

because there <sup>is</sup> illegitimate and they can't talk and he said I'm not going to get arrested, this is a great life. Well he went to visit a ~~XXXX~~ friend who was in, Sam went to visit his friend who was in the county jail and being held for some felony, this was just before his friend put up bond and on the way up in the elevator Sam took a ~~XXXXX~~ handkerchief out of his rear pocket and didn't know it ~~XX~~ but when he pulled out the handkerchief some bullets fell out of his pocket on the floor of the elevator, so as soon as he got off the elevator operator told the deputy sherriff right away who called the city police who were ~~XX~~ waiting for him when he left his friend and arrested him. Then they arrested all the ~~XXX~~ time practically for investigation. So they ~~XXXX~~ held him and put him in a <sup>show-up</sup> ~~shoppe~~ with a lone up and those suckers that Sam ~~wa~~id would never identify him because they were illegitimate, that is they were book~~er~~makers couldn't get there fast enough to identify ~~KHE~~ him. I guess about ten or twelve put the finger on him. So he went to Jackson prison but

when he was released from prison he got a job, I helped well I got it for him actually with a large manufacturer and he stayed there about twenty years until retirement and then bought a small restaurant and he hasn't since he was released from ~~prison~~ prison he's been as law abiding as anyone I've ever known, I don't think he's even gotten a traffic ticket that is, I hope he hasn't. I haven't heard from him in the last ten or fifteen years. All I hear about him is that he is going pretty good. That Oh and the other person who triggered in this was the policeman in the car who was an Irishman and had recognized these fellows Levine and the Purple's as they passed and there is nothing unusual in that but when he heard about the shooting an hour or so later he immediately started looking for the people that passed and he did find Levine in the handbook and arrested him but later on in celebrating this or celebrating something this

~~XXXXXXXX~~ detective who drank quite a bit about 3:00 ~~in the~~ <sup>went into</sup> in the <sub>in the</sub>

<sup>scout into</sup>  
 morning ~~was~~ small resturant ~~was~~, he was alone, but he ~~was~~ ordered two  
 T-bone steaks and when the steaks came he took one in each hand  
 and started to beat the man who ran the resturant over the head  
 with the two steaks and ~~was~~ he of course called the police and  
 Oh there was an awful thing about that and our friend almost  
 got fired butwe on papers because he's always been so helpful  
 to ~~us~~ us we interceded with the resturant owner and with his  
 superixor in the department and he was kept on. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
~~XX~~ There were wuestions of course  
 as to why would ~~he~~ this murder be committed and why did they  
 Leave Sallie Levine, why didn't they kill him too because the  
 custom certainly was not too léave witnesses in those gang  
 murders but they did out of sentimentallity and of course went  
 to práson for life. Irving Millburg, as they story goes, was  
 one of the Purple's ~~x~~ ~~xxx~~ <sup>turned</sup> ~~tried~~ to kill Levine after the others  
 were shot and Ray Bernstein knocked his arm or his hand that  
 was holding the gun knocked it down and took the gun away from  
 him and said leave himalone. Seemed Bernstein and Levine had

been friend since they were kids in school and he saved his life but he really paid with his own life in prison for saving Sallie. There was ~~no~~ no retaliation against Sallie Levine, in fact, it was to the interest of the mob to keep him well and alive because he repudiated his story. After the sentencing and when they were in prison they got some more attorney's, Ted Kennedy a very brilliant legal man in Detroit and got a new and filed rather for a new trial on the basis of an affidavit from Levine who said that he lied about the whole thing that the police forced ~~him~~ him to tell the story but and these men did not ~~were~~ were not the murderers at all but it failed and they served their time, they served over thirty years on their life sentences, <sup>?</sup> Burke died the others came out in wheel chairs out of prison, they were old men, prison ages a person as we know and it certainly aged them, they were ~~just~~ just almost useless the rest of their ~~lives~~ lives.

~~Mk; Another one of the Purple~~



MK: Another one of the Purple's, Ray, was Harry Millman,

RG: Harry Millman came out, he was sentenced to life.

MK: What was his sentence concerned with.

RG: He was one of the Purple's that went in that Collingwood thing. But that his brother

Mk: I'm sorry I'm thinking of the <sup>Boesley</sup> ~~Belinski~~ murder

RG: Oh, pardon me Harry Millman was not at Collingwood, No.

Harry Millman was a tough guy who was associated <sup>an</sup> ~~with~~ <sup>of</sup> the Purple<sup>s</sup> and ~~he~~ extortion was his biggest racket probably, and hold-ups. They'd hold up houses of prostitution, ~~made~~ highjack and robbed gambling places and well a lot of us knew that he was doing a <sup>very</sup> ~~lot~~ of dangerous things. So ~~he~~ one night he and the night before thanksgiving in the mid 30's, he and his girl were in the Cabaret ~~on~~ then on ~~the~~ Wayne just north of Lafayette and when he came out, he started to get his car in the parking lot but the doorman ~~said XXXXX~~ showed up and said I'll get your car Mr. Millman so the doorman went over and got in

Millman's car stepped on the starter and got blown to bits. Somebody <sup>had</sup> put dynamite in it while Millman and the girl were up there.

So it was obvious that his days were numbered but it took almost a year and he was in <sup>Boesley's</sup> ~~Bolinski's~~ restaurant then a very well ~~g~~ kosher type restaurant <sup>at</sup> on 12th and Hazelwood. Millman was sitting at the bar as he often did ~~and~~ three men ran the full length of the restaurant which was ~~g~~ crowded with people <sup>into</sup> and the ~~bar~~ bar which adjoined the main restaurant and started shooting. They ~~killed~~ Millman and killed an innocent man who was sitting a couple <sup>of</sup> seats away from him and wounded a third and got away and they've never found these murderers, but Millman's death (I assume was) in retaliation of his holding up of ~~his~~ taking money that belonged to other gangsters.

MK: It was dangerous obviously in the depression Ray, <sup>to be</sup> of being an innocent bystander, there were other examples of killing of ~~innocent~~ innocent bystanders.

RG: Yes, one very tragic one that comes to mind was a police

inspector who was quite controversial and he was on his way to work one morning, so that would make it from his East side home about 7:30 and a car pulled up along side of him and they started blasting away at him with shot guns. he fell to the floor of the car instinctively and was wounded but not killed, but a little

(Lois Bartlett)  
 girl about ten years old, was on her way to school and she received one of the blasts of the shot gun full force and killed her. The poor kid didn't know what hit her. He recovered and then was given the assignment of finding out who shot at him. Well that's kind of laughable because he probably knew for a long time ~~who~~ what enemies he ~~had~~ had but other people didn't so no one was ever brought, arrested or brought to trial for the shooting of the police inspector. he was a ~~very~~ frugal man and when he retired from the force after putting in 25 or so years, ~~he~~ the police were <sup>very</sup> badly paid in those days but what frugality can do, he bought three saloons and a hotel and later died of a natural death when his time came. But he was mentioned

prominent<sup>y</sup> in the Ferguson, O'Hara grand jury but never indicted,  
 so his record and there was a lot of gossip ~~was heard~~ about a  
 lot of people but his record remained clean. He was feuding  
 with another inspector in the department at the time and their  
 feud was pretty well known and pretty violent really, and I'm

<sup>when</sup> told that the first thing the other <sup>about</sup> inspector said that morning  
 that he heard of the shooting was ~~that~~ I'll be blamed for this,  
 but he never was, <sup>to be silent</sup> that is expect that no action was ever taken.

I never thought he had anything to do with it, they were just  
 enemies and they used to be partners and very close friends.

MK: I suppose Ray ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ one danger in ripping off or  
 holding up a handbbook was that you never knew who owned it.

RG: That's right, That's right because often the person that  
 the customers thought owned it was merely a front man for a  
 tough gang or a member of <sup>a</sup> the tough gang, and handbbook's were  
 very common in Detroit then, very common, there were hundreds  
 and hundreds of them and I'm not talking about telephone bets,

I'm talking about places you'd walk in, it would have a phony front like a cigar store and a buzzer system in the back to a door and then you'd go in the room and they'd call all the races and have the board s up with all the figures on them, very big business, all of them. They were downtown and all over, every place in town except the grand jury, again Ferguson found them in every precānt, police precinct in town except the eighth which is no longer in existence and that's grand River and 12th was the station house and it was the area around there. The inspector Al Sisca who was in charge of ~~this~~ <sup>just</sup> wouldn't let any <sup>in his</sup> ~~precinct~~ precinct and they stayed out but they were in every other one in town.

