment on pretext of looking at the radiators and keep his eyes open for some one in there other than Baker. He appears too scared to do it. Even he hasn't seen anyone else except Baker's wife or woman. Back to the office and returned about 8 PM to see if we could look in the windows (the apartment is a basement one) but no lights were on, so home at 9:15 P.M.

April 2, 1935 Tuesday

Drove around 2024 Milwaukee checking and watching persons at all places. Baker did not leave house all morning.

Checked records at police station. Home early. Fay Knife called and Fred and I visited her & her sister at the Harrison and as Fay was married last week, she is now out.

Sat around home till 10 P.M. then to a late movie to see Hepburn in "The Little Minister".

April 3, 1935 Wednesday

Spent some time with Chicago Police Dept trying to get photo of Baker. Then to Blue Island with Campbell to check on one of the frequenters of 2024 but found him a respectable person in his community. When (sic) practice shooting in the P.O. then worked in the office till 10 PM. So home..

April 4, 1935 Thursday

Campbell and I wore old clothes and windbreakers and snooped around the rear of 2024 trying to locate phone wires for a tap. Didn't know for sure if we had right line. Phone company confirms a phone in there. Worked on files in office then to Cicero with Sullivan. Informant says Harrison was seen in the 25 cent club there. Could not locate club by that name but post office and carrier say Hi-Ho Club, (an old gang place) used to sell everything at 25 cents. The best part of interviewing carriers is that they always know the exact street address. Will probably send an informant in the Hi-Ho Club to see if Harrison is coming in. Worked on files in the evening then home at 10:30 PM.

April 5, 1935 Friday

Campbell, Madala and I out to get a wire tap on 2024. Madala got it on but it put the phone out of order when we called to check it. We had obtained an empty apartment to use. When it wouldn't work there, we cut in in the cellar and the first call showed that the bookie joint was moving out that day due to police pressure. They are putting it in the poolroom. Back to the office at 6 P.M. worked on auto records till 11 P.M. Heard that Raymond Hamilton, Texas outlaw was captured. To bed at 12:15 AM.

April 6, 1935, Saturday

Campbell and I out to cellar of 2024 to listen on tap. Bookie moved to 2459 Armitage yesterday so no activity. Sitting in cellar reminds me of news story of treasury agent caught in cellar tapping phone and when asked by police what he was doing replied as he prepared to leave "waiting for a street car".

Back to the office at 1 PM and worked till six on the files. Had dinner with the McArdles and met Marian Dillenbeck thru Danny Stewart. Went to a movie and saw her home. So to bed at 4:45 AM.

April 7, 1935 Sunday

Up at noon and had breakfast at the hotel. To the office to work on the files and at 5 PM. out to see Marian and home at 12:30

April 8, 1935 Monday

Campbell and I out to the cellar but had nothing to do as the bookie place is still out. They haven't made arrangements to pay the new police captain and are working elsewhere. This story comes from the janitor who gets information for us from the men upstairs. Worked in the office till 9:30 PM then home.

April 9, 1935 Tuesday

Drove out to the cellar tap expecting place to move back today. Sat in cellar all day but were still inactive. Worked on files in the evening.

April 10, 1935 Wednesday

Campbell and I out to find a John R Moran. Moran met an informant and said he saw Willie Harrison in Chicago. Trying to find Moran to trail him to Willie. Address given us was a bookmaking place over theatre. Police raids around town keep all of these places closed. Found telephone wires in hall if tap is needed. Vacant store across street may be used to keep watch on entrance to book making joint to see if Moran goes in. We have his picture from St. Louis police.

Evening had dinner at Marian's home at midnight.

April 11, 1935 Thursday

Went to realty co. to get key for apartment opposite bookie place supposed to be frequented by Moran for purposes of observation. Couldn't get keys immediately so went to neighborhood but place is quiet and probably not open due to police raids. Yesterday Campbell and I trailed a man home because he resembled Volney Davis. Today I checked on the address at the Post Office and found it was a rooming house run by a German family, apparently reputable. While passing the house, I saw the man go out so I went in and talked to the landlady who seemed honest enough and who said she had no boarders who came in within the last two months (period Volney is at large). Person we thought was he was a boarder named Shenk, an unemployed German who was with her 7 years.

Returned to office to work on files. Left at 5:15. Stayed in all evening fixing clippings and listening to the radio.

April 12, 1935 Friday

Got keys to store over tea company and sat alone and watched the bookie place with no results. Worked in the office for the rest of the afternoon. Eliz. Cameron & I had dinner at the Lake Shore Athletic Club, then saw "Rain from Heaven" by S N. Behrmann. To bed at 12.

April 13, 1935 Saturday

In the office all day working on the files. Had dinner with Macfarlane and then to the McArdles where many people gathered for a party evening – all except McArdle and Martin who live there and who were on an extortion plant till 2 A.M. Met Margaret McGill a nice little girl from San Antonio.

April 14, 1935 Sunday

Up at 10:30 and had breakfast with Tillman and Hicks. At the office at 1:30 and worked till 5:30 P.M. Had dinner with same then saw Olive in the evening.

April 15, 1935 Monday

Worked on files in the office all day. To the movies early then left at 10:30 PM for St. Paul for trial of Doc Barker and other defendants in Bremer kidnapping.

April 16, 1935 Tuesday

Arrived in St. Paul at 8:20. Sat in court most of day listening to Bremer testify. In evening Larry, Cohen and I visited the State House and saw House in session. To bed at 11:30.

April 17, 1935 Wednesday

Had a lead on war risk case Ralph Perrotta to Northern Pacific R.R. No personnel record on the claimant but found him on the payroll and also paying insurance premiums.

Checked some numbers of ransom bills then sat in court and listened to the trial. Larry and I had dinner then went to Minneapolis to see a burlesque show. It was very funny and no worse than any where else.

April 18, 1935 Thursday

Made out a road trip at the St. Paul office and spent the afternoon at the trial. Because Hanni did not mark the flashlights which he found by the side of the road and which were used to signal McGee to pay the ransom, he couldn't testify that the flashlights in court were the same ones. It was then necessary to make a long chain of evidence showing constant possession of them.

Played poker till 11:30 and lost \$1.50 though I was out almost \$7.00 at one time.

April 19, 1935 Friday

At trial for part of the day. Worked around the office & read Gross "Criminal Investigation". To a movie and to bed early.

April 20, 1935 Saturday

Larry and I went on leads on a motor vehicle theft case to River Falls, Wisc. Had a nice drive over and back. Subject had abandoned car after having it all winter. Stolen from Mass. Interviewed farmer he worked for and sheriff. Drove back to St. Paul in time for a party for the agents given by Eddie Bremer at his brewery. After much singing and drinking of beer we bowled. Finally back to the hotel and to bed at 12.

April 21, 1935 Sunday

Larry and I drove over to River Falls and after a few leads there, we went to Stillwater, but couldn't get in to see the penitentiary. Drove around White Bear Lake then back to St. Paul. Movies and to bed.

April 22, 1935 Monday

At trial all day. Barkers fingerprint on the gas can was admitted and identified him as being on scene. Then to Hudson, Wisc. on lead of case of interstate transportation of lottery tickets but only interviewed person who received literature.

April 23, 1935 Tuesday

Informed I will not have to testify as they have decided not to put Doc Barkers guns in evidence. Left St. Paul at 12:30 on the Burlington Zephyr, the new streamlined train and arrived in Chicago at 7 PM. A fast comfortable ride. Met Margaret McGill and had a pleasant evening.

April 24, 1935 Wednesday

Worked in office on the Bremer auto report. Had dinner with Marian Dillenbeck.

April 25, 1935 Thursday

Finished Bremer auto report. Dinner with Hicks and at a movie in the evening.

April 26, 1935 Friday

Left Chicago 1:30 PM by Big Four R.R. on transfer to Charlotte, N.C.

April 27, 1935 Saturday

Arrived Charlotte 3:30 PM Reported at office and stopped at Mayfair Hotel. Movies in evening after walking around town.

April 28, 1935 Sunday

Office at 10 A.M. for lecture on "Extortion". At luncheon for SAC Stapleton who will leave Charlotte soon.

No Sunday shows allowed in Charlotte so stopped back at the office and made some fingerprints.

April 29, 1935 Monday

Covered some small leads around Charlotte.

April 30, 1935 Tuesday

Spent most of day in North Charlotte trying to locate a N.M.V.T.A. fugitive. Worked in office till 11:15 PM.

May 1, 1935 Wednesday

Drove to Hamlet, N.C. 80 miles from Charlotte and interviewed Chief of Police J.H. Kline. He had some letters which were not extortion notes but merely family squabbles. He had taken an Army automatic from a negro girl and I checked up on that for theft of government property. Back to office at 6:30 P.M. At Hamlet I listened to the hearing of an assault of one negro on another for playing around with her husband. The defendant told how she tried to keep the other from her man and warned her off. The recorder, who conducted the hearing commented "The trouble seems to be, Lizzie, that Louise has more suction than you".

Around the office and then selected a room at 321 W 10 Street at Mrs Proctors.

May 2, 1935 Thursday

Moved from hotel. Dictated reports on yesterday investigation. My rain coat has disappeared from the office. Worked till 9 P. M.

May 3, 1935 Friday

Spent morning interviewing G. W. Cramer on motion picture anti trust investigation. He is an independent operator who has difficulty getting pictures where Paramount interests appear.

After in office on files etc. Movies in evening.

May 4, 1935 Saturday

In office all morning checking old cases. Shooting in the afternoon with Whitten, Vogel and Bailey. Movies in evening.

May 5, 1935 Sunday

To Methodist Church with Bailey. At the office at 12:30 and worked up leads till 6 P.M. Dinner and at the office again till midnight.

May 6, 1935 Monday

Investigating various cases. Strangest one of Alexander Matheson Bennetsville S.C. who was worth ¼ million dollars and left a wife and 5 children to run away with a 17 year old girl leaving all his property behind. Disappeared in Feb 1934 and no word ever heard of him. Interviewed his best friend who had never heard from him and while I learned a bit of his past found no clue to his present whereabouts. Matheson just drove off in his car with the girl, he had about \$10000 and later abandoned the car. Saw picture "G - Men" then sat around drinking some beer.

May 7, 1935 Tuesday

Dictated and made investigations around Charlotte. Finished motion picture investigation. Worked till midnight.

May 8, 1935 Wednesday

In office at 10:30. Went out to get a young fellow on a lottery charge to put him under bond. He had been in the office and no one expected him to jump. Found he skipped a month ago and now we have to get him again. Interviewed H. McGinn on motor theft etc.

May 9, 1935 Thursday

Old lead to get negro and fingerprint and handwriting samples for comparison with latent on extortion note. Brought him in and found handwriting dissimilar but sent to Bureau. May develop him as informant among the negroes. Wire from Bureau says fugitive Roscoe Pitts NMVTA at given street in North Charlotte. Vogel and I went looking but couldn't find such a street. Did some shooting in the city dump for practice.

May 10, 1935 Friday

Various investigation around Charlotte. Over to North Charlotte attempting to locate Roscoe Pitts, fugitive. Movie in evening.

May 11, 1935 Saturday

Confered all morning with Boone Tillett taking statement concerning fictitious bankruptcy. Worked in office, then to ball game with Hyman to see Asheville and Charlotte play. Around the office most of the evening.

May 12, 1935 Sunday

At office at 9:45 A.M. Drove to Hickory N.C. 70 miles on lead from automobile salesman that W.A. Rutledge, fugitive was in town. Saw him and drove to Rutledge house and saw his car in front. Returned to police station and got officer. Then returned to get Rutledge and took him to headquarters in Hickory. Got a statement from him and drove to Morganton to check it. Back to Charlotte then to North Charlotte to check up on Roscoe Pitts without success.

May 13, 1935 Monday

Consulted with W.R. Francis USA who decided not to prosecute Rutledge. Called Marshall (sic) and asked him to release Rutledge. Brother of Pitts came in and I thought he wanted to give us a story on his brother but he filed a complaint against Frank Drake, White Slavery – seducing his sister. Hope to get Drake to help us get her brother. Drake was arrested locally and let out on 50.00 bond.

Interviewed Drake at home and he admitted intercourse with subject but denied transportation.

Worked on files most of evening checking leads.

May 14, 1935 Tuesday

Worked in office on leads then some work around Charlotte. Father Gallagher, Scott Blanton – Chief Littlejohn, Helen Pitts and Frank Drake came in and said they were married so we quashed 31 case.

Dictated reports during afternoon. Worked on summary report in evening.

May 15, 1935 Wednesday

Morning in office writing summary on Harry Roth case. Interview with Morrison regarding fugitive Hobart Rakes. Worked in office in afternoon. Movie in evening.

Agents Egan and Dorwart discharged for using Bureau auto at night with two girls and had a crash probably without their fault. Worked and left office at 10:30 PM

May 16, 1935 Thursday

Rained most of day. Stayed in office and read files and checked cases. Outside for 2 small leads. Dinner at Virginia Duncan's with Martha Deckey and Pryor Bailey.

May 17, 1935 Friday

Trip to Wadesboro contacting chiefs of police and sheriffs on fingerprints. Evening at party with Margaret Cook.

May 18, 1935 Saturday

In office all morning. Practiced shooting in the afternoon. About to go to a movie in evening when informant told us Hobart Rakes fugitive would deliver liquor to a Ned Maxwell, bootlegger on Statesville Road. Hyman and I found the place and watched for a while without result. Lowdon and Falkner had toured Mt. Holly where Rakes got away the month before when agents ran up on him in the dark.

Returned with Lowdon and Falkner to Maxwell's and a car drove back and forth several times so we stopped the man and questioned him. Let him go although he fitted Rakes description generally as we had no pictures of Rakes and the story he gave fitted with the papers in his pockets. Home at 2 A.M.

May 19, 1935 Sunday

To the office at 10:30 AM. Vogel and I out to look for Rakes car at the various places without results. Informant came in and says Rakes was in town last night.

May 20, 1935 Monday

Worked on leads around town. Nothing of consequence.

May 21, 1935 Tuesday

Rained on and off all day. Made a trip to Gastonia and towns around there.

May 22, 1935 Wednesday

Drove to Shelby N.C. 44 miles and covered leads around there. In evening spent some time around town looking for Hobart Rakes without success.

May 23, 1935 Thursday

Checked story of our informant on Hobart Rakes and found he was lying to us all the time. Got taxi driver who will try to contact his cousin who might get him to return or get his address.

May 24, 1935 Friday

In office in the morning. Shooting in the afternoon, averaged 86+ with automatic. Local police picked up 3 women – 2 men on white slavery charge. Hyman and I talked to them till midnight and found one R.E. Montgomery old subject.

Went with locals to pick up negro wanted for shooting another with a shotgun. Home at 2 A.M. after riding around with detectives.

May 25, 1935 Saturday

Interviewed R.E. Montgomery and took statement from him admitting transportation for immoral purpose. Hyman reports a case of two fellows who got drinking with some girls and they fell asleep in a boxcar. While asleep the car was pulled into Tenn from N.C. and there had intercourse in the boxcar. The judge threw out the suit for W.S.T.A.

Fingerprint work in the afternoon and watched skeet shooting in the late afternoon.

Noticed while questioning witnesses in the Recorder's Court that a separate Bible is used for blacks and one of (sic) white people. These books are sealed with adhesive tape so pages will not be torn and are labeled "Black" and "White" respectively.

At Duncan's in evening after seeing a movie.

May 26, 1935 Sunday

At the office at 9:30 for conference till 1 P.M. Worked in office and wrote letters. After evening dinner went to police hqtrs and went riding with Altman and Gardner. Visited a negro church and watched the coons work themselves in a hysteria. Tried to locate address of a fugitive of Bureau, George Cunningham. Home at 12.

May 27, 1935 Monday

Dictated then appeared at hearing of R.E. Montgomery and he pleaded guilty and was put under 2000 bond. Will have to wait till Sept to be indicted. To Mt. Holly checking stolen army gun. Movie in evening.

May 28, 1935 Tuesday

To Kings Mt. and Shelby on white slave case and also old fugitive Sam Pieler. Back at 3:15 and dictated reports. In evening drove to Albermarle with Stapleton, Lowdon and Miss Dickey on extortion plant. Note demanded \$500- be left under last seat in balcony of movie. Peters and Dickey sat in last row, with string tied to package. Lowdon covered one exit and I the other. Stapleton and sheriff outside

covering fireescapes. No one came and the picture was terrible. Young fellow seen in audience known to be big on detective work and very untrustworthy may be our man but no other lead. Home at 1 AM.

May 29, 1935 Wednesday

Work around town in the morning. Afternoon drove to Albermarle and investigated extortion case. Took prints of persons who handled letters and all employees of theatre. No leads except small boy who begged money of Rogers, the victim and Horton, a victim in a case last year which appears to be by the same subject. The place for the money was the same and the handwriting is similiar (sic). Back to Charlotte by 10 o'clock.

May 30, 1935 Thursday

Up at 10 A.M., a holiday and in the office by noon. Worked around till afternoon. To North Charlotte on lead. Home with Grace and we sat on the porch and talked.

May 31, 1935 Friday

Roswell Smith and I went to Albermarle and checked on some leads there. Took prints and handwriting of Springer boy. No definite lead yet. Movies in evening.

June 1, 1935 Saturday

Jim Schiavone and Mary Kavanaugh are getting married today in New York. Dictated extortion report. At Police headquarters for photos. Office work in evening. Brought Mary Wayland to office and Mike and I drove her home.

June 2, 1935 Sunday

In office at noon and around city on short leads.

About 8 o'clock went to negro church to listen to service. When I entered the band was playing and everyone was clapping in rhythm. Many women and a few men was (sic) dancing about and several appeared to be having an epileptic fit. They moved about with eyes shut or rolling, running with perspiration and arms and legs jerking spasmodically and apparently uncontrolled. Many ran into each other and some fell down unable to remain erect. They moaned and shouted all the time.

