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SUBJECT: BROOKE L. HART

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★ US DEPT OF JUSTICE WASHDC=

A J HART APPARENTLY KIDNAPPED AT SANFRANCISCO ABOUT SEVEN PM

TONIGHT ORIGINALLY FROM SANJOSE BUT VISITING SANFRANCISCO

THIS AFTERNOON VICTIM AGED TWENTY TWO DRIVING STUDEBAKER

PRESIDENT EIGHT RELATIVES AT SANJOSE HAVE RECEIVED TWO

TELEPHONE CALLS FROM SANFRANCISCO DEMANDING LARGE SUM

MONEY STOP AM HANDLING WITH POLICE WILL FURNISH FURTHER

DETAILS LATER=

VETTERLI.

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CORRECTION ON PREVIOUS INFORMATION RELATIVE A J HART KIDNAPING VICTIM DISAPPEARED SIX PM THURSDAY FROM SANJOSE CALIFORNIA FORTY THOUSAND RANSOM DEMANDED FOLLOWING UP=

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A J HART KIDNAPING SUBMIT TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY REPORTS DAILY

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SA SANFRANCISCO CALIF 10

DIRECTOR DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WASH DC

BROOKIE HART KIDNAPING TED TELEPHONE CALLS RECEIVED LAST NIGHT
FROM SANFRANCISCO TO SANJOSE TO VICTIMS PARENTS DEMANDING FORTY
THOUSAND DOLLARS ADVISING VICTIMS PARENTS THEY WOULD BE CALLED

FRIDAY SET UP COMPLETED HERE BUT NO DEVELOPMENTS TODAY AGENT
RANNEY HAS BEEN COVERING SANJOSE WILL BE SANJOSE FRIDAY NIGHT
AND SATURDAY ASSISTING HIM VICTIMS CAR FOUND ABANDONED ABOUT
SEVEN MILES OUTSIDE

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BROCKE HART KIDNAPPING LOSANGELES REPORTS SEARCH OF STEAMER
 LURLINE WITHOUT RESULTS NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS =

VETTERLI.

- Mr. Nathan _____
- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. Clegg **NOV** _____
- Mr. Edwards _____
- Mr. Egan _____
- Mr. Hughes _____
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BROOKE HART KIDNAPPING NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS NO CONTACTS

MADE FOLLOWING UP=

VETTERLI.

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- Mr. Nathan _____
- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Edwards _____
- Mr. Egan _____
- Mr. Hughes _____
- Mr. Quinn _____
- Mr. Lester _____
- Mr. Ladd _____

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 STOP NO NEW MATERIAL DEVELOPMENTS STOP NO CONTACT HAS BEEN
 MADE YET FOLLOWING UP EVERY CONCEIVABLE LEAD WILL KEEP YOU
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Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
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WILLIAM CARLTON

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CONROY AND ANDERSON ARRIVED TWO PM AND LEFT FOR SANJOSE

CALIFORNIA WILL ADVISE ADDRESS LATER=

VETTERLI.

- Mr. Nathan _____
- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Edwards _____
- Mr. Egan _____
- Mr. Hughes _____
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WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS SOLVE THE FEARFUL QUESTION OF WHAT TO GIVE

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

W.M.H.S

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

November 11, 1933.

Mr. Nathan	_____
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Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

With reference to the attached telegram, after our conversation this morning I called Vetterli on the telephone. He was at San Jose at the time preparing to depart for San Francisco. He stated that he felt that everything possible had been done that could be done at this stage of the proceedings. It appears that the boy disappeared from San Jose on Thursday night and two telephone calls came in to the family from San Francisco demanding that \$40,000.00 be paid but since Thursday night there has been absolutely no call from anyone. Vetterli stated that he has an Agent stationed in the Hart home receiving all telephone calls; that he has another Agent outside prepared to trace calls; that he has arranged to trace the calls if received. He stated that he has interviewed all of the members of the family and friends and has made arrangements with all of them to notify him immediately of any word received, either by telephone, telegraph, mail or otherwise.

