

West Trenton, N. J.  
October 24, 1934.

Subject: Conversation between Doctor John F. Condon and Bruno Richard Hauptmann at the Hunterdon County Jail in Flemington, N. J., on October 24, 1934 at about 1:00 P. M. in the presence of Colonel Schwarzkopf, Attorney General Wilentz and Prosecutor Hauck.

Condon: You have seen me before?  
Hauptmann: I saw you once, this is the second time.  
Condon: What is your name, what does your mother call you?  
Hauptmann: Richard.  
Condon: Do you remember the word (Condon spelled d-e-u-t-s-c-h) and requested a piece of paper to write on and sat with Hauptmann on the bench in the corridor and wrote Smith meaning German and also John meaning read. Do you remember these two words I wrote in German letters, they made trouble for me. The New York Police called me wacky and screwy, do you know what that means. I have never found it in the dictionary?  
Hauptmann: No answer.  
Condon: The night I met you on the bench in the park I told you that I was under oath. Do you know what that means. Am I talking too fast for you. You had your coat collar turned up and I asked you why and you told me that you had a cold and I offered to send a man who was waiting for me in a car nearby to a drug store and you refused. I felt your coat and I offered to get another one for you. You asked me if I came alone, or if I brought the police with me and I told you that I was all alone. I told you that I was the go-between. You told me that you had to do it because they had something on you. I asked you if you were German and you said (Condon wrote Scandanav: we agreed to use (Condon wrote John meaning "John" as an identification).  
Hauptmann: The first time I met you was in the lineup. I had nothing to do with the Lindbergh case (Hauptmann pronounced it Lindenburgh).  
Condon: That brings us to the middle of the story. This is divided into four parts. The house, the meeting in the park, the kidnaping and the murder. The meeting in the park had nothing to do with the case, there was no crime committed, there was no money passed. I didn't have Lindbergh's money. I had \$1000.00 of my money. I had \$998.00 and I had to sell my pet fiddle for \$2.00 to make up a \$1000.00. At that time Colonel Lindbergh had \$3300.00, that's all the money he had due to the stock market, and I told him if it was his brother I wouldn't do it but for the baby I tried to get the baby back. Colonel Breckinridge told me that I was afraid but I don't know such a word. I am not afraid of the police or anyone, although the whole world is against me. Fingers are pointed at me, there he goes he passed the ransom money. I am not one of the ordinary crowd, I am an educated man and was a Professor in College John, I don't mean to call you John, I went to Canada when there was 20 inches of snow, to the swamps of Mexico and to Los Angeles. I have spent my money. If you tell the truth I will help you and I am not going to ask anyone for help. I have suffered a lot, my wife is crying every day.  
Hauptmann: No one will ever know how much I have suffered. If I know anything about it I would tell for the sake of my wife and baby.  
Condon: John, is there anyone higher?  
Hauptmann: What do you mean higher.

Condon: Do you know Al Capone, did you ever hear of him?  
Hauptmann: No I don't know gangsters, and if I had something to do with it I wouldn't be here today.  
Condon: Do you mean you?  
Hauptmann: I always loved children in Germany and here.  
Condon: I heard that you were an expert bomber during the war under the German flag (they shook hands at this time).  
Hauptmann: Yes I have 80 prizes and I saved several lives but the newspapers never print good things about a man's history.  
Condon: No lawyer in this world will help you and no one but yourself, by telling the truth.  
Hauptmann: I can't tell any more, I can't make up a story.  
Condon: No don't tell stories, tell the truth and it will always stand up. But how did you get the money?  
Hauptmann: I have told that already.  
Condon: Oh you did and how did you come to write my phone number on a board in your closet?  
Hauptmann: That's what I always do. I was following up the case like everybody and wrote the number on the board.  
Condon: I also write things on the wall or on mirrors to have it handy. You are all alone and you are the only one to help yourself from going to the chair.  
Hauptmann: I am going to get out of it. I haven't done anything.  
Condon: You want to think of your baby, your mother and your wife. Your wife has stuck with you right along. Were you glad to see me.  
Hauptmann: Yes it feels good to talk to somebody.  
Condon: I will come again with the permission of the man in charge.  
Hauptmann: I had nothing to do with it, if I would know just a little about the case I would tell about it.  
Condon: I believe you but the evidence is against you and only you can help yourself. Think of your mother, how happy she would be if I could send her a telegram that you are free that you are not guilty. Are you glad that I came to see you?  
Hauptmann: Yes, you are welcome.

Respectfully submitted.



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