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Sept. 16, 1925.

Mr. Louis W. Hill,
Chairman, Board of Directors,
Great Northern Railway Co.,
St. Paul, Minn.

*copy in Mr. Hill's
file attached
Sept 19/25*

Dear Mr. Hill:

I wish to refer to the letter which you kindly sent to me on September 23, 1924, offering a reward of \$1000.00 for the rescue of the Whitehead boys or the recovery of their bodies.

The Department of Justice of the United States Government believes that there is still a likelihood that they are alive, and have suggested that the rewards be continued for another six months or so.

I am writing to ask whether you are willing to hold your offer of \$1000.00 reward open for a longer period.

Thanking you on behalf of the Whitehead family for the interest you have already shown in this case, I am

Very truly yours,

Samuel Shaw Parks

P.S. I am enclosing one of the circulars that have been sent out quite extensively.

STATE OF MONTANA,)
 : ss.
County of Flathead.)

S. D. JOHNS, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: .

I am one of the 'bus drivers for the Glacier Park Transportation Company and have been employed as such continuously during the season of 1925 from June 14th to September 10th. I drove regularly on the West Side through the season.

On, I think, the 8th of August I drove light in the morning from Lewis' Hotel to Belton and went to the depot and picked up my passengers; there were eleven passengers in my car. I then returned to Lewis' Hotel and passed the registration station; there was a 'bus and touring car there, and the touring car started ahead. I noticed a man talking to the passengers in the 'bus ahead, so I drove ahead of the 'bus so that my passengers could be registered. A woman at the registry station came down to register my passengers, and she told me to wait because a Mr. Mather wanted to speak to the passengers. When he finished speaking to the passengers in the other car he came over and commanded me to stop my engine, which I did. He asked the woman at the registry station whether she had been giving any pamphlets to the passengers, and she replied that she had not; thereupon he said very abruptly, "Why haven't you?" and she replied that her husband was in charge of the registration station but was out fighting fires and she was simply taking his place. He then turned to the passengers and told them that he was Stephen T. Mather, and stated his position in the Park Service and talked to them for about five minutes, speaking about his trip from New York and the different places where he had stopped on his way out. In the course of his talk he said that Mr. Louis W. Hill did not think that enough had been done in Glacier National Park, but that he, Mr. Mather, would tell them what had been done, and he then spoke about different things that the Park Service had done in Glacier Park. I did not hear all that he said, as I did not like the

sharp manner in which he had spoken to the woman at the registration station. A part of the time I was in the driver's seat, but another 'bus pulled up and then I got out and stood to one side of the engine. When this other 'bus came up, he stopped his talk to the passengers and called to the driver, "Stop your engine." The driver apparently did not hear, and he called, "Stop your engine; don't you understand?" and then went over to the driver, but I couldn't hear what he said to the driver, except he talked in a loud and commanding voice, and then he came back and finished his talk to the passengers.

That is about all of the conversation that took place that I heard and recall.

Afterwards on the trip to the Lewis Hotel I heard the passengers talking amongst themselves, and their remarks were substantially to the effect that he was showing his authority to a great extent and that his manner was very abrupt in speaking to the employees there in the Park and the 'bus service, and especially to this young lady at the registration station. They did not seem particularly displeased or provoked, but merely commented on his manner and actions.

S. D. Johns
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of September, 1925.

Daniel J. Stora
Notary Public for the State of Montana;
Residing at Kalispell, Montana.
My Commission expires Sept 22 1925

(COPY)

Great Falls, Montana, Sept. 16, 1925.

Mr. F. G. Dorety,
Gen. Solicitor,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

I received your wire of Friday directing that affidavits be prepared concerning the actions of Director Mather on the occasion of his visit to Glacier Park. Not knowing the exact object of the preparation of the affidavits I did not know whether it was desired merely to assemble the facts, or to prepare affidavits with the object of filing them with the Secretary of the Interior or the Department of Justice as the basis for a criminal prosecution, or using them ourselves as the basis of a civil suit, or for our own guidance as to what we desired to do in the premises, and accordingly the affidavits were prepared with all of these objects in mind. I left Friday night and was at Glacier Park station, at Many Glaciers and at Belton Saturday, Sunday and Monday. It was an unfavorable time to make the investigation, as it was in the midst of the preliminaries to closing the Park and some of the persons whom we were interviewing were on the point of leaving and we would find them on the roads and make appointments with them at Glacier Park, and at the same time would be trying to locate others out in the country by telephone and, in one instance, we tried to locate another on the train that we were taking to Belton.

