

- Q Is that what fixes it in your mind so definitely that Hauptmann was away at that time?
- A Yes, it is when I got suspicion.
- Q When you discussed the Lindbergh Kidnapping with your wife and customers did you say he never joined in the conversation at all?
- A No, he never did.
- Q Did you ever endeavor to talk to him or ask him how he felt about it?
- A Yes. It was about two or three or four weeks after this happened, no two months after.
- Q After the baby was kidnapped?
- A Yes, it was on a Sunday afternoon we speak about crimes and things like that and it happened so this case we came to and Hauptmann said, "If there is no evidence they can't convict." and I said, "Well they try to get the evidence." and he said, "If I am sure there is no evidence they could never get anything out of me even if they kill me."
- Q That is when you were discussing the Lindbergh case?
- A No, crimes.
- Q In general?
- A In general, yes, but we came to this case. We spoke in general about things like that.
- Q Did you ever talk to him after that about the Lindbergh case?
- A No, when we seen he acts so funny we didn't bother him

no more.

Q Did he act different then when you first met him?

A No.

Q He always kept to himself?

A Yes, less after this thing than before.

Q Less after the kidnapping than before?

A Yes.

Q You had some talks with your wife about your suspicions
of Hauptmann?

A Yes.

Q Was she suspicious too?

A No, she said, "You imagine things that is not." I didn't
say something.

Q Have you any children?

A Yes.

Q How old?

A 4-1/2 years now.

Q Did you have any talk about watching the boy?

A Yes, when she went to see Mrs. Hauptmann I said, "Watch the
baby."

Q What made you say this?

A Because I had this in my mind, that he kidnapped the
Lindbergh baby.

Q What made you think he had kidnapped this Lindbergh baby.

A Well he had this leg and what I read about in the paper
and she went to Germany and he bought a new boat and
radio, and everything match together and all of a

sudden it came to me that he was in this thing. Why should he have so much money and everything.

Q How did he happen to stop coming into your restaurant? Did you have a falling out with him?

A No, they came to us 1932 in the fall, December, and we had invited them the year before in our home for a party in New Years night and they came to us 1932, December, again and they spoke about a party New Years night and we said, together, my wife and I said, we wouldn't make a party this year. I suppose they expected us to invite them again and then they didn't come after this time and he came right after New Years and told us what a good time they had and from then on he didn't come on us regularly any more, two or three months he leave us so by and by he didn't come any more.

Q How often did he and his wife visit your home?

A I only visit his home twice.

Q They came to your house?

A Only once, New Year's night.

Q Did Hauptmann talk to you about his wife?

A No.

Q Did he say anything to you?

A No.

Q What was your impression of how he got along with his wife?

A All right. My wife knows more about this. I think he was more intimate with my wife in this respect, and that party that night she fainted all of a sudden and

he carried her out and when she read the headline she fainted and he took her out into the bathroom.

Q Was that at the New Year's party?

A Yes.

Q What time did he go out and buy the journal?

A After 12.

Q Morning paper or evening paper?

A Morning paper.

Q Did she say what was the matter?

A No, I didn't take notice, see, but I imagine it was, they had the journal there and I knew he played the stock market and things like that.

Q Did you ever discuss his business with him?

A No, he only tell me some time he work in hotel and on and off he work different places, he work this lumber yard downtown and this hotel, Central Park West.

Q What lumber yard downtown?

A It was described in the paper, I couldn't tell you the name.

Q Did he ever tell you he stopped working altogether and started playing the stock market?

A Yes, he said to my wife one night, "You are fools to work so hard. Look at me, why don't you do the same thing?"

Q Who was most friendly with Hauptmann when you knew him among the men who came in the restaurant?

A I suppose Willie Dreissigacker and Hans Kluppenberg . They were all the same thing but I think Willie

Dreissigacker and Hans knew him .

Q After the kidnaping did Hauptmann appear to spend more money in the restaurant?

A No.

Q I don't mean in the restaurant, outside?

A Outside, yes.

Q He wasn't a very free spender in your place?

A No, he only ordered a plate of soup, cup of coffee, the most 35 or 40 cents.

Q Did you know Fisch?

A No, never met him.

Q Were you in your restaurant the night that it was announced over the radio that the Lindbergh child's body had been found?

A Yes.

Q Who was there?

A Mrs. Hauptmann, and Hauptmann, another girl.

Q Who?

