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June 7, 1935

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7-1367-550
Special Agent in Charge,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

RE: SUPPLIES

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Reference is made to your telephone call to Mr. Tamm on June 3, 1935, at which time you advised him that you had sent a telegram to the Bureau on May 17, 1935, to the effect that the Milwaukee office was about to run out of envelopes suitable for mailing ransom lists and that you desired an additional supply of such envelopes forwarded immediately to you.

For your information, this is to advise you that the Bureau has no record of receiving a telegram from the Milwaukee office dated May 17, 1935, with reference to such envelopes. The only telegram received by the Bureau covering this matter was a night letter dated May 15, 1935, which was received in Washington on May 16, 1935, wherein you stated that all supplies had been received with the exception of envelopes and filing supplies which were needed badly.

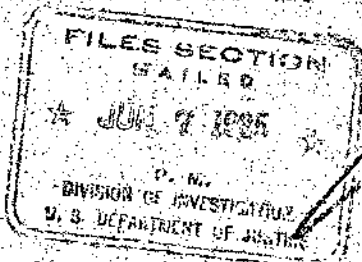
Inasmuch as the necessary supplies were forwarded to the Milwaukee office under date of May 10, 1935, by the Division of Supplies of the Department, it was not believed necessary at that time to forward additional envelopes to you. Upon receipt of your telephone communication on June 3, 1935, an additional supply of these envelopes was immediately forwarded to your office and should have been received by this time.

With reference to the telegram which you state you forwarded to the Bureau on May 17, 1935, it is requested that this matter be gone into by you to ascertain whether the telegram in question was delivered.

It is requested that the Bureau be advised promptly with reference to this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

June 3, 1935.

Time - 12:30 P.M..

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
George Weyerhaeuser - Victim;
Kidnaping.

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Baughman	✓
Chief Clerk	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Edwards	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Keith	
Mr. Lester	✓
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Scheidt	
Mr. Schilder	
Mr. Smith	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

Mr. Peterson telephoned from the Milwaukee Office with reference to the above entitled case. He said that on May 17, 1935, he sent a wire to the Bureau to the effect that the Milwaukee Office was about to run out of envelopes suitable for the purpose of mailing such lists as these; that, however, to date he has not received the envelopes, and has run out.

I told him that we would check on this at once, and forward the requested envelopes.

Mr. Peterson then asked if it is all right to give copies of the lists to the newspapers. I told him that it was all right.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm
E. A. TAMM.

Mr. Tolson advised of this

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*Let Mr. Milwaukee
6/7/35*

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. REMMEBERGER

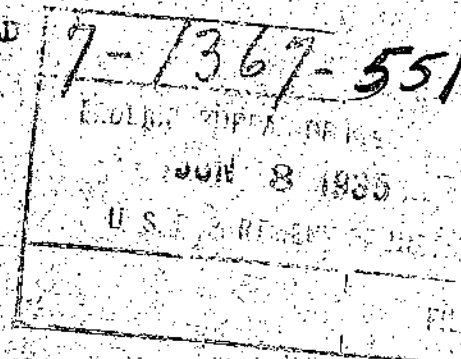
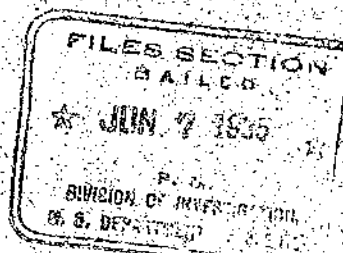
This will confirm the oral instructions issued to you by Mr. Tolson to the effect that, upon filling the requisitions of the field offices for copies of the reason list in the Weyerhaeuser case, you should forward 25,000 additional copies to the Chicago Office of the Bureau for distribution by the Standard Oil Company to filling station operators.

It is understood that these 25,000 copies will go forward on Friday, June 7.

Very truly yours,

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York City

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June 7, 1935.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., NW,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This is to confirm telephonic conversation between Mr. Tamm of the Bureau and Special Agent J. H. Hanson of this office on June 6, 1935, at which time Mr. Tamm advised that a telegram had been received at the Bureau from Messrs. J. G. Elkin and William Allen, 1914 Broadway, New York City, which individuals in the telegram had advised that they were arranging to publish a small booklet containing the ransom notes paid in the Weyerhaeuser case; further, that they contemplated selling approximately one million copies of this booklet at 10¢ apiece, and that one-half of the profits would be paid to a law-enforcement agency designated by you.

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In accordance with the instructions issued by Mr. Tamm, Messrs. Elkin and Allen were interviewed by Special Agents J. H. Hanson and R. H. Emory on the evening of June 6, 1935 at the New York office and at that time these two men were advised that you could not and would not endorse the plan proposed by them, nor could or would you recommend a law-enforcement agency to share in the profits of the enterprise. They were also specifically advised that no comment, expressed or implied, would be given by you to them concerning the enterprise that they had proposed.

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It might be mentioned that in an effort to locate these men, inquiry was made at 1914 Broadway, the address they had furnished to you, but it was learned that that address was that of a branch of the Knights of Columbus and that the doors were locked. Inquiry at a restaurant operated underneath those offices resulted in learning that Mr. Elkin was known there and that he had formerly occupied office space upstairs, but had not been an occupant of the offices since approximately November 1, 1934, when he was dispossessed of his office furniture. At an adjoining filling station, which also uses the number of 1914 Broadway, it was learned that Mr. Elkin resided at 558 West 164th Street, New York City, telephone Wadsworth 3-4791. Mr. Allen was not known at either of the above places. Inquiry at the residence of Mr. Elkin during the day of

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June 6, 1935, resulted in learning from his wife that he was not at home and that she did not know when he could be expected. Subsequently, he was contacted on the evening of June 6, 1935 and promised to call at the New York office in company with Mr. Allen, which was done, and at that time, both of these men were advised in accordance with the above. At the same time it was also learned that Mr. William Allen resides at 521 West 111th Street, New York City, apartment #62, telephone Montgomery 2-2274; further that he is engaged in the advertising business. It was learned from Mr. Elkin that he is an engineer and he advised that at the present time he is engaged in setting up air compressors and high pressure pumps on a new subway project in New York City.

During the talk with these men it was also learned that the idea of publishing a list of the Weyerhaeuser ransom notes was one that had occurred to Mr. Elkin and he had gone to Mr. Allen because of the latter's business connections. They advised that they had intended to publish a small book, approximately 5" by 7", which they explained could be carried readily, and that they believed that the average public would be interested in buying such a book to trace the ransom notes. They explained further that they were interested in the project primarily from the profit that would accrue to them if the plan was successful; further, that they believed that by publishing a pamphlet of this type, they would assist in making the public "kidnap conscious" and that possibly material assistance would be rendered to law-enforcement agencies if the public would buy these pamphlets and be on the alert for the ransom money. They could offer no explanation as to the type of law-enforcement agency which would share in the profits, indicating that if you would recommend a law-enforcement agency that could share in these profits, it would result in the two promoters securing a great deal of newspaper publicity, all of which would aid in the sale of the pamphlets.

It might further be mentioned that these men displayed to Agents Hanson and Emory a telegram that they had forwarded to President Roosevelt, which message was similar to the one that they had forwarded to you.

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley
R. Whitley,
Special Agent in Charge.

WESTERN UNION

J. C. WILLEVER
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Tacoma, Washington
June 2, 1935

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS GEORGE WEYERHAEUSER VICTIM KIDNAPING SUSPECTS DESCRIBED NUMBER ONE AGE THIRTY FIVE TO FORTY HEIGHT FIVE FOOT ELEVEN OR SIX FEET WEIGHT HUNDRED

SIXTY FIVE HAIR EYEBROWS COMPLEXION EYES ALL DARK BUILD SLENDER SMOOTH SHAVEN
NOTICEABLE LINES AROUND MOUTH WORE GREY HAT GREY SUIT POSSIBLY GREEK OR MACEDONIAN

NUMBER TWO AGE ABOUT THIRTY NINE HEIGHT FIVE TEN WEIGHT TWO HUNDRED HEAVY BUILD
SLIGHTLY PROMINENT STOMACHE HAIR DARK COMPLEXION MEDIUM NUMBER THREE HEIGHT FIVE FOOT
NINE TO TEN WEIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY HAIR BROWN AGE ABOUT FORTY COMPLEXION DARK MAY BE

WEARING SMALL CLOSE CROPPED MUSTACHE PROBABLY WEARING BROWN CHECKED SUIT NUMBER TWO AND THREE PROBABLY AMERICANS. BROADCAST DESCRIPTION TO CHECK ALL SUSPECTS. PROBABLY USING

BUICK SEDAN GRAY WITH TRUNK ON BACK OR TAN HUDSON SEDAN. CHECK BAGGAGE OF SUSPECTS LOOK FOR FIVES TENS TWENTY DOLLAR BILLS FEDERAL RESERVE BANK SAN FRANCISCO AND ANY EXCHANGE

THESE BILLS FOR OTHER BILLS, STOP MY ADDRESS NINE NAUGHT EIGHT RUST BUILDING TELEPHONE
MAIN FIVE EIGHT TWENTY. 3 13 17

(Send above wire to the following:)

D. H. DICKASON, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, 1935
302 FEDERAL BUILDING, BUTTE, MONTANA.

J. A. DOWD, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, 503-A, U.S.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

#1935

~~Witness of 7/7/20 PGT~~
~~Ernest Battle~~
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INCORPORATED
R. B. WHITE, PRESIDENT

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A full-rate expedited service.

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NEWCOMB CARLTON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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E. P. GUINANE, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
722 MIDLAND SAVINGS BUILDING, DENVER, COLORADO.

J. E. P. DUNN, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
617 FEDERAL BUILDING, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

J. C. NEWMAN, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
405 POST OFFICE BUILDING, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

R. H. COLVIN, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
1331 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING, EL PASO, TEXAS.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
617 FEDERAL BLDG.
LOS ANGELES CAL.

WEYERHAEUSER KIDNAPING SHERIFF JOE KEATE LASVEGAS NEVADA TELEPHONED
THAT RANSOM NOTE HAD BEEN PASSED AT VICTORVILLE, THIS MORNING AT TEN FIFTEEN
SERIAL NUMBER OF RANSOM NOTE UNKNOWN TO SHERIFF

WINE ACTING

LDW:MRB

CC:BUREAU

Decoded
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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DEFERRED HALF-RATE CABLES

Half-rate messages are subject to being deferred in favor of full rate messages for not exceeding 24 hours. Must be written in plain language.

CABLE NIGHT LETTERS

An overnight service for plain language communications, at one-third the full rate, or less. Minimum of 25 words charged for. Subject to delivery at the convenience of the Company within 24 hours.

SHIP RADIOGRAMS

A service to and from ships at sea, in all parts of the world. Plain language or code language may be used.

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	FOREIGN
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE CABLE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED CABLE
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT CABLE
NIGHT LETTER	LETTER
SHIP RADIOGRAM	RADIOGRAM

Patrons should check class of service desired, otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication

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BUTTE MONTANA JUNE 4 1935 5 05 PM

E J CONNELLEY
905 RUST BUILDING
TACOMA WASHINGTON

DECODED COPY

GEORGE WEYERHAEUSER VICTIM KIDNAPING SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE ADVISES UNKNOWN
PERSON USING RANSOM NOTE PURCHASED TICKET AT HUNTINGTON OREGON EVENING
SECOND INSTANT FOR SALT LAKE CITY CHECK BEING MADE WILL ADVISE IMMEDIATELY
RECEIPT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY

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1. The Company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the UNREPEATED MESSAGE rate, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery of any message received for transmission at the REPEATED MESSAGE rate, beyond the sum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery of any message received for transmission at the SPECIALLY VALUED MESSAGE rate, beyond the sum at which such message shall be valued, in writing, by the sender thereof when tendered for transmission and for which payment is made, or agreed to be made of the amount of the repeated message rate and an additional charge equal to one-tenth of one per cent of the amount by which such written valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines, or for errors in cipher or obscure messages.

2. The Company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other company or by any other means of communication when necessary to reach its destination.

3. Domestic messages and including cable messages will be delivered free one-half mile of the Company's office in towns of 5,000 population or less within one mile of such office in other cities or towns. Beyond these limits the Company does not undertake to make delivery, but will, without liability, sender's request, as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to contract for such delivery at a reasonable price.

4. No responsibility attaches to this Company concerning messages until they are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such by one of the Company's messengers, he is not responsible for its delivery.

5. The Company shall not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the Company for transmission.

6. It is agreed that prompt and correct transmission and delivery of this message shall be presumed in any action for recovery of tolls thereon; subject, however, to rebuttal by competent evidence.

7. Special terms governing the transmission of messages under the class messages enumerated below shall apply to messages in each of such respective classes in addition to all foregoing terms.

8. NO EMPLOYEE OF THIS COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED TO VARY THE FOREGOING.

POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY

CLARENCE H. MACKAY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

A. H. GRISWOLD, EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

CLASSES OF SERVICE

DOMESTIC MESSAGES

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(b) This Day Letter is received subject to the express understanding and agreement that the Company does not undertake that a Day Letter shall be delivered on the day of its date at all times and at all events; but that the Company's obligation in this respect is subject to the condition that there shall remain sufficient time for the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter on the day of its date during regular office hours, subject to the priority of the transmission of full rate telegrams under the company's normal service.

NIGHT MESSAGES. Accepted up to 200 words at reduced rates to be sent during the night and delivered not earlier than the morning of the following business day. Night messages may at the option of the Telegraph Company, be mailed at destination to the addressee, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Messages at destination, postage prepaid.

NIGHT LETTERS. Accepted up to 200 words for delivery on the morning of the ensuing business day, at rates still lower than night message rates, as follows: The fast telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for the transmission of 50

words or less, and one-fifth of such rate for 10 words shall be charged for each additional 10 words or less.

SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO NIGHT LETTERS. In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special "Night Letter" service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

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CABLE MESSAGES.

FULL RATE MESSAGES receive regular and prompt service in their order of Code language permitted.

DEFERRED RATE MESSAGES at one-half of the full rate to follow full rate cables. Must be in plain language of country of origin, or of destination, French. Full particulars as to countries where this class of service is available will be furnished upon application to any Postal Telegraph office.

NIGHT CABLE LETTERS of reduced rates. Must be in plain language of country of origin, or of destination, and be transmitted by telegraph to destination, and be transmitted at the priority of transmission of full and deferred rate messages. Not to be sent to countries where this service is not available. Messages must contain complete mailing address including character, including street, city, state or country, etc. Minimum word basis of two hundred words applied. Code alphabets may be used except for messages delivered by cable. Full particulars explained by text additional. Indicator "NLT" required and of one word. For further particulars apply at any Postal Telegraph office.

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CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED

DOMESTIC		FOREIGN	
TELEGRAM	☒	FULL RATE CABLE	☐
DAY LETTER	☐	DEFERRED CABLE	☐
NIGHT MESSAGE	☐	NIGHT CABLE LETTER	☐
NIGHT LETTER	☐	WEEK-END CABLE LETTER	☐
SHIP RADIOGRAM	☐	RADIOGRAM	☐

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Salt Lake City, Utah.
June 4, 1935.

E.J. CONNELLEY,
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
905 RUSS BUILDING,
TACOMA, WASHINGTON.

0 WEYERNAP ASCERTAINED THAT WILLIAM ENNIS CONDUCTOR ON TRAIN 42 FROM HUNTINGTON OREGON ARRIVING POCATELLO SIX TWENTY AM JUNE THIRD STOP BUTTE OFFICE REQUESTED INTERVIEW CONDUCTOR ENNIS AT POCATELLO AND OBTAIN ALL INFORMATION SINCE UNKNOWN SUBJECT BOARDED TRAIN FOURTEEN LEAVING POCATELLO AT SEVEN FORTY AM FOR SALT LAKE CITY.

WINE ACTING.

LDW:J

cc - Bureau.

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WEEK END CABLE LETTERS at exceptionally low rates. Accepted under conditions applicable to Night Cable Letters, excepting that Week End Cable Letters will be accepted during the week up to midnight Saturday for telegraphic delivery on following Monday morning. Indicator "WLT" required and charged for as one word. For further particulars apply at any Postal Telegraph office.

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DAY LETTER	DEFERRED CABLE
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT CABLE LETTER
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Detroit, Michigan
June 6, 1935

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E. J. Connelley
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
905 Rust Building
Tacoma, Washington

STATE POLICE JONESVILLE MICHIGAN FOUND ABANDONED SET NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE
WASHINGTON LICENSE NUMBER ONE NAUGHT ONE DASH FOUR ONE SIX ASCERTAIN IDENTITY
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Portland

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Los Angeles, California
June 6, 1935

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of June 1, 1935, instructing that, public business permitting, Special Agent C. D. White report to Inspector H. H. Clegg at 9:30 A.M. Monday, June 17, 1935, for four weeks assignment.

Agent White is presently at Tacoma, Washington, in connection with the Meyerhaeuser case; however, his presence is needed here on the morning of June 10, 1935, in connection with the trial of the case entitled VERNE MILLER, THEODORE WEIDEN, BRADFORD ST. CHARLES, BANK ROBBERY. I have communicated with Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley at Tacoma, who advised that Agent White would be instructed to report here on the morning of June 10th.

On the basis of the present plans, it is believed that Agent White can complete his trial and leave Los Angeles on the night of June 13th, arriving in Washington on the 17th instant, unless it is the desire of the Bureau to have Agent White return to Tacoma upon completing his trial here.

Very truly yours,

J. E. P. DUNN
Special Agent in Charge

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722 Midland Savings Bldg.
Denver, Colo.
June 5, 1935

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Mr. E. J. Connelley
Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
905 Rust Building,
Tacoma, Washington.

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that the following letter was received
from Mr. L. J. Heim, Post Office Box 123, West Portal,
Colorado:

West Portal, Colo.
June 5, 1935

U. S. Dept. of Justice

"Dear Sirs:-

"For your information just heard an announcement over
radio news dispatch in regard to the kidnapers of the
Hoyershausen boy, as I understood they were believed
to have gotten away in a light or silver colored plane,
an air plane of the same description was more or less
loitering around here that is over the divide in the
James Peak region then turned west, account of the dan-
gerous air currents we never see planes there this drew
attention then hearing the news report figured they were
not familiar with conditions in these parts and probably
locating a place to land.

"As a father of small children I certainly would appre-
ciate any information any one would give me if it were
my boy. Hoping this will be of some value in locating
them."

"Yours Truly

/s/ L. J. Heim
West Portal, Colo.
P.O. Box 123

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No investigation will be made unless a request comes from
you to cover same.

Very truly yours,

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B. P. GILMAN
Special Agent in Charge

cc Bureau
Portland

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
GEORGE WEYERHAEUSER -
Victim
KIDNAPING

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June 3, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Special Agents W. G. Blackburn and
J. D. Reynolds - Retraining period.

In reply to your memorandum of June 1, 1935, I wish to advise that Special Agent J. D. Reynolds has been instructed to report to Inspector H. H. Clegg for four weeks retraining on Monday, June 17, 1935. At the present Special Agent W. G. Blackburn is on a special assignment at Tacoma in connection with the Weyerhaeuser Kidnaping Case and it is not known whether he will be released in time to report for this retraining period, unless you desire that he be instructed to return to Washington.

Respectfully,

John J. Edwards.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Room 1403,
370 Lexington Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

June 8, 1935

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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
GEORGE PHILIP WEYERHAEUSER - Victim
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your telegram dated June 1, 1935
in the above mentioned case.

Agreeable with instructions contained in same there
have been distributed from this office a present total of 8,750
copies of the ransom list in this case. The points covered in
our distribution include our regular identification order mailing
list, all banks and safety deposit companies in our district, all
hotels, toll bridges, tourist camps, bus depots and terminals,
steamship companies and steamship agencies, airline ticket offices,
railroad ticket offices, and the pursers of all vessels which will
call at the Port of New York within ten days. In addition, the
Eastern and Metropolitan Divisions of the Western Union Telegraph
Company have been circularized, as well as the entire United States
from the standpoint of the Postal Telegraph Company offices.

As indicated in a telegram earlier today I will need an
actual five hundred additional copies of the ransom list to cover
present needs but with the constant requests that are being re-
ceived from the various sources, it probably would be better were
I furnished with an additional five hundred.

RECORDED & INDEXED

Considered in what I have termed my present needs is an
request received from Schol Brothers, who conduct an independent
chain of one hundred and seventy-five gas and oil stations in the
City. This is the only attempt to be thus far made to cover gas

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June 8, 1935

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and oil stations in view of the fact that you did not indicate in your previously mentioned telegram that you desired gas and oil stations covered. In case you later contemplate such a course, please advise me to this effect in order that I may request sufficient ransom lists to fully cover the demands of this industry in this district. In the meantime I will fill the present request for one hundred and seventy-five lists to be distributed among the Sobol Brothers stations.

Very truly yours,



R. WHITLEY
Special Agent in Charge

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Portland, Oregon

File #7-39

REPORT MADE AT: Portland, Oregon	DATE WHEN MADE: 6-4-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5-24 to 6-4-35	REPORT MADE BY: C. C. Spears	Mr. Tolson..... Mr. Baughman..... Chief Clerk..... Mr. Clegg..... Mr. Coffey..... Mr. Edwards..... Mr. Egan..... Mr. Harbo.....
TITLE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS GEORGE WEYERHAEUSER, VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping	Mr. Keith..... Mr. Lester..... Mr. Quinn..... Mr. Scheidt..... Mr. Schilder..... Mr. Smith..... Mr. Tamm..... Mr. Tracy..... Miss Gandy.....

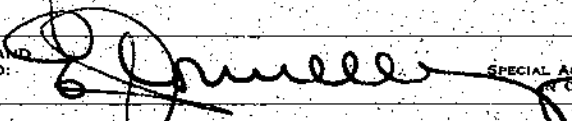
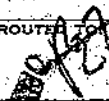
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

George Weyerhaeuser, age 9, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Weyerhaeuser, Jr., Tacoma, Wash., disappeared while en route from the Lowell Grammar School to his home a few minutes after 12 noon, May 24, 1935. Victim's family did not immediately suspect he was kidnaped and made independent search and inquiries for several hours in effort to locate victim. Matter disappearance victim then reported to Tacoma police and additional open inquiries and investigations made by police and family up to about 6:30 p.m., same day, when special delivery type-written letter mailed at Tacoma, Wash., 6 p.m., May 24, was delivered to the Weyerhaeuser home demanding \$200,000 in Federal Reserve notes be made ready for delivery upon future instructions to effect release of victim. Portland Bureau office notified by telephone 7 p.m., May 24. After contact was made by means of a second special delivery letter, telephone communications and a note delivered by a taxi driver containing instructions for payment of ransom money, final contact with an unknown subject made by father of victim at a point on an isolated road 15 miles south of Seattle, Wash., at approximately 11 p.m., May 31, 1935, and \$200,000 was delivered to the unknown subject. Victim released by unknown subjects near Issaquah, Wash., at about 3 a.m., June 1, 1935. Search being conducted for three unknown subjects believed involved and for three hide-outs used in concealing the victim, two of which were holes dug in the ground in the mountains, and one a house, the only part of which the victim can accurately describe is the interior of a closet in which he was concealed for at least four days and nights.

DETAILS:

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DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

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DETAILS:

At 7 p.m., on May 24, 1935, this Agent received a long distance telephone communication from Chief of Police Harold Bird, Tacoma, Washington, at Agent's residence in Portland, Oregon, in which Mr. Bird advised that George Weyerhaeuser, age nine, son of J. P. Weyerhaeuser, Jr., Tacoma, Washington, vice-president of the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company, had disappeared about noon on that date while walking from the Lowell Grammar School en route to his home for lunch. Advice was furnished that neither the family nor the police had suspected a kidnaping until the receipt by the parents of the victim of a letter at about 8:30 p.m., May 24, 1935, advising that the victim was being held for the payment of \$200,000 ransom. Mr. Bird was advised that Agents of the Portland office would arrive in Tacoma at the earliest possible moment by airplane, and Assistant Director Harold Nathan of the Bureau was immediately advised of the information received from Chief Bird by long distance telephone. A United Air Lines plane was immediately chartered and this Agent together with Special Agents F. A. Grimsdell, T. M. Clifford and W. C. Ryan left Portland at 8 p.m. and arrived in Tacoma at 8:50 pm. Before leaving for Tacoma, arrangements were made for the arrival of additional Agents at Tacoma by Bureau automobiles from Portland and Seattle.

Agents were met at the Tacoma Airport by F. R. Titcomb, brother-in-law of J. P. Weyerhaeuser, Jr., father of the victim, Mr. Titcomb also being general manager of the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company. Immediate arrangements were made to interview members of the family, at which interview there were present Mr. Titcomb, the victim's father, and Mrs. Titcomb. Members of the Tacoma Police Department were already present upon arrival of this Agent. Mrs. Weyerhaeuser, victim's mother, was absent at Portland and Agent was informed she was returning to Tacoma immediately.

The immediate members of the family had no definite information regarding the disappearance of the victim with the exception he did not appear at the Annie Wright Seminary at 12:15 p.m. on that date where he usually joined his sister Ann, age 13, who attends the Annie Wright Seminary, from which point the victim usually rode to his home in the family car driven by the gardener employed at the Weyerhaeuser home. It was ascertained that the victim was dressed at the time of his disappearance in a green and white sport shirt, brown knickers, black and white tennis shoes. His description was given as follows:

Age - 9 years (born July 8, 1926)
Height - 4' 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight - 63 lbs.
Hair - medium brown, curly, usually not parted
Eyes - Golden brown
Build - Slight
Teeth - Good, no fillings
Scars and marks - Vaccination mark left arm, no known marks

It was ascertained from members of victim's family that occasionally victim did not appear at the Annie Wright Seminary to ride home in the family car and on these occasions he would usually walk home with school friends. The members of the family outlined to Agent their efforts to locate the victim when it was discovered that he had not returned to his home. These efforts included personal inquiry by the various members of the family at the school and vicinity and among known friends of the victim. These efforts were extended when no results were forthcoming from their own inquiry in reporting the disappearance of the victim to the Tacoma Police Department. The Tacoma Police Department thereupon made vigorous effort to locate the victim through inquiry in the neighborhood and at the school, and the fact that the victim was missing was generally broadcast throughout Tacoma. None of the members of the family suspected that the victim had been kidnaped and it appears that the members of the police department who were working on the victim's disappearance were similarly without any notion the victim had been kidnaped until the demand for ransom mailed by special delivery from Tacoma addressed to J. P. Weyerhaeuser was received at the Weyerhaeuser home at about 6:30, May 24.

To sustain the chronology of the events as reported to this Agent, there is set forth below the text of the demand for ransom, together with the information appearing on the envelope in which said letter was mailed:

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

1. 200,000 dollars in cash.
2. 100,000 dollars in \$20.00 bills.
3. 50,000 dollars in \$10.00 bills.
4. 50,000 dollars in \$ 5.00 bills.
5. All of this money must be in Federal Reserve notes and unmarked.
6. You are not to take the numbers of these bills. If they are taken and the bills are marked it will be all off.
7. You are not to notify the Police, Dept. of Justice, or any private detective agency.
8. If you do it will also be all off.
9. Keep it out of the papers.
10. This is BUSINESS be businesslike
11. You have got five(5) days to raise the money. Better have it.
12. In five days, or as soon as you have the money; advertise in the Seattle P.I. personal column. Say "We are ready" And sign it; Percy Minnie.
13. Remember the money will be gone over before the release so dont mark it.
14. The police cant catch us so be very, very careful to follow the rules.
15. These bills must also have been in circulation. Be careful.
16. Remember and dont try to slip any GOLD certified notes on us.
17. You will be notified where to go when the time comes. Be sure there is no one following you as you will be watched from the time you leave.
18. We wont be sitting behind any mailboxes either.
19. Just follow the rules we will get along fine. Dont follow them and it will be sorrowful. FOR YOU NOT FOR US.
20. Any questions ask them in personal column signed same as above.
- 21.

REMEMBER TO FOLLOW THE RULES ALL OF THEM. A SLIP ON YOUR PART WILL
JUST BE TO BAD FOR SOMEONE ELSE.

WE KNOW WHAT WE ARE DOING. WE HAVE IT ALL PLANNED. IT HAS BEEN ALL
PLANNED FOR THREE YEARS. IN THE MEAN TIME WE HAVE LOOKED FOR PLACES
WHERE WE MIGHT SLIP AND HAVE FOUND NONE. WE ARE EDUCATED AND PRIDE
SAYS WE ARE FAIRLY INTELLIGENT. SO IF YOU JUST STOP AND REASON FOR
A MINUTE YOU'LL SEE THAT IT IS BEST TO FOLLOW OUR RULES.

WE DONT WANT TO HURT ANYONE IF WE CAN GET OUT OF IT. SO IF YOU JUST
FOLLOW THE RULES AS THEY ARE LAIN DOWN BY US YOU WILL HAVE THE ONE
YOU LOVE BACK HOME IN A WEEKS TIME IF YOU CARE ABOUT THEM \$200,000
DOLLARS WORTH.

SO JUST REMEMBER A SLIP ON YOUR PART IS A SLIP BY US. DONT DO IT.

EGOIST. EGOIST.

(ENVELOPE)

URGENT

J.P. WEYERHAEUSER

420 NORTH 4th STREET

TACOMA

WASHINGTON

URGENT

On the reverse side of the envelope written on the outside thereof in pencil was the signature of George Weyerhaeuser, and this signature was readily identified by members of the victim's family as the victim's signature. It will be noted the letter demanding the ransom is postmarked showing that the same was mailed at Tacoma, Washington, at 6 p.m., May 24, 1935, and that it bore a special delivery stamp but no two cent stamp as is required in mailing special delivery letters to a point within the city of mailing.

Agent ascertained from members of victim's family and from Chief of Police Harold Bird, who was present, that both the envelope and the enclosed letter demanding the ransom had been freely handled by several members of the family and several members of the Tacoma Police Department; however, immediately upon the letter coming into possession of this Agent, it was placed in a cellophane envelope to avoid repetition of further handling. It should be stated that Special Agent W. K. Bowling, resident Agent at Seattle, arrived at Tacoma prior to the arrival of this Agent and other Agents, and upon his arrival in Tacoma Agent Bowling ascertained that the letter demanding the ransom and the envelope were in possession of the Tacoma Police Department and upon Agent Bowling's arrival at the police department he found a number of the members of that department engaged in handling and reading the letter.

It was determined that members of the Weyerhaeuser family who were resident at 420 North 4th St., were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Weyerhaeuser, Jr., and their children, Ann age 13, J. P. Weyerhaeuser III, age 10, victim George, age 9, Elizabeth, age 2, and Mrs. George Walker, mother of Mrs. Weyerhaeuser. It was also determined that the personnel of the servant members of the Weyerhaeuser family was as follows: Anna Matson, cook; Ada Lilja, maid; Gladys Sherick, nurse for infant daughter Elizabeth; Mrs. Alma Anderson, night nurse for Mrs. George Walker, who is an invalid; Esther Woods, day nurse for Mrs. Walker, and Oswald Olson, chauffeur.

Interrogation of the victim's father and other members of the family developed that they mistrusted none of their servants; that most of them had been employed for a considerable period of time and the background of each being well known and no suspicion was directed by any member of the family toward any of the servants with regard to the disappearance of the victim. It was also ascertained through interrogation of the family that they had no known enemies who they suspected might have brought about the disappearance of the victim but the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company is an extensive organization and is widely scattered throughout the northwest and it would be possible that J. P. Weyerhaeuser, Jr. may have made enemies in connection with the conduct of the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company of whom he might not have personal knowledge.

The parents of the victim have been resident at Tacoma for approximately the last two years, prior to which time they resided in the state of Idaho for about ten years. They lived in Lewiston, Idaho, for approximately eight years and for the last two years prior to coming to Tacoma they lived at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The Weyerhaeusers reside in a large home in the better residential section of Tacoma, their house being situated on a corner. There was considerable activity in the neighborhood of the Weyerhaeuser home starting early in the evening of May 24, numerous cars being parked in the neighborhood and newspaper reporters having learned of the fact that the victim had disappeared were also active in their attempt to secure information from the Weyerhaeuser family. Conference with Mr. Weyerhaeuser resulted in an agreement by him not to discuss further the disappearance of the victim.

Agent being personally acquainted with Capt. E. C. Collier Chief Special Agent of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. in Seattle, and having had previous assurance on numerous occasions from Mr. Collier and from the Special Agents of the telephone company at Portland and San Francisco that the full facilities of the telephone company would be available in cases of this nature, Agent immediately communicated with Capt. Collier after conference with the Weyerhaeuser family. It had been ascertained that there was one telephone line into the Weyerhaeuser home on North 4th St., and that the phone was located in a small hallway just off the living room in the front of the house. There was also an extension to the phone installed some time ago leading to the second story of the house. Arrangements were made for the installation of a second extension in the home to a suitable point within the house over which all conversations coming over the Weyerhaeuser telephone could be kept under surveillance. A second extension was immediately routed from the Weyerhaeuser residential telephone to a room provided by Capt. Collier in the Old Telephone Building. To this extension was installed a pair of

earphones only. This installation was made for the purpose of securing the services of a court reporter to record in stenotype notes any and all conversations coming into the Weyerhaeuser home. Both of these installations were installed and in operation shortly after midnight on May 24. Through the cooperation of Capt. Collier there were also installed in the Weyerhaeuser home two direct lines, having no connection with the Weyerhaeuser telephone, which were connected with two telephones in the room provided in the Old Telephone Building, over which telephonic communication could be had with Agents working on the case and to Agents stationed in the Weyerhaeuser home without disturbing the Weyerhaeuser telephone. Two additional main lines were installed in the room in the Old Telephone Building for the use of the Agents in making outside connections. From the time of the installation of an extension line, the telephone of the Weyerhaeuser residence was under constant surveillance from shortly after midnight on May 24 until after the release of the victim on June 1.

It was further ascertained there were ten trunk lines running into the offices of the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. in the Tacoma Building, Tacoma, Wash. Through Capt. Collier arrangement was made whereby any telephone communications intended for Mr. or Mrs. Weyerhaeuser and routed through the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company offices in the Tacoma Building, would be switched to the telephone in the Weyerhaeuser residence and thus be under the surveillance of the two additional lines there installed. This arrangement was perfected through the assistance of a B.P.X. operator who was placed on duty in the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. to insure the correct and instant mechanical transfer of any calls to Mr. or Mrs. Weyerhaeuser from any one of the ten trunk lines in the Weyerhaeuser Company offices to the private phone in the Weyerhaeuser home. It should be stated arrangements were made whereby Mr. Weyerhaeuser remained at his residence during all the time in order to be available in the event of the receipt of any messages either by telephone, messenger, mail or otherwise.

Strict attention should be paid by all employees of the Bureau reading this report that the arrangement effected by the telephone company as noted above shall be kept in the strictest confidence.

At the conference with members of the Weyerhaeuser family and Mr. F. R. Titcomb, the policy of the Bureau was made clear that the primary interest of the Bureau was for the safe return of the victim; that no investigative activity would be undertaken which might interfere with such safe return of the victim. The attitude of all members of the Weyerhaeuser family was entirely cooperative.

but Mr. Weyerhaeuser, father of the victim, desired, in accordance with the Bureau's policy, that no investigative activity be made in connection with such actual contact as might be arranged with the persons who were responsible for the disappearance of the victim. This request of Mr. Weyerhaeuser was acceded to at all times.

For the purpose of this initial report it shall only be stated that discreet and careful inquiries were made in the neighborhood where the victim was last known to have been seen shortly after noon on May 24 and no definite information could be obtained from anyone who had actually seen the victim at the time of his disappearance. Numerous reports, most of which were unfounded, were received from persons who thought they had observed suspicious circumstances and activity in the neighborhood of the Lowell School and the Annie Wright Seminary, and numerous reports were received of automobiles observed parked in the general vicinity of the Annie Wright Seminary. Subsequent reports will deal more specifically with investigation conducted concerning these reports and concerning information developed.

The original ransom letter which was mailed to the Bureau by air mail on May 25 for the purpose of an examination in the technical laboratory will now and hereinafter be referred to as Exhibit Item #1. The envelope in which the aforementioned letter was mailed which was also forwarded to the Bureau on May 25 for examination will be referred to as Exhibit Item #2.

After receipt by J. P. Weyerhaeuser, Jr., of the original ransom note on May 24 as heretofore stated no further contact of any kind was received from the unknown subjects until interception in the main Tacoma post office at about 9 a.m., May 29 of an envelope addressed to the father of the victim at his 4th Street address in Tacoma and which was immediately turned over to Special Agent D. M. Brightman who was stationed at the post office for the purpose of observing all mail received. Upon being opened in the temporary Bureau offices at 907 Rust Building, it was determined that this communication was a second authentic communication from the unknown subjects. The envelope in which this communication was mailed will hereinafter be referred to as Exhibit Item #3 and the letter as Exhibit Item #4. The envelope bore no postmark in view of the fact it was intercepted at the post office and same was mailed sometime between 8 p.m., May 28, 1935, and 6 a.m., May 29, 1935 at a post office box located at 12th & Pine Streets. According to post office officials this letter would ordinarily be delivered to the addressee at approximately 3 p.m. on May 29, 1935. It bore a special delivery stamp but not the required 2¢ stamp necessary to comply with postal regulations. Following is the context of the letter enclosed in

the above mentioned envelope which was referred to as Exhibit Item #4:

"time is up get a room at the AMBASSADOR 806 UNION STREET
SEATTLE AT SEVEN P.M. MAY 29
register as JAMES PAUL JONES SEATTLE WASH.
you will be notified at the hotel where you are to go
remember the demands in full
if demands are lived up to in full George will be released
in 24 hours.

EGOIST EGOIST"

Enclosed in the same envelope of the above referred to exhibit, was the following letter in the handwriting of George Weyerhaeuser, the victim, the letter being referred to as Exhibit Item #5:

"May 28, 1935

I don't know where I am mother. We got baby in 1933.
The baby was born in 1933.

Do not worry because I am all right. Phillip was born
in 1925. Ann was born in 1923. I was born in 1926.

My teacher is Miss Berg. My best friend is Cordy Wagner.
We go to the Titcombs to swim every summer. I am telling
you this because I don't won't you to worry. I have
plenty to eat. Your son George."

The handwriting on this letter was the actual handwriting of victim according to members of the Weyerhaeuser family, and Special Agent W. G. Blackburn who is attached to the technical laboratory and temporarily assigned in Tacoma, after comparison of the handwriting on the letter with the known handwriting of the victim expressed his opinion that they were the same.

Agreeable to instructions contained in this second communication, J. P. Weyerhaeuser, Jr., proceeded to Seattle, Wash., late in the afternoon of May 29 in company with Mr. F. R. Titcomb in Mr. Titcomb's Pontiac sedan, color black, and bearing Washington license B 29 867, it being arranged that Mr. Weyerhaeuser would use Mr. Titcomb's car in making contact with the unknown subjects. At Seattle Mr. Weyerhaeuser and Mr. Titcomb contacted Mr. Charles Ingram, official of the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company, who had previously supervised the arrangement whereby the amount of the ransom, namely, \$200,000 was secured at the First National Bank at Seattle. The \$200,000 was assembled at the bank during Saturday and Sunday,

May 25 and 26. Special Agent J. A. Cimperman was present at the bank and supervised the assembling of the money in question and an appropriate list was prepared recording the numbers of the ransom notes, all of which, with the exception of nine notes, were of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. A list was forwarded to the Bureau by air mail and multigraphed pamphlets of the list, numerically arranged, were duly prepared in the Bureau and transmitted immediately to all field offices of the Bureau for mailing. The First National Bank delivered the \$200,000 in a large black suitcase of cheap construction to Mr. Weyerhaeuser at the residence of Mrs. Wallace G. Collins, 723 - 13th Avenue N., Seattle, from which point Mr. Weyerhaeuser proceeded with the suitcase containing the ransom money, accompanied by Mr. Titcomb, to the Ambassador Hotel arriving there shortly before 7 p.m., May 29, in accordance with instructions contained in the letter referred to as Exhibit Item #4. He registered at the Ambassador Hotel under the name of James Paul Jones of Seattle. Mr. Weyerhaeuser remained at the Ambassador Hotel until approximately 10 p.m. the same night, May 29, 1935, when there was delivered to him in his room two communications enclosed in an envelope addressed to "James Paul Jones, Ambassador Hotel, 806 Union Street, Seattle." The first of the communications is quoted below and will hereafter be referred to as Exhibit Item #6:

"You were informed last night by letter from us also one from George that you were to be here with the money at seven P.M. remember we are taking no chances on getting caught. be sure that there is no one following you as you will be watched by us all the time only one person in pay off car George will not be released for at least thirty (30) hours after the money is paid if it fills the demands he will be released unharmed if there is any traffic blockade after this money is paid or newspaper talk about it being paid within thirty (3) hours you will have damn poor results as we are holding George time time to check the money over.

EGOIST EGOIST."

Also enclosed with Item #6 was a second communication which will be referred to as Exhibit Item #7 and is quoted below:

"follow directions"

Drive out Jackson St., Turn right on Rainier Ave. go till you come to Empire Way.

Turn right on empire way go straight ahead out Renton Ave to about 62st you will see a white cloth held up by two sticks of wood on left side of the road park your car on the left side of the road by the cloth you will see tin can-note inside

Follow directions when ever you stop for these notes always leave just your park light burning only park light, burning. Be sure that there is nobody following you if so there will be no contact made

Just the driver in your car only--don't ask questions as they will not be answered

Renton Ave runs straight out from empire way turns to the right

EGOIST EGOIST"

Exhibit Items 6 and 7 were both enclosed in an envelope upon which appeared the following: "Please deliver this message to: IN PERSON; James Paul Jones, Ambassador Hotel, 806 Union Street, Seattle, Washington."