The affidavits that were obtained are about all that could be obtained under these circumstances, but I should judge that a great deal of additional testimony would be available if it is patiently run down. We would talk to some one who knew of the matters referred to only by hearsay, and would give a rather

extravagant account of what took place at different places in the Park, but on running it down the witnesses had left or themselves knew of the transactions only by hearsay.

I thought I should take pains at this time to limit the investigation to our own matters, as I did not want any back-fire from him to the effect that we were stirring up people against him as he was plainly attempting to do against us.

SUMMARY OF WHAT OCCURRED.

As I gather from different people, the Director started storming the moment he arrived at the Park. He arrived late at night on No. 1 at Belton with his daughter and her friend and Major Welch. A woman got off the train with them, and Mr. Mather asked for a bus so that she could be taken to the Lewis Hotel at the head of the lake. On being advised that the busses did not connect with the evening train he stormed around on the platform, talking in a loud voice to the bus driver and shaking his finger at him and pounding his right fist into his left hand and commanding that hereafter busses should run to Lewis', under the threat that if the transportation company did not do this he would revoke their license to operate. This somewhat frantic conversation was not addressed to an officer of the transportation company, but to one of the bus drivers who, of course, was not in charge of their operations. However, the bus driver I think did thereupon drive this woman to the Lewis Hotel, and since then the transportation company has run a bus each night to Lewis', which usually runs light. This yielding to rude bull-dozing seems to be characteristic of the concessionaires in the Park, and they all seem to be too fearful of his power to be willing to rebel against it, and I think they would all, for love of finance, be slow - willingly at least - to help us.

I did not obtain any affidavit as to this, as it concerned the transportation company and not us, and I did not at that time want the Government to get the idea that we were interested in any affairs but our own.

I did not find at Belton that he had made any threats or boasts there of his intention to dynamite the sawmill, but I was told, vaguely, that he did get into some quarrel with owners of sites on Lake McDonald because of some threat to blow up their properties if they did not clean up their properties so as to avoid the danger of fire, and I understand they resented this. So far the owners or persons present who actually saw him do not sustain this rumor, and state that he acted reasonably there. I am rather inclined to believe that this phase of the matter has been exaggerated.

At no time was there any evidence at all that the Director was intoxicated. Here too, of course, I took pains not to prosecute the inquiry in any offensive way. This idea must have come from the fact that some people said that they would have supposed that Mr. Mather was drunk, because his actions were so extraordinary; but, all other evidence showed that, on the contrary, he was perfectly sober.

I understand that later when he went to St. Marys he sent for Mr. Roe Emory, of the transportation company, and Mr. Emory arrived there in short order, accompanied by Frank Brown of Great Falls, as his guest; and so as to be there as soon as possible, Mr. Brown says that Emory drove faster than he should have over the roads, only to wait some hours for the Director, and when the Director arrived he proceeded to indulge in a five-minute denunciation of Emory, to such an extent that Mr. Brown afterward said to Emory that he ought not to stand for anything like that; but at the conclusion of the five-minute overflow of the volcano Mather exclaimed "Now, Roe, I have got that

out of my system, and how are you?" and after that they were all quite friendly. My judgment is that Mr. Emory is fond of finances and prefers to take stuff like that rather than to take any chances and resist it. I think he regards Mr. Mather as on the verge of another nervous breakdown.

TALKS TO PASSENGERS AND BUS DRIVERS.