A A waitress Paula is the first name. I don't know the second name. I gave the address to Mr. Burke that day he --

Q What did Hauptmann say?

A Hauptmann just sat there and read the paper and Mrs. Hauptmann she was all excited and the other girl she looked as pale as flour, all excited, and she said she don't feel good. I said, "Take a cup of black coffeee" and then she said, "I can't sleep at allif I take it"

and I said, "No, our coffee wouldn't harm you."

Q Did Hauptmann have anything to say that night about the Lindbergh child being found?

A No he sat there all excited in front of the journal with head bent that way.

Q Where was his wife sitting?

A Next to him and waitress was excited.

Q Where was she?

A Next to Mrs. Hauptmann and when they came into the room they acted that they wanted to eat and when this thing was announced no more.

Q Now you are positive that it was in June 1932 when you first visited the house up there?

A Yes.

Q Had his wife gone to Europe already?

A It was either 6 or 16 I am not so positive.

Q What makes you so positive it was the 16th or 6th?

A When I go out I put all my bills in the file and everything, and make everything ready before I leave the place.

Q And it was on the occasion of that first visit up there in June 1932 that you saw all this money in the victrola?

A Yes.

Q And you are positive now he told you that at least part of it belonged to a man named Fisch who lived down the street a block where the church was?

A That's right.

Q When it was announced over the radio that the child was found, the body was found, wasn't it then you said, "And now they will get the man who took the child." something like that, "Now they will get the kidnapers."

A Yes.

Q Was did Hauptmann say? Wasn't it then he said what you told me before?

A No, not a word. No it was before then we spoke about crimes and things like this.

Q That is some time before you heard this over the radio, not the same night?

A Yes, it was a Sunday afternoon, yes.

Q Has Kluppenberg been to see you since Hauptmann was arrested?

A No, nobody.

Q When did you last see Kluppenberg?

A In this building when I came here last.

Q Before you came to this building how long before?

A I figure about a year.

BY MR. WILENTZ:

Q You say you met him in 1931 and he used to come in after that some times as often as twice a day?

A In 1931 I can say once a day.

Q And then in 1932?

A In 1932 some times when he worked in this hotel he came

in some times twice a day, for breakfast and supper.

Q From January to March where was ---

A From January to March he came quite often.

Q As much as once a day?

A Well I couldn't say once a day.

Q Pretty nearly every day?

A Yes.

Q That is your recollection?

A Yes.

Q And he would come in for supper?

A For supper, yes, with his wife.

Q On these times when he wasn't working would he come in
to supper too?

A Yes, sure.

Q He would have supper in your place pretty nearly every
night?

A Yes. I couldn't say every night but pretty near.

Q What time did he come in for supper?

A Around 8, half past 8, 9 o'clock.

Q His wife was working at that time wasn't she?

A Yes. I figure around 9 o'clock at night. When he was
alone he came earlier, 5, 6 o'clock.

Q How often did he bring his wife there at night for supper,
not very often?

A Yes, often.

Q Quite often?

A Yes.

Q You remember reading about the Lindbergh kidnapping on the morning after the kidnapping?

A I read it that night already.

Q That night?

A Yes.

Q So that was the night of March 1st, 1932 you read about the kidnapping?

A Yes, sir.

Q You remember that night?

A Yes, sir.

Q Do you remember whether Mr. or Mrs. Hauptmann, either or both was in your house for supper?

A They wasn't there, no.

Q You mean this --- Were you in your restaurant that night?

A Yes.

Q Why do you remember that because they were away for a few days?

A I must have ---

Q Do you know whether they were in the night before?

A I can't recollect.

Q You remember they weren't in the night of March 1st, 1932?

A No.

Q Or 2nd?

A No.

Q They were missing a couple of days at that time?

A At least three weeks.

Q When your suspicions were aroused about Hauptmann y

remembered then he wasn't in your restaurant that night or about that time, isn't that so?

A Yes.

Q And that was one of the things made you suspicious along with other things?

A Yes.

Q You said Mrs. Hauptmann you thought was up in Kingston?

A Yes.

Q Did somebody tell you that?

A I am not sure Kingston, but I know she visited some relation.

Q Who told you that?

A She spoke about it and Hans Kluppenberg tell me about it again.

Q When did she speak about it after she came back or before she left?

A Before she leave, in February.

Q She said she was going to visit some relatives?

A Yes.

Q Up in Kingston?

A Yes.