MK: And inspectors were known to have an interest <sup>some of</sup> in them

RG: Well they sure were because scores of them went to prison for that, for accepting bribes and also they'd declare themselves in like gangsters used to do for such and such. There was one high official who <sup>as being</sup> and I believe this story is accurate, he went

N to the owners of one handbook and said my girl is your new  
 partner, she's in for 50%, now the lady didn't work, didn't  
 do any work but she got 50% of the profits and that was his  
 girlfriend and the profits were big , she it didn't take her  
 long to get that first mink coat and the big car and the  
 diamond. She did very well for ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ a while.

Reel 4

Saturday, August 21, 1971

MK: We'll be talking Ray about the Jones murder ~~XXXXXX~~ and some of

the names that will recur are <sup>the victim</sup> Elmer B. Jones and the defendants

Ralph Ray <sup>Hunter</sup> ~~Catcher~~, Dave Sachetti and Evelyn Lari.

RG: Well this murder was discovered, the murder of Elmer Jones a seventy year old contractor ~~was~~ was discovered on a Saturday after-

noon in 1948. His badly beaten body was found in his home on

Ashland Avenue in Detroit, far east side. Now this was a nice

neighborhood, his house was not pretentious at all although he

was a <sup>Rather</sup> well to do individual but one new a thing about the street.????

On his side of the \_\_\_\_\_ there is a canal on the back

of the houses and most of the people who live on the street have

boats and keep them in the back of the houses and it goes into

Lake St. Clair. So he had a boat in the back and a boat house and

a ~~knew~~ expensive automobile in the front [that he didn't have any

garage for it because of the boat well but he ~~x~~ kept it covered

under tauraplin. He was found in the living room of his home, he

lived alone beaten to death. At first it was thought that his feet

were burned, when he was found they were in the fire place. He was lying with feet in the fire place and there ~~XXXX~~ had been a fire but that wasn't it. There were no visible clues at all as to why as to who or why we guessed why, it was an attempted robbery. He as I said was reputed ~~ed~~ ~~XXXX~~ to have a great deal of money, more than he actually did have but in ~~XXXXXX~~ his home he kept a safe and some of the people who visited had seen that and ~~XXXX~~ knew about it and there wasn't any great secret. Although the stories in the neighborhood grew as to how much money was in it. However the safe was not open. There were some marks on it as if someone had tried to open it. Somebody without any expertise at all and other than that and we didnt' know whether those marks were just recently put on the safe or whether they had been there ~~XXXXXX~~ whether they had anything to do with the murder. Nothing apparently was missing. <sup>++</sup> e had some relatives and they couldn't find that anything was missing. He had no enemies that anyone knew about. As a matter of fact, he was very popular man in the neighborhood. He used to take neighbors and



the kids for rides in his boat ~~x~~ in his automobile and was generous with them. So we started, I did what I often did in homicide cases, <sup>It's</sup> ~~As~~ a rule of course, that nobody ~~enters~~ the premises where a murder was committed until the homicide squad detectives complete their investigation and this often takes a couple of hours which is a long long time if you have editions going. So I did what I ~~xx~~ often did in a case like that, I went to a telephone some ~~xxxxxx~~ blocks away and called the house to talk to the detectives and got a description of the inside of the house and everything they foudn there and asked them as I usually did and when you come out I be sure and answer accurately all the questions ~~x~~ that the reporters ~~xxxxxx~~ ask you but do me a favor and don't volunteer anything. If they don't they might forget it. Well while the other papers had a number of reporters out there they didn't seem too ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ for some ~~XXXXXX~~ reason too enthusiastic about this story and I was and I thought it was a good one so I had the office several other reporters to help go from door to door ringing doorbells asking you know getting

togtther everything we could about who he knew, who visited him and what his habits were. Oh everything might have had some bearing on it and the name Evelyn Larr; ~~xx~~ kept cropping up. She was a very ~~effective~~ <sup>attractive</sup> girl, had been in her real early 20's, she had had two small children and was separated from her husband but ~~she~~ had from the time she was fifteen or sixteen or so had been one of her favorites among the neighborhood kids and often visited him and she had moved out of Detroit but we learned that she had been in town it seemed just a couple of days previous to this murder and also she was with Ray Hunter. Now Hunter was really a tough guy, he was living by holding people up, robbing them, and they had a love affair going although he treated her pretty badly. ~~They~~ They say parenthetically about Hunter, he was in world War II and he had been a model young man in his home town in Ohio, a small town and in the Marine Corp until he got wounded and then he was in trouble constantly and he was cashiered out of the Marine Corp, dishonorable discharge. He got back in civilian life and was really terrirozing people. But we knew that they were back in Detroit. We also learned

that they had left Detroit and gone to Chicago, we knew we found out  
 that a previous time in Chicago they stayed at a Normal Motel, a third  
 or fourth rate motel, and that was about the only thing we had going  
 except in they weren't definitely linked with this except that they  
 didn't have any money that we ~~XXXX~~ knew of and it seemed logical  
 that she might have told Hunter about this wealthy friend of hers  
 not intending to ~~XXXXXX~~ rob him or borrow from him and he might have  
 figured him a fine mark and they ~~XXXX~~ went out to rob him and this  
 is what happened. Well it turned out pretty much that way we ~~found~~  
 found out after the police had investigated. So it seemed that  
 there wasn't anything in Detroit, Chicago seemed to be the place  
 and on a hunch I ~~was~~ went over there with a detective from the Detroit  
 Homicide and we started at the hotel where they had stayed previously,  
 and we found that a ~~XXXXX~~ third man was with them, a third person a man  
 was with them and we began picking up little bits and pieces about  
 this fellow and had a description fairly good description of him but  
 couldn't identify him. We found that the three of them had stayed in

the hotel at the same time and this was prior to the murder. Then we checked the phone calls that they had made from their room in the Norman hotel to another hotel and we went over there to see if they had checked in and they had and they lived there a couple days and they made phone calls out of that room ~~to~~ to other hotels and we found this to be the pattern. They'd go to a small hotel stay a couple of days ~~and they made phone calls out of that room to other hotels~~ but they'd always call ahead to make reservations in the hotel they were going to move to and we were about two days behind them and it seemed that we could never catch up no matter how many hours we had put in or how fast we worked, or checked we were unable to catch up with them. Now in the meantime we were had information that the two men were holding up people in Chicago some fairly tough people and we thought that maybe before we got to them they'd be shot. We knew that the girl was ~~is~~ doing some questionable things in Chicago which might get her in trouble. She was hustling. We have -----

~~with~~ information ~~she was~~ that she was prostituting. We knew that

Hunter was treating her pretty badly and that <sup>Sachetti</sup> ~~Chiotti~~ <sup>by</sup> this time, I'm not sure whether they had his name or not, we'll use it anyway who was the third person, hated her and she hated him. Now we've learned these things from the people in the hotel where they lived and in the resturants connected with the hotels where they took their meals. They usually ate in the hotel if it had a ~~XX~~ resturant or the nearest resturant to it. So we picked up a lot about their habits that way except we just couldn't get to where they were in time. Then after about eight or nine days of this, it was pretty hard work, discouraging, we got a call from the Detroit police department here saying that the person, ~~X~~ he was then his name was unknown, <sup>Sachetti</sup> ~~Chiotti~~, had made a telephone call to a woman in Detroit, long distance call from Chicago the connection was not made, she wasn't there, but he gave us a number, the telephone number from Chicago from which he called. We found it was a bar on Halsted street. Went ther and the place was it was 3:00 in the morning it was closed. The owner ~~XX~~ lived on the other side of town and we went out to his house and by chance he remembered, it must have been a slow

night, a man hanging around the telephone booth at the time the call was placed and apparently having difficulty getting through to his party and he knew also that it was trying to make a long distance call from something he overheard. He knew the man as a customer and knew that he lived in a small hotel just a couple of doors from the bar. So we then got some more policemen from the Chicago department, detectives and went to the hotel, they surrounded it and we went in to ~~XXXXX~~ it got his room number and went up to the door and one of the detectives knocked on his door and told him he had a telegram for him and he said I'm not expecting any and I'm not going to open the door and he said Well were the police, ~~XX~~ open it up. Now before they reached that point we ~~KW~~ knew that this man had a 45 caliber automatic <sup>Sachetti</sup> that ~~Ciccetti~~ did because this kept appearing ~~XX~~ in these hold ups and other people saw him with it. We knew that he by this time we had a minute ~~XX~~ description of him and the description did not include a tattoo on his left arm, an Irish tattoo, no one mentioned that ever

When I went trying the door ~~KXX~~ till I could find one open so I could

get some sort of weapon if it was needed and that consisted of a heavy ash tray and I wrapped it in a towel that was the only thing available. Well as soon as he opened the door the police jumped on him and handcuffed him and ~~xxx~~ searched his room for the gun. I noticed his arm right away and there ~~was~~ a large tatoo on it and I thought that something was wrong because nobody had mentioned the tatoo and it was something that people wouldn't just over look. But it developed that this was not the ~~Cecetti~~ <sup>Sachetti</sup> we were looking for but his brother who had been living in Chicago. So we went to the police station to talk with him and he, we were convince d of course that he wasn't the one. He had heard from his brother, he admitted that, he'd heard from Evelyn ~~Larry~~ <sup>Lari</sup>, and Hunter, he knew that ~~xxxxxxx~~ they were wanted. He didn't know he said where they were staying and he probably didn't. We also found out that he had a girl, I'll put this

MK: Let's put this on anyway and we'll use our discretion as to what we do with it ????????