After they quieted they had a parade around the church and then took up a collection. This was the part referred to on the sign which read

Service starts	8:00
Prayer	8:00 – 8:30
Business	8:30 – 9:15
Heavy Business	8:30 – 9:15
Preaching	9:30

The collection was the heavy business for the preacher exhorted persons to give \$1.10 (all of them) after the first collection produced \$2.20. After each number of the band one man yelled "clap yo hands fo de band" or the choir. The choir singing was unusually poor and not near so good as when they just sang without regular words.

At police headquarters learned a negro woman was stabbed so Deues and I went out to hospital but she was just about dead. She had been stabbed in the neck and under left breast. The best Deues did was get two niggers he knew and tell them to find out who killed her. Her brother told us he heard a Buster Kendrick did it. "Country", "Foots" and I went out at midnight and visited ½ dozen informants and country told them all to go out and find who did it. We went to the scene of the stabbing and they gave the ground just a passing glance, made inquiries at some of the houses but no one was around – they were all at church. The blood trail led from her house where she walked – back to where she was stabbed 1 block away.

They left me home at 2 A.M. with no immediate solution in sight.

June 3, 1935 Monday

Around town on small leads. At office in the evening until 10 P.M. then home and to bed.

June 4, 1935 Tuesday

Working in Charlotte on various leads. Nothing of any importance. Went to a dance at the armory and was recognized by a fellow who knew me at Manual.

June 5, 1935 Wednesday

Around town all day. Peters told us of his investigation (anti-trust) in the rubber goods business. Discussed manufacture and rolling of contraceptives and how the industry was controlled. The rubbers are rolled by hand by girls who place them over large wooden pegs and roll them upward.

Sent out ransom lists on the Weyerhaeuser kidnapping.

June 6, 1935 Thursday

Worked on leads around Charlotte and prepared road trip to Eastern part of state.

June 7, 1935 Friday

Left town at 7:45 AM and drove to Ft. Bragg to investigate theft of army safe. Safe weighed about 175# and was chained to a steam pipe and radiator. Chains and all were gone. No clues except possible connection with man who deserted about that time. Spent night in Fayetteville.

June 8, 1935 Saturday

Received wire from Lowdon to go to Weldon immediately Weyerhaeuser kidnapping. Drove 134 miles in 2 ½ hours. A suitcase was sent from Salt Lake City to Weldon in name of J.W. Davis to himself. For reasons unknown here word was sent to check bag and owner for possible connection with Weyerhaeuser kidnapping. Osborne was already there. We tried to open bag without success. It was held by Railway Express to be called for. No one called for it by 6 P.M. when express office closed.

June 9, 1935 Sunday

Lowdon called from Charlotte that he and three others were coming up. It looked as though it may contain the Weyerhaeuser ransom of \$200,000. Some of the money had been found in Salt Lake City yesterday only a few days after the boy was released. Express office closed all day opened at 10:30 P.M. Osborne watched. I went to bed at 1 AM.

June 10, 1935 Monday

This town of about 2000 is getting suspicious of us, hanging around with no reasonable explanation. Bailey arrived at 2 AM and had a key to open the bag. Nothing in it but clothing of a soldier. Others arrived at 5 A.M. and Lowdon and Bailey checked him at Jackson where he once lived. Newspapers announced capture of 2 of the kidnapers in Salt Lake City and escape of third in Butte. Which leaves this almost a blank. Osborne and I left to wait for owner of the bag to call for it and interrogate him as to his activities. Night and the bag was still there.

June 11, 1935 Tuesday

Osborne and I waited around all day but no one called for the bag.

June 12, 1935 Wednesday

Osborne transferred to Los Angeles.

June 13, 1935 Thursday

J.W. Davis called for his bag. On questioning him found he was discharged from army at San Francisco May 31, 1935 – discharge papers proved it. Weyerhaeuser was kidnapped May 24 and released June 1, so that let him out. He rode by bus to Salt Lake City and sent bag on.

Grace took my new territory and I got Osbornes. Covered leads at Roanoke Rapids and Halifax. Remained in Weldon over night.

June 14, 1935 Friday

At Caledonia Prison Farm to interview Zade Sprinkle, bank robber. Went through prison and grounds. Over to Warrenton and back to Weldon for night.

June 15, 1935 Saturday

Drove to Warrenton then Franklinton and finally on to Raleigh. Located family of Raymond Acree in Henderson and placed mail cover.

Stopped at Bland Hotel in Raleigh after driving through a dozen rainstorms all day.

June 16, 1935 Sunday

Out to the State Penitentiary to examine the records. The Sunday service was on and the preacher spoke to three tiers of cells, singing where he stood and some of the caged prisoners joining him. None of the prisoners are allowed out on Sunday.

A booklet of prison rules forbids possession of "dirks, daggers, saws, files, etc." and also forbid stealing.

Visited police headquarters and had lead at the radio station for them to watch out for Merton Ward Goodrich if he came with a band. At hotel at 11:15 and had wire to call Chief of Police at Kinston. They have a new 31 case so I must go there in the morning instead of working here.

June 17, 1935 Monday

Drove 78 miles to Kinston. Police had girl taken from whore house. She was 15 years old and lived there six months. Drove 40 miles on to New Bern then back to Kinston but can't seem to make a case. She visited a cousin in VA. and both hitch hiked to Kinston and were in the house when caught. Can't get anyone for transportation. Would like to get woman who keeps the house as she gets young girls and puts them on dope.

Kinston is famous for its red light district called Sugar Hill. Drove through it and saw many sitting on porches waiting for business. But being with the law I am like the Lord Chancellor who sang "There's one for them and one for thee, but never, oh, never a one for me."

Returned to Raleigh and covered expedite lead on applicant and got report off at 10:30 P.M.

June 18, 1935 Tuesday

Covered various leads around Raleigh. At noon had a call from Lowdon to investigate Sherwood Brockwell who may be asked to speak before Police School in Washington. Drove to Chapel Hill, N.C. University and saw Prof. Albert Coates, head of the Institute of Government.

Spent all afternoon getting a line on a man who may be asked to make a speech.

Spent evening writing reports.

June 19, 1935 Wednesday

To Chapel Hill and Durham at N.C. University and Duke University checking applicant. One lead gave a box number where a suspect had written from to his aunt saying he was in a hospital. I found it to be a prison camp and he was gone about two weeks ago.

Back to Raleigh after covering leads around Durham.

June 20, 1935 Thursday

To Varina to get handwriting specimens of two young fellows. Got them and fingerprints under the baleful eye of their aunt.

To Lillington on motor theft case and got some good description of thief after much driving over back roads and interviewing farmers.

Back to Varina on possible 31 case, man's wife ran away but he sounds queer himself. Back to Raleigh to work on reports.

June 21, 1935 Friday

In Raleigh all day on various leads in city. Got wire to call Police at Dunn and will be there in the morning.

June 22, 1935 Saturday

Drove to Dunn. Adopted son of man stole his car from garage and abandoned it in Alabama. Was seen driving with local bad character. Completed investigation in Dunn and covered lead at Lucama. Spent night in Wilson, NC.

June 23, 1935 Sunday

To Farmville to investigate girl applicant for typist. Good character and everyone told me about her uncle who was a judge.

Blue laws made it impossible to buy even a glass of Coca-Cola here before 1 P.M. On to Kinston to cover 31 leads.

Visited Sugar Hill section where about 40 prostitutes do business. Police allow it to run wide open. Mallard, alcohol tax man says that they tried to move the section once but a big tobacco man offered \$5,000 to lease it. The farmers sell tobacco here in late summer and that is an added attraction which other tobacco centers like Wilson and Greenville don't offer.

June 24, 1935 Monday

To Farmville, NC & Greenville to complete applicant investigation.

Took statement from Burt Robinson, charged with white slavery. Took a prostitute Mae Autry to S.C. to open a house there. Filed complaint and put him under \$1000 bond. Autry put under \$100- as material witness but I think she will renege if held in jail.

June 25, 1935 Tuesday

Returned to Raleigh. Met Parsons, firearms expert from Bureau who is testifying at state trial. Covered lead at Goldsboro on way back from Kinston – larceny from interstate shipment. Covered leads in Charlotte.

June 26, 1935 Wednesday

In Raleigh all day on leads. In trying to get a photo of Jack Mendes Lewis, I was told he was in a picture taken at the transient bureau at Christmas. They had the picture all right – and he was in it – but as Santa Claus with a full set of whiskers.

June 27, 1935 Thursday

Left Raleigh at 1:45 and arrived in Charlotte at 4:45 p.M.

June 28, 1935 Friday

Shooting practice and worked in office till 12 P.M. on getting work ready.

June 29, 1935 Saturday

Worked in office getting road trip ready.

June 30, 1935 Sunday

Conference in office and did work in afternoon and morning. Code wire received from Bureau that man named Thomas Condy in Hendersonville knew where a fugitive was located. Bain went over there (125 miles) and found that the man had a machine for locating people. He put the I.O. in the machine and it took up the persons scent and pointed in direction. (P.S. The fugitive was not found).

July 1, 1935 Monday

Worked in Charlotte getting ready for road trip.

July 2, 1935 Tuesday

Left Charlotte 7 A.M. covered leads on way to Raleigh arriving at 1 P.M. Telephoned N.Y. at 8:30 and spoke to Mother who wished me a happy birthday.

July 3, 1935 Wednesday

To Durham for applicant investigation at Duke. Negro bumped the car and bent the fender - \$1 damage. In Raleigh at State Highway Patrol school at Fair Grounds.

July 4, 1935 Thursday

Drove to Henderson 44 miles on white slave case, covering leads at Franklinton. Located Dorothy Adams and procured signed statement of transportation and prostitution. Lowry, an informant, kept her mother busy in the next room while I questioned her. The only time she hesitated in her story was when I asked her how much she got for each date. She was hustling in New York City and got from \$2 to \$5.

July 5, 1935 Friday

Returned to Raleigh and covered few leads.

July 6, 1935 Saturday

To Durham and while leaving my car parked someone wrote on the back in the dust with his finger "Federal Officer from Charlotte". Returned to Raleigh. Listening to the radio heard Harrison Knox on the air singing "The touch of your hand". He is Bob Godsoe's paramour 69, catch on?

July 7, 1935 Sunday

Practically no work – not feeling well. Wonder why Bureau wastes money chasing persons who write one threatening letter for over a year when it is obviously the work of a crank.

July 8, 1935 Monday

To Wilson then to Rocky Mount and Tarboro with nothing worthy of comment, winding up in Kinston.

July 9, 1935 Tuesday

Looking for Elmer Tyndall in Pink Hill and Deep Run and trying to develop informants.

July 10, 1935 Wednesday

Accompanied Pate and Mallard, Alcohol (U.S.) man while they chopped up a small still in the woods near Deep Run. Stopped at Little Hill to talk to Eunice Pegott for information on Tyndall. She runs a whore house and a customer was being entertained while we were there.

Drove on to Raleigh for the night.

July 11, 1935 Thursday

Covered various leads in Raleigh. Nothing unusual.

July 12, 1935 Friday

Went to the State Penitentiary to witness the electrocution of George Whitfield, negro convicted of raping a white woman who was 7 months pregnant. There were two executions beginning at 10:30 A.M. and I was one of about eight who saw the second.

The death chamber is a small octagonal room on the first floor of one of the towers. Whitfield walked in behind a clergyman and immediately sat in the chair. He said "Oh God, Oh God" quite loudly and prayed while the straps were hurriedly tied. The leather blindfold covered his mouth and stopped his speech after he asked that the water be kept out of his eyes. The hood, which resembled a football helmet was soaked to provide contact and prevent burning of the flesh.

The switch was thrown from the hallway and Whitfield jerked and strained at the straps. The current was on 2 ¼ minutes when it was cut off and a doctor listened to his heart. He shook his head and another charge was applied for 1 minute. Whitfield again jerked in muscular tension and relaxed when the power was cut off. He was dead then and immediately removed from the chair and taken to a hearse in the prison yard. I recall that after the doctor listened to his heart the first time, the Warden poured more water on his head thru the helmet. The Gas Chamber will soon replace the chair in N.C.

July 13, 1935 Saturday

Drove to Smithfield with Coble AUSB and Kooz to get some information on possible motor vehicle ring. In Raleigh in evening.

July 14, 1935 Sunday

To Selma investigating extortion case of Norman Tyson who wrote letter to Charles Talton and went so far as to walk up to Talton and ask if he received the note. Postal Inspector arrested him and my investigation merely completed information for file.

July 15, 1935 Monday

Small leads around Raleigh

July 16, 1935 Tuesday

Left Raleigh 9:30. Stopped at Franklinton and Henderson. Called Police of Elizabeth City upon getting wire and must be there Thursday. Spent night in Weldon.

July 17, 1935 Wednesday

Interviewed Zade Sprinkle at Caledonia without result. Apparently he knows nothing of Reese Baileys haunts.

Started for Elizabeth City and car skidded in heavy rain and turned over on left side. I was unhurt but car had left front door glass broken, left rear door dented and mudguard crushed. Drove into Jackson where minor repairs made it possible to get to Elizabeth City.

July 18, 1935 Thursday

Local police had arrested Henry Hooker while delivering case of cigarettes stolen from N & S boxcar in April. Hooker says he got them from Walter "Slicker" Stokely, local fence and bootlegger, Elizabeth City's Public Enemy No. 1. Stokely brought the case to a filling station in a truck and Hooker drove the truck to the informants house where he was arrested. Obtained signed statements from Hooker and negro informant.

July 19, 1935 Friday

Filed complaints against Stokely and Hooker. Still have no information against actual thieves. Helped Spence with fingerprints.

July 20, 1935 Saturday

Drove to Nags Head and passed Kitty Hawk, sight (sic) of first airplane flight. Stayed at Nags Header hotel and went swimming in ocean.

July 21, 1935 Sunday

Stayed over at Nags Head Hotel. Saw sight (sic) of first white settlement in America. Manteo on Roanoke Island 1586.

July 22, 1935 Monday

Left Nags Head at six A.M. Ferried from Manteo to Mann's Harbor. Drove across the swamp thru very wild country. Ferried from East Lake to Ft. Landing and drove on to Washington. Telephone call sent me 85 miles further to Weldon to meet Bailey.

July 23, 1935 Tuesday

Bailey and I went over scene of my turning over car. Drove on to Elizabeth City, talking, (sic) fingerprints to all the sheriffs en route.

July 24, 1935 Wednesday

As arranged, the county attorney nol prossed his case against Stokely and we arrested him as he left the court room. Had a hearing and he was held under \$1500.- bond. Left Eliz. City at 4:30 PM. and arrived in Raleigh at 8:30.

July 25, 1935 Thursday

Covered general leads around town.

July 26, 1935 Friday

Drove back to Charlotte. Falkner tells me that sheriff's officers found a shack used by Reese Bailey that was mined with dynamite for officers trying to get them. A pump was set up on the mountain and the house could be watched from there. Latest news on Bennie McIntyre NMVTA fugitive is a newspaper squibb that he is doubling for James Cagney in "G" man pictures!

July 27, 1935 Saturday

Bought a Ford V-8 coupe in the morning. Worked and then slept from 4 to 6. On duty from midnight to 8 A.M. Sunday morning.

July 28, 1935 Sunday

Conference from 10 to 12:30. Dinner and slept some in afternoon.

July 29, 1935 Monday

In office in morning and shooting in afternoon. Prepared road work till 12:15 P.M.

July 30, 1935 Tuesday

Left Charlotte 9:45 A.M. Investigating applicant at Fuquay Springs and returned from Raleigh for more investigation.

July 31, 1935 Wednesday

Drove to Ft. Bragg to examine ranges for monthly shooting practices. Toured with a stiff necked Major whom I kept calling "Colonel" and didn't feel comfortable till I got with Sgt. Garrett.

Back to Varina to find that victim Barlee (?) had returned home and so may close that case.

Aug 1, 1935 Thursday

Investigating man who obtained a seed loan of \$250 – and converted money. Tobacco was sold by tenant and his application stated he had none. Rural mail carrier gave me name of store clerk who might know about it. Stopped at store and soon picked out story from him. Interviewed tenant who was then putting tobacco in smoke house and got a signed statement. Met Tom Counsel while out with Ben Davis. Counsel was drunk and said he was taking the exam of an agent next month, oh yeah!

Aug 2, 1935 Friday

To Goldsboro to interview Askew. Askew, a pervert, kidnapped himself last summer and was acquitted of extortion charge on ground of insanity. He s a brilliant student, aged 29 and married a woman over 50. A woman at Duke received an obscene extortion letter in January 1934 and Bureau determined from handwriting that Askew did it. He was thoroughly questioned once and refused to admit he did it. I questioned him again for two hours without success. All we have on him is handwriting. Proceeded to Kinston.

Aug 3, 1935 Saturday

Covered leads in Kinston and returned to Raleigh. On date with girl from Ben Davis' office and when she asked me about G men I told her I sold corsets. (P.S. she believed it).

Aug 4, 1935 Sunday

Worked in morning. Heat terrific – 99 Visited Dorsey at the Pen. Noticed the guards testing the cell bars by striking them with an iron rod. A cut bar would ring dully.

Aug 5, 1935 Monday

To Smithfield working on good case of conspiracy to get witness in state trial to leave state. Took long statement from Boyle, one of the conspirators, who gave story to a lawyer. Boyle was afraid to be seen so we sat under a tree on a dirt road and wrote it all out.

Farm note: Boyle observed watching pigs in nearby pen that they always suck from the same teat. Also that when goats are kept on a farm, the rest of the animals (cattle) will not be ill. Returned to Raleigh. Gurkin, local bootlegger assaulted Ellis with tear gas gun. He then induced Boyle and Benson to take Parrish, the witness to assault to Norfolk, Va.

