

Subject: Dismounted patrol at Fordham Road and 3rd Avenue "L", Bronx, N.Y. for the purpose of trying to locate a suspect who has been passing Lindbergh Ransom Gold Certificates.

This patrol continued from September 10th, 1934 until September 18th, patrolling & covering the places of business in that area cooperating with one Det. Wm. Wallace, Shield 970 of the Main Office Bureau, N.Y. City Detective Bureau. Phone calls were made into Greenwich Police Hdqrs. every two hours on the even hours for instructions.

About 5 P.M. of Sept. 18th, Det. Chester Cronin & Tpr. D. Dore who were on the Fordham Road post near Jerome Avenue, came & advised me that Lieut. A. Keaten & Lieut. Finn wanted us to meet them at 1279 East 222nd St. Bronx, N.Y.

Det. Wm. Wallace had been checking on a suspect Hohn Holland, and was not present on Cronin's arrival, but Det. Cronin left word at Wallace's home for him to report immediately to East 222nd Street and Boston Road, Bronx.

Dets. Cronin, Tpr. Dore & the undersigned continued in Buick # 10 and on reaching East 222nd Street rode past house number 1279 & noticed a Blue Sedan with a Brown Canvas truck attached to the rear of the car. We then continued west on East 222nd Street & returned past the house and made a right turn on Boston Road and at Eastchester Road & Boston Road Lieut. Keaten gave us the signal to keep on moving in a southern direction on Boston Road. Lieut. Keaten came to us after we had parked up the road & advised us that a \$10.00 Gold Certificate had been passed by the person riding in 3U-1341 N.Y. Det. Cronin later left the car & phoned Det. Wm. Wallace again & learned that Wallace had already left for Boston Road & East 222nd St. and I then parked the Troop Buick in rear of a Gas Station to avoid the New Jersey plates being seen in that vicinity. Det. Wm. Wallace arrived & together with Det. Cronin, Tpr. Dore, Det. Wallace & the undersigned we returned in a Northern direction to Eastchester Rd & Boston Rd. and parked where Lieut. J. Finn, later came to the car and gave us the description of Richard Hauptmann, 5'10", 180 Lbs, 36 Yrs, Blue Eyes, Blond Hair driving a Dodge Sedan, 1931 Model, Reg. 4U-1341 N.Y. Lieut. Finn left us & continued to where Lieut. Keaten was located & later Det. Cronin, Tpr. Dore & the undersigned walked East on Eastchester Rd, while Det. Wm. Wallace took the car & rode by Hauptmann's home & later returned & picked us up at Eastchester Road.

We later were advised by Lieut. Keaten to have lunch and to return to Boston Rd, near Eastchester Rd. for further instructions. On our return Lieut. Keaten advised that Det. Wm. Wallace, ~~Det. Cronin~~ Tpr. Dore & the undersigned plant near the Hauptmann residence. Lieut. Keaten, Agent Thos. Sisk & Det. Cronin parked on Boston Rd facing East 222nd Street. Cpl. Horn, Lieut. Finn & Agent Seery were parked on Boston Rd, facing north in the event that Hauptmann's car which was out at the time would return. Det. Wm. Wallace parked our car on Tieman Ave, across from the Hauptmann residence & remained there until several neighbors became suspicious & we parked on East 222nd Street at numerous points as to keep the Hauptmann residence in view. About 1:30 A.M. Lieut. Keaten arrived with Agent Sisk & Det. Cronin and the plant was called off until 7:00 A.M. of Sept. 19th/34.

Left Victoria Hotel this A.M. with Lieut. Keaten & Tpr. Dore & met Agent Sisk & we continued to Boston Rd - near East 222nd Street & left Buick #10 in parking lot & continued in Agent Sisk's car with Lieut. Keaten & was later met by Det. Wm. Wallace & Det. Cronin. Was instructed by Lieut. Keaten to plant in Det. Wm. Wallace car on East 222nd St. to cover the Hauptmann residence & Det. Wallace, Tpr. Dore & the undersigned parked at the intersection of Needham Ave & East 222nd Street East of Hauptmann home. Later Cpl. Horn accompanied by Lieut. Finn & Agent Seery drove east on East 222nd St. & parked on Eastchester & Needham Ave.