I did not find that at Belton in any talks to the passengers or bus drivers he said anything about his intention of blowing up the mill, but he did stop six or seven busses and made a talk to the passengers. His talks to the passengers of every bus varied. To some he was apparently all right, except that he scolded all the drivers and showed his authority and emphasized his own importance; to others he criticized the Great Northern and the transportation company and Mr. Hill, and said that they thought they were running the parks, but, as a matter of fact, he and the Superintendent and the Government were running the parks. The drivers disliked him very much, but as regards the effect on the passengers, the drivers were of the opinion that in the main they did not like the way he talked to them and the way he spoke about himself; but otherwise you will find from the affidavits that the passengers as a whole were not apparently much disturbed, and in one instance they gave him perfunctory applause, at the same time mildly criticising him to the driver afterwards.

The train that brought in these passengers was a special train, the routing of which was covered by a letter by Mr. Roth, which shows that it was an excursion train of the National Association of Mutual Fire Insurance Companies, consisting of 165 people, arriving at Glacier Park August 7th at 5:30 P.M. They did not stop at the hotel, but took dinner there and left at 4 A.M., on August 8th, arriving at

Belton at 7 A.M. It was impossible for us, therefore, to obtain any list of these passengers, but I assume that somewhere we have a list of who these passengers were, and I should think that affidavits from them would be the most effective.

The following bus drivers were located there and knew of this transaction, and affidavits were secured from all of them except George Jackson - who is probably one of the best - and I will get him shortly at Choteau; and Elliot Bjornsby, who drove a touring car and was not stopped, to-wit:

W. E. Boomer
T. H. Ratchford
Paul Donohue

Aubrey Chaplin
S. D. Johns
George Jackson

Elliot Bjornsby

We have an affidavit from Mr. Noffsinger. I am also enclosing here- with affidavit by S. D. Richardson, one of the horsemen, who is the only one who probably knew anything. We saw horsemen L. E. Sanders and J. Simpson just as they were leaving, and they knew nothing, as they had no more than arrived on the ground but what they took the places on the trail too far away to see. I therefore did not take any statement from them. We got DeFontenay's affidavit just as he was leaving. Anton Fox lives at Pole Ridge Post Office, 35 miles out of Belton on the North Fork of the Flathead. As he would not be likely to know anything of value I did not hunt him up. L. M. Kelly, another horseman, who is now in Havre, is a friend of Special Agent Regan and he will see him, but I doubt whether Kelly would know of anything that would be of value to us.

CONVERSATIONS WITH HOTEL MANAGERS AND OTHERS.

I enclose affidavit of A. J. Binder, Manager of the Many Glaciers Hotel, and of H. W. Beck, Manager of the Glacier Park Hotel. Mr. Beck can be confirmed by Mr. P. Kellogg, Room Clerk, now absent.

Apparently he had talks also with Mr. Heilman, the photographer, who is sick in Kalispell, and I can get an affidavit later. Apparently also upon arrival at Glacier Park he got an interview with Mr. Moses, the reporter for the Great Falls Tribune, who says that he talked pretty mad, and that the reporter toned down his remarks and wired to the Tribune the newspaper account which appeared there. Mr. Moses is located in Helena and I will get an affidavit from him shortly.

The damages were apparently slight. The dynamite knocked out one corner of the building and was afterwards dismantled by the Government forces. I thought that his selecting the building where there was machinery would indicate an intention deliberately to damage the machinery, but I could find no evidence of this. The engineer is moving the machinery now and will make a careful examination of it to ascertain its damage. He doubted whether it was damaged to exceed \$50.00.

CONCLUSIONS.

It seems to me that the action of the Director was a deliberate, malicious personal destruction of private property and, if done in Montana, would constitute a violation of the Montana statute, resulting in its being a misdemeanor if the damage to the property was less than \$50, and in a penitentiary offense if the damage was more than \$50. I think it was a personal act, in that while there were talks as to the desirability of tearing down the buildings, there was no formal official notice given, according to the Hotel Company's files, and no time fixed during which we should destroy the property. The destruction was, therefore, not done by an officer pursuant to a Government order, but was done by the officer without any Government order, as a personal act of his own. His statement to Mr. Beck that this was his (the Director's) answer to Mr. Hill, also shows the personal and not