RG: We found out that he had a girl ~~xxxxxxx~~ prostituting for him and that he had brought her to Chicago from New Orleans and had her in

custody and she ~~f~~old us the whole story about coming here and hustling

for him. And then the detectives told <sup>Sachetti</sup> ~~Cicetti~~ that here he would

cooperat~~a~~ with ~~him~~ them or they would turn him over ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

to the federal ~~for~~ prosecution for violation of the Mann act because

he brought this woman over the state line for immoral purposes. In

this case it was commercial. So this seemed to shake him quite a bit,

possibility of being charged with a federal crime and he said, I'll

cooperate with you but I won't tell you anything about my brother if

I should hear anything, I won't give him to you, I don't care about th

other two. So the police told him to go back to his room and they'd

send an officer with him and instructed him that if he got a telephone

call from any of them and make an appointment ~~with~~ and to meet them and

we'd take it from there. Well about two days later a call came from

Hunter to the Chicago <sup>Sachetti</sup> ~~Cicetti~~ and he said he wanted to see him so an

appointment was sent up at another 4th rate hotel that we had not

visited. We ~~did~~ not know about this one. They moved there apparently

without telephoning ahead. We got there and we saw a woman who had

guiltwritten all over her she <sup>stood</sup> ~~said~~ ~~W~~ right out and the police immediately



arrested her after she had identified herself as Evelyn ~~Larry~~ <sup>Lari</sup> at the same time a taxi cab made a fast U turn and started to drive away and the police chased it and caught it in a block and pulled Hunter out of the back seat. He had Evelyn ~~Larry~~ <sup>Lari</sup> standing there and he was watching from the distance thinking that if anything happened to her he could get away. He seemed a little suspicious of the phone call apparently.

The ~~Cicetti~~ <sup>Sachetti</sup> brother said he acted strangely for some reason but he was protecting himself in the cab or thought he was but he was

~~arrested.~~ We went to police headquarters and he wouldn't say anything at all except he did admit that his name was Hunter, nothing else, nothing about Detroit, nothing about Jones. He just wouldn't answer anything.

Evelyn ~~Larry~~ <sup>Lari</sup> and I were in the side room off the homicide squad and of course I had a hell of a story but if I could get her to tell it to me but I was nervous all the time because of the Chicago papers who covered that building ~~regularly~~ regularly and our competition in Detroit would find out I was there. ~~and~~ I'd been there almost two weeks by that time and send somebody over to check into it, but we weren't disturbed. We talked all ~~evening~~ evening and was difficult to get her to tell my anything

about what happened but when finally did after she had a ham and egg sandwich, some milk, some aspirin for her headache and a lot of reassurances that I would do everything I could to help her and I don't know what that really would have been but I tried to assure here that her position was not as bad as theirs and she could gain by telling us what ~~XX~~ happened. She said that she and ~~Cicetti~~ <sup>Sachetti</sup> and Hunter went ~~XX~~ <sup>to</sup> out ~~XX~~ call on Jones that night just because she had always like him very well and then Hunter saw the safe and ~~XXXX~~ Jones to open it and he refused and they had a fight ~~XX~~ and although Jones was 70 years old he was still fairly strong but according to her the two men ~~who~~ was with beat him to death in an effort to get him to ~~X~~ open the safe although she said she was trying to stop it. She said then that she was terrified and wanted to leave them but they wouldn't let her. They took a cab downtown and registered in a Chicago hotel and ~~Cicetti~~ <sup>Sachetti</sup> <sup>?</sup> went out and brought back some what at that time was called tea, which meant marijuana then called several names, it had several names since that but marijuana

currently in 1948 ~~XX~~ was known as tea, they smoked that and waited for the papers to come out and the paper came and there was nothing in it because the man hadn't discovered yet but they were getting more nervous and they had just about money to get to Chicago so went to Chicago and that's when we picked up their trail. <sup>Sachetti</sup> Cicetti was still at large we didn't know where he was, but there were known indications that he was with them in that particular hotel. So Evelyn and Hunter ~~was~~ were brought back to Detroit separately and they were charged with first degree murder and while they were in the county jail, they's had only been there a week or two and <sup>Sachetti</sup> Cicetti was arrested in West Virginia.

MK: Ray can I interject at this point. Did you resort to a trick to take Evelyn <sup>Larry</sup> ~~Larry~~ away from the Chicago reporters?

RG: Well yes, as I said they covered that building pretty thoroughly and somebody had told them that the Detroit police were there on something they didn't know what the case was and they finally found out I gone to get breakfast with the two detectives I had come with and when

we came back I saw Evelyn <sup>Lari</sup> Larry in the squad room talking to about 12 Chicago reporters so I yelled take her back to her cell she's not allowed to talk to anybody yet. She hasn't made a statement to the district Attorney and I turned to a reporter and said you fellows out to know better than that ~~talk~~ing to her we haven't even got a formal statment from her and as soon as we do we'll make her available and they said Well listen let's just talke a couple minutes more and find out what this is all about. I siad NOO take her back, so they took her back to her cell and they were asking me about whe story and I said I couldn't discuss it but that I would tell them in about another hour, because I knew that in another hour our newspaper would be out on the streets on Detroit and their offices would soon be getting a wire ~~story~~ story back from Detroit on it anyway. They didn't know who I was exdept that I was from Detroit and they assumed that I was with the police ther but it worked at any rate until they gave us more time and that's all I wanted.

RG: Like in many stories ~~KKE~~ you had to worry all the time I was  
 workin in Chicago about our oposition getting interested in this.

For some reasons the other two Detroit papers just never got  
 excited about this story as we in the Times had, so we kept ~~xxxx~~  
 writing little ~~xxx~~ stories about the case, just so public interest  
 wouldn't completely die but never referring to my being in Chicago  
 or anyone being anyplace on it just routine stories because all the  
 time I was there on e of my great fears was seeing a rival ~~xp~~  
 reporter from Detroit show up. I thought I felt confident we could  
 break the thing and I didnt and I knew I wanted it to be exclusive.

I was even afraid all the time I was talking to Evelyn <sup>Lari</sup>~~Larry~~ in the  
 private office off their homicide squad over there and that was most  
 of the night for one night during all that time that someone would  
 see us together and it'd be some reporter from Chicago and get some-  
 thing out on the wire and our opposition in Detroit. I finally when  
 I had the whole story I went back to my hotel room which was near  
 police headquarters and called the wholething in. I was on the phone

for over an hour and of course during all that time there was the possibility of an operator listening in and you worry about those things when you have something as big as this story was at the time rapped up. Of course, I had done my usual thing, when I got to Chicago I registered at this hotel and dropped in to say hello to the telephone ~~XXXXXXXX~~ operators and give them candy and their good people to have on your side whether that had anything to do with anything with their not listening in or not or breaking in on my long conversation to Detroit, I don't know but we had a very complete story in our first edition and all from Evelyn because Hunter would say nothing and never did until he took the witness stand during the trial then he did as much in my opinion did as much as the prosecution to convict himself.

MK: How was <sup>Sicotti</sup> ~~Cicotti~~ finally located?