This exhibit will be hereafter referred to as Exhibit Item #7A.

The above mentioned envelope with the two communications were delivered to Mr. Weyerhaeuser at the Ambassador Hotel by a taxicab driver whose identity was unknown to Mr. Weyerhaeuser whom he described as being about six feet tall, slender build, light complexion and wearing glasses. Immediately after the receipt of the above mentioned communications delivered by the taxi driver, Mr. Weyerhaeuser left the Ambassador Hotel in the Pontiac sedan to comply with instructions contained in Exhibit Item 7. The first location to which he was directed proved to be 64th Ave. and Renton Avenue where he found two sticks driven into the ground to which was attached a piece of white cloth about fifteen by twelve inches in size and apparently torn from an old sheet. At this point he found the following communication inside a tin can. This communication will hereinafter be referred to as Exhibit Item #8 and is quoted below:

"FOLLOW DIRECTIONS

Go straight ahead seven hundred feet you will see the same signal cloth on two sticks on the right side of the road Remember park lights only when parked.

You might be approached at any time leave motor running at all times

BE SURE THAT THERE IS NOBODY FOLLOWING YOU IF SO THERE WILL BE NO CONTACT MADE

EGOIST EGOIST."

After receiving the above instructions Mr. Weyerhaeuser proceeded to the second point referred to in the communication which was located about seven hundred feet beyond the first point and there he found a second pair of stakes driven in the ground and bearing a piece of white cloth similar to that described at the first point to which he was directed. At this point he failed to observe or find the communication which it was indicated he would locate there, although he stated he made a careful search in the vicinity of the signal flag along the side of the road. Mr. Weyerhaeuser remained in the Pontiac sedan at this point from approximately 10:15 p.m. on May 29 to 12:15 a.m. on May 30. No contact, however, was made up to 12:15 a.m. and Mr. Weyerhaeuser returned to the Olympic Hotel where Mr. Titcomb and Mr. Ingram were registered. Mr. Weyerhaeuser remained at the Olympic Hotel over night proceeding early in the morning on May 30 to the Ambassador Hotel where he remained throughout the day and part of the evening.

It should here be stated that on May 31, after contact was made by Mr. Weyerhaeuser with the unknown subjects and delivery of the ransom money was effected, Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley and Special Agent M. B. Lindquist proceeded to the vicinity of 64th and Renton Avenue where they located a can which was crushed together and lying deep in the grass but only about two feet from the signal flag. It is evident that Mr. Weyerhaeuser expected to find a can which was not crushed, and inasmuch as the can containing the note was well hidden in the grass, his failure to find it was not unusual.

In order to maintain the sequence of the receipt of these notes the communication contained in the above mentioned crushed can is set forth below and will be referred to as Exhibit Item #9:

"FOLLOW DIRECTIONS

turn in on this old road I mean here to the right keep the left hand trail or road as there are three or four turning to the right keep to the left at all times you will see the same signal about five hundred feet ahead one of these notes will tell you to walk up or down the road be sure your motor is left running as your car will be driven away by EGOIST that note will have GEORGE'S signature on the bottom be sure that there is nobody following you remember when parking park light only burning leave motor running at all times.

EGOIST EGOIST"

On the morning of May 30 J. P. Weyerhaeuser having registered back into the Ambassador Hotel, moving into room 608, he having been in room 602 the previous night, received a telephone call at 11:27 a.m., which he reported in substance as being:

Kidnaper: What happened last night?
Weyerhaeuser: I did as told and waited
Kidnaper: Didn't you find those notes?
Weyerhaeuser: I didn't find any more.
Kidnaper: You were supposed to go in the side road.
Weyerhaeuser: There was no directions
Kidnaper: Somebody must have taken the can. Have you the demands ready in full?
Weyerhaeuser: Yes
Kidnaper: We'll give you one more chance tonight. If not made by 12:00 o'clock tonight we're through with the case.

Weyerhaeuser advised that this party appeared to be an educated person, calm, collected and with a slight accent, the identification of which he could not give.

This same call was intercepted and designated as a long distance call from the Great Northern Railroad from telephone 5806 to the Ambassador Hotel and the operator who covered this call refers to the substance of the conversation as follows:

Q. James Paul Jones there?
A. Hello.
Q. Why didn't you do as you were told last evening.
A. I did.
Q. You did not go to the road instructed to.
A. I did not get any other orders.
Q. Well there was a note left for you.
A. I did not find any note. I looked around with a match. I did not find any. I waited around and obeyed orders.
Q. We will give you another chance tonight to do it. If you don't it is all off.
A. I was there last night and did not see any note.
Q. Do you have the demands?
A. I have everything ready.
Q. You will get instructions tonight by note.
We will give you another chance.

On the evening of May 30, 1935, at about 9:45 p.m., Weyerhaeuser received another telephone call from a party who talked somewhat like a Swede. This telephone call advised him to proceed to 1105 E. Madison Street and that by going one step inside the gate on the right a note of instructions would be found. In the conversation on the evening of May 30 the party calling seemed rather friendly and appeared to be a different person than the one who called in the morning. He sounded as though he was a young man; that the party advised him to be careful that he was not followed and that he, Weyerhaeuser, told this party that he was a little nervous about somebody picking him up and frisking him and find him with all of this money and the party said to him "maybe you are as scared as I am;" that he, Weyerhaeuser, asked him how he would know that he was dealing with the right person and the party answered on the telephone, "If you will follow things correctly you will be all right." This party also made some reference to the fact that he would not have to be worried about being frisked as we, meaning the kidnapers, will take care of them if we have to give it to them.

At 1105 E. Madison Street, Mr. Weyerhaeuser found the note in a can which had been crushed to hold the note and the note was not retained by him as it was left in the car when the car was taken from him. This note indicated that he, Weyerhaeuser, was to go to a place located south near the Halfway House, approximately fifteen miles south of Seattle on the main highway, Seattle to Tacoma, and that he was then to turn around and start back north again and that he was to turn to his right at the second dirt road and that he would come to a flag about one thousand feet in. The note found at 1105 E. Madison Street also referred to previous instructions as to what he should do in the way of precautions and to observe that he was not followed, etc.

Mr. Weyerhaeuser did as instructed and found such flag, similar in character to the flag used the previous night, which flag and two sticks were obtained on the morning of May 31, 1935, by SAC Connelley and Special Agent Lindquist with the cloth intact. At this point was also found another note which advised him to wait for five minutes with his dome light on and that he was then to go ahead to another white sign on the same road. This note was also not retained by reason of the fact that he left same in the car which was taken from him.

Upon arriving at the pair of sticks with the small piece of cloth there was found another note reading as follows:

"follow directions closely
leave your car here motor running dome light on leave
money in car walk back towards Seattle the way you
came go back home and keep your mouths shut for
thirty(30) hours as you have already been informed
to do so
as no questions as none will be answered
EGOIST EGOIST

George will be returned inside of thirty (30) hours."

"/s/ sined George."

The above communication will hereafter be referred to as
Exhibit Item #15.

Mr. Weyerhaeuser complied with the instructions and got out of the car and walked down the road. At about one hundred yards distance he heard a crashing in the bushes and apparently a man ran out and got in his car and drove off. Some distance away from the highway he advises he saw an old sedan somewhat similar to the sedan he saw the night of the first possible contact drive out of the trail. The party left in the same direction in which the car was headed, namely, east on the trail or dirt road upon which the contact was made, all being in a thickly wooded section with no people living in the immediate vicinity.

Immediately after the contact was made by Mr. Weyerhaeuser as indicated above, which occurred at about 11 p.m., he returned to the room of his brother-in-law, F. R. Titcomb, at the Olympic Hotel where it was learned that he had observed only a brief silhouette impression of the person who entered the car from the brush while he, Weyerhaeuser, was walking up the road in accordance with instructions given him. He was unable to give a description of any character of this individual and will not be in a position to identify any person from the brief observation he was able to get of this person.

After check of the vicinity of the two contact points south of Seattle, SAC Connelley returned to Tacoma and made arrangements for immediate advice should the boy be returned or any information received indicating as to where he was located. Agents Ramsey and Clifford, located in the Weyerhaeuser home, were instructed to go to any point where the boy was found or the family was instructed to proceed to obtain him, and a sufficient number of agents were kept available at the office the entire night of May 31 until the morning of June 1 in order to take care of any emergency or information received that the boy had been released. About 6:40 a.m. the telephone tap in the office indicated that a call was being put through to the Weyerhaeuser home and the operator was contacted as to why the call was not completed and she indicates that she rang the telephone, Main 8744, the Weyerhaeuser home telephone, from 6:40 to 6:44 without receiving any response from the telephone and indicates that the party insisted on having the call immediately put through to the police. The operator refused to put the call through to the office when she could not reach the Weyerhaeuser home. She advised that the call had been completed to the police about 6:45 a.m. and contact was had with the police immediately as to the information they had received and Captain of Police Thornburg advised he had received a telephone call from a party who had recovered the boy at Issaquah, Washington, that morning, and that he was on his way into Seattle, Captain Thornburg not indicating which road he would proceed into Seattle nor the fact he was then actually at Renton, through which the telephone call would come even though he was at Issaquah. Immediate arrangements were made for a suitable number of Agents to proceed out on No. 1 highway between Seattle and Tacoma and also to proceed out the other highway from Seattle to Tacoma which goes through Puyallup. Later developments indicate undoubtedly that the information received by the police on the telephone was immediately made available to reporter Dreher of the "Seattle Times" and this party immediately proceeded in a taxicab out on the highway and intercepted the automobile bearing the party with the boy, he being in possession of information as to the description of the automobile he was driving, namely, a Model T Ford coupe. This reporter came near to running the party off the road in his effort to apprehend him. He placed the boy in the back of the taxi, covering him with a blanket and proceeded to the Weyerhaeuser home, arriving around 7:30 or 8 o'clock, where he turned the boy over to the family. During this time he had been able to interview the boy as to the details, although not obtaining any of the intimate details which were indicated in a statement of the boy subsequently set out in this report.

The Agents located the party who had the boy in his car on highway No. 1, and brought him to the office, he being Louis Bonifas, Issaquah, Washington, his place being located four or five miles

south of Issaquah, and he advised the boy at 5:30 a.m. on June 1, 1935, had walked into his place and advised that he was the kidnaped George Meyerhaeuser. He was then dressed in corduroy knickers, a white and green sport shirt, light blue sweater and keds, and the boy advised he had been blindfolded with a blue rag; that they had driven four hours before they turned him loose along a stream where there was a shed. At this time they told him to wait there for his father; that the boy stated he had walked down the road and tried to wake up a family but was unable to do so. He then proceeded on to the Bonifas home. At this place they furnished him with dry shoes and stockings. He also had in his possession two blankets which he was carrying. He indicated the kidnapers had given him a dollar, telling him to go to the police; that the boy advised him they were somewhere in Oregon and had driven about four hours before releasing him at 3 a.m.; that they had kept him in two different holes near Aberdeen; that they advised him his father was in Tacoma but had gone out to his grandfather's home; that the boy indicated one of the party was "Al." He inferred that it was Alvin Karpis. That the boy advised him that two men had brought him there from the hide-out and one had had the boy in his possession while the other had gone into town to get some gas; that there were only men involved and he had not seen any women; that they had dug a hole which had been boarded up and that they had him chained so he could walk from one hole to the other hole; that he had walked through woods to reach the place; that they had kept him in a closet in a house the latter part of the trip, he not being sure as to this; that he believed the boy said they had taken him first to the holes in the ground; that the boy indicated he had had a good time and was not worried; that the party had indicated to him if they did not get the money they would let him go as they were out of "grub;" that he believes the boy stated that they called one "Harry" and the other "Bill;" that nobody had talked to the boy but himself, Bonifas, and Mrs. Bonifas; that the boy stated they had a gray Buick and a tan Hudson and one of these cars had a trunk on the back; that they put him in this trunk and put a blanket in for him to rest on; that the boy advised on the day of the kidnaping he had cut across the tennis court and a party asked him the way to Stadium Way and then grabbed him and threw him in the car and that he did not get a chance to tell which way they had gone but one of the parties advised that he knew him, the victim, from the time he was four years of age; that he knew his father well enough to speak to; that the party had mentioned something about taking him about five blocks from his home to release him.

Subsequent to the release of the boy as above indicated and his return home, he was interviewed by SAC Connelley and Special Agents Ramsey and Clifford as will hereinafter be set out.

Shortly following the return of victim George Weyerhaeuser, June 1, 1935, he was interviewed by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Special Agent W. R. Ramsey and Special Agent T. M. Clifford at the Weyerhaeuser residence at which time he stated that on Friday, May 24, 1935, he had gotten out of school at 11:50 a.m. That immediately after getting out of Lowell School, which he has been attending, he walked up Lowell Street toward the Annie Wright Seminary where his sister, Ann Weyerhaeuser, attends school. He stated that he walked alone but that he observed behind him two students of the school, one Bruce Bowman and one Emma May Stimpson, for about a block or two blocks of the way along Lowell Street. That he then turned on to Yakima Street and on Yakima Street to 8th Street and then to the Annie Wright Seminary. That in front of the Seminary he noticed a large green sedan parked by the curb and, thinking that this sedan was the Weyerhaeuser family car driven by their chauffeur, Oswald Olson, he went toward this sedan to get into the car in order that he might go the rest of the way home with the chauffeur, but that as he got close to the car he saw that he had been mistaken and that this was not the family car. He then turned and rather than wait ten or fifteen minutes for his sister, Ann, to get out of school, he walked on down the street, which was North Tacoma Avenue, through the tennis courts to North Seventh Street. He stated that as he walked through the tennis courts he saw an individual whom the children always call "Oscar" who was a caretaker at the tennis courts, and that he saw no other persons as he walked through the tennis courts. That he came to north Seventh Street and as he came to the curbing on north Seventh Street a man whom he described as follows:

Age	40 years
Height	5' 8"-10"
Weight	160 pounds
Hair	Brown
Mustache	Brown mustache
Clothes	Wearing brown suit,

came up to him and asked: "Do you know where Stadium Way is?"

Answer "Yes", and then without saying another word this individual picked him up with both hands under the boy's arms and carried him across the street; placed him in a sedan which was parked directly across the street. He stated that he did not have time to observe this sedan between the time he was picked up and the time he was placed in the sedan. He stated that he did observe, however, that there was one man sitting in the sedan at the driver's seat, the description of whom he could not furnish. He stated that this individual whom he talked with and who had picked him up placed him in the back seat of the car and placed a blanket over him and that the car immediately started in motion. He stated that to the best of his recollection he rode for an hour or an hour and a half on smooth roads and he believed the car to be in high gear most of the time. He stated that he did not hear the driver of the car or the man who had put him in the car and with whom he was sitting in the back seat speak, but that on one or two occasions they did whisper between themselves but he was unable to distinguish any words spoken. He stated that once or twice he had asked to get more air as he could not breathe easily and that the individual who picked him up eased the blanket over him so that he could breathe better.

When the car was stopped by the side of a road the blanket was taken off and a man who was sitting behind him handed him a letter and asked him to write his name in pencil on the back of this letter. He stated that he did this and then that this man placed a blindfold over his eyes and lead him out of the back seat of the car to the running board of the car; that he then sat on the running board of the car for a minute or two and then this same man picked him up in his arms, walked possibly ten or twelve steps with him and then waded across a stream. He stated that as he waded across the stream he heard rushing water and thought that the stream was a rushing brook of some sort. He stated that the man took possibly ten or fifteen steps in crossing this stream and when he reached the other side he was placed on the ground and lead by the hand over the country for about one-half or three-fourths of a mile. He stated that it was his impression that the other man who had driven the car followed along behind him as he thought he heard someone following behind.

He stated that this country was covered with vegetation and that frequently he brushed against bushes or trees, but that he

was unable to state the type of bushes or kind of trees. He also stated that the ground over which he walked was very irregular and that on several occasions he stumbled on holes in the ground as he walked. After walking a half or three-quarters of a mile he stated they came to a large log and that the man who was leading him then lifted him up and placed him down in a hole.

He indicated that there was a chain attached to the floor and that it was to this chain that his right wrist and right leg was chained. That after placing him in the hole, in order to cover same up they apparently placed a board over the top. Shortly after this they handed him some hard boiled eggs and cookies, which were in a container and from the description of which it was apparently the top of a large thermos bottle or jug. There were just these two eggs and about six cookies. That the man reached in the hole from the top and handed these to him without allowing himself to be otherwise seen. That he did not eat anything but two cookies. That his best impression as to the size of the hole was four feet square. That the top also had leaves over it or boughs of trees to cover it. That it was his recollection that there was a large fallen log in front of the hole which he entered which you had to walk around in order to get into the hole. That there was a lantern in the place which had a white globe. That there was in addition to this a red lantern in the second hole; that the lantern in the first hole was hung from the ceiling on a hook of some kind, which the men lit at about 9:00 p.m., when it began to get dark.

After putting the food in on the afternoon of the day he was kidnapped, about 5:30 p.m., he had George put on his mask and he brought down what he believed was a suitcase, a rather small case, and said, "You will like what I have here" and there were sandwiches and hard boiled eggs in this case. The man jumped down into the hole to place this in but the hole was so small that he could hardly sit down. The boy advises that his feet touched some cans, one of which contained water and one of which contained kerosene for the lantern. That one of these cans was about a 5-gallon can and one was a little round can which contained the kerosene. That he drank some of the water. That the man bringing the food said, "Here is something you will like." That the man then got out of the hole and said, "You can now take off your blindfold." That he then ate some of this food and it was then probably 8:30 p.m. That the men took turns watching him, that is, the party he understood to be "Harry" and the same man who put him in the car on the street, and the driver.

That they changed guard and he believes they were together all night. That they said something indicating that they had seen police and that the police were there that night and that is why they moved. That they did not change the guard on him until they brought him to the other hole. That he believes they took him out of the first hole about 9:30 or 10:00 p.m., putting a mask on him, and thereafter took him to another place. That the party said that the police would find the hole, referring to the first hole, because it was so near the road; that he overheard this in the conversation between the two men guarding him. That he believes he was in the second hole for one night only. That in leaving the first hole they walked back to the car and it was a different car. That the men said their first car had been found. That they referred to having seen in the paper that their first car had been found. That they said that both of the cars they used were stolen automobiles; that this was in the paper. That he believes it was a grey Buick, which they used as their second car, and that they put him in the trunk of this car and he always rode in the trunk of this car thereafter. That they rode for about one hour and walked one and one-half blocks to arrive at the point of the second hole.

He advised that on going to the second hole they came across a rather shallow sort of rapids. "I was not near this same river but another stream last night where the shack was, as you could see it as you walked up the road. This was only a sort of trail off the other road and they parked the car and dug a hole while I was there and I stayed by a tree while they dug for about ten minutes. They dug this hole with a shovel as I saw the shovel in the car. I saw that as I got out of the trunk as the man had a spade. We had to walk on thin logs to get to the place and a man held out the shovel as we would fall off into the bushes; because I was blindfolded, they took this blindfold off while we walked over the logs."

On this second hole they put a piece of tar paper over it and there was a log there. I had the car seat and the two blankets in the second hole. They had the lanterns lighted all day and the second lantern appeared to be a red lantern. That he was at this second hole the first night. He cannot say just definitely how many nights he was at this second hole.

That they left this second hole and walked $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles to another place and the car was in a different place from where they left it. That they put the blindfold on him when reaching the car. That they had to cross a stream and a man carried him over. That the water here made a rather loud noise, indicating a rapids to him. That he was in the trunk about four hours. That the car was traveling as he said "wide open". That one of the men wore a tweed brown-checked coat. That he was kept blindfolded and they would put it on when they talked to him. That they drove about four hours and arrived in the car in a garage. That the Leader indicated to him that he owned this house, referring to the second party who guarded him the first night and also the man who apparently drove the car away from the point where they picked him up. That he believes there was one car in the garage when they left there May 31st. He had been blindfolded in the house before being brought out out of the house to enter the car for the trip home. He based this idea of a second car in the garage upon the fact that the fellow said "Let's take the Buick".

Upon their arrival at this house where he was confined, namely the third place, the man took him into the house blindfolded through one room into another room, which was a bed room with twin beds and a carpet of grey or reddish color with no figures on same, it being a plain carpet. That the man put a mattress on a bench and two chairs and a small round-top table which was painted white, together with a pail for him to use in this closet, which was lighted by an electric light. That he had what appeared to be a wicker chair. That the pail placed in the closet was apparently an ordinary galvanized iron bucket similar to a scrub bucket. That they fed him twice each day, they feeding him the next morning after arrival at this place and thereafter feeding him about 7:30 in the morning and 5:00 in the evening. That he knew the time because he had asked them what time it was when they were feeding him. That after the second party, whom he referred to as "Harry", had left the place after arrival at the third location, the party whom he believes to be the Leader was there with him and slept in the room and moved one of the twin beds in this room up to the door so he would be close and could watch him. On one occasion this man talked to him for about three hours. The man was lying on the floor and had the door of the closet open and at this time he

had his mask about half way off, both men wearing masks when they were in any position where he might see them, the mask being over their face to just below the nose, which allowed him to see their chin and mouth. That this so-called Leader was wearing a blue work shirt, tie, gray trousers. That the party he referred to as "Harry" and who had picked him up, had changed to a gray plaid suit or checked suit. That the man left at the place with him was fat and taller than the party referred to as "Harry" and would weigh about 200 pounds and would be about 37 years of age, as this man told him he was 37, and he looked younger than the other man whom he knew as "Harry". This party used a handkerchief on his face and he told him he was using this because of the mosquito which were there. That as far as he could see he only actually saw two men. That while he was held in the closet at this place he could hear children and some noise in the direction of what appeared to be the far side of the house or the side on which the closet was located.

That on one day a woman came up and rang a door bell and apparently she wanted to come in and look at the furniture. Apparently the man did not want her to come in. On another occasion the news boy rang the door bell. He indicated that the reason for believing it was the newsboy who rang was that they told him it was the newsboy. They told him there was a telephone but that they could not use it because it was disconnected. He advised that they went into the upstairs of the house to obtain an electric light bulb to place in the closet. This light bulb was placed in the socket which hung down from the ceiling about two feet on a cord. One afternoon he heard a woman upstairs apparently moving the furniture around and the "Leader" went up and they talked to each other but the "Leader" was always in the house and the other fellow was getting the money; that it was "Harry" who was getting the money. That he understood a woman came in and looked around in the place and the "Leader" layed low so he would not have to talk to her. That he heard them moving some furniture upstairs and that this party, the "Leader", said it was a woman and that he heard the lady talk to him at the time; that the lady talked to him just at the door and she asked if she could come in and he told her she could not.

That as he recalled the only furniture he saw was two beds, a carpet and also later he indicated he had seen a

dresser and from what he described it would be a ladies dresser with two drawers on each side and mirror in the middle. That at this place they gave him some eggs and baked beans, meat sandwiches and soup.

That the leader did the cooking, saying that he had taken cooking lessons. They had food there at the place. That the "Leader" indicated that he was going down town but the man who was away did not come and that he said the highways were blocked. And he also told him that he was going to let him go at 2:00 p.m. and that he was then to go to someone's house and ring the door bell. He had to promise that he would not bring the police back to the place. The dishes used were apparently yellow China plate with a red flower and a fork but no knife. That he only had water to drink. That the "Leader" put some jam on some bread for him. That on Friday May 31st the other fellow returned about 5:30 p.m. and as the parties apparently came up the "Leader" said, "Here they come" and at this time "Harry" came with the money and he says he believes "Bill" was with him as he says he had someone and addressed the party as "Bill", although he did not see at that time any third person.

That he recalls at one time when the "Leader" went in to get some gas in town with the car and came back to them and said "O.K. Harry"; that at one time when he was placed in the trunk the "Leader" was back of him and the "Leader" said, "Wait a minute Bill" and he knows on another occasion when he allowed him to stand out on the running board for emergency he heard the other party say "O.K. Harry". In the conversation with the "Leader" at the hide-out while he was being held there this party told him that he had \$7.00, at the time he indicated he was going to town to get some groceries.

That at the place they had some soup and something like Corn Flakes to eat and that the men gave him some of this. That at the time they got ready to leave on Friday night May 31st he was left in a bed room and at this time there was a watch on the table and he noticed this indicated 5:55 p.m. and on this occasion the two men had gone upstairs and he advises at this time he could have run away he believes. That on this evening the men told him they were going home in about four hours but left thereafter in about 15 minutes. That during the time the other party was away getting the money the "Leader" was afraid he was caught.

In his conversation with the "Leader" they told him they would turn him loose right after Sunday if they did not get the money.

In connection with the house, he advised he believed there were two roads up there and that it was a grey house. That he went up three or four wide steps about ten feet from the house to the garage; that in entering the house he walked across a room and entered a door and then walked across the room to the closet. That they walked on the grass in entering the house. On one occasion the "Leader" said he had been out watering the lawn and garden. That he also knows that he heard children playing around the house. Certain the telephone is disconnected. That he heard an airplane Friday, May 31st; that this was the only occasion he heard an airplane. That the plane was apparently flying low over the house. That on another occasion he heard a man pounding; that the man said it was probably a stranger monkeying around. That the papers were there every day and that probably they were brought there by a carrier. That the closet had on it, he believes, plain white paper. That there was no carpet in the closet, but that there was a red and black carpet on the bed room. That the "Leader" said he had bought the house two years ago. That they had no sheets on the bed. That these were white, iron beds in the bed room. That there was a green chair in the bed room. That along the base board of the closet there was what appeared to be a small chest built in in one end of the closet where he was kept with a lid or board loose on top which, when raised, had under it written in the hand of an adult person "My bedroom". That the "Leader" noticed this and questioned him as to whether he had written it and was apparently satisfied when he noticed it was not his handwriting. That the party looked over everything carefully before leaving to see if there was anything with any marks on it. That "Harry" looked him over before turning him loose to see whether he had any notes on him. That he placed the kitchen toward the right of the closet where he was placed by the fact that he heard them cooking in the kitchen.

In connection with the second hole he believed he heard trains passing about fifty feet away on a curve. That about five trains went by while he was there. He advised he believed that there was a street or road in front of the place where he was kept in the closet as he heard traffic passing. That he believes there were some boards in the garage for the car to run on.

That he believes it was a two-car garage as "Harry" walked away from the car in the garage and, judging from the sound of his voice, he appeared to be a little distance from the car.

He advised that "Harry" had on what he believed were brown canvass gloves; as a matter of fact both parties always wore gloves.

The boy in looking over the various pictures picked the picture of Harry Campbell and indicated that the Leader looked somewhat like this but that this was not a picture of the "Leader".

He hesitated on the picture of George E. Powell, but advised this was not any of the parties.

He picked the picture of Fred Barker and said this looked like "Harry"; also William Weaver looked like the party referred to as "Harry".

He also picked out the picture of Karpis #8008 and #1539 without knowing this was the same man and said these looked like the "Leader" but is satisfied this is not the "Leader".

He advised that the party known as "Harry" was a close-cropped mustache when they picked him up and the next day or so he believed he had shaved this off.

The best description he could give of the party called "Harry" was:

Age	40
Height	5' 9-10"
Weight	160
Complexion	Dark
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Always covered
Scars	None
Glasses	None
Peculiarities	Did not smoke cigarettes or chew tobacco.

On one occasion he saw "Harry" with a blue-steel automatic, which he believes was pearl-handled; also the "Leader" had a similar gun.

That on another occasion when they took him from the house on Friday night to put him in the car again in the garage, they placed him in a large carton to carry him out. At this time he had his mask on. That when they went to the garage they heard some children playing, probably playing tag. He heard nothing more than the motor start and then they drove for three hours or three and three-quarters hours and they said they were trying to get him home by 11:00 p.m.

That on the way in he understood from what they said that they had been either stopped by a policeman or stopped near a policeman at the traffic light.

That he was taken out of the car about 11:00 p.m. on Friday night and he remained at the little shack located at this point, which was only a roof, until about 3:30 a.m. This shack was about ten yards from where the car stopped. That the road has boards on the side and dirt in the middle--probably a truck road.

These parties when leaving him said for him to stay there and "your father will come and get you and take you home". He advised that just before "Harry" came back on Friday night the "Leader" indicated that they were going to take him home and put him within five blocks of his house. That he believes they had possibly a typewriter at the house on three occasions. That they had him sign the letter in question in the car. That on one night about 5:00 or 5:30 they had him sign some papers; he signed his name at the bottom with a small gold pencil--that they said, "Sign at the bottom". The paper was blank. He advised that he wrote one letter to his Dad and one letter to his Mother while he was at the house--apparently the letter to the father is the only one that was forwarded, being the letter enclosed with the second communication advising them that they were ready to accept the money.

Both of these parties in talking to him said that they knew his father well enough to talk to. That "Harry" told him, the boy, that he had known him since he was four years of age. That they would be sure not to hurt him as he was "too valuable" to be hurt. This party, whom he referred to as the "Leader", told him he had a speedboat on American Lake; that it was a green speed boat. That he owns this boat at the present time. He also stated that he had a wife and ~~children~~ who were on relief. "Harry" occasionally addressed the ~~other party as "Alvin" or "Alvin" or some similar~~

name to this.

These parties told him that they had people watching both his father's house and his grandfather's house. That they had two people watching his grandfather's house. That this party called the "Leader" smoked Chesterfield cigarettes, as he showed him one of these and he asked him what kind it was. That they left the newspapers in the room there with him and allowed him to read these papers. Most of the time it was the "Seattle Post-Intelligencer" and on one occasion there was the "Seattle Star".

They advised him that when they placed him in the hole where they first arrived that they were up in Oregon. Then they said the hole was near Aberdeen (Washington), but the boy advised them he did not believe this, that he was satisfied that he could not have been driven to a place as far as Aberdeen in the driving time--the boy previously having made trips to Aberdeen from Tacoma by automobile.

That on the occasion when they were moving from the first hole to the second hole and they had left him out along the road with one of the men while the other man went into town to get gasoline, he saw a large town beyond and he asked the man what place this was, and the man said that was Portland. That he saw large buildings which were lighted up and that on one building he noticed a number of red lights. He advises they told him they were just outside of Portland.

He states that after they left the second hole they were going up to the hills and then when they got up there they told him they were in Oregon. That this was after they left the second hole that they were up in Oregon and that they were up in a clear space. They tied him to a tree and the fellow spread out a blanket in the open on the ground. That they had to walk up a hill to get to this place and for this reason they had to have his blindfold removed.

He advised that he believes that Oscar, who works at the Tennis Club, saw him as he crossed the tennis grounds and that Oscar ^{has a} motorcycle and he thought he might take out and catch up with him when he was taken by the kidnapers.

The "Leader" also told him they had a machine gun but later said he was only teasing him. "Harry" had on, when he first picked him up, a brown suit and later changed to a grey checked suit or grey-brown suit.

The party he referred to as the "Leader" was of medium complexion; height 5' 10"; heavy build with slightly prominent stomach; weight 200 pounds; black or brown hair; about 39 years of age. Both parties indicated as being close shaven at the time they left him; both appeared to be American and talked in the usual manner of American people. He indicated that in their talk they did not misuse any words that he knew of.

He stated that the porch itself was on the left side of the house and that there was no other porch in the front of the house.

George drew a free-hand picture representing his recollection of the view he got of the house at this time and this original drawing by victim George Weyerhaeuser is being included with copies of this report to the Bureau.

George states that it is his best recollection that he walked across the grass up to the porch lead by "Harry" and it is his belief that the "Leader" went ahead and opened the door to the house, as "Harry" did not require a key to unlock the door. He states he went into a living room and then into a bed room. That it was unnecessary to unlock any doors; that it was not necessary to unlock the closet which opened into the bed room, but that "Harry" opened the door and pushed him into the closet.

Immediately after being put in the closet he stated the men allowed him to take his blindfold off.

George states that this closet was as high as the ceiling of the bed room and he judged it to be about eight feet high. He stated that the width of this closet was just the width of a single bed or cot mattress and was just four feet longer than the length of an ordinary single bed mattress, which would make the length of the closet approximately ten feet. He stated that at about the center of the ceiling of the closet there was a black electric light cord hanging down which had a brass socket on the end.

That immediately after placing him in the closet one of the men went out of the room and apparently went upstairs and quickly returned with an electric light bulb. George was shown a 25 watt electric light bulb and he states that the bulb which was placed in the light in the closet was about twice the size of this 25 watt bulb. He stated that this black wire cord hung down about two feet from the ceiling and he was unable to reach it to turn the light on or off from the floor.

He stated that there were wooden shelves about 5½ feet above the floor on both ends of the closet; that just under the shelves at each end of the closet was a wooden rod for hanging clothes, which rod stretched the width of the closet on both ends. On this wooden rod there were several black wire clothes hangers, but no clothes of any kind.

He stated that just below the wooden shelves was a panel about 5" wide and about 1" thick, which went completely around the inside of the closet, both length and width except at the door space. That in this wooden panel were screwed a number of wire clothes hangers for hanging clothes. He stated that these wooden shelves at each end just above the panel in the closet were about one inch thick and about one foot wide. He also remembers, or is quite sure, that they were painted white.

He stated that just up from the floor about 4" at each end of the closet was a moulding about 1" thick and that on top of this moulding was another board shelf. That this board was about 1" thick and about 1' wide and stretched the width of the closet resting on the moulding each transversing the length of the closet on both sides. He stated that this shelf or board was painted white, as he recalls, and that it was not fastened in place but could be moved along on the moulding or railing on the end of the closet toward the other end of the closet up as far as, of course, the door; that the shelf or board at the opposite end of the closet could likewise be moved on the moulding toward the opposite end of the closet as far as the door.

He stated that the mattress when placed down on the floor of the closet covered the shelf at the end of the closet nearest the door and that by placing the mattress up on this shelf it served as a pillow when he laid down.

He stated that the door of the closet was about three feet from the end of the closet where he had the head of the mattress. He stated that on the bottom of the board shelf at the end of the closet farthest from the head of the mattress he observed at one time while in the closet a writing in what he thought to be heavy black ink: "My Bedroom". He stated that this appeared to be in the normal well-formed handwriting of an adult, but could give no further information regarding it.

He stated that the walls of the closet were of plain white wallpaper rather than white kalsomine, because on one or two occasions he had wet his finger and rubbed on the wall and he noticed it was wall paper because of the manner in which the moisture was absorbed. He says that he recalls that he wet his finger and traced the word "Ann" on the wall, but he believes that these marks have probably faded off of the wall. He said that these letters were printed. He stated that he printed this word "Ann" in two places on the side wall

of the closet farthest from the door, about 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ or 3 feet above the floor. He stated that the ceiling of the closet was white but he does not recall whether the ceiling was covered with wall paper or not. He stated the door of the closet was of white wood with four wood panels on the inside; two of these panels being above the center of the door and two below the center of the door and being separated by a single panel in the center of the door. He stated that the door of the closet did not reach as high as the ceiling of the closet and that the door had a black door knob, which was made of metal, and had a keyhole, but he did not believe it had a key in it. He does not recall any occasion when this door was locked with a key.

Ordinarily one of the beds in the bed room was pushed up against it to keep him from getting out. He stated that immediately after he had been put in the closet and one of the men had secured a light bulb to screw into the socket that they had then gotten the mattress and put the mattress in the closet and he believes they secured this mattress from upstairs also. He states that the mattress was very soft, about five inches thick and three feet wide and was covered with a white cotton covering which he described by saying it was the same material as a white flour sack. He stated that the mattress had been put on the floor with one end resting against the wall nearest the door and up on the shelf as above related; that one of the men secured a green wicker chair with a red single design in the seat and he placed this in the room together with a small octagonal top table, which table he believes had four legs and was also painted white. He stated that the only other article in the room was a galvanized slop bucket and an ordinary milk bottle which he stated the leader kept filled with water for him to drink. That all of the floor of the closet was ordinary floor boards painted a greyish color. That whenever he would use the bucket in the closet he would tap on the door and one of the men would take the bucket and empty it. He stated they did not give him toilet paper of any kind.

He recalled that when he had lifted the blindfold and gotten a look at the house he got the impression that it was a two-story two-gable house of either frame or wood. He felt certain it was not a brick house. He stated the porch was very small and was on the left side of the house as you faced it. That the porch was up about three or four steps above the ground level and had a foot railing on it on three sides two or three feet high; steps going up on the right side of the porch, it being necessary for one to turn at right angles to go from the porch into the front door of the house. States he does not recall seeing or walking on any sidewalk going up to the porch, but walked on some grass going to the house from the car.

George does not recall if there was any curbing or sidewalk in the front of the house. Believes possibly there may have been a sidewalk in front of the house.

It was his best recollection that there were other houses near this house but he was unable to recall the type or kind; that he only got a momentary glimpse of the house directly in front of him.

He states that he believes that the bed room in which the closet in which he was confined was to the left as he went into the house. He stated that the door of the closet opened to the left from the inside of the closet; that is, the door swinging out to the left when opening and going out of the closet.

He stated that the bedroom had a reddish rug on it; that the beds in the bed room were twin beds and of white iron. There was no bed clothes on them but with mattresses which appeared to be seven inches thick and were in blue or greenish color. He stated that on one occasion when he got the opportunity to look out of the closet he saw a dresser with two sets of drawers, one on each side, and the tops of each side being about two feet off the floor and between was what must have been a mirror, although George does not specifically recall seeing a mirror. He states that on the top of the right side of this dresser was a watch which, when he looked at it on the last day and just prior to his departure upon his return home, read 6:00 p.m.

He stated he did not see any chairs in the bedroom and states that just before he left to come home his captors took the chair and table which he had in his closet out and put them in the bedroom, but he does not recall whether they removed them from the bedroom. He states it is his belief the wallpaper in the bedroom was of a light color but does not recall any design on it. He states he saw one window in the bedroom on the far side to the left as he looked out of the closet, but was unable to distinguish anything outside of the window. States he did not notice the light fixtures or kind of light in the bedroom. He stated it was his impression that there was a bathroom which opened from the bedroom, but he did not see any door to the bath room. States that he did not believe that the other room which he entered before coming into the bedroom had a carpet on it.

George stated the "Leader" told him that he had no razor or shaving cream at the house and it was his impression that the "Leader" did not shave while he was at the house.

George recalled that after he got to the house for the first time that "Harry" left and that the "Leader" stayed with him all the time he was at the house.

He stated that the only thing he was given to eat with was a rough silver spoon and that he had no knife or fork. George seemed certain that the only implement with which he had to eat was a spoon and it was necessary for him to do any cutting of his food which was necessary with this spoon.

He stated he had two meals each day while in the house and that these meals consisted at different times of the following articles: Fried eggs, baked beans, meat balls of hamburger, vegetable soup, brown bread and butter, with the butter already spread, blackberry jam with the jam already spread, no salt or pepper, bananas, oranges, bacon, ham and cheese sandwiches on brown bread, no vegetables, and water in a glass milk bottle left in the closet. All the soup was served in a large soup bowl, which was a white China with some design on the rim, but he does not recall the color of the design. He stated that the only plate which he used was a yellow China plate with the design of some bright color which he does not recall. He stated that he had no glass at any time and was required to drink water out of the milk bottle left in the closet.

He stated he did not know whether the leader who did the cooking for him used a gas stove or wood range. He said he did not hear the "Leader" washing the dishes or doing the cooking but thinks that the kitchen must have been to the rear of the closet or to the right of the closet.

With regard to newspapers which he read while at the house he stated that he recalled that the "Leader" brought in the paper each morning and it is his belief that he just went out upon the porch and brought in the paper. It will be recalled that the paper that George saw most frequently was the "Seattle Post Intelligencer". George also stated, however, that he also saw a Tacoma paper at one time but he believes this paper was brought to the house when they arrived at the house. He stated that once or twice the "Leader" had pointed to a picture of George in the paper and said: "Look at your picture, George", but that the "Leader" had not made any further conversation with reference to the papers. He states that he remembers it was the "Seattle P.I." which he saw because he recalls that name and also because this newspaper had the cartoon of Andy Gump in it.

With reference to the notes which he signed he states that these were all signed while he was at the house and he believes it was on the next day after their arrival at the house and just prior to the departure of "Harry" that he wrote the letter to his father and also one to his mother. He stated that "Harry" told him to say in the letter to his mother that he was all right and for her not to worry. That in the letter to his father "Harry" told him that he must not say anything about their description or he would not send the letter. He stated that "Harry" also had him sign two or three blank papers before he left the house.

He states it was his best recollection that he heard a typewriter just prior to the time he signed these papers and also immediately after his signing, but that it did not seem that the typewriter was being operated in the bed room.

He stated that "Harry" had on large brown gloves when he handed the paper to him.

George stated that the "Leader" told him that there was no basement to the house in which he was staying but he, George, recalls hearing a man pounding underneath the house for about an hour one afternoon when he was kept there but does not remember which day it was. He stated the noise sounded as though it was coming from the basement. He stated the "Leader" told him to remain quiet when he heard this pounding noise. He stated that the "Leader" appeared frightened and made him promise several times not to identify him in the event he was caught.

In regard to any other sound which he heard while at the house he stated he heard water running outside on one occasion and that the "Leader" told him that a man was watering the lawn. He stated on about three occasions during the time he was at the house the "Leader" went out to water the lawn. That he did it early in the morning and he believes it was on Thursday morning and he remembers this day because they were waiting for "Harry" to return home; he was supposed to be there Thursday evening. He believes that the other times he watered the lawn were in the evening. He stated that when the "Leader" went outside to water the lawn he would put handcuffs on both his legs and hands and was usually gone fifteen to twenty minutes.

The "Leader" told him at one time that he had a garden by the house in which he was raising beets, but George distinctly recalls that on no occasion did he have any vegetables to eat.

