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RE: Arthur J. W. Jones, NJSP 17966

Dr. Lloyd W. McCorkle
Principal Keeper
New Jersey State Prison
Trenton, New Jersey

Dear Warden McCorkle:

Would you be good enough to return the attached manuscript to the above-identified prisoner, telling him that the Executive Department requested that it be reviewed in this office to determine whether or not publication or circulation should be authorized.

We do not feel that such authorization should be granted.

Very truly yours

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Division of Correction and Parole

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cc Mr. Goldberg, Executive Department

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"WHO SAID THE LINDBERGH CASE WAS SOLVED?"

There have been tons of copy written about the Lindbergh kidapping. But out of the billions of words printed, only a few were factual. I happend to know that there are at least five people, alive today who know all the facts of the case. I myself, know some of the facts, but there are a few things, I don't know about the kidnapping that are not important. But they could be important if you are one who want the whole story and in complete detail. However, here is what I know about the Lindbergh kidnapping that can be Proven!

To begin with, Bruno Richard Hauptmann did not kidnap the Lindbergh baby! The baby was actually taken by Violet Sharpe. Betty, who was the baby's nurse, was placed in the Lindbergh home by the kidnappers for the sole convenience of the kidnappers when the time came. Doctor Condon had the final say in the choice of a nurse for the Lindbergh baby, ^{AND} ~~ad~~ he chose Betty Gow! but that isn't surprising; Doctor Condon add Betty Gow along with Red Johnson, Isidor Fisch and Charlie---? comprised a regular kidnap ring. Doctor Condonpicked the victims and worked out all the plans for the others to complete. But the strangest part in the Lindbergh kidnapping, is that Doctor Condon had the victim picked for him, by Charles Lindbergh himself. Mr. Lindbergh actually paid Doctor Condon \$20,000. to take away the Child! The money was handed over in three payments. the records will show in the bank accounts of both Mr. Lindberg and Doctor Condon, **FILED** between the dates of January 3rd. and January 27th. 1932. By checking those dates on their ~~accuants~~ accounts, you will find that Mr. Lindbergh withdrew \$20,000. from his account, and that Doctor Condon deposited \$14,000. to his account. this is the first of many things that should have been looked into, but for some reason was not. and it can still be proven at this late date.

Arthur J. M. Jones

Another that can be readily proved, is that an all important meeting took place on March 1st, 1932, at which Mr. Lindbergh met with Doctor Condon, Red Johnson, Isidor Fisch, and Bruno Hauptmann. (Hauptmann was the newest and last member to join the ring.) They spent four hours of that eventful afternoon working out the details which were climaxed with the finding of the Lindbergh baby---dead! When that meeting broke up on the afternoon of March 1st, 1932. Mr. Lindbergh placed in the rear of a car, a two piece extension ladder given him by Hauptmann, and was driven away by a woman. Less than an hour after Mr. Lindbergh arrived at home, the baby was taken by Violet Sharpe, and handed to Isidor Fisch who was waiting at the front door, ^{MISS SHARPE} and Fisch and the baby were taken away in a car driven by Red Johnson.

The next night Red Johnson delivered the first ransom note to the Lindbergh home, the note was dated March 4th. and was written by Doctor Condon, as were all the other notes received by the Lindbergh's. These notes had a peculiar mark on them, Doctor Condon used that mark habitually in all his writings and in his classes as illustrations. The mark, or sign could easily be recognized by anyone who attended his classes. Violet Sharpe, who was introduced to Red Johnson by Betty Gow, was tricked into the part she played in the kidnapping. Miss Sharpe was encouraged to form a relationship with Red Johnson by Betty Gow, and was unaware that she was being promoted for the part she was to play in the kidnapping. Had she known that Betty and Red were living together, she would not have been an easy victim, But as it was, she remained at Red's beck and call and didn't hesitate when told to pick up the baby AND take it to the car.

Upon reaching Princeton, Miss sharpe was dropped off in front of a grill, and the car with Red, Fisch, and the baby continued to the outskirts of

Princeton, where Charlie lived with his wife, (I can't remember Charlie's last name.)

The Child died ten days later, (Charlie and his wife thought the Child died from pneumonia.) Fisch drove the baby's body to where it was eventually found. daeth for the baby was not in the deal.

When the ransom money was paid, the kidnapers were to leave for Germany and take the baby with them. Isidor Fisch left for Germany right away to await the others and his part of the ransom money. Hauptmann, Red, Betty Gow, Charlie and his wife were to follow and wait until Doctor Condon had lined up another kidnap job for them. (no plans were made to take Violet Sharpe to Germany.) But the trip to Germany fell through when they found out that some of the ransom money was marked and could not be used for the trip.

The reason it took so long to pay the money, is because Mr. Lindbergh did not want to pay the marked money. He wanted to give only good money to keep up his end of the deal. Hauptmann said that there was only \$2,000. in marked bills, put in circulation by him. he also told me where he hid a few thousand which I am going to get and turn in so that no one can deny that he did tell me these things.

Here are the answeres to some questions that have been raised many times. The muddy footprints in and around the baby's room, Betty Gow, using a pair of Mr. Lindbergh's shoes, spread those prints around. and she did a bad job .

The blood stains on the ransom money. It was Doctor Condon's blood. it got on the money when he cut the third finger on his right hand breaking the string that bound ^{the} money immediately before giving Hauptmann \$40,000. of the money. Charlie's wife laundryed the baby's sleeping gown and Red returned it to the Lindbergh's, The most important question is, Why would Mr. Lindbergh have his own son kidnapped? Mr. Lindbergh did not want the Child because it was abnormal. it would have never walked or talked,

The baby was nineteen months old when he was taken from his home, and he had never walked a step nor uttered a word that could be understood.