official nature of the act, and finally his declarations that he did not want any body to be involved in it but himself, and his repeated statement that he was financially responsible, shows his realization that he was acting in this behalf personally, and not even under a show of color of office. It was malicious because the building could have been taken down and the expense charged to the railroad, without damage to the timber and, certainly without any damage to the machine, and he chose, therefore, a method that would result in damage; whereas, a method that would not result in damage either by himself tearing down the building or unambiguously ordering the Hotel Company to do so within a given time, was available. The use of dynamite, his incoherent statements that secrecy was to be observed, urging others to stay out, the ridiculous direction to guard his daughter, and his flippant offer to Mr. Beck to touch off one of the fuses, show his malicious purpose and his realization that his act was a criminal one.

Lastly, perhaps I should comment that Mr. Binder and Mr. Beck are good witnesses. Mr. Noffsinger, like Mr. Emory, would be most reluctant to come into this. The other witnesses, consisting of the bus drivers, although they are provoked in the main because of his treatment of them, do not make very strong witnesses, as it was hard to get them to express the facts in their own language and they had difficulty in recalling the facts.

My judgment is, therefore, that the investigation which I have so far made is altogether inadequate and it would have to be supplemented by considerable additional work in getting a statement from people who have probably scattered very much. I should judge from talking to these few witnesses that probably the main effect on people

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who watched the Director's actions was that he had made a fool of himself, and I would doubt if any but our own people paid any attention to his criticisms of the railway company or of Mr. Hill, except to regard those criticisms as an automatic reflection upon the Director.

The affidavits enclosed are in duplicate.

Very truly yours,

enc.

I. Parker Veazey, Jr.

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(COPY)

Great Falls, Mont., Sept. 17, 1925.

Mr. F. G. Dorety,
Gen. Solicitor,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

GLACIER PARK HOTEL CO. - Destruction of Sawmill.

I enclose herewith in duplicate the original affidavit of S. D. Johns, copy of which I sent to you yesterday. I also enclose herewith affidavit of Frank Brown, which concerns in the main the conduct of the Director towards the Transportation Company, as illustrative of his manner towards the Glacier Park Hotel Company, and it also covers what he said concerning his destruction of the sawmill.

I am advised also that he spoke to Mr. Worden and Mr. Breitenstein here. I will see them, but I imagine that he was probably composed by that time. William Greeley was present at Belton when Mr. Mather was there and heard him talk to the Fire-fighters, but he says he made rather a pleasant talk. Robert Crowley and James Reed, of this city, were also there and they saw nothing themselves, Mr. Crowley advising, however, that he heard of his having scolded the drivers. I am also going to try to see Charles Russel, Mr. Sherwood and Dr. Coulter here, and also at Apgar at the foot of the lake, Dr. Houston and Roy Hayworth, the post master, Sidney Gold and Charley Howe. I called on Charley Howe, but he was not inclined to talk at that time.

This is to advise simply that I am following this matter up further and will let you know further what I can get.

I enclose herewith photographs of the building after it was dynamited, which were secured from the hotel company.

When I was referring to the damage being under \$50, I meant the machinery, but as these buildings were subject to being torn down I

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doubt whether the difference between the lumber, if properly torn down, and its damaged condition would amount to much. I should assume that this had little salvage value.

Very truly yours,

enc.

I. Parker Veazey, Jr.

IPVJr:P

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 18, 1925.

Mr. L. W. Hill,

Chairman of the Board.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith your file covering matter of dynamiting of the sawmill near Many Glacier Hotel on August 12th. I had Mr. Veazey go to the Park and make an investigation of this matter, and enclose copy of his report of September 16th and also set of affidavits which he collected. Mr. Veazey has succeeded in getting the matter contained in reports of Mr. Reagan and Mr. Kenney in affidavit form, but the affidavits so far obtained do not contain any new information. You will note that some of the witnesses were leaving and others had already left the Park. Mr. Veazey thinks that some further affidavits could be obtained at distant points if we care to go to the expense of procuring them. I assume that they would not furnish much, if any, additional information and would simply corroborate what we have. If you have any idea of submitting the affidavits to the Secretary of the Interior, with a view to securing the removal of Mr. Mather from the Park Service, it might be well to make an effort to secure further affidavits. I have not felt justified in going to further expense without your instructions. Will you kindly let me know whether you would like to have us take any further steps in the matter?