An additional interview was conducted with victim George H. Weyerhaeuser on June 2, 1935, by the writer at which time he recalled the following additional details with regard to the first hole or place to which he had been taken by the kidnapers.

He stated that after driving for about one hour or one and one-half hours after first being placed in the car by the kidnapers on Friday, May 24, 1935, the car stopped and he had been blindfolded and that then the man who had originally picked him up and to whom victim refers to as "Harry", picked him up, walked about ten or fifteen feet and then waded across a stream of water which victim estimated to be very shallow but which he stated appeared to be a fast rushing stream from the sound. He stated that "Harry" did not appear to have a very good footing in walking across the stream and on one or two occasions he slipped and almost fell. He stated that the width of the stream from the steps which "Harry" took in getting across it must have been from ten to fifteen yards. That on arrival at the other side of the stream this individual to whom he referred as "Harry" put him on the ground and then lead him, victim, by the left hand for about half to three-quarters of a mile. He stated that during all this time he was blindfolded but that the country which they walked over was level but appeared to be very rough country and covered with a grassey vegetation; he stated that it also appeared to be very thick with shrubs or bushes inasmuch as they frequently brushed against the branches of bushes. He also stated that he would stumble in holes in the field or ground over which they were going and that he would also sometimes have to step over bushes or logs on the ground.

Victim George Weyerhaeuser recalled that the other man who had been driving the car from the place where he had been kidnaped to the side of the stream followed behind them in this route which they took to the first hole. He stated that after walking for half or three-quarters of a mile they came to a large log one to one and one-half feet high lying on the ground which log he could see on the ground underneath his blindfold, and that he was then lowered into a pit or hole in the ground,

his feet touching a board floor.

Describing this first hole in more detail George stated that the walls were of rough boards of the same type as those on the floor and that the ceiling was also of rough board material; that the only opening from this hole was a space about two feet wide at the end of the hole nearest the big log over which he had to step to get into the hole. He stated that this hole was approximately three to four feet wide by about five feet long and that it was not deep enough for him to stand up on the floor without butting his head. He estimated the height of this hole as being about four feet. He stated that down toward the end of the hole on the floor farthest from the opening or entrance to the hole a round iron ring was fastened to the floor and that from this iron ring a chain was locked with a padlock and that it was to this chain that his right wrist and right leg had been chained. He stated that these chains were of sufficient length to allow him to sit up as well as lay down on the floor of the hole and to move a short distance towards the opening of the hole, but not long enough to raise his head up and see out of the hole.

He stated that on the floor of this hole was one blanket and that in the corner of this hole was an ordinary kerosene can which he described as being about the height of one foot by seven or eight inches in diameter and with the ordinary curved spout with a wire handle such as is usually on small kerosene cans. He stated that the other can which was on the floor was a tin can about one foot or one and one-half feet high, much wider than the kerosene can and with a top on it which pushed down into the neck of the can and which had a tin handle. From his description of this can it appeared that it was probably a milk can to which he was referring and when shown large thermos bottles and other water bottles George finally determined that this can was a milk can, which was filled with water.

George recalled that shortly after arriving at this hole the individual to whom he referred as "Harry" handed some food into the hole to him. He stated that this food was contained in the top handle of the milk can and consisted of two boiled eggs and two sandwiches. He stated that these sandwiches were wrapped in ordinary wax paper such as covers the ordinary bread loaf; that the sandwiches were made of whole slices of bread, without the crusts

being cut off and that the bread had been rather thickly cut. He stated that one of the sandwiches was a cheese sandwich and the other was a ham sandwich. He stated that he peeled the eggs and left the egg shells on the floor of that hole as well as the sandwich wrappers of wax paper. The only other articles which George recalls as being in the first hole was a lantern. This lantern he described in detail as being the ordinary type of railroad lantern with a small tank at the bottom for kerosene and the lantern glass protected by a guarding and a wire handle. He stated that this lamp was on the floor of the first hole.

George was unable to recall any particular sounds which he had heard while he was in this first hole; he recalled no trains passing; recalled no bells or airplane motors, or any sound of any kind during the time he was in this first hole.

George recalled that about an hour after dark on this first evening the other individual who had been driving the car in which he had been kidnaped came to the hole or dugout; that "Harry" the first individual who had picked him up, came down into the hole, unlocked his chains with a key which he had in his pocket and took the chains with him. That "Harry" wore a mask at this time together with gloves and that he put his, George's, blindfold back on him and took him out of the hole. He stated that they then walked back to the place where they had first gotten out of the car and that he was carried across the stream again by the individual known to him as "Harry" and placed in the trunk of a car which was waiting there. He stated that "Harry" had brought along with him the blanket which had been on the floor of the hole and that he put this blanket in the trunk of the car for him to lay on. He stated that in addition to this blanket there was another blanket in the trunk of this car at this time.

He stated that this stream flowed downward on his right as he was going towards the car to get in it at this time.

He stated that he believed that this car which he got into at this time was different than the car in which he was first brought to that spot in inasmuch as he did not notice the squeeks that he noticed in the first car and it seemed to be a more easily riding car. He stated that he got a momentary glance from underneath his blindfold at the color of this car and stated that it was a

dark greyish color. He recalled that he must have been in this truck for about a half to three-quarters of an hour while the car drove over roads which he thought to be smooth and probably paved except at the very last when he thought that they were on a dirt or gravel road of some sort. He stated that they had driven for about a half to three-quarters of an hour when the car stopped and that the trunk was opened and he was taken out, blindfolded and lead through the woods by the individual known to him as "Harry".

He recalled, with reference to this walking through the woods, that it was through very thick vegetation and bushes and that it had been necessary to walk single file on the tops of logs, the top of which was about two or three feet from the ground, and which logs were wide enough to allow walking on their upper surface, but only when walking single file.

He stated that the individual known to him as "Harry" must have had a flashlight which he heard him flash on and off and with which he lighted the way and which he could see under this blindfold which he was wearing. He stated that they walked on these logs for perhaps two blocks to the best of his recollection, at which time they came to a spot where "Harry" and the other individual stopped and he was taken to a spot beside the tree, where he sat blindfolded. Here he heard the individual known to him as "Harry" using a shovel and was digging, the other individual having left and supposedly gone back to the car. He stated that this individual known to him as "Harry" dug for about nine or ten minutes and that they then took him, George, and placed him down in this second hole. He stated that the other individual with "Harry" had brought along the back seat of the car in which they had been driving and that when he was placed down in this second hole he was placed down on top of the back seat of the car which had been covered with the two blankets which had been in the trunk of the car in which he had been brought to this spot.

Describing this second hole George advised that in the corner furthest from the top opening there appeared to be a wood post or stake and that to this wood post or stake was fastened an iron ring and that to this ring he had been chained with the same chains which had been used in the first hole. He advised that this second hole was probably three or four feet wide by five or six feet long and that it was much deeper than the first hole inasmuch as he could

stand up without bumping his head and that the roof when he stood up was possibly a foot from his head. He stated that the walls of this hole were dirt without any covering of any kind and that the roof was made of a covering of tar paper which he thought was covered with boards, as he tried to push up on it and the roof or ceiling felt like boards above the tar paper.

He also recalled that the back seat of the car did not cover the entire portion of the bottom of this hole and that the bottom of the hole was covered over with rough boards which served as a floor. He stated that in this second hole the lantern which had appeared in the first hole was hung to the ceiling and was lighted by the individual known to him as "Harry". He stated that there was also another lantern which he noticed in the corner of this hole which was similar to the first lantern except that it was with a red glass instead of white. He stated that this lantern was not lighted at any time, as he recalled. He stated that the kerosene can and the milk can which were in the first hole were also placed in this hole. George stated that he, "Harry", had placed him in this hole; that apparently "Harry" left and the other individual came back and stood guard outside the hole all night.

George recalled that on the following day, which was Saturday, May 25, 1935, that he had heard five or six trains go by at a distance which seemed to be not over a block or a block and a half away. That two of these trains, as he recalled, went by in the morning and three during the afternoon of this date. He stated that these trains seemed to be about eight or nine cars each and that from the smoothness with which they traveled he thought they were probably passenger trains. He advised that he heard no automobiles, no bells or other sounds of any kind during the time he was in this second hole, other than the railroad trains above noted. He stated that while in this second hole he had been fed twice, once on Saturday morning, May 25th, when his breakfast had consisted of water, two hard boiled eggs, and two more sandwiches, which had been handed down to him by the individual who had been standing guard and who George has continuously referred to throughout various interviews with him as "The Leader". He stated that the other meal was along late in the afternoon and consisted of the same thing as his breakfast except that he also was given some cookies, which were of a yellowish color and appeared to be bakery cookies, being about $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x (3/16") very thin. He stated that during the time he was in

this second hole on Saturday that no one appeared to be near by except the individual to whom he referred as "The Leader" until about what he judged as being 8:00 to 9:00 p.m., at which time "Harry" returned with his mask or blindfold, released him from his chains and that he was then taken out of this second hole and walked in what he thought to be a different direction than that which he had taken in coming to this hole and for a greater distance. He stated that they walked through underbrush, brushed against bushes, but that he did not have to walk along any logs in single file as he had done in approaching this second hole. He stated that they walked possibly ten or twenty minutes before coming to the place where the car was parked. That he was again placed in the trunk of the car after the blankets had been placed there and which he had had on the floor of this second hole and then the car began a journey which George believed took some four or five hours. He stated that on this journey they drove for a considerable period over roads which appeared to be very smooth and that they then apparently came into a city inasmuch as the car stopped several times for what he thought to be stop signals, as he could hear bells ringing for stop and go signals. He placed the number of these stops for such signals at three and advised that for a period of about one-half of an hour that they were going through this area he could hear other cars near them, behind and passing them and could hear the blowing of horns of other automobiles.

He stated that after driving for five or six hours as above noted the car was again stopped, he was taken out of the trunk and walked about a half or three-quarters of a mile through rough, heavily wooded country. He stated that when he started into this country he was allowed to take off his blindfold and he observed that it was just beginning to get daylight. That the individual known to him as the "Leader" and "Harry" both wore masks and walked behind him. That they were following an old single track wagon road which did not appear to have been traveled very recently. That as he walked he noted by the road several cow chips which he estimated were about a month old. He stated that as he walked it was necessary to do considerable climbing and that once on the way up the side of this hill he looked back and observed below him a body of water which George called "the Bay". He stated that he noted that this body of water was not a river, as he could see the land going around on three sides of it and that on the other side the water seemed to converge. In the center he noted a small island.

He stated that he observed also a small fishing boat out in this body of water, which he estimated to be about one-half to three-quarters of a mile across at its widest point. From the shore line to the island was a distance of about one mile. He stated that following the time he saw this body of water he went on for ten or fifteen minutes before he arrived at the spot where the chains which he had had on him in the first and second holes were used to chain him to a tree. That he was chained to this tree for all of Sunday, May 26th.

He stated that soon after arrival at this spot where he was chained to a large tree he was fed by the individual known to him as "Harry", who gave him again two hard boiled eggs, one sandwich with cheese on white bread and one ham sandwich on whole wheat bread, both sandwiches being wrapped the same as those given in the first hole, namely with regular bread wrapping paper.

He stated that after he had been fed by "Harry", "Harry" left and the only person staying near by was "The Leader"; he stated that the "Leader" was out of sight most of the time and that whenever he came within his sight he had the mask on which he has previously referred to. He stated that from the place where he was chained he saw many pine trees and a heavily wooded area below him and that this was apparently on the side of a mountain, as he saw many trees on the side of the hill up above him. He stated that looking below he could see a body of water between the trees, but he was not able to distinguish the outlines of the water as he could when he came up to the place where he was chained. He stated that he got the impression from the old wagon road they followed going up to this spot and the cow chips which he had seen that this area was an old pasture or farm, although he did not see any houses or habitation of any kind such as fences, barns, or lean-tos. He stated that he was unable to see any activity of any kind from the place where he was chained other than that the "Leader" came to see how he was getting along once or twice during the day. He stated that he heard no sounds of any kind while he was chained to this tree and that the only thing which occurred during the day which he recalled was that in the afternoon about two or three o'clock on this day, Sunday, May 26, 1935, was a light shower for about ten or fifteen minutes. He stated that he received some shelter from the tree to which he was chained when it rained but that this was not sufficient to keep him from getting wet.

He stated that late in the afternoon on this date "Harry" came back to the place where he was chained and that the "Leader" then left them. "Harry" stayed with him at this spot until about what he thought to be eight or nine o'clock in the evening and that then "Harry" took him over this same trail over which he had come up to this spot, down to the highway; but that just before they got to the highway he was again blindfolded. He stated that they then waited in the bushes for a few minutes, that he heard a car drive up, presumably driven by the leader; that he was then placed in the trunk of this car with two blankets which were he had at the second hole; then the car drove for about one hour or one hour and a half over roads which seemed to him to be very smooth and which he thought to be paved, although he stated that he recalled for a short period during this drive he had gone over a road which was gravel, because he had heard rocks striking the bottom of the trunk wherein he was confined.

He stated that just before arriving on the occasion of this ride, however, they went on smooth road, as best as he could recall. He stated that the car then apparently drove into a garage, inasmuch as it stopped and he heard somebody move a sliding door and the car drove in and the door of the trunk was opened and he was blindfolded and taken out by "Harry". He stated that when he was taken out he got out on a dirt floor and walked about ten or fifteen yards; that he was then taken up two steps; that he was then taken up these steps which he thought were three or four in number and on to a porch; that he walked three or four steps across the porch; that he then entered a door over a threshold which he had to step up to enter.

Further details with reference to this house will be secured in connection with a further interview with victim George Weyerhaeuser.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Ramsey:

At 10:40 p.m. Saturday evening May 25th, 1935, Agent Ramsey entered the Weyerhaeuser home located at 420 North Fourth, on instructions from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley to maintain, together with Special Agent T. M. Clifford, who was already at the house, a twenty-four hour watch. Agent Ramsey ascertained

upon entrance that the regular occupants of the house consisted of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Weyerhaeuser Jr.; Mrs. George Walker, invalid mother of Mrs. J. P. Weyerhaeuser Jr.; their children Ann Weyerhaeuser, age 13, and Phil Weyerhaeuser, age 10, and Elizabeth Weyerhaeuser, age 2.

Employees of the household were found to be Mrs. Gladys Sharic, nurse for Elizabeth Weyerhaeuser; Mrs. Amanda Anderson, night nurse for Mrs. George Walker; Mrs. Esther Wood, day nurse for Mrs. Walker; Anna Matson, maid; Ada Lilga, maid; Arnold Oswald Olson, chauffeur.

All of the above employees with the exception of Arnold Oswald Olson, the chauffeur, had resided at the house since the kidnaping and continued to reside there during the period of Agents' stay at the Weyerhaeuser residence.

All of these employees were interviewed in detail, the results of which interviews will be set forth in a separate report.

Immediately after entering the home Agent Ramsey interviewed Mr. J. P. Weyerhaeuser, reiterating the previous statement made to him by Special Agent in Charge C. C. Spears regarding the interest of the Government in securing the return of his son, George, and in conducting our investigation in such a way as to not jeopardize his safety.

Mr. Weyerhaeuser at this time advised Agent that he and his family would cooperate to the fullest extent with the Government and keep Agents Ramsey and Clifford fully advised of all developments in connection with this matter at all times.

A meeting of all the employees above referred to of the house with, exception of Oswald Olson, was held following this interview with Mr. Weyerhaeuser at which time all employees were instructed specifically and positively to make no statement at any time to any person not connected with the household and to immediately communicate any information or contact which they received of any kind or nature to either Agent Clifford or Agent Ramsey immediately upon its receipt.

Upon Agent Ramsey's arrival at the house a telephone installation had been arranged so that there were four telephone instruments set up in the library of the Weyerhaeuser residence, one

of which instruments was connected directly with the Tacoma Police Department, one connected as an extension upon the regular Weyerhaeuser house telephone, Main 8744, and one telephone being a private line, Main 1472, and another private line, Main 1482, which last two lines were installed for the purpose of communication with the office. An extension on Main 8744 was used for monitoring each call which came into the Weyerhaeuser main line, Main 8744, which phone was being answered by the Weyerhaeuser maid, Ade Lilga.

Arrangements were perfected between Agent Clifford and the writer so that one Agent was continuously on duty during all hours of the day and night to respond to any telephone calls or any contact which might be received at the residence.

Authority was secured from Mr. Weyerhaeuser for representatives of this Bureau to open all mail addressed to himself or his wife immediately upon its receipt at the Post Office. All telegrams or other communications not previously opened at the Post Office were opened and contents noted at the Weyerhaeuser residence. All information received through these channels or telephone calls at the house or through any source were immediately upon their receipt telephonically furnished the office in Tacoma. The details of such information is being set out in separate report as well as the results of interviews with employees of the family.

During the progress of the ransom negotiations, the following calls were received by Agents at the Weyerhaeuser residence and the following events took place:

On May 29, 1935, at 2:00 p.m., Mr. F. R. Titcomb, General Manager of the Tacoma office of the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company and who had been acting in charge of the arrangements for the Weyerhaeuser family to meet the ransom demands of the kidnapers, arrived at the Weyerhaeuser residence and advised that a contact had been received from the kidnapers containing directions for payment; that Mr. Titcomb had conferred with Mr. Connelley and arrangements had been made for the pay-off.

At 2:10 p.m. Mr. Titcomb left the Weyerhaeuser residence in his own black Pontiac (1933) Sedan with Mr. Weyerhaeuser covered with a robe in the back seat. Immediately upon their departure Agent Ramsey communicated this information to Special Agent in Charge Spears at the office to make sure that the office was conversant with all developments in this matter.

On May 30, 1935, at 2:50 a.m. Mr. J. P. Weyerhaeuser, Jr. called Agent Ramsey from Seattle on the private telephone installed in the house advising him that he was all right but desired that Mrs. Weyerhaeuser be notified that he would not be home for some time yet.

At 9:15 a.m., F. R. Titcomb called Agent from Seattle at which time he advised that they were still waiting in Seattle but encountered some delay.

At 12:55 a.m. May 31, 1935, Mr. Weyerhaeuser called Agent on the private house phone and advised that all was O.K. and that they would be home that morning.

At 2:30 a.m. Agent Clifford received a call over the private house wire from Mr. Weyerhaeuser wherein he advised he had arrived in Tacoma and was staying at the Charles Ingram residence the remainder of the night.

At 8:00 a.m., May 31st, 1935, Mr. Weyerhaeuser returned home and advised that he had been interviewed in detail by Mr. Connelley following the pay-off. Consequently he was not questioned further by Agent at this time.

At 8:40 a.m. May 31, 1935, Special Agent in Charge Connelley called on the private house wire talking with Agent Clifford, advising that the pay-off was made and advising that the boy was to be released within the next thirty hours; also to go immediately upon advice to whatever spot the boy might be located.

Agent Clifford and Agent Ramsey were maintaining regular shifts during each night, one Agent being on duty from early evening until 2:00 a.m. and the other Agent from 2:00 a.m. until morning; however, all day May 31st and all evening May 31st, June 1st both Agents Clifford and Ramsey were on duty continuously awaiting some development on the return of victim; both remained up near the house telephone and the private house phone all night.

Mrs. Weyerhaeuser's elderly, invalid, bedridden mother, Mrs. George Walker, was confined in the Weyerhaeuser home in the kitchen where the regular house telephone, Main 8744, bell rings and Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Walker had not been told of the kidnaping as it was thought the shock might prove fatal. At the specific request of Mrs. Weyerhaeuser, the ring of the house telephone had been muffled

at night during the course of Agents' stay at the Weyerhaeuser residence, so that although easily heard and distinguishable down stairs same did not give out a metallic ring which would annoy Mrs. Weyerhaeuser's mother.

This house phone had an extension in Mr. and Mrs. Weyerhaeuser's bedroom on the second floor which was not used during this surveillance. In addition to the extension especially installed for Agents' use through the main line of the phone in the library of the home an extension for listening only had been installed in the temporary offices of the Bureau in the Rust Building at Tacoma so that any conversation on the wire would be recorded by a stenographer in the office as well as noted by agents at the house.

Specific instructions have been received by Agents at the home to allow the house phone to ring at least five separate times before answering in order that the Telephone Company might have ample opportunity to check the source of each call prior to taking the receiver off the hook.

Mr. H. M. Balcom, of the Sorento Hotel, Seattle, a close friend of the family and a brother-in-law of Mrs. Weyerhaeuser was in frequent attendance at the Weyerhaeuser home during May 29th, 30th and 31st, 1935, staying at the home continuously, answering all calls from the press for the family.

On the evening of May 31st to June 1st, 1935, numerous calls were received from representatives of the various press services on the house phone, the majority of these calls being based upon rumors that a contact with the kidnapers had been made and these calls, particularly between midnight and three to 3:30 a.m. were received without difficulty in hearing the buzzing of the house phone.

On each of these calls coming into the house on the evening of May 31-June 1st, 1935, both Agents Clifford and Ramsey stood by the phone and were ready to immediately take any action that might be suggested in the event of a contact coming in on this phone.

Following the last noted call from the press about 3:30 a.m. no other call was noted on this line or in the house until

approximately 6:41 a.m., when a buzzer was heard on the house phone and Agent Ramsey went to receive it to monitor this call the same as usual and as all of the calls had been monitored. Agent Clifford came to the phone and was standing by, as in the case of the other calls, in order that Agents might immediately dispatch themselves wherever the call might dictate. This buz on the telephone at 6:41 a.m. continued, however, for only three or four rings and when Agent Ramsey and Mr. Balcom took the receiver from the hook after not receiving a further ring the line was dead and there was no response.

At approximately 7:10 a.m. Special Agent Clifford was called on the private line to the home and asked if the house phone had rang and he advised that the house phone had rung but that when the receiver had been taken up the line was found to be dead.

At 7:15 a.m. an unknown reporter called on the house phone talking with Mr. Balcom and advising him that Captain Thornburg, of the Tacoma Police Department, had received a call from a man at Issaquah, Washington, who had found George Weyerhaeuser and had started toward Tacoma with the boy.

This information was immediately communicated to the office at Tacoma, agent Ramsey talking to Stenographer Brekke, who stated that the information had already been received and that Agents had already gone out to meet victim Weyerhaeuser.

At 7:55 a.m. June 1, 1935, George came into the Weyerhaeuser residence through the back garage door alone. Agent immediately went to this door and there was a taxi driving away from the house at a rapid pace.

Mr. H. M. Balcom advised that one John Dreher, a reporter for the Seattle Times had come to the front door, after bringing the Weyerhaeuser boy to the rear, to gain entrance, but that then this reporter had driven away in a taxi.

Upon entrance George was extremely nervous and went immediately to his mother and father, who undressed him and gave him a bath.

The clothes he was wearing, which have all been marked for identification and which are being forwarded to the laboratory for such analysis as may be appropriate looking toward the possible development of evidence as to his hide-out, were as follows:

- 1 pair cordouroy trousers
- 1 blue shirt with open neck
- 1 "V" neck blue slip-over sweater
- 1 pair of underwear trunks
- 1 underwear shirt
- 1 pair rubber Tennis shoes

Examination of the entrance through which George had entered the house located two bright-colored cotton-wool blankets. These blankets were marked for identification and are also being submitted to the laboratory.

As soon as he had been quieted by his mother, after his return, victim Weyerhaeuser was interviewed as is noted elsewhere in this report.

On June 2nd and 3rd, 1935, Special Agent W. R. Ramsey Jr. conducted additional interviews with victim George Weyerhaeuser at which time George recalled additional details with regard to the first two holes in which he had been held, with regard to the hill upon which he had been chained to a tree and with regard to the house in which he had been kept just prior to his return to his family.

George related that he recalled that while in the first hole that, in addition to the food which had been handed him by "Harry", that "Harry" had also handed him a tin salt shaker for use in eating the hard boiled eggs which had been given him. George stated that he did not have this salt shaker at the second hole or at any subsequent time during his captivity.

With regard to the trains which he has previously related he heard at the time he was in the second hole, he stated that he is certain that these trains were steam trains and not electric trains, judging this from the whistle of the trains as well as from the sound of the cars on the track.

With regard to any toilet facilities in either the first or second holes George stated that while in the first hole he did not need to go to the toilet; nor did he need to use toilet facilities while in the second hole. That his bowels did not move following the time he was kidnaped up to the time he was on the hill after removal from the second hole.

It will be recalled that George had stated initially that

he remembered the rapids or swift moving stream which he had crossed in connection with going to or leaving the second hole. George stated that he now recalled that this rapids to which he referred had been encountered when he was leaving the second hole and that they had arrived at this rapids or falls about 3/4 of a mile away as they were going from the second hole to the car. He stated that it was his recollection that "Harry" carried him across these rapids. He knew that they were rapids because he could hear the water rushing against the rocks and he heard a slight roaring noise.

With regard to his climb up the mountain or hill after driving from the second hole to the point at which he began to climb up the hill he stated upon leaving the car to go up this hill his blindfold had been removed and that he then entered a footpath which came right down to the highway; this footpath was narrow but was nevertheless marked so as to be distinguishable, but was not more than two or three feet wide. He stated that he followed along this footpath about one city block until he came into an old wagon road. He stated that this old wagon road had short grass growing in between the wagon tracks so that the road did not appear to have been used recently. That following up this wagon road for about a mile they came to the spot where he had been chained. He stated that he noticed right from the highway as they began following up this path there were bushes and some evergreen trees which George described as being sort of "Christmas trees". He stated that as they came to the wagon road he noticed many green bushes on both sides of the road and many trees like "Christmas trees" with trunks varying from three to five inches to one to two feet in diameter.

He related that he once looked back down the hill as they were climbing up this road and he now states that the lake or bay which he said was several miles away and that he noticed about five or six house tops on the shore between him and the nearest edge of the body of water. He states he distinctly recalls a pier or dock on the edge of this lake or body of water and believes that he saw the mast of a ship at the dock; although he states this mast which he saw might have been a radio aerial sticking up near the edge of the lake. He stated that he also saw an opening or highway between the place where he was on the hill and the body of water but he was unable to distinguish any cars upon it.

George states that he also now recalls as he walked up the hill on the old wagon road, that to the right and very near the

wagon road was a small clearing and evidences of a camp or picnic spot, there being the burnt ashes of a fire and an old rock oven and some tin cans. He stated that this spot was very near the highway, and placed the distance at ten or fifteen yards, and on the right hand side going up.

George states that he recalls that they stopped to rest once or twice and that as they climbed up this hill the sun was just coming up and that it is his best recollection that the sun was directly behind them as they climbed up the hill.

He states that he now recalls that "Harry" left with the car at the bottom of the hill and that only the man known to him as the "Leader" went with him.

He stated that at the times he sat down to rest with the "Leader" that no conversation took place between him and the "Leader" except the "Leader" would sometimes say, "You get tired traveling don't you". He stated the "Leader" did not smoke or ask any other questions of any kind and did not appear as though he desired to talk at the times they stopped to rest when going up the hill.

George states that the spot where he finally stopped in the climb up this hill was about fifty yards from the road and on the right hand side of the road and was completely out of sight of the road. Most of the trees there were similar to what George called "Christmas" trees; although he stated that there were a few trees which he described as being "green leaf trees" with bushy boughs and a light tan bark. He states that he was chained to a tree on the edge of this clearing and that the tree to which he was chained was not an evergreen or "Christmas" tree but was about fifteen feet high with green leaves and smooth brown bark. That this tree had two trunks and sprung from the ground in the form of a "V", the trunks seeming to come together at the ground and that he was chained to the trunk on the right as he went towards it. He states that the diameter of these trunks were about seven or eight inches and that the leaves or branches began on this tree about two or three feet above his head.

George now states that the chains which had been used to tie him in the first and second holes were different and that the chain used in the second hole contained smaller links than the one in the first hole and that the links were of a rusty brown color. He stated that the chain used on him in the second hole was also used to chain him to the tree on the hill and that the chain was fastened

to a bracelet to his right hand and left leg, the chain then passing around the tree. The chain was long enough to permit him to lie down near the tree and to move any place around the tree within a radius of about three feet.

He stated that when he first arrived on this spot only the "Leader" was on guard with him and that the "Leader" carried the blankets and food as well as the chains up the hill from the road.

He stated that the food which was carried was in large paper sacks which were thrown away after the food was eaten. He stated that the "Leader" did not have a macksack or any other facilities for carrying the food except in his arms.

He stated that he recalled when making the trip up the hill the "Leader" had on a blue work shirt and was bareheaded; He did not recall the type or color of trousers, but did recall that he had on a dark checked coat and that he had heavy, dark hair.

George now states that the "Leader" stayed near by on the hillside with him until about the middle of the day and that then "Harry" came to the spot. That "Harry" had on a grey checked suit. George was closely questioned as to the possibility that this individual was another man than "Harry" whom he had known in the brown suit, but George insisted that this was the same individual who had originally picked him up and who was known to him as "Harry" and who had originally been wearing the brown suit.

George states that he now recalls that in the afternoon of the day he was on the hillside at about three or four o'clock in the afternoon he heard three or four "big booms" which sounded to him like blasting several miles away. He stated that "Harry" was not right there when these booms went off and did not say anything about the booms. He stated he also heard what he thought to be a tractor or steam roller very faintly and that he judged it to be a tractor because of the sound of the engine; that this tractor sounded as though it was down near the foot of the hill; however, he stated that he did not hear the voices of any men, nor did he hear more than one tractor or engine.

He stated that it was his recollection that the booms were going on for possibly a couple of hours at irregular intervals and that in connection with the booms he heard no voices of any kind.

George stated that when he was left on the hill he was given a bag of fruit, which contained oranges and bananas; that he was also given hard boiled eggs and sandwiches; that the sandwiches were similar to the sandwiches he had on the first hole made of cheese and ham between white bread. He stated he also had a lettuce with Mayonnaise sandwich.

He stated that about dusk "Harry" took him down from the hill on the same road which he had gone up on and when they got almost to the highway they waited in the bushes while he put on his blindfold and then the "Leader" came by in a car and drove for about an hour until they came to the house, the fourth place where he was held. He rode in the trunk as he had in riding from all places where he stayed after being kept in the first hole.

With regard to this trunk on the car George stated that it was necessary for him to crouch down and double up his knees in order to get into the trunk and have the top down; that the hinges on the trunk were loose and that due to this fact there was a slight crack where the top of the trunk came down on the main portion of the trunk which crack was the only air space which he had for fresh air. He stated that this crack was not so wide, however, that he was able to see out or able to observe anything. He stated there were no holes or other means of ventilation of any kind in the trunk which he recalled.

He stated it was his recollection after getting in the car on this occasion that the car did not stop at all until it got to the house. He states that he now recalls that the car stopped and that he was taken out of the trunk; he does not know which man took him out of the trunk and that it is now his best recollection that the car was not in the garage at all when it stopped, but was on the road or street, which ran in front of the house. He stated that after he had been taken out of the trunk and while "Harry" and the "Leader" stopped to talk before going into the house, he slipped his blindfold down for just a moment and got a glimpse of the outline of the house.

He describes this house as being a two-story house with two equal-sized gables and the garage was immediately alongside of the house on the right as one faced the house. The house had a small porch with a wooden railing around it and the steps, rather than going up immediately in front of the porch, went up on the right side of the porch.

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He stated that he heard automobiles passing only infrequently and that on one afternoon while in the house he heard an airplane go by but he could not recall which date. He stated that he heard no siren, street cars, nor trains, no automobile horns blowing, no milk wagons going by in the morning. Stated that he heard no men or women talking outside of the house except on the occasion previously noted in other interviews. He stated it was his best recollection that in the afternoon at about three or four o'clock two women came to the house and rang the door bell. He now states that the "Leader" went to the door but he was unable to hear what was said; that the "Leader", however, allowed these women to go upstairs and that the "Leader" came in where he was when the women were upstairs. That these women went upstairs and moved the furniture about for about ten minutes and that he could hear women's voices but could not hear what was said. He stated that they came down and went out and that he thinks the "Leader" saw them when they went out as the "Leader" went out of the bed room quickly and apparently did not want the women to come into the bed room.

He stated that the only other time that the "Leader" went to the door in answer to the door bell he returned and told George that it was a man selling magazines. George stated that the door bell rang several times on different days but that the "Leader" did not answer it at all except as above noted.

Regarding any other sounds he heard he states that he heard children playing outside the house and could hear a child shout "You're it", so got the impression that they were playing tag. He stated that he heard these voices one afternoon and thinks this was about Wednesday and did not hear them any other afternoon.

George stated that the "Leader" told him that he had a wife and child on relief and that his wife and child did not know where he, the "Leader" was at that time. He stated that the "Leader" made no remark to him with reference to these children playing outside of his house.

Regarding conversations held with the "Leader" at the house George stated that the "Leader" told him that in answer to any questions Government Agents might put to him when he returned he should tell them that he did not know--that he could not remember; also that he should tell them that on one occasion while he was at the house he heard a rooster crow, and that the house where he was kept was on a ranch. The "Leader" further told him that he should

not say anything about their ages other than that they were between 35 and 40 years old. The "Leader" told him if "Harry" did not come back that he, the "Leader" intended to let George go; that when he let him go he should go up to a door bell of a house and tell who answered the door so that he could be returned home.

George stated that the "Leader" told him that "Harry" was expecting to come back to the house on Thursday and when "Harry" did not return the "Leader" became very frightened and was afraid that "Harry" had been caught.

He stated that the "Leader" also told him that there was a telephone instrument in the house but that the telephone was not connected. George said that he was also told to tell Government Agents that the car in which he was driven about would only go eleven miles on a gallon.

George stated that "Harry" had told him when they were at the first hole that he had known him since he was four years old and that he had known his uncle Fred Weyerhaeuser who lives in St. Paul for a long time. He stated that "Harry" showed him his gun when they were up on the hill, and that this gun was an automatic and he thought that it had a bone handle. He said he also saw the "Leader's" gun when they were upon the hill and that this had a long single barrel.

George stated that on the day they left the house the "Leader" told him that he had \$7.00 and he told George that he was going out to get some groceries as "Harry" had not returned to the house. On late Friday afternoon the "Leader" went out of the house and returned and said, "Here they come". That shortly thereafter a car drove up and someone came into the house. The "Leader" told him he was going home and would probably be home in five hours. Stated that he heard the "Leader" and some other man moving around in the house and shortly after "Harry" and the "Leader" came in and brought a large cardboard box. He stated that just before "Harry" and the "Leader" came in, however, with this box he got a chance to push the closet door open and get a glimpse into the bedroom and there he saw a watch on the dresser just outside of the closet door, as noted before. He stated that he could have run away at this time but did not do so as they stated they were going to return him to his home in a short time. He stated that "Harry" and the "Leader" then put him in the cardboard box and carried him out into the garage.

He stated he did not believe there was an entrance from the house to the garage but that it was necessary to go outside the house and open the sliding door to the garage. Stated that when he was taken out of the cardboard box he stood on a dirt floor and he thinks from the sounds in the garage it was large enough for two cars. States that he heard them shut the sliding doors of the garage before they took him from the box and put him into the trunk of the car. That they then opened the sliding door and drove out of the garage to a spot where they released him.

Stated that on this occasion they drove for about four hours. That he remembers on this trip they got gas on one occasion after having driven about two hours. He stated that the car stopped just off the highway and "Harry" took him out of the trunk and he and "Harry" waited under a culvert while the "Leader" drove the car into town or a gas station to get gasoline. He stated that this road was not paved and he waited about ten minutes until the "Leader" returned. That it was very cold under the culvert.

He stated when the trip had been completed and they finally stopped he walked about ten yards to an old shack with an old board roof with only one wall and no floor. Stated that he believes they arrived about eleven o'clock and his only reason for thinking this is that he believes they drove about four hours since they left the house which was between six and seven o'clock. The "Leader" told him that his father was to get him in about an hour. They then left him at the shack.

States at the shack he did not see any automobiles pass or any other activity. Stated he did not recall any cars blowing their horns. That they did not go through any stop signals on the journey from the house to the shack where he was released.

George stated that he now recalls that when on the way home they stopped to get gas and that the car returned after having gotten gas that there was another man besides the "Leader" and "Harry" who helped him back into the trunk of the car.

He stated that this man was heavy and fat, like the "Leader". That he did not see his face but that he believes this man was younger than the "Leader" because the "Leader" told him that no one was older than he was. He was unable to furnish any more accurate description of this individual. He said that he heard the "Leader" say, "Wait a minute, Bill", and then, "O.K. "Harry" while they were putting him into the trunk. This was another factor which leads him to believe that there

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were three men with him on the return journey when he was released.

With regard to other times when the car stopped for gas he stated that he believed that the car on the trip for gas from the second hole to the place where he walked up on the hill was driven by the "Leader", that the "Leader" drove into town to get gas on this occasion and that "Harry" stayed out there with him. He stated that the country about the highway here appeared to be without trees. He stated that he looked out in the direction that the car went and saw a lot of white lights and a lot of red lights; that these lights or buildings looked like a fairly big town. He said that the red light was a steady light and did not shine on and off. Was unable to read any word in the sign. He would judge that the sign was about two miles away from where he was standing.

While waiting here for the return of the car lots of cars passed and he stated that "Harry" who stayed with him had him wrapped up in one of the blankets which he had had in the hole and that "Harry" was holding him. He stated that he recalls they stopped two or three other times outside of towns to get gasoline and twice "Harry" stayed with him and once the "Leader", but was unable to recall these places or the times.

With reference to the soil which he observed in the second hole, he stated he recalls this was dark brown, very moist soil. That it did not appear to be gravel and did not have many rocks in it.

He stated that he recalls that the bread wrappers which enclosed the sandwiches which he was given in the first and second holes were wrappers bearing the trade mark "Wonder Bread".

He states that he recalls that the English used by "Harry" and the "Leader" was what he thought to be very good; that they did not use harsh language in his presence and did not treat him in a rough way, strike or beat him. Stated that he secured the impression of the man whom he called the "Leader" as being the "Leader" because this individual seemed to take the upper hand in any arrangements that were made and seemed to dictate the plan and movements of the others.

It was necessary in connection with the above interview to allow the victim George Weyerhaeuser several intermissions to go out and play or occupy himself in some other way inasmuch as he would become

very restless and nervous if interviewed more than half or three-quarters of an hour at the time.

The above information appeared to include all details which he could recall at the time of the places where he had been and the experiences he had been through as given to Special Agent W. R. Ramsey in this interview.

Additional investigation is being conducted along lines suggested in the details of this report.

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

June 14, 1935.

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TO ALL SPECIAL AGENTS IN CHARGE:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
GEORGE WEYERHAEUSER, Victim.
KIDNAPING.

Effective immediately, the code word
WEYNAP shall be used in all telegrams transmitted
in connection with the above entitled case, rather
than the complete title.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,

Director.

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June 7, 1935

AIRMAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Director,
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U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue & 9th Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
GEORGE WEYERHAUESER - Victim
Kidnaping. S.L. file 7-57

At 9:00 A.M. this morning, June 7, W. L. Partner, managing director of the Salt Lake City branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, reported that one of his employees had, in checking the cash receipts of the bank for Wednesday, June 5, discovered one of the ransom notes, L08779901A, \$10 denomination. E. J. Connelley at Tacoma was immediately advised telephonically and he stated he would furnish the information to the Bureau.

The writer, accompanied by Special Agents F. C. Culberson and C. A. Meroney, proceeded to the Federal Reserve Bank and interviewed Mr. Partner. Upon Agents' arrival at the bank Mr. Partner advised that another ransom bill had been discovered at this bank, L06999256A, \$10 denomination.

The first named bill was on the top of a bundle of bills aggregating \$500, which had been transmitted from the Continental National Bank, Salt Lake City (2nd South and Main Streets) to the Federal Reserve Bank. This bundle was wrapped with a band marked "\$500 Continental National Bank and Trust Company" and bore the rubber stamp "Teller No. 4, June 5, CWS".

The second bill was the twelfth from the top in a bundle of \$500 also bearing similar band and lettering thereon. Both of these bands bore the initials "MG". These two bills were obtained by the writer and receipt was obtained from M. W. Smoot, assistant manager, Salt Lake City branch, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, the writer tendering a \$20 bill of his own money, and received custody of these two bills. They were not handled by the writer and were immediately preserved in cellophane envelopes and sealed.

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Mr. W. L. Partner, managing director of the Federal Reserve Bank, related that he would treat the receipt of these bills in the strictest confidence and advise all the bank personnel to make a thorough check every bill received in that bank. He stated this would be a Herculean task but Agent assured him of the urgent necessity for making every effort to locate

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the source of any subsequent bills received through this agency.

The writer and Agents proceeded to the Continental National Bank and interviewed Eugene Giles, vice president, who referred Agents to G. A. Murphy, cashier. Mr. Murphy related that these bundles of bills had been placed in packages of \$500 by C. W. Simmons, teller in cage No. 5 of the bank, at the close of business on June 5, 1935. Mr. Simmons was interviewed who stated that his daily receipts at this teller cage alone aggregated \$50,000 in San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank notes. He, as well as all the other tellers, had before him the lists of ransom notes, but owing to the vast volume of business it was impossible for him to make a complete check on these notes. He stated he had no idea from whom he received these two bills, as on June 5 he received cash remittances from a number of large department stores, moving picture theatres and chain stores; that he estimates that in this bank there is handled daily over \$50,000 worth of bank notes and that he alone handles between six and eight thousand individual notes. He states that ninety-five per cent of all the currency passed in Salt Lake City represents Federal Reserve Bank, San Francisco, notes.

Mr. Simmons related that these two bills were in his opinion received by him or by his assistant, Allen Barker, who relieves him during the lunch period. Mr. Barker was also interviewed, and neither Mr. Barker nor Mr. Simmons had any information as to the identity of the person passing these bills or anyone answering the descriptions of Subjects.