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At 9 A. M. on September 19th, a man left the front entrance of Hauptmann's residence at 1279 East 222nd Street and went to the rear of the house in the direction of the garage and a short time later the blue Dodge sedan, which had been parked in Hauptmann's yard, left the driveway turned left on East 222nd Street and continued on to the Boston Road. Detective William Wallace was notified by the undersigned and he immediately got in the car and followed the Dodge sedan. The Dodge Sedan made a right turn on the Boston Road and traveled in a southerly direction. The Troop Buick being driven by Corporal Horn followed Detective Wallace's car and after our arrival on the Boston Road we noticed that Lieutenant Keaton, Agent Sisk and Detective Cronin were also following the Dodge Sedan 4-U-1341 NY. Detective Wallace overtook Agent Sisk's car and got directly behind Hauptmann's car which was traveling at a fast rate of speed and passed several red lights. The undersigned noticed that Hauptmann was glancing up into his mirror on several occasions after seeing the red lights. The chase continued on until we were on Park Avenue between 178th Street and East Tremont Avenue, Bronx, when the Dodge Sedan slowed up ~~due~~ due to a municipal sprinkler blocking the right of way. Hauptmann attempted to get around the truck and at this time Detective William Wallace brought his Ford Sedan up in the rear of the Dodge Sedan at which time Trooper Dore got out and hollered for Hauptmann to pull over to the curb. The undersigned went to the passenger side of Hauptmann's car opened the door and hid in alongside of Hauptmann whose attention was attracted by Trooper Dore's voice. The undersigned made an immediate search of his person for weapons and then seized his wrist and Hauptmann at that time asked what the trouble was. I informed him that he had passed several red lights and at that time Lieutenant Keaton, Lieutenant Finn, Detective William Wallace, Detective Cronin and Agent Seery arrived and Lieutenant Keaton instructed the undersigned to have Hauptmann removed from the car at which time an immediate search was made of Hauptmann's person and Lieutenant Keaton removed a wallet from Hauptmann's rear trouser pocket which contained a twenty dollar gold certificate A-35517877A, five dollar bill and 4 one dollar bills. This gold certificate was checked by Lieutenant Keaton and Agent Seery and it was found to be a Lindbergh ransom note. Corporal Horn arrived at this time after parking his car and gave the undersigned a set of handcuffs and Lieutenant Keaton instructed the undersigned to place same on his own wrist and also Hauptmann's. Hauptmann and the undersigned later got into the rear of Hauptmann's where the investigators asked questions as to how he came into possession of the gold certificate. He advised that he had accumulated this with about three hundred dollars worth of other gold certificates and had same in his possession for about two years. Hauptmann also stated that he had about \$120.00 in gold in a strong box at his home and advised the investigators that he was willing to return to his home. A short time later the investigators together with Hauptmann returned in the direction of Hauptmann's home and made a stop at Gun Hill Road and White Plains Avenue, Bronx, New York, where we were met by Inspector Lyons. After Inspector Lyons' arrival we continued to Hauptmann's home with the prisoner handcuffed to the undersigned. A search was made of the Hauptmann home by the investigators and Inspector Lyons questioned Hauptmann as to how he came into possession of the gold certificate and he advised us as previously mentioned. Later Inspector Lyons, Hauptmann and the undersigned were alone in the kitchen of Hauptmann's home and Hauptmann was asked by Inspector Lyons as to where he was on March 1, 1932. He stated that he did not know. A short time later the investigators continued with Hauptmann and Inspector Lyons to the Central Savings Bank, New York City, where at Hauptmann's permission a safe deposit box was opened and the entire contents noted by Agent Seery. Hauptmann signed an affidavit giving the bank authorities the right to let the police have the information concerning his bank records. We then continued to the Greenwich Street Police Headquarters where Hauptmann was questioned by Inspector Lyons,