Aug 6, 1935 Tuesday

At Duke University on applicant investigation.

Aug 7, 1935 Wednesday

At Smithfield on Gurkin case. Nothing new of consequence.

Aug 8, 1935 Thursday

Received telephone call at midnight of 7th that Boyle was in Wilson. Drove to Wilson and Boyle gave me Parrish address in Boston which he got from Gurkin who received a letter from Parrish.

Telephoned information to Charlotte who teletyped Boston. Parrish arrested in Boston. Various parts of Boyle's story were checked.

Aug 9, 1935 Friday

To Fuquay, Lillington and Smithfield.

Aug 10, 1935 Saturday

Smithfield "again". Hector Thames whom I interviewed at Caledonia on July 17th was drowned while attempting to escape.

Aug 11, 1935 Sunday

Loafed.

August 12, 1935 Monday

Got handwriting specimens and fingerprints of Purvis Wood and Elmo Fish in Utley extortion. I notice that when informed that I am from the Dept of Justice and want handwriting suspects are prompt to give them. Near the end of the interview, however, they begin to think and sometimes grow indignant at being suspected. Thus it is best to work fast and keep his mind occupied with side questions which may be wholly irrelevant.

In afternoon gave fingerprint demonstration at State Highway Patrol school.

August 13, 1935 Tuesday

Applicant at Chapel Hill. In showing jailer in Raleigh how to fingerprint I took the prints of some of the prisoners. One of them, aged 47, said he served 23 years in the State Pen. for murder and was released last year. It almost took my breath away.

August 14, 1935 Wednesday

Left Raleigh and drove to Elizabeth City (195 miles) with short stops. The jailer at Jackson thinks I am a prison inspector and insists on my seeing the jail every visit.

August 15, 1935 Thursday

Spent day investigating case of cigarette robbery from box car with only fair success. Everyone interviewed is lying.

August 16, 1935 Friday

Investigating another 31. Wesley Carver laid India Harris Query – where? Carver says in N.C. India says they drove over in Va. for the piece. Wesley is 26 and India is now 16. India gave me a story about Wesley's mother trying to force her to marry Wesley. The old shotgun story in reverse. Still it looks bad for Wesley for if Federal doesn't get him Virginia will – for another piece – this one on the roads not on India.

August 17, 1935 Saturday

Drove to Rocky Mt. to investigate another poss white slave case. Then to Goldsboro and back to Raleigh. Read that another agent, Klein, was killed in Indiana trying to arrest a motor thief.

August 18, 1935 Sunday

No work today.

August 19, 1935 Monday

Small leads around Raleigh.

August 20, 1935 Tuesday

To Tarboro and Goldsboro and returning to Raleigh at night.

August 21, 1935 Wednesday

Interviewed Walter Stacy – Chief Justice of N.C. on applicant lead. Drove on to Charlotte. Picked up a hitchhiker who said he was going to the Virgin Islands to look for a job. He said he thought at first they were in the Pacific Ocean and got as far as East Liverpool, Ohio before some one told him it was in the Atlantic Ocean, so he returned.

Another boy I picked up asked me what I did and I told him I was an Agent in the Dept of Justice and he asked if that was like an insurance agent.

August 22, 1935 Thursday

Dictating reports and reviewing cases in office.

August 23, 1935 Friday

Left Charlotte 3:30 arrived Raleigh 6:45 PM. Left Raleigh 8:15 with Maude Barnes drove all night

August 24, 1935 Saturday

Picked up Dot in morning at Jenkintown and drove to New York. Arrived home at 1:30 PM.

August 25, 1935 Sunday

Home

August 26, 1935 Monday

Evening at Dukes after spending the day with Jim Schiavone and his wife. Jim is in a terrible fix. In April money began to disappear from a safe in his office. The safe was locked in the evening and put in a locked draw. In the morning some of it was gone. After about six thefts the safe was broken and the money was put in another safe. Jim was given the combination and key and two thefts occurred to the amount of \$150.- The last one he put the money in the safe at 5 P.M., it was watched by a chauffer till watchman came. At 7 PM it was opened and money was gone. Jim was fired for taking it.

August 27, 1935 Tuesday

Spent evening at Schiavones in Rye.

August 28, 1935 Wednesday

To camp – Lake Buel.

September 3, 1935 Tuesday

Returned to Brooklyn

September 6, 1935 Friday

Ceceo Bianco and I drove to Swarthmore and spent the evening at Bill Blaisdell's.

September 7, 1935 Saturday

Drove to Washington arriving at 3:30 P.M. Visited friends of Ceceo and saw Mary Maurine. Left Wash. 1:05 AM. driving south. Slept 2 hours in car in Richmond continuing on to Charlotte arriving at about 2 P.M. Sunday

September 9, 1935 Monday

Office work getting serials ready for road trip.

September 10, 1935 Tuesday

Leads around town. Left Charlotte at 5:15 for Asheville arriving 8:30. Robbery of bank at Mars Hill may be work of Reese Bailey et al. Waited at Sheriff's office but robbers were lost in Tenn.

September 11, 1935 Wednesday

Nothing for me in Asheville so returned. Treadwell reports a sheriff complained about a couple aged 61 (man) and 45 (woman) running away from county home and he inquired if there was a white slave violation.

September 12, 1935 Thursday
Finished work around Charlotte.

September 13, 1935 Friday
Covered leads at Kannapolis and Salisbury on way to Raleigh. Have file from Washington showing Juanita Lopez, Jacksonville as a victim in a 31 case. This girl was the one Whitten picked in Jacksonville after the shooting at Ocklawaha. Agent, Beware.

September 14, 1935 Saturday
Covered small leads around Raleigh.

September 15, 1935 Sunday
Received photo from Birmingham of person who might be Jack Lewis. Answered general description, even cooked in transient camp and put on entertainment but I showed his photo to six persons none of whom could identify him as Lewis. This fellow was picked up in a lead sent to all field offices to check transient bureaus as Lewis was known to stop at them.

September 16, 1935 Monday
To Fayetteville for U.S. Grand Jury and court. Norman Tryson got 3 yrs. (extortion) in Nat'l Training school. Then to Smithfield and back to Raleigh.

September 17, 1935 Tuesday
Various leads around Raleigh.

September 18, 1935 Wednesday
In Raleigh.

September 19, 1935 Thursday
Pierce, Chief Police and I interviewed C.C. Hamilton who was arrested with others possessing burglar tools. Hamilton said some stuff was hidden in a church near Tenn. We went there and found punches, drills, saws, sledges, dynamite caps, an army rifle and a shot gun. All hidden under pew against rear wall.

Then to Smithfield on impersonation case and found that Boyle, informant in Parrish case, had skipped and was wanted for murder.

I took his photo when I got a statement from him.

Sept 20, 1935 Friday
Interviewed Cain and Proctor without result. Would give no information.

Sept 21, 1935 Saturday
With police to look over gypsy band to find Louise McGill flim flam artist. Examined fingers of one girl but was not subject. Police stopped negro in car and looked for clearing house number tickets. Compartment behind dash board was empty. Then with Poole and Lowe raided apartment and got all the days receipts and tickets and picked up two men adding up the business on an adding machine.

Riding with Poole and Lowe again in evening. Visited Lillian Arnold, bawdy house keeper. Poole says she has a great deal of principle – she runs a good house with no trouble. Has had a house in Raleigh for 17 years. I would like to meet and know Louise Price another woman reputedly worth a fortune who has run houses for years in Raleigh and who owns dozens of houses in the city. Her place of business is in the county.

Sept 22, 1935 Sunday
Read papers and sat around all day.

Sept 23, 1935 Monday

Left Raleigh at 8:15 arrived Kinston 10:15. Listened to cases in recorder's court. Rode around with police part of day. The same gypsies from Raleigh (The Miller clan) were in Kinston but cops chased them off. While out with them radio said woman at undertakers was robbed and it proved to be one of the gypsie (sic) women who did it. She got a negro girl to bring out her money and put in a stocking which she blessed by putting in salt and some earth. When they thought to look for the money it was gone - \$17.50. We hunted for the gypsies but they had gone.

September 24, 1935 Tuesday

Grace and I toured about trying to get a lead on Elmer Tyndall but could get nothing to show he was here. Listened to fight on radio - Joe Lewis K.O.'d Max Baer in 4th.

September 25, 1935 Wednesday

Left Kinston and proceeded to Greenville, Washington, Williamston, Rocky Mt. and Raleigh. No leads of consequence.

September 26, 1935 Thursday

Cain, Cobb & Faison (?) who had burglar tools got 25-30 years each with additional sentences of 5-10. Maddrey Maud Barnes and I drove around in evening looking for girl who disappeared but without success.

September 27, 1935 Friday

On previous night J.A. Dennis Chief of Police, Franklinton, N.C. gave me names and descriptions of two youths wanted in his town for theft of blankets and shoes from CCC camp. He said they went off with the Beers Barnes Circus. Driving back to Charlotte I saw the circus so I got a constable and looked over the fellows there. I picked out one from the description (he was 6'1"-brown hair-eyes and wearing army shoes). He gave me his right name McIntyre and the constable had picked out the other fellow. We took them to the jail at Troy and I phoned Dennis who said he would come over for them. Then on to Charlotte.

September 28, 1935 Saturday

Checked cases and reading files. Read how Hamilton was buried and found.

John Hamilton was wounded at South St. Paul, April 23, 1934 while fleeing from Little Bohemia with (Nelson and-crossed out) Dillinger and Van Meter. Hamilton was taken (?) to the apartment of Volney Davis at 415 E Fox St Aurora where he lived for 10 days and was walking around ½ hour before he died at 3 P.M. Doc Barker and Davis went to Oswego to dig the grave and between 9 & 10 o'clock Willie Weaver, Doc Barker, Davis, Van Meter, Dillinger and Harry Campbell took the body to the grave. Davis bought 10 cans of lye which Dillinger poured on Hamilton's hands and face after saying in a low voice "Red, old pal, I hate to do this, but I know you'd do the same for me". Barker and Van Meter filled in the hole and Dillinger and Van Meter left the others at Aurora.

Davis also states that Dr. Moran is supposed to have been murdered by Russell Gibson and Doc Barker who dumped his body in Lake Erie. Rumor also has it that Harrison was also murdered by the gang.

September 29, 1935 Sunday

Conference at 3.P.M. Orders now to use government cars on business. When I turned over the Hudson it cost me about \$140.00 and bought a Ford to use. Now I can't use that although I have had it only 60 days. Also can't insure against accidents and are left in every town without means to get around as official cars can't be used after hours.

September 30, 1935 Monday

Shooting at Union, S.C.

October 1, 1935 Tuesday

Preparing road trip.

October 2, 1935 Wednesday

Left Charlotte 10 AM arrived Raleigh 2:30

October 3, 1935 Thursday

Drove to Raeford and Rockingham for some lead on Curtis Smith and returned to Raleigh.

October 4, 1935 Friday

Leads around Raleigh. Drove past house of Ruby Hart, prostitute and who lives next to Lillian Arnold. As I stopped in front of the house Ruby came out and asked who was there. I said "Just one of the boys, who is inside?" After looking at the car for a moment from the steps Ruby turned to go in, saying "You will have to come in, we can't bring it out to you."

October 5, 1935 Saturday

To Wilson to check court docket then instructing police in use of their new machine gun in Raleigh.

October 6, 1935 Sunday

Drove to Elizabeth City 170 miles in rain with Col. Manning, Asst U.S.A. for court.

October 7, 1935 Monday

Spent all day waiting for Stokely case to be tried.

October 8, 1935 Tuesday

Case uncalled and left at 3:20 Spent night at Washington N.C. until 2 A.M. driving with Highway Patrol looking for hit and run driver, a negro whom we found in Greenville.

October 9, 1935 Wednesday

Investigating another poss 31 case. Husband stays off with other woman. Wife's lawyer works up story of taking her into another state so we can work for him. Nix. To Kinston.

October 10, 1935 Thursday

Investigating Charles Francis Rouse, applicant for assistant U.S. Attorney. Very favorable.

October 11, 1935 Friday

Interviewed wife of subject in 31 case. She married him 29 years ago and has 9 children. Last child 8 months old and they were divorced 5 years ago. She found a letter to him from another woman in Maryland who had 2 children by her husband or ex-husband. Wife told me she wrote to this woman and asked her if she wanted to correspond but the woman never answered. Returned to Raleigh.

October 12, 1935 Saturday

Received a hurry call and had to rush to Chapel Hill to get record on Rouse, applicant Asst U.S.A. Bureau never can wait with applicant investigations but everything must be done in a rush and information sent by wire.

Questioned Ida Cody at length regarding her trip with Duffie to N.Y. After I left she tried to commit suicide by swallowing a cupful of lye. Made her ill but recovered.

October 13, 1935 Sunday

Around town and arranging to run fingerprint booth at fair.

October 14, 1935 Monday

At New Bern, NC for court and my two cases had a comic opera ending.

William Duffie –aged 45 to 51 (no one knows just what) who is divorced and has 9 children by one wife, of of (sic) them aged 28, and an illegitimate child by another, ran off with a 16 year old girl. They were brought back from N.Y. and as the girl would not assist prosecution it looked as though the case was bad. She was held in court about 6 weeks as a material witness. Her father decided to let them marry so the Judge nolle prossed the case and they went off to get married on her witness fees of \$1.00 per day.

Other case Mae Autry a prostitute, claimed Burt Robinson took her to S.C. to open a house there. He married her there while married in N.C. Autry began to recant her story on the stand saying he didn't take her S.C. when it was announced that Robinson's wife was divorcing him. On Judge's recommendation, Robinson pleaded guilty, was put on probation for 12 months to be cancelled if he married Autry which they went off to do on her witness fees as she was held in jail about 100 days as material witness. She is just a common prostitute and is rich on Government which the subject Robinson will now proceed to spend.

And so it goes. (END OF PAGE 143 CD #1)

October 15, 1935 Tuesday

At State Fair all day fingerprinting people, mostly children.

October 16 to 18, 1935 Wednesday

Still at the fair fingerprinting people. For 4 days took 259 sets, oldest 63 years and youngest 3 years 8 months.

October 19, 1935 Saturday

Returned to Charlotte. On duty till 10 P.M. then went to Club Arbor where they had a crap game and lost \$5.00 Falkner lost about \$35.00, Scott and Collier about the same each.

October 20, 1935 Sunday

Monthly conference with nothing of importance discussed. Falkner tells me that he met John Madala in Nashville and Madala said that Volney Davis told them Doc Barker and two others of the gang murdered Willie Harrison and burned the body in a deserted house or sawmill. Agents found a charred body in ruins of house in Illinois.

October 21, 1935 Monday

Drove 83 miles to Union for shooting practice. Back to clean guns.

October 22, 1935 Tuesday

Cleaned up paper work and returned to Raleigh in afternoon.

October 23, 1935 Wednesday

Work in Raleigh & Chapel Hill.

October 24, 1935 Thursday

Applicant at Chapel Hill etc.

October 25, 1935 Friday

To Franklinton & Henderson on theft gov. prop and motor cases.

(26-27 October no entries)

October 28, 1935 Monday

Went with Poole and Lowe to Raeford to get Curtis Smith, last of the Tic Procter gang. Smith was a safeblower like Tic and was quite willing to talk. He made his own nitroglycerine from boiling dynamite and sweezing (sic) the paste through cheese cloth. The resultant oil was nitro - 3 oz. out of 26 sticks and Smith was made quite ill from the fumes. I asked Smith if he did some safe blowings in some banks recently and he said he thought those jobs had been done by George Simpson and that he and Procter tried to locate Simpson to work with him but were unable to make a contact.

They hid all guns and tools under benches and elsewhere in country churches. Smith said that they were putting some tools back in a church (under the pulpit) when found in there by the minister who thought they came to the service. So they had to sit through the service in a front seat.

(29-31 October no entries)

November 1, 1935 Friday

Drove to Charlotte after work in Raleigh

November 2, 1935 Saturday

Left Charlotte at 11 AM investigated bank robbery at Apex, N.C. Left Raleigh about 7 PM arrived Washington D.C. for retraining at 2:30 A.M.

November 3, 1935 Sunday

Met Charlie Tyner and Gene Hemry. Spent day with Tyner.

November 4, 1935 Monday

At Bureau retraining school with Fred Tillman, Bob Hicks, Gene Hemry, Bob Mann, Winstead, Hurt and Muzzy.

In touring the building we saw Dillinger's death mask and Hurt and Winstead (who shot him) stood along side me and looked at. One of the agents remarked about the small hole under Dillinger's eye. Hurt, with a twinkle in his eye, said to Winstead "He must have shaved close". That hole marked the exit of the bullet which entered the back of his neck.

November 5, 1935 Tuesday

Lectures of supervisors on explosives, bank robbery.

November 6, 1935 Wednesday

Lectures on first aid and card filing system.

November 7, 1935 Thursday

Weeks, agent on fugitive desk, told me about an old fugitive, George Andreytcheine, sentenced to 10 years for sedition in 1917 and out on bond never returned. Recently his photo was noticed in the paper where he was attending a dinner in Moscow and in the picture he was seated next to to (sic) U.S. Ambassador Bullitt. A fugitive in U.S.A. he is a notable in Russia.

November 8 & 9 Friday & Saturday

Continuing school 9 A.M. to 6 P.M. Anti trust, anti-racketeering, metals.

November 11 - 15, 1935 Monday-Friday

By bus to Quantico, Va. for five days shooting. During whole five days I was high pistol scorer with a 95 average. Up every morning at 6:30 AM and shooting all day until dark. Food terrible. Returned to Washington on Friday and checked into Lafayette Hotel spending evening at home.

November 16, 1935 Saturday

Blood test lecture and experiments in laboratory with benzedine tests, on cloth, dirt and paper. Bureau dance in evening.