These two tellers stated that all their cash receipts are from Salt Lake City; that the initials "MG" appearing on the bands, which were wrapped around the two \$500 bundles, are those of Mike Granier, who placed his initials on these packages after they were assembled and at the time they were taken to the Federal Reserve Bank at Salt Lake City.

Mr. G. S. Murphy, cashier, related that he, as well as all his personnel, would treat the receipt of these two bills with the strictest confidence. Special Agent(A) Culberson was detailed to remain at this bank to be on the alert for the appearance of additional bills; also to obtain a list of the names and addresses of all depositors who deposited funds in this bank with Teller No. 4 on June 5, 1935. Teller stated this would be rather a long list and would require considerable checking, as it represented a number of large department stores and other large mercantile establishments in Salt Lake City. Agent Culberson was instructed to assist the tellers in checking bills at the time additional deposits were received, in order to localize the receipt of these bills to a particular depositor.

At 11:30 A.M. on June 7, Mr. W. L. Partner, managing director of the Salt Lake branch of the Federal Reserve Bank, reported telephonically that he had received another ransom bill, which will be described as bill No. 3. It is a \$10 note, I09564318A and was received in a consignment of currency from the Utah State National Bank, 1st South and Main Streets, Salt Lake City, just one block from where the other two bills were received. Special Agent C. A. Meroney was detailed to proceed to the Federal Reserve Bank to obtain possession of this bill, preserving it in cellophane, and to make an immediate investigation at the Utah State National Bank and to instruct the personnel of that bank to treat the receipt of this note in the strictest confidence.

The personnel of the Salt Lake City Bureau office was instructed to make every effort to thoroughly and vigorously investigate the circumstances surrounding the receipt of these bills, in an effort to locate the person who passed them.

E. J. Connelley at Tacoma was advised of the receipt of these three bills, and as a result of conference with him arrangements were made to circularize every grocery store, beauty parlor, department store, hardware store, jewelry store, and independent service stations in Salt Lake City, sending copies of ransom notes to all these agencies. These lists have already had wide circularization by the Salt Lake City office and telegram was dispatched to the Bureau requesting one thousand additional copies and two thousand additional envelopes. Arrangements were made through Western Union to deliver these additional ransom lists by messenger over the entire city, and thirty messengers with automobiles were assigned to this task, working in twos, in order that no suspicion would be aroused and that the press would not be aware of any unusual activities.

Western Union advises that the cost for this service would be approximately \$30.00. The writer prepared a covering letter to be attached to the ransom lists, copy of which is submitted to the Bureau and the Tacoma office, for information. Within two hours of the receipt of the ransom bills, approximately a thousand of these letters were mimeographed, attached to the ransom lists and were being distributed to practically every agency in Salt Lake City.

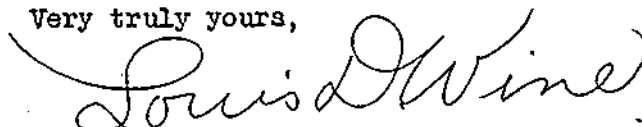
E. J. Connelley has been continually advised of development in this case and he has stated that he would in turn communicate the information direct to the Bureau, by teletype from Tacoma, in order to preclude the possibility of newspapers being advised. However, the Bureau will appreciate the difficulty in keeping the knowledge of the receipt of these ransom bills from the press, in view of the fact that some member of the Federal Reserve Bank or other local banks may be inclined to talk and divulge this information.

The three original ransom notes are being transmitted to the Bureau, at the request of Mr. Connelley, in an attempt to obtain any latent fingerprints of suspects therefrom. It is impossible to obtain the fingerprints of the persons who may have handled these notes, for the purposes of elimination.

Mr. Connelley will be immediately advised of any further developments.

The three original ransom notes, in cellophane, are enclosed.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Louis D. Wine". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

LOUIS D. WINE, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

LDW:1
cc Mr. Connelley (encl.)

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FEDERAL BUREAU

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
908 Rust Building
Tacoma, Washington

June 8, 1935

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
George Weyerhaeuser - Victim
Kidnaping - Extortion

Enclosed herewith are applications for money orders number 289263 - 289374 inclusive, received at the Spokane, Washington Postoffice between 9:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. June 4th, 1935. The purchasers of one of these orders tendered in payment a \$20.00 Federal Reserve Bank note, number LL471933A, issued by the Federal Reserve Bank, San Francisco, and included among the ransom notes paid in the case entitled Unknown Subjects, George Weyerhaeuser - Victim, Kidnaping.

A complete check of the parties sending the above money orders fails to disclose the identity of the person who tendered the above mentioned ransom note.

It is believed that the handwriting on one of the enclosed applications for money orders may be identical with the handwriting appearing on item number 10A forwarded to the Bureau Laboratory on June 1, 1935. Item number 10A is a memorandum of a typewritten notation of the kidnapers and the telephone number Elliott 3737 appearing in handwriting.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Connelley
E. J. CONNELLEY
Special Agent in Charge.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Portland, Oregon,**

FILE NO. **7-25**

REPORT MADE AT: Butte, Montana.	DATE WHEN MADE: 6/5/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 6/4/35	REPORT MADE BY: G. C. Campbell IRA
TITLE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS GEORGE WEYERHAEUSER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Sheriff at Idaho Falls, Idaho, reports three parties buying tickets to New York City and shipping Buick automobile. Investigation disclosed these parties have no connection with this case. P

DETAILS:

Sheriff Harry Meppen, Idaho Falls, Idaho, by long distance telephone on the night of June 3, 1935, informed the Butte Bureau Office that three parties were purchasing three railroad tickets on the Union Pacific Railroad for New York City and shipping a Buick Sedan automobile by freight to New York.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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The following investigation conducted by Special Agent C. G. Campbell at Idaho Falls, Idaho, on June 4, 1935:

Deputy Sheriff Beguin was contacted and informed the writer that Mr. Harris, freight clerk for the Union Pacific Railroad, had information about three parties buying tickets to New York City and shipping a Buick Sedan automobile answering the description of one used in the Meyerhaeuser kidnaping.

The writer, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Beguin, interviewed Mr. Harris at the Union Pacific Railroad Freight depot, who stated that three passenger tickets and one additional ticket had been purchased by a Mrs. C. Bernay and a Mr. J. Green; that three of these tickets were to be used by those two parties and another gentleman, and that the fourth ticket was purchased to ship a 1929 Buick Sedan, bearing New York tag HJ17-27. This automobile was being shipped on ticket No. 50404, the shipping address being 252 West 38th Street, New York City. The remaining three tickets, Nos. 50405-6-7, were to be used by the passengers. Mr. Harris informed the writer that this automobile had been loaded in a freight car and the car sealed, but at the request of the writer the seal was broken and the car opened. At this time this Agent and Deputy Sheriff Beguin obtained a detailed description of this automobile: 1929 4-door Buick Sedan, gray body with small yellow panels on the doors immediately under the glasses, Motor No. 202763, New York tag No. HJ17-27. This car had six black wire wheels, the right front tire a Goodyear All Weather tread and the remaining three on the ground were Federal Heavy Duties. Two spares mounted were Federal Heavy Duties with the tread completely worn off. Trunk rack on the rear, right rear bumper missing, iron brackets on each side of the top above the rear seat for coat rack, mirror on hinge of left door, a rag around the radiator cap, a small silk bow fashioned from an American flag inside the car above the windshield, matted straw seat covers, a round hot air heat register in the center of the rear floor boards, a cigaret container and lighter on the right side of the dash, two outside rear door handles were off, green Yellowstone Park sticker of the season of 1935 on the right side of the windshield, hot water heater. In the rear floor boards were a pair of tan officers dress boots, a pair of white elk hide lace boots, a case for field glasses similar to those used by the Bureau and two cans of keroil oil.

Mr. Ross, ticket agent at the passenger station of the Union Pacific, who sold these parties their tickets to New York, was interviewed and stated that payment for these tickets was made with American Express Company travelers' checks as follows:

- 1 \$50.00 travelers' check No. 2 4517464
- 6 20.00 travelers' checks Nos. 2 6772772 to 2 6770779 inclusive.

19 \$10.00 travelers' checks Nos. U 6226347 to
6226365 inclusive.

Mr. Ross advised reservations were made for Drawing Room A, car No. W-15 on Union Pacific line from Pocatello, Idaho, train No. 18. Mr. Ross further advised that these parties were residing at the Bonneville Hotel in Idaho Falls.

Inasmuch as it was near time for the train to depart, this Agent and Deputy Sheriff Beguin remained at the station and observed these three parties as they boarded the train, none of whom answered the descriptions of the Meyerhaeuser kidnapers as furnished this office. At this time Agent secured several hurried snapshots of the parties with a small kodak, which will be retained in the Butte Bureau file.

At the Bonneville Hotel Mr. Bailey, Manager, was interviewed and informed Agent that these parties registered in his hotel on May 30, 1936, as Mrs. C. R. Berney from Hewlett, Long Island, New York, and Mr. H. and Mr. J. Green, New York City; that the woman registered in one room and the men in a connecting room. Mr. Bailey advised that during their stay at his hotel one of the men apparently became ill and a doctor was called. Dr. Cline of Idaho Falls answered this call and informed Mr. Bailey that the younger man of the two was on the verge of pneumonia and that it was his advice that he be taken to the hospital immediately, but that the Greens desired to return to New York and on account of this illness were taking the train and shipping the automobile. Mr. Bailey further advised that a Western Union money order in the amount of \$300.00 was received by these parties, signed Green & Son, New York City; that he had cashed this money order for them.

Inasmuch as these parties do not appear to have any connection with the instant case, investigation is being dropped.

The following is a description of these three parties taken from observation as they boarded the train:

The woman:

Age	35
Height	5' 6"
Weight	140
Hair	Very dark
	Dissipated appearing;
	Jovish brogue.

Number one man:

Age	26
Height	6'
Weight	160
Complexion	Dark
Hair	Black
Face	thin face
Build	Slender

Number two man:

Age	35
Height	5' 6"
Weight	195
Complexion	Dark
Hair	Gray, almost bald

These three people are of Jewish descent and all spoke with a Jewish accent.

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FILE NO. **7-25**

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TITLE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS GEORGE WEYERHAEUSER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Mr. Baughman	✓
Chief Clerk	✓
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Mr. Edwards	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Keith	✓
Mr. Lester	✓
Mr. Quinn	✓
Mr. Scheidt	✓
Mr. Schilder	✓
Mr. Smith	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PORTLAND, OREGON**

N.Y. FILE NO. **7-242**

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REPORT MADE AT: NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE: 6/7/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 6/4,5/35	REPORT MADE BY: W. J. McILROY
TITLE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; GEORGE WEYERHAEUSER, VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Rev. Richard R. Kight, N.Y.C., interviewed and information furnished not considered reliable. Inquiries at Offices of U.S. Shipping Commission, Seamen's Institute, and steamship companies, whose ships travel between ports of New York and Germany, also New York and Miami, Florida, failed to disclose any information pertaining to Harry Commons.

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REFERENCE:

Telegram from SAC. E. J. CONNELLEY, Tacoma Washington, dated 6/3/35, and teletypes addressed to the Director by the Chicago Bureau Office dated 5/29/35 and 5/31/35.

DETAILS:

In compliance with request set out in reference telegram, the writer contacted the Reverend Richard R. Kight, who has been making his residence at the Nassau Hotel (a Bowery lodging house), located at 262 Bowery, New York City, since September 1934.

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Reverend Kight stated he had, on May 30, 1935, sent a telegram, charges collect, from New York City to John Weyerhaeuser at Tacoma, Washington, advising the latter of having valuable information concerning his son George; that the sending of instant telegram was based on a visit he had made on the morning of the same day, May 30, 1935, to a sick friend who had died of natural causes later in the day; that during this visit, his friend had advised him of having visited a certain apartment located in New York City in April of 1935, at which time there were also present six men who had discussed in a general way, the plans toward kidnaping a lumberman located at Tacoma, Washington; that on his departure, the six individuals who were alleged to have discussed the contemplated kidnaping of a lumberman, also visited his friend, though the subject of kidnaping had not been discussed in his presence; that the reason for his sending the telegram to Mr. Weyerhaeuser was due to the fact that his friend requested him to do so should anything happen to him.

Reverend Kight declined to furnish the name of his alleged deceased friend, the address of the deceased, or any information whereby further investigation might be made to verify his allegations, giving as his reason the fact that at the time he took his oath as a Baptist minister, he swore he would never betray a confidence, and his deceased friend when furnishing the above information requested that his name and address not be disclosed in connection with the instant matter.

Reverend Kight claimed to have been previously interviewed by a police officer as a result of the telegram he sent to Mr. Weyerhaeuser, but maintained inability to furnish any information by which the identity of this officer might now be established.

It is the opinion of this Agent that Reverend Kight's story is a product of his imagination, and not worthy of investigative attention.

Reverend Kight in the course of the above interview, stated he was born at Jasper, Florida, is 29 years of age, educated at Live Oak, Florida, married to one, Bertie Lee Jacobs, Bradenton, Florida on September 21, 1925, having one child by said marriage, Jacob Kight, eight years of age, who resides with his mother at Manatee, Florida. Kight claims to be separated from his wife.

Kight also conveyed to Agent the fact that he had been arrested by the Federal authorities at Fort Benning, Georgia in the year 1928, charged with using the mails to defraud, and was sentenced

in the Federal Court at Jacksonville, Florida, to 18 months' imprisonment in the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, being released in May 1929 from the U. S. Industrial Reformatory at Chillicothe, Ohio; that he was ordained a Baptist minister at Cross City, Dixie County, Florida on March 27, 1932 at the Scrubb Creek Baptist Church.

Prior to his arrival in New York City in September 1934, he resided at Manatee, Florida, and his only living relative is a brother, Andrie G. Night of Live Oak, Florida.

Mr. Night at the conclusion of his interview claimed not to be practicing his profession as a Baptist minister, was on Federal relief, and his only occupation is that of selling razor blades.

With a view to determining whether one, Harry Commons was employed on a boat traveling between the ports of New York and Germany, and also New York and Miami, Florida, this Agent interviewed Jesse Cox, Agent in Charge, U. S. Shipping Commission, Room 213, Custom House, New York City, where there is kept a record of all season chipping out of the Port of New York for foreign ports or coastwise trips on ships flying the American flag.

Mr. Cox, after checking his records, advised that he had no record of an individual bearing the name Commons.

Interview was also had with Miss D. O'Neill, Secretary to C. J. Beck, Managing Director, Hamburg American, North German Lloyd Line, 57 Broadway, W. J. Sloan, General Manager's Office, United States Lines, 1 Broadway, C. L. Conway, Cashier, United States Navigation Company, 17 Battery Place, Mr. Stein, Red Star Line (Bernstein Line), 17 Battery Place, all of New York City, which steamship companies maintain service between the ports of New York and Germany.

The records of these companies failed to reflect the employment of any individual by the name of Harry Commons on any of their ships.

Special Agent R. E. Lawrence of this office, checked the records of the Clyde-Mallery Line, New York City, which company operates ships between New York and Miami, Florida, and this company also had no record of the employment of Harry Commons.

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Mr. Kelly, of the Seamen's Church Institute, New York City, after checking the records of his Institute, advised of having no record of an individual by the name of Harry Commons as ever stopping at the Seamen's Institute.

Arrangements were made by this Agent with the various shipping companies where interviews were had to notify the New York Bureau Office should anyone by the name of Commons make application for employment with these respective companies.

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Record of Telephone Call or Visitor

6-4 1935.

Time 2:10

Name Mr. Haackinson

Referred to _____

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Requested that the attached be given to you. States he will be in the Department press room and will call again.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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I haven't time to deny silly reports. None of our agents is talking in Tacoma or any other place & no copy of ransom money has been obtained from our men.

J. E. H.

Mr. Haackinson

George Dyer

Mr. Hoover:

The seattle AP office has wire here and my office has asked me to see you about the following:

Hearst service is carrying alleged developments as office "inside" from DOJ agents. Which AP is NOT able to confirm or deny and may be pure guesswork.

BUT Hearst obtained a copy of ransom note by bribery, Seattle AP says, from either local official or DOJ man.

He asks that I ask you that AP men out there get at least "an even break."

Haakinson.

Before you told me there would be NO information given out there and NO official DOJ spokesman on coast. That all information would come out of Washington here. Is there any change in this or can you give me status for AP men out there?

I will wait in the press room-Phone
extension 645

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington Field Office, Room 5745
Washington, D. C.

June 8, 1935.

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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Penn. Ave. at 9th. St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

George 3 ang. hauser
Please be advised that in accordance with the request of Mr. Foxworth, of the Bureau, the Washington Field Office secured a list of the Regional Offices of the Home Owners' Loan Corporation and has mailed to each of these offices a copy of the ransom list in the Weyerhaeuser case. A copy of this list is being attached hereto for the information of the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

J. M. Keith
J. M. KEITH, *of*
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Portland

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LIST OF HOME OWNERS' LOAN CORPORATION REGIONAL OFFICES.

1. Mr. Charles F. Cotter, Regional Manager
HOLC
North Station Industrial Bldg.,
Boston, Mass.
2. Mr. Merrill Hunt, Reg. Mgr.
HOLC
McGraw-Hill Bldg.,
330 W. 42nd St.,
New York City
3. Mr. James H. Gilman, Reg. Mgr.
HOLC
Equitable Bldg.
Baltimore, Md.
4. Mr. C. Stott Noble, Reg. Mgr.
HOLC
Bell Telephone Bldg.,
Cincinnati, Ohio
5. Mr. Hugh B. Fleece, Reg. Mgr.
HOLC
John Silvey Bldg.,
Atlanta, Ga.
6. Mr. Lewis Burnett, Reg. Mgr.
HOLC
Sterick Bldg.
Memphis, Tenn.
7. Mr. Charles W. Collins, Acting Reg. Mgr.
HOLC
20 North Wacker Drive
Chicago, Ill.
8. Mr. Harry C. Peiker, Reg. Mgr.
HOLC
National Bank Bldg.
Detroit, Mich.
9. Mr. Ivor S. MacFarlane, Reg. Mgr.
HOLC
Woodmen of the World Bldg.
Omaha, Nebraska
10. Mr. Joseph R. Smith, Reg. Mgr.
HOLC
Dallas Cotton Exchange Bldg.
Dallas, Texas.
11. Col. Thos. A. Driscoll, Reg. Mgr.
HOLC
444 California Street,
San Francisco, Calif.

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June 14, 1935.

Mr. J. O. Flaherty,
c/o James O. Flaherty and Company,
486 California Street,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter
of June 6, 1935 relative to the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping
case and wish to thank you for the suggestion contained
therein.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-San Francisco (with copies incoming letter)
Mr. Connelley " " " "

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JAMES G. FLAHERTY & CO.

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SPECIALISTS IN
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INACTIVE ISSUES

486 CALIFORNIA STREET
SAN FRANCISCO

June 6, 1925.

Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

A "hunch" is not much help in big and important cases but having one in the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping I am constrained to submit it for what it is worth.

The family name is an unusual one and when it first appeared in the press in connection with this case I recalled to mind a full and extensive group of articles that appeared in "Fortune" magazine. Searching thru my files I find the issue to be April 1934. A very comprehensive history of the family is set forth as well as extolling the size and magnitude of the wealth and property controlled and owned.

May it not be possible that the kidnaper's name will appear on the list of subscribers of this unusual publication. Some recent change of address may be the clue that would unfold the story.

For what it is worth, to be developed as you see fit, I submit herewith my musing on the subject.

Respectfully yours,

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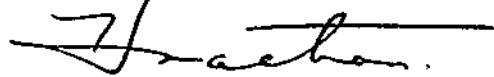
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Re: Unknown subjects
George Weyerhaeuser, victim
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

There is being forwarded to you today by air mail a piece of cloth found by the Special Agents of this Bureau near Issaquah, Washington, yesterday evening, June 7. This portion of cloth resembles those used as markers along the roads during the pay-off in the above mentioned case. No attempt has been made to develop latent prints thereon.

Very truly yours,



Harold Nathan
Assistant Director

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June 14, 1935.

Lieutenant C. L. Bonk,
Erie Railroad Police,
Kent, Ohio.

Dear Lieutenant Bonk:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 7, 1935, and the newspaper clipping inclosed therewith, relative to the Meyerhaeuser kidnaping case, and desire to thank you for forwarding this information to me.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Detroit (with copies incoming letter and inclosure)
Mr. Connelley " " " " " "

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[Handwritten signature]

[Circular stamp: RECEIVED JUN 15 1935]
[Handwritten signature]



ERIE RAILROAD COMPANY

In your reply please
refer to our file

Kent, Ohio June 7th, 1935.

United States Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, DC.,
Edgar J. Hoover Director.

Dear Sir:-

This may not be of any value to you, however I feel that
it was too good to pass up,

When standing at the Erie Railroad, and the Main Street
Crossing, watching my chances too get across the Street, yesterday
at 8 O'Clock PM, a grayish sedan come up, going eastward, the machine
bearing out of state license plates, which I believe they were with
light background, and when same was passing me I noticed there were
three men and a real blond woman in car, evidently one of the
occupants must of noticed me, and they all took a very sharp look
at me, the men in the front seat and the woman who was on the right
hand side of the car, even so far as to turn their heads towards me.

Their action made me believe that they might be some
outlaw, and at the same time come to me that they might be, the
outfit in the recent kidnapping of the boy in the state of Wash.,
when looking through the Akron Beacon Journal daily paper today I
noticed the story on the front page, which I am enclosing,

Hoping this may be of some value to you.

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I Am Yours truly,

Lieut. of Erie Railroad Police.

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BLONDE HUNTED IN KIDNAP CASE

Trans-U.S. Highways Watch-
ed For Pretty Woman,
3 Male Friends

By HAROLD HEROUX

International News Service Staff Writer
TACOMA, Wash., June 7.—

Transcontinental highways leading from the Pacific northwest to gang hangouts in Chicago and St. Paul were being closely watched today for three men and a beautiful blond woman, who are suspects in the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping case.

The wanted quartet was last seen at Brigham City, Utah, 75 miles north of Salt Lake City, yesterday, and were believed nearing Cheyenne, Wyo., this morning.

In Large Automobile

The suspects were riding in a large automobile which left a garage near the Winthrop hotel in downtown Tacoma, two days before little George Weyerhaeuser was snatched for \$200,000 ransom.

Trail of the three men and the woman was picked up by Floyd Anderson, a gasoline station operator, when they stopped for gasoline, food and rest. Although the suspects were reported to have passed a \$10 bill—one of the ransom notes—department of justice agents here denied the bill was "hot."

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June 18, 1935

Mr. B. Ruben,
Manager,
Hotel Coolidge,
129-131 West 47th Street,
New York, New York.

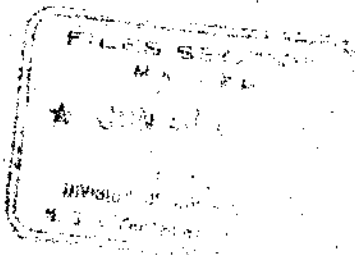
Dear Sir:

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your
letter of June 8, 1935 relative to the Eyerhaeuser
kidnaping case, and to thank you for the suggestion
contained therein.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc - New York (with copies incoming letter)
Mr. Connelley



HOTEL COOLIDGE
129-131 WEST 47TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

BRYANT 9-3200
9-3201
9-3202
9-3203

HOTELIST. MARGARET
120-122 WEST 47TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

BRYANT 9-7062
9-7063
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JUN 8 1935

Bureau of Investigation
Washington D C
Gentlemen: I operated both
of the above hotels. & my
clerk check your list
of paerson bills used in
the Weyerhausen Case. Had
in the papers about bills
being found couldnt you
in some way publish these
numbers so that we could
cross these bill numbers
of the book.

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It would make the task
much easier.

Very truly yours,
B. Rubin
manager

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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June 7, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Time - 11:20 A. M.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS -
GEORGE WEYERHAEUSER - Victim;
Kidnaping

Mr. Purvis called from the Chicago office and advised that a man by the name of Edwin Krause of Chicago called the office and stated that he was present at a Sinclair Filling Station, located at the southwest corner of Keating and Fullerton Avenues at 10:00 A. M. today when a woman drove up in a light tan car, bearing Illinois license number 91-514. She purchased some gas and gave a \$10.00 bill to the filling station attendant and he went into the station and checked it against the ransom list, which he had there, later coming out and telling the woman that he could not cash it for the reason that it was a ransom note. He gave the \$10.00 bill back to the woman and Mr. Krause was present at the time.

Mr. Krause secured the license number of the car, which was issued to William F. Block, 2319 North Keating Avenue. Mr. Purvis said they are checking the story at the filling station and also are checking the house. I told him to be very cautious about checking the house as the people might escape if they are the right ones. He said he would advise me of any developments as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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Mr. Smith.....
Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....

HOME OWNERS' LOAN CORPORATION

REGIONAL OFFICE

EQUITABLE BUILDING
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

June 8th, 1935

Mr. John Edgar Hoover,
Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We have yours of the 30th and
we certainly will give this matter our attention.

Yours very truly,

James H. Gilman
James H. Gilman,
Regional Manager.

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June 14, 1935.

Mr. George J. Marott,
President,
The Marott Hotel,
North Meridian Street and Boulevard,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Mr. Marott:

I appreciate very much the offer of full cooperation contained in your letter of June 7, 1935, and at the same time want to tell you that your comments relative to the work of this Bureau in kidnaping cases were very gratifying.

With best wishes and kind regards,
I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

J. Edgar Hoover

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N. MERIDIAN ST. & BOULEVARD
TELEPHONE-TALBOT 4800

The Marrott

Apartment Hotel



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INDIANAPOLIS,
IND.

June 7, 1935

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We wish to thank you for sending us
the list by serial number of ransom bills which
were recently paid in a kidnapping case and
assure you that you may expect our fullest co-
operation in checking all cash on hand.

Further, we wish to say that we
certainly appreciate the wonderful efforts
being made on the part of the Bureau of Inves-
tigation in bringing justice in these distressing
cases.

Yours very truly,

THE MAROTT

Geo. J. Marrott
Geo. J. Marrott,
President.

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FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

PORTLAND, OREGON

N.Y. FILE NO. 7-242

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REPORT MADE AT: NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE: 6/7/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 6/4/35	REPORT MADE BY: JOHN A. SMITH, JR.
TITLE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; GEORGE WEYERHAEUSER, VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Man about 35 years of age, evidently Swedish-American or German-American who gave name as "Lind", and who drove tan 1930 model Chevrolet coupe bearing license numbers, (District of Columbia, 1935,) 319346 or 319364, passed two \$10 bills in Bronx, N.Y. on morning of June 3, 1935 under suspicious circumstances. Investigation failed to disclose that bills passed were a part of monies paid as ransom in instant case.

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During the morning of June 4, 1935, Mrs. Art Sayles, who with her husband operates a garage at 2512 Boston Post Road, Bronx, New York, telephonically communicated with Special Agent H. P. Dolan, and informed him that during the early morning of June 3, 1935, a man driving a tan Chevrolet automobile had had repair work done at the garage, and after behaving in a very peculiar manner, had paid the charges for the repairs with two \$10. bills. It was understood by Special Agent Dolan that the man had had license plates on his car issued in the State of Washington.

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Agent proceeded to 2512 Boston Post Road, Bronx, New York, and there interviewed Mr. and Mrs. Sayles. Information was procured to the effect that during the early morning of June 3, 1935, at about two or three o'clock, someone at Warner-Quinlan Service Station #51, Pelham Parkway South on Boston Post Road, Bronx, New York, had called the Sayles garage and asked that a tow car be sent for an automobile which was broken down near the service station.

Mr. Sayles then proceeded to the filling station, and thereafter to a point on Barker Avenue on Pelham Parkway North, where he found a 1930 Chevrolet coupe, and near the car a man evidently the owner. This man appeared to be exceptionally nervous and though the evening was cool, there were beads of sweat on his face. The automobile was pulled to the Sayles garage, the man riding in the tow car. At the garage it was found that the automobile's steering mechanism was damaged, and that it would be impossible to repair the car before certain accessory houses opened up in the morning of June 3, 1935. The man insisted his automobile be promptly repaired, and offered to pay excessive prices for the repairs, if his car could be put in condition promptly.

When the man was questioned for information for a police report regarding his automobile, he after much hesitation, stated that his name was "Lind", and finally gave his address as 205-D, N.E., which probably is a Washington, D.C. address. He furnished no information as to the city in which he resided. He requested information regarding the most convenient way to travel to the downtown section of New York City, and evidently was unfamiliar with the city, but remarked that it would take him only a short time to make connections in the city.

He returned for his automobile about 9:30 A.M. June 3, 1935 without having phoned to ascertain whether the car were ready for him. His bill was considerably padded to allow for payment to the filling station employee for his calling the garage, and the bill totaled \$17.55. The bill was paid without any quibbling, with two nearly new \$10. bills. The money was actually taken by Mr. Barney Prevost, an employee of the garage, who together with Mr. and Mrs. Sayles furnished description of the man driving the automobile.

The automobile was, as stated above, a 1930 model Chevrolet coupe. It was described as being "pig-skin tan", and it was stated that the "turtleback" cover over the luggage compartment was dented in as if someone had stood on it. The spare tire was carried on the rear of the car and was covered with a black fabric cover, and bore the name and address of a firm which was stated to have been something like "Good Will Co." or "Good Cheer Co." It was stated that the name was not Goodyear, and that the address of the firm was not Washington. No one at the garage made any notation of the license plates on the car, nor did they make any notation as to the motor number. No notation was made of the numbers of the bills with which "Lind" paid for the charges on his car. Mr. Prevost noted however, that "Lind" had a large roll of ten dollar bills.

Mr. Sayles was positive that the car bore District of Columbia plates issued for the year 1935, and Mrs. Sayles stated that she was positive that the first three figures appearing on the plates were 319, inasmuch as she had recently won at "policy" on that combination of numerals. She stated that the last three figures appearing on the plates were either 346 or 364. It therefore appears that the automobile bore 1935 District of Columbia plates numbered 319346 or 319364.

A description of "Lind" as given jointly by Mr. Prevost, Mr. Sayles and Mrs. Sayles, is as follows:

Name:	"Lind"
Address:	205-D N.E. (probably Wash.D.C.)
Age:	About 35 yrs.
Height:	6' 1"
Weight:	180-185 lbs.
Hair:	Sandy (reddish)
Complexion:	Ruddy
Eyes:	Unknown
Nationality:	Swedish-American or German-American
Marks or Scars:	None
Tattoos:	None
Teeth:	Not noted
Dress:	White shirt - gray tweed suit - no hat.
Peculiarities:	Used good English; appeared to be fairly well-educated; was extremely nervous; however, this might have been a temporary condition.

Mr. Prevost stated that he gave one of the \$10. bills received to an operator of a filling station about half a block down the street for change, and that the second bill was changed at Cohen's drugstore, 2462 Holland Avenue, Bronx, New York.

Agent interviewed Mr. M. Cohen, owner of the drugstore at 2462 Holland Avenue, Bronx, New York, who exhibited four \$10. bills, three of which were Federal Reserve Certificates numbered as follows:

X B-03753413A
 X B-02896011A
 X B-45903813A

and the fourth was a silver certificate, 1934 series, numbered A-08253475-A. He stated that a deposit had been made by him at about 12:30 P.M. June 3, 1935, and that the bill which came from the Sayles garage may have been deposited with other monies at the Allerton Avenue Branch of the Bank of Manhattan Company, corner of Allerton Avenue and White Plains Road, Bronx, New York.

Agent proceeded to Branch #65, which is the Allerton Avenue Branch of the Bank of Manhattan Company, and there interviewed Mr. Charles Oktavac, Manager, and Morris Mandelowitz, Assistant Manager. Information was obtained from these gentlemen that Mr. Cohen had an account with their Branch, but that monies deposited by him on June 3, 1935, had been forwarded during the morning of June 4, 1935 to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Agent did not disclose the reason for inquiry to Mr. Cohen, but did inform officials interviewed at Branch #65 of the Bank of Manhattan Company that inquiry was made in an attempt to locate bills which had been passed under suspicious circumstances, and which might have composed a part of ransom money.

Agent contacted the man to whom the second bill was given at the Shell Filling Station. He stated that this bill might have been deposited in a nearby Branch of the Public National Bank, but that it was thought that the bill was given to a customer, name and address unknown.

None of the persons handling the bills concerned herein, made any notation as to the serial numbers appearing thereon.

It is here noted that one thing which particularly excited Mr. and Mrs. Sayles' suspicion, was that the man "Lind" made none of the usual inquiries concerning the cost of the repairs to his automobile, and while he stated during the early morning of June 3, 1935 that he knew little about the City of New York, he later informed Mr. Barney Prevost that he came through New York very often. It was further thought suspicious that the automobile contained no baggage of any sort but did contain numerous road maps. None of the persons who examined the car noted what states the road maps were for, except that there was one map for New York and New Jersey.

Inasmuch as there was nothing to indicate that the bills passed by "Lind" composed a part of the ransom payment made in this case, further investigation was not made. It is also noted that investigation was begun because of the impression conveyed by Mrs. Sayles to the effect that the automobile bore plates issued by the State of Washington.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Portland, Oregon

FILE NO. 7-73

REPORT MADE AT: Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 6-6-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 6-3-35	REPORT MADE BY: Dwight Brantley
TITLE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; GEORGE PHILLIP WEYERHAEUSER - Victim 0			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Marian Williams received Oklahoma State Penitentiary 9-15-28, and is still confined there; absent for a short time only in 1931. Lists of ransom notes distributed in Oklahoma.

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REFERENCE: Telegram from E. J. Connelley, Tacoma, 6-5-35.

DETAILS: Upon receipt of the telegram of reference, Mr. R. A. Shackelford, Record Clerk of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, was contacted by long distance telephone and stated that Marian Williams, #19409, was received at said institution on September 15, 1928, from Mayes County, Oklahoma, for robbery of the Bank of Salina, Oklahoma, to serve a term of twenty-five years, and that Williams is still confined to the institution; that he was absent on only one occasion, which was from April 18, 1931 until April 29, 1931, at which time he was in custody of officers of the State of Kansas.

Mr. Connelley was notified hereof by telegram on June 5, 1935.

DETAILS

Lists of the ransom notes in this case have been distributed in the State of Oklahoma.

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June 14, 1935.

Mr. Henry B. Lewis,
Chief of Police,
Fort Worth, Texas.

My dear Chief:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 6, 1935 requesting twelve additional copies of the list of ransom bills paid in the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping case. I am instructing Mr. F. J. Blake, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 420 Post Office Building, Dallas, Texas, to immediately furnish you with the requested lists. Your cooperation in examining all bills coming into your possession, for the purpose of locating any of the bills which are described in the list, will be greatly appreciated.

I wish to assure you of the desire of this Bureau to cooperate with you at all times in matters of mutual interest.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Dallas (with copies incoming letter)
Mr. Connelley " " " "

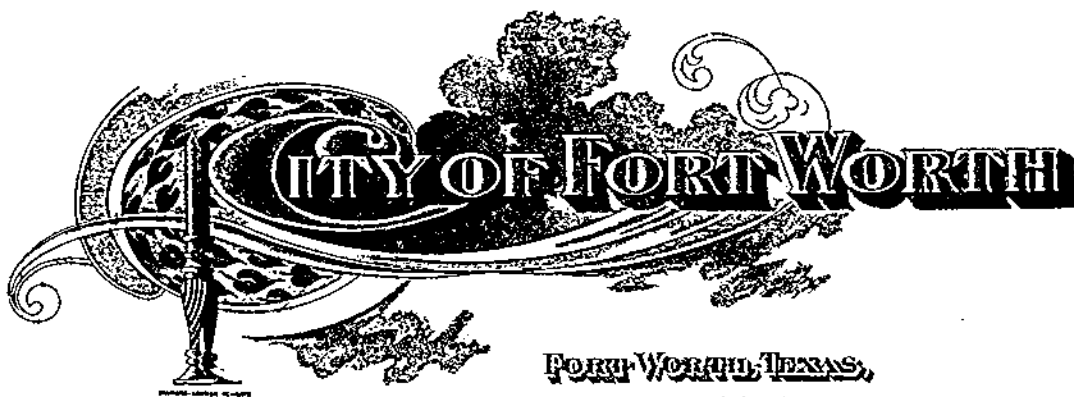
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VAN ZANDT JARVIS, MAYOR

GEO. D. FAIRTRACE, CITY MANAGER



Mr. J. E. Hoover,
Director Bureau Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir;

This is to acknowledge list of ransom
bills paid in kidnaping case at Tacoma, Wash.

If possible, this Department would like
to have some twelve additional copies of this
list.

Yours very truly,

Henry B. Lewis
HENRY B. LEWIS
CHIEF OF POLICE

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DIRECTOR FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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June 7, 1935.

Honorable J. E. Hoover,
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of the 30th ultimo, together with a list of ransom bills paid in kidnapping cases, please be informed that this matter was made the subject of a circular letter to all officers in the Florida district.

In event information is obtained concerning the location of any of the ransom money the same will be promptly furnished the nearest office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation,

Yours very truly,

Joseph H. Hallis

JOSEPH H. HALLIS,
District Director,
Immigration and Naturalization Service,
Jacksonville District.

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June 14, 1935.

Mr. Augustus Gumpert, Manager,
Hotel Harrington,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 8, 1935 requesting an additional list of the numbers of the ransom bills paid in the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping case. I am instructing Mr. J. M. Keith, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 5745 U. S. Department of Justice Building, Washington, D. C., to immediately furnish you with the requested list.

Your cooperation in examining all bills coming into your possession, for the purpose of locating any of the bills which are described in this list, will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Washington Field (with copies incoming letter)
Mr. Connelley " " " "

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HARRINGTON MILLS
PRESIDENT



AUGUSTUS GUMPERT
MANAGER

HOTEL HARRINGTON

ELEVENTH, TWELFTH & E STREETS, N.W.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

June 8, 1935.

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

If not inconsistent with your policy, will you please
mail me an additional list of the numbers of the ransom bills in
the kidnaping case, such as you sent me under date of May 30th.

Your consideration will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A. Gumpert
Augustus Gumpert,
Manager.

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Geo. O. Weyenhauer

Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, N. Y.

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June 4, 1935

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Agreeable with instructions received by phone yesterday from Mr. Tamm of the Bureau, I am enclosing herein 28 separate specimens of blue, green and blue-green paper presently or in the past used by the Western Union Telegraph Company in the creation of its various forms.

As far as the main office is concerned, some of these forms are obsolete and have been supplanted by similar forms printed on paper of different colors. However, instructions to all offices are to the effect that all supplies on hand must be exhausted before new stationery is put into use. This, in the case of isolated or not over-busy offices, might result in so-called obsolete forms continuing in use over a period possibly of several years.

Among the assortment included herein are two sheets bound together by a small staple, on which, in pencil, are inscribed the words "Used for weather signals only. Kept in main operating rooms only". This is the unprinted form upon which the various field offices of the company are in the habit of printing weather forecasts for later display upon bulletin boards. There would probably be no great difficulty in securing a piece of this type of paper at a Western Union office.

It is to be noted that on the face of most of the forms enclosed appear the words "Revised Form. Courier Citizen", with a given date. The significance of this legend consists of the

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fact that it indicates the actual printer for the Western Union Company, namely, The Courier Citizen of Lowell, Massachusetts.

When the matter was first broached to the attention of the gentleman in charge of the Supply Division of the Western Union Telegraph Company, he immediately asked if he might be permitted to examine the specimen sheet presently being examined at the Bureau which would, he felt, certain, permit him to immediately identify the particular form to which it might belong. When it was explained that such a course would be impossible, he then gathered the collection of forms which you now have before you.

Confirming again my telephonic conversation with Mr. Tamm at the Bureau this afternoon, please be advised that Mr. Benjamin Mathews of the Purchasing and Supply Division of the Western Union Telegraph Company and who is in a position to determine the origin of any and all paper used by the Western Union Company, will leave New York for Washington tomorrow night on company business. He will stop at the Washington Hotel upon arrival at Washington and will be pleased to place his services at the disposal of the Laboratory should such a course be desired. He may be reached on Thursday morning at the hotel above noted.

Very truly yours,

H. WHITLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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WEYERNAP LETTER BEING FORWARDED AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY. TODAY SETTING
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 FORWARDING LISTS REQUESTED FOR THIS PURPOSE PENDING RECEIPT MY LETTER.
 AS LISTS TO BE SENT DIRECT TO DISTRICT MANAGERS. UNNECESSARY FORWARD
 TWENTY THOUSAND LARGE MANILA ENVELOPES PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED. HOWEVER,
 NEED 500 ADDITIONAL RANSOM LISTS. FOR LOCAL DISTRIBUTION

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Mr. Schilder	
Mr. Spith	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

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Geo. Weyernap

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 Mr. Quinn

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 J. E. Foxworth

PARK A. FINDLEY
CHIEF OF BUREAU

State of Iowa
Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

Des Moines

June 8, 1935.

EDWARD L. O'CONNOR
ATTORNEY GENERAL

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of yours
of May 30th, enclosing List of Ransom Bills
Paid in Recent Kidnaping Case, for which we
thank you.

We have included an item in our daily
broadcast over the Iowa State Police Radio
System asking that all currency be carefully
scrutinized, and giving list of offices having
available the numbers of the ransom bills.

We assure you that it is a pleasure to
cooperate with you at all times.

Yours very truly,

G. L. Schmidt

G. L. Schmidt
Acting Chief

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Re: Wayne's case

The Omaha National Bank
Omaha, Nebraska

June 7, 1935

Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your booklet
of May 30, 1935, listing the numbers of the
ransom bills paid in the recent kidnaping case,
and note instructions therein.