RG: Well they had sent, he had lived for a while in West Virginia so they sent fliers several places on his description that he was wanted but particularly of that area of West Virginia. So some police saw a

man resembling the description waiting in a bus station there and arrested him. So we got fingerprints matched and they knew that they had the man Detroit wanted for murder. So I was told, they notified the police here and the police told me about it and I immediately checked the planes and I couldn't get a plane there that night it was then 6:00 or so. I couldn't get a plane there that night but I could get a train that was the fastest I could get there. Now the train ~~would~~ would get in about 3:00 in the morning and I knew going to a strange town and ~~try~~ trying to break into a jail at 3:00 in the morning with just a deputy or two there is a difficult thing to do because they might ~~be~~ feel we don't have any authority to do this and then I have to wait and see the judge or somebody. So I called the Sherriff long distance immediately, I found out what, no not the Sherriff the Chief of Police when I found out what time I was going to get in and I said Look I'm calling for two reasons (1) to carry this message from the Mayor of Detroit and that's to congratulate ~~you~~ you on your terrific police work that you did today and he ~~new~~ knew

what I was talking about it, <sup>Sachetti</sup> Cicetti but he didn't know it was wonderful police work, it wasn't really it was routine but it ~~was~~ made him feel good and (2) I said I'm coming down and I'll be there and I wish you would make some arrangements so that when I get into town, I'm taking the train and I'll get in at 3 sometiugn or ~~was~~ whatever it was so I can get in and see <sup>Sachetti</sup> Cicetti in the jail without having to wait, he said I'll have Captain so and so and Captain so and so at the train to meet you and take you right there and I said Wait a minute I didn't expect all this I said Wait a minute I'm <sup>a</sup> major writer and reporter on the Times and I thought by this time that he thought that I was the major calling so I said I won't need that If I could see the guy. No sir, we'll be very glad I've never had such wonderful treatment. When I got there whent the train was pulling into the station~~s~~ and I saw the~~s~~ <sup>bit</sup> two ridge runner cops in uniform with a lot of braid and they rushed up to me and introduced and they took me out, there were only a couple of us getting out and I could see the others were old old ladies ~~and~~ so they figured that I was the guy from the newspaper and they ~~ga~~ took



I my bag and took me to a brand new police car and they were real  
 proud of ~~xx~~ it, ~~xx~~ it had just arrived today, and they wanted their  
 visitor to have the best ride. Now there wasn't a living soul on  
 the streets between the station and the county jail which was a  
 mile or two but they had the siren wide open all the way and they  
 were making the corners on two wheels and we got up to the jail  
 slammed on the brakes and got out and went in and the first door

that opened somebody yelled <sup>Sachetti</sup> Cicetti and another jail farther down

took up <sup>Sachetti</sup> Cicetti and then bring out <sup>Sachetti</sup> Cicetti and the order kept

progressing back through the canyons of the county jail in West

Virginia finally a little sleeky soul walked up over to me and

said I'm <sup>Sachetti</sup> Cicetti and we had long long talk about the whole thing

and he was very evasive and my usual arguments didn't work at all

and the most ~~of~~ potent which was that look the ~~xxx~~ peopl who are

going to sit on your case as jurors are now out in the public but

they don't know it yet but this is probably your only chance you'll

have to give your side of the story until your on trial for heaven

sake tell me Know what it is and I'll print it. <sup>h</sup> e said No and

XX someday I'll tell you the reason why, I can't tell you now. We talked about a lot of things, I got a lot of stuff for a story from him but he wouldn't tell me whether he participated in it because Evelyn <sup>Lari</sup> ~~Larry~~ said he did whether there was any main points. After we were back in Detroit a <sup>week</sup> ~~week~~ or so and Hunter made a statement in which he said <sup>Sachetti</sup> ~~Cicetti~~ was not there. <sup>Sachetti</sup> ~~Cicetti~~ had told me in a county jail here in Detroit that he was waiting to see what Hunter was going to say about it and he didn't want to take a chance that they'd be giving different ~~x~~ stories. So that was why he wouldn't talk to me about principle details in West Virginia. The trial was one of the wildest I've ever covered. (I think I'll take a break\_

MK: Okay can I ask you a question

RG: Go ahead.

MK: Did you get exclusive information <sup>Sachetti</sup> ~~that Cicetti~~ was being held in West Virginia.

RG: No I had assumed that well I don't know, I assumed that the others knew about it but nobody ~~w~~ <sup>wasn't</sup> else ~~wasn't~~ down.

MK: So you had the first interview

RG: Yeh so I had the first interview with him, Yeah and went back  
and saw him the next day, morning later and he was still very pleasant  
but still wouldn't commit himself to any important things and then late  
that afternoon, two detectives, or rather that day later two detective  
from Detroit and did not <sup>Fight (?)</sup> request expedition and went back to Detroit  
that night.

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MK: Were going to be talking about the Jones murder trial.

RG: Well it was held in Recorders Court. Judge Gillis with an all woman jury and it attracted more attention than any trial I had ever in years. Almost daily there were about 500 people waiting to get in to the courtroom and the courtroom seats only about 75 or 80 people. There were a great interest in the trial and in the people who were the defendants, the prosecuting attorney then was Jerry O'Brien, he took charge of the case himself, that was unusual. Ralph <sup>Garber</sup>~~Graber~~ was chief assistant, assisted him in the prosecution, with the exception of Sidney Sherman attorney for Hunter, the other attorney's were not known well at all in the criminal courts. All had been appointed, the defendants didn't have ~~KN~~ no money and Evelyn <sup>Lari</sup>~~Larry~~ and Hunter and <sup>Sachetti</sup>~~Cicetti~~ were all charged with murder in the first degree. Now the states theory was that the three of them, that Elmer Jones was known of course and thought highly of Evelyn since she was fifteen years old she

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had lived in the neighborhood and the ~~xxx~~ state's theory was that she had told the two men about him and they were all broke and they went out to his house first to see if she could borrow a large sum of money from him and when that failed they beat him to get him to open his safe that was in his shouse and that the people in the neighborhood thought contained a large amount of money, Evelyn probably thought that, the two men the defendants thought that but when the safe was finally opened by the police it was found to contain between two and three thousand dollars. Jones was beaten to death in an attempt to get him to open the safe and the jury found after a relatively short time of deliberation that the people who did it were Hunter and <sup>Sachetti</sup> Cicetti and ~~that~~ Evelyn <sup>Lari</sup> Larry was not guilty. She walked away a free woman but of course her testimony was responsible for the conviction of the two men and I don't think the state tried very hard to convict her because they wouldn't have had any case without her. The judge who presided was the late Joe Gillis and it was one well undoubtedly the toughest trial he ever

presided over because of the <sup>unruliness</sup> unruliness of the two ~~men~~ male defendants

particularly <sup>Sachetti</sup> Cicetti who from the very first day almost shouted interrupted

witnesses, ~~XXXX~~ calling them liars saying he wasn't getting justice.

Judge Gillis threatened to handcuff him for the duration of the trial

and the only effect~~xxx~~ that had was to keep him quite for only a few

minutes. <sup>Sachetti</sup> He insisted and so did Hunter insist that Cicetti was not on

Ashland Avenue at Jones home, he never had been there and Hunter said

that Hunter's defense was that he and the girl went out to ~~x~~ visit

Jones that she had told him about Jones and wanted to come out and meet

Jones which ~~was~~ they did, they took a cab, that <sup>Sachetti</sup> Cicetti was not there

at all not with them. Evelyn <sup>Lari</sup> ~~Larry~~ said that <sup>Sachetti</sup> Cicetti was there and

did ~~XXXX~~ participate. Now there<sup>were</sup> in the house maybe a couple of hours

and her story was that the men tried to get Jones to give them money

and he refused that he got in a fight then with Hunter but the two

men easily succeeded in beating him up and Hunter admitted that he

hit him because Jones was jealous over Evelyn <sup>Lari</sup> ~~Larry~~ this was Hunter's

story and he had to tie him up tie his hands and feet but he didn't

kill him, he was alive when he left and he thought he'd be alright

*Sachetti*  
~~Cicetti~~ of course had nothing to say about the house except that he'd

never seen the place. In the course of thr trial they took the jury  
out to inspect the house and the premises on Ashland Avenue and of

course the defendants went along and *Sachetti* ~~Cicetti~~ did his best ~~XXXXXX~~

to give the impression and succeeded I think giving the impression

to some people at least but not the jury that ~~XXX~~ he'd never seen the

house before, never been inside of it. Now the three ~~XXXXXX~~ defendants

*Lari*  
Evelyn ~~Larry~~ dropped out of school, she'd gone to an ungraded school,

she had difficulty learning couldn't keep up with her classes, she

dropped out of school when she was fifteen and was married when she

was sixtteen. She had two very beautiful shildren but they had been

taken away from her by probate courtbecause they felt that she was not

a good mother although all the neighbors that I'd talked with said she

was an exceptionally fine mother. The children were, Evelyn was 22

when she went on trial. One psychiatrist produced by the defense

in an effort to show that she was a girl easily influenced, testified

that she was a very slow, slow to learn and that she was not up to her

intelligence was not up ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ to the intelligence of a 22 year old girl but was more back several years back of what it should be. One ~~XXXXXX~~ didn't detect that in talking to her about unless one probed of course she was very pretty and tried to please, sexy looking girl, she'd been through some horrible experiences. Life had certainly treated her very roughly. She had married, of course, when she was did I say sixteen and her husband she testified had gone into the army after their second baby was born and she never heard from him again and had not heard from him from the time he left and she was about eighteen or so and she was then 22 so she hadn't heard from him in those years. She worked in small resturants in Detroit trying to make enough to keep her kids. She got some help from her mother who was living with an aunt and alos she borrowed money from time to time from Jones, she testified, but she said she always paid him back.