November 17, 1935 Sunday

Spend all day on electrical sound equipment, including vactuphone, vactuphone hidden in telephone, telephone dial recorder, induction coil for picking up phone calls without tap, telephone taps, brief case radio and power phones.

November 18, 1935 Monday

Lectures on crime statistics and autopsies. Reference was made to Willie Harrison's body found buried in Ontarioville, Ill. In Florida in Freddie's house we found a letter from Doc which implied that he had done away with someone and ending with some remark like - "did as good as you could, ha ha." Date of letter compared closely to date of recovery of Harrison's body on Jan 6, 1934.

November 19, 1935 Tuesday

Lectures on accounting investigations all day.

November 20, 1935 Wednesday

Lecture on fingerprint classification all day.

November 21, 1935 Thursday

Lectures on documents and single fingerprint system. Hince told of a case of the latter where a railroad detective sent in some latent prints of a box car theft and the Bureau located a record from them. When the Field Office was given the name etc of the individual, the Field Office replied that this was the fingerprint card on the railroad detective. It appears that he had a record as a box car thief, but was now working for the railroad and lifted his own print by mistake!

Dinner at Jan Browns & met Larry Cramer, Governor of the Virgin Islands. Cramer told me that McCabe, who I once picked up as a hitchhiker and who said he was going to the Islands (see) finally got there but had no job.

November 22, 1935 Friday

Kidnaping lecture. Ransom bills should be Federal Reserve notes all on the same Federal Reserve banks with the lowest range in numbers.

Bills are printed on plates of 12 lettered as follows

A	G	
B	H	
C	I	
D	J	(In grid)
E	K	
F	L	

Atlanta

The serial number divided by 6 will leave a number corresponding to the letter in the lower right corner of the bill.

If ransom notes are demanded by kidnapers to be returned with money, Bureau will make exact copies of them for such returns.

Inspector Clegg talked on raids. He advised not using or advising police of raids, citing tip to Barkers by Chief of Police of St. Paul that agents were on the way to raid the house.

One of the agents stated that while trailing Dillinger's brother over a period of time, he stopped the agents and asked them to get rid of a traffic ticket for him. Tillman said that they had a plant on Belle Board in Minnesota for Karpis. One day she drove off and the agents couldn't find their car to trail her. She had gotten wise and phoned the police a suspicious car was parked near the house and they had towed it away during the night.

November 23, 1935 Saturday

Bankruptcy and handwriting with lectures also on expense vouchers.

November 24, 1935 Sunday

Latent fingerprint work all day.

November 25, 1935 Monday

Monlage instruction. Impressions in snow can be made with plaster of paris if a film of talcum powder is laid in the impression first. Physical examination at the U.S. Public Health Service. Required to sign following form not to reveal official secrets:

"The confidential character of the relations of the employees of the Federal Bureau of Investigation with the public is fully understood by me, and the strictly confidential character of any and all information secured by me directly or indirectly with my work as a Special Agent, or the work of other employees of which I may become cognizant, is fully understood by me, and neither during my tenure of service with the FBI nor at any other time will I divulge any information of any kind or character whatsoever that may become known to me to persons not officially entitled thereto."

November 26, 1935 Tuesday

After dental examination spent day with supervisors getting an idea of their work.

November 27, 1935 Wednesday

Spent day on crime scenes. Here we viewed a room supposed to have been used to hold a kidnaped person and to examine it for clues to the identity of the kidnapers. Other scenes were examined for leads in connection with other fictitious cases.

November 28, 1935 Thursday

Thanksgiving – at school all day

November 29, 1935 Friday

Informed Tillman & I are to go to Nashville Tenn on special assignment on Robinson Case.

November 30, 1935 Saturday

Fingerprint work in morning. Had a 35 minute interview with the Director. He did most of the talking and it was with great effort that I was able to get anything said. Did talk of L'affaire Gleason which I hope is all over. Left Wash. at 2 PM EST by plane and arrived in Nashville Tenn. at 4:50 CST and registered at the Hotel Noel where John Kieth, Inspector is also staying. No work to be done in evening. Jack Wells in from Oklahoma City for this job.

December 1, 1935 Sunday

Kieth explained to Tillman and me the reason for us being in Nashville. Nashville is the home of Thos. Robinson, Jr., wanted for kidnaping Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll on Oct. 10, 1934. Robinson, Sr. (father) has approached several persons, mostly lawyers, for purpose of getting his son to surrender. What he wants to do is to get him in the hands of alienists and be declared insane, thus escaping a possible death or life sentence. By the dickering of Robinson, Sr. with these parties we hope to learn where Jr. is and grab him. To do this we are going to put telephone taps on all the persons expected to be involved and thus follow all the negotiations

With Kieth, Wells, Tillman and I drove around town to acquaint ourselves with the homes and contact places of various persons. In evening sat on tap of Robinson Sr. with no results.

December 2, 1935 Monday

Robinson Sr. had approached the U.S. Marshal to have him contact the Atty General relative to young Tom's surrender. His terms were, however, that the Bureau not be permitted to question his son. Today, the Marshal turned Robinson down and showed him a new circular we were going to put out. Robinson then arranged to see another lawyer about turning his son in and we had an intermediary contact this lawyer relative to accepting \$1000- for young Tom. Negotiations to continue tomorrow.

December 3, 1935 Tuesday

On telephone taps all morning. Richard Atkinson, lawyer, is willing to throw Robinson. The older Robinson has talked to Atkinson about seeing young Tom and getting him to surrender. Pete Williamson, city detective, our go-between will contact Atkinson who will try to get Robinson to tell him where the son is hiding. Tomorrow Atkinson will deliver a lecture at Vanderbilt University on "What the Bar Expects of the Young Lawyer"!!!

December 4, 1935 Wednesday

Detective saw Atkinson who said that Robinson Sr and wife talked with him today about getting son to surrender. Robinson said he knew where his son was and wanted Atkinson to talk to him concerning surrender and plea of insanity. Atkinson will see him again Saturday at which time final plans will be made as to contact.

December 5, 1935 Thursday

On tap in morning - . no immediate developments.

December 6, 1935 Friday

On tap in morning – reading in afternoon waiting developments.

December 7, 1935 Saturday

Robinson Sr. visited Atkinson at his office today and told him he wanted to get this thing off his mind and get his son in. He said he had some letters which Mrs. Stoll had written to his son before the kidnapping and that they had been brought to him the past week by James Manley, a former schoolmate of his son at Vanderbilt University who had visited his son hiding out. He said he thought Tom was in Arkansas. A conference with Mr. & Mrs. Robinson was arranged for Sunday at 3 P.M. whereat plans would be made to contact Tom and arrange a surrender. Atkinson gave this information to Williamson who passed it on to Keith. Keith made an immediate check and a tap was put on Manley's phone in Nashville. He works for Proctor Gamble and his territory covers parts of Tenn. & Ky. He is in Memphis tonight. Mrs. Robinson has also called Stapleton at the office but he will not speak to her on Keith's orders as she might say that they intend to try to contact Tom and wont (sic) want to be prosecuted for harboring. With this knowledge our hands would be tied.

Keith told us of one silly incident in Chicago when a woman chiropractor who received an I.O. told the office there she had treated Robinson. When interviewed she distinguished him by hair between his shoulder blades. Chicago telephoned Nashville to see if Robinson had hair between his shoulder blades. File review failed to show; agents didn't know. Hospital where he was treated examined all their reports and said that he had been thoroughly examined and if he had such hair it would be in the report. None was noted so the information was passed on to Chicago.

December 8, 1935 Sunday

On taps in morning. We now have 8 taps in the telephone company, the chief use of these is to check the information given us by other parties. Visited Nashville's copy of the Parthenon, a replica made of concrete but similar in all other respects to the original. Have never been in a foggy, smokier city. Black soot settles everywhere and clothes dirty quickly.

December 9, 1935 Monday

Negotiations have bogged down. No activity.

December 10, 1935 Tuesday

Negotiations still at a standstill Mrs. Robinson was calling office about money for use of living room last year when plant was in house. Wants \$40 for housing the agents. Keith decided to pay her on the chance that lack of money might be holding up their going thru with deal with lawyer to surrender Tom.

December 11, 1935 Wednesday

Tillman received notice today his raise was cancelled because of losing a tail in N.D. This means that sooner than lose a tail, it is better to be made by the party being followed.

December 12, 1935 Thursday

From long experience on wire taps I now seriously doubt the value of telephones. Conservatively I would say that 9 out of 10 calls are idle chatter, almost exclusively women who gab endlessly. Housewives are bad offenders, but calls on office lines are almost as bad with every Jill planning a date for that night or discussing one on the previous night. Men talk a few minutes and then hang up but 30 minutes is not unusual for a woman to talk about curtains, dishes, births, deaths, neighbors, ailments, presents, weather, money, food, clothing, diet.

December 13 & 14 & 15, 1935 Fri & Sat.

No change in routine – still covering tap without results of importance.

December 16, 1935 Monday

At evening dinner in Noel Hotel Katherine Cornell who is in town to play "Romeo and Juliet" tonight sat directly behind me. Having seen her in "The Age of Innocence" and "Barretts of Wimpole Street" I was sorely tempted to speak to her. Her propinquity was exciting for me and I could hear her reading to a companion the remarks in the local paper regarding her play. My, but she is homely considering the attractive appearance she makes on the stage.

December 17 to 20th, 1935

Work remained same with me covering tap from 8 to 12:30 and Welles and Tillman dividing rest of day. Our lawyer intermediary finally brought Robinson, Sr. to see Keith about surrendering the boy, the only assurance he wants is that he be not killed. Robinson says that he does not know where his son is, but that a friend contacted him about 6 weeks ago and told him he could get in touch with the boy if the old man wanted to. We still dont (sic) know just what he does know but another conference is held Saturday.

December 21, 1935 Saturday

Sunday set as deadline of our stay.

December 22, 1935 Sunday

Packed all my things and was all ready to leave. Our contact with Robinson will inform Keith by phone if anything develops. Keith telephoned Director who said that Tillman and I were to continue tap so all we had to do was unpack and stay here till New Years. Keith left for Wash. and Welles for Oklahoma City. Robinson Sr. claims he will inform our contact as soon as his son gets in touch with him – all very doubtful. Fred and I will cover tap alone.

December 23-24, 1935

Telephoned home Christmas eve where whole family was gathered. On tap from 2:30 to 8:30 PM. then back to hotel for remainder of evening. Did nothing.

December 25, 1935 Wednesday

On tap from 8 to 2:30 p.m. Had dinner at home of agent Ed Doris – agent High and wife also there. Left at 8 P.M. and joined Tillman who came off tap and we went to the movies "A Tale of Two Cities".

December 26 to 31, 1935

During this time Fred and I covered the tap from 8 AM to 9 P.M. dividing time to suit ourselves. On 28th I received package of presents from home containing wallet I bought for myself in Wash. and sent home. This is the best way to get what you want. Neckties from Ann and Rudie, one of which I gave to Fred, being too green. Received a book "National Velvet" by (blank space) from Duke. He likes to chose (sic) some obscure title which tickled him. Dot sent a small electric light, smaller than a fountain pen. This seems to me more of a joke than a present and as I didn't send her present yet she may be holding out on me. Still I can't write her about it.

Most of the afternoons had nothing to do and spent some time sewing the linings in my suit coats.

New Years Eve Fred and I went to a movie (which had a few acts of vaudeville for the day) and were in bed before midnight.

January 1, 1936 Wednesday

On tap from 2:30 PM to 8:30 PM. In the Nashville Tennessean of today they had pictures of outstanding events of local interest from 1935. One of these was the picture of Robinson Sr and Mrs Robinson Jr on the occasion of their acquittal at Louisville, Ky for harboring and kidnaping. During the day Mrs. Warner (Mrs. Robinson Sr. sister) telephoned Mrs R. and told her about the picture being in the paper. Said it was one of the outstanding events of 1935 and that young Tom's picture had been in last year, 1934. I almost think there was a note of pride in her voice.

January 2, 1936 Thursday

As I had to give my god-son Paul Kemether Jr a Christmas present, I thought that something pertaining to detective work would appeal to him, having come from his G Man god father. I therefore told Mother to buy him a set of disguises for children, consisting chiefly of false moustaches, false noses, etc. Today I received his note of thanks on a New Years card. It said

"Thanks a lot for the present. I am having lots of fun with it scaring people"

Paul

January 3, 1936 Friday

Took long walk about town which seemed a little better in the bright sunlight. On tap again at 2:30 PM Much meanness and little good is shown in people from a telephone tap. I can see how often people lie,

often unnecessarily – how they are coaxing and obsequious with one person and arrogant with another; pass all kinds of scandal indiscriminately; boast, brag, falsify, bluff, intimidate, harass, annoy and rarely help. I hate the sound of some of these persons voices which I have heard in the past month. I have yet to hear one person who sounds wholeheartedly honest.

At 9 P.M. went out with agents and sheriffs men looking for Pete Dean, who escaped from penitentiary 4 weeks ago and since then held up two banks and killed a deputy sheriff. Out till about 1:30 AM without success.

January 4, 1936 Saturday

In evening Fred, Newt Stapleton and I played pill pool in which none of us showed much skill. Fred the least and Newt the most.

January 5, 1936 Sunday

In evening Newt Stapleton, Bill Meekins & wife, Fred and I went out to the Wagon Wheel to bowl where I was high in both games with the absurd scores of 147 and 125.

January 6, 1936 Monday

On the tap some woman asked Mrs Robinson for clothes. She said she had only one suit of Tom's which she wanted to keep in case – just in case – as she said, if he were arrested and his clothes taken from him. More like and what she could not say, she felt he might be killed in apprehension and wanted a suit to bury him in.

Received my raise of 300— the regular increase as the base salary is now \$3200 for all agents. Also had two wisdom teeth pulled, to which I can say that they will never bother me again.

January 7, 1936 Tuesday

Quite the usual – tap and movies in the evening.

January 8, 1936 Wednesday

John Keith returned and it looks as though we may be stuck here for some time. My face is swollen and I eat eggs and soup for nourishment. Stayed in hotel all day with an ice pack on my face.

January 9, 1936 Thursday

The Director thinks the taps should be kept up for a while so our stay is continued indefinitely. Fred and I went to see movie "Ah Wilderness" good – but no (sic) up to the stage play.

January 10, 1936 Friday

Read "Butterfield 8" by John O'Hara – novel of the N.Y. night club era of 1930. Bright, tough and good.

January 11, 1936 Saturday

Read "It Can't Happen Here" Sinclair Lewis book of fascism in America. A horrible picture to contemplate. If it came to that I would be in a middle ground. I think I should join the power by day and assassinate its leaders by night.

January 12, 1936 Sunday

Face ached so badly I had to bring doctor to his office to ease the pain. Played bridge in evening at Andrew Jackson Hotel with Fred, Keith and Stapleton.

January 13, 1936 Monday

On tap read "Fish on the Steeple" by Ed Bell, novel of rural Tennessee – of the Caldwell-Faulkner-Wolfe school though not nearly so good.

January 14, 1936 Tuesday

As usual Fred and I went to a movie in the evening for lack of anything else to do.

January 15, 1936 Wednesday

American airliner "The Southerner (same as Fred and I came from Wash. on) crashed in Ark. killing 17 persons. It was a different crew, however than the one which piloted us. Reading Marquis James "Andrew Jackson, the Border Captain", a fine biography of Jackson's soldier days and affording an idea of pioneer days in this country.

January 16, 1936 Thursday

Letter from Paul gave me first idea of what Dorothy left at home for me for Christmas. Paul writes: "Mother in her letter (which I haven't yet received) mentioned the 3 ton image of a Chinese Sun God that 5 workmen wheeled into this house on Christmas eve. It seems that only 4 of the men were paid by Dorothy and the 5th was shot as a Japanese spy. It is rumored that there is still another Japanese hiding somewhere - probably inside the figure - but as yet we cannot find the secret panel. Recalling the story of the wooden horse and the siege of Troy, we are always careful to keep the figure under lock and key after we have retired for the night. One can't be too careful with these Orientals..... Being a detective you might know what to do with the image - put it in a warehouse or what?"

.Paul also said that Dot gave Rudie and Em an original lithograph of the Jenkintown Pa RR station which present is now in their attic. That girl picks out the damnest presents for people, things she thinks they ought to appreciate like "Bambi" for Paul etc.

January 17, 1936 Friday

Read T.S. Stribling's "The Store" - a good store of southern life in the 1890's. Another movie in the evening - and so to bed.

January 18, 1936 Saturday

Received pajamas from Mother - real silk ones. Went shooting in the P.O. with some agents and got a possible at 15 yards - average 94. Wrote a letter to Eadie - a sort of reply to her note which came after my Christmas card. Played pill pool with Stapleton & Tillman in the evening with mediocre skill.

January 19, 1936 Sunday

On the tap Carrie Mae's friends kept calling up asking how she was and were told she was fair but doped up. The family said the doctor didn't say what it was but finally, in a stage whisper one of the women said it was "ovarian trouble". Sounded like leprosy to hear her tell it.

Also Monte Ross' secretary was called by her boy friend who, in a vague way, told her he had a dose and maybe from her. She said she didn't think it came from her but would check up. She said it's no disgrace to get it, but a disgrace to keep it.

January 20, 1936 Monday

Read John O'Hara's "Appointment in Samarra". O'Hara certainly knows plenty about the way people think and feel. Six inch snow fall covered town although it was not very cold. Learned of death of Geo. V by Mrs. R telling Mrs. W on phone.

January 21, 1936 Tuesday

A small item in "Life" says that Comptroller General McCarl has ruled that agents of the Bureau may use compartments in transporting weapons instead of using lower berths. Now I will get the \$6.50 I was docked for the trip to Florida.

January 22, 1936 Wednesday

Yesterday Mrs Robinson Sr & Mrs R. Jr went to Atkinson and told him city where Tom is; that they distrusted Keith and wanted boy surrendered. Atkinson told this to Pete Williamson, the city dick, who told Stapleton. Atkinson should get location of Tom soon, he thinks and we hope.