It is our intention to cooperate to
the fullest extent, and all departments have been
notified to scrutinize carefully all currency de-
posits.

In the event that any of these bills
should appear, your local office will be promptly
notified.

Yours very truly,

J. E. Hoover

Cashier.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
503-A U S COURT HOUSE AND P O BUILDING
SALT LAKE CITY UTAH

NEWSPAPERS ARE REQUESTING TO BE PERMITTED TO INTERVIEW AND PHOTOGRAPH THE
TWO PRISONERS HELD IN THE WEYERHAEUSER CASE STOP I HAVE INFORMED THE PRESS
THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL EITHER OF THESE REQUESTS BE GRANTED STOP
MAKE CERTAIN THAT NO ONE CONTACTS EITHER OF THESE PRISONERS OTHER THAN
REPRESENTATIVES OF THIS BUREAU

HOOVER

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Baughman.....
Chief Clerk.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Keith.....
Mr. Lester.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Scheldt.....
Mr. Schilder.....
Mr. Smith.....
Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....

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Mr. H. E. Teachout, Manager,
Teachout and Company,
Teachout Building,
East Fifth and Locust Streets,
Des Moines, Iowa.

June 14, 1935.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 7, 1935 requesting two copies of the list of ransom bills paid in the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping case. I am instructing Mr. J. A. Dowd, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 629 First National Bank Building, Omaha, Nebraska, to immediately furnish you with the requested lists.

Your cooperation in examining all bills coming into your possession, for the purpose of locating any of the bills which are described in the list, will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Omaha (with copies incoming letter)
Mr. Connelley " " " "

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TEACHOUT AND COMPANY

HAROLD E. TEACHOUT

C. B. HEXTELL, COUNSEL

GERTRUDE T. SANBORN

RENTALS • REAL ESTATE • INSURANCE

OFFICES TEACHOUT BUILDING

East Fifth and Locust Streets

DES MOINES

June 7, 1935

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Dept., of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Considerable currency passes through this office during the month's business, and if consistent, we would appreciate two of the bound lists of bills issued to the kidnappers of the Weyerhaeuser boy. Some of our currency comes from sources where this sort of money might possibly reach; that is, pool hall and beer parlor.

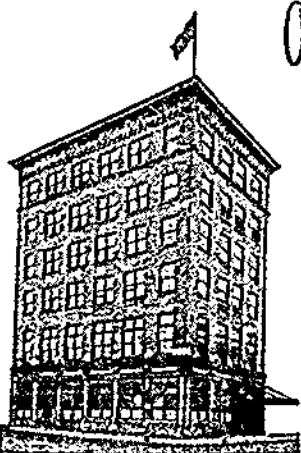
With these lists at hand we would be glad to report direct to you any bills listed therein.

Respectfully,

Teachout & Co.

By

H. E. Teachout
Manager.



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JUN 10 1935
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SUCCESSORS TO THE ESTATE OF

FEDERAL BUREAU
Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
908 Rust Building
Tacoma, Washington

June 4, 1935

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
George Weyerhaeuser - Victim
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

For the information of the Bureau the following Agents are now located at Tacoma in connection with the investigation of the instant case and their respective addresses are set out:

Connelley, E. J., 412 Winthrop Hotel, Tacoma, Washington.
Dunn, J. E. P., Tacoma Hotel.
Spears, C. C., Winthrop Hotel.
Fallon, J. L., Winthrop Hotel.
Simons, R. H., 820 Winthrop Hotel.
Arms, L. W., 820 Winthrop Hotel.
Deere, A. T., Winthrop Hotel.
Wood, W. F., Winthrop Hotel.
Blackburn, W. G., 404 Winthrop Hotel.
Dawsey, T. W., #360 Tacoma Hotel.
Clifford, T. M., Winthrop Hotel.
Brightman, D. M., 925 Winthrop Hotel.
Stone, F. M., 608 Winthrop Hotel.
Ryan, W. C., 908 Winthrop Hotel.
Lindquist, M. B., 804 Winthrop Hotel.
Ramsey, Jr., W. R., Winthrop Hotel.
Bowling, W. K., Earl Hotel, Seattle, Washington
McCormick, D. L., Earl Hotel, Seattle, Washington
White, C. D., Earl Hotel, Seattle, Washington.
Malone, L. F., Earl Hotel, Seattle, Washington.
Cimperman, John, Winthrop Hotel, Tacoma, Washington
Birch, T. M., Winthrop Hotel.
Fletcher, H. W., Winthrop Hotel.
Wills, W. D., Winthrop Hotel
Dorris, E. C., Winthrop Hotel.
Merritt, E. K., Winthrop Hotel
Banister, W. G., Winthrop Hotel
Notestein, Edward, Earl Hotel, Seattle, Washington.
Durkin, J. F., Jr., Winthrop Hotel, Tacoma, Washington.

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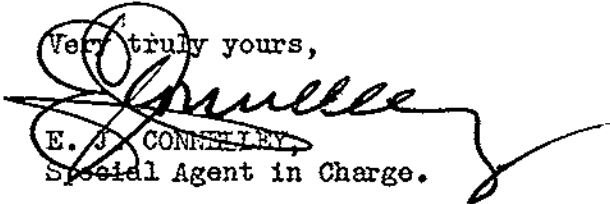
Lawrance, R. E., Winthrop Hotel, Tacoma, Washington.
Graham, Jr. R. B., Winthrop Hotel,
Eberstein, R. C., Winthrop Hotel.

The following clerical help is now at Tacoma:

Bossi, Mary T., Winthrop Hotel
Brekke, Edward, 926 Winthrop Hotel.
Hoffman, M. J., Winthrop Hotel.

EJC:Br
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cc-Portland

Very truly yours,


E. J. CONNELLEY
Special Agent in Charge.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

PEF:CSH

June 6, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

1:40 P.M.

RE: GEORGE WEYERHAEUSER, Victim, KIDNAPING.

I called Mr. Ladd of the Washington Field Office and requested that he ascertain the addresses of the regional offices of the Home Owners Loan Corporation for the purpose of sending ransom lists to said offices. Mr. Ladd stated he would ascertain the addresses, advise the Bureau of the number of said offices, and have the ransom lists mailed by the Washington Field Office personnel.

Respectfully,

P. E. Foxworth.
P. E. Foxworth.

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7-1367-583

Mr. Fred H. Moos,
Vice President,
The First National Bank of Baker,
Baker, Oregon.

June 14, 1935.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 5, 1935 requesting another list of the ransom bills paid in the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping case. I am instructing Mr. C. C. Spears, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 411 United States Court House Building, Portland, Oregon, to immediately furnish you with the requested list.

Your cooperation in examining all bills coming into your possession, for the purpose of locating any of the bills which are described in this list, will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Portland (with copies incoming letter)
Mr. Connelley " " " "

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THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BAKER

ESTABLISHED 1883

BAKER, OREGON

June 5, 1935

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We are wondering if it would be possible for
you to send us another list of the ransom bills
paid in the recent Weyerhauser kidnapping case.

Yours very truly,

Fred H. Moes

FRED H. MOES
Vice President

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7-1367-584

June 14, 1935.

Mr. A. A. Frentzel,
7 Northeast Oregon Street,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 7, 1935 relative to the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping case and to thank you for the suggestion contained therein.

Your request for a copy of the list of ransom bills paid in this case has been noted and I am instructing Mr. C. C. Spears, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 411 United States Court House Building, Portland, Oregon, to immediately furnish you with the requested list.

Your cooperation in examining all bills coming into your possession, for the purpose of locating any of the bills which are described in this list, will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Portland (with copies incoming letter)
Mr. Connelley " " " "

200 ROOMS
100 BATHS

The Outstanding Hotel on the Pacific Highway



EUGENE HOTEL

EUGENE, OREGON

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Connelley

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Federal Bureau of Wash
U. S. Dept of Justice
Wash. D. C.
Gentlemen

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George W. Hansen
I would suggest
copies of list of Samson bills
paid in kidnaping cost to
sent to large business houses
that employ traveling men
These men are alert & would
greatly assist in large net
work & apprehend the kidnapers
Please forward copy to me
Portland, Ore. A. A. Frenzel
7 N. E. Oregon St

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EUGENE HOTEL
Eugene, Oregon

6/7/35

Federal Bureau of Wash.
U. S. Dept. of Justice
Wash., D. C.

Gentlemen:-

I would suggest that copies of list of ransom bills paid in kidnaping case be sent to large business houses that employ traveling men. These men are alert & would greatly assist in large net work to apprehend the kidnapers. Please forward copy to me.

/s/ A. A. Frentzel
7 N. E. Oregon St.
Portland, Oregon.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

June 9, 1935.

(Time 3:00 P. M.)

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Weyerhaeuser Case.

Mr. Connelley telephoned from Salt Lake City and advised that the man in custody there now states he obtained the money in his possession by "rolling" a man in Butte on May 25 or 26. He said he would call Mr. Deaderick at Butte and have him check with the police on this. He further advised that he thinks this man would come the closest to being the man who was at Huntington and he thinks he can get that dispatcher down by noon tomorrow to look at him. I asked Mr. Connelley if he thought there was any possibility that he was the man who talked over the telephone to Weyerhaeuser and he replied that he not gotten anything back yet on the pictures and if they obtained nothing better they would try this on the man. Mr. Connelley said the man had not talked yet as he was apparently worried by his penitentiary "raps" and it may check the wrong way. He said the man's story is that he was in Butte sometime after the 20th of May about the time the kidnapping occurred.

Very truly yours,

E. A. Tamm.

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Mr. Nathan	
Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Baughman	
Chief Clerk	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Edwards	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Keith	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Scheidt	.....
Mr. Schilder	.....
Mr. Smith	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
June 6, 1935.

Time 3:34 P. M.

MEMORANDUM

Re: Weyerhaeuser Case

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Scheldt
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Smith
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

Mr. Suydam telephoned and advised that the
* Associated Press has a report that the Hearst service from Chicago quotes Mr. Nathan as saying the kidnapers are known in the Weyerhaeuser case and the descriptions have been sent out. I replied that I have not talked to Mr. Nathan because he is in an aeroplane; also that I am certain he would not talk for publication. I also stated the descriptions of the three kidnapers as stated by the boy were given to the police and the newspapers of the Pacific coast a week ago and that perhaps that is the matter to which the report refers.

J. E. H.

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Mr. Charles F. Gotter,
Regional Manager,
Home Owners' Loan Corporation,
150 Causeway Street,
Boston, Massachusetts.

June 13, 1935.

Your Reference

Ex-1

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 8, 1935, requesting eight additional copies of the list of ransom money which was paid in the Weyerhaeuser kidnapping case. I am instructing Mr. C. D. McKee, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 1002 Post Office and Court House Building, Boston, Massachusetts, to immediately furnish you with the requested number of copies of this list.

Your cooperation in examining all bills coming into your possession, for the purpose of locating any of the bills which are described in this list, will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Boston (with copies incoming letter)

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REGIONAL OFFICE
HOME OWNERS' LOAN CORPORATION

150 CAUSEWAY STREET
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

June 8th
1935

In Reply Refer
To: Ex-1

John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Re: List of Ransom Bills Paid
in Kidnaping Case

Dear Sir:

In order to facilitate the work of
examining currency in connection with ransom
bills paid in kidnaping case, we would
appreciate receiving additional copies of the
above-captioned List so that we may distribute
them to the following collection offices in this
Region:

Lawrence, Mass.
Fall River, Mass.
Springfield, Mass.
Worcester, Mass.
Manchester, New Hampshire
Portland, Maine
Providence, Rhode Island
Rutland, Vermont

Yours very truly,

Charles F. Cottor
Charles F. Cottor
REGIONAL MANAGER

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WEST VIRGINIA NORTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY

1617 PENNSYLVANIA BOULEVARD

PHILADELPHIA

June 8, 1935

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter
of May 30 giving list of ransom bills paid in kidnap-
ing case.

While this Company does not conduct
passenger service, we shall however be pleased to co-
operate with you to the best of our ability.

Very truly yours,

H. T. Schenck
General Auditor.

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Mr. E. T. Scoyen, Superintendent,
National Park Service,
U. S. Department of the Interior,
Glacier National Park,
Belton, Montana.

June 14, 1935.

Attention: Mr. R. R. Vincent, Assistant Superintendent

Dear Sir:

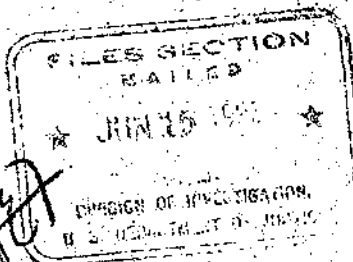
I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 5, 1935 requesting six additional copies of the list of ransom money paid in the Feyerhueser kidnapping case. I am instructing Mr. J. H. Dickason, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 302 Federal Building, Butte, Montana, to immediately furnish you with the requested lists.

Your cooperation in examining all bills coming into your possession, for the purpose of locating any of the bills which are described in the list, will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Butte (with copies incoming letter)
Mr. Connelley " " " "



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of National Parks
Buildings and Reservations
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

BELTON, MONTANA

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

June 5, 1935

Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Dept. of Justice,
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

Would it be possible to secure six additional copies of the list of the list of ransom currency in recent kidnaping case, submitted with your circular of May 30. These will be placed with rangers checking in automobile visitors at the different entrances to the Park and should any of this currency be taken up at such checking stations it could be immediately associated with an individual person or car.

Yours very truly,

E. T. Scoyen
Superintendent

By *P. P. Vincent*
Asst. Superintendent.

*Ack. & ref. (Butte Connelley)
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June 13, 1935.

Mr. J. G. Perr, Manager,
Esslingers' Distributing Company, Incorporated,
727-29 West Pratt Street,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 8, 1935 requesting a list of the ransom bills paid in the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping case. I have instructed Mr. J. M. Keith, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 5745 U. S. Department of Justice Building, Washington, D. C., to immediately furnish you with the requested list.

Your cooperation in examining all bills coming into your possession, for the purpose of locating any of the bills which are described in this list, will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Washington (with copies incoming letter)

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Esslingers

727-29 W. PRATT STREET
BALTIMORE, : : : : MD.

Distributing Co., Inc.

June 8th, 1935.



ESSLINGERS'
REPEAL
BEER

GOLD
COIN

DUBLIN
STOUT

KING PIN
BEER

ESSLINGERS'
BOCK

Department of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Please send us a list of the Weyerhaeuser
ransom note numbers.

Very truly yours,
Esslinger's Distributing Co.

J. S. Pan
Manager.

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June 14, 1935.

Mr. Art Colvin,
Colvin Brothers Chevrolet Company,
Sherburne, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 8, 1935 requesting a list of the ransom bills paid in the Meyerhaeuser kidnaping case. I am instructing Mr. H. E. Andersen, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 232 Post Office Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, to immediately furnish you with the requested list.

Your cooperation in examining all bills coming into your possession, for the purpose of locating any of the bills which are described in this list, will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-St. Paul (with copies incoming letter)
Mr. Connelley " " " "

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*COLVIN BROS. CHEVROLET CO.

AUTHORIZED DEALERS

SHERBURN, MINNESOTA

June 8-35

for Economical Transportation



Federal Bureau of Investigation.

U.S. Dept. of Justice

Wash D.C.

Dear Sirs:

As we are located on the main line between Chicago and the Coast and do a big tourist business, I wonder if we can obtain a "List of Ransom Bill Paid in Kidnapping Case". Thank You--

Yours Respy.

Colvin Bros Chev. Co.
by Art Colvin.

George Heymann

ack. & ref. (St. Paul)
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GOLVIN BROS. CHEVROLET CO.
Sherburn, Minnesota

June 8. 35

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Dept. of Justice
Wash D.C.

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/s/ Golvin Bros Chev. Co
by Art Golvin

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June 14, 1935.

Mr. M. Goldsmith,
52 Fourth Street,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

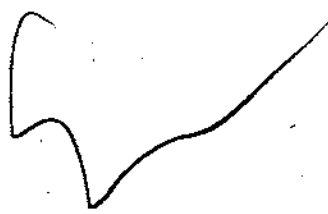
I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter
of June 6, 1935 relative to the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping
case and to thank you for the suggestion contained therein.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-San Francisco (with copies incoming letter)
Mr. Connelley " " " "

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M. GOLDSMIT
52 FOURTH ST.
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

June 6 1935

ack. & ref. (San J. Connelley)
6-14-35
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover:
Chief of Bureau of investigation
Washington D. C.
Dear Sir

Kindly excuse my presumption
in offering a suggestion.

Knowing how efficient your Bureau is
I daresay that you have already done
what I am suggesting.

As the Weyerhaeuser Kidnappers cannot
safely bank their loot, is it not possible
they have rented safe deposit boxes?
and by making inquiries you can find
out if they had done so in the various
banks in that neighborhood.

Knowing that you will eventually get
them. I am

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Yours Respectfully
M. Goldsmith

JUN 17 1935

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(STAMPED) M. Goldsmith
62 Fourth St.
San Francisco, California

June 6, 1935.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Chief of Bureau of Investigation
Washington D C.

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Yours Respectfully

/s/ M. Goldsmith

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June 14, 1935

Mr. James V. Wills,
Chief of Police,
Flint, Michigan.

My dear Chief:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 7, 1935 relative to information which you have received from Mr. A. B. Needham of your city relative to Doan Hartnoll of Vancouver, British Columbia, as a suspect in the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping case.

I wish to assure you that this information will receive appropriate attention, and desire to thank you for your courtesy in submitting it to me.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc - Detroit (with copies incoming letter)
Mr. Connelley

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JAMES V. WILLS, CHIEF

IN REPLY REFER TO OUR FILE NUMBER

June 7th, 1935

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the kidnapping of George Weyerhaeuser, Mr. A. B. Needham of 2030 Howard Street, this city, has furnished us with the following information.

He believes that one, Doan Hartnell, of Vancouver, British Columbia, may be a good suspect in connection with this case, probably not as an actual abductor but as a director of this kidnapping.

Doan Hartnell was born under circumstances near that which might be termed a bastard near Vassar in this state a little over 50 years ago. At the age of 7 or 8 he went to Gaylord, Michigan, with his father and remained there until he was about 20 years of age. During the time he was at Gaylord he was termed as a wild boy, but when about 20 years of age he took up a correspondence course in electrical engineering and later secured a job in connection with the power plant at Howell, Michigan.

He was involved in difficulties there in connection with his work and lost his job whereupon his father took him to the lumbering sections of British Columbia. His trouble at Howell is said to have been in the stealing of City supplies while employed at the power plant, but his father is supposed to have made restitution and thereby avoided any prosecution.

In British Columbia Hartnell was connected with the Wolverine Lumber Company operating at Lincoln, British Columbia. Our informant states that Doan Hartnell, while in British Columbia, became head of a fictitious lumber company known as the Mainland Lumber Company, and that there were many shady deals carried out by this man.

Two first cousins of Hartnell, Elmer and Grant, were sentenced to Leavenworth Prison in 1920 or thereabouts for Robbery Armed charges originating in or near Kansas City.

Hartnell is termed by relatives, as well as associates, as a bad actor according to our informant, and Mr. Needham believes that Hartnell has some connection with the Weyerhaeuser case.

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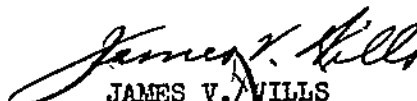
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, #2

Not being familiar with the findings of your department in connection with this investigation, and believing that Mr. Needham is sincere in his suspicions, we are passing this information on to you in order that you may weigh it and determine its value.

Very truly yours,


JAMES V. VILLS
Chief of Police

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June 14, 1935

Mr. Myer Leibowitz,
Attorney at Law,
18 East 41st Street,
New York, New York.

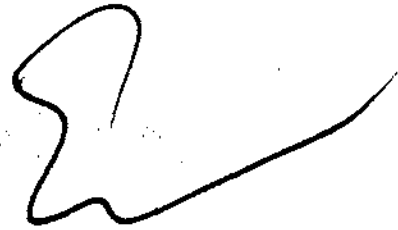
Dear Sir:

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your
letter of June 8, 1935 relative to the Weyerhaeuser
kidnaping case, and to thank you for the suggestion
contained therein.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc - Portland (with copies incoming letter)
Mr. Connelley "



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MYER LEIBOWITZ
ATTORNEY AT LAW
18 EAST 4TH STREET
NEW YORK
LEXINGTON 2-9894

June 8, 1935.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Fully cognizant of the excellent work your department has done, I am naturally reluctant to offer any suggestions.

However, hoping that you will not think that I am presumptuous, I address this communication to you, in the hope that it will prove of some value.

In view of the fact that the \$200,000 ransom paid to the Weyerhauser kidnappers consisted of L series bills, why not have the Treasury Department call the entire issue of this series in. This will concentrate the search for the culprits and possibly expedite the apprehension of the culprits.

If it is not too much trouble, I would appreciate your reaction to my plan.

Very truly yours,

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

June 7, 1935.

EAT:CJ

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS -
GEORGE WEYERHAEUSER - Victim;
Kidnaping

Time - 12:10 P.M.

Mr. Nathan
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Mr. Purvis called and advised that the gas station attendant in Chicago who was supposed to have received a \$10 ransom bill in the above case claims that he did not receive a ransom bill; that he has known the woman from whom he took the supposed ransom bill for sometime and that she paid him in small money; that he always takes note of bills in cases of this kind and that the woman in question lives across the street from the gas station.

Mr. Purvis said the matter is being dropped by the Chicago office.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

June 6, 1935

EAT:CSH

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

11:31 A.M.

RE: GEORGE WEYERHAEUSER, Victim, KIDNAPING.

** Re. end memo*

I called Mr. Hanson at New York, advising that the Bureau had received a lengthy telegram from J. G. Elkin and William Allen, 1914 Broadway, in which they advise they are making arrangements for the distribution of a million booklets containing the serial numbers in the Weyerhaeuser case; that they are going to secure the support of every possible public and private agency for this decisive fight for law enforcement, and that they are going to sell the book at 10 cents a copy, devoting one-half of the net profits derived from the sale to any law enforcement agency which the Director designates. I advised Mr. Hanson that, of course, we would not be a party to any such undertaking, that we would not endorse such a program, and we will not sponsor or participate in any manner in this plan, nor will we name any enforcement agency to receive one-half of the net profits. I requested that Mr. Hanson personally get in touch with these people, taking an Agent with him for corroboration, and explain to these people that we cannot and will not endorse the project or name any enforcement agency to share in the profits. I advised Mr. Hanson that I would follow this up by letter to Elkin and Allen, and Hanson stated he would take care of this matter immediately.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm
E. A. Tamm.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

June 4, 1935.

Time-8:45 P. M.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: Weyerhaeuser Kidnaping

Yes

I telephoned Mr. Connelley at Tacoma and advised him that the ticker carried a story to the effect that the Sheriff's Office at Bellingham, Washington had received a report from Blaine, Washington, on the Canadian Border, that a motorist paid for gasoline with one of the five dollar ransom bills. Mr. Connelley advised that they had a report that some of the bills had shown up at Stevens, Washington, which is about ten or fifteen miles south of Blaine. Mr. Connelley will call the Sheriff at Bellingham and get the details of the report which came from him.

Mr. Connelley advised that Mr. Purvis called him from Rochelle, Illinois and advised him that he, Mr. Purvis, is going to put two men in the dining car to check the money and look over the people on the train without shaking anybody down; that Mr. Purvis is sending four men to Omaha to do the same thing on the trains that come in at 8:35 and 8:45 in the morning.

Mr. Connelley stated that they are going to work on the Salt Lake City angle on the theory that they are in there. I stated to Mr. Connelley the possibility of the suspect doubling back from Salt Lake City to either Los Angeles, San Francisco, or Denver; that he should call these offices and have them check the incoming trains, especially the dining cars; that he should have these offices work out the schedules; that it would be a good thing if he, Mr. Connelley, contacted all the offices through which this fellow might pass in the train.

Mr. Connelley advised that he had a plane take three men to Spokane to check the money order requests and run them down; that they will also work on the theory that the man is still there.

Respectfully,

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H. Nathan.

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June 13, 1935

Mr. E. Edward Bell,
c/o Texaco Gas Station,
Park Heights and Cold Spring Lane,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 10, 1935 requesting a copy of the list of ransom money which was paid in the Keyerhaeuser kidnaping case.

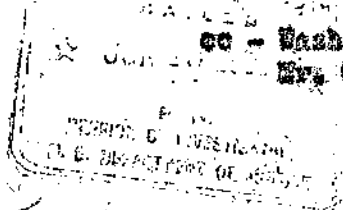
I have instructed Mr. J. M. Keith, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 5745 U. S. Department of Justice Building, Washington, D. C., to immediately furnish you with a copy of the ransom list.

Your cooperation in examining all currency coming into your possession for the purpose of locating any of the bills described in this list will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc - Washington (with copies incoming letter)
Mr. Connelley



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U.S. Dep. of Justice
Washington D.C.

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Dear Sirs, -

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gas overhang case

Will you please
send me a copy of the
numbers of the Ransom
money which was paid
a few days ago in
the north West part of
the country.

Respectfully, Yours
C. Edward Bell

of Texaco Gas Station 97
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PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE AT 9 ST NORTHWEST WASHN DC

Weyerhaeuser

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June 14, 1935

Mr. W. G. Bradford,
610 South Comstock,
Whittier, California.

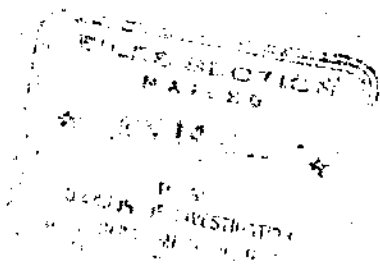
Dear Mr. Bradford:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 6, 1935 in which you suggest the possibility of treating ransom money with chemicals which would effect a discoloration in the currency through the normal action of light and air, thereby serving as a means of identifying the currency.

I wish to express my thanks for your suggestion which has been referred to the Bureau's Laboratory for consideration and future reference.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



DIRECTOR
JUN 15 1935
J. E. H.

610 South Comstock,
Whittier, California,
June 6, 1935

J. Edgar Hoover, Esq.,
Chief of the Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The publicity relative to the money paid to the Weyerhauser kidnapers and the efforts of the authorities to detect any of this money which may be put into circulation has called to my mind a system used during the World War which may be of value.

At that time documents were written or printed with chemicals and invisible inks, which, through certain treatment or through the lapse of time, brought out the written matter from what was otherwise a blank sheet of paper. It has occurred to me that some such system could be worked out for the identification of moneys paid to kidnapers and extortionists and in other instances where the subsequent certain detection was desirable.

Along this line it has occurred to me that it is possible to treat ransom money with a chemical which will not immediately change the appearance of the bill. However, after the lapse of a certain time the bill would then only change color, or marks or disfigurements show up which would render it immediately detectable to the ordinary individual. In that way it would not be necessary to wait until the money which was being sought passed through the hands of a bank or of some financial agency where the employees were trained in the matter of detection. Each individual citizen would thus be a servant of the authorities, and the passing of what is known as "hot money" would be rendered absolutely impossible.

I believe that our chemical knowledge has already advanced to the point where there are probably in existence known chemicals and solutions which would accomplish this purpose. If not, it is a matter which I feel sure could be worked out.

I would appreciate any reasonable compensation which this suggestion might warrant.

Yours very truly,

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June 15, 1935

Mr. E. O. Moore,
809 Santa Monica Boulevard,
Santa Monica, California.

Dear Sir:

I desire to acknowledge receipt of
your letter of June 8, 1935 relative to the Weyerhaeuser
kidnaping case, and to thank you for the suggestions
contained therein.

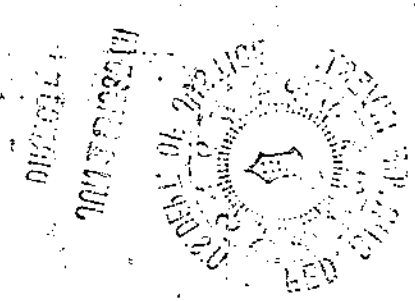
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc - Los Angeles (with copies incoming letter)
Mr. Connelley



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California Fruit Bits

A FRESH FRUIT LAXATIVE

Suite 200 Juniper Building, Santa Monica, California June 6th, 1935.

Mr. Edgar Hoover,
Department Of Investigation;
Washington , D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In RE Tacoma , Washington Kidnap Case.

This is just a thought, which might perhaps help. The comptroller of the U.S. Currency could immediately have the Federal reserve, call in all "L" "A" Currency. Complying with such an order should be simple. It would merely mean that when this currency came into a bank it would be stored and a new bill put in circulation in its place. In a short time if this course is pursued, "L-A" Currency would dissappear entirely . Leaving the HOT RANSOM MONEY; alone in the field to be picked up. I Have suggested this to several News papers but do not know whether they will pay any attention to it or not. Or more than likely you have already thought of this plan yourself.

Yours for law and order,

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E.O. Moore, U.S. Attorney General
#309 Santa Monica Blvd.
Santa Monica California.

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June 14, 1935

Mr. B. H. Potley,
Electric Steam Radiator Company,
1714 Evergreen Place,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sir:

I desire to acknowledge receipt of
your letter of June 4, 1935 relative to the
Weyerhaeuser kidnaping case, and to thank you for
the suggestions contained therein.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc - Portland (with copies incoming letter)
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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

1714 Evergreen Place

June 4, 1935.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Justice Department,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Having in mind the recent kidnaping of 9-year-old George Weyerheuser in Tacoma, and fully realizing the uncertainties and difficulties involved in the apprehension of persons responsible for such outrageous crimes, will you please permit a suggestion that would seem to be a possible solution of the problems involved in such cases, as follows:

Congress should pass a bill making it compulsory on the part of the Government to seize ^{immediately} all resources available for the payment of ransom in kidnap cases.

Furthermore, it should be made a criminal offense for a person or persons to act as a go-between or contact party for the passing of ransom money in such cases.

Trusting the above will merit your valued consideration and approval,

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Respectfully yours, JUN 10 1935

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June 17, 1935

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Mr. A. W. Cauthorn,
Circulation Department,
The Journal,
Journal Publishing Company,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Cauthorn:

I have received your letter dated June 7, and I am very glad indeed that you wrote me and furnished me your views concerning the publicity in connection with the handling of the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping case by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

I feel quite certain that you would like to be advised of all available facts in order that you may be acquainted with some of the difficulties which are experienced by this Bureau in handling cases wherein the Federal Government has jurisdiction, and particularly in the handling of kidnaping cases which create considerable interest throughout the entire country.

In the article enclosed with your letter, from the Portland News, certain references are made to publicity in the Weyerhaeuser case. I want to advise you in this connection that there is a very strict Departmental rule here at Washington with regard to the handling of publicity. This rule provides that all publicity, whether relating to cases pending or to administrative business or policy, must be authorized and given to the press through the office of the Attorney General and not otherwise. The Departmental rule strictly forbids the imparting of confidential information to newspaper representatives and others outside the Department. For this reason, it is not possible for Special Agents in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to discuss the facts of cases under investigation with representatives of the press. On very infrequent occasions, I have been instructed personally by the Attorney General to discuss the details of important cases here at Washington with press representatives, but this is done only upon such specific instruction. I am sure that, if this rule were generally known, newspaper representatives and others who are prone to criticize representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in their dealings with newspaper writers would understand the reasons why information cannot be given to them.

There are, of course, several reasons why officials and employees of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other branches of the Department

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of Justice throughout the country should not discuss these important cases with members of the press. For example, in the Federal Bureau of Investigation we have thirty-six field offices located at central points throughout the country. In the more important types of cases, several, and, at times, all, of these offices may be engaged in investigative activity in the case. The reports reflecting this investigative activity in various parts of the country are forwarded to the Washington headquarters of the Bureau, and the important cases are supervised and directed from the Washington headquarters. Developments in these important cases occur rapidly, and it might be quite dangerous to the successful solution of the case for information to be imparted to the press in various parts of the country which deal only with scattered angles of the case. In other words, all developments in these cases are known in Washington shortly after they occur, and they may not be known throughout the entire country.

I also note reference to the failure on the part of this organization to, in all instances, furnish to state and local law-enforcement officials complete information concerning a case under investigation. To adopt this procedure in all instances might be harmful to the solution of the case because the ill-advised or premature disclosure of certain information might defeat such successful consummation of the case. Wherever it is possible to do so, representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation furnish all available data to police officials in those cases wherein the cooperation of the state or local law-enforcement agency is desired or can be utilized in connection with the case. There are, of course, certain sections of the United States where past experience has indicated the undesirability of furnishing any confidential information to certain police officials, either because they cannot be trusted or because the imparting of such information to those officials has, in the past, led to the information's being supplied to news agencies. I think the success which has attended the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the investigation of kidnaping and other important cases in the past several years is the best criterion as to whether the policy of the Bureau in publicity and related matters is a desirable one. I am sure it is unnecessary for me to state to you that the Federal Bureau of Investigation receives excellent cooperation from state and local law-enforcement officers throughout the entire country, in all of its various activities, including its investigative, identification, laboratory, and statistical functions.

There are certain phases of kidnaping and other important cases wherein the press of the country could be of the utmost assistance to effective law enforcement. For example, it is particularly undesirable for publicity to be given to the passing of ransom bills received by the kidnapers. Criminals read the daily papers and publicity of this kind serves to warn them of the efforts which are being made by peace officers to effect their apprehension. On many occasions, publicity of this kind has materially handicapped the Federal Bureau

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of Investigation in its work. At other times, information has been published concerning these important cases, based upon incorrect interpretations by newspaper representatives of statements made by police officers. In this connection I noted, recently, headlines announcing the capture of William Mahan in one of the western states, in the Weyerhaeuser case. I believe that every effort should be made by members of the press to secure confirmation of information which comes into their hands concerning these cases, in order that incorrect stories of this kind may not be published.

With specific reference to certain questions asked in your communication, you are advised that the first and primary consideration of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in a kidnaping case is the safe return of the victim or victims, even though the successful solution of the case may be impaired or delayed thereby. Representatives of this Bureau are instructed to take no action which might endanger the life or safety of a victim. I am sure you realize that by adopting this procedure this Bureau may be hindered in investigative activity following the return of the victim to his family, but I believe that the policy which has been and will continue to be followed is the only one which this Bureau should adopt.

The article enclosed with your letter indicates that the representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation look upon local law enforcement officers as "dumb coppers". I am pleased to advise you that I consider the police of this country, as a whole, to be composed of courageous, conscientious, efficient public servants, and that, in my opinion, they are carrying out their duties to the best of their ability. I feel that police officers everywhere are entitled to public commendation and support. They are all too frequently underpaid, and they risk their lives daily for the safety of the citizens of their communities. As I have stated, I consider them, as a whole, conscientious and trustworthy, but, of course, there are some police officials in certain cities of the country who are untrustworthy and corrupt. The same statement, however, might be applied to either the legal or the medical profession, or to any other profession. I am particularly disturbed by the statement which indicates that representatives of this Bureau do not hold police officers in high esteem, and I am very glad to have this opportunity to express my views concerning police officers. I have personally been engaged in law enforcement work for many years, and I number among my best friends individuals who are engaged in similar work in various parts of the country.

Naturally, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, with its force of only 600 Special Agents covering the whole United States, Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico, cannot be expected to completely cope with the crime situation which exists in this country. Success in ridding the country of this menace can be attained only by the whole-hearted and enthusiastic cooperation of all federal,

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state, and local law-enforcement officials and agencies. The Federal Bureau of Investigation assists local and state officials in many ways. An indication of this is the fact that, at the present time, almost 9,000 law-enforcement officials and agencies are transmitting identification information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Washington and are receiving criminal histories of the individuals in question upon the receipt of fingerprint cards at Washington. Likewise, the Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are daily contacting state and local officers in cases wherein there is a mutual obligation and interest. In the final analysis, all of us who are engaged in law enforcement work are trying to achieve the same results.

It may be of interest to you to know that I personally held a conference in my office late last Sunday night with representatives of the press, concerning the Weyerhaeuser case. This conference was held upon instructions from the Attorney General's office, and, at the time, I took occasion to commend publicly a number of state and local law-enforcement officers who assisted the Bureau in the handling of the case.

I hope that this rather lengthy communication will serve to clarify in your mind the situation which is faced by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in handling kidnaping and other important cases.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

You are getting roasted here by Police & Sheriff forces because of lack of information given them etc. You thanked me sometime ago for clipping & comment. Hence this enclosure from Portland News, which covers the "kicks" pretty well.

It seems to me every sheriff & policeman in Oregon, California, and Idaho as well as in Washington should have been notified to block every road and shoot the tires of every auto speeding. Speeding is unlawful for anyone at any time. Why not shoot the tires under such conditions?

Why did the man who delivered the ransom use a fast car? The gangsters were sure to take it, so he could not get back quickly. A small amount of gasoline at least, should have been carried.

Why not let local police & sheriff forces give the public names of suspects? If not guilty, they would certainly come in & clear themselves. Elimination of suspects quickly is highly essential, is it not? At any rate, it is well to take an "invoice" of all gangsters in every locality when such a case comes up. Again expressing my appreciation of your fine record and in no sense being a critic or posing as having expert knowledge of criminals, I am,

Yours truly,

/S/ A. W. Cauthorn
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KEEGAN LEADS KIDNAP REVOLT

City Police of Northwest to
Work Independently of Uncle
Sam's Federal Agents

Under leadership of Portland's Detective Capt. Jack Keegan, city police of the northwest, "dumb coppers" to the glorified "G" men, were out to solve the Weyerhaeuser kidnap case Thursday in their own way.

Keegan's announcement Wednesday that his men will follow his theories independent of federal department of justice agents was echoed by city police authorities in Tacoma and Seattle.

Angered by the attitude of the department of justice toward local officers, Keegan Wednesday made public the names and descriptions of the men he believes to be involved in the case. He laid his cards on the table with the explanation that "there is no reason why the case should remain a mystery to the public, whose co-operation is needed to hasten capture of the abductors."

In Tacoma the city detectives were said to be resentful because federal agents will not take them into their confidence and will tell Washington state patrol officers facts about the case that they will not tell police.

Chief Criminal Deputy Sheriff O. K. Bodie of Seattle threatened to withdraw his men from the search unless the "G" men give them some of the information they have to work on.

A high official of the Oregon state police criticized the federals because while they asked that all roads be blocked, they gave the state troopers no information and no description of the cars for which they were to watch.

From as far away as Sacramento state police officials expressed resentment because the government men would not give local and state police any information on which to work.

Heading the list of suspects released by Keegan was one Jack Bailey, former Tacoma, Seattle and Portland bootlegger. Bailey, Keegan revealed to the federals, had been seen recently in Tacoma. Since the kidnaping and for some time before he has been registered at the Savoy hotel in Seattle. Authorities watched this hotel and Bailey had not been in his room for an indefinite period today. Clerks at the hotel and federal officials in Tacoma denied that he had been arrested, but other officers heard that the "G" men had seized him and held him in some unnamed jail.

Reports were current in Portland that Bailey was here May 15, trying to interest a prominent Portland business man in a Canadian mining venture. Lack of funds prevented his entering the business but he is reported to have told the man he would have sufficient money in two weeks.

The description of the man who passed a ransom bill at Huntington corresponds with that of Bailey.

Others named by Keegan were: Herbert Lester Johnstone, Olympia blackmailer and Los Angeles police character; Richard Franseen and Elliott Michener, ex-convicts from Oregon prison; Harold McAtee, asserted burglar.

Police eliminated Milo Eggers, former Tacoma, Salt Lake and San Francisco gangster, when he was found working in a cannery near Aberdeen Wednesday.

Of the federal list, which does not check with Keegan's names, all were Washington men. One, previously reported as a Karpis gangster, was now believed to be a Tacoma underworld character, who at one time was a suspect in the Bremerton mass murders.

Another is the often-referred to "pot-bellied" man. This fellow, said to be a drug addict, was said to have at one time been a bootlegger who supplied the Weyerhaeusers with liquor during the prohibition era. Police say, however, that he is not a clever criminal and could not have been the "brains" of anything.

The man who is suspected of being the "brains" of the plot is the least known of all. He is said to have at one time been a bunco man, operating in Nevada and northern California. He was engaged in bootlegging and rum-running in the Puget sound country.

Still another is said to be a member of the once-powerful Eggers gang. Another is a former northwest policeman.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the federal bureau of investigation, has been running the federal side of the case from his office in Washington, D. C. He demands strict censorship.

The federals took charge within a few hours after the ransom note was delivered, although from their standpoint it was not a kidnaping case. Up to that point, the kidnapers had violated only postal laws. They did not come under the federal kidnaping law until seven days after the boy disappeared.

Representative to Tacoma under orders to contact reporters, make them happy and tell them nothing.

Local authorities have been given the same treatment.

The Hoover system is to handle the case entirely from Washington, and to be sure that "G" men get full credit for any successes.

For instance, Hoover is credited with outfoxing the kidnapers by tabulating the numbers of all ransom notes. Any local agency working on the case would have done the same thing.

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WEYNAP--PHILIP H. PATCHIN VICE-PRESIDENT STANDARD OIL COMPANY TWO TWO FIVE BUSH STREET SAN FRANCISCO WILL PERSONALLY HANDLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUREAU WISHES DISTRIBUTION OF RANSOM LISTS TO ALL STANDARD OIL COMPANY SERVICE STATIONS ... APPROXIMATELY ONE THOUSAND IN NUMBER LOCATED THROUGHOUT ENTIRE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. HE WILL TELEPHONICALLY COMMUNICATE CONFIDENTIALLY WITH T. J. TRAVIS DISTRICT SALES MANAGER STANDARD OIL COMPANY, STANDARD OIL COMPANY BUILDING LOS ANGELES INSTRUCTING HIM TO HANDLE DISTRIBUTION SOUTHERN HALF OF STATE, NORTHERN HALF WILL BE HANDLED BY SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE THIS COMPANY. FORWARD FIVE HUNDRED COPIES RANSOM LISTS TO LOS ANGELES BUREAU OFFICE AND FIVE HUNDRED THIS OFFICE FOR PURPOSE MENTIONED. I HAVE NOTIFIED OUR LOS ANGELES OFFICE OF ARRANGEMENTS AND OF BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING CONFIDENTIAL NATURE UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED STANDARD OIL COMPANY WILL SEND OWN COVER LETTER WITH RANSOM LISTS INSTRUCTING THEIR REPRESENTATIVE TO TREAT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND NOTIFY NEAREST BUREAU OFFICE UPON DISCOVERY OF RANSOM BILLS.