Very truly yours,


General Solicitor.

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encls.

[9-18-1925]

Mr. L. W. Hill,

P.S. Since writing the above, I have received an additional letter from Mr. Veazey, dated September 17th, and enclose copy of same, together with additional affidavits secured by him. These emphasize Mr. Mather's peculiar behavior at the Park and give some new information about his keeping the excursion steamer waiting and unreasonably delaying other passengers.

F.G.D.

STATE OF MONTANA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF CASCADE)

Frank Brown being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

I reside at Great Falls, Montana, and am Vice President of the Great Falls Meat Company, at Great Falls.

As regards the blowing up of the Glacier Park Hotel Company's sawmill at Many Glaciers, I was in the Park at the Glacier Park Hotel the day before, which I think would be about August 9th, and shortly after breakfast Mr. Roe Emory, of the Glacier Park Transportation Company, said that he had instructions from Mr. Mather to meet him at the Sun Camp and invited me to go with him, and accordingly Mr. and Mrs. Emory and myself drove to St. Marys. Mr. Emory drove rapidly so as to get there as soon as possible and not delay the boat. We delayed the boat about ten minutes notwithstanding our fast driving, and arrived at the Sun Camp about Noon. Mr. Mather was not there. We waited for him all afternoon until about 5:30. When he arrived he started abusing Mr. Emory the first thing. I was standing there near Mrs. Emory, and Mr. Mather talked to Mr. Emory in a very insulting and sarcastic way. The conversation lasted about five minutes. I mentioned to Mrs. Emory at the time that I didn't think that Mr. Emory had that coming to him, not knowing, of course, why Mr. Mather had occasion to abuse him. I cannot give the details of the conversation, as I was not interested in it. I recall simply the manner of the conversation, and am positive that the above description of it is absolutely accurate although, as stated, I cannot give the details of the conversation. I do remember that in part of the conversation he was profane.

After talking in this way for about five minutes he got off from his horse and said "Well, now I have got that off my chest", and shook hands with him and said "Now, as John Mather (I thought he said John Mather; anyway he used his first name) to Roe Emory, how are you Roe? Glad to see you;" and after that he was friendly.

We went to the chalet at the Sun Camp and dinner was held for us, and he asked that the boat be held so that he could take his daughter and her guest on a trip over the lake, as he said he had promised her a trip, and I volunteered to go down and tell the Captain. He said that he would hold the boat half an hour. Mr. Mather and Mr. Emory were talking in the hotel and about an hour and a half afterwards I went down to the boat with Mrs. Emory. There were about 24 people waiting to take the trip over the lake; we met them coming up as we went down; they were very mad. I said to them "We have been holding this boat for Mr. Mather", and I was going to try to smooth it over when one man said "Who is this Mr. Mather?" I told him that he was Director of the Parks, and another man then said "Who the Hell is Mather? We have paid our money for this trip and we can't have it!". I tried to get them to go back to the boat, but they were too mad and went on, so that about two dozen of them failed to take the trip. I then went down to the boat, and in the end about half a dozen of the passengers took the trip in addition to Mr. Mather's party. After we got down there we waited about ten minutes more before Mr. Mather appeared, and we then took the trip over the lake. I do not know what Mr. Emory and Mr. Mather were talking about, but as I saw them in the hotel Mr. Mather seemed to be acting quite leisurely and not to be bothered about holding the boat, and he showed absolutely no concern on this on his arrival, and made no comment on it when he got on the boat.

The next morning, after breakfast, we went to St. Marys, Mr. Mather leaving the boat near the new road, and later the ladies and myself met Mr. Mather and Mr. Emory, and Mr. Mather directed that Mr. Emory and Major Welch and the ladies and myself drive to Many Glaciers, saying he would be there about an hour later. We did not know what was detaining him, and accordingly left.