Read Yardley's "The American Black Chamber", the story of cipher decoding during the world war. Very cold - temperature down to 0 degrees during the night.

January 23, 1936 Thursday

Saw Noel Coward in "The Scoundrel" a fine picture. Nothing of importance on tap.

January 25, 1936 Saturday

Went to Tullahoma with agents for monthly shooting practice Averaged 92+ with pistol – Fred and I went to movie in the evening.

January 26, 1936 Sunday

All day monthly conference at the office. In evening John McCulloch, A. Leonard, Fred and I played poker and blackjack and I had good luck winning \$5.00. Limit was 25 cents though most betting stayed about 10 cents.

January 27, 1936 Monday

Continued cold weather. Read Van Dine's "Garden Murder Case" which was awful and which finishes me with Philo Vance as a detective. McCulloch, Fred and I went to the movies in the evening for lack of something better.

January 28, 1936 Tuesday

Read James Gould Couzzen's "Men and Brethren" - a story of 48 hours in the life of a hard working, intelligent N.Y. clergyman. Al Muzzey, former agent on squad in Chicago, stopped at Noel Hotel and visited us. Muzzey was on plant watching home of Alvin Karpis' father and left it while on duty for which he was fired. He then joined the Resettlement Administration, a haven for all ex-agents. Resettlement takes farmers off unproductive land and puts them on better farms. Even Muzzey doesn't know what he will be doing.

January 29, 1936 Wednesday

In evening Fred & I went to agent Meekin's house and played poker each losing \$7.00 in a game with a one dollar limit which was usually bet in each hand. The high limit spoiled the game for playing was too grim and no one stayed in for a hand unless he held something high. So back to the hotel where Fred and I had a couple of highballs and mused on how we stick together on these jobs.

January 30, 1936 Thursday

Tap very quiet. Mrs Robinson is always seeing G. men where they ain't. Today she told her sister Mrs Warner how two men trailed her "walking leisurely which they wouldn't do at that hour of the morning unless they were G. Men". She is as bad as Fatso Negri who saw them everywhere.

In evening Muzzey, Fred and I had a drink at the local speakeasy (Tennessean still dry) and from the bartender Al got the address of a house for a little entertainment which I assume he got after Fred and I left him at the bar. The barkeep told him the rate was \$2 to \$5.00 – the best place in town is \$5.00 and anything you want to spend for drinks

January 31, 1936 Friday

In the evening Fred and I went to the golden gloves amateur boxing finals which I enjoyed but which bored Fred, who decried their amateurishness-but who knows nothing of boxing.

February 1, 1936 Saturday

Fred and I received notice our headquarters were changed to Nashville Tenn effective 1-27-36 thus cutting off per diem. Now I doubt if I shall return to Charlotte even when we finish here. Accompanied Stapleton, Meekins & wives to Wagon Wheel where we bowled (131 was my best effort) and danced a little.

February 2, 1936 Sunday

A terrible headache from some terrible liquor, though we had very little. In afternoon back at hotel. Muzzey talked about his conversation with the whore who hangs around the hotel drug store. She gave him a hardluck story about doing no business and having to support a 6 year old son. When Al asked her price she said "would \$2. be too much"? "Anything would be too much for me" replied Al who gave her a dollar out of sympathy. Al also said he won \$7.00 from the agents at poker last night and though his generosity to the prostitute was responsible for his luck, things I know, and he admitted he would have made her work for it if she were at all attractive.

Agent Peterson got me a date with Martha Woods and after a poor meal at the Hermitage Hotel we visited friends of Pete.

February 3, 1936 Monday

Read Briffault's "Europa" a picture of European royalty before the world war.

February 4, 1936 Tuesday

Did a little shooting on an indoor range, then had dinner with agents Leonard and McCulloch. The elevator operators, seeing McCulloch and me together were astonished for the resemblance is so great that until then they had supposed us to be one person.

February 5, 1936 Wednesday

To preserve the amenities, notices of death of colored persons are not put in the same column in local papers as that for white folks. A special column is headed "Colored Death Notices".

Read "The Pursuer" by Louis Golding and early to bed.

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February 7, 1936 Friday

The Bureau doesn't want a steno to take over the tap so we are still stuck here. Wrote Charlotte for my trunk. Read "Time, the Present" by Tess Slesinger.

February 8, 1936 Saturday

After gazing long in the shop windows, I decided to purchase a shirt, more out of pleasure than immediate need. I was chagrined, however, when they could not fit me, my arms being too long for the sleeve length.

Had dinner in evening with Martha Woods and though I try by little remarks here and there to provoke her into some discussion, foolish or otherwise, she missed them all and the evening was mildly negative.

February 9, 1936 Sunday

Up at noon and to the tap where I read "The Story of the Confederacy" by R S Henry; a Southern (sic) who writes with little or no bias but merely puts the work (sic) "rebellion" in quotation marks. Stayed a little later at the tap while Fred was "entertaining" a girl at the hotel. Packed our things to move from hotel in morning to a room on west side.

February, 10, 1936 Monday

Moved to room on West End Ave to cut expenses. Received letter from Bureau about exaphoria in right eye [result of physical examination] and advising it may interfere with use of firearms. To which I will reply with a reference to my recent pistol scores. Saw movie "Rose Marie" in evening.

February 11, 1936 Tuesday

Worked on file in the office then to tap. Reading Purvis' story in Red Book about killing of Dillinger. P is sufficiently vague and incorrect to make it appear that he may have shot him. Movies again in evening.

February 12, 1936 Wednesday

Around the office most of afternoon and after dinner, Kenny Leonard and I went to the Golden Gloves fights.

February 13, 1936 Thursday

Did not awake until almost one o'clock and had just enough time to bathe, eat and get to tap to relieve Fred.

February 14, 1936 Friday

St. Valentines Day without the Valentines. With agents to Tullahoma for monthly shooting in a heavy rain, getting back at 6 P.M. After dinner Fred & I went to the movies.

February 15, 1936 Saturday

Reading "Rabble in Arms" by Kenneth Roberts. Evening saw "The Ghost Moves West" a fine picture with Robert Donat & Jean Parker.

February 16, 1936 Sunday

Monthly conference in morning with nothing in particular. In afternoon and evening sat on tap, and then home and to bed.

February 17, 1936 Monday

On plant in morning. Joined the Y.M.C.A. in afternoon and had a swim in the pool. After dinner at Kleeman's with Kenny and Leonard, during which we enjoyed discussing the idiosyncrasies of "Pop" Hicks we returned to the office to get out special notices to police officials.

February 18, 1936 Tuesday

Read "Fifty Roads to Town" by Frederick Nebel which I greatly enjoyed. More cold this evening so went home from tap instead of downtown to a movie.

February 19, 1936 Wednesday

To Y.M.C.A. where I did some exercises and in evening Fred and I went to the movies.

February 20, 1936 Thursday

Received card from Mother and Pop who are still in Miami. Some more snow fell in night but is not deep. Home in evening after tap.

February 21, 1936 Friday

Reading "I, Claudius" by Robert Graves. In gym in afternoon with Leonard and then home very tired to read and go to bed.

February 22, 1936 Saturday

On tap in evening then down town with Fred to a movie which was poor and so home and to bed.

February 23, 1936 Sunday

Fred and I had dinner with the Stapleton's then took some pictures of their children. Weather very mild and clear. Took a drive with them while Fred went to the tap to relieve McCulloch. Returned to house at 10:30 & Tillman was playing cards with the Meinhardts and their friends. I took a few hands but tired of the game and company and went to bed.

Gave up reading Santayana's "The Last Puritan" after reading about half – found it dull and vague.

February 24, 1936 Monday

To the Y for a swim and then to the tap. That song "The Music goes round & round" is beginning to become obnoxious. Fred and I went to see Charlie Chaplin's new picture "Modern Times" in which I was disappointed, finding it slow and not so humorous as his other things.

February 25, 1936 Tuesday

Nothing of consequence is heard on the taps these days but as there are no other leads on Tom Robinson they want this kept up. At the Y in the afternoon and in the evening Fred developed the films we took Sunday.

February 26, 1936 Wednesday

Read "Claudius and Agrippina" by Robert Graves, a sequel to "I, Claudius" Worked till 8:45 PM then downtown to movies with Fred.

February 27, 1936 Thursday

On tap in the morning shift and in office in afternoon on summary report. Then to the Y for a workout and after dinner at Kleeman's went to movies with Newt Stapleton. Weather very mild.

February 28, 1936 Friday

In a letter from Dot I received a picture of Frederick Kautzmann, who Dot says was once the beau of my grandmother Amelia but whose brothers would not permit him to marry her. Dot had an old newspaper clipping showing Fritz was convicted in N.Y. in 1926 for milk graft and later released from Sing Sing after sentence of 3 ½ to 10 years. Maybe I can supplement that information with some from the Bureau files.

February 29, 1936 Saturday

On the phone two women were comparing notes on how much they pay a negro maid. One said she was paying 15 cents per hour but would probably have to pay her 20 cents. Mrs Stapleton says that in Georgia a cook gets \$3.00 a week.

Played with the Stapleton children until they came in, then Fred joined us and we played "Monopoly" a variation of the old Parchesi game which is currently popular.

March 1, 1936 Sunday

On plant in morning reading "Freedom, Farewell" by Phyllis Bentley a novel of Julius Caesar, which following the Claudius book, was very enjoyable.

March 2, 1936 Monday

Received enjoyable letter from Eleanor relating of life with the Thorndikes. In evening Fred and I went to see the Ballet Russe which visited Nashville for one performance. My enjoyment was decreased by a headache, probably due to so much reading lately. Weather mild and fair.

March 3, 1936 Tuesday

Plant in morning – in afternoon in office. My trunk is there from Charlotte and poked about in it. Decided to try to sell my car which is still in Wash. D.C. and wrote Paul to go for it and take it home. In evening Kenny, Tillman and I went to the movies.

March 4, 1936 Wednesday

Started doing accounting problems again in lieu of reading in the plant. Heavy rain in the evening and went home and did some more accounting.

March 5, 1936 Thursday

Sent Dorothy the Russian Cross for her Christmas present which until now was in my trunk. At the Y with Leonard and then Fred and I went to the movies to see Bette Davis & Franchot Tone in "Dangerous".

March 6, 1936 Friday

Received a catalogue from English bookseller and two items intrigue me. One was on Japanese masks and the other on Netsukes priced at 2 pounds and 5 pounds respectively. Would like to get them but the price? Read the Oxford Verse and tried memorizing some lines which I like to repeat to myself when alone.

March 7, 1936 Saturday

Worked, at the gym and after dinner in evening Martha Woods and I visited Paul and Nancy Bachmann, friends of Martha where we drank and played Monopoly until 1 AM.

March 8, 1936 Sunday

Computed my income tax on the plant and I must pay \$33.00 for the protection of this Democratic government. Fred came to the plant to take me to some friends of our landlady but I went home and scribbled at accounting problems.

March 9, 1936 Monday

Plant, office, YMCA, movies and home.

March 10, 1936 Tuesday

In office in morning, after work at 9 P.M. Fred and I looked for a new room downtown without success. We pay \$25—per month where we are but it will cost 75—to get what we want downtown. Failed to find what we want so finally home and to bed.

March 11, 1936 Wednesday

Some woman on the phone, commenting on another's illness, said it was caused by "the chicken hash and her grandmothers death".

Received word from Paul that he had gone to Washington for my car and now has it in Brooklyn.

In evening saw Walter Huston in Sinclair Lewis "Dodsworth". He was good but the supporting cast was poor and the old theatre, the Ryman Auditorium, an old church, hindered a good performance.

March 12, 1936 Thursday

In evening after leaving tap, Stapleton, McCulloch, Tillman & I drove to Pegram Station where Frances Robinson lives. On way back we stopped at the Pines where I lost \$2-- in the crap game and \$2 more at roulette.

March 13, 1936 Friday

German soldiers have marched into the demilitarized Rhineland and all Europe is humming.

Saw "The Prisoner of Shark Island" the story of Dr. Samuel A. Mudd who fixed Booth's leg after he killed Lincoln.

Ed Bentz, the bank robber, was caught in Brooklyn today.

March 14, 1936 Saturday

On plant and at the Y in the afternoon. Dinner downtown and then played poker with Agents Leonard, Kenny, Tillman, H. A. Smith and Mrs Smith, losing a few dollars.

March 15, 1936 Sunday

Man named Pierce tried to call a Robinson from Tampa, Fla. Traced called (sic) and wired there for check on it. In evening played poker again with the Smiths, McCulloch and Fitzgerald winning \$5.50.

March 16, 1936 Monday

On plant in evening then to movie to see "Magnificent Obsession". Heavy rain all day and some flurries of snow in evening. Dr. Hudson's obsession in this movie was that he gave money and aid to people who were not allowed to tell anyone about it or ever pay it back.

March 17, 1936 Tuesday

Forgot to wear a green tie but it didn't matter in Nashville where St. Patrick's Day is passed unnoticed. Played some more poker with the Smiths, Kenny, Leonard and won about \$3.50.

March 18, 1936 Wednesday

In effort to find means of tracing Robinson (Stollnap) ransom money, contacted banks to determine how bills are retired and canceled. There is a slight chance that we may be able to trace the National bank notes which were paid as all these notes are now being returned. Fred and I visited the Maxwell House Hotel with an eye to moving there. Its outside appearance is poor but the rooms are tremendous. Built in 1857, its name became famous thru advertising by Joel Cheek, the coffee man. Fred didn't like the idea of living there tho I did my best to induce him.

March 19, 1936 Thursday

In evening played poker with Smiths & agents and won \$6.50.

March 20, 1936 Friday

Shooting practice called off so had technical equipment instead and I developed the fingerprint films successfully following Tillman's instructions.

March 21, 1936 Saturday

To Tullahoma to shoot. Average 92 with pistol, mediocre with big guns. Beautiful day. Papers carry stories of heavy floods in the East. Water up to the 8th floor of YMCA Hotel in Pittsburg. 300,000 homeless throughout Eastern states – all rivers overflowing – Johnstown, Pa. badly flooded – damage runs into millions and probably billions.

March 22, 1936 Sunday

Monthly conference in morning, moved to Memorial Square Apt Hotel in afternoon. Sat around in evening and then home.

March 23, 1936 Monday

After morning shift, went to Y.M.C.A. then to straighten up the apartment and to the office. Had dinner with Leonard, Carson & Peterson then to a movie with Fred.

March 24, 1936 Tuesday

Routine day – plant & home.

March 25, 1936 Wednesday

Morning shift, then Y and office. In evening took Martha Woods to a movie, all without any enthusiasm.

March 26, 1936 Thursday

Worked on ransom list file in morning and on tap in afternoon indexing Stollnap file. Home in evening reading camera catalogues.

March 27, 1936 Friday

Tried to get up a poker game without success. Leonard and I took Mrs. Smith to the movies as Smitty was away on a bank robbery.

March 28, 1936 Saturday

Tap in evening then played poker and black jack with the Smiths, Tillman and McCulloch losing less than a dollar. So home where I now have a double bed instead of a single and Fred and I had a long friendly fight for the extra pillow which I eventually retained after piling his bed and the furniture on top of him. Fred also took a picture of me sitting on the toilet and I took one of him in the bed.

March 29, 1936 Sunday

On plant in morning and in afternoon went with Martha Woods to see Nancy and Paul Bachmann and I took some photographs of the Bachmann baby. In evening visited Kenny in hospital and then developed the film at the office. Finally home and found Fred in with the Cunningham girl whom he picked up and then they left.

March 30, 1936 Monday

After plant in evening I joined other agents at smoker at Vanderbilt Law School. I knew from tap Atkinson was going. On food line I heard his voice behind me and I knew him from that without seeing him.

March 31, 1936 Tuesday

On tap in morning and at office in afternoon, then to Y. Later went to movie with Fred.

April 1, 1936 Wednesday

Did last (48th) problem of accounting course. In evening Leonard, Fred and I went bowling at the Wagon Wheel and my best effort was only 139 while my worse was 98 this with large pins averaging only 121.

April 2, 1936 Thursday

Col. Luke Lea, local banker and leader, was paroled from the N.C. penitentiary and on the tap we hear all his friends arranging plans for a triumphal return parade and dinner. He served less than 2 years of a

6 to 8 year term and all the hullabaloo is disgusting. A car thief could rot in jail before they would let him out.

Went to the Y and then to the office. Returned to room at 9:30 but Fred was entertaining so I had to go to a movie which was good. Hepburn in "Sylvia Scarlett". Cold & some snow!

April 3, 1936 Friday

At 8:50 P.M. E.S.T. Bruno Richard Hauptmann was executed at Trenton N.J. for the murder of Chas A. Lindburgh Jr. Spent evening after tap at office with all hands getting out wanted notice on William Darward, Kidnaper of Billy Weyerhaeuser.

April 4, 1936 Saturday

Around office all afternoon and through most of the evening. My efficiency rating was 86.7. Again I went to the movies only as Fred was not feeling well and enjoyed the picture. Weather still cold and raw.

April 5, 1936 Sunday

Cold and raw with rain. Heavy storm in evening. At office in morning. Poker with Smiths, Leonard & Tillman after tap lost about 50 cents.

April 6, 1936 Monday

On tap, then rough drafts at the office.. To the Y and asked Waldean Pugh, waitress at the Noel Hotel to go to a movie, which she did and we had a quiet time doing nothing but holding hands and watching an innocuous cinema.

April 7, 1936 Tuesday

Late shift in plant and then home.

April 8, 1936 Wednesday

From plant to YMCA and then at the office. Received letter from Joe Schiavona who tells me Rif is pregnant and that he anxiously awaits the time he will become a father. Sat around office with Tillman and Stapleton then home for evening.