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I notified Mr. [unclear] to send Ransom lists 6/10/35

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
GEORGE MEYERHAEUSER - Victim;
Kidnaping

Time 11:40 A. M.

Mr. Purvis called to advise that he had just received a call from the Deputy Sheriff at Joliet, who says that two men and a woman, a Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Harris of San Francisco and their brother, Clyde Harris of Kansas City are at the Joliet Penitentiary now seeing N. O. Schaefer who was connected with the Boettcher kidnaping, and are using a tan sedan. Mr. Purvis wanted to know if there is anything definite about the color of the car. I advised him that there was a tan car used.

Mr. Purvis said he has Agent Jenkins at the Penitentiary now and he is questioning the people, who will be held until they are definitely identified. J. C. Harris is wanted at Fairbury, Nebraska and Celit, Missouri and several places for bond jumping and bank robbery; that he has his photograph and description and he is being examined at Joliet.

Nothing more has been obtained from the filling station attendant who received a ransom bill this morning, but same is being checked.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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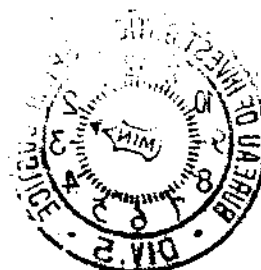
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Information furnished by Charles Haffke, former Prohibition attorney, Seattle, Washington, to effect Peter Marinoff, Tacoma, Washington, may be involved in instant case. F. K. Butterfield of Western Union, Chicago, advises Dan McLeod and Jack Sweeney possible suspects. Minton G. Clabaugh, Chicago, furnished information concerning Harry Commons, Henry Raepple and R. D. Schroeder, all of whom served sentences in the Pontiac Reformatory on kidnaping charge, may be connected with instant case due to similar circumstances surrounding this case and one in which they were involved. Investigation discloses Raepple and Schroeder not connected with instant case. Lead to locate Commons transmitted to New York Bureau office. Informant A. D. Williams furnished information concerning one Ben L. Schultz who might have connection with this case. Investigation conducted concerning telephone call made to Tacoma by a Mrs. Davis of Winnetka, Illinois, set out herein. Several communications purporting to have information concerning instant case received. Appropriate offices requested to conduct investigation in all instances where required and requested by Bureau. Bureau kept advised by teletype of all information received by this office and investigation resulting therefrom.



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REFERENCE: Teletypes dated 5/27/35, 5/28/35, 5/29/35, 5/30/35, 5/31/35 and 6/3/35, from Chicago Bureau office to Bureau.

DETAILS:

On May 27, 1935, a telephone call was received by Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis from Mr. Charles Haffke of this city, who is Superintendent of the Anti Saloon League of the State of Illinois. Mr. Haffke advised that he was formerly an attorney in the National Prohibition Unit, Seattle, Washington and that he had an idea that one Peter Marinoff, an Austrian Pole whose residence is at Tacoma, or associates of Marinoff might be involved in instant case. He further stated that Marinoff is now a brewer in Tacoma and that he was formerly a bootlegger well known to the police of Portland, Tacoma and Seattle. Despite his activities, however, this party has never been convicted of a felony. He further stated that the Immigration authorities and the United States Attorney at Seattle should have a file on this party containing considerable information concerning his activities; that one Morris Smith, an attorney at Spokane, Washington, who was also formerly attached to the Prohibition Unit in Seattle, knows a great deal concerning Marinoff and his connections; that although Marinoff was apparently a large brewer, he, Haffke, was of the belief that he probably is in need of a great deal of money since, to his knowledge, he had an option on the Gambrinus brewery located in Portland, but was unable to get a permit to operate same; that Marinoff probably lost a large sum of money as a result of this deal which fell through in 1934, the exact day and month of which is not known. This information was furnished to the Bureau by teletype on the date of its receipt.

On May 27, 1935, this office also received an anonymous letter which was forwarded to the Bureau, the contents of which are as follows:

"Monday.

Dear Sirs,

I am supposed to be gifted to seeing things in my sleep, but because I condemn that sort of thing I have never paid any attention to it further than letting others collect on horses I dreamed of or members too.

Having two children of my own the late kidnaping and the mother's grief naturally worries me.

Last night I followed a hunch in my sleep - and found my children in a foreign neighborhood where the houses were home-made of crudely cut pieces of trees some more finished than others and covered with red paint one house I can remember with a large cellar window just at a door. Because you follow hunches is my only reason for sending this note. Publicity does not appeal to me so I will not sign my name further than,

"A mother who loves her
children"

The above letter in all probability refers to the instant case.

On the afternoon of May 28, 1935, Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis was in receipt of a telephone call from Mr. F. K. Butterfield of the Western Union Telegraph Company of this city. Mr. Butterfield advised that a party by the name of Dan McLeod alias Charles D. Mack had been arrested in Minneapolis on September 17, 1931, police number for that city, 22018, and that a party named Jack Sweeney, who is supposed to have served four months in the House of Correction, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, having been sent there from Madison, Wisconsin, on a liquor charge, may have some possible connection with this case. Both McLeod and Sweeney, according to Mr. Butterfield, had quite a reputation with the police as hoodlums in Milwaukee, Madison, LaCrosse, St. Paul and Minneapolis. Mr. Butterfield further stated that he believed these two individuals had been arrested in Tacoma, Washington, about two years ago, although he did not know on what charge; that in 1931, he, Mr. Butterfield, had located them in connection with a forgery charge concerning a forged Western Union money order, and that at that time both McLeod and Sweeney were talking about a big deal, and McLeod on that occasion said to Sweeney "This section could be developed into a diamond mine", meaning Tacoma and vicinity. To this remark Sweeney replied "What do you mean, that mountain timber?"

He further stated that Sweeney was supposed to have a girl near Minot or Mandan, North Dakota, where she ran a disorderly house.

This information furnished by Mr. Butterfield was furnished the Bureau by teletype on the date of its receipt.

In accordance with instructions received from the Bureau, on May 29, 1935, the above information was submitted to the Milwaukee and St. Paul offices, with the request that all of this information be checked by the respective offices and that the results of their investigation be submitted directly by them to the Bureau.

On the morning of May 28, 1935, Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis received a telephone call from Mr. Hinton G. Clabaugh of the Commonwealth Edison Company of this city. Mr. Clabaugh at that time advised that while he was on the parole board of the State of Illinois, about two years ago, three boys who were about twenty years of age at that time were sent to the Pontiac reformatory on charges of extortion and kidnapping; that these boys were Harry Commons, Pontiac No. 5837, Henry Raepple, Pontiac No. 5836, and R. D. Schroeder, Pontiac No. 5838. He further stated that the case was quite an aggravated one, inasmuch as the boys shot into a woman's house and succeeded in obtaining about one thousand dollars from the victim. There was a great deal of effort made to get these boys released from the prison, which was finally accomplished in a crooked manner, according to Mr. Clabaugh. He further stated that the reason he had for mentioning this matter at the present time is that he had read in the newspapers where the term "Egoist" was mentioned and he stated that several newspaper items indicated the kidnapers of the victim in this case boasted of "having an education". He stated that the term "Egotist" or "Egoist" also appeared in the letters written by the above named persons and that they also boasted of having an education, according to his memory.

Mr. Clabaugh further stated that the extortion or kidnap letters which were written by these men will undoubtedly be found in the files of the Pontiac reformatory, inasmuch as it is the custom to keep such letters in the files of the prison, rather than the files of the States Attorney, although it is his further belief that these letters may not now be in the files, inasmuch as there was considerable "shaded dealing" concerning the release of these men from prison. It was further suggested that considerable discretion be used in conducting an investigation concerning this information.

In accordance with instructions received from the Bureau, on May 29, 1935, an investigation was instituted concerning this information given by Mr. Clabaugh.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Charles Jenkins:

AT FREEPORT, ILLINOIS:

Agent interviewed Postmaster Fred H. Gibson, who advised that he knew Harry Commons and his father John J. Commons; that he has not seen Harry Commons for about five years; that Harry's father, John J. Commons, was a reputable citizen who left Freeport about four years ago. He was vice president of the Sampson Auto Insurance Company located in the State Bank Building, Freeport, prior to his departure for Chicago.

This business was purchased by the Darby Day Interests in Chicago, and the Freeport office was discontinued. After leaving Freeport Harry Commons' father became associated with the Central Mutual Insurance Company of Chicago, Illinois, and his residence is 25 East Delaware Place, Chicago, Illinois.

Postmaster Gibler telephoned Mrs. Maude Lea, 624 W. Stevenson Street, a close friend of the Commons family and was informed by Mrs. Lea that she had no information as to Harry's whereabouts. She, however, confirmed the information in possession of Postmaster Gibson that Harry Commons' parents reside at 25 East Delaware Place, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Gibler telephoned Lloyd A. Trunk, who informed Mr. Gibler that about three or four months ago while in Chicago, he talked with Harry Commons' father, who informed him that Harry was working on an ocean liner, but gave no further information regarding him.

A. H. Wilkey, Chief of Police, Freeport, Illinois, stated that in 1926 he arrested Harry Commons, Henry Raepple and R. D. Schroeder. These individuals later entered pleas of guilty to the judge for extortion and kidnaping, and were sentenced to Pontiac prison. They made a practice of writing extortion notes to business men, threatening to disclose information in their possession relative to moral indiscretions unless sums of money were left at designated places. One of the victims was a Mr. Higgle, a local bootlegger who had a letter thrown through the glass of his car, demanding that he place the sum of \$1,000.00 under the front seat of his car, which car was to be placed near a park in Freeport, and that as he left the car they would drive up and get it. He complied with their demands, and \$1,000.00 was removed from the car.

Another victim was former superintendent of schools, S. E. Range, to whom threatening letters were written, who advised the authorities of their receipt which led to the arrest of Commons. They also, with the aid of a woman, whose name the chief could not recall, worked the so-called "badger game" and obtained money from various persons in Freeport in this way. They were finally trapped in the rectory of the Episcopal Church at Freeport, from which point they were telephoning one of their victims. The newly arrived minister had decided not to live at the rectory, and consequently the same was vacant, which enabled these individuals, Commons, Raepple and Schroeder, to use the same as a hangout. When arrested they had revolvers in their hands, but had no opportunity to use them.

One of the acts of terrorism was to fire a bullet from a small calibre revolver through the window of the home of Herman Ballas on West Galena Avenue, in order to frighten Mr. Ballas after a demand for money had been ignored.

Commons, Raepple and Schroeder are graduates of the Freeport High School.

Chief Wilkey advised that following his release from prison Commons returned to Freeport for a time, then left, and the last he had heard of him, which was four or five years ago, was that he was working at Beloit, Wisconsin. Henry Raepple has been residing at Freeport ever since his return from the Pontiac prison, and has not been in any trouble. He is considered a bridge expert and conducts tournaments and gives instructions in the playing of the game.

Robert Schroeder left Freeport some time ago, and Chief Wilkey had heard that he was living in Beloit, Wisconsin.

L. F. Reinhold, States Attorney, 1633 South Chicago Avenue, Freeport, Illinois, advised that Commons, Raepple and Schroeder were convicted prior to his assuming the office of States Attorney, and that he did not receive any letters or other papers used in connection with this case from his predecessor, L. A. Jane.

L. A. Jane, 904 South McKinley Avenue, Freeport, Illinois, former States Attorney, stated that Commons, Raepple and Schroeder entered pleas of guilty in 1926 on charges of extortion and kidnaping, and were sentenced to the State Prison at Pontiac, Illinois; that the letters written by Commons, Raepple and Schroeder were in his possession up to the time that he turned his office over to Mr. Reinhold; that Mr. Reinhold informed him that he did not want any of the papers relating to his closed cases; that he then offered the letters to John E. Miller, Circuit Court Clerk, who refused to take them inasmuch as the case had been disposed of; that he then destroyed the letters together with a number of papers which had accumulated during his incumbency of office.

Mr. Jane further stated that he recalled that all the letters were typewritten, but that only the carbon copy was sent to the victim. The carbon copies were written on yellow paper, and the paper had been smeared after being written so as to destroy the clearness of the outlines of the type; that the letters all started with the sentence "We are well organized and mean business", followed by a threat to expose the victim if he did not give them a certain sum of money; that so far as he can recall the letters were signed "X". Mr. Jane said that in talking with Commons, Raepple and Schroeder he was advised by one of them, he does not recall which one, that no fingerprints would be found on the paper as in handling same they had used gloves; that after serving over a year, Commons, Raepple and Schroeder were released because of a defect in the commitment papers drawn by the Circuit Court Clerk. Following their release, Commons remained around Freeport for a time and then left. His whereabouts is unknown to Mr. Jane.

Henry Raepple took up his residence at his home, and has not been in any difficulty, and has apparently severed all his connections with the other members of the gang.

W. C. Raupenthal, an employee of the Dodge dealer, 22 East Exchange Street, residence Y.M.C.A., informed Agent that his brother-in-law Robert Schroeder was not living in Freeport and that he had seen him in the early part and latter part of the week commencing May 19, 1935, and that he was sure that he was living in Freeport.

Henry Raepple, 1015 South Walnut Street, Freeport, Illinois, stated that he has not seen nor heard from Commons for about four or five years, and that he has no information as to his whereabouts.

R. D. Schroeder was located at 16 East Clark Street, Freeport, Illinois, where he conducts a rooming and boarding house. He stated that he had not seen nor heard from Commons since the latter left Freeport about five years ago; and that he has no information as to his whereabouts.

It will be noted that since both Schroeder and Raepple have been located in Freeport, and have been there for some time, they could safely be eliminated as suspects in this case.

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

The Milwaukee Bureau office was requested to conduct an investigation at Beloit, Wisconsin, following receipt of the information from Special Agent C. Jenkins to the effect that Commons and Schroeder had gone there from Freeport about four or five years ago. That office was subsequently advised to discontinue the investigation, upon receipt of information that Raepple and Schroeder were presently located in Freeport, Illinois.

Mr. J. J. Commons, the father of Harry Commons, who resides at 25 East Delaware Place, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed by this Agent under pretext. As a result of discreet questioning this Agent was informed by Mr. Commons that he had last seen his son about one year ago, at which time it was his belief that his son was employed on a ship in New York City. He further stated that he had last heard from his son Harry about one month ago, which letter was postmarked Miami. This information possibly indicates that Harry Commons may be employed on a ship sailing between New York and Miami. In a further attempt to determine whether the parents had any information as to his whereabouts, a registered letter was prepared addressed to Harry Commons in care of his father, J. J. Commons, 25 East Delaware Place, this city. Through arrangements made with Mr. W. Neebe, Superintendent of the Fort Dearborn Post Office Sub Station, Chicago, this letter was stamped for delivery to addressee only and was delivered by carrier William Burke of the above station to the above address.

Carrier Burke later informed Agent that he spoke to Mrs. Commons, who informed him that Harry Commons was not at that address. However, she stated that she would take the letter and hold it until her son returned. When asked as to where the letter could reach her son, she stated that she had last heard from him by a letter which was post-marked Hamburg, Germany, about six weeks ago, but that she expected him to return to this city in about two weeks.

By teletype on May 29, 1935, the New York Office was requested to conduct discreet inquiry in an effort to determine the whereabouts of Harry Commons, in order that he might be eliminated or established as a possible suspect in this case. On May 31, 1935, by teletype the New York office furnished the identical information concerning Commons that was received from his mother, as is set out above.

On May 29, 1935, an anonymous communication received by Thomas J. Callaghan of the United States Secret Service of this city, was turned over to this office. This letter reads as follows:

"Chicagolll

Dear Capt the boy of Weyerhaeuser Monday wace seen at 738
N. May st. in Chicago top floor front thes lady shegot wight
dog and she came from Oklahoma"

Discreet neighborhood investigation was conducted by this Agent concerning the information appearing in this letter and as a result of numerous inquiries made in the neighborhood it was determined that the above report was unfounded.

On May 29, 1935, an anonymous communication addressed to the Town Hall Police Station, Halsted Street, this city, was turned over to this office, which letter reads as follows:

"Try this address,

Mrs. D--
833 President St.,
Brooklyn N. York

suspicion Weyerheuser Kidnapping"

Information concerning both of the above anonymous letters was transmitted to the Bureau by teletype on May 29, 1935.

On May 28, 1935, a party identifying himself as "Williams" telephonically communicated with the Chicago Bureau office, stating that he was an informant of Special Agent Peterson, and at this time furnished

the following information: "Ben Schultz, con man and former convict from Walla Walla Penitentiary, last located Seattle, Washington, may be traced from 1147 17th Avenue N through his sister-in-law Winifred Barry."

This Agent telephonically communicated with Special Agent in Charge V. W. Peterson, Milwaukee, Wisconsin and was informed that this party "Williams" is known to Mr. Peterson and that he has in the past furnished information on the Jodil and Stolnap cases. Mr. Peterson further stated that the information furnished by this party "Williams" has proved reliable on only one occasion, when he furnished information which was not very pertinent to the effect that John Hamilton had once been in Muskegon. A check of this information determined it to be correct. However, Mr. Peterson also added that this party has on numerous occasions furnished the Chicago Bureau office with information which proved to be totally unfounded. The type of information usually furnished by this party was such that it could not be completely checked in order to determine whether it had any proper foundation. Mr. Peterson gave as an example of the type of information usually furnished by this party the following: Williams at one time called the Chicago Bureau office stating that subject Robinson, Jr., of the Stohap case, was seen by him to be boarding an elevated train and would arrive in the loop in five minutes. It will be noted from this that it would have been impossible to properly cover such a lead, thus making it impossible to determine whether Williams was furnishing reliable information or whether he was the victim of sudden hallucinations.

On May 29, 1935, Williams again communicated with the Chicago Bureau office telephonically in order to determine whether the information he had given the night previously had been received. This Agent requested that Williams call at the Chicago Bureau office, with the thought in mind of obtaining from this party further details as to the information he had imparted. Williams did call at the Chicago Bureau office on the afternoon of that date, at which time he was interviewed by this Agent. He at this time stated that his name is Asa D. Williams and that he had in the past furnished this office a number of leads, especially concerning John Hamilton, subject of the Jodil case. Concerning the information he had furnished this Bureau in connection with the instant case, he stated that his wife, whose name was Mary J. Williams, was a sister of Clara Schultz, who was the wife of Ben L. Schultz who served time in the Walla Walla Penitentiary; that Schultz was discharged from prison in the summer of 1932 and that he then came to live with Williams and his wife and Clara Schultz, at the home of a party named White residing on Republic Street, Seattle, Washington; that he, Williams, came East that same year and after leaving Seattle, he addressed all of his mail for his wife in care of Ben Schultz, Box 816, Seattle, Washington; that he used this address until March, 1934, when she (Williams' wife) died. At the time of the death of his wife she was living with Schultz and

his wife on a street believed by Williams to be 16th Avenue. Subsequent to the discharge on parole of Schultz from the Walla Walla Penitentiary, he was employed as a salesman selling stock for "Medical Earth", a patent medicine concern whose headquarters were at Lewiston, Idaho. He further stated that Schultz came home one night under the influence of liquor and stated to Williams "I am not making any money doing this, but I know of something where I can make some easy money. Williams said: "Something like the Lindbergh case?" and Schultz replied: "Yes, something like that". Williams stated that he recalled this conversation upon reading of the instant kidnaping and also recalled that Schultz was the owner of a portable typewriter.

He further stated that Patrick ~~Barry~~ Barry, who is the husband of Winifred Barry, (this latter name was mentioned by Williams at the time he called the Chicago office by telephone) was employed by the Stone and Webster Company in Seattle, Washington, and that a line on Schultz might be obtained through this party.

All of this information was furnished the Bureau by teletype on May 29, 1935.

On June 3, 1935, this office was in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Victor V. Allen, 223 Western Avenue, Waterloo, Iowa, which letter reads as follows:

"I was in Davenport Wednesday May 30th and heard that Bill Middleton's mother-in-law had left Rock Island two weeks ago. Bill is supposed to sell life insurance and I could not get in touch with him. Do you realize that the Wyerhausen wealth originated in Rock Island. Mr. Rosenfield is still befriending Bill. Maybe I'm all wet but I'll feel better to let you know. His present wife is not the one he was arrested with in Fort Worth. Mr. Rosenfield is acquainted with money in the Tri-Cities."

This letter was quoted verbatim in a teletype to the Bureau on the date of its receipt, and the original letter was transmitted to the Bureau immediately upon its receipt.

On May 30, 1935, Special Agent R. H. Simons at Tacoma, Washington, telephonically advised the Chicago Bureau office that at 9:45 A.M. that day a telephone call had been received at the Weyerhaeuser home from a Mrs. Davis of Winnetka, Illinois, whose speech at the time was very inaudible and garbled. Agent Simons stated that the only part of the conversation had with Mrs. Davis that he was able to understand was "Take

care of those words Percy and Minnie, and this is - - - confidential." Immediately thereafter a man's voice cut in on the phone saying, "Don't pay any attention, she is cockeyed".

Agent Simons requested that an investigation be made of the party making this call and that he be advised of the results of such investigation.

Pursuant to the above call, Agent E. F. Emrich and Agent F. M. Headley, proceeded to the home of Mr. Percy B. Davis, which is located at 766 Prospect Avenue, Winnetka, Illinois, with telephone No. Winnetka 342. The locality in which this house is located appeared to be a very wealthy neighborhood and the home of the Davis family is a large, approximately fifteen room, stucco house and has a two car garage in the rear. Due to the fact that the entire front of the premises had large bushes, apparently lilac or something of that nature, it was impossible to get a full view of the front porch or the front door. The front yard itself appeared to be in a run-down condition inasmuch as the grass was apparently six to eight inches in height and numerous weeds were scattered in various places on the front lawn.

Thereupon Agents Emrich and Headley proceeded to the home of Chief W. M. Peterson of the Winnetka Police Department to make inquiries relative to the Percy B. Davis family.

Chief Peterson stated that he was not very well acquainted with Mr. Davis but that on numerous occasions he had met and spoken with Mrs. Davis. He stated that in his opinion Mrs. Davis was "crazy as a mink" and that on numerous occasions she had hallucinations of some kind or other and made reports that she wished the police would investigate. Chief Peterson stated that Mr. Davis is an attorney in Chicago, Illinois, and that he appears to have a higher degree of intelligence. He advised Agents Emrich and Headley to contact Captain Harry C. Enault and Sergeant J. Henry Luesman, both of whom are connected with the Winnetka Police Department, as he stated that they had come in more direct contact with the Davis family.

Special Agents Emrich and Headley interviewed Captain Harry C. Enault at the office of the Winnetka Police Department and Captain Enault stated that in his opinion the Davis family is not very well disciplined and that Mrs. Davis is a heavy drinker and is mentally deranged. He stated that in the past they have been accustomed to throw quite large parties at which a great deal of liquor was consumed. From the North Shore Directory, which was in the possession of the Winnetka Police Department it was found that Percy B. Davis is an attorney; that

his wife's name is Betty Davis; that they have two dependent children and reside at 766 Prospect Avenue, which is the second house on Prospect Avenue south of Summit Avenue, Winnetka, Illinois. Furthermore, from the records of the Winnetka Police Department Captain Enault stated that the family have two automobiles, one being a 1931 Chevrolet cabriolet, green in color, and the other a 1924 Cadillac touring car, dark blue in color.

At the request of Agents, Captain Enault called in Sergeant J. Henry Luesman and Sergeant Luesman stated that he had been born and raised in Winnetka, Illinois, and, therefore, knew quite a bit about the Davis family. He stated that the Davis family had been residents in Winnetka, Illinois, for approximately twenty to twenty-five years and that they had formerly been considered fairly well off financially. He stated that Mr. Percy B. Davis, who is a practicing attorney in Chicago, Illinois, is related to a J. P. Hooker, likewise an attorney, who is connected with Cooper and Kanaley, bond brokers in Chicago, Illinois. He stated that they had four children, the oldest, whose name is Percy, being approximately 25 years of age, the second oldest being a daughter, Dorothy, 21 years of age, and in addition they have two dependent children, the names of whom he does not know. He stated that the wife is a very heavy drinker and he was inclined to believe that she was "soft minded" and in fact that the whole family was more or less inclined in that way as they always seem to have a very sleepy appearance.

With regard to Percy B. Davis himself, Sergeant Luesman stated that he is a man about 55 or 60 years of age and that his wife, Betty, is approximately 50 years of age and that in the past years they appeared to be quite hard hit by the depression. He stated, however, that they are considered persons of fairly good reputation in and about Winnetka inasmuch as they are members of the Indian Hill Country Club, which is a very exclusive country club in this section. He stated that the children seem to be very undisciplined and on several occasions in the past, the police were summoned in to settle disputes between the various children.

In addition, the Winnetka Police have had a little trouble with the family, inasmuch as Mr. and Mrs. Davis persisted in hiring colored help to work on the premises and refused to dismiss them when it was learned that these people were stealing in the vicinity. On several occasions it was necessary for the Winnetka police to chase these colored people out of town as the Davis family had refused to let them go.

Upon receipt of this information Special Agent R. H. Simon was advised telephonically in respect to the facts set forth in this investigation and the Bureau was also notified thereof by teletype.

Appropriate leads resulting from the information received by this office were transmitted to the interested offices only in those instances where instructions were received from the Bureau that this be done, this procedure being in accordance with instructions given this office by Harold Nathan, Assistant Director, in a telephone conversation with Mr. Purvis on May 28, 1935.

In view of the fact that the various offices who were to conduct investigations as a result of information obtained by this office were advised of this information immediately upon its receipt, no leads are being set out in this report.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

June 7, 1935

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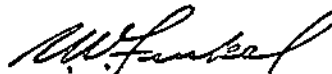
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN
TOLSON
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RE: Telephone Inquiries

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman ..
Chief Clerk
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Scheidt
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Smith
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

- 1:00 AM The Washington Post telephoned and stated that they heard that one of the ransom notes in the Weyerhaeuser Case had turned up in Washington, D.C. I advised them that I knew nothing whatsoever about it.
- 1:15 AM Mr. Stuntz, reporter for the Washington Post, called at the Department of Justice Building in person. He telephoned me from the Captain of the Guard's office. His inquiry was the same as the above. He was advised as stated above.
- 3:05 AM The Associated Press telephoned and requested facts about the career of Harold Nathan. They stated that they are writing a story about his taking charge out at Tacoma, Washington. I suggested that they contact the Director's office this morning.
- 5:00 AM The United Press telephoned and requested information about the Weyerhaeuser Case. I stated that I had no information.

Respectfully,



R. W. Finkel.

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June 15, 1935

Mr. LeRoy Moore,
O/e Washington Mutual Savings Bank,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sir:

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your
letter of June 8, 1935 relative to the Weyerhaeuser
kidnaping case, and to thank you for the suggestion
contained therein.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc - Portland (with copies incoming letter)
Mr. Connelley "

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Seattle, Washington.
June 8 1935. *agf*

John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Geo
It just occurred to me that your Department would be greatly assisted in the Weyhauser Kidnaping Case if the Government would call in all the Federal Reserve bills bearing the letter "L" until such time as the Kidnapers have been apprehended.

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I am positive that the public is not watching these bills as closely as they were a week ago and it would minimize the work of checking the numbers, especially for those who handle a great many during the day as I do. It would also make the money the kidnapers have much "hotter" and I believe they would take more chances in disposing of it.

Very truly yours

LeRoy Moore

LeRoy Moore
In care of Washington Mutual Savings Bank
Seattle, Washington.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

10:17 A.M.

RE: WEYERHAEUSER KIDNAPING CASE

Wagon W. H. Hughes

Agent in Charge Lowdon called from Charlotte, advising that he had received a wire from Salt Lake City night before last, stating that a suitcase had been shipped from Salt Lake City to Weldon, North Carolina. Lowdon stated the suitcase had arrived yesterday morning, and that Agent W. H. Osborne is at Weldon and had tried all day yesterday and last night to get into it; that it is under lock and seal, and the station master does not want the lock sprung in any way that it will appear to have been tampered with when the party calls for it. Lowdon stated he had contacted Mr. W. H. Hughes, a special agent of the American Express Company operating in that section of the country, and that Hughes wants to cooperate, but is leary about opening the package, and had suggested that it would be better if we did not go into the package and cause any disturbance later on, and keep it under surveillance under Tuesday morning, at which time, if it has not been called for, he, Hughes, will be there and discuss it with his Chief, and on Tuesday morning he can come down and rightfully go into it by saying that the seal has been broken or tampered with or something of that sort, and he can inventory it. Lowdon stated he wanted the Bureau's opinion in this matter. He stated Osborne is there and that McDade will be at Weldon in about an hour and a half, and they can keep it pretty well under surveillance; also, that if the individual calls for it the arrangements are to have him told that the package has not been received; that the Express Company will say that the package has not been received, so that it will be there until Tuesday. Lowdon stated that if the individual called for the package a second time he had instructed the Agents to pick him up for questioning. Lowdon stated he had instructed that the package be kept in a safe place so that there will be no danger of its being broken into at night.

I advised Lowdon that the above arrangements appeared satisfactory and that he should go ahead with this plan.

Respectfully,

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E. A. Tamm.

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W. H. C.

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

907 Rust Bldg.
Tacoma, Washington

June 4, 1935

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that Special Agents C.A. Meroney,
Albert Miller and F. C. Culberson arrived at Tacoma at
10:40 AM, this date, with Los Angeles Bureau office auto-
mobiles bearing the following license and motor numbers:

License	Motor
9 C 9986	54333
5 A 3995	53892
9 C 9980	54338

These automobiles will be retained here and the above
named Agents are returning by airplane to Los Angeles at
3:22 PM.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Connelley
E. J. Connelley
Special Agent in Charge

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Cc Los Angeles

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June 14, 1935.

Mr. A. E. Stone,
District Manager,
Williams Steamship Corporation,
109 East Redwood Street,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 8, 1935 suggesting that the Masters of the vessels of the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company, Williams Steamship Corporation and Oceanic and Oriental Navigation Company be furnished with copies of the ransom list of money which was paid in the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping case.

I desire to thank you for your suggestion in this connection and to assure you that it will receive the consideration of this Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Washington Field (with copies incoming letter)

San Francisco

Mr. Connelley

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REFER TO

June 8, 1935

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledge receipt this date of your May 30, 1935
attaching list of ransom bills.

I have instructed everybody in this office who may
handle any money to check same against the list. I have also
placed the second copy you furnished with our Pier Agent, request-
ing him to call it to the attention of the Masters of our vessels
as they arrive and seek their assistance in checking all bills of
20-10-5 dollar denominations before making payoff of crews or making
advances to any members thereof.

As the Masters of the vessels in the American-Hawaiian
Steamship Co., Williams Steamship Corporation and Oceanic & Oriental
Navigation Co. handle considerable sums of money, I suggest to you that
you address Mr. T. G. Plant, Operating Manager of the American-Hawaiian
Steamship Co., Matson Building, San Francisco. He would possibly be
willing to have you furnish approximately 40 lists so that one could
be placed aboard each of the vessels.

Possibly your Department has thought of this but it occurs
to me it might be well to address all of the various Pacific Coast
Steamship companies.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAMS STEAMSHIP CORPORATION

District Manager

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June 13, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
907 Rust Building,
Tacoma, Washington.

Re: WILLIAM MAHAN, with aliases,
Fugitive, I. O. 1252; et al;
GEORGE WEYERHAEUSER, Victim;
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

For your information, I am transmitting
herewith copies of a letter received by Special Agent
in Charge Rorer of the Atlanta Office from H. W.
Russell, dated June 3, 1935, together with copy of
letter from the Atlanta Office, dated June 7, 1935,
transmitting this letter to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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cc-Atlanta

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

501 Healey Building,
Atlanta, Georgia,
June 7, 1935.

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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
GEORGE WEYERHAEUSER- Victim
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

I am attaching hereto a letter addressed to me by H. W. Russell, in the above case. H. W. Russell, constantly communicated with Bureau representatives during the investigation of the Lindbergh case, furnishing data concerning persons whom he suspected as being the kidnapers.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Rorer

W. A. RORER,
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Nashville

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June 3rd 1935

Mr. W. G. Rorer,
Nashville Tenn.

Dear Sir:

In reading account
of the return of young
Meyerhanser in Sunday
Banner, as reported
by Boniface, the man
who carried him
home, I was particularly
struck by the way he
spoke of his old car
as the "hack."

This was a very com-
mon expression of
my man, Darrell,
when speaking of his
car, and I later

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wondering if there
could have been
a former association
of the two that would
have caused the use
of this word by them?
This of course is a
matter of small
significance on
its face; but some-
times, as you know,
these little things
count for more than
what they first seem,
and I am giving
it to you for what-
ever it may be worth.

Very truly yours.
H. W. Russell

C O P Y

June 3rd 1935

Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Nashville Tenn.

Dear Sir:

In reading account of the return of young Weyerhauser in Sundays Banner, as reported by Boniface, The man who carried him home, I was particularly struck by the way he spoke of his old car as the "hack".

This was a very common expression of my man, Darrell, when speaking of his car, and I am wondering if there could have been a former association of the two that would have caused the use of this word by them? This of course is a matter of small significance on its face; but sometimes, as you know, these little things count for more than what they first seem, and I am giving it to you for whatever it may be worth.

Very truly yours,

H. W. RUSSELL

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H H REINECKE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
506 FLETCHER SAVINGS & TRUST BLDG
INDIANAPOLIS INDIANA

WYNAP IMMEDIATELY CONTACT APPROPRIATE EXECUTIVE OFFICER STANDARD OIL COMPANY
OF KENTUCKY LOUISVILLE AND ENDEAVOR EFFECT ARRANGEMENTS WHEREBY DISTRICT MANAGERS
WILL FURNISH COPIES RANSOM LIST THIS CASE TO EACH OF THEIR SERVICE STATIONS
ENDEAVOR HAVE INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED EACH STATION TO KEEP CONFIDENTIAL FACT THAT LIST
FURNISHED AND TO ADVISE NO ONE EXCEPT NEAREST FIELD OFFICE THIS BUREAU OF DISCOVERY
ANY RANSOM BILL ADVISE DETAILS ARRANGEMENTS EFFECTED NAMES AND ADDRESSES DISTRICT
MANAGERS AND NUMBER LISTS REQUIRED BY EACH DISTRICT MANAGER FOR THIS PURPOSE

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June 7, 1935.

Time 9:58 AM

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Re: Beyerhaeuser case.

During a telephonic conversation with Colonel Gates, he advised that he had received a request from Mr. Haskinson of the Associated Press for a sketch of the biography of Mr. Nathan. I advised Mr. Gates that this request had come to my notice and I had given out instructions that the Associated Press should be advised that we do not give out sketches of anyone in the Bureau and that no one is in charge of the case at Tacoma as it was being handled directly from headquarters here in Washington, further that it is against our policy to give out information regarding the movements of our Agents.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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W. M. ANDERSON
LAWYER
DEVILS LAKE, N. DAK.

June 6th, 1935.

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover.

About a year ago I wrote concerning the possibility of getting my son in law into the service with you but I couldn't get him interested in this line of activity. I also suggested that it might be a good plan to have a fund for use of rewards for information leading to the apprehension of criminals. &

As a citizen I am anxious to see the gangsters and kidnapers operating get caught. One thing has impressed me and it may be of some significance that the victims in the large kidnapping operations are from St. Paul and of German ancestry. This may be a coincidence, but St. Paul seems to be the hatchery for these operations. Hamm, Bohn, Bremer and Weyerhauser. All have been residents of St. Paul and all are of German ancestry. Why in both cases, should this be true?

If the sheriff at Tacoma or the chief of police would offer a reward for clues leading up to the identification of the kidnapers and a promise of secrecy and protection is offered at the same time it is quite likely that some of the criminal and underworld has some information to give. It must be offered in such a way that the one furnishing the information will not be involved. Some one outside of the immediate gang knows something about this and if it became known to them they will be paid for the information and it is kept secret, they will for a consideration reveal it. Jealousy and cupidity will prompt them to talk. You needn't answer this and take it for what it is worth. The informants might talk to the local officers and not the G men.

Yours truly,

W. M. Anderson

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W. M. Anderson

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June 7, 1935.

Time 11:36 AM

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: Weyerhaeuser case.

Mr. Nathan telephoned from Tacoma and advised that he had just arrived there; that a telephone call had just been received from the Salt Lake City Office advising that a \$10 ransom bill had been picked up there in one of the banks.

With regard to the press situation, Mr. Nathan stated there is not much change; that he turned down a proposition to hold formal press conferences stating that such conferences would imply that he was going to talk freely. I stated that he was entirely correct in taking this position and I advised him of the article in the morning paper by Mr. Birdwell which relates a description of the hideout purported to have been obtained from the victim, which describes it as a house having high gables with peaks and then goes on to relate that the boy states he heard five railroad trains go by each day and other details supposedly obtained from the boy. I stated that as far as I know none of these details are true and have not been furnished by the boy. Mr. Nathan states that the other newspapers are quite incensed over the stories written by Mr. Birdwell and point out to the Agents at Tacoma the information contained in them, but that when these other newspapers are questioned they admit that there is a very high mortality in Birdwell's stories. I advised Mr. Nathan that I had received a number of inquiries about the Birdwell story; that the other press associations are apparently concerned about this story and that I believed the best position to take was to state that we had no comment to make on any inquiry received about the case until it was solved. In this connection, I advised Mr. Nathan that we should neither confirm nor deny any reports but should state there was no comment to make and in taking this position the other newspapers will realize, perhaps, that we are not giving out anything and that any information concerning the case which has been published would have probably come from some other source, further that if we take this position they will not be able to surmise anything from our reply, as would be the case if one day we said someone had not been apprehended, for example, and the next day in response to an inquiry we said "No comment", as this would indicate that we might have the person in custody at the time of the second inquiry. Mr. Nathan stated that he believed this was the proper position to take; that, however, a short time ago he received an inquiry about some Michigan license plates which had been found there in Michigan and that he had advised the person calling that there was nothing to it, after receiving information to that effect. I stated the only trouble with this procedure was that some more license plates might turn up later which will furnish us with a clue; that when an inquiry is received about these plates and we state there is no comment to make, the newspapers will draw the conclusion that it is a good lead, in view of the fact that we stated before that the other plates had no connection with the case. Mr. Nathan stated that he would follow the policy of making no comment on anything.

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Mr. Nathan stated that the newspapers are decentralizing, that is a number of them are withdrawing their correspondents from Tacoma; that Adela Rogers

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Mr. Hoover and Mr. Nathan
6/7/35.

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St. John had left; that Mr. Cooper and Mr. Birdwell were still there but that Mr. Nathan has not seen them yet. I stated that I was particularly concerned with the articles by Mr. Birdwell, because it appears from the information contained in them that he is getting this information from us, and while we know that it is not true, nevertheless the other papers and the public get the impression that we are giving Mr. Birdwell as "source". I stated that Mr. Nathan should inform the newspaper men that no one in the Bureau is responsible for any articles appearing on the case as no information is being given out, either at Tacoma or Washington, and therefore any stories appearing must be entirely speculative, or at least unauthorized by the Department.

Mr. Nathan stated that he learned the newspapers had quoted him as making a statement at Chicago and that he desired to advise me that he had not said a word. I stated that this was true with reference to the statement; that I knew that he had not issued such a statement and that the Associated Press had been so advised.

Mr. Nathan advised that he had been met at Portland by two newspaper men and a cameraman; that he had asked them how they knew he was coming and they had advised him that the Associated Press had reported that he was coming, and that evidently someone saw Mr. Nathan in Chicago.

I instructed Mr. Nathan to have Mr. Connelley send in immediately the detailed statement of the boy and also a report of what the boy showed them on the trip yesterday. Mr. Nathan stated in this connection that he would like to have an agent sent out who has the ability to write reports in detail and that he would substitute this agent for one of the agents now assigned to the squad. I stated that I believed that Agent Seykora would be a good man for this purpose and that I would send him out to Tacoma.

I advised Mr. Nathan that authorization was going forward today to have a teletype installed at Tacoma and this should be used as much as possible in lieu of the telephone and telegraph.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

EAT:CSH

June 7, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: GEORGE WEYERHAEUSER, Victim,
KIDNAPING.

Officer J. I. Thompson of the Metropolitan Police Department called at my office and requested a copy of the ransom list in the above case for the use of the cashiers at the District Building, stating they are now using the list appearing in the press but find it very hard on their eyes. Officer Thompson was furnished with a copy of the ransom list.

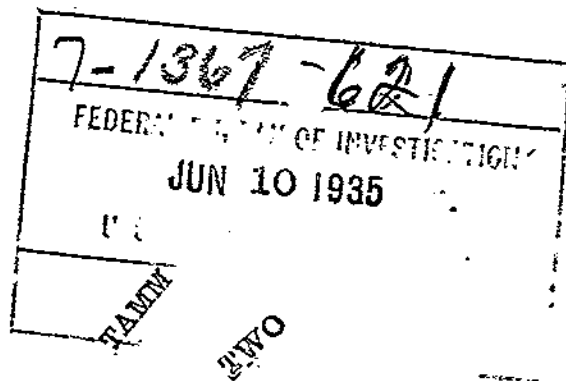
Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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TACOMA BUREAU CALLING 6-9 6-9-35 12 45 PM

DIRECTOR

PLEASE FURNISH KNOWN CRIMINAL RECORD AT ONCE WILLIAM MAHAN
IDAHO SP NUMBER 3821 MONTANA SP NUMBER 7688 SECURE PHOTOGRAPHS IF
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U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE
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JEM:RLM

June 8, 1935.