After our arrival at the hotel he did not arrive within the hour, so we ate lunch and put in the time, and between two and three o'clock in the afternoon I saw a Hudson car come up and Mr. Emory and Major Welch went to it. I saw Major Welch get in and saw Mr. Emory start

to get in and then get out. I thought it was a peculiar proceeding and asked him about it when he came up to me, and he said that he started to get into the car but Mr. Mather asked Major Welch to remain in the car and said to Emory "I will see you later", and so Mr. Emory did not get in. This made me wonder also, as Mr. Emory had been with him all the time and had been accomodating him. I then saw the Hudson car drive up to the hotel where Mr. Mather beckoned to George Noffsinger, who went over to talk with him, and afterwards Mr. Noffsinger spoke to his horsemen who were near there, and the car and the horsemen went up in the direction of the Glacier Park Hotel Company's sawmill. Then a bus with - I should say about six men - went up the road towards the sawmill. I could not see what went on afterwards, and Mr. Noffsinger came back to the hotel and I asked him what was going on. He was very much excited and said "Frank, I would like to, but I can't tell you"; and he told us that Mr. Mather wanted us to take the girls and go back to the hotel and he would be there later, and accordingly we got the ladies and took them back to the Glacier Park Hotel.

I did not know what had gone on until I met him at dinner, which he was giving in honor of his daughter's birthday at the Glacier Park Hotel at Glacier Park. I was present during part of the dinner and I heard him talking to Justice Butler about what had occurred. He said at the dinner "I have been having some fun up at the Park and blew up a sawmill." He seemed to treat it as a joke.

Afterwards I met him in the lobby and he asked me where he could find a newspaper reporter, and I introduced him to Mr. Warren Moses of the Great Falls Tribune. I was not present when he was talking to Mr. Moses, except at the very beginning, when he said, in substance, "I have got some very good information to give you; I blew up a mill up here and shot the first shot myself, and it wasn't very successful in doing damage, and the men set off several after that." Just before we went with him to the train he was in conversation with Mrs. Kenney and a few other ladies there when I came up, and just after I arrived I heard the conversation between him and Mrs. Kenney and Mr. Emory, and he said that at one time he had got a telegram from Louis Hill which did not set very good

and this was one time when he got even with Mr. Hill.

I reached the conclusion from his actions as I observed him in the Park, that he was acting like a crazy man. I reached these conclusions from the way he abused Mr. Emory and then suddenly became very friendly, and from the way he talked with Mr. Moses and with Mrs. Kenney about the blowing up of the sawmill, and he was very much excited. He talked loud and seemed anxious that every body should know what he had done. My judgment also is that he was very rude to Mr. Emory and had both Mr. Emory and Mr. Noffsinger very much worked up by the way he handled them, and as regards Mr. Noffsinger, he had him buffaloed and excited.

The next morning at Great Falls I met him in the Rainbow Hotel and he said to me "Did you see the write-up in the morning paper?" and I said "Yes"; he said "That was a good write-up except there was one mistake in that it says that Major Welch advised the method of ridding the Park of the Sawmill, when the Major did not advise at all", but he (Mather) was the one who devised the scheme, and he said there was only the one word that he objected to. He was composed and entirely rational when talking at Great Falls.

Frank D. Brown

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of September, A.D. 1925.

Parker Healey
Notary Public for the State of Montana.
Residing at Great Falls, Montana. My
commission expires July 29, 1928.

[Sept 18, 25]