April 9, 1936 Thursday

Office in morning, then plant. In evening went to movies with Deen Pugh and met Freddie on way home and the three of us went back to the room for a few drinks and then I took her home.

April 10, 1936 Friday

To Tullahoma for shooting. I got 91 for pistol and killed a snake with pistol at about 9 feet with 1 shot. Home to wash and dress and after dinner, I developed films at office. Then home and to bed. This was Good Friday but it was just another day. Received Easter present from Mother – a box of candy, a shirt, tie and socks. From Macy's I ordered flowers to Mother for Easter and for Mary Grace for her birthday.

April 11, 1936 Saturday

Technical equipment practice during morning then relieved Fred at plant. Had a date with Deen but stayed at hotel and had a few drinks.

April 12, 1936 Sunday (Easter)

Conference at office at 9 A.M. and relieved Fred at 2 P.M. After coming in from plant sat around office with Carson talking about cases and then home and to bed.

April 13, 1936 Monday

Plant in morning then Y and to office. Tried to get someone to go to theatre with me but to no avail so went alone to see Judith Anderson and Helen Menkin in "The Old Maid" last year's Pulitzer Prize play. The Ryman Auditorium was so poor for sound that it spoiled the play.

April 14, 1936 Tuesday

-Did not feel well and after plant came home.

April 15, 1936 Wednesday

Reading Charles Morgans new book "Sparkenbroke" very like the Fountain.

April 16, 1936 Thursday

Felt ill in morning so went to Dr. (O.N. Bryan) who said I had a touch of flu. Went home and to bed as I had aches all over my body.

April 17, 1936 Friday

Still ill but had to go out to get something to eat and felt worse on street. Brought back some orange juice which I found to be sour and when Fred failed to return with some food at dinner time I had nothing to eat until 10:30P.M.

April 18, 1936 Saturday

Freddie off shooting. I stayed in bed until had to eat so out for a little breakfast then right back to the room and in bed.

April 19, 1936 Sunday

About the room all day, had McCulloch bring me some food. Out to supper with Fred then back to room & bed.

April 20, 1936 Monday

To the office in the morning, loafed about not feeling well, then out on the plant but was relieved soon and home to rest.

April 21, 1936 Tuesday

About the room all day or for short walk outside. After dinner Fred and I went to the movies then home with a bad headache.

April 22, 1936 Wednesday

At office in the morning then on the plant for the regular evening shift. Wrote letter to John Keith asking him to get us off the tap. Spent remainder of evening at home.

April 23, 1936 Thursday

Worked in morning and in office in afternoon. In evening had dinner with the Smiths at Satsuma Tearoom then Fred and I went to the movies.

April 24, 1936 Friday

Office in morning to dictate report and on plant in the evening. After 9 o'clock came to office and printed some pictures from some negatives.

April 25, 1936 Saturday

Tap in morning and am learning Owens shorthand from a book I bought. To the Y then printing more pictures at the office. Had a fine dinner with the Al Smiths and later Fred & I went to see the movie "Captain Blood" with Errol Flynn as Blood.

April 26, 1936 Sunday

Sat about office reading reports until time to go to plant. Relieved Fred and in evening Leonard, Fred & I went to Wagon Wheel to bowl and my best efforts were terrible.

April 27, 1936 Monday

Plant in morning, then to Y. In evening at office getting out wanted circulars on Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell where we had to work until 10:30 when we came home.

April 28, 1936 Tuesday

Movies in evening.

April 29, 1936 Wednesday

Plant in morning and had swim at Y before going to office. Decided its warm enough to put my heavy suit away on moth balls. Spent evening taking pictures in the office and developing them.. Fred bought a second hand Leica and has been making snaps.

May 1, 1936 Friday

Tap in morning. To Y and visited Dr. Paul Morrissey in afternoon. Had dinner with Smith then to Stapletons. Newt out of town so Eliz and I went to Wagon Wheel to bowl and my best effort was 142 & the worst was 89. Over radio it was announced that Alvin Karpis was captured in New Orleans by the Bureau.

April 30, 1936 Thursday

In evening Fred & I went to movies to see Leslie Howard and Bette Davis in "The Petrified Forest" a fine picture.

May 2, 1936 Saturday

Nothing of consequence. Evening shift and home early in evening.

May 3, 1936 Sunday

Morning shift. In afternoon took many snapshots of negro baptism in Cumberland River. Later developed pictures at the office and all came out well. Although Smith urged me to go to the Pines with him (county night club & gambling resort) I went home to be about and talk with Fred.

May 4, 1936 Monday

Wrote personal letter to the Director J. E. Hoover asking to be relieved on plant as we have had 5 months of just sitting. My summer suit is so small in the waist that it had to be let out almost 3 inches (to 37) so much have I grown over last year. To movies to see "Under Two Flags" with Colman & Colbert.

May 5, 1936 Tuesday

After plant messed around office without doing anything. After dinner, printed some of my recent photos.

May 6, 1936 Wednesday

In office in morning checking rough draft reports. Then to tap. Finished reading "Mary, Queen of Scotland" by Stefan Zweig and began Faulkner's "Sanctuary". In evening Fred, Rowe & I went went (sic) to the movies.

May 7, 1936 Thursday

On tap in morning. In afternoon drove to Dickson, Tenn. with H. A. Smith on hijacking case but had little success. Newspaper announce capture of Harry Campbell (Karpis aid) in Toledo and William Mahan, Weyerhaeuser kidnaper in San Francisco both by Bureau agents. Tom Robinson is now Public Enemy #1 succeeding to title of Mahan which he inherited last weekend from Karpis.

May 8, 1936 Friday

Visited Dr. Morrissey for diathermy treatment to a plugged prostate. Plant in afternoon and movie in the evening, this seems to be usual routine. Read Lloyd Douglas "Magnificent Obsession" on the plant but somehow it didn't live up to the expectations of the picture. Altho Dr. Hudson, the chief character says his philosophy (or theology) is based on one page of the bible, the page is not given. I wonder why

May 9, 1936 Saturday

Plant - picture taking in afternoon and did some developing in evening before seeing Will Rogers in "Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court" a revival.

May 10, 1936 Sunday

Mothers Day but did nothing about it. Fred & I played some pool in the evening.

May 11, 1936 Monday

Plant in morning. Smith and I had dinner together and saw a movie early. At midnight while Fred and I were home talking word came from the office that Tom Robinson was caught by Bureau agents at Glendale, Calif. At 7:30 PM P.C. time. I went to the tap immediately to cover any calls to the family.

May 12, 1936 Tuesday

From 12:30 AM to 8:30 AM I was on the tap for calls to Robinson family about capture of son. Returned home to lie down but before I slept was ordered to go to Louisville. Fred & I took a chartered Ryan monoplane and left Nashville at 11:15 arriving in Louisville at 12:45 P.M. Weather clear but I was starved, having had no breakfast. After lunch sat with Tom Robinson in Louisville office, he having arrived by plane from Calif. Talked to him for several hours.

Robinson had a moustache and said that he was amused at reports he was dressed as a woman. Fleeing from Springfield, Ohio in 1934 after the snatch he proceeded to New York where he lived at the hotel New Yorker paying \$100- a week. Spent months there going to night clubs and spending his money liberally. After that he made three trips to the west coast and lost considerable money gambling. He drove a new Packard car back to N.Y. and returned west with a girl. Robinson was vague about why he committed the crime. He was never certain just whom he was going to kidnap and his plans were poorly made. Claims he did it alone, intending ransom to be delivered to his father who was to think it was books and send it on to his son.

Robinson is quite willing to talk and has an air of bravado about him. When I first entered the room where he was I remarked he was stouter. Patting his stomach he said "That's that good Stoll money". He admitted he struck Mrs Stoll when he snatched her but could offer no reason.

My shift of guarding Tom ended at 6:15. Went home early and went to bed for first time in two days.

May 13, 1936 Wednesday

Spent almost all of the day with Robinson, talking to him informally about himself. In afternoon he was taken to Federal Court pleaded guilty to the kidnaping and was given a life sentence. Tillman & self with agents R. E. Smith & Costello took train with U.S. Marshal & his deputies and left for Atlanta, Ga. with him. Marshals kept him in a compartment and two of us slept and two others sat in there with the Marshals.

Robinson admitted his father was a drunkard and said "I told him at the jail to pull himself together and take care of himself" His whole plan of the kidnaping is now vague in his mind; he is not sure exactly what he planned to do. Was most cautious all the time he was "on the lam". Expressed himself as being in love with girl with whom he was living at time he was caught and was worried if she knew now who he was and what had become of her. (He is unaware that she turned him in by calling at the Los Angeles office and telling them she would call them up in a while and tell them where he was, if she was not followed. No one followed her and she called. The raid of the house followed, getting Tom.

May 14, 1936 Thursday

Arrived in Atlanta at 8:30 and drove with escort to the penitentiary. Made a tour of the prison and found it the best I have ever seen so superior to the state penitentiaries. Visited at the Atlanta office and met Hale Watkins, Tommy Myers and many agents I had never met. Wandered around town, saw a movie and had a few beers before getting the train for Nashville at 9:15 P.M.

May 15, 1936 Friday

Arrived at Nashville, Tenn. at 6:30. At hotel and bathed, then to the office. Drove to Gallatin, Tenn were (sic) subject, Robert Bogle was in custody on motor theft. Questioned him and with the U.S. Marshal brought him back to Nashville.

May 16, 1936 Saturday

Dictated report and in afternoon went to Springfield, Tenn with H.A. Smith. Sat around office in evening when I could get a date and chatted with Carson, Donahoo & wife & Sheets.

May 17, 1936 Sunday

Fred and I took some more pictures and in the afternoon I developed them in the room and they came out very well. Around the office in the evening.

May 18, 1936 Monday

Mapped out road trip and left Nashville at 1:45 P.M. for Manchester, Tenn to investigate (sic) two men trying to sell diamonds. Released them and spent night at King Hotel in Tullahoma.

May 19, 1936 Tuesday

Covered leads at Shelbyville Flintville and on to Fayetteville for the night at Pope Hotel.

May 20, 1936 Wednesday

Covered leads at Pulaski, Columbia, Lawrenceburg, Lewisburg returning to Nashville at 4:30. Movies in evening with Waldeen Pugh.

May 21, 1936 Thursday

Dictated reports and worked in office all day.

May 22, 1936 Friday

To Tullahoma for shooting – average only 85. Warm day and was slightly sunburned. In evening to see H.G. Wells cinema “Things to Come”.

May 23, 1936 Saturday

Technical training in morning and spent the afternoon developing the fingerprint pictures. Movies with Fred in evening.

May 24, 1936 Sunday

Monthly conference until 1 P.M. Dinner with Smith at home of Deputy Sheriff Thornton then did some shooting near the fair grounds. Went home and was in bed studying when I got call to come to the office. Agent J.P. Farley in auto crash near Chattanooga and Newt Stapleton and I drove to Jasper, Tenn where we met Farley. Accident occurred when Farley tried to pass Ford car, driver both drunk and inexperienced, cut into him and ran into ditch. Two men and one boy killed five others hurt. Spent night at Lankester Hotel, Jasper.

May 25, 1936 Monday

Interviewing people at South Pittsburg, Sewanee Tenn and Bridgeport, Ala. Other persons in car admit driver was drunk. Back to Jasper for night. Took photos

May 26, 1936 Tuesday

Continued wreck investigation at Jasper and drove to Chattanooga. Had dinner at Farleys home then Stapleton and I returned to Nashville arriving about 10:30

May 27, 1936 Wednesday

At office prepared map of scene of accident and had photos developed and printed. Home early and was in bed at 11:30 when Smith called that there was an attempted hijacking on the Dickerson Road. Went out with Smith, Leonard and two county officers and found the liquor truck on the road with a blow out. The driver told an incoherent story about the attempted robbery. We finally decided to raid a nearby farm house where Smith had been tipped the men would be hiding. Leonard, Smith & officer Murray posted outside, officer Cottar and I entered and arrested two men who gave names as Eddie Cantrell and Wyle Major. Recovered two pistols sawed off shot gun recovered next day in the barn.

Checked fingerprints at office and found Cantrell was Howard D. Vise wanted in Newport Ky for murder where he escaped Sept 1934 pending trial. Finally home at 4:30 A.M.

May 28, 1936 Thursday

To Shelbyville and Manchester with Joe Towler. Reinterviewed Mrs Nellie Allen, who reads fortunes from the cards. In prior visit I interrupted a reading and her daughter asked her if she should finish it. Mrs A said Yes – it was reading #25 she was giving. She hesitated to admit under my prodding that it was a

fake. She read my fortune getting nothing right. When she asked me to take a wish, I wished we could convict her of the extortion. Later she told me I would get my wish.

May 29, 1936 Friday

Worked all day interviewing subjects in hijacking and trying to get case in shape.

May 30, 1936 Saturday

Arraigned subjects in hi-jacking and hearing set for June 9th. Interviewed woman at office in afternoon and spent the evening at office working on the file.

May 31, 1936 Sunday

On duty from 9 to 12 PM. In afternoon Smith and I went to Cummings farm to take statements concerning hiding of hijacked liquor. Evening in office working on report.

June 1, 1936 Monday

In office in morning on files. Afternoon investigating stolen car Frazier and Patterson Nashville men subjects. Interviewed them again in evening and worked some at office getting home at 11:30 PM

June 2, 1936 Tuesday

Writing reports and doing investigation on stolen car. Hearing on Frazier & Patterson.

June 3, 1936 Wednesday

Received notice of transfer to Birmingham. Continued writing reports to finish up assignments here. Went to movies in evening and then printed some photos.

June 4, 1936 Thursday

Worked around Nashville on various leads, preparing to leave town. In evening went to Vanderbilt Senior Prom with John & Dot Core and Noncie Reed.

June 5, 1936 Friday

Finishing reports on leads covered. To the movies early and then packed all my things to leave for Birmingham tomorrow.

June 6, 1936 Saturday

City crowded with people for funeral of Joe Byrns, Speaker of the House. President Roosevelt here. After my trunk went off to station I received orders to stay a few days to complete investigation on Farley's accident as he is being sued for a considerable sum.

Movies in evening. Very warm.

June 7, 1936 Sunday

To office at 11 A.M. and wrote several letters. Left Nashville at 3:40 for Jasper. Had dinner at Sewanee, Joe Towler accompanying me on trip. Arrived at Jasper 9 PM stopping at Lankester Hotel.

June 8, 1936 Monday

Investigation at South Pittsburg, Richard City Tenn and Bridgeport, Ala. on Farley's auto accident. Returned to Jasper for the night.

June 9, 1936 Tuesday

Continued to cover leads at Bridgeport, Ala. and after couldn't find accommodations at Sewanee so spent the evening at Martin's Tourist camp.

June 10, 1936 Wednesday

Continued accident investigation at Sewanee and Monteagle. Returned to Nashville at 5 PM. Fred Tillman transferred to Pittsburg and already gone home to Idaho for vacation.

June 11, 1936 Thursday

Dictated report and finished up odds and ends in office. Movies in evening and telephoned Mother at 10:15 PM (12:15 N.Y. Time) that I was leaving for Birmingham which I did at 10:50 on the L & N RR.

June 12, 1936 Friday

Arrived Birmingham at 5:30 A.M. Left sleeper at 7:30 and went to Birmingham Athletic Club. At office and got in shooting practice in morning with agents there. Read files in afternoon and purchased a palm beach suit for the hot weather to come.

June 13, 1936 Saturday

Pulling serials in morning. Did some pistol shooting with Obenshain in afternoon at police range. In evening Stone got me a date and we went to the Rex Club – dancing and had a good time. Home at 2:30.

June 14, 1936 Sunday

Breakfast at 11 at the Molton Hotel and met Snavelly and Flyn Moore also breakfasting. Enjoyed a long talk then to office on duty from 1 to 5. Dinner with Plaxico and to a movie later.

June 15, 1936 Monday

Investigation in town and in evening went to movie with Stone. 98 degrees today for record.

June 16, 1936 Tuesday

In evening went driving with Plaxico and two girls one of whom he told me later was his ex-wife. Alabama being so dry we hunted high and low to get a bottle of beer. 97 degrees today for another early record.

June 17, 1936 Wednesday

Heat continues at 98 degrees. In evening sat around Police Headquarters for a while then home.

June 18, 1936 Thursday

Heat terrific - still 98 degrees.

June 19, 1936 Friday

Heat reached top today with 101 degrees. Prepared reports most of day in office. In evening listened on radio to broadcast of Joe Louis - Max Schmeling fight and the miracle happened when Louis was K.O.'d in the 12th. Isn't the South happy!

June 20, 1936 Saturday

In office for part of afternoon, then on roof with Plaxico for sunbath. Swam and in evening Plaxico and I with dates went to Club Rex to dance.

June 21, 1936 Sunday

Breakfast, covered one lead, then on roof with Plax. In evening went to see "Mr. Deeds Goes to Town" for second time.

June 22, 1936 Monday

To Brilliant Ala on applicant leaving Birmingham at 7 AM. returning to it 6:00. Drove over 206 miles.

June 23, 1936 Tuesday

To Jasper and environs. Had a flat - the first I ever had and fixed it with the spare. Back by 6 P.M. after seeing some bad roads. Dinner, to W.P.A. theatre with Betty (who cares) and saw part of "Chalk Dust" a play of tyranny in city high school. I couldn't stand the cast & we left. Home early to write a few letters and to bed.

June 24, 1936 Wednesday

Investigating about city and went to the movies in the evening.

June 25, 1936 Thursday

Evening had dinner with Cecelia Prichard and Plaxico, then to Forest Inn to see J.D. McCall and home very tired.

June 26, 1936 Friday

Up Shades Mt. on 31 case, running over some rough back roads. Had a swim in the pool then on duty from 6 PM to 12 P.M. writing letters.

June 27, 1936 Saturday

Working around city. In evening Plaxico and I went to the movies and later to the Rex Club.