Time-11:44 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: Weyerhaeuser kidnaping case

Mr. Flint of the Food and Grocery Chain Stores of America telephoned with reference to his suggestion that ransom lists in the Weyerhaeuser case be distributed to each of the twenty three thousand stores of his organization.

I advised Mr. Flint that we could supply him with the necessary number of ransom bill lists and a large portion of the lists would be available by Monday and the balance possibly by Tuesday. I further advised Mr. Flint that he could send the lists to him or the divisional offices for distribution. Mr. Flint stated that he will furnish the Bureau with a list of the divisional offices with the number of stores connected with each one; that the divisional offices will be notified that the lists are being forwarded to them for distribution directly from the Bureau.

It was suggested to Mr. Flint in the distribution of the lists that if any of the bills do turn up they notify no one but the local office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; that we are having a great deal of difficulty in the Weyerhaeuser case by reason of the fact that everytime a bill has turned up, the newspapers have printed it, thereby causing the kidnapers to flee to another section. I stated that if a bill turns up in one of the stores, like in Omaha, and they at once notify our Omaha office, we would at once make contact and very likely if the kidnaper saw nothing in the paper about it, he would continue to pass the bills in that city; that we could then lay the necessary plans to bring about the apprehension of the person passing the money. I further mentioned to Mr. Flint the story appearing in the Salt Lake City papers that bills have been passed there and that such publicity caused the kidnapers to leave; that I would like, if it could be done, that word be given if they do locate any of the bills, that they notify our offices appearing on the ransom list at once and not some local newspaper or local authorities. Mr. Flint stated that he would make this an essential point in the "bulletin".

Mr. Flint stated that he was very glad that they could be of some assistance, and I thanked him for their cooperation.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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503-A U S COURT HOUSE AND POST OFFICE BUILDING
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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS GEORGE WEYERHAEUSER VICTIM KIDNAPING THREE LATENT PRINTS
DEVELOPED ON RAILROAD TICKET STOP COMPARISONS WITH FINGERPRINTS OF POSSIBLE
SUSPECTS NOW BEING MADE

HOOPER

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ORDER NO. 1252**

June 10, 1935.

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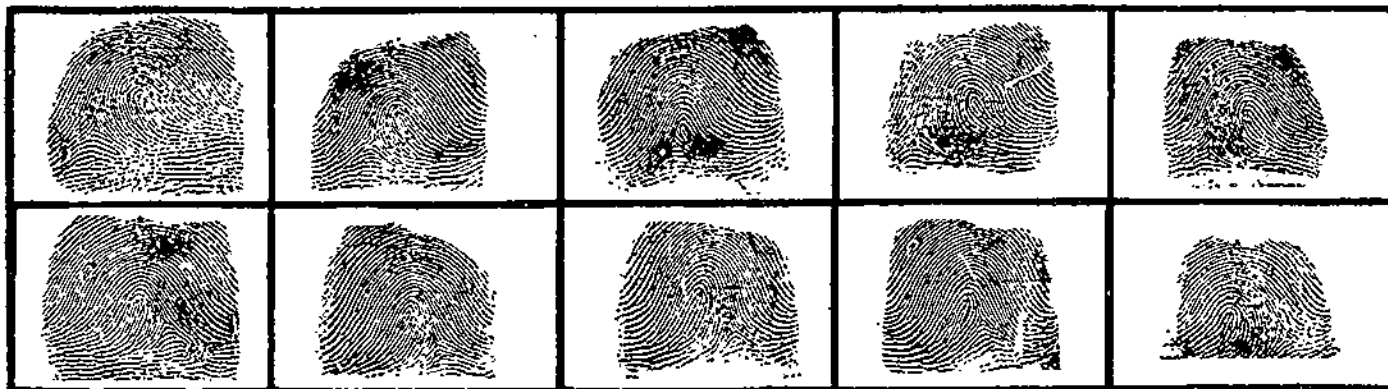
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WILLIAM MAHAN, with aliases: William Dainard, Wm. Merrell, J. W. Morse, William Morrell, William Dinaud, William Mohan, Bill Mohan.

KIDNAPING



Photograph taken Sept. 24, 1927.

DESCRIPTION

Age, 32 years (born Cando, North Dakota in 1903); Height, 5' 10 3/8"; Weight, 156 1/2 lbs.; Build, regular; Hair, black; Eyes, brown; Complexion, medium light. Marks and scars: Small scar left cheek; burn scar both right and left upper-arms inner; small cut scar left middle finger outer; cut scar right forefinger outer. Occupation, blacksmith, auto mechanic.



CRIMINAL RECORD

As Bill Mohan, #7688 received State Penitentiary Deer Lodge, Montana, December 2, 1923 from Valley County, Montana, to serve a term of 2-4 years for grand larceny (car theft). Paroled December 31, 1924.
As William Mahan, #3821 received State Penitentiary Boise, Idaho, September 24, 1927, to serve a term of 20 years for robbery.

William Mahan
RECORDED

William Mahan is wanted in connection with the kidnaping of George Weyerhaeuser at Tacoma, Washington, May 24, 1935. (10)

Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to the nearest office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

If apprehended please notify the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or the Special Agent in Charge of the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, listed on the back hereof, which is nearest your city.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.
Issued by: JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR.

Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,

Located at: Building Tel. No.
ABERDEEN, S. Dak., 610 Alonzo Ward Hotel 4652
ATLANTA, Georgia, 501 Healey Walnut 3698
BIRMINGHAM, Alabama, 320 Federal 7-1755
BOSTON, Massachusetts, 1002
Post Office & Court House Liberty 5600
BUFFALO, N. Y., 612 Marine Trust Cleveland 2030
BUTTE, Montana, 302 Federal 2-4734
CHARLOTTE, N. C., 234 Federal 3-4127
CHICAGO, Ill., 1900 Bankers' Randolph 6226
CINCINNATI, Ohio, 426 U. S.
Custom House & P. O. Main 6720
CLEVELAND, Ohio, 1448 Standard Prospect 2456
DALLAS, Texas, 420 Post Office 2-3866
DENVER, Colo., 722 Midland Savings Main 6241
DETROIT, Mich., 907 Federal Cadillac 2835
EL PASO, Texas, 1331 1st Nat'l Bk. Main 501
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., 506
Fletcher Savings & Trust Riley 5416
JACKSONVILLE, Florida, 412 U. S.
Court House & P. O. 3-2780
KANSAS CITY, Mo., 1616 Fed. Res. Bk. Victor 3113
LITTLE ROCK, Ark., 500 Rector Office 6734
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MILWAUKEE, Wisc., 1021 Bankers Daly 3431
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NEW ORLEANS, La., 326½ P. O. Raymond 1965
NEW YORK, N. Y., 370 Lexington
Avenue, Room 1403 Caledonia 5-8691
OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., 224 Federal 2-8186
OMAHA, Nebr., 629 1st Nat'l Bk. Atlantic 8644
PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania,
414 Phila. Saving Fund Walnut 2213
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PITTSBURGH, Pa., 620 New Fed. Grant 0800
PORTLAND, Ore., 411 U. S. Ct. House Atwater 6171
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U. S. Court House & P. O. Wasatch 3980
SAN ANTONIO, Texas,
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JEM:RLM

June 6, 1935.

Time 12:22 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

RE: ^QWeyerhaeuser Kidnaping

During a telephonic conversation with Mr. Snyder, he stated that the Hearst Newspapers are interested in the transfer of Mr. Dunn. I advised Mr. Snyder that Mr. Dunn was at Tacoma for a few days and has now returned to Los Angeles. I stated that I received an inquiry from Colonel Gates yesterday relative to Mr. Dunn and that I advised Colonel Gates I would suggest that no comment be made concerning any shifting of Agents; that the identity of a man being in one place and then at another place is truly an administrative matter, and I considered it to be a very bad policy to answer any inquiries as to why a man is in one place today and in another place tomorrow. I further stated that I told Colonel Gates in the case of Mr. Dunn to tell the press that there is no information to be given out relative to Mr. Dunn's assignments.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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HAT:TAM

June 6, 1935

RECORDED 7-1367-627

Mr. L. H. Sullivan,
c/o Seattle Times,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Upon receiving your telegram of June 3, 1935, requesting that you be furnished with a photographic copy of the original ransom letter received by the parents of George Weyethausor, I instructed Mr. E. J. Connelley, who is in charge of the Bureau's temporary office, located at 905 East Building, Tacoma, Washington, to have prepared photographic copies of this ransom letter, and to make available to you one copy of this letter.

Assuring you of my desire to cooperate with you and with all representatives of the press on all occasions when it is possible to do so, I am

Sincerely yours,

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This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its preferred character indicated by a suit sign above or preceding the address.

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J EDGAR HOOVER=DEPT OF JUSTICE=

PLEASE WIRE CONNELLY TACOMA RELEASE FOR US PHOTOS RANSOM NOTE

AND ENVELOPE AVAILABLE HERE TO CORRESPOND YOUR RELEASE

SAME THERE ANSWER VIA WESTERNUNION COLLECT=

L H SULLIVAN SEATTLE TIMES

Mr. Nathan

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Tamm asked that this letter be returned to him. There is no way to verify it he says as it was handled by Mr. Dunn and no record was made. He said he will destroy it.

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Mr. Tolson
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300

Mr. L. H. Sullivan,
c/o Seattle Times,
Seattle, Washington.

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Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Edgar Hoover", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is somewhat stylized and cursive.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

~~U. S. Bureau of Investigation~~

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. BOX 567
San Francisco, California.

June 6th, 1935.

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Ave. at Ninth St. N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
George Weyerhaeuser, Victim
Kidnaping.

A suggestion has just been received, by this office, from Mr. I. A. Morris, Cashier, of the Hollister National Bank, Hollister, California, that if all of the L A series of Federal Reserve notes were recalled, the detection of those notes now in the possession of the kidnapers would be made less difficult.

In connection with this suggestion, I have ascertained, through communication with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, that all of the notes issued by this bank are of the L A series; that the tremendous task necessary in recalling the numerous notes now outstanding, the length of time which would be required in securing the return of these notes, and the difficulty in re-issuing new notes, would make the consummation of the suggestion practically prohibitive.

Very truly yours,

Jay C. Newman

JAY C. NEWMAN,
Special Agent in Charge

cc to S.A.C. E. J. Connelley,
908 Rust Building
Tacoma, Washington

cc to Portland

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Salt Lake City, Utah
June 7, 1935

AIRMAIL- REGISTERED

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue & 9th Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
GEORGE MEYERHAEUSER - Victim
Kidnaping. S.L. file 7-57

About 12:25 P.M. today, Special Agent (A) J. M. Baker, upon opening the front door of the Salt Lake City Bureau office, Room 503A U. S. Courthouse & P.O. Bldg., noted a slip of paper in the "letter drop" on the door. Mr. Baker read it and showed it to Miss Gertrude Jones, stenographer, who said she knew nothing about it. Mr. Baker brought it to the writer, who read the contents and immediately placed the note in a cellophane envelope. This note is printed on the back of a white manila envelope which has been torn in half; the printing is large and fairly well done, and reads as follows:

"LISTEN YOU AMATURES STAY OFF THE TACOMA KIDNAP CASE WARNING
EGOIST EGOIST"

Agents of the Salt Lake City office interviewed the elevator operators and made a cautious inspection of the Post Office lobby and the automobiles in the immediate vicinity. The message was apparently printed very hurriedly, with a pen. The shade of ink used and the type of pen indicate that it may have been written in the Post Office lobby. The waste baskets were examined but the remaining half of the envelope was not found. It is impossible to tell whether it is a bona fide message from the kidnapers or was written by someone as a practical joke.

The writer examined the brass "letter drop" and noticed a number of indistinct latent prints thereon; this "letter drop" was "dusted" by Special Agent Sandberg and the two enclosed latent prints were taken. Prior to removing these prints a number of photographs were taken with the fingerprint camera, and these are enclosed.

The original Egoist note is being forwarded herewith to the Bureau for appropriate treatment by the laboratory. Mr. Connelley was accordingly advised. It is requested that photostatic copies of this note be furnished the Salt Lake City and Tacoma offices.

Very truly yours,

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LOUIS D. WIRE, Acting
Special Agent in Charge U.S.

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cc Mr. Connelley

JUN 18 1935

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to Salt Lake City
to Tacoma
to Connelley

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

Case: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
GEORGE WEYERHAEUSER - Victim
Kidnaping.

Number: 7-1367-629

Specimens: One anonymous note written on one-half of an envelope which reads:
"LISTEN YOU AMATURES STAY OFF THE TACOMA KIDNAP CASE WARNING EGOIST
EGOIST".
Two lifts of latent fingerprints.
Four photographs of latent fingerprints.

Examination requested by: Salt Lake City, Utah Bureau Office.

Date received: 6-11-35

Examination requested: Handwriting and fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Appel
Engert

CC Mr. Connelley
Portland.

Air Mail

Back of envelope - approx. 3.90" long;
8.89" wide, .0046" thick,
smooth white finish, No Wm -
WT. 2.0201

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

Case: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
George Weyerhaeuser - Victim
Kidnaping - (Extortion)

Number: 7-1367-556

Specimens: One hundred and twelve applications for Domestic Money Orders
number 289263 - 289374 inclusive.

Examination requested by: Mr. Connelley at Tacoma, Wash.

Date received: 6-10-35

Examination requested: Handwriting

Result of examination:

Examination by: Appel

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

6/10 Spec. selected via teletype
June 12, 1935

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER.

June 10 1933
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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT TACOMA, WASHINGTON:

RECEIVED YOUR LETTER EIGHTH OF ALL APPLICATIONS FOR NEWLY ORDERS THREE WERE
SELECTED BECAUSE OF SIMILARITIES IN HANDWRITING WITH NOTATION ELLIOTT
THREE SEVEN THREE SEVEN SENDERS NAMES ON THESE ARE EVERETT P LULL II
TWENTYFOUR SIXTEEN AVENUE SPOKANE PAYEE MRS EVERETT P LULL SEVEN NAUGHT
FOUR NORTH KITTITAS ELLENBURG WASHINGTON STOP OWNER MARY EDNA KRASCHKE
E FIFTEEN EIGHTEEN EAST FIFTEENTH AVENUE SPOKANE PAYEE HARRY C KRUSE
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FINGERPRINTS BEING DEVELOPED THESE THREE FOR FURTHER REPORT

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APPROVED FOR TRANSMISSION:

Sent _____ by _____ .

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

June 7, 1935

EAT:CSH

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: GEORGE WEYERHAEUSER, Victim,
KIDNAPING.

Mr. Nathan called from Tacoma to suggest that, in view of the number of ransom bills turning up in Salt Lake City, and in view of the fact that he does not believe Wine has a great deal of executive ability, it might be a good idea to send Vetterli to Salt Lake City to handle the situation there. I advised that I would take this matter up with you.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

No. Let Connelley go
& let Nathan stay
Tacoma end.

J. E. H.

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June 22, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Re: William Haken, with aliases;
I. O. #1252, et al.; George
Weyerhaeuser - Victim,
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

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With reference to Laboratory Report # , in connection with the
above entitled case, there are transmitted herewith photographic copies of the
following specimens which your office submitted for examination:

One anonymous note written on one-half of an envelope which reads:
"LISTEN YOU AMATEURS STAY OFF THE TACOMA KIDNAP CASE WARMING REGIST
REGIST".

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Enclosed for Mr. Kelley, Tacoma, Washington.

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June 13, 1935.

Mr. Louis D. Wine,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
803-A U. S. Court House and
Post Office Building,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of June 7, 1935 transmitting an anonymous note printed on the back of a white envelope, four photographs of latent fingerprints, and two lifts of latent fingerprints in connection with the case entitled William Mahan, with aliases, I. O. #1252 et al.; George Weyerhaeuser - Victim; Kidnaping.

On the anonymous note beginning "Listen you amateurs" several fragmentary latent fingerprints were developed of which one is of a palmar surface. Latent fingerprints of value appeared only on one of the two lifts. No latent fingerprints of value appeared in the four photographs. These latent fingerprints, as well as the latent fingerprints previously developed in connection with this case, were compared with the fingerprints of the following persons but no identification was effected:

Harmon Waley, #FBI-269043
William Mahan, #FBI-131000
Marian Williams, #FBI-175609
Marvin Taylor, #FBI-250037
Harry Commons, #A-5937 State
Reformatory, Pontiac, Illinois
Otto C. Holwedel, alias
Jack Sweeney, #FBI-559377
R. D. Schroeder, #A-5838 State
Reformatory, Pontiac, Illinois

Daniel McLeod, #FBI-937300
Henry Raepple, #FBI-849287
Nora Bergman, #7006 Sheriff's
Office, Montezuma, Washington
Frank Larson, alias
Harold Osborne, #FBI-41514
Margaret Thulin Waley, #—Bureau
Office, Salt Lake City, Utah
Thomas Toohy, alias
Tommy Toohy, #FBI-79515.

In accordance with your request, a photographic copy of the anonymous note beginning "Listen you amateurs" is being transmitted herewith to your office. A photographic copy of this note is also being transmitted

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Mr. Louis D. Wine,
Salt Lake City, Utah.
June 13, 1935.

to Mr. E. J. Connelley at Tacoma. The four photographs together with the two lifts are also being transmitted herewith. Photographic copies of the lift containing the latent fingerprints have been made for the completion of our files.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure #884633.

CC - Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Tacoma, Washington

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY REGISTERED MAIL.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

June 7, 1935

EAT:CSH

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ~~DIRECTOR~~ *July*

Time - *6:45*

Geo
RE: WEYERHAEUSER KIDNAPING CASE.

I called Mr. Nathan at Tacoma, in connection with his suggestion that Vetterli be sent to Salt Lake City, and advised that I had conferred with you about this matter and that you desired Connelley to proceed to Salt Lake City by plane to take care of the situation there, and that he, Nathan, should handle the Tacoma end of it.

Mr. Nathan stated it was his information that a grand total of seven ransom bills had turned up today, and I told him to get in touch with me if more Agents were needed.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm
E. A. Tamm.

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J C NEWMAN
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
405 POST OFFICE BUILDING
SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA

WYNAP IMMEDIATELY CONTACT APPROPRIATE EXECUTIVE OFFICER STANDARD OIL COMPANY
OF CALIFORNIA SAN FRANCISCO AND ENDEAVOR EFFECT ARRANGEMENTS WHEREBY DISTRICT
MANAGERS WILL FURNISH COPIES RANSOM LIST THIS CASE TO EACH OF THEIR SERVICE STATIONS
ENDEAVOR HAVE INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED EACH STATION TO KEEP CONFIDENTIAL FACT THAT LIST
FURNISHED AND TO ADVISE NO ONE EXCEPT NEAREST FIELD OFFICE THIS BUREAU OF DISCOVERY
OF ANY RANSOM BILL ADVISE DETAILS ARRANGEMENTS EFFECTED NAMES AND ADDRESSES
DISTRICT MANAGERS AND NUMBER LISTS REQUIRED BY EACH DISTRICT MANAGER FOR THIS PURPOSE

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June 5, 1935.

Time 11:50 AM

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Re: Weyerhaeuser case.

Mr. Suydam telephoned with reference to the publishing by the Detroit News of the information that George Rittenhouse was a suspect in the above entitled case and advised that this paper has offered to withhold this information for twentyfour hours if it would assist our investigation to do this. I stated that it would of course help the situation if the information was not printed for a time but I did not want to have it said by them, when they printed the information, that it had been withheld at our request, as this would place a great deal of unnecessary importance on Rittenhouse, who is at present merely one of the many suspects in the case. Mr. Suydam stated that he would try to work the matter out the best way possible.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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801 TITLE GUARANTY BUILDING
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AND ENDEAVOR EFFECT ARRANGEMENTS WHEREBY DISTRICT MANAGERS WILL FURNISH COPIES
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

June 6, 1935.

Time - 2:05 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: ⁰Weyerhaeuser Case.

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Mr. Nathan
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Mr. Harbo
Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
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Mr. Smith
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy
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The secretary to Colonel Gates of the Department telephoned and stated that Colonel Gates had asked her to call and ask if we had any information relative to a New Jersey man being involved in the above case; that one of the reporters had been in Colonel Gates' office with information to that effect.

I informed the lady calling that any comment relative to this case would have to come from the office of the Director.

Respectfully,

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DENVER COLORADO

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Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Keith.....
Mr. Lester.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Scheldt.....
Mr. Schilder.....
Mr. Smith.....
Mr. Tamm.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Telephone call of Mr.
Crowley of the A. P.
Time: 3:30 A.M.

Mr. Crowley, night editor of the Associated Press, called and advised me he had received a message from Los Angeles stating there was a rumor that a man by the name of Herbert Shinstone had been taken into custody in Los Angeles in connection with the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping. He further stated that the man's name might have been Stone, or something similar, as the message was garbled. Mr. Crowley stated that Federal Agents out there would not confirm the report and wanted to know what I knew about the matter. I informed him I had no knowledge about the matter and, upon being further questioned, suggested he get in touch with Colonel Gates. I advised Mr. Crowley this information would be brought to the attention of the proper official.

Respectfully,

E. A. Snyder.

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Mr. H. S. Mosher,
Department of Criminal Investigation,
Pinkerton's National Detective Agency,
154 Nassau Street,
New York City.

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Dear Mr. Mosher:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of
May 31, 1935, referring to one Milo Eggers, a possible suspect in
the Meyerhaeuser kidnaping case.

I was sorry to have missed you when you were in Washington,
and very much thank you for the information contained in your com-
munication of the 31st.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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154 Nassau St., New York,
May 31st, 1935.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In 1925 or 1926, with the Police Department we caused the arrest in San Francisco of Milo Eggers and William Barlow, who were wanted in Tacoma or possibly Vancouver, B.C., for a holdup at that time. There was a shooting in the Federal Building in San Francisco during the trial and an effort was made to liberate the prisoners. During this shooting Ariely Eggers was shot and killed and Milo Eggers escaped and was later arrested in Tacoma.

Perhaps you would want your agents to take this man into consideration in connection with the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping.

I hope you have fully recovered from your throat ailment and am sorry that I missed an opportunity to see you in Washington.

Yours very truly,

PINKERTON'S NATIONAL DETECTIVE AGENCY, Inc.,

By,

H. S. Mosher

Mgr., Dept. of Criminal Investigation.

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Record of Telephone Call or Visitor

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Time 12:55

Name Mr. Flint of the Food and

Grocery Chain Stores of America tele

Referred to _____

Details:

Mr. ~~X~~ Flint stated that Mr. John A. ~~X~~ Logan, their Executive Vice-President, desired to talk with Mr. Hoover on the 'phone concerning the Weyerhaeuser ransom bill lists. Mr. Logan will call in about an hour.

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George Weyerhaeuser

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June 1, 1935.

Time 10:40 AM

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Re: ^OWeyerhaeuser kidnaping.

I telephoned Mr. Connelley at Tacoma and inquired if the boy had been returned, stating that we had received a number of news flashes to that effect. Mr. Connelley advised that the boy had just been returned to his home by an individual from a place named Issaquah; that the boy had walked into this man's home which is about twenty five miles northeast of Tacoma, about 5:30 AM this morning and this man had then called the police at Tacoma. I inquired if the police went out to get the boy and Mr. Connelley replied that they had not; that the man was bringing the boy in when he was met part way by a reporter who had received word of the telephone call, although he did not know at the time the exact nature of it. I inquired if the police had notified us and Mr. Connelley replied that they had not; that we had learned of the finding of the boy through an intercepted call to the police from this man at Issaquah; that after the call was completed he, Mr. Connelley, had immediately called the police who advised him of the finding of the boy. Mr. Connelley stated that the boy was now at his home and he was preparing to go over there.

I inquired if any statement had been issued by him regarding the return of the boy and Mr. Connelley replied that he had issued none. I accordingly instructed him to have one of the Agents at the office take care of any telephone calls from reporters and advise them that the boy had been returned to his home and that any further statements would have to come from the family.

Time 10:48 AM

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. ~~boy~~ had been returned was true. I advised him that it was but that outside of verifying this report we would make no further statement; that any other statement would have to come from the family.

Time 11:42 AM

Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. ~~on the~~ publicity in connection with this case. I advised him that I thought our position should be that we would verify the fact that the boy has been returned but that any further statement would have to come from the family; that, of course, the boy will be questioned by our Agents. Mr. Suydam stated that he had received a number of inquiries concerning the ransom notes. I stated that I did not think any statement should be made stating that the ransom had been paid until the family had approved such a statement, as

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they were reluctant to let it be known that the ransom had been paid and I did not want to issue any statement without their approval in view of their fine cooperation in the case; that, however, I was awaiting word from Tacoma concerning this matter, as I believed that the list of the ransom bills which we had prepared should be released. I further stated, however, that in regard to any suspects or any investigation, no word should be given out, advising Mr. Suydam that he could state that the boy had been returned but no arrest has been made and that any statement other than that would have to come from the family. I stated that I had instructed the Agent in Charge of the case to advise the family that any statement regarding the ransom would have to come from them; that I did not advise him to tell them not to make a statement as they would tell the reporters that we had instructed them not to say anything and this would only further the rather ill feeling which the press has towards us in this matter in view of the fact that we have not given them anything on the case. Mr. Suydam requested that he be informed of anything which is given out and I advised him that I would do this.

11:45 AM

I telephoned Mr. Connelley at Tacoma and inquired if there were any more developments. Mr. Connelley stated that he had been talking to the individual who found the boy; that this man's name is Louis Boniza, who advised Mr. Connelley that the boy had told him that at first he was kept in a cave dug in the ground and chained there; that later they kept him in a closet in a house; that there were six men involved who allowed him to read the newspapers; that several of the men called each other "Alvin", "Harry" and "Bill". Mr. Connelley stated that he does not think, however, that it was Karpis because Karpis is known as "Ray" and Campbell is known as "George" among the gang, and that probably the kidnapers sought to convey the impression to the boy that it was the Karpis gang, as they allowed him to read all the accounts about the Karpis outfit being suspected as the kidnapers. I inquired if they had done any harm to the boy and Mr. Connelley replied that they had not; that the boy reports that they treated him fine; that about 3:00 AM this morning they left him at a shed at Issaquah, after driving about four hours, and gave him a dollar and a blanket and instructed him to call the police as soon as he got into town and tell them who he was; that the boy walked up the road to one house which he found unoccupied; and then proceeded to the home of Louis Boniza, who took him in and then telephoned the police. Mr. Connelley stated that he was going out to see the boy immediately and question him; further that he has sent out word to pick up the car of the contact man, which was stolen at the time the ransom was paid, and anyone in the car. Mr. Connelley stated that the State police have arranged to stop every road in the entire state to try to pick up this car and that the State police are cooperating very well, as are also the Tacoma police, the Chief of the latter organization being very cooperative. I inquired if the report that Luke May had sold the contents of the ransom note to the Seattle Post-Intelligencer for \$500 was true and Mr. Connelley stated that he was satisfied that he had from the articles in the paper and that he, Mr. Connelley, believed that he had photographic copies made.

I stated that there were several matters which I would like to have him take up with the family, first the question of having them issue a statement or authorize such a statement to the effect that the ransom has been paid, stating that

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Memorandum telephone conversation
Mr. Hoover and Mr. Connelley
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if they wish to remain silent, the information will eventually have to come from us as we have the lists of notes which have to be distributed and that as soon as the lists are sent to the police it will get into the newspapers and in this manner the information will get out regardless of their silence in this regard. Mr. Connelley stated that he would go out and see the family. I stated that I personally thought the family would be much better off if they did not talk to anybody; that if they asked Mr. Connelley for his advice he should tell them it is up to them to decide what they wish to say, but that we cannot refrain from letting it become known that the ransom money has been paid. Mr. Connelley stated that he thinks the family understands this.

I advised Mr. Connelley that the lists were sent out from here Thursday night and should be there late today or tomorrow and that as soon as they arrived we would have to wire the field offices to release them.

I inquired if there was any objection to the giving out of a photographic copy of the ransom note, which was first received, as the papers have been asking for a copy of this. Mr. Connelley stated that he could not see any objection to this, as it is possible that the printing of a photographic copy of it might call it to the attention of someone who would recognize the typewriting. I instructed Mr. Connelley to forward the remainder of the notes so they could be compared in the Laboratory, and he stated that he would forward them airmail in the morning.

I stated that the car must be in either the State of Washington, or in Oregon, Idaho or Montana and that it must be stopped if possible. Mr. Connelley stated that he was making arrangements to throw a barrier to block all the roads possible and he would then go over to question the boy and get a statement from him. I stated that he should not give out the statement of the boy to the press, although we might not be able to prevent the family from doing so as this was their own matter. I instructed Mr. Connelley to telephone me as soon as anything further developed.

Time 12:40 PM

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Miss Gandy

Mr. Haakinson telephoned and advised me of the statement of the boy that his kidnapers called ~~with~~ other "Alvin", "Harry", and "Bill". He also inquired if it would be possible to get a photographic copy of the ransom note and I advised him that the giving out of such a copy would depend upon the wishes of the family but that I was expecting to hear from them in this regard soon. Mr. Haakinson also requested that he be called in the event such a copy was to be given out.

Mr. Haakinson stated that he was working out a "dope" story from the data on the solved kidnappings to indicate that several of them were repeat jobs, notably the Bremer and Bohm kidnappings and three minor kidnappings in the middle west.

Time 3:05 PM

I telephoned Mr. Suydam and advised him of the article appearing in the Star under Rex Collier's name, which carried a statement to the effect that we

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Mr. Hoover and Mr. Suydam 6/1/35.

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were working night and day preparing a list of the ransom bills and I further advised Mr. Suydam that I had talked to Mr. Collier and inquired where he had obtained this information and Mr. Collier had advised me that that portion of the story had been added by the city desk and that he had not written it; that it, however, had come from Mr. Haakinson of the Associated Press. I inquired if it would be possible to find out where Mr. Haakinson obtained his information. Mr. Suydam stated that he had been advised by Colonel Gates that Mr. Collier had called him about it; that Colonel Gates had gone to Mr. Haakinson and asked him where he obtained it and Mr. Haakinson declined to state the source of his information.

I advised Mr. Suydam that it was a fact that we had been working night and day on these lists but that we had been able to keep it confidential so far, however, I had received information that Mr. Haakinson had been in the building last night about 4:00 AM, stating that he had received a request from the Associated Press to check up on a story to the effect that the ransom had been paid and the boy returned and that it was entirely possible that he may have walked up to the top floor where the lists are being prepared. Mr. Suydam stated that he would endeavor to find out the source of Mr. Haakinson's information. I explained to Mr. Suydam that the family had not wished it to become known that the ransom had been paid and the publishing of this article would make them feel that we were not keeping their confidence if it were brought to their attention, and consequently we would be put in a bad light.

Subsequently, Mr. Suydam called this office and advised that he had contacted Mr. Haakinson, but had been unable to obtain the desired information.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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June 6, 1935

Time-12:22 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

RE: Weyerhaeuser Kidnaping

In a telephonic conversation with Mr. Suydam, he stated that he had received a request from Mr. Robert Clark of the International News Service to be assured that when the Weyerhaeuser case breaks if there are photographs of the kidnapers they would be available for simultaneous release in one or more of the Bureau's offices; that is, Chicago and on the Pacific Coast. I advised Mr. Suydam that this assurance could not be given because we do not know how the case is going to break, but if it be a fact that we know the identity of the kidnapers as we did in the Barker-Karpis case before we actually caught them, we might be able to accede to this request. I advised Mr. Suydam to indicate to Mr. Clark that we will be glad to be as reasonable as we can, but we can't give any definite assurance; that for instance, if we catch the kidnapers today and do not make any announcement until next Monday, I would be only too glad to have copies of the photographs at Chicago and at other places so they could be made available. Mr. Suydam stated that the reason for his request is that the Associated Press has the wire-photo service which would enable them to have pictures on the coast within an hour if they are released here, whereas the International News Photo Service would have to transmit them to the coast by plane.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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May 30, 1935.

11:05 A. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Re: Weyerhaeuser Case.

In a telephonic conversation with Mr. Rex Collier I told him we have no proof whether or not the Weyerhaeuser boy is alive and that all the stories that the papers have printed are just guesswork.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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June 8, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
905 Rust Building,
Tacoma, Washington.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
George Weyerhaeuser, Victim,
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

For your information and such investigative attention as is deemed appropriate, there is transmitted herewith one copy of a teletype message received from the Chicago Office on June 6, 1935 relative to information furnished the Chicago Narcotic Bureau by one W. H. Holmes. The information contained in this teletype message was furnished to Mr. Nathan, by telephone, on June 7, 1935.

There are also inclosed photostatic copies of an anonymous communication, signed "V.G.D.", which was received in the Bureau on June 5, 1935, together with photostatic copies of the envelope in which the letter was received.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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WEYERNAP W H HOLMES INFORMANT LOCAL NARCOTIC BUREAU CALLED AT OFFICE TODAY. STATES HE READ IN NEWSPAPER THAT ONE OF SUSPECTS INSTANT CASE NAMED ~~X~~EGGERS. STATES HE SERVED TIME WITH PARTY NAMED BARLOW IN ENGLE-SIDE COUNTY JAIL SAN FRANCISCO IN 1924. BARLOW SENTENCED FOR POSSESSION OF FIREARMS IN CONNECTION WITH ATTEMPT TO DELIVER BROTHER OF EGXXXX E ~~XX~~EGGERS SUPPOSED SUSPECT. INFORMANT BELIEVES IF EGGERS INVOLVED INSTANT CASE BARLOW MAY ALSO HAVE CONNECTION. ABOVE IS EXTENT OF INFORMATION FURNISHED BY INFORMANT.

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Yes or Weigenhauser

Mr. Nathan advised
of this by phone
6/7/35

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June 7, 1935.

Time 3:15 PM

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: ^QWeyerhaeuser Case.

During a telephonic conversation with Mr. Suydam, he advised that Mr. Stanton, of the New York American, had been trying to reach me by telephone to put a proposition to me. I advised Mr. Suydam that I had received a call from Mr. Stanton but I did not talk to him at the time. Mr. Suydam advised that Mr. Stanton was evidently one of the special representatives which William Randolph Hearst has in New York and that he has contacted Mr. Pearl of the Washington Office of the Universal Service in an effort to determine how he can reach me. I advised Mr. Suydam that he could tell Mr. Pearl that the proposition should be submitted in writing; and that the publicity side of it should be handled by Mr. Suydam.

At 3:29 PM, Mr. Suydam telephoned again and stated that Mr. Pearl would like to see me about the above proposition, as Mr. Stanton had given the information in his possession to Mr. Pearl. I advised Mr. Suydam that I would be glad to see Mr. Pearl immediately, if he wished to come around to my office. Mr. Suydam advised he would so advise Mr. Pearl.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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June 2, 1935.

Time-7:40 P. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

RE: ⁰Weyerhaeuser Kidnaping
Geo

I telephoned Mr. Dunn at Tacoma relative the situation there. Mr. Dunn stated that from a quick survey, the situation looks very good and the spirit of animosity has subsided tremendously.

The ransom lists have not arrived there as yet and I instructed Mr. Dunn to distribute them to the law enforcement offices and to the newspapers as soon as they arrived. I advised Mr. Dunn that Mr. Birdwell stated that Mr. Hearst is willing to devote four pages of his papers to the printing of the ransom lists. I further stated that some of the correspondents have requested us to have the lists given to them exclusively, which we can not do. Mr. Dunn stated that he would furnish all newspapers in the immediate vicinity and likewise all of the press representatives in Tacoma with a list. I stated that it would be a very good idea since the money was paid in bills from that Federal Reserve District.

I advised Mr. Dunn that I was very anxious to find out just how the reporter got the information that the boy was being returned before we did. Mr. Dunn stated that he understood the Chief of Police did not know of what had happened until he arrived at his office; that this reporter had a personal stand-in with the department, and when the call came to the Detective Bureau and the local Police Department, they telephoned him. I stated that, for future reference, I would like to be able to definitely determine that the local Police Department saw fit to give information to the press before they gave it to the Federal Government. Mr. Dunn is going to ascertain the facts about this and advise me.

Mr. Dunn is going to call upon Mr. Cooper tonight.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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June 14, 1935.

Mr. E. S. Daiger,
3602 Grantley Road,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Daiger:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 10, 1935 requesting a photograph and fingerprint classification of William Mahan who is wanted in connection with the Feyerhaeuser Kidnaping case.

For your information, I am transmitting herewith one copy of an identification order which was issued by this Bureau on William Mahan.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Inclosure 319506

cc-Washington Field (no copy of incoming letter transmitted)
Connelley (with copies incoming letter)

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June 10, 1935.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Department of Justice,
Washington,
D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover;-

As a staff correspondent for TRUE
DETECTIVE MYSTERIES, will you be-kind enough to send me
a photograph and finger-print ~~gizs~~ classification of
William Mahan, wanted by your agents in the Weyerhaeuser
kidnapping.

I should like to use this material
in the Line-Up Department of this magazine which prints
photographs of wanted criminals in the effort to apprehend
them. Doubtless you are familiar with it.

Sincerely,

K. S. Daiger.

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Mr. William J. Hiler,
Cashier,
Ohio Department of Liquor Control,
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 4, 1935, setting out the number of a \$10 bill issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco and requesting information as to whether it constituted a part of the ransom paid in the Wayarhaeuser kidnaping case.

The bill which you listed, #L06079177A, was not part of the ransom money. For your information and assistance in checking other moneys, I am transmitting herewith a copy of the list of bills paid as ransom in this case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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STATE OF OHIO
DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR CONTROL
COLUMBUS, O.

J. W. MILLER, DIRECTOR

June 4, 1935

John Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

Newspaper articles today list marked currency given the kidnapers in the George Weyerhaeuser case. This office has today taken in a \$10.00 bill of the Federal Reserve Bank San Francisco (#12), bearing the number L06079177A.

*In a room
Bill Ew*

From the newspaper article this appears to be one of the series. I have notified the District Attorney's office who will have a representative call at this Department and they also suggested that I write your office.

I will be pleased to hear from you, and in the meantime I am holding the bill.

Yours very truly,

W. J. Miller

William J. Miller, Cashier

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* OHIO DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR CONTROL

P.S. Correct list of the numbers involved would be appreciated.

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May 29, 1935.

Time 4:07 PM

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Re: ^{eye}Weyerhaeuser kidnaping.

Mr. Courtney Ryley Cooper telephoned from Tacoma, Washington and advised that he had obtained some information to the effect that a man and a woman who have an apartment in Tacoma, have identified the photograph of Volney Davis as being a man who came to rent an apartment last Saturday; that this individual was going to return but he did not; and that this matter was reported several times to the police by this couple and the manager of the apartment house, but the police took an indifferent attitude in the matter and stated they would give it to the Federal men. I advised Mr. Cooper that we had not, to my knowledge, received any information here to this effect and that I would get in touch with Mr. Connelley and give him this information and also have him contact Mr. Cooper at the Winthrop Hotel. Mr. Cooper stated that he would use this story unless I had some objection and I stated that I had none.

Time 4:17 PM

I telephoned Mr. Connelley and gave him the above information and inquired if he had received any information to this effect. He stated that he had not to his knowledge, but that some information had been given to him by the police which might be along the same line. I asked Mr. Connelley to get in touch with Mr. Cooper at the Winthrop Hotel and get this information from him so that it could be checked up.

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I instructed Mr. Connelley to use his best judgment in handling the matter tonight; that, of course, we desired to get the boy back safely, but that we also wanted to apprehend the kidnaper if possible, and I instructed Mr. Connelley to let me know of the results.

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Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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June 5, 1935.

Time 11:03 PM

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN.

Re: Weyerhaeuser case.

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I telephoned Mr. Connelley and inquired as to the situation with regard to the above case. Mr. Connelley stated that things were in fairly good shape; that they have had the boy out looking for the hideout together with some people who are familiar with the section of the country where it is thought the hideout is located and there is some hope of locating the hideout by this method. Mr. Connelley further advised that they have picked up in Seattle a man named Jack Bailey, who is a local hoodlum and a bootlegger; that this individual formerly lived about four blocks from the Weyerhaeuser family, having moved from there just recently and he does not give a very good account of his activities; that two other men have been travelling around with him and have been checking in and out of a cheap hotel in Seattle, one of these men answering the description of the man who grabbed the boy. Mr. Connelley stated they are proceeding to question Bailey thoroughly regarding his activities, and he believes no one knows of his apprehension.

Mr. Connelley also advised that there is a local fight on between the police authorities at Tacoma, Seattle and Portland; that the Tacoma and Seattle departments have been racing to see who could arrest Bailey first, but the Bureau called Bailey without either department knowing about it.

I advised Mr. Connelley of the article written by Mr. Birdwell, which appeared in the morning Herald, criticising the attitude of the Bureau toward cooperating police authorities; that this article states the Portland police gave the Bureau information regarding Richard C. Franzsen, Elliot W. Hichener and Jack Bailey, and that the Bureau for not telling the Portland police what action or information they were involved in connection with these men and that the Bureau has refused to tell the police officials in any way. Mr. Connelley stated the article was written by Captain of Detectives Regan of the Portland police; that this information and his associates did not come from the Portland police but came from Regan; that last night Captain Regan released information that the Bureau was named Jack Brown alias "Pat" Brown.