L. M. Kelly, being first duly sworn, deposes and states:
That I was employed as a guide for the Park Saddle Horse Co. in Glacier Park, Montana, from June 24th, until September 1st, 1925, and have worked in this capacity for six seasons or more. Affiant further states that he was in the Park on August 10th, 1925, when the ^{Saw Mill of the} Glacier Park Hotel Co. at Many Glacier was blown up by Stephen T. Mather, Director of National Parks; That I was instructed with five other guides by Mr. George Noffsinger, President of the Parks Saddle Horse Co. to be on hand to meet Mr. Mather who arrived at Many Glacier in the Afternoon of August 10th; That Mr. Mather drove up in a car between 2 and 3 P.M. and was met on the road by Mr. Noffsinger. After talking to him, Mr. Noffsinger returned where we were sitting in front of the hotel and instructed us to get on our horses and proceed to the sawmill. On arrival there, I heard Mr. Mather ordered Mr. Reagan off the ground. I then heard Mr. Mather tell Mr. Noffsinger to have the guides take their instructions in the future from Range Harvell. Mr. Harvell then told us that they were going to blow up the Saw Mill and for us to station ourselves on all trails leading to the ground where the Mill was located. We were also instructed not to tell anyone what was about to happen and not to allow anyone on the ground and further that we were not supposed to know anything about it. Mr. Mather asked me if I was going over to guard one of the trails leading to the Mill and I told him, I was and he said "Allright". He said further to be sure and not allow anyone to come over. I could see the Mill being Blown up from where I was and heard several shots, approximately 12 or 13.

L. M. Kelly

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of September, 1925.

W. H. Baker

Notary Public in and for the State
of Montana. Residing at Harve, Montana.
My commission expires Aug. 28th, 1928.

[Sept 21, '25]

STATE OF WASHINGTON)
COUNTY OF KING)SS
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DONALD W. HAGERTY being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and says: I was employed as a bus driver by the Glacier Park Motor Transportation Company from June 18th until September 5th, 1925, and was also employed in the same capacity during the previous park season. During the first part of August, I was asked by Assistant Manager of the Transportation Company, Fred Noble, to drive a party out to Many Glacier, and went to the depot to get them; I went out in a touring car, but it was not large enough, so went back to get a bus. There were seven or eight laborers in the party. I went as far as St. Mary's and had lunch there and loaded up 100 pounds TNT. Joe Harvelle was in charge of the loading of the TNT and Brooks, Assistant Superintendent of the Park, was in charge of the men.

After we loaded tools, picks and shovels we drove on to Many Glacier. Mr. Stephen T. Mather, director of the National Park went on out ahead of us. We followed him out to Many Glacier. We drove on up by the hotel and up to the old sawmill. The implements and boxes of TNT were unloaded and carried down to the sawmill. The laborers carried them down. They were directed to carry this dynamite down by Mr. Mather or Mr. Brooks. They told me to stay in my bus until they told me to move, so I stayed there about twenty or twenty five minutes, and then they told me to drive back about 225 yards and wait. Mr. Mather seemed to be directing operations. I was only told to stay in the car; there was no conversation between me and Mr. Mather. I just waited and watched the sawmill. In about twenty minutes there were about 13 explosions. After that Mr. Mather and his men came down and I drove the men to the Ranger's station, unloaded the blankets that they put in the car at Glacier Park and also the implements and then drove to the Park Saddle Horse Company. I arrived at Many Glacier

D.W.H.

at 2:15 or 2:30, somewhere along there. The sawmill was blown at about 3:30 or later, - I couldn't say exactly. Might have been later than that. I was sitting in my bus when Mr. Regan rode by on horseback and I heard Mr. Mather say something to Ranger Havelle. I didn't look again for a minute and when I looked around again I saw Mather walking toward Mr. Regan, telling him to leave; that he didn't want him around there; that he had authority to order him off because he was director of National Parks. Mr. Mather seemed to be nervous and rather excited. Mr. Regan returned later with Mr. Binder. I didn't hear any conversation but saw him come up.

D. W. Hagerty

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 21st day of September, 1925.

H. F. Johnson
Notary Public in and for the State
of Washington, residing at Seattle.

St. Paul, Minn., September 21, 1925.

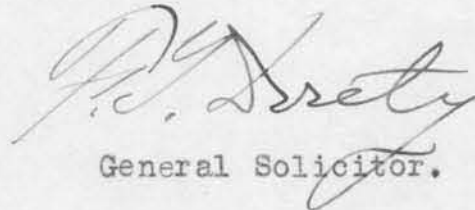
Mr. L. W. Hill,

Chairman of the Board.

Dear Sir:

I enclose an additional affidavit of L. M. Kelly, which Mr. Veazey has just sent in and which has reference to the dynamiting of the sawmill at Many Glacier Hotel.

Very truly yours,


General Solicitor.

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