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The Most Rev. Matthew F. Brady, D.D.
Bishop of Manchester
145 Lowell Street
Manchester, New Hampshire.

Dear Bishop Brady:

According to my informant that situation crystallized Thursday, the day after I saw you, and the District Attorney, Hugh Cregg, after having seen the parties involved, silenced the investigators and closed the issue as far as the accomplice is concerned. The woman operator, however, will be prosecuted. The DA is motivated by the avoidance of scandal and consideration for the position, future and family of the man, who, probably, when the cards were thrown down and he could bluff no more, put in an "appeal to the emotions" with that naivete of which he is so capable.

My informant, who is one of the investigators, says that any further inquiry about the matter will have to be referred directly to the District Attorney. All others are silenced under oath.

The very pertinent circumstantial evidence which I gave you and which I had received antecedently to the silencing would appear to have been so well founded that it "broke the case".

That \$300.00 passed hands in the situation is definite. I refer to the fee for the transaction initially. It has not been determined who came up with the money. Suspicion, however, on account of economic factors, seems to point to the party of our immediate concern. Furthermore, evidence, which I did not have at the time I saw you and which was derived from another investigator who entered the case only very recently, is very definite that some time ago a certain local Catholic druggist was "hounded" by our man to get some pills for a very specific purpose "to help out a friend who was in trouble". The druggist steadfastly refused to do so. The whole approach was callous and scandalizing.

I know that you will protect the sources of my information, all of which, save the last point, came to me before the formal silencing.

Very respectfully yours in Christ,

George M. Murphy, S.J.

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