Q And Kluppenberg also told you?

A He said, "She is away."

Q Did he say where she was?

A No.

Q Tell us as near as you can when it was Kluppenberg told you about Hauptmann having injured his leg?

A It was in the beginning of March.

Q About how many days after the kidnapping would you say?

A I figure about a week after.

Q Then it was he told you he thought he took a room some
where down town 18th Street?

A Yes.

Q About how long was this five pound paper bag?

A The paper bag, about that long.

Q About 11 inches?

A No, that long.

Q 11 inches, you have it there at 11?

A Yes.

Q And about 4 inches wide?

A No, 5 inches.

Q 5-1/2 you marked it?

A Yes.

Q About 5-1/2 in width and 11 inches long?

A Yes.

Q When you said before you thought it was about 4 inches
thick now that you see the ruler you think it was
about 5-1/2 inches thick.

A No, the bag was standing apart from it.

Q The pile of bills was 4 inches?

A Yes, the bag was standing off so much.

Q You saw a bill in there?

A Bills, yes.

Q You saw one of those, the top one you could see?

A Yes.

Q Was it a ten or twenty dollar bill?

A I couldn't say, it was the back of the bill.

Q You don't remember it then do you?

A No.

Q How close did you get to it?

A Oh, I ghat close from the table to here.

Q Indicating three feet. You couldn't look in the bag to see what demomination that bill was?

A No, that is why we spoke about it, if it is large bills it is a lot of money, if it is singles it is not so much.

Q The suitcases he showed you were in the closet?

A In a closet yes.

Q In what room?

A In the front room, it was one large one and a smaller one on the side.

Q When you say front room you mean parlor?

A Yes, parlor. It was two suitcases and some blankets.

Q The day you were talking/about crimes first you started talking about the Lindbergh case?

A Yes.

Q As you were talking about the Lindbergh case you also talked about crimes in general?

A We came to speak about crimes, not to crimes, to convictions.

Q To convictions and confessions?

A Yes.

Q So you started off with the subject by talking about the Lindbergh case?

A Yes.

Q After you got to talking about crimes and confessions he said, if he was guilty of a crime they would kill him before he would confess?

A Yes.

Q Even if he did commit a crime they would never get him to confess even if they killed him, that right?

A Yes.

Q After they came back after their absence in March you saw Mrs. Hauptmann and Mr. Hauptmann?

A Yes.

Q What did she say about where she had been?

A She didn't say.

Q Did you ask her whether she had a good time?

A No, I didn't ask her.

Q Had your wife discussed it with her?

A No. After this we speak about a trip to Germany, my wife speak about a trip to Germany.

Q Did you ask him where he was during that time?

A I ask him when he came in the door. I said, "Well, you well already?" He didn't hear it. He act as though he didn't hear it.

Q He didn't say anything?

A No.

Q He didn't answer?

A No.

- Q Then you asked him, "How is your foot?"?
- A Yes. We were in conversation but he didn't hear it.
- Q You asked him how his your foot?
- A Yes.
- Q When you asked him you stood there looking at him?
- A Yes.
- Q How close were you to him?
- A I was far away. I was at the counter and he was at the door.
- Q And he was coming in and you hollered "Richard"?
- A No, "Mr. Hauptmann."
- Q And you hollered, "Mr. Hauptmann, how is your foot?" You could hear it in the restaurant couldn't you?
- A Yes, but he was interested in the other parties he didn't listen to me.
- Q He didn't say anything?
- A No.
- Q And Mrs. Hauptmann she didn't say anything?
- A She wasn't there. He meet these three men there.
- Q Was Kluppenberg one of the men when you asked him, "How is your foot?"?
- A He was there, yes.
- Q Did Kluppenberg say anything about it?
- A No, nobody.
- Q You got suspicious about the fact that he hadn't ansered?
- A No, not that time. I got suspicious when I ask him about Hauptmann.

Q When you asked who?

A When I ask these three fellows at the table and they deny any knowledge of it.

Q Was Kluppenberg among those three?

A He came in later.

Q When he came in did you ask again?

A Yes, I said, "Hans didn't you tell me?" He said, "No."

Q Then, of course, you were really suspicious?

A Sure I was, I stood there like a fool.

Q How did you happen to talk to him about convictions and confessions was there something in the paper?

A Yes, there was something in the paper. They started to talk about this and I interfered and I said, "If anybody gets that third-degree, the American third-degree, he gets soft."

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