Now Hunter was from Arkansas his mother was a ~~XX~~ school teacher, he went into the marines in Worl War II and fought, he had some awfully hard service and he was wounded, he got an <sup>dis</sup> honorable ~~XX~~ discharge. He



then joined the army and deserted from the army and at the time  
 this thing happened, he was a deserter, he was a big rough guy who  
 had made corporal in the marines and had a fine record until he  
 got wounded and people who ~~XXX~~ knew him before and after say that  
 the wound or the war or whatever caused a complete character change  
 in him. That where prior to being injured he was a hard working  
 decent, young man. He became very quarrelsome afterwards, he stole,  
 he ~~held~~ <sup>held</sup> up people, he slugged an officer at one time, and he was  
 constantly in ~~XXX~~ trouble. When he deserted from the army and they  
 hadn't the army ~~XX~~ hadn't found out he was the same one that had been  
 in the marines but when he deserted from the army he then got little  
 jobs as short order cook and inconsequential jobs but he was robbing  
 others on the side. <sup>Sachetti</sup> Cicetti who at the time of the trial was about  
 2 years older than Hunter which would be, <sup>Sachetti</sup> Cicetti would be about 27  
 had been a drifter, all his life. He didn't go beyond Grammar school  
 and from then on he was commonly known as a hustler, he'd make a dollar  
 anyway he could, in card games, by stealing, by con games, by working

in circusses and carnivals and working rackets in carnivals. He ran a blind pig, he ran card games, never had very much but always managed to get by. The Evelyn and Hunter met in a resturant on the E st side of Detroit where ~~she~~ was working as a waitress. He said that he knew people in Chicago and he could make a \$125 a week if she'd go over there with him and she could take an easy. Well that was quite a bit of money then particularly for a short order cook, she'd believed it and went with him to Chicago. Job didn't materialize she ~~XXXXX~~ worked he stole and got her po prostitute. Then while in Chicago they met <sup>Sachetti</sup> ~~Cicetti~~ whom they had not known and <sup>Sachetti</sup> ~~Cicetti~~ sort of idolized Hunter and so of course did Evelyn and the girl and <sup>Sachetti</sup> ~~Cicetti~~ began to hate each other which is quite apparent they were jealous over Hunter. There was great anomosity existed between them to such an extent that there was a little doubt in <sup>my</sup> mind and still is there that <sup>Sachetti</sup> ~~Cicetti~~ actually went to the Jones home that night and participated in the robbery and murder. I'm ~~XXXXXX~~ probably the only person in the state of Michigan who had that doubt everyone else thought he was there but ~~XX~~ knowing how they hated each other and knowing how she

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went way out on points of imagination and there she might have a motive ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ <sup>Sadetti</sup> to lie about ~~Cicetti~~ to get him in more trouble. Ther is some doubt in ~~my~~ my mind only that he was there. Well getting back to the trial itself it was pretty much of a bedlam at one time, with 50 police rushing into the court room. It seemed that the prosecutor had been tipped off that some factitious persons were going to liberate ~~Cicetti~~ <sup>Sadetti</sup>. This I don't believe at all and ask for a few extra police and the order got mixed up and they sent about 50, they tried to clear out of the courtroom several times all ~~standees~~ because of the excitement. He'd have to send the jury out for a recess often ~~XX~~ till tempers cooled and this went on for weeks and ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ each day seemed worse for the defendants and as their chances seemed to be dropping their tempers seemed to be getting greater. However, Hunter after the first week or so calmed down and it was ~~Cicetti~~ <sup>Sadetti</sup> doing most of the yelling. It was the first trial I ~~covered~~ covered ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ that the Judge had threatened to put the defendant in restraints. I know its happened many times since

that year but it was quite unusual then. Well as I said it didn't take the jury long to deliberate, they found the two men guilty, Evelyn walked out of the courtroom free and then the men were sent back to the county jail until the probation department completed its report and they were sentenced on a Saturday morning. Now it seems a little odd \_\_\_\_\_ there has to be a probation report and investigation made before a person can be sentenced, when he's been convicted of first degree murder X and his sentence is mandatory life imprisonment but any rate it was they knew what their sentence was going to be and the first to be sentenced was Hunter who made a very patriotic speech to Judge Gillis in which he said he fought and bled to protect the flag which he pointed to in the courtroom. That he was not guilty of murder that the only thing he did was defend himself against the attack of Jones and it was a great miscarriage of justice. He also reiterated that <sup>Sachetti</sup>~~Cicetti~~ was not out there at the time and was completely innocent of any murder. <sup>Sachetti</sup>~~Cicetti~~ than when Judge Gillis

said to him, Do you have anything to say before I pronounce sentence.

Yes, Judge, as one alcoholic to another, and at that there was an

<sup>audible</sup>  
~~plausible~~ gasp in the court room, Judge Gillis had a reputation in

some quarters <sup>as</sup> ~~in~~ liking a drink now and then and <sup>Sachetti</sup> ~~Cicetti~~ had told

me one time that he had lived in Detroit and he had fined \$50 when

he was arrested for running a blind pig by Judge Gillis and ~~HE~~ Judge

Gillis hadn't remembered that naturally he wouldn't but as one

alcoholic to another which is not a very good opening, then he

continued by saying that he wasn't there and asked the witnesses

lied particularly Evelyn, he wanted a new trial to start right then

and there but life sentence was pronounced. They were sent to

separate prisons, Hunter was sent to Marquette, <sup>Sachetti</sup> ~~Cicetti~~ to Jackson

and after <sup>Sachetti</sup> ~~Cicetti~~ had been ~~X~~ in Jackson about two months he started

a riot in the dining hall by throwing a plate of spaghetti ~~xx~~ and

yelling it was lousy. HE got several other prisoners to join him

and the guards quickly put the thing down, <sup>Sachetti</sup> ~~Cicetti~~ was injured, had

a broken arm and was shortly thereafter transferred to Marquette which

was the siberia of Michigan. and that's where considered pretty rough prison~~XXXX~~ so he was sent there. Now they both died, I used to hear from them regularly, always had a Christmas card from both of them and occasional letters and cards and they got several years later they were granted appeal for a new trial was granted by the Supreme Court and they were back in Detroit. Hunter he didd in receiving hospital, <sup>Sadetti</sup> Cicetti died in Marquette ~~XXXXXX~~ prison, Marquette before the new trials were held. (You can change that if you

MK: Ray let me ask you some questions about the trial and the case. You mentioned that Evelyn had lost custody of her children, had that happened before she took up with ~~XXXXXX~~ Hunter.

RG: Yes, it happened before she took up with Hunter and I ~~XXXX~~ might this probably is a good time put in that after the trial she married a man who had a very good reputation ~~XXXX~~ was a factory worker in a city outside of Detroit and probate court gave the children back to her.

MK: Now Hunter had an unusual explanation or version of the killing didn't he, could you go into some detail on that.

RG: He said that Evelyn wanted to talk to Jones and ~~WHEN~~ went into a bedroom with him and he called out, come on let's go, he Hunter got tired of waiting and finally he went in the bedroom and she was committing what the police refer to in police reports as an oral perversion on that is, that Jones was committing what the police in police reports refer to as an act of oral perversion on Evelyn and then the two men got fighting over that but he said that Hunter testified that Jones had a gun and he had to take the gun away from him and that he did not, he had to tie him up to keep him from continuing the attack but he did not think he had killed him at all. He felt that he had just knocked him out at one time and impulsively and that is his word he saw took a diamond ring off of Jones finger and the ~~XXX~~ ring had been appraised at \$1200 and Hunter said in court that the Chicago police stole it from him when he was in custody ~~XXXXXXXX~~ ~~XX~~ after his arrest

there ~~was~~ So the ring the diamond was never found.