June 28, 1936 Sunday

Up about eleven and finally went to the office where I sat about until 5 PM with Plaxico. We then took Ruth Cunningham for a drive in Plax's green Packard and met up with Cecelia Prichard and Wright Brozden. Five of us went to Century Club for dinner. Ruth won \$10-- in the black jack game. I spied a good looking girl who was playing and after backing her card unsuccessfully I was introduced to her party. Major Key being an uncle & was invited to dinner Monday evening.

June 29, 1936 Monday

Heat fierce, around office all day. Hired car and went to the Key's for dinner. Arranged with Byrd, night clerk, to call me about 9 so that I would not have to go to the Century Club again with them. Left about 9:30 and hope to see the girl Elizabeth Adams again.

June 30, 1936 Tuesday

Heat - files & nothing , Monthly conference.

July 1, 1936 Wednesday

Completed all preparations for road trip. Dinner with Robery, Charlie Holtz & Plaxico. To a movie alone and then to bed for an early start on the road.

July 2, 1936 Thursday

My birthday - 29th. Left Birmingham at 7 A.M. and drove all morning, arriving in Dothan about 1:30. Covered small leads around town.

July 3, 1936 Friday

More leads around Dothan and Geneva.

July 4, 1936 Saturday

Made some effort to do a little work but was not successful. Around town all day. Sunbath on roof.

July 5, 1936 Sunday

Worked almost all day on one lead or another. Made trip to Slocomb and drove almost 70 miles over back roads.

July 6, 1936 Monday

Covered leads at Enterprise and Elba. Arrested Alto Kelley WSTA at Elba and left him in jail, returning to Dothan for the night.

July 7, 1936 Tuesday

Left Dothan at 9:30 AM and covered lead at Geneva. Drove to Florala temperature there 103 degrees. Whole country in hot dry spell with crops ruined everywhere. Drove from Florala to Montgomery 119 miles plus detours, stopping at Whitley Hotel, met Charlie Holtz.

July 8, 1936 Wednesday

Spent day checking serials received and meeting local police and other officials with Holtz.

July 9, 1936 Thursday

To Tuskegee University and government hospital. Other leads around Montgomery and making reports.

July 10, 1936 Friday

Off early to Brantley 75 miles to find my party moved. Then to Troy where I got wire to call office and had to return to Montgomery on expedite work. 200 miles today and still over 100 degrees.

July 11, 1936 Saturday

Busy in city with leads and spent all afternoon typing reports. Nothing to do in evening so sat home and read.

July 12, 1936 Sunday

Up at 10 and typed report to 11:30. Breakfast and sat in lobby of hotel reading paper. Afternoon to Narrow Lane pool for swim and stopped at Beauvoir Country Club trying ineffectively to meet people. Home at 7 and after dinner home writing.

July 13, 1936 Monday

Around Montgomery all day with investigation.

July 14, 1936 Tuesday

To Enterprise 112 miles on investigation to restore civil rights and return.

July 15, 1936 Wednesday

Applicant investigation around town all day.

July 16, 1936 Thursday

To Auburn and Lafayette on application. Continuing to Birmingham and arrived at 5 P.M. Movies in evening with Plaxico.

July 17, 1936 Friday

Shooting in morning and technical training in afternoon. Visited the Key's and went to Century Club.

July 18, 1936 Saturday

At office all day until 5:30 P.M. In P.M. Plaxico, Robery and I took girls to Rex Club to dance and then to Century Club, getting home at 4 A.M.

July 19, 1936 Sunday

Breakfast and to office at noon where I worked all day.

July 20-21, 1936 Monday & Tuesday

Conference all day at office. Movie in evening.

July 22 1936 Wednesday

Left Birmingham doing work at Sylacauga, Alexander City, Wadley and spending night at Bonner Hotel, Roanoke.

July 23, 1936 Thursday

Work at Roanoke, Lafayette, Lanett and spending night at Opelika at Clement Hotel.

July 24, 1935 Friday

Work at Opelika, Phenix City, Auburn and return to Montgomery.

July 25, 1936 Saturday

Leads in Montgomery.

July 26, 1936 Sunday

Fishing with Jack Stone and his girl. Caught nothing but had a good time.

July 27-29, 1936

In Montgomery.

July 30, 1936 Thursday

2nd Anniversary of entering service. Today I received notice of transfer to Washington DC and also increase of salary from 3200-- to 3400.

July 31, 1936 Friday

Tail end of Florida hurricane hit Montgomery and it poured all day. Covered leads in town.

August 1, 1936 Saturday

To Auburn on applicant lead stopping at Tuskegee on return. Sat around with Police most of the evening when a negro woman was brought in cut by a negro, one of the cops took her in the back room and without waiting for the doctor who was called sewed up all three cuts. It seemed more in the line of practice than first aid.

August 2, 1936 Sunday

Leads around Montgomery.

(No entry for August 3, 1936)

August 4, 1936 Tuesday

Left for Birmingham via Alexander City where I spent the night.

August 5, 1936 Wednesday

Returned to Birmingham via Wadley & Wedowee..

August 6, 1936 Thursday

Reviewed cases and prepared to leave for Washington. Worked in evening getting out wanted circulars.

August 7, 1936 Friday

Received telephone call from Noel that a third extortion letter was received. Plaxico, Grunane and I drove to Wadley for plant. Instructions required boy & negro to ride down country road for 2 miles and on return to drop package when they heard a whistle. We waited at the end of the road where the turn was to be made and Grunane substituted on the male, riding back with the negro. Plaxico and I followed holding to the end of a cord tied to the package. We walked more than 2 miles in the dark but no signal was heard and we had to return to Birmingham 110 miles getting back at 3 AM.

August 8, 1936 Saturday

Worked in office all day and in evening Plaxico and I went to the movies.

August 9, 1936 Sunday

Left Birmingham at 1:30 PM on Cotton States Special Seaboard Line for Washington.

August 10, 1936 Monday

Arrived Washington DC. at 12:30 PM. Reported to Bureau and Tamm advised I was assigned as War Risk Insurance supervisor. Moved to home where Bob Hicks & Charlie Weeks were living in Rock Creek Park. Will work with Robt. Chambers

August 11, 1936 Tuesday

Began work on desk reviewing files and writing up cases.

August 12, 1936 Wednesday

Worked until 8:30 PM then home to meet Hick's friend Dr. Wornell a female physician.

August 13, 1936 Thursday

On War Risk Desk.

August 14, 1936 Friday

Was given permission to go home for week end. Wired mother at 4 o'clock I would be home at 11 but at 4:30 Tamm put me on a special and I had to telephone that I could not come. Ordered on the Gaston B. Means case, full details written as a special item.

Evening to movies with Hicks & G G Surratt.

August 15, 1936 Saturday

Up at 6:30 and off with Jim Fallon and Guy Hottel to Glymont Md. to try to locate the \$100,000 which Means got from Mrs McLean. Spent day dragging the Potomac River and diving. Home tired and sunburned.

August 16, 1936 Sunday

To Glymont to continue the treasure hunt stopping at 1 PM due to people being around. Dragged river and fetched for some distance. No sign of hoard.

August 17, 1936 Monday

Continued search at Glymont. Took pictures and dragged.

August 18, 1936 Tuesday

Continued dragging and diving without any sign of the boodle.

(No entry for August 19)

August 20, 1936 Thursday

Search called off while Fallon went to Leavenworth to interview Gaston B. Means. Returned to War Risk desk.

August 21, 1936 Friday

Left Wash on B & O at 5:20 home at midnight. Met Bill Blaisdell on train, he got off at Chester, Pa. Mother & Pop well and looking fine. Almost one year since I was last home.

August 22, 1936 Saturday

Home in morning then Paul, Mother and I went to Rudies & met them for first time in more than 2 years. Stayed for part of afternoon then home. Paul, McTerman and I went to movies in evening.

August 23, 1936 Sunday

Home until 1 PM. Drove my car which I finally got possession of after not having it since Nov 30, 1935. Had dinner with Duke & Eleanor enjoying a short stay. Left at 5 PM and drove to Washington - arriving at 1 PM (sic) - NY time. Road crowded & also detours.

August 24, 1936 Monday

Back on desk. Quit work at 8 P.M. and took Pearl McKarnin for a short drive. Home at 10:30 and to bed.

August 25, 1936 Tuesday

Worked until 9 PM then home.

(No entries from August 26, 1936 through January 8, 1937)

January 9, 1937 Saturday

All the previous months having been spent supervising impersonations theft of government property and interstate shipment cases. Home Thanksgiving for the first holiday off since being in the Bureau. Then home Christmas but worked in Washington on New Years on the ransom list of the Mattson boy kidnaping in Tacoma, Wash. The Spanish war is still deadlocked at the siege of Madrid and threatens to embroil all Europe. A General Motors strike is in progress and to date it is the warmest winter in years, being 68 degrees yesterday. Having had no active investigations to report I haven't kept this diary. Now I am being transferred to handling 'nut' letters and think I shall make note of some of the more interesting.

Read one today of an interview with a woman who claimed a former boarder was trying to poison her with arsenic and it had caused her toenails to drop off. In proof of this she showed the agent an envelope containing particles of blackened cartilage ---

Saturday evening with Blanchard to visit Lu Gibbs who had Hilda Horden (?) visiting Sat about until 3 A.M. and so home.

January 10, 1937 Sunday

Breakfast with Molly Flynn & Virginia Deane at Molly's. I visited the Bureau and then to Molly's for a drink. Visited then the Skehans (Jerry and Eadie), and Holmes and finally home at 10 PM.

January 11, 1937 Monday

Usual desk work. Also practice on pistol - 282 on regular police course - 25 yards slow, timed & rapid. Evening dinner at the Hormire's, Jim & Mary - who is Mary Grave's friend. A real person to talk with.

Body of the Mattson boy who was kidnaped at Tacoma was found near Everett, Wash. Murdered by the kidnaper.

January 12, 1937 Tuesday

Weather still very mild and no freezing. Date with Virginia Hunter.

(No entries January 13 - March 4, 1937)

March 5, 1937 Friday

Left Wash 6:30 pm for Tampa Fla with pistol team - Walsh, Winton, Gurnea, Nitschke, Glavin, Baughman.

March 6, 1937 Saturday

Arrived Tampa, Fla. 5 P.M. at Tampa Terrace Hotel.

March 7, 1937 Sunday

At range at 10 AM and spent day sighting in guns. Movie in evening.

March 8, 1937 Monday

Reentry matches fired today. My best score 94 .38 calibre rapid fire. Other scores just fair.

March 9, 1937 Tuesday

Score 269 - Natl Match course 87-94-88-269-39th place in 90 entries. Winton & I on 2 man team over Natl course - mine 268 - Winton 256. Our team 17th of 42 - my score 15th of 84 individuals.

50 yd - slow fire 75 + 84 - 159 - 75th of 105. Walsh won .22 match with 289.

March 10, 1937 Wednesday

.38 timed fire 91 + 83 - 174 Natl Mtch course .38 cal 80 + 95 + 89 = 264 22th of 69 Walsh won with 286 .38 cal rapid fire 88 + 91 = 179 18th of 90

Four man team - Nitschke, Gurnea, Walsh & me - 260, 278, 285, 278 total 1101 = 4th place of 15 teams winning team 1122 (Police course 25 yd)

March 11, 1937 Thursday

.38 open over Natl Match Course 78 + 89 + 86 (50 yd sl - 25 yd timed & rapid) 253 total

4 man - match course 50 & 25 yd 89 + 92 + 88 = 269 team 3rd of 19 individual 14th of 76 .45 cal

match course 76 + 78 + 77 – 231.

Supposed dinner in evening for trophy presentation - won \$1.75 for 3rd place rapid fire re-entry with 94 + 91

March 12, 1937 Friday

Left Tampa, 12:30 PM via Atlantic Coast Line.

March 13, 1937 Saturday

Arrived Wash 11 AM

(No entries March 14-21)

March 22nd, 1937 Monday

Left Wash 5 P.M. for Nashville on subpoena.

March 24th - Tillman at Nashville. Had dinner at Stapletons & left for Wash at 10 P.M.

March 26th Friday

Arrived in Wash from Nashville.

April 10, 1937 Saturday

Left for Dothan Ala on subpoena.

April 11, 1937 Sunday

Arrived Dothan and spent evening with Brown, the newspaper reporter.

April 12, 1937 Monday

Testified Caraway case father ran off with son's wife. Convicted. No sentence yet. Left Dothan at noon. Stopover in Montgomery - saw Major Key and left on 6:30 train.

April 13, 1937 Tuesday

Arrived in Wash in evening.

(No entries April 14 through May 11)

May, 12, 1937

George VI crowned King of England, Duke of Windsor (former Edward VIII who abdicated to marry Mrs. Simpson) still in France with her.

May 15, 193_ Saturday

To Baltimore, where, with the Director, & about 26 agents raided houses of prostitution and brought in 50 persons. Spent from 10:30 PM to 3:30 AM at one house receiving 65 visitors and checking their identity. Then guarding and questioning the girls & madams until 4 PM Sunday – no sleep – then to Marlboro jail & back to Washington by 7 PM Sunday May 16, 1937. These raids cover the part show (sic) in telephone taps notes maintained elsewhere on those.

May 20, 1937 Thursday

Left Wash 3:40 PM by plane with agents Nitschke & Gurnea arriving Cleveland 6:55 PM. Stayed at Cleveland Hotel, dinner at Webers.

May 21, 1937 Friday

Plans for taking into custody various persons for harboring Karpis & Campbell at Toledo & Cleveland. Spent part of day looking for netsukes in art shops – no luck.

May 22, 1937 Saturday

Left Cleveland 12 M. by auto arrive Toledo 4 PM. after driving thru sleet storm & stop for dinner at Sandusky. Local agents picked up Angus brother, & 4 others. Questioned Bert Angus until 3 A.M. when I went off duty.

May 23, 1937 Sunday

On duty 9:30 A.M. drove to Lake View, O to try to entice Monroe to come from Middle Island, Canada to U.S. so we could arrest him. Unsuccessful. Off duty at 8 P.M. due back at 11:30 P.M. – ate at Zimmermans.

May 24th, 1937 Monday

On duty at 12:30 A.M. and guarded prisoners at Federal Bldg until morning. Left Toledo by car at 12:15 and arrived Cleveland 3:30 after some trouble with car. Took 5 PM plane arriving in Wash at 6:50 PM. Saw M.H. Oyster after dinner.

May 29th 1937 Saturday

Left Washington for home on annual leave. Arrived New York at 11:30 D.S.T.

June 3, 1937 Thursday

Sailed at 4 PM on Orizaba, NY & Cuba Mail Boat for Mexico City.

June 7, 1937 Monday

Spent few hours in Havana Cuba on way to Mexico.

June 8, 1937 Tuesday

Stopped briefly at Progreso (?) outside harbor.

June 9, 1937 Wednesday

Arrived at Vera Cruz 4:30 P.M. Drove around town and left for Mexico City by train at 7:30 PM.

June 10, 1937 Thursday

Strike delayed arrival at Mexico. Spent several hours stranded in Orizaba. Arrive Mex. City at 6:30 P.M. J'ai Lai games in evening.

June 11, 1937 Friday

Drove about city and out to the market at Toluca where I got 2 serapes. At El Patio in evening.

June 12, 1937 Saturday

Visited pyramids at Teotihuacan, Desert of the Lions, Guadalupe, San Augustin, Acolman Church etc.

June 13, 1937 Sunday

Gachero of Xochimilco Chapultepec Park – Bull fight in afternoon.

June 14, 1937 Monday

Cuernavaca & Taxco 200 mile drive thru the Sierra Madre Mountains.

June 15, 1937 Tuesday

Around city all day at local markets. To bed at 5:30 A.M. & up again at 6:30.

June 16, 1937 Wednesday

Left Mexico City by train 7:30 AM. arrived Vera Cruz 6:30.

June 17, 1937

At Sea.

June 18, 1937 Friday

Arrived Havana 6 AM departed 4 P.M.

July 22, 1937 1 PM.

Arrived New York met at pier by Mother, Paul & - Eadie! Lunch at home with Mother & Eadie – then with E. until 9:30 when I started driving to Wash. DC, arrived at 3 A.M.

July 23, 1937 Wednesday

Back at work again & notice of a raise of 200—up to 3800 per annum.

July 28, 1937

Left Wash 6 PM for Louisville Ky on special assignment on NMVTA ring at Harlan, Ky.

July 29th Thursday

At Louisville in office

July 30th Friday

Drove from Louisville to Harlan Ky to join agents D.M. Brightman & A.J. Lemaire.

July 31, 1937 Saturday

Drove to Knoxville with Brightman to interview Arthur Mayo in jail there.

August 1, 1937 Sunday

Returned to Harlan Ky with Brightman.

Aug 3, 1937 Tuesday

Arrested Henry Hilton Barboursville, Ky bootlegger. Brightman & I got him in a car with load of non tax paid liquor & gun. Got signed statement from him.

Aug 4-6th

Continued investigation in Harlan Ky.

August 7th 1937 Saturday

O.C. Derney phoned from Louisville to say I must be in Wash on Monday morning. Drove back to Louisville with Brightman.

Aug 9th 1937 Monday

Arrived back in Wash at 8 AM after leaving Louisville Ky last night. In administrative school with P Ugby & others. 7 agents in this school. Every day – Aug 9 to 21st Aug 16th to 19th at Quantico for fire arms training.

Aug 22, 1937 Sunday

Left Wash & arrived in New York under transfer to New York office to take over #4 desk.

