

Chicago, Illinois,
January 29, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. W. LADD

RE JODIL CASE

On November 27, 1934, this Agent, together with Special Agents J. J. Metcalfe and C. E. McRae, was at the Hobart Hermanson residence at Lake Como about two and one-half miles out of the city of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Agents were there for the purpose of attempting to apprehend Lester Gillis, alias "Baby Face" Nelson, as it had been determined that he had spoken to Hermanson about coming there after cold weather set in.

At about 2 P.M. on November 27, Agent was in a room upstairs in the house, which faced the road leading to the resort from the main highway. At that time Agent noticed a car coming in toward the house and called to Special Agent Metcalfe, who was downstairs to "Get ready, here comes a car." Agent could see a woman on the right front seat as the car came toward the house. The windshield was muddy and the sun was shining on the windshield and Agent could not see the driver of the car. Agent Metcalfe called back and said: "Everything is O.K., it's Mrs. Hermanson."

Mr. and Mrs. Hermanson had left their residence on Saturday evening, November 24, 1934, in a Ford V-8 sedan, their personal car, and Agent noticed that the car coming in was also a Ford V-8. Mr. and Mrs. Hermanson had not returned to their home at the time this car came in, and also at that time Agent McRae was in the city of Lake Geneva for the purpose of getting some food.

The car turned to the right at the house and stopped in front of the door. It then was out of this Agent's sight except the left rear window, and Agent saw some baggage in there, but did not see anyone on the back seat. It occurred to the writer that Mrs. Hermanson was rather indiscreet in bringing company to the house at that time. However, Agent Metcalfe had gone out of the front door and this Agent thought nothing of the affair as it was not unusual for persons in automobiles to drive to the Hermanson home during all hours of the day and night, and as so many of the persons came into the house it was impossible to keep the guns in the downstairs portion of the house.

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