MK: I take it his story not only was disbelieved by the jury but but offended them.

RG: It offended the jury. It was obvisou the jury all woman what he said about this innocent appearing girl and evelyn gave that impression ~~was~~ of being friendly and just easily led and also the old man had a vey good reptation offended them and just seemed ~~unbelievable~~ unbelievable ;to even the fellows at the press table <sup>who</sup> heard a lot of stories in their day, it seemed just an unbeliveable story to everyone.

MK: Now <sup>Sabetti</sup> ~~Cicetti~~ claimed an alibi didn't he.

RG: Yeh he said he was drinking wiskey ~~in~~ sours during that time in a bar ~~in~~ on Grand River, downtown Detroit, but and he also in a coulpe of other bars and most of the time in that one. Well I personally made an effort, I know the police did, to check that out and none of us was able to find thee ~~the~~ bartender or anyone else who recalled his being in anyone of the saloons, he said he



had been in drinking whiskey sours, at all, and that would be a whole unusual for one person to sit alone for a couple of hours as ~~WH~~ he said he did in one bar and drink whiskey sours, but nobody remembered it.

MK: Now did Evelyn <sup>Leri's</sup> ~~Larry's~~ <sup>Aunt</sup> ~~ANSWER~~ contribute any testimony.

RG: She only testified that she had a telephone call from Evelyn the day before the murder and that Evelyn said she was in Detroit with Hunter and she wanted some money and her aunt said ~~X~~ she didn't have any and then Evelyn asked her if she knew ~~XX~~ any rich man that Evelyn could get some money from. The aunt said no she didn't and t he aunt knew also that Evelyn had been in Chicago and assumed that when she didn't hear from her again ~~XX~~ that she went back to Chicago and assumed right away that's just ~~wh~~ere they went.

MK: There was some question Ray about verifying the cab ride to~~x~~ the Ashland address what was the problem

RG: Well, you see every cab driver keeps <sup>or</sup> ~~XXX~~ is supposed to keep usually he does a run sheet, now they rode according to her testimony

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in three cabs that night, a cab out to Ashland Avenue, a cab from Ashland and Jefferson back to the Griswold Hotel which was then located on Grand River and Griswold and then another cab from there to the <sup>Tuller</sup> ~~teller~~ hotel and the police testified they went all through the run sheets of the cab company they said they rode in checkers and could not find any such runs at all which led me maybe wonder if maybe ~~some~~ some unscrupulous cop found the run sheet but the run sheet just had two passengers instead of three I don't think that could happen I don't think it did happen but it seems strange that they couldn't find a record of anyone of the three ~~X~~ cab rides they took.

MK: Well now it was agreed that the cab which took the two or three defendants to Ashland was dismissed when they went into the house, ~~is~~ is it plausible that having committed a murder or homicide they would take the cab back

RG: No they didn't, the testimony was that they walked over to Jefferson and then a block west and picked up a cruising cab and

then they went to the Griwold hotel. So there wasn't anything to link to that address with the second cab driver.

MK: Was there any question about the presence or absence of fingerprints in the house, I'm thinking particularly of Cicetti's.

*Sachetti's*

RG: There were neither prints of either Hunter or Cicetti, ~~XXXX~~

*Sachetti*

the only prints that were found were those of Evelyn ~~Larry~~ *Lari* and they were on a whiskey bottle and her testimony was that after the two men

had beaten up Jones, ~~Cicetti~~ *Sachetti* asked her to get him a drink and she

handed him the bottle of whiskey but there were no prints found. Nobody saw them, no neighbors saw them.

MK: Did ~~Cicetti's~~ *Sachetti's* counselor emphasize that point as part of his defense.

RG: Well, if he did it wasn't enough because it didn't convince the jury but I don't recall that he did.

MK: How long did the trial last

RG: (You wanta shut that off) about three weeks.

MK: Let me indicate for the record at this time that we have a times

photograph of the courtroom in session showing a packed courtroom an  
 showing Ray sitting at the press table. I think it might be helpful  
 here to put on record ~~XXXX~~ some background about Judge Gillis who  
 was certainly a colorful character in the ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ recorder's court.

RG: He was then in his 50's he had played football for several, he  
 was from oh I think it was ~~XXXXXX~~ a city in Western Massachusetts an  
 he played for several colleges around the east and this was when  
 the younger Scibbelli <sup>?</sup> ~~rose~~ <sup>was</sup> to be winked at and he was then he came  
 to the University of Detroit and played football ther, graduated  
 in law school and practiced law around Detroit and got an appointment  
 to common <sup>pleas</sup> ~~police~~ court from common <sup>pleas</sup> ~~police~~ court he went to by another  
 appointment to recorder's court and he was elected term after term  
 to recorder's. Now he took usually he, of course he denied this, bu  
 he usually acted anti-police in the court room. He would often  
 r idicule police, bawl him out, they hated to go in his court room  
 and he thought that a lot of the things they did were dishonest that  
 is their testimony and he thought that they were not to be trusted

in their version of what of the evidence they presented him. This wasn't always but this was often. which ~~MA~~ made him popular with a large number of Detroiters and he didn't have much trouble getting ~~xxx~~ re-elected. He was a erratic, his sentences could be unbelievably light or unbelievably extreme and no one quite new just how he'd arrive at them.

Mk: He also had the ~~weakness~~ weakness of the Irish????

RG: Well he drank a bit, never on a bench, never during working hours.

MK: Didn't that get him into trouble on a few ~~x~~ celebrated occassions.

RG: Well he was arrested for some kind of affair in Canada and he couldn't go back there and he was arrested in Oakland County for being drunk and disorderly and breaking up a pin ball machine. He was arrested I believe, in Highland Park for it was always over drink it was never anything serious. And I think he was convicted of these ~~and he~~ ~~misde~~ misdemeanors however this didn't keep him from getting elected. and I personally thought he contributed greatly to recorder's court because I always felt that a person had a very fair

chance in his court if that person were freindless and without funds so he could get justice. He was controversial, very controversial

MK: You came to his aid on one occasion.

RG: Well the time I went out, the time he was arrested in Oakland

County, they locked him up in the county jail, and he was to be arraigned in the morning, so I heard about it and when I went into my office that morning, I thought I'd go cheer him up, so I rode out there and he was still in jail he hadn't been arraigned yet.

I went with him to his ~~arraignment~~ arraignment, now this was a misdemeanor some old country judge who'd come in to Pontiac, ~~XXX~~ he was just working there temporarily, come in from the sticks, he pleaded not guilty, and he put a \$250 bond on him for disorderly which is a really very minor misdeme~~anor~~anor and Gillis I guess didn't have a peany with him and I happened to have \$200 so, \$250~~XXXX~~ with me so he always referred to me as his bondsman after that but it was rather ridiculous bond and I was glad that I had the money with me ~~XX~~ to put for him or it would have been another trip back to Detroit

to get it. Incidentally he sent it back to me that afternoon.

MK: Getting back to <sup>Sadretti</sup> Cicetti, the thought occurs that he might have created this disorder in Jackson in order to be transferred to Marquette. Do you think there's anything to that?

RG: No I don't think so. ~~XX~~ I really don't. If that was in the back of his mind, he got much more than he bargained for because this developed into quite a slugging match with the ~~XX~~ guards and inmates in his as I said his arm was broken and he was pretty badly battered and eventually was sent to Marquette.

I don't know. It's very hard to define the <sup>mental</sup> ~~mellow~~ workings of a person like that. The <sup>Vagaries</sup> ~~vicaries~~ in the human mind are difficult ~~XX~~ at best ~~XX~~ decided to but with imprisonment stuffing out his life, beating people and figuring angles is possible. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

MK: What kind of prisoner was Hunter.

RG: Hunter had to be kept out of the general population for a while after getting there but then he calmed ~~down~~ down and then became a, I'm told, as they say a model prisoner and was teaching

classes and he seemed to get a great satisfaction out of the working he was doing, teaching, I say that because in the letters I get from him he always talked to me about that work and about how he was helping other inmates and he knew that he was having some good effect because after they'd be released from prison they'd write to him and he knew ~~xxxx~~ they were getting along.

MK: Did we indicate that Evelyn <sup>Lari's</sup> ~~Larry's~~ ~~xxx~~ children were returned to her.

RG: Yes, after she was married. Yeah'll

MK: Ray you have more to add about the relationship between <sup>Sachetti</sup> ~~Cicetti~~ and Evelyn.