He stated that last night after sending this telegram there had been discovered by the watchman of the docks the wallet of young Hart. This was discovered on the dock from which the nightly boat to Los Angeles departs. From indications it must have been dropped immediately prior to the departure of the boat. It was found shortly after the departure. Vetterli stated he had called Dunn at Los Angeles and the Frisco Police, who had been first notified on the finding of this wallet, had called the Los Angeles Police so that the docks at Los Angeles will be thoroughly covered this morning. The boat is due to arrive about 9:30 Coast time and Vetterli will advise us of the result of the search of the boat upon its arrival. I suggested to him the possibility of obtaining prints from the wallet. He stated he had already taken that matter up with Montgomery at San Francisco, who stated that the driver's license and other identifying data were in the wallet, but no money.

I inquired of him with reference to the police cooperation. He stated that the police cooperation was 100%. I inquired whether he had a free hand. He states "yes" he had, but, of course, was working in cooperation with the police, and, as a matter of fact, they had given him the first information concerning the kidnaping and he felt that they were withholding absolutely no information from him. In fact they were in close touch with him every minute.

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I asked him about possible assistance. He said he would appreciate assistance later on but he felt that at the present time there would not be much to do until either some further message is received or the boy is returned, at which time he would then appreciate the assistance of some experienced Agent and while he would welcome assistance at the present time he did not feel that the Division would be justified because of the lack of any definite information and, further, because there was still the possibility of there being a hoax. He said, of course, he was not assuming that it is a hoax but he was proceeding vigorously with the investigation on the assumption that there had been a kidnaping, but he had a feeling that possibly it might not be a kidnaping, but that information may be received throughout the day or any time now which will indicate to them just what the facts are.

In view of this information from Vetterli I did not call Agent Conroy but felt it would be better to wait at least until we had heard concerning the boat arrival at Los Angeles. I instructed Vetterli to telegraph immediately, or, if the boy was discovered, to call advising us of that fact.

Respectfully,

Morgan

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R E VETTERLI
 DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
 218 HENES BUILDING
 SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA

FOR INSTRUCTIONS ANDERSEN AND I ARRIVING SAN FRANCISCO ONE THIRTY PM TOMORRE VIA
 FLAME

CONVOY



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DIRECTOR DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WASHN DC

DEVELOPMENTS TODAY INDICATE BROOKE HART KIDNAPPED BY FIVE MEN DRIVING

LARGE BLACK SEDAN BEARING CALIFORNIA LICENSE STOP NO CONTACT BETWEEN

FAMILY AND KIDNAPPERS YET STOP HART FAMILY TONIGHT ISSUED NEWSPAPER

APPEAL TO KIDNAPPERS TO CONTACT FAMILY DIRECTLY OR THRU

INTERMEDIARIES PROMISING NO OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE

VETTERLI.

1933 NOV 14

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Mr. Quinn	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
November 12, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

The following is a transcript of the telephone conversation between Mr. Hughes and Mr. Vetterli this morning:

Mr. Hughes asked Mr. Vetterli if there were any further developments out there. Mr. Vetterli said that nothing has happened as yet. Mr. Hughes mentioned two newspaper articles saying that two notes had been received by the family. Mr. Vetterli said that that was only newspaper talk.

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DIVISION ONE

Mr. Hughes advised Mr. Vetterli that Agents Conroy and Anderson were on their way out there and will arrive today about 1:35PM by plane. Mr. Hughes told Mr. Vetterli to advise the Division if he needed any more help and that Mr. Dunn would also help out if necessary.

Mr. Vetterli said that he has talked to everybody there, check his calls, check the Western Union, and all of his friends. The only thing that they have are the two telephone calls from San Francisco. Mr. Vetterli mentioned the fact that when they call, they talk to the sister of the victim without asking for the father. There has been no word of communication since three hours after his disappearance on Thursday night. Mr. Hughes asked if inquiries had been made along the waterfront. Mr. Vetterli said that the wallet was found by the side of an old oil barge and Agent Montgomery was checking into this but no developments.

Favor of 1/12/33

Mr. Hughes said that Agent Philbrick reported that they were having trouble with the Hearst Newspapers. Mr. Vetterli said that they weren't having any trouble but the whole thing is that they have the tip on the wallet and expect to get a few dollars out of it. Mr. Vetterli said that the Chief of Detectives was giving him all of the necessary information.

