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From late afternoon news, network feed:

Announcer: After being identified as his abductor by kidnap victim Reg Murphy, William Williams and his wife Betty have been remanded to the custody of federal marshals in Atlanta, Ga., pending a preliminary hearing a week from next Monday. Bonds totalling one and a half million dollars have been set for the two, who were arrested in their suburban Atlanta home early today on charges growing out of the kidnaping of Murphy, editor of the Atlanta Constitution. The \$700,000 the Constitution had paid to ransom Murphy was found in the Williams home. In Atlanta, CBS news producer Bernard Goldberg has obtained a diary kept by Williams. Goldberg describes what he found :

Goldberg (voice): In the diary, an entry for Feb. 11....it reads, "As far as I am concerned, today is the day that will start the fall of the federal government." Last night, when Atlanta Constitution editor Reg Murphy was released, he quoted his abductor as saying, "The government is corrupt, and the American Revolutionary Army intends to make the country's politicians fall before it's over." And several entries concerning the Saudi Arabian government: "Called the Saudi Arabian embassy," the diary reads. "Wrote a letter to Omar Sakaf (phonetic), minister of state for Saudi Arabia." The diary also notes, "Called J.B. Stoner." Stoner is the self-avowed racist leader of the ultra-rightwing National States Rights Party. And on a pickup truck parked outside the alleged abductor's home, a bumper sticker reading: "Oil Yes, Jews No." Below the slogan, again the name, "J.B. Stoner." Stoner says he doesn't think he knows the man charged with the abduction, but he says he isn't sure. Bernard Goldberg, CBS News, Atlanta.

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This reference to Stoner not seen or heard elsewhere.