RG: Well the jealousy and the hate was immense. The jealous, I'm sure over Hunter. Now I'm not suggesting that there's any conscious homosexual feeling of relationship between the two men, I don't think there was at all, at least conscious. <sup>Sachetti</sup> But a ~~Cicetti~~ resented Evelyn terribly. and he told Hunter stories about her that I and he told me that he told and I ~~xxxx~~ rather doubted him but they were the kind



of stories that would tend to turn a man against a woman. Vicious stories but apparently it didn't work because Hunter and <sup>Sachetti</sup> Cicetti, I mean Hunter and Evelyn were together right up to the time they were arrested in Chicago, so he didn't succeed in splitting them up.

MK: Of course, she ~~seized~~ <sup>ceased</sup> being under Hunter's domination from the moment of her arrest.

RG: Yeah, Yeah that's true, but she was they were still living together until that time, yeah from then on. Well I think from then on after she was arrested it was a case of trying to save herself too. She didn't want to be convicted of murder and she understood she might not have been, her I.Q. might not have been you know might have been lacking a bit but she was certainly ~~smart~~ smart enough to understand ~~the~~ the jam she was in. And she cooperated without much, it didn't take an awful lot of persuasion on my part, she told me the story first of course, but and it took a while to get her going but it wasn't the toughest

job I ever had. After a couple of hours beating around the bush, ~~XXXX~~ hinting at things, persuading, it just the flood case opened and she told me the whole ~~XXXX~~ story. and it's the same story she told on the witness stand, she didn't change it.

MK: Ray this case was featured on popular radio program of the era, big story was it

RG: Oh yes, ~~XXX~~ <sup>Pall</sup> ~~Palm~~ Mall Cigarettes radio and then on television by the same people and then in a magazine that they printed called the big story. They never let go of that one but there were so many awards for it I think, \$500 for this one, \$500 for radio, \$500 for television and \$250 for the magazine price. That was a popular radio program and you know in ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ the last days of radio and then it went pretty good on television for a while and then it was discontinued.

MK: What was the format of that program

RG: Uh newspaper, it was called the Big Story and everyone was what a newspaper man did, ~~that~~ it was unusual. It followed it just

the way we've been talking except they made they dramatized it.  
and used a lot of dialogue that sounded a little like a big  
melodrama.

MK: Do you recall any other Detroit newsmen had ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
~~XXXXX~~ stories featured

RG: I think, it seems to me that one, I'm not sure, It seems to  
me that either Ralph Nelson or Kenneth McCormick had a story, I'm  
not sure. I don't recall, I'm not positive.

MK: The times however by reason of your coverage sort of put  
a stamp on this story didn't it.

RG: Well I think we called it propriety interest in it because  
we were ahead on this story all the way through. Even in the  
trial, we managed to stay ahead of the opposition, not every day  
but frequently because Oh hell I knew everybody. It would be  
easy for instance to know that a witness coming over from  
Chicago might have change him mind and be reluctant to come  
over and get him supeoned and that ~~was~~ would be straightened up.

There'd be many things that ~~we~~ happened on a day to day basis that would give a new angle to the story.

MK: Did we mention Ray that this may have been the only case that Gerald <sup>o'</sup>~~or~~ Brian personally tried as prosecutor.

RG: The best of my recollection it is. The only one he tried and he was <sup>Garber</sup> ~~O'Brien~~ prosecutor a long time and it was rarely that Giborough went to court, ~~to~~ but the publicity connected with this was too tempting for any prosecutor to stay away from. So Gerry happened to run for ellection, I ~~assu~~ assume that's why he went to court. Of course, he was in a long time, I may be wrong~~er~~, he might have gone in on some other thing, but I'm sure that's the onlycase, just about, that's the only case he ever tried.

MK: Perhaps we should say something about Sid sherman, he's been around the criminal courts a long time.

RG: Well he is very skillful defense lawyer. And has been around the criminal courts for at least 30 years, maybe longer but he en this trial he represented Hunter and I don't think Clarenee,

Darrow, and all the great criminal lawyers who ~~XX~~ ever lived could have done much for him because he was just impossible to control among other things and well Sherman did a ~~gXX~~ good job about the best he could do was try to case for the record and make it effective so ~~XX~~ he could get a new trial at a later date which he succeeded in doing. It was otherwise impossible to get his client acquitted during that trial.

MK: Considering the evidence as it developed the thought occurs that            <sup>Miranda</sup> had the ~~Morander~~ ~~XXXX~~ warning requirements been in operation at that time there would have been no case whatever against of the defendants.

RG: ~~I think not~~ *I think not*

MK: ~~XX~~ Considering <sup>Lari</sup> ~~Larry~~ had chosen not to

RG: Unless Evelyn <sup>Lari's</sup> ~~Larry's~~ hate for <sup>Sudetti</sup> ~~Ciccetti~~ that she would have changed it around a bit. Of course, she protected herself as best she could, she was just going out, they weren't supposed to get out of the cab according to her and she was just going to see him for a couple of minutes, they came in and did everything and

she pleaded with them not to. Now she could have been asked a lot of questions of course as to why she didn't ~~xxx~~ tell the police about it and why she went back. Her answer would have been knowing her that she was afraid but she didn't. and ~~xx~~ I'm no I'm inclined to think that if she understood what her rights were under Miranda that she wouldn't have said anything and as far as building a case otherwise, I don't know how it could have been done because we eventually knew pretty well what happened but there wasn't anybody to tell a jury that.

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RG: . . . about the kidnapping; and we were worried, of course, that the woman would be harmed; now they have road blocks all around. Now I've never heard of a road block resulting in any captures, but I guess they have someplace. These were unsuccessful; and that morning early--that was the morning following the afternoon of the escape--early--the women called the Detroit policemen in Detroit and told them where they were and the police quickly came and got the two women who said that they'd been treated fine all the way into Detroit and that they were put out of the car by the 4 men--near this telephone, so the search on \_\_\_\_\_ is concentrated in Detroit. Now these four convicts were all longtimers. And they'd all been in prison before and they were pretty rough characters. The papers were all working hard on it because of the interest by the people in Detroit and what happened to the convicts--did they keep on going out of Detroit or were they still in the city--did they have a particular menace to the people of Detroit.

The automobile that they'd stolen in Jackson was found in Detroit but no sign of the men; so I got a call and a man told me--thought I knew this man--he told me where three of the four escapees were--in Detroit. They had moved in with a man and his wife and their two very small children, like about four and three years old. The man had served a lot of time in prison--the man of the house. It was a small house on an out-of-the-way street on the west--the southwest side of Detroit. So he, of course--my informant--was afraid that he--you know, wanted protection, anonymity and said he knew that if it ever got out, where the information came from, that he'd be killed--I told him it wouldn't get out. That I wouldn't tell anybody, that we'd just go out and look into this place and see if they're there. He was very specific; he'd been with them in their house and he knew they didn't have any guns, that he wouldn't have any guns in the house because of the children--the two small children. But they had knives that they had made



in prison and he told me just where this knife was--they had three of them. He said one of the four had stolen a car and taken off--he didn't know where he was heading, but he did know about the others. So I got the Chief of Detectives and he picked some men that I had confidence in, that wouldn't tip off any other newspaper and that he knew were all good policemen. So I had a photographer--two photographers and another reporter, and I had them on hand--went out with the police--our car had a telephone in it, and they surrounded the house and then went in. And they were all there--the three of them were there. I've had so many bad tips that I was pleasantly surprised, really, to see that this was turning out. They didn't resist in any way; and the police arrested all of them and there was no other newspaper there; I had phoned the whole thing in; we took pictures and sent them in, and the police took quite a long time searching the house and they drove back to the station--to the headquarters, with the prisoners, slowly, and by the time--shortly after the time

I got back to headquarters--no, before I got back to headquarters--our paper, our extra had come out--had come to the police station with the whole story and the pictures in it.