August 28, 1937 Saturday

Weekend raids planned for houses of prostitution in Atlantic City. Left NY. With agents Van Pelt, Callaghan, Donner & Morris & drove to Atl City arriving at 10 P.M. All raids planned for 1 A.M. when agents were to taken (sic) 8 houses simultaneously. Walked around city until 1 AM then met at house, 15 N. Illinois Ave when 10 of us raided it, collecting 11 girls, 2 maids, madam & 4 men who were later released. 18 customers turned out. Then took girls in bus to Trenton, 74 miles away arriving at 4 A.M. Photographed, fingerprinted and interviewed all Sunday. Total of 156 persons arrested, all but about 30 being women. Made no headway with questioning, all of them refusing to identify themselves. Arraigned them and finally left Trenton to drive back to New York arriving at 10:30 P.M. Two days & one night without sleep. Approximately 100 agents operated in all the raids. Hoover himself came in house I was in.

(No entries Aug 29- Sept 6)

September 7, 1937 to Sept 30, 1937

Left on night train to Washington and then to Quantico, Va for more firearms training & for qualification as a firearms instructor. Also present Jerry Campbell, from Seattle, Geo Franklin & Ed. Dorris, El Paso, John Brennan, St. Louis & John Vincent from Atlanta. Frank Baughman, Walter Walsh & Bill Nitschke instructors. Remained (sic) there for three weeks. First getting instruction, then giving it to some classes then finally practicing for a firearms exhibit at the Convention of the International Asso. for Identification on Sept 29, 1937. Shot in day time bowled at night. Never very high in score. Arrived back in New York Oct 1st, 1937.

October 11, 1937 Monday

Left hurriedly for Boston driving Bureau car with Guy Bannister for plant & raid on Brady Gang. Left NY about 2 PM arrived Boston 10:30. Waiting over till morning at hotel.

October 12, 1937 Tuesday

No need to go on. Plant worked at Bangor Me. and Alfred Brady & Clarence Shaffer killed by agents, Dalhover caught. Walter Walsh shot in shoulder. Agents waiting at hardware store for return of gang. Returned to New York same night.

November 16, 1937 Tuesday

Going to theatre with Jerry Gerard. Called office to give seat numbers at "Yes, My Darling Daughter" & told I was to be in Duluth Minn Thursday morning. Home at midnight after securing plane seats.

November 17, 1937 Wednesday

At United Airlines office at 6:45 A.M. plane line officials uncertain plane would fly "due to icing conditions". At last minute decided flight would be made. Driven to Newark airport took off in Douglas twin motor at 8 A.M. Landed at Cleveland at 11 AM in a snow storm and took off again landing in Chicago at 12:05 C.S.T. Left on Northwest plane at 2 PM C.S.T. & got sick enroute – very bumpy – small plane – 10 passenger Lockheed. Arrived in St. Paul at 4:15 (Landing in Minneapolis) Had dinner with Ira Duffy went to a movie & took 11:59 PM train for Duluth a sleeper.

November 18, 1937 Thursday

Arrived in Duluth 6:30 A.M. Met Ed Grunane at Holland Hotel. Purpose of trip to give firearms instructions to the St. Louis County Sheriffs office. This day had 25 deputies at Duluth, giving instruction in shot gun, machine gun & pistol. Snowed most of day – temperature about 15 degrees above. Ed Hanson, chief deputy, an FBI Police Academy graduate arranged for everything. In evening had venison steaks (out of season) in private hotel dining room. For bed about 10:30 P.M. at Holland Hotel.

November 19, 1937 Friday

Drove about 50 miles from Duluth to Virginia, Minn where 16 deputies were given firearms training. Snowed some all day. Range on top of abandoned open iron mine. Gave lecture 1 ½ hour later on firearms. Agent Plaxico came from Atlanta on leave and joined us and we drove 80 miles to hunting camp with two deputies. Snow all the way up and spent night in hunting lodge.

November 20, 1937 Saturday

First day of 6 day deer hunting season. Out for two hours but saw nothing. Woods beautiful in snow. Remained around lodge until 12:30 when Grunane, Plaxico and I drove back to St. Paul via Two Harbors & Duluth arriving at 9:30 P.M. Stayed overnight at the Lowry Hotel.

November 21, 1937 Sunday

At office at 9:30 AM Cleaned guns & telephoned Marcy Homire. Left on the Hiawatha at 1 PM arriving Chicago at 7:30 PM. as I had received subpoena for London, Ky on the 24th I had to proceed to Louisville. Stopped at Chicago office & talked with John Madala, R D Brown & E J Connelly. Left Chicago on Penn RR 11:20 AM for Louisville.

November 22, 1937 Monday

Arrived Louisville 7:30 AM. Reported at the office and worked until 5 P.M. Spent the evening with Al & Alice Rheineck in their new home. Just talking.

November 23, 1937 Tuesday

Left Louisville – on train for London Ky met Ellen Rice – formerly Ellen Smith at Bureau. Brightman Lemaire, Reeder & others at London for Mayo trial & others. Drove about & waited for trial to begin.

November 24, 1937 Wednesday

Just sitting about this town waiting for trial.

November 25, 1937 Thursday

Thanksgiving – All subjects plead guilty at last minute before start of trial. Left at 11 AM with Brightman & Joe Kimsey of Knoxville & drove to Knoxville passing Norris Dam. Met Dick Hood & D.O. Smith in Knoxville had dinner with them leaving at 9:20 PM for New York.

November 26, 1937 Friday

Arrived in New York at 4:30 P.M.

November 27, 1937 Saturday

Date with Jerry Gerard – visited friends of Dicky Holmes & Grace – they being in from Wash DC for the week end.

November 28, 1937 Sunday

Mother, Paul, Dot & May Neef drove out to Rudies where we had dinner and returned home at 8:30 P.M.

November 30, 1937 Tuesday

Saw W. B. Herlands for interview for connection with District Attorney's office. Other interview to follow.

December 4, 1937 Saturday

Eadie arrived from Boston met her at Grand Central. Dinner at Asti – met the Thorndikes on 8th street when going out. Saw "Babes in Arms" – terrible.

December 5, 1937 Sunday

Looking for apartments with Eadie – driving around Brooklyn Heights. Dinner at Rumpelmeyers St Moritz then to Hayden Planetarium.

December 6, 1937 Monday

Arthur Fried – NY sand and gravel executive reported kidnapped. Facts show he went to movies in White Plains NY. on Saturday Dec 4th with wife, brother & sister in law. All returned to mothers home where he got his car & was to follow them to brothers home. Did not arrive and 1 hour later phone call said he was drunk & with friends in the Bronx. Sunday 4 A.M. brother Hugo received call to go to his garage on E 71st NYC. There he got a call to go to Kelley's Café 69th St & Amsterdam Ave & to wait for a phone call for "Mr. Roberts". A little later while there a call told him to go to the lavatory where he found a note over the towel rack. The note was written by Arthur said he had been kidnapped and demanded \$200,000 – Today at 3:45 P.M. another call to Hugo Fried at his garage when they dickered for terms, Hugo offering about \$2500 –

Went to Frieds Garage on E 71st & attempt made to record phone conversations but wrong current in building. Standing by awaiting attempt to trace next call. Call received at 8:05 & Hugo held on till 8:09 still dickered terms & conditions. Same voice – young & American. Call again 8:17 to 8:23 still too short to complete tracing. Hugo arguing to keep conversation going. Promised to call back at 10 PM. but failed to call again. Remained (sic) at garage all night.

December 7, 1937 Tuesday

Still at garage, eating & sleeping there in the stored cars. No more contact. Fried brothers sit about waiting for contact. To office & relieved at 11 PM/

December 8, 1937 Wednesday

Still at garage. Went to office & remained thru the day. Slept for a few hours in the dormitory & returned to garage at 12 P.M. to continue on duty until noon/midnight Home for dinner & then to Dukes. Back to garage at midnight.

December 9, 1937 Thursday

At Garage – midnight to noon of Dec 10th

December 10, 1937 Friday

Left plant at noon, downtown shopping & finally home at 2:30 PM. Dinner & stopped at Jerry Gerards & Bill Bontelles – on to garage – on duty at midnight. Boys say “Joe”, man at prison with Hugo Fried called & asked if contact made. Will come to garage tomorrow for confab.

December 11, 1937 Saturday

On duty from midnight 12/10 to noon. Shopped then home & visited Eleanor Flynn who was ill, before going back to plant at garage at midnight. Hugo saw contact at City Theater.

December 12, 1937 Sunday

Home at 1:30 from plant. Around house all day. Then to Gerards until time to go back to garage at midnight.

December 13, 1937 Monday

Left plant at noon. Tried to shop some then home for a nap. Met Eadie at 9 PM. she moving to Heights tomorrow. Left her in time to return to garage plant.

December 14, 1937 Tuesday

Several calls from a Joe but still no real contact from kidnappers since Dec 6th.

December 15, 1937 Wednesday

Man called Ben Weinberg, Lexington Ave. jeweler & said to get in touch with Hugo Fried & to have \$50,000 in \$20 bills. Still waiting for word. Said to put ad in Times & other papers. Movies with Mother & Paul in evening.

December 16, 1937 Thursday

Working day shift at garage. Ad in papers but no contact. Paul received probationary appointment as fireman – was 180 on list of 8700 who took the test.

December 17, 1937 Friday

6:45 P.M. Joe called – said he wanted to see Hugo – Hugo made date to meet at 10 PM at City Theater, 14th St. 8:15 PM woman called – said Joe’s sister – meet off tonight – afraid is men following – meet tomorrow at 12 noon.

December 18, 1937 Saturday

Several agents planted theater, some with stenos. Another call said for Hugo to have money at Weinberg’s at about 6 P.M. Vetterli & I in rear of store and other agents planted around

(Sketch here)

At 6:15PM man asked if money ready – Hugo said yes, man will call. At 7:45 PM Hugo told to go to 965 3rd Ave a bar and grill. Hugo there and tailed. No message – returned. Call told him to go back. I got in bar – McLaughlin & Meyer also there and about five other agents around neighborhood. Another call told Hugo all off for a couple of days. Plant off at 9 PM. To Mary & Bobs & then left at 11:45 PM to see Gerard.

December 19, 1937 Sunday

Mother Pop & I to cemetery.

Nothing new on Fried case.

December 20, 1937 Monday

Agents caught 2 chiselers on Fried case but no connection with actual case.

December 24, 1937 Friday

No work – around house & took Mother to the McDades. Rudie, Emily & Dot home in the evening. Prize present – netsuke from Dot – Foo dog. Then to Thorndikes – I giving them a serape they giving me a book “The Impressionists”.

December 25, 1937 Saturday

To Bay Ridge with Dot & then to Gerards, then to Thorndikes & back to Gerards for the evening. From there to the office at 11:45 AM & then home.

December 26, 1937 Sunday

Up at 6 AM for tail job in Bkln & worked until 4 PM then home to dinner and to a movie with Paul.

December 31, 1937 Friday

Worked until 9:30 PM. Then with Em Grace to see some friends (the Kastners) and a quiet New Years.

January 1, 1938 Saturday

At office at 9 AM & on duty until 4:30 Then to the Bontelles for cocktails and home early.

January 2, 1938 Sunday

Driving with Jerry Gerard dinner and a movie & STB.

January 3, 1938 Monday

Reported out sick –

January 6, 1938 Thursday

Left NY at 10 PM on train for Miami, nature of assignment unknown.

January 8, 1938 Saturday

Arrived Miami. – Spent day at Miami Beach P.D. on two NMVTA cases; boys already in jail.

January 9, 1938 Sunday

Drove down Florida Keys on business as far as Marathon 115 miles from Miami. Good weather. Passed scene of terrible hurricane of Sept 1935.

February 16-18, 1938

Investigation at Volusia Bar Lighthouse of Death of John Anderson lightkeeper, Deland, Fla.

February 23, 1938 Wednesday

Apprehended Chester Tucker Negro at Orlando Fla wanted for murder in Round, S.C. He shot another negro in leg & he died of blood poisoning.

February 26, 1938 Saturday

Nothing to do in Jacksonville so out riding with Al Humphreys & Elmer Southwell, Deputies. At 9:30 in a soft drink store phone call to go to Illinois address, negro shot. When we got there found negro on floor of living room, police already there had his brother in police car. Victim lying on floor with cops all around asking questions and joking about if he was dead yet. No one had looked for wound so I pulled up his shirt & found small hole above navel 6” up. His wife was screaming on the porch “why did I leave him to go to the store” Victim looked badly, eyes open, only occasional movement very slight. One negro volunteered he slept with his eyes open – to indicate he might not be dead. Brother sat calmly in back of police auto. Officers showed me gun - .32 cal. One shell fired. Some fight in which victim was on top of

subject and biting his face. Finally undertakers auto came & stretcher carried out victim. We followed to County Hospital when we arrived interne had already pronounced victim dead but took him into room to try adrenalin. Later I asked Dr. cause of death. He looked at me in some surprise, then said probably hit the aorta & bled internally. No blood outside & powder burn on flesh. Three policemen in receiving room. Negro was sitting in invalids chair & one said, nodding to negro, "there's another, his sister stabbed him with an ice pick". I thought he was dead but cop asked him his sisters age & address and he answered weakly. Wound near shoulder left front just nicked lung. Had just had a shot of adrenalin. A tall dudish negro with cane & reverse double breasted suit seemed to know him. He was friend who brought him to hospital in cab. Said sister came up to victim on street and charged him with not supporting his mother. Said he ought to be dead. Victim said "If I ought to be dead, kill me" whereupon sister struck him, witness thought with fist. Victim slumped & asked friend to take him to the hospital. Deputies & I took witness in tow & started out to look for the sister. Couldn't locate her and returned to hospital where victim was sleeping. Another negro about 20 held handkerchief to cheek. Said his step father cut him. Doctor finally called him in & removed handkerchief. Left cheek cut from ear to edge of mouth almost thru face & slice separated about ½ inch looked as though some missing but not so. Strangely very little blood. Began to probe before sewing. I got shaky on this & we went to get step father. At address he came down on hearing us drive up. He answered from within screen door. I held gun, heard too many stories of crazy negroes blasting officers. He came out quite cheerful – 51 years old & not a care at all –said other nigger no good – was in his house & wouldn't stay out. Hard to get straight facts. Couldn't find the knife – all he said was he was helper to Mr Cook in the Railroad yards for 21 years. Arrived at City Jail with him & police said call just came from Barnett St negro shot in head. We got there after missing street once & found victim already gone – police took him neighbor said – Jackson shot him- Jacksons car out front. We examined – found name & address in coat. Drove there but couldn't locate such address. Then to hospital – found victim all right – glancing blow on head & being released. Dispute over a woman and subject pulled gun. Then drove out to try to find sister who stabbed brother & no luck. Back to Sheriffs Office where Sheriff asked how many dead and everyone was cheerful over the nights slaughter. So home and to bed.

-Fragments of the evening –

My blithe remark as we first started off when the call came that man was shot that I hoped he died – so it would be a murder case – Forgive me, O Lord. – The sand on the street – no paving – in front of the negro shack thick and dusty – the officers flashlights flickering about the house – only oil lamps within – in this modern city – my feeling about the man on the floor who may have heard, in a fog of semi-consciousness, the officers above, talking lightly of his approaching death – the wait for the ambulance minutes – to me a stranger they seemed interminable – the negro in the emergency room who head was all bloody and face cut – newspaper packed in his hat to staunch the blood – he had been attacked and robbed of \$5—he didn't know by whom – more flashlights up dark halls for doors looking for the sister who tried to kill her brother - & who may have for all I know.

Alt told me a story of seeing one negro pursuing another with a knife on the street and the crowd watching with amusement. He hesitated about intervening, but was armed and followed the chase up and down the street. He decided that if the pursuer stabbed the other, he was going to kill him. Finally the man came upon the other just as they turned a corner and drove the knife thru his heart. Alt was going to shoot him, but something made him hold back. With some others the killer was caught in a few moments. I jokingly asked if he got 2 years. Alt said No, he was let off. It seemed that the dead man had just robbed the other and the victim was trying to get his money back. The dead man had a long criminal record and had served time for manslaughter. Moral?

March 5, 1938 Miami, Fla

Yesterday a collector of Internal Revenue, Frank K. Bartholomew was shot to death on hall stairs of Orlando, Fla. Post Office. Right handed and shot in left side of head. Gun used was a .32 Calibre German Ortgies No person came down stairs after shots heard – 2 fired – one hit wall – other in head. Victim despondent, heavily in debt had threatened suicide. Winstead in Orlando discovered victim had had a gun stolen in 1928 in Miami. I checked burglary records & found that thief got Canadian Webley. Checked hardware stores, gun shops pawn shops. Finally found record of sale of Ortgies gun #63268 to victim – same gun used in shooting – ergo suicide.

To Hialeah & saw War Admiral win the Widener Stakes & \$50,000.

April 14, 1938 Thursday

At New York, NY. Informant #1 told us Rosella Allen could get some stolen jewelry from Oscar Mohr. Allen has millinery store. We got informant to make date to see a bracelet. Helen Callanan, switchboard girl, went and got bracelet, taking it to our jeweler who appraised it at \$5,000—Jeweler also had it photographed – bracelet contained about 800 small round diamonds & 3- 1 kt rd diamonds. Search to locate theft unsuccessful. Mohr tailed from Allen's store to 665 – 5 Ave then home. Mohr will get only \$1000 for bracelet, so it must be stolen. All insurance companies checked on theft.

April 19, 1938 Tuesday

Andrew Carnegie Whitfield disappeared Friday – taking off in his plane and no more word from him. Had told his wife he was leaving her. All airports checked – plane had only 400 miles radius in tank load. Wife got letter today demanding \$10,000 for Whitfield release signed "The Rajah" Money to be placed in Long Island RR platform (Broadway, Flushing) at 9 PM by Mrs. Whitfield. Myself and four other agents covered plant. Various persons passed – none identified. Finally deaf old man picked up package out of curiosity and we had to check him over before releasing him.

April 20, 1938 Wednesday

In office today met Arthur Maron who went to Manual with me and who is a prisoner in an extortion case.

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