I inquired if Mr. Dunn had left yet and Mr. Connelley advised that he left Portland at 10:15 PM. I stated that the story by Mr. Birdwell was in such a critical manner because of Mr. Dunn's transfer from

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Mr. Connelley stated that the Chief of Police at Tacoma and the Head of the State Police are very cooperative and turn over everything to the Bureau.

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I advised Mr. Connelley that I believed the investigation should be conducted without any regard to any local authorities who will not cooperate with the Bureau. Mr. Connelley stated that he has been doing this as diplomatically as possible; that there is nothing to be given out at Portland by the police there as there is very little activity in that vicinity and the only thing the Portland police desire is to have the Bureau tell them all the details of the investigation and then they, no doubt, will give out this information to the newspapers; that, of course, the police there realize that this case is the biggest thing they have had in that vicinity and they are all trying to take the honors. I stated that we have the responsibility for solving the case as the public is looking for us to solve it, and if we do not solve it we will be criticized severely, therefore we have to go ahead with our investigation regardless of the local police who refuse to cooperate. I instructed Mr. Connelley not to tell the police anything. Mr. Connelley stated that this is their main criticism of the Bureau; that they expect the Bureau to furnish them with all details, and Mr. Connelley is satisfied that anything given to the police will reach the newspapers within twentyfour hours, with the exception of the Tacoma police and the Washington State police.

Mr. Connelley stated the press situation was in a rather bad mess at present due to Mr. Dunn's failure to keep several appointments he had with the press representatives yesterday; that he believes that Mr. Spears and Mr. Falles will be able to handle most of the press representatives with the exception, possibly, of Mr. Birdwell and Adela Rogers/St. John. I advised Mr. Connelley of the telephone call which I received at 1:00 AM this morning from Adela Rogers St. John, who had evidently been given my home telephone number by Mr. Dunn, and that I had to have my telephone number at home changed as a result. I furnished the new telephone number of my home to Mr. Connelley.

I advised Mr. Nathan was on his way to Tacoma; that he was not going to stay in Tacoma but was going to check over the situation with Mr. Connelley while there. I stated that I had in mind conveying the impression to the public that we were tapering off our investigation at Tacoma; that Mr. Connelley should try to work things out along this line without actually any physical letup in activity, and try to get the idea over that the investigation was developing into a routine matter; that if we were successful in getting this idea over it might draw some of the press away from Tacoma. Mr. Connelley stated that some of the press representatives had left today, he understood. I stated that it was impossible to get anything accomplished due to the constant harrassing of the press both at Tacoma and Washington. I stated that I would also like to stop the publication of the ransom bills and their location, pointing out that it was by the procedure of keeping quiet the discovery of the bills in the Lindbergh case that we were able to solve this case. Mr. Connelley advised that the information regarding one of the bills found had come from a ticket agent and that a postmaster in Spokane had found another which he insisted he would give to the newspapers, but Mr. Connelley had called him and told him that it would seriously impair our investigation if he did this.

Mr. Connelley stated that he believes they have a fairly good clue in the blankets; that one of them is a Navajo blanket which is peculiarly made and he, Mr. Connelley, believes that anyone who has ever seen the blanket will remember it; that they are going to work on the theory that the kidnapers might have rented the hideout from someone and taken the blanket from the house and in that event if they are able to find

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out from whom the house was rented they may be able to secure a description or an identification of the kidnapers. Mr. Connelley suggested that photographs of the blankets be taken and run in the papers in the hope that someone will recognize them through this medium and I told Mr. Connelley to go ahead with this plan, but that no information which is developed concerning the hideout should be given out to the newspapers or the police, as it may be printed and the kidnapers seeing it would probably take steps to burn it or alter its appearance. Mr. Connelley stated that he was withholding any information along this line.

I requested Mr. Connelley to advise us if anything developed.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER.

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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT

JUNE 8 1935

E J CONNELLEY
907 RUST BUILDING
TAKOMA WASHINGTON

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS GEORGE MEYERHAMMER VICTIM KIDNAPING THREE LATENT PRINTS
DEVELOPED ON RAILROAD TICKET SUBMITTED BY SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE STOP
COMPARISONS WITH FINGERPRINTS OF POSSIBLE SUSPECTS NOW BEING MADE

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SPECIAL DELIVERY - AIR MAIL

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
905 Rust Building,
Tacoma, Washington.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
George Meyerhacuser, Victim,
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

For your information and such investigative action as is deemed appropriate, I am enclosing herewith a copy of the teletype received from the Chicago Office on June 6, 1935, relative to information furnished by Charles Haffke, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, State of Illinois, in the above entitled matter.

There is also enclosed a copy of a letter from the Chicago Office dated June 6, 1935, relative to the information furnished by Mr. Haffke.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Chicago Illinois

AIR MAIL
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June 6, 1935.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
GEORGE PHILIP WEYERHAEUSER - Victim
KIDNAPING

With reference to my teletype to the Bureau as of today and also my teletype to the Bureau of May 27, 1935, I desire to advise that Mr. Charles Haffke, Superintendent, Anti Saloon League, State of Illinois, was interviewed today by Special Agent H. L. Scott and advised that he had noted in newspapers that the name of R. T. Cartier, Tacoma druggist, was mentioned in connection with this case; that Cartier is apparently one and the same individual as the druggist who was arrested and convicted in the United States Court at Tacoma about 1932 for violation of the National Prohibition Act, together with others; that he believes that Peter Marinoff's name was mentioned in this case, the file of which should be in the custody of the United States Attorney, Tacoma, Washington, and suggested that a check be made for possible connection.

Mr. Haffke also advised that about three years Peter Marinoff bought a house in the Weyerhaeuser neighborhood, which matter can be checked in view of the fact that Marinoff made a statement to the Blue Sky Department, State of Washington, about 1932, in which this purchase was set out.

It will be remembered that Mr. Haffke was formerly attorney for the National Prohibition Unit, Seattle, Washington and has advised that he had a "hunch" that Marinoff, or some of his associates, might be implicated in the instant case.

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CC - Portland

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Very truly yours,

J. M. H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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RE WEYERNAP KIDNAPING REFERENCE TO MY TELETYPE OF 5/27/35, CHARLES
 HAFFKE, CHICAGO, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ANTI SALOON LEAGUE, STATE OF
 ILLINOIS, ADVISES THAT R T CARTIER, TACOMA DRUGGIST, MENTIONED IN NEWS-
 PAPER ARTICLES IN CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE, EVIDENTLY ONE AND THE SAME
 AS INDIVIDUAL ARRESTED TACOMA ABOUT 1932 AND CONVICTED FOR VIOLATION
 OF THE NATIONAL PROHIBITION ACT ALONG WITH OTHERS, AND BELIEVES
 THAT THE NAME OF PETER MARINOFF WAS MENTIONED IN THIS CASE. FURTHER HE
 BELIEVES THAT MARINOFF PURCHASED A HOUSE IN THE WEYERHAEUSER NEIGHBORHOOD
 ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO AND THIS WOULD BE REFLECTED IN A REPORT MADE BY
 MARINOFF TO THE BLUE SKY DEPARTMENT, STATE OF WASHINGTON, ABOUT 1932.
 SUGGESTS FILES OF UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, TACOMA, AS TO CARTIER BE
 CHECKED AS TO POSSIBEL CONNECTION, AS WELL AS STATEMENT OF MARINOFF
 TO BLUE SKY DEPARTMENT, STATE OF WASHINGTON, AFOREMENTIONED. SUGGEST
 BUREAU ADVISE PORTLAND THESE FACTS IF CONSIDERED DESIRABLE.

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copy to Mr. Tamm

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(VIA TELETYPEWRITER)

Tacoma Washington
June 8, 1935

DIRECTOR

DETAILS OF AGENTS SEARCHING VICINITY ISSIQUAH AND WASHINGTON LAKE FOR HIDE
USED AS HIDE OUT SOME POSSIBLE RESULTS HILDA COOK POST MRS. MCCALL
REPORTED EIGHTEEN RANSOM BILLS HER POSSESSION LIST CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE
RESULTS. POSTMASTER SAM EAGLE WEST YELLOWSTONE MONTANA REPORTED TWO BILLS
HIS POSSESSION BUT CHECK PROVED NEGATIVE. GEORGE E STARR ACTING ACCOUNTING
POSTMASTER SEATTLE WASHINGTON SENT OUT FLYER ON POSTAL CARDS UNDER DATE OF
JUNE 4, 1935 TO VARIOUS POSTMASTERS IN NORTHWEST REQUESTING LOOKOUT FOR
RANSOM BILLS ON TWELFTH FEDERAL RESERVE BANK SAN FRANCISCO IN CERTAIN SERIAL
NUMBER RANGE WHICH APPARENTLY EXPLAINS LARGE NUMBER OF UNFOUNDED REPORTS THIS
TERRITORY.

VICTIM FAILS AS YET TO IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPHS SUBMITTED OR RECOGNIZE TERRITORY
IN WHICH HE WAS KEPT CAPTIVE ON SEVERAL TRIPS INTO SURROUNDING TERRITORY WITH
BUREAU AGENTS. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS BEING ESTABLISHED THIS TERRITORY
FOR UNDER WORLD CONTACTS. HOUSE OF S. T. BEETCHER PEHASTIN WASHINGTON EXAMI-
NED BY AGENTS FOR POSSIBLE HIDE OUTS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. BEETCHER APPAREN-
TLY REPUTABLE FRUIT GROWER GOOD REPUTATION COMMUNITY. AGENTS CHECKING MONEY
ORDERS SPOKANE WASHINGTON FOR TWENTY DOLLAR RANSOM BILLS FOUND THIS PLACE
TUESDAY JUNE FOURTH.

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U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Time: *2⁵⁰ PM*

June 9, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR *File*

Re: Weyerhaeuser case

I talked with Mr. Connelley at Salt Lake City who advised they had the man in custody, but he did not desire to discuss the matter at great length over the phone; that he would call me back a little later. He stated, however, that the man was slightly younger than 24; that he had \$237 which was legitimate currency - apparently having been exchanged for other currency.

I subsequently talked with Mr. Wine, who stated they had not yet received a statement from the man in custody. The man explained the money in his pockets by stating that he had a little racket of his own. He has a criminal record. Mr. Wine stated he would keep us advised of further developments - that they were continuing in their attempts to make the man talk.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm
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DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

EAT:CJ

U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

June 8, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Time - 12 noon

RE: KIDNAPING OF GEORGE
WEYERHAEUSER

Agent Wine called from Salt Lake City and advised that Mr. Connelley requested him to call the Bureau and state that the Salt Lake City office is holding a woman by the name of Margaret Bon Metz, who was attempting to cash one of the ransom notes in the Woolworth's Five and Ten Cent store and who claims she received the bill at a store next to Woolworth's. Her story is being checked by Mr. Connelley and her husband is trying to be located who is from the State of Washington. The note was a \$5 bill and she had no other money with her.

Mr. Wine said he would communicate with the Bureau again after the Agents returned from checking the above matter.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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J J MURPHY
CHIEF OF POLICE
BUTTE MONTANA

I DESIRE TO EXPRESS TO YOU AND TO THE OFFICERS OF YOUR
DEPARTMENT MY SINCERE APPRECIATION AND ADMIRATION FOR THE
ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION WHICH YOUR DEPARTMENT HAS DISPLAYED
IN THE WEYERHAEUSER KIDNAPING CASE TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
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George W. Englehart
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June 5, 1935.

Time-11:50 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

RE: ^QWeyerhaeuser Case

Mr. Suydam telephoned and stated that Mr. Moody of the Detroit News had telephoned and stated that he had information to the effect that the Bureau was looking for a man named George Rittenhouse in connection with the above case; and that Mr. Moody had offered to withhold publication of this information if it would embarrass the Bureau's investigation. I advised Mr. Suydam that we were working on this angle of the case; that, while it would be better to have this information kept out of the papers, nevertheless I was reluctant to enter into any bargain with a newspaper, whereby in consideration of their withholding a story we would give them the information when we released it, because of the fact that some other paper might find out the information and print it, which would place us in a bad position. I stated that I thought it would be better to tell Mr. Moody that it is a fact that we are interested in Rittenhouse; that it would help us if this information was not printed but that on the other hand some other paper might get it and print it; and that it would be best to let Mr. Moody exercise his own judgment in the matter. I explained to Mr. Suydam in this connection, the difficulty which we were encountering with the press in Tacoma and the vicinity.

Mr. Suydam stated that Mr. Moody had advised that Rittenhouse was supposed to have discussed the possibility of kidnaping some member of the Weyerhaeuser family with a confederate while he was in Leavenworth, and I stated that this was substantially the information which we had received from the Secret Service who had first reported it to us. Mr. Suydam stated that Mr. Moody had gone over to see Assistant Chief Inspector Gartland of the Post Office Department about this matter, and Mr. Gartland had called Mr. Parrish, who in turn called Mr. Suydam; that Mr. Gartland had, in talking to Mr. Parrish, offered to give any assistance possible in connection with the background of Rittenhouse, as the latter had been arrested for violation of the postal laws. I stated that we had all of this information in the files, inasmuch as Rittenhouse had served time in the Leavenworth Penitentiary, and that Mr. Moody should be advised along the lines suggested above and thanked for his offer, and if the information was printed we could say we were making no comment.

Very truly yours,
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John Edgar Hoover,

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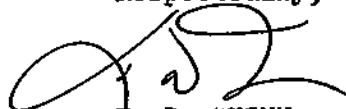
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Miss Oldfield of the Washington Herald called at the office and wanted to be furnished with copies of the ransom lists, stating that these lists would have to be obtained immediately in view of the fact that this paper was ready to go to the press.

I advised Miss Oldfield that the entire Weyerhaeuser case was being handled by the Director and any copies of the ransom lists would have to be secured from the Director.

Respectfully,


T. D. QUINN.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: WEYERHAEUSER KIDNAPING CASE

Through a contact made in the Chicago Office with F. V. Martinek, Assistant Vice President of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, Mr. Martinek has furnished the Bureau with a list of the district managers of the Standard Oil Company located throughout the Middle West and has suggested that the Bureau forward direct to these district managers, of whom there are 31, a sufficient number of copies of the ransom lists to permit the district managers to distribute the lists to all the filling stations in their jurisdictions. This will result in the distribution of 9,000 ransom lists in gasoline stations operated by the Standard Oil Company of Indiana. Unless you see some objection to this procedure, arrangements will be made to have the lists forwarded direct from the Bureau to the managers of the Standard Oil Company.

Steps are being taken to secure similar distribution through the Standard Oil Company of California, of New Jersey, of New York, of Kentucky, as well as the Shell, Texas and other oil companies. We hope to place ransom lists in from 85 to 90% of all the filling stations in the country through this procedure.

Respectfully,



E. A. Tamm.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

DIVISION FIVE

Please furnish 10 photographs and 10 copies of the criminal record of each of the following individuals:

Elliott W. Michener	our file #FBI-54420
John H. Bailey	#FBI-857487
Herbert Lester/Johnstone	#FBI-105691
Richard C. Franseen	#FBI-54393
Walter Lee/Hayes	#FBI-324221

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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U. S. Department of Justice
908 Rust Building
Tacoma, Washington

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL:

June 3, 1935.

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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
George Weyerhaeuser - Victim
Kidnaping - Extortion

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of June 1, 1935 there is returned herewith to you the copy of the extortion letter and envelope which were prepared for the purpose of imitating the original note in order that they might be returned to the kidnapers if demanded, this being no longer of any value to us.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Connelley
E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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June 8, 1935

Mr. W. J. Detweiler,
Chief of Detectives,
Police Department,
Room 217, City Hall,
Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Detweiler:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 5, 1935 advising that two San Francisco Federal Reserve Notes of ten dollar denomination, No. L-08402900-A and L-00903187-A, had been received from the Allentown Abattoir.

These two notes did not constitute part of the ransom money which was paid in the Meyerhaeuser case. For your information I am transmitting herewith one copy of the list of ransom bills which were paid in that case.

Your courtesy in calling to my attention the possibility that the two above mentioned bills might constitute a part of the ransom money is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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CHIEFS OF POLICE
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CAPTAIN OF DETECTIVES
W. J. DETWEILER

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
POLICE DEPARTMENT
DETECTIVE BUREAU
ROOM 217, CITY HALL



K. DINGER
CLERK

ALLENTOWN, PA., June 5, 1935.

Department of Justice,
Washington,
D. C.

Gentlemen:

Information has been received this A.M. from the
Allentown Abattoir located at 102 Union Street, Allentown, Pa.,
that they are in possession of Two (2) San Francisco Federal
Reserve Notes of \$10 denomination, Number L-08402900-A, and
L-00903187-A. The thought is that this would give you
information along the kidnapping case of the Weyerhaeuser
boy. I have asked the said firm to hold the said notes until
we hear from you. Feeling that I am passing this information
on to you for what you think it is worth.

A reply will be greatly appreciated, by

Yours very truly,

WM. J. DETWEILER,
CHIEF OF DETECTIVES.

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Geo. Weyerhaeuser

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June 8, 1935

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WENAP BUREAU DESIRES THAT IN ALL CONTACTS WITH POLICE OFFICERS AND OTHER PERSONS CONCERNING RANSOM BILLS IN THIS CASE YOU POINT OUT THE UNDESIRABILITY OF DISCLOSING TO THE NEWSPAPERS INFORMATION CONCERNING THE LOCATION OF RANSOM BILLS POINTING OUT THAT PUBLICITY NEGATIVES PRACTICAL BENEFITS DERIVED FROM LOCATION OF INDIVIDUAL RANSOM BILLS STOP IN ANY CONTACTS WITH PRESS REPRESENTATIVES CONCERNING THIS CASE YOU SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO POINT OUT THE UNDESIRABILITY OF PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION CONCERNING LOCATION RANSOM BILLS AND ENDEAVOR SECURE AGREEMENT FROM PRESS REPRESENTATIVES THAT DATA CONCERNING RANSOM BILLS WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED STOP THESE INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO PRESS CONTACTS DO NOT SUPERSEDE ANY EXISTING INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING RELATIONS WITH PRESS

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PLEASE FORWARD THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM TO THE OFFICES ON THE ATTACHED
LIST.

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U. S. Department of Justice,
610 Alonzo Ward Hotel Building,
Aberdeen, South Dakota.

R. B. Nathan,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
320 Federal Building,
Birmingham, Alabama.

W. L. Listerman,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
612 Marine Trust Building,
Buffalo, New York.

G. M. London,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
224 Federal Building,
Charlotte, North Carolina.

E. J. Connelley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
426 U. S. Custom House & Post Office Bldg.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

F. J. Blake,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

D. L. Nicholson,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
907 Federal Building,
Detroit, Michigan.

H. H. Reinecke,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
506 Fletcher Savings & Trust Building,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

E. E. Conroy,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

W. A. Rorer,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
501 Healey Building,
Atlanta, Georgia.

C. D. McKean,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1002 Post Office & Court House Building,
Boston, Massachusetts.

D. H. Dickason,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
302 Federal Building,
Butte, Montana.

M. H. Purvis,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

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

E. P. Guinane,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
722 Midland Savings Building,
Denver, Colorado.

R. H. Colvin,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1331 First National Bank Building,
El Paso, Texas.

R. A. Alt,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
412 U. S. Court House & Post Office Bldg.,
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508 Medical Arts Building,
Nashville, Tennessee.

R. Whitley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1405,
New York, New York.

J. A. Dowd,
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U. S. Department of Justice,
629 First National Bank Building,
Omaha, Nebraska.

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1021 Bankers Building,
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526 1/2 Post Office Building,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

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414 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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U. S. Department of Justice,
620 New Federal Building,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation,
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503-A U. S. Court House & Post Office Bldg.
Salt Lake City, Utah.

J. C. Newman,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
405 Post Office Building,
San Francisco, California.

H. T. Andersen,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
232 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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WEYERNAP PROCEEDING ~~BY~~ PLANE 9-30 PM ARRIVE SALT LAKE CITY 4-20 AM

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June 9, 1935.

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MR. LOUIS D. FINE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
503^{1/2} U. S. COURTHOUSE AND POSTOFFICE BUILDING,
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS GEORGE WEYERHAEUSER VICTIM KIDNAPING NO LATENT PRINTS OF VALUE

DEVELOPED ON THREE TEN DOLLAR RANSOM BILLS RECEIVED UNDER DATE JUNE SEVEN THIS

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Record of Telephone Call or Visitor

6-8 1935.

Time 11:15 PM

Name Mr. Folliard of Washington

Post tele

Referred to

Details:

Stated has dispatch from Portland that quotes the Oregon Journal as saying agents have discovered house in which Weyerhaeuser boy was held and have arrested owner of house; inquired as to foundation of this report.

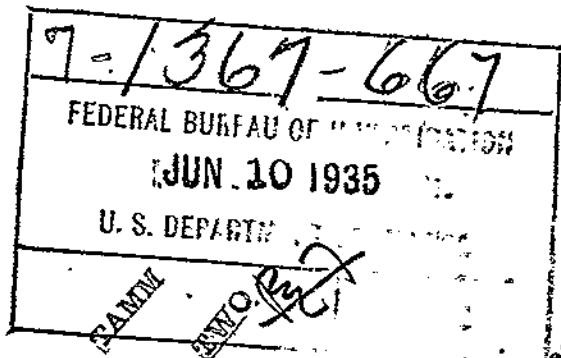
Was told I knew nothing whatsoever about the matter and that the policy of the Bureau is to make no comment.

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7-1367-668 June 8, 1935

Mr. J. G. Elkin,
1914 Broadway,
New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the telegram signed by you and Mr. William Allen, received in this Bureau on June 6, 1935, wherein you advise of arrangements which you are making for the publication and distribution by sales of a number of copies of a booklet containing the list of bills paid as a ransom in the Weyerhaeuser case. As you have already been orally advised by Mr. J. H. Hanson of the New York City Office of this Bureau, the Bureau will not endorse any project looking to the publication and sale of pamphlets relating to this case or to any other function of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is not the policy of this Bureau to sponsor or endorse any projects or undertakings of this kind, and consequently, the Bureau will not designate any law enforcement agency to share in the profits of the undertaking which you outlined in your telegram.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Registered Mail

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This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable sign above or preceding the address.

WESTERN UNION

R. B. WHITE
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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PUBLIC SAFETY REQUIRES KIDNAPPING RACKET BE DEALT CRUSHING BLOW WORKING OUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR DISTRIBUTION OF ONE MILLION BOOKLETS CONTAINING SERIAL NUMBERS WEYERHAEUSER RANSOM BILLS PURPOSE TO SUPPLEMENT NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION OF SERIAL NUMBERS FOR INSTANT PERMANENT AND WIDESPREAD REFERENCE PLAN TO ENLIST SUPPORT OF EVERY POSSIBLE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCY COMPRISING LEADING RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATIONS FOR THIS DECISIVE FIGHT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT WILL FURTHER THIS MOVEMENT BY DEVOTING ONE HALF OF NET PROFITS DERIVED FROM SALE OF BOOKLETS AT TEN CENTS EACH TO ENFORCEMENT AGENCY YOU DESIGNATE PLANNING FURTHER FOR PUBLICITY IN CONNECTION WITH SALE OF BOOKLETS TO OBLITERATE KIDNAPPING IN THIS COUNTRY YOUR ENDORSEMENT OF MOVEMENT TO STAMP OUT THESE VIOLENT CRIMES WILL DISCOURAGE CRIMINAL ELEMENT PLEASE WIRE ACCORDINGLY AT ONCE WITH LETTER TO FOLLOW=

J G MELKIN WILLIAM ALLEN 1914 BROADWAY NYC.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

June 9, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

RE: KIDNAPING OF GEORGE WEYER-
HAEUSER

Time - 6^{am}

Mr. Nathan called and advised that George Weyerhaeuser identified the photograph of Harmon M. Waley as the leader of the gang. Mr. Nathan said he would call Mr. Connelley relative to this. I advised him that the fingerprints of Waley and Mahan were checked against latent prints but with negative results.

Mr. Nathan said he sent a teletype to the Bureau this afternoon asking for the criminal record on Mahan. I told him that the record would be sent and that the photographs, etc. were sent air mail.

Mr. Nathan said if nothing happens between now and tomorrow morning he would send Agent Eberstein to Butte by plane, as Agent Eberstein knows the territory there and also knows Mahan.

I told him that I thought in view of the probability that the story would break on the Butte angle that the Tacoma and Salt Lake City police departments be requested not to publish it at the present time. Mr. Nathan said that the Tacoma police department had already been requested not to publish same. I suggested he ask Mr. Connelley to request the Salt Lake City police department to withhold any story also.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

William Mahan

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

AK:FS

June 10, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS.

Re: Weykid Case.

Mr. Tamm yesterday requested a comparison of the fingerprints of William Mahan, our file #131000 with the latent fingerprints previously developed in the case entitled Unknown Subjects; George Weyerhaeuser - Victim, Kidnaping. These comparisons were made without effecting an identification and Mr. Tamm was so informed telephonically. He stated that he would get in touch with Mr. Connelley by telephone and inform him of the results of the latent fingerprint comparison with the finger impressions of this suspect.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey.

Mr. Nathan	
Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Baughman	
Chief Clerk	
Mr. Clegg	
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Mr. Edwards	
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CONSIDERABLE PORTION OF MONEY RECEIVED DIRECTLY AT FILLING
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SALES STOP THIS REQUIRES ONLY ONE OR TWO LISTS TO EACH LARGE
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COLORADO AND WYOMING STOP SUGGEST THIS MIGHT BE DESIRABLE
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Mr. Quinn
Mr. Scheidt
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Mr. Smith
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

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Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy
Mr. [Signature]

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Mr. Quinn	
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Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

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DIRECTOR

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

EAT:CSH

June 9, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ~~DIRECTOR~~ *File*

Time --

RE: ¹⁰WEYERHAEUSER KIDNAPING CASE

I called Connelley and asked him at what time we had picked up Waley and he said it was at 2:45 Saturday afternoon, June 8th.

Respectfully,



E. A. Tamm.

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Harmon M. Waley

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Washington, D. C.

June 9, 1935.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Time 5 pm

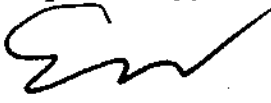
RE: KIDNAPING OF GEORGE WEYER-
HAUSER

I called Mr. Connelley and advised him that the latent prints taken on the man at Butte developed nothing at all.

Mr. Connelley advised that the man had a list of the ransom notes which were published in the newspapers and was apparently checking them off as he spent them; that he had the money and identification with him in case anyone picked him up; that it is thought about \$60,000 is left of the ransom money.

I advised Mr. Connelley that Mr. Nathan was sending three Agents over to Butte by plane. He advised that he had received no further information from his Agent at Butte.

Respectfully,


E. A. Tamm.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
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DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Washington, D. C.

June 10, 1935

EAT:CSH

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

2:30 P.M.

RE: ⁰WEYERHAEUSER KIDNAPING CASE

Mr. Nathan called from Tacoma to advise that he had just gotten from Connelley at Salt Lake the statements of the individuals there, and that he thought we should consider the desirability of swearing to complaints against all three, particularly Mahan, charging extortion, on the theory that anybody who harbors him can then be prosecuted for harboring. Nathan stated this would, of course, stir up some publicity, but that he thought it should be done. I advised that I agreed with him, and instructed that if he did not hear otherwise from the Bureau within an hour he should go ahead and file the complaints.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Daughman.....
Chief Clerk.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR
EAT:GDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

June 6, 1935.

Time - 12:10 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Weyerhaeuser Case.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Scheidt
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Smith
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

Mr. Purvis telephoned from the Chicago Office and stated that he wanted to get Bureau advice on a lead relative to the above entitled case.

This morning Mr. Purvis received an anonymous telephone call from a person who spoke broken English, but sounded to be of average intelligence. This person gave information to the effect that he had overheard a conversation that a party is going to be held at one of two call houses in the south side of Chicago tonight, or at one of three hotels, the names of which were furnished by the person calling. This person overheard one of the girls at one of these places state something to the effect that there was going to be some big money at this party tonight from the West. The other asked if she meant the ransom money in the above case, to which there was no reply. The informant says there is also a letter which one of them was discussing, which letter apparently indicated that when the men arrived from the West, they should be taken care of.

Mr. Purvis said that there is nothing particularly definite to indicate that there is going to be anything to this information, but at the same time, Mr. Purvis wanted Bureau advice on the matter.

I told him that the Bureau is, of course, not advised as to all of the facts and circumstances of this situation, and is not, therefore, in a position to offer advice; that he would have to use his own judgment in connection with this matter.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR
EAT:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

June 5, 1935.

Time - 2:37 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
George Weyerhaeuser - Victim;
Kidnaping.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Scheidt
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Smith
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

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A lady in the White Star Restaurant in Washington, telephoned me concerning the ransom money paid in the above entitled case. She said that they have received a bill which they believe to be part of the ransom paid in this matter. The number of the bill in her possession is 11336283A.

I checked this number with the ransom lists and ascertained that it is not one of the ransom bills.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM
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CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER

June 7, 1935

Hon. John Edgar Hoover,
Director Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Please be advised that on June 4, 1935, this office received the list of ransom bills paid in the kidnapping case.

This list is placed on the desk of the receiving teller in the Treasurer's office, and a sharp lookout will be kept for them. If any of the bills are presented, the Department of Justice in San Francisco will be immediately notified.

Trusting this meets with your approval, I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

Duncan Matheson
DUNCAN MATHESON, Treasurer,
City and County of San Francisco

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CITY OF SASKATOON
SASKATCHEWAN

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTABLE, SASKATOON, SASK.



FILE NO.
SUBJECT

G. M. DONALD
CHIEF CONSTABLE

June 7, 1935.

John Edgar Hoover, Esq.,
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
WASHINGTON, D.C., U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your communication of May 30, 1935, with list of ransom bills paid in a kidnaping case.

If any of these bills come to the attention of this Department, every inquiry will be made, and you will be communicated with at once.

I am,

Yours truly,

G. M. Donald
CHIEF CONSTABLE.

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Washington, D. C.

EAT:CSH

June 10, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

12:30 P.M.

RE: WEYERHAEUSER KIDNAPING CASE

Mr. Lowdon called again in connection with the suitcase at Weldon, North Carolina. He stated that they have gone through the material again and that it is all re-sealed and ready to go out collect. He stated there was nothing of any interest except possibly the fact that they found the map, which might be of interest; that there are two sides of the map, one side of the main street of the town and the other side shows a map of Fulton Street intersected by Mitchell Avenue; that they have found nothing in that vicinity indicating they pertain to any town there; that there is also a rough sketch of North Carolina with a dotted route leading from Greenville, North Carolina up through Charlotte and Salisbury, with a dot up at Weldon, and then a line drawn up into Virginia, probably going to Buckhorne, where the individual's mother is supposed to live. Lowdon stated he has not come for the bag yet, and that he will keep two men in the station all day long when it is open; that it is not open at night. I advised that the only thing to be done now is to get this fellow and question him.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

Mr. Nathan	
Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Baughman	
Chief Clerk	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Edwards	
Mr. Egan	
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722 Midland Savings Bldg.
Denver, Colo.
June 8, 1935

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Mr. E. J. Connelly, *90 E. Russell*
Special Agent in Charge,
Tacoma, Washington.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
GEORGE MEYERHAUSER--Victim
KIDNAPING

I am transmitting herewith copy of a letter received airmail from Joe Montgomery, Assistant Warden, Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois, dated June 8, 1935, setting forth certain information which he believes might be of interest to this Bureau in the investigation of this case.

It will be noted that he states that if anything should develop of any importance that it would be well to investigate further one John Frothingham, employed by John L. Whitesides, Box 306, Trinidad, Colorado.

We will withhold making any inquiries concerning Frothingham until requested by you.

Very truly yours,

E. P. GUINAN, Jr.,
Special Agent in Charge

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Illinois State Penitentiary,
Menard, Illinois,
June 5, 1935

To--Agent in Charge
Department of Justice,
Federal Building
Trinidad, Colorado

Re--Weyerhaeuser Kidnapping case.

Gentlemen:

The following is a letter which I wrote to the Department of Justice, Seattle, Washington.

"I would advise you to contact Ira Lawrence, 710 Smith Tower, Seattle, Washington, to determine if at any time any one inquired of him the names of wealthy citizens of Seattle and vicinity; also, W. J. Lawrence, Oak, Washington, Box 262, to determine whether or not a Harry Steyer alias Starr is employed by him and his activities and his whereabouts at the present time.

Other information can be furnished if investigation develops what I think it may. Please do not let any one see this letter or use my name, until the net is drawn tight or until a case has been made, as I wish to protect this parolee from any unnecessary dogging by the State Police if he is going straight.

If anything should develop that is of any importance it may be well to investigate further, John Frothingham, who is supposed to be employed by John L. Whitesides, Box 305, Trinidad, Colorado."

Please give attention to your end of it, namely, Trinidad, Colorado and vicinity.

Respt. yours:

Joe Montgomery, Asst. Warden

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

RLM:RWF

June 7, 1935.

Time-11:45 P. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: Weyerhaeuser Kidnaping.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman ..
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Mr. Clegg
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Mr. Edwards
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Mr. Scheldt
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Miss Gandy

Acting Special Agent in Charge Wine telephoned from Salt Lake City and advised that they have located nine of the ransom bills passed today; that they have definite information as to the character of the stores through which the bills are being passed. Mr. Wine further advised that he has conferred with Mr. Connelley and that Mr. Connelley is leaving for Salt Lake City and will arrive 4:20 tomorrow morning.

Mr. Wine advised that the newspapers there received the information that the bills are being passed from outside sources; that he got in touch with the City Editors of three local papers and asked them to withhold the stories and avoid publicity on the bills being passed; that if they have to run stories to use an outside angle to avoid suspicion.

Mr. Wine advised that he and Mr. Connelley are preparing a procedure which should be productive; that Mr. Connelley will give a report on it as soon as it is worked out.

Mr. Wine stated that six of the bills were passed at Kress's 5 and 10 Cent Store yesterday; that the party passing them is apparently not on notice and is continuing to pass them; that results are expected tomorrow.

Mr. Wine stated that he sent three original bills to the Bureau today; that he has nine additional ones.

Mr. Wine advised that they have no identification of the person passing these bills; that it is apparently a woman on foot, due to the character of the stores used for passing them.

Mr. Wine advised that he has made arrangements with the Federal Reserve Banks to check every bill that is cleared through there; that as a result 14 bills have been recovered, including the 9 reported today; that the bills were reported through the Walker Bank in Salt Lake City.

Respectfully,

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R. L. Moore.

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Acting SAC Wine telephoned from Salt Lake City and
advised that they have located nine of the ransom bills
in the Weyerhaeuser^{CASE} and have definite information as to
the character of the stores through which the bills are
being passed. Mr. Connelley who was advised, is leaving
for Salt Lake, arriving at 4:20 AM, 6/8/35. Six of
bills were passed at Kress's 5 and 10 cent store, party
passing them unknown, thought to be a woman, but it is
not believed party knows Bureau has notice of passing of
bills and it is believed party will continue to pass them.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

RH/ps

June 7, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS

This memorandum has been prepared in accordance with instructions from Mr. Quinn, in order that the files may contain a complete record of the procedure in handling the list of currency serial numbers involved in the WEYERHAUSER case from the time of receipt of the original typewritten list until the mailing of the printed lists to the various Bureau field offices.

There is first presented in summary form a description of the several steps employed; together with a record of the personnel involved both as to number and hours of work. A more detailed explanation of the procedure followed is set out later in this memorandum.

The following tabulation indicates the several processes in handling the currency serial numbers and the approximate amount of work involved:

<u>Operation</u>	<u>Average Number of Men</u>	<u>Hours of Work</u>	<u>Total Man-Hours of Work</u>
1. Recording the currency serial numbers on 3 x 5 index cards and arranging them in numerical order.	40	12	
2. Searching 3,000 numbers for one missing number.	30	2	
3. Setting type and making corrections.	16	20	
4. Proof reading.	9	16	
5. Printing 100,000 copies (6 double presses and 3 single presses were used).	12	118	1,416
6. Checking and assembling 100,000 copies (the assembling machine was used).	14	100	1,400
7. Supervision (in Mechanical Section).	1	102	102
8. Mailing 100,000 copies	4	80	320
			<u>4,242</u>
		Total man-hours of work	4,242

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Mr. Nathan ✓
Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Baughman ✓
Chief Clerk ✓
Mr. Clegg ✓
Mr. Coffey ✓
Mr. Edwards ✓
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The above figures necessarily represent approximations, since no detailed work record of individual employees was maintained. It will be observed that the total amount of work involved represents 606 seven-hour working days for one man, or 30 seven-hour working days for 20 men.

There is set forth below a detailed statement as to the handling of the lists of currency serial numbers:

The typewritten list was received by registered mail on May 29, 1935 by Mr. Tamm. It consisted of 333 separate pages. There were 5,000 serial numbers representing \$20 bills, 5,000 representing \$10 bills, and 10,000 representing \$5 bills. All of the bills were Federal Reserve notes issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco with the exception of 9 \$5 bills which were United States notes. The first 25,000 copies of the printed list prepared by the Bureau were short one \$20 bill and one \$5 bill. All subsequent lists printed were short only one \$5 bill. After a preliminary examination the sheets were consecutively numbered from 1 to 333, the numbers being placed in the lower lefthand corner of the sheets. Pages 1 to 83 contained numbers of \$10 bills; pages 84 to 169 contained numbers of \$20 bills; pages 170 to 333 contained numbers of \$5 bills. Each serial number was recorded on a 3 x 5 index card. Buff colored cards were employed for \$20 bills, blue colored cards for \$10 bills, and white cards for \$5 bills. The numbers were written at the top of the cards to facilitate the subsequent sequencing thereof. At the bottom of each card was indicated the page number on which the serial number was listed in the original typewritten list. This was done to make possible ready verification of any individual number at any later stage in the proceedings. The next step was to check the number which had been recorded on the 3 x 5 card against the number on the typewritten list. Also a check was made of each typewritten list in order to detect any questionable numbers or symbols. A record was maintained of each set as it was issued to an individual employee, and the record showed who recorded the numbers on 3 x 5 cards and who checked that process. The transferring of the numbers of the original typewritten lists to the 3 x 5 cards was commenced with the \$20 bills, following which the \$10 bill numbers were recorded on cards, and later the \$5 bill numbers were so handled.

As soon as a group of 3 x 5 cards bearing serial numbers representing \$20 bills had been checked, they were given to an employee to make a preliminary sorting based on the first and second digits of the serial number. This was followed by a further sorting on the third and fourth digits, and whenever necessary, the cards were further sorted as to the fifth digit.

The aim was to obtain a small group of cards (300 to 400) which was complete as to a certain range of numbers. This group of cards was then given to one individual with instructions to place the cards in exact numerical sequence from the lowest number to the highest. Each employee was furnished with a tray in which to keep the cards while he was working with them. The sequencing of the cards was checked by Supervisors, so far as possible, and where necessary trainees and other Agents were also used in checking the numerical arrangement of the cards. The recording of the numbers on 3 x 5 cards and the sequencing was done by trainees, Agents, and clerks from the Identification and other divisions of the Bureau. When all of the cards containing serial numbers representing \$20 bills had been arranged in sequence, and the sequence had been checked, they were turned over to the Mechanical Section for printing. The process outlined with reference to the \$20 bills was likewise followed in connection with the numbers representing \$10 and \$5 bills.

In the Mechanical Section the cards were first counted in order to divide them into the appropriate number per column and per drum. Next the type was set and proof copies were read by individuals working in groups of three, consisting of Supervisors and trainees. One person read the numbers on the 3 x 5 cards, and the other two checked proof copies of the final printed listing. Following the printing of the final copies of the list, a check was made to detect blank or otherwise defective pages. The next process was to assemble the pages to form a complete copy of the list. This was done by means of the assembling machine. The completed copies were mailed under the immediate supervision of the Chief Clerk's office.

The actual recording of numbers on 3 x 5 index cards was commenced shortly before noon on May 29, and the numbers representing \$20 bills were delivered to the Mechanical Section, properly sequenced, at approximately 7:15. The sequencing of the \$10 bills was completed at approximately 9:30 PM, and the \$20 bills at 11:30 PM. The entire list of 20,000 numbers had been turned over to the Mechanical Section by midnight, May 29.

The Mechanical Section began counting the cards and setting type immediately upon receipt of the first group of cards, and the setting of type, proof reading, and subsequent corrections, had been completed by 3:00 PM on May 30. The printing of final copies of the list was begun at midnight on May 29, and 100,000 complete copies of the list had been turned out by 9:00 AM on June 4. Six double presses and three single presses were employed. The assembling of the printed pages was begun at 11:00 AM on May 31, and by midnight on June 4, 100,000 copies had been completely assembled. The Chief Clerk's office began packing the completed copies at 10:00 PM on May 31. The first packages were mailed on June 1, and by noon on June 6, 100,000 copies had been mailed.

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An additional 25,000 copies have been printed by the Equipment Section, and Mr. Douglas advises that the mailing thereof will be completed early on June 8. Also, the Chief Clerk's office has submitted a separate detailed record showing the number of copies of the list sent to each field office. The personnel and time required to print and mail the 25,000 in excess of the 100,000 have not been included in the summary of personnel and time required to do the work outlined on the first page of this memorandum. As indicated there, those figures are based on the printing and mailing of 100,000 copies.

Special Agents E. L. Richmond and L. R. Pennington rendered very efficient service in assisting the undersigned in supervising the sequencing of the serial numbers.

The original typewritten list of currency serial numbers and work sheets showing who recorded the numbers and checked the sequencing thereof have been kept in the safe in the Chief Clerk's office, and they will be kept there pending further instructions. It is suggested that it may be desired to have them placed in the regular Bureau files.

Respectfully,

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