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1. BURDETTE AND SECONDARI, C.B.S. REPRESENTATIVE WORKING ON POLK CASE, HAVE PREPARED EXCELLENT REPORT WHICH REGRET WE UNABLE REPRODUCE BECAUSE OF LENGTH AND EXTREMELY LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE TO []

2. FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL POINTS BROUGHT OUT:

A. POLK EVIDENTLY NOT CONTEMPLATING PROLONGED ABSENCE WHEN LEFT HOTEL FOR LAST TIME.

B. ALTHOUGH MONEY, PERSONAL EFFECTS AND IDENTITY DOCUMENTS NOT TOUCHED (EXCEPT FOR N.D.A.G.O. CARD DROPPED IN MAILBOX IN UNSTAMPED ENVELOPE BEARING MISPELLED HANDWRITTEN ADDRESS SALONICA THIRD PRECINCT POLICE STATION, IN WHOSE AREA BODY FINALLY FOUND), POLK'S ADDRESS BOOK AND NOTEBOOK, WHICH HE KEPT WITH HIM CONSTANTLY, ARE MISSING.

C. PROXIMITY OF WEAPON AND DIRECTION OF BULLET INDICATE POLK REEXECUTED (NOT NOT DEPELY MURDERED).

D. BANDIT COLONEL FROM MARKOS HQS, KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN

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SALONICA TO ORGANIZE HIDEOUTS, LAST REPORTED SEEN ON DAY POLK'S DISAPPEARANCE.

E. KILLED WITHIN HOUR AFTER EATING VERY HEAVY MEAL (MORE THAN FOUR POUNDS) WHICH WOULD INDICATE POLK IN GOOD SPIRITS.

F. DEFINITELY BOUND AFTER MURDER.

3. BURDETTE AND SECONDARI BELIEVE SALONICA POLICE DOING ALL POSSIBLE, CITE NUMEROUS EXAMPLES PAINSTAKING WORK AND ALL-OUT EFFORTS TO SOLVE CRIME, CONSIDER MOSKHONDIS, IN CHARGE ACTUAL INVESTIGATION SALONICA, FIRST RATE DETECTIVE. AT SAME TIME FEEL ATHENS POLICE LESS EFFICIENT. ALSO FEAR SOME ATTEMPT TO QUASH CRIME OR FIND SCAPEGOAT TO RELIEVE PRESSURE.

4. AUTHORITIES STILL GROPING BLINDLY AND SEIZING EVERY STRAW. HADZIARGYRIS, WHO DECLINED POLICE PROTECTION, AND POLK WIDOW TO BE INTERROGATED SOON, PARTLY ON INSISTENCE BURDETTE AND SECONDARI. PROBABLY WILL NOT BE ARRESTED.

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