This can easily be proven, did anyone ever see the Child walk or hear him talk? someone would surely know if the Child was normal.

It would seem that any Child of nineteen months of age would be able to walk or talk a little anyway, but this Child could not.

Doctor Condon was never investigated because Mr. Lindbergh said it was unthinkable. he said that he would not let Doctor Condon be insulted by the police.

Hauptmann swore that Doctor Condon and all the rest would be exposed, he was ready to talk in april 1935. he told me that he was not going to burn alone. Hauptmann's pastor, the Rev. Mathisein told him that it was the right thing to do. the Rev. told Hauptmann to tell the whole truth about the whole thing. then Governor Hoffman visited Hauptmann for the time in may, 1935. the Governor entered the death house through the death chamber, he was let into Hauptmann's cell by Col. Selby. the acting warden of the prison. it was about three A.M. when the Governor visited Hauptmann. and every time the Governor came to visit him, it would be between three and four A.M. After the Governor's third visit, Hauptmann sent me a note the same morning, and told me that he was not going to talk. Governor Hoffman had convinced him that it would do him no good to talk. in fact, it would indanger the lives of his wife and Child, the Governor told him that if he did talk, he would go to the chair anyway. and if he did not talk, his wife and Child would be supported for the rest of their lives. So there was nothing left for him to do but die without talking. he said that he was dying for ten people, and that if it was not for Governor Hoffman, some of them would die with him.

I guess the most important question at this time is, How do I know these things? where did I get this story? and how do I know it is true?

I got this story from Bruno Richard Hauptmann himself. and I put it down here as I remember it. I was in the death house before Hauptmann was tried and convicted. When he was brought into the death house, he would not talk to anyone but me for weeks. death house guards will verify this. we became good friends in the next few months. He would order things for me from the prison store, and would have his wife and lawyers leave money in my account in the front office. as soon as I ^{got} ~~was~~ a new trial, Bruno began telling me this story and he swore that it is true. I know that if it was not for his wife and Child, and the visits from Governor Hoffman, he would have talked. Hauptmann and I would talk for about five minutes every bath day. The shower was in front and right in line with his cell. One day he told me that we could talk without anyone knowing what we were saying. he had a code a Child could understand. we used it, and here is how it worked. He was teaching me arithmetic, so no one knew that we were using ^{THE} ~~the~~ figures for conversation. for instance, he would say, add these figures and give me the answeres.

9	11	20	25	23	14	3	2	8
	14	8	15	9	15	15	1	5
	15	1	<u>21</u>	12	<u>20</u>	13	3	18
	<u>23</u>	<u>20</u>		<u>12</u>		<u>5</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>5</u>

These figures equals this message: (I know that you will not come back here.) We used the figures 1 to 10, to equal the number of letters in the alphabet. 1 for A, 11 for K, 23 for W, and so on. After about six months of this along with our weekly talks, and a few notes passed in books, Hauptmann told me this story. I wrote what he told me on pieces of paper and added to it every day. I read it and reread it until I could not forget it. Hauptmann knew that I could not read long hand, but I could read some printed words. So everything he sent me to read, he printed it.

When I wanted to know the meaning of a word, I would ask him the meaning of three or four words that I would spell out for him. this way one would know the word that I wanted to know.

The morning I left the death house, the officer permitted me to go down to Hauptmann's cell and talk to him while waiting for the Sheriff to take me back to Newark to be retried. I talked to Hauptmann about twenty five minutes. He asked me to promise him three things, I told him that I do anything he wanted me to do. First, he said that he wanted promise him that I would learn to read and write, and get as good an education as one could get in prison. Second, he said that he wanted me to remember the things that he told me about the kidnapping. Third, he said that he wanted me to promise him that I would never try to get something for nothing.

he took a pencil and a piece of paper and wrote down a 3. and a 0. he said, you can get two from three, you can get one from two, you can get one from one. But you cannot get anything from 0.

You see Hauptmann was going to die because he had tried to get something for nothing. He knew that some of that money was marked, he was told to burn the marked money, But he thought that he could spend it a little at a time, and get away with it. and that way he would get more out of the kidnapping than all the rest put together.

It seems to me that Doctor Condon should have been the only man arrested in the first place, or he should have been the first one arrested.

He put an add in the Bronx home news, offering to act as go between for the Lindbergh's and the kidnapers, at that time, the Bronx home news had the smallest circulation of any newspaper in New York City. So why did Doctor Condon think that The Lindbergh's would see that add, the Lindbergh's lived in New Jersey, and I doubt ~~and~~ the Lindbergh's had ever seen or heard of the Bronx Home News. and if they would have seen

the add, how were they to know that Doctor Condon could really act as go
between. how would they know that he could contact the kidnapers.

Why did Hauptmann's lawyer, Mr. Riley. decide to sell Hauptmann out, after
the second week of the trial? Why did Governor Hoffman except \$50,000.
each time he gave Houptmann a stay? Why was it kept a secret that Mr,
Lindbergh's finger prints were taken from the ladder? Why did Mr. Lindbergh
refuse to let anyone question Mrs. Lindbergh about the kidnapping.

Why did ... detective Ellis Parker keep his findings a secret.

Why did Mr. Lindbergh leave the Country soon after the case was closed?

These and all other questions can be snswered by investigating the above
facts.

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ROBERT B. MEYNER
GOVERNOR

September 27, 1956

Mr. Arthur J. W. Jones, #17966
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Rahway, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Jones:

Your recent letter addressed to Governor Meyner has been carefully read and referred to me.

The manuscript of which you speak is in the possession of the Department of Institutions and Agencies. I have forwarded your letter to them so that they may act upon your request. You will be notified of their decision shortly.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David J. Goldberg".

DAVID J. GOLDBERG
Legal Assistant to the Governor

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