Mr. Hughes told Mr. Vetterli not to forget the daily night letter and send it anyway, even though there are no new developments in the case.

Mr. Hughes asked Mr. Vetterli if the finder of the wallet had been questioned. Mr. Vetterli said that he was supposed to have been questioned by Montgomery or one of the boys yesterday.

The situation at San Jose is well covered. Ramsey is here and the father is wonderful to them. A deputy sheriff is also there and is considered a good man by Mr. Vetterli. Mr. Hughes suggested that one of the other boys be sent down on the arrival of Anderson.

Respectfully,

R. L. ...

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NEWSPAPERS THIS MORNING PUBLISHED APPEAL TO KIDNAPPERS FROM HART
FAMILY FOR RETURN SON BROOKE STOP CLOSE VIGILANCE HART HOME
REMOVED IN KEEPING WISHES FAMILY STOP TWO PERSONS ONE BY
TELEPHONE ONE THROUGH INTERMEDIARY MADE CONTACT TODAY BUT NO
ASSURANCE RECEIVED FROM EITHER THAT THEY WERE BONA FIDE

VETTERLI.

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Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
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D. E. VETTERLI
 DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
 515 HAYES BUILDING
 SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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RECORDED REPT KIDNAPING LIONEL LESLIE STATES KIDNAP

YOU VISITS SEVERAL

YEARS AGO AND MET VICTIM AND EUSTER BIRNBACH IN

APARTMENT THAT TIME STOP HAS

NOT BEEN OR VICTIM SINCE AND HAS NO INFORMATION

HEREABOUTS STOP BIRNBACH

WIFE JEWELRY CONCESSION VIKI BIRNBACH AND SONS SEVEN SEVENTEEN MARKET

STOP SAN FRANCISCO STOP

STOP ENDEAVORING LOCATE CRIMINAL RECORD

LONG BEACH

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WASHINGTON DC

HART KIDNAPING SUBJECT JOHN HOLMES ALSO CONFESSES STOP BODY OF

VICTIM NOT YET FOUND

MONTGOMERY ACTING.

- Mr. Nathan
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

November 16, 1933

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On the evening of November 8, 1933, Mr. Brooke Hart, age 24, a graduate of the University of Santa Clara, and a son and partner of Alexander C. Hart, one of San Jose, California's wealthiest merchants, left their department store at San Jose driving a Studebaker President Eight. His failure to arrive at home on schedule caused his family to become uneasy, and at about ten o'clock two telephone calls were received from San Francisco advising that their son, Brooke Hart, was being held and would be released upon the payment of \$20,000.

The San Francisco Office of the Division immediately began an investigation and contacted Mr. Alexander Hart, who welcomed their assistance in the case, and an Agent and a Deputy Sheriff were stationed in the Hart home to receive and trace telephone calls should any be received. The car driven by Brooke Hart was found, soon after his disappearance, abandoned about seven miles from San Jose.

No further communications were received by the Hart family and on November 14th the family issued a newspaper appeal to the kidnapers to contact the family directly or through intermediaries, and promised that the contacts made by the kidnapers would not be interfered with by outside sources. As a result of this appeal, and in compliance with the wishes of the family, the Agent stationed in the Hart home was removed.

On November 15th two persons contacted the Hart family, one by telephone and one through an intermediary, but gave no assurance that they were representing the kidnapers. On November 19, 1933 a vallet belonging to the victim was found by a watchman on the docks at San Francisco, from which the night boat to Los Angeles departs. The boat upon its arrival at Los Angeles was thoroughly searched, but no evidence was found to indicate that Mr. Hart had been taken aboard or that the kidnapers were on this boat.

In addition to the above, Agents of the Division, of course, interviewed all of the known relatives and friends of Mr. Hart in an effort to establish contacts and to obtain all information concerning Mr. Hart's habits and likely suspects.

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Respectfully,

NOV 17 1933

S. P. Conley
Conley

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JTH:RCS

November 16, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM STANLEY,
The Assistant to the Attorney General.

As of possible interest to you,
I am transmitting herewith a copy of a
memorandum which I have just directed to
the Attorney General, concerning the
kidnaping and murder of Mr. Brooks Hart
at San Jose, California.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Incl.

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