It just about caused the reporters from our opposition papers to have a heart attack, because they didn't know anything about this. However, in the meantime I had some people from a paper drive my informant up to Saginaw where he had relatives and where nobody knew him except his relatives, because we wanted to give him every protection we could, and he was comfortable up there. We knew it was a pretty good story and we felt good about it. But our next obligation, of course, was to make sure that nobody found out where we had the information--and I was sure that nobody would find that out until the police called me late one day and said, "Hey, some guys down on Michigan Avenue and skid row in a bar telling everybody he's the one tipped you off as to where \_\_\_\_\_ hiding." I said "What's his name?" and he gave it to me and it was a shock because that was the name of the fellow so I went right down there with the

police and sure enough, it was my man that we were trying to protect. He was drunk. See, we had given him some money for this trip, but it went to his head though they took him back to headquarters, in sort of protective custody, I guess, so he couldn't talk so much and he was telling everybody there about it, too. The ironical part of it was that we were so afraid that inadvertantly--well, only one or two people on the paper or police knew where I had the information, that it inadvertantly might come out--and we were sincerely worried that everything we did to keep it from happening, and he's the guy who spilled the beans. However--nothing happened to him, I'm happy to report. I saw him many years later--oh, I'd been in touch with him all the years, but the last time I saw him was a few years ago, and he was still healthy--a little but crazy--I always thought he was a little crazy--certainly after he had a couple of drinks. But he said he'd never met any harassment from that at all. That people might mention it

to him, but he never was threatened, let alone hurt--but it could have been close and he would have had, as they say, only himself to blame. Oh--pardon me.

MK: Was there a standard tipster fee that the newspapers paid?

RG: No. No, as a matter of fact, as far as we're concerned, I don't think the others did--had a standard either. I--no, we often didn't pay people anything. They didn't expect it, it was just a matter of their cooperating. And while I know that a lot of people think that newspapers buy their stories, it doesn't happen that way--a lot of people are willing--anxious, really, to cooperate. I don't remember how much he was paid. And I remember one thing, though, that the state prisons--or the State of Michigan--has a standing reward of \$150 for information leading to the capture of any escaped felon. Well--they said what all--who do you want us to make the check out to? And I said "make it out to me"--so I, let's see, that would be four-fifty, wouldn't it--for three of them; so I cashed the check and gave my tipster the money--and, of course,

I got a receipt from him. So I think it's in the records of the state of Michigan it shows that I got the reward--but no, he got that and he got money from us; I don't remember how much we gave him but it would be--I'm sure it was at least that much, it's probably \$500. Although he wasn't looking for the money, he didn't bring up the money that I recall at all, he just had some information and he had to give it to somebody, and he knew me and he gave it. We--he, of course, has been in prison; maybe he was a little bit crazy, and I always thought he was, many people when they come out do seem a bit--and it's no wonder because of the horrible way they have to live while in prison--I recall one story in the Upper Peninsula--Marquette Prison--has around, oh, 1500 inmates. It's very far north in Michigan. It's considered a tough prison; and one reason for that is that the men up there rarely see, if they have families, rarely see them, because it's so difficult for the families to get up there, particularly in the cold months of the year because it's far north. And the planes and trains are next to impossible.

So that's one of the hardships, as well as the prison itself.

Well, this one man had served about 12 years on a robbery

charge and was paroled. He went to \_\_\_\_\_ by a small town

and a school--and a rather young schoolteacher saw him walking

along a road and--they're all family up there in those small

towns--she didn't know, of course, that he'd just been released

from prison; he asked for a ride and she picked him up in her

car, to be friendly, and he--when they were going through this

desolate part of the country, he killed her, as a sex crime.

And it didn't take the authorities long to figure out--soon as

they found her body--which was very shortly after the murder

itself--to figure out who did it. And nor did it take long to

find him and arrest him, because there are not many places to

hide up there. I flew up on the story and he was then in the

county jail. It was attached to the sheriff's house, or vice

versa. And he was the lone prisoner in there--in the detention

part of the jail--or in the jail itself. So he didn't want to

talk to me at all, but I knew a lot of inmates at Marquette,  
and broke the ground by asking him what they were doing,  
what their jobs were, and when he saw that I knew a lot  
a <sup>nd</sup> sort of spoke the language, he--the barriers were removed  
and he told me what he'd done, he'd already admitted that he  
killed the girl anyway. Told me what he'd done and he said--  
"But I'm not going back to that joint." Often prisoners refer  
to the prison as "the joint." He said, "I'm just not going  
back." I said, "Well, how are you going to manage that?" He  
said, "I <sup>'m going</sup> want to do the <sup>Brody</sup> ~~brill~~er."; I'd never heard the term  
used that way before, it meant that he was going to commit  
suicide. And he showed me a piece of very finely honed stone  
that was razor sharp. And before he told me this, he made me  
promise that what he was going to ~~g~~ell me would be in complete  
confidence. So as soon as he told me that I thought, oh, now  
what am I going to do? The sheriff was a real cooperative,  
decent guy. What was my duty as a newspaperman? It was--should

I tell the sheriff and break my confidence to him, maybe save his life, maybe this was just a bluff, maybe he wasn't going to anyway, although I thought he was going to try to take his life; was I going to let the sheriff get the blame for neglecting his prisoner--there's a problem. I kicked it around a little while and went to the sheriff and said, "Hey, what do you do when you got a guy that's so badly wanted for a capital crime and they're in jail--do you have somebody in there all night with them, or--it looks like some--you know, this wouldn't be too hard a place to get out of. Sheriff said, "No, we don't, he won't be any trouble. I've got to go out and pick up so-and-so for non-payment of alimony, and he'll be in there tonight, and he's a good fellow, he'll watch him, and he says, "There's another one that I've gotta pick up, known him all my life too, went to school with him, and he said, "He'll keep an eye on him; no, he said, everything will be all right. So I said, well, I just wondered because he's



pretty--well, you know, it's a mandatory life sentence, if he should ever go to trial and be found guilty of killing this girl. Well, he said, "No, if I thought there was any danger, but," he said, "I've got two good men and I know they won't sleep, they'll be ~~ap~~ kibbitzing all night," so I then went to the state police, and said "Look, my newspaper expects a reporter on these out of town--to get anything of any news value at all that happens--near where he's staying. So, if you have even anything during the night, even a small automobile accident, call me and tell me about it," and they agreed to it, they were very friendly; I knew, of course, that if anything happened at the jail, they'd get in touch with the state police immediately. So, I thought I was covered that way. So I went to sleep pretty late. I went to sleep for a few hours and got up early and went over to the jail, and just as I got to the jail. . . .

MK: Excuse me, Ray, didn't you have to call your office, and explain why you were staying over?

RG: Yes, I had originally planned to fly back that afternoon after I had talked to this man and gotten some more details of the story, but since he told me what he was going to do, I wanted-- I changed my plans, and called my office. Now I know in a small town, the operator--particularly when something like that happens--the operators if they have a chance, listen in, particularly in a call to a newspaper. There was the latest. They're not supposed to, but many do, and I had to be very careful what I said, so I talked to the man in our city desk, and I said, "Look, I'm staying over--this guy told me"--meaning the prisoner--"he's going to do the Dutch tonight." Now that's a slang expression for commit suicide, but certainly a telephone operator up in the woods of northern Michigan wouldn't know that expression. Not many people do, it's an underworld term, and not many people know it--do the Dutch--; and this (I could have strangled this man because he just didn't understand it--I just thought anybody who worked on a newspaper at this time would know what I was talking about. He didn't understand it, and I repeated it,

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and I said, "Skip it, I'll see you tomorrow. And I'll be here tonight." So then, when I did get up in the morning, it was early, I went right to the county jail; just as I drove up, two men were carrying someone on a stretcher out to the ambulance--out of the jail. Of course, it was my friend.

He had cut his wrists, badly. Neither of them or the other prisoners had detected anything until he was almost dead. But they got help in time--just a little while before I got there--got help in time, took him to the hospital, sewed him up and he later was sentenced to life imprisonment. And that's where he is right now, back in Marquette.

MK: The other day, Ray, we were talking about reporters who drank, and I understand there are some other stories that come to mind.

RG: Yes, it seems to be an occupational hazard, I don't think it is that much anymore. But there are so many that come to mind. One night that I recall distinctly I ran into another reporter and one of the area's top hoodlums. Once designated as Public Enemy Number One, if there is a Mafia, he was reputed to be very high

in its ranks. He had amassed quite a bit of money through both gambling and bootlegging. And this--they had a few drinks before I met them and I had a few drinks with them; they asked me to go to some cabaret--and sure, I got in the car that the other newspaperman owned and was driving. When we got-- we were headed toward the east side of Detroit--and going through a particularly dark part of the city--and rough part of the city-- and the driver was driving, as they say, erratically--all over the street. He was much drunker than I thought he was when I got in. So I said, look, Jack, let me pull up and let me drive, you're tired. And he said, "Fine." Now his acceptance of my offer--his ready acceptance--should have made me suspicious. But it didn't--I got out of my side of the car, started to walk around, and he drove off. Well I was alone, it was like two o'clock in the morning, there wasn't a thing open--with a telephone in it--just dark and scruffy characters in shadows. I was pretty sure I'd be robbed before I got out and onto a main