Colonel Schwarzkopf, Captain Lamb, Lieutenant Keaton and Agent Sisk of the Department of Justice until about 2 A. M. of September 20th. About 9 A. M. of September 20th was detailed by Colonel Schwarzkopf to 1279 East 222nd St., Bronx, New York, accompanied by Detective James Petrosino and Agent Leon Turrou of the Department of Justice, to make a search of the Hauptmann residence for any ransom money that may be hidden. Was instructed by Colonel Schwarzkopf to question Mrs. Hauptmann while the other investigators were searching the premises and during the questioning she may show signs of fear in case the investigators came close to any hiding place. We arrived at the Hauptmann residence about 10 A. M. and found that Detectives Murphy and Dunn were assigned to the Hauptmann residence. After the house was searched for any hiding place, Mrs. Hauptmann was brought out to the garage across the street at which time she was asked if the garage was rented by her and her husband and she advised that it was and no one else had access to the garage. We continued the search of the garage at about 11:40 A. M. and at approximately 11:50 A. M. Detective Petrosino found two packages of gold certificates on the south wall of the garage concealed in a compartment between the second and third upright from the rear end of the garage. These two packages contained 183 gold certificates to the amount of \$1830.00 which was wrapped in a New York Daily News newspaper of June 25, 1934 and New York Daily Mirror of September 6, 1934 (the certificates found were 10 dollar denomination). The gold certificates were counted in the presence of Mrs. Anna Hauptmann and later initialed in her presence by Detective Petrosino, Detective Sergeant John Wallace and Agent Turrou. After initialing the gold certificates the search was resumed in Mrs. Hauptmann's presence in the garage and Detective Murphy found on the south wall underneath the work bench and window a can concealed by a board nailed across the uprights, the said can was supported by two nails driven into the wall to prevent the gallon can (shellac can) from falling to the floor. On examining the can it was found that same was cut open at the top and on opening the can there was a towel and a large cloth concealing the money in the can. Further examination of the can proved that there were 12 packages of 10 and 20 dollar gold certificates wrapped in both the New York Daily News and Daily Mirror of June 25, 1934 and September 6, 1934. A count of the gold certificates amounted to \$11,930.00, making the total amount of bills found \$13,760.00. The money found in the can was also counted and initialed by the investigators in the presence of Mrs. Anna Hauptmann. After Detective Petrosino located the first two packages of money he phoned Inspector Lyons who advised him to bring the money and Mrs. Hauptmann to the Greenwich Street Station. During the search of the garage the undersigned found a large wooden plane with the blade nicked on the east end of the garage and same was taken by the investigator and kept in his possession and later tagged to be held as evidence, as it was believed that this plane may have been used in the construction of the ladder found at the Lindbergh residence on March 1, 1932. The investigators returned with Mrs. Anna Hauptmann to the Greenwich Street Police Station where a report was made by the undersigned to Colonel Schwarzkopf. The undersigned also questioned Hauptmann about the location of the hidden money, also the amount of packages concealed in the can and in the compartment above the work bench. Hauptmann advised that there were 12 packages in the can and 2 packages in the compartment, making a total of close to \$14,000.00. He also advised that these packages were wrapped approximately one thousand dollars to a package. Hauptmann stated that they were wrapped about two weeks previous and before wrapping same he had dried them out by placing them in a basket in his garage and hoisting them basket in the air to keep it from the sight of anyone visiting the garage. He advised that the money became wet while it was concealed in a broom closet of his home due to a leaky roof.

Remained at Police Headquarters on Greenwich Street until about 11: 15 P. M. of September 20th and was instructed by Lieutenant Keaten to accompany the prisoner, Richard Hauptmann, Detectives Cronin, Cashman and MacNamara to 161st Street Court House, Bronx, New York, where the prisoner was further questioned by District Attorney Foley.

On September 22nd at 9: 40 A. M. arrived at 1279 East 222nd Street and began a search of Hauptmann's garage, accompanied by Detective Petrosino for any personal belongings of Isidore Fisch that may be located or stored in the garage. Found several garments that were strewn about the garage that may have been the property of Isidore Fisch and placed them in a traveling bag and later brought them to the Bronx Court House. After finishing the search of the garage I searched about the field on the north side of the garage and found a gallon can with the trade mark "Seacraft Motor Oil" with the side of the can cut in a similar way as that of the can found which contained 12 packages of the Lindbergh ransom bills. Brought this can into the Hauptmann garage and left same for safe keeping in case the authorities requested same (the garage was under the protection of uniformed police). On returning to the Court House advised Lieutenant Keaten of the can found in the lot. After completing the search of the garage and ground surrounding the garage, continued to the home of Hauptmann and assisted other investigators, Detectives William Wallace, Dunn, Murphy, Sergeants Kelly and Zapolsky and Detective Petrosino. The undersigned searched the chiffonrobe located in the Hauptmann bedroom and found several books with Isidore Fisch's name in same, also confiscated an album containing photographs and a compass. After completing the search of the chiffonrobe, made a search of the writing desk in the living room of Hauptmann's home and found two bank books of the Mount Vernon Bank concealed between a folding top of the writing desk. The above mentioned confiscated property was brought to the Court House and tagged for identification purposes.

About 10: 30 A. M. of September 24th, together with Detectives Petrosino, Murphy, Dunn of the New York City Police, Agent Sandberg of the Department of Justice and Agent Turrou, a check was made of the gold certificate found in the Hauptmann garage on September 20th together with the Lindbergh ransom list with Detective Murphy calling off the serial numbers from the 10 and 20 dollar gold certificates and the other Detectives checking same against the ransom list.

At 11: 30 A. M. on September 25th, was called before the Bronx County Grand Jury and gave testimony on the extortion case against Bruno Richard Hauptmann. Later in the afternoon of this date, together with Detectives Murphy, Dunn and Petrosino, turned over to the Bronx County Property Clerk, Officer Edward Hunger, Shield #7850, the amount of \$15,760.00 together with the one gallon shellac can, 14 sheets of New York Daily News and Daily Mirror which were wrapped around the ransom notes of the dates of June 25, 1934 and September 6, 1934, one towel and one cloth. The gold certificates, newspapers were marked on voucher #34-B, #1783, the can together with the towel and cloth inserted marked 34-B #1784, money and can turned over at 3: 50 P.M. September 25, 1934 at 160th Street and 3rd Avenue, 42nd Precinct, Bronx, New York.

Respectfully submitted.


Det. Sgt. John Wallace #253