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PRIVACY ACTS**

SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG

BREMER KIDNAPPING

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Washington, D. C.

February 28, 1935

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,
I. O. #1218, et al -
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim -
KIDNAPING.

On February 16, 1935 I conferred briefly with Special Agents R. D. Brown and S. K. McKee relative to their investigations at Habana, Cuba and Miami, Florida. Their investigations show that Willie Harrison and Cassius McDonald registered at the El Comodoro, Miami, Florida from September 1st to 12th, 1934 and during that period they also registered at National Hotel at Habana, Cuba from September 9th to 11th, 1934, occupying a three room suite at the latter place. Investigation also showed that on September 5th, 1934 McDonald, with the assistance of two Cubans, Rene Bolivar and one Ruiz, exchanged \$18,000.00 in currency at a Cuban gold house named Mi and Guas. Some of the currency was also exchanged at the La Dichosa another gold house. On September 10, 1934 McDonald and Bolivar exchanged \$72,000.00 in \$5 and \$10 bills at the Chase National Bank at which time they obtained bills of large denominations.

Agents Brown and McKee also traced three telegrams from Nathaniel Heller to Joe H. Adams and one telegram from Adams to Heller the wording of which telegram indicated that they concerned the movements of the Barker-Karpis gang.

With reference to the possibility of showing knowledge on the part of Nathaniel Heller that Alvin Karpis was known to him, the Agents pointed out that his photograph had appeared in a Cuban newspaper known as "El Avance", shortly after the escape of Karpis from Atlantic City, New Jersey. I pointed out that this would not assist in showing knowledge prior to the time when Heller is alleged to have assisted Karpis.

This memorandum is submitted as a matter of record inasmuch as the complete report covering the activities of Agents Brown and McKee has been received.

Respectfully,

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

J. E. P. DEER
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
617 Federal Building
Los Angeles, California

Detroit, Michigan
February 27, 1935
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REKID ABOUT SEPTEMBER LAST [REDACTED] MAILED COAT OF MRS G J FITZGERALD FROM TOLEDO OHIO TO ADDRESS REPORTED AS THREE FIVE FOUR SEVEN SAKINA STREET SANFRANCISCO PROBABLY ADDRESSED TO E BORD NO SUCH STREET IN SANFRANCISCO BUT SUCH STREET REPORTED IN LOSANGELES SUGGEST ADDRESS BE COVERED WITHOUT REVEALING ACTIVITIES IF RESULTS NEGATIVE [REDACTED] WILL ENDEAVOR COMMUNICATE WITH MRS G J FITZGERALD THERE

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St. Paul

WESTERN UNION MESSENGERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF NOTES AND PACKAGES

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Post Office Box 515,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

February 23, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir:

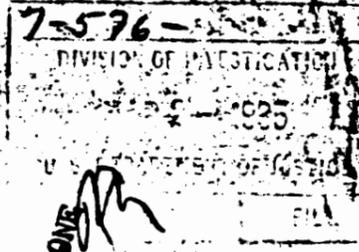
Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I.O. 1218, FUG; ARTHUR R. BARKER,
with aliases; VOLNEY DAVIS, with
aliases, I.O. 1237; HARRY CAMPBELL,
with aliases, I.O. 1236; DR. JOSEPH
P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232;
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim,
KIDNAPING.

For your information there is attached hereto a letter
from an individual whose name appears to be EARL A. DAURON of Cherokee,
Kansas in which he advises that he is the individual who called the
sheriff and held DOYLE until the sheriff arrived.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

ROC:EM
Enc.
CC Bureau
E.J. Connelley, Cgo.



Post Office Box 812
Chicago Illinois

February 22, 1935

Honorable Stanley Buckland,
Chief of Police,
Police Headquarters,
Gary, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the temporary wanted notices placed
with your department on the following persons:

JESS BOYLE - our number 99408;
FRED BARKER, with aliases - our number 89163;
EDNA MURRAY - our number 8597.

These temporary wanted notices may be withdrawn from your file since
the above persons have been either taken into custody or killed.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I
remain

Very truly yours,

MC:EB

CC - Bureau

M. H. PURVIS

Special Agent in Charge

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218, et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING

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P. O. Box #709
Portland, Oregon

February 26, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Post Office Box #515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.
1218 - FUG.; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with
aliases, I.O. 1219; HARRY CAMPBELL,
with aliases, I.O. 1235; VOLNEY DAVIS,
with aliases, I.O. 1237; DR. JOSEPH P.
MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING.

Reference is herein made to letter of Special Agent
in Charge D. M. Ladd, St. Paul, Minnesota dated February 12,
1935 in regard to the above captioned matter.

It is noted that subject Sawyer might have a
sister or sister-in-law residing in Portland, Oregon. It
is requested that if possible information be obtained as
to the maiden name of subject Sawyer's wife and any further
information regarding her relatives and their possible
whereabouts.

Very truly yours,

TMC:Br
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cc-Bureau
Chicago, E. J. Connelley

C. C. SPEARS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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Post Office Box 812
Chicago Illinois

February 28, 1935.

Honorable Benjamin B. Barasa,
Chief of Police,
Police Headquarters,
Oak Park, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the temporary wanted notices placed
with your department on the following persons:

JESS DOYLE - our number 99402;
FRANK MURPHY, with aliases - our number 59163;
EDNA MURRAY - our number 9597.

These temporary wanted notices may be withdrawn from your file since
the above persons have been either taken into custody or killed.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter,

remain

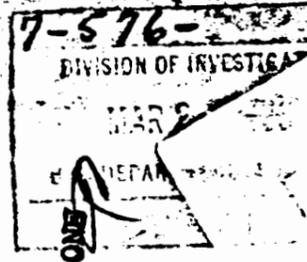
Very truly yours,

MC:EB

CC - Bureau

M. H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218, ET AL
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING



Post Office Box 818
Chicago Illinois

February 22, 1935

Honorable A. E. Bergren,
Chief of Police,
Police Headquarters,
Rockford, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the temporary wanted notices placed
with your department on the following persons:

JESS DOYLE - our number 99402;
FRED BANKER, with aliases - our number 89153;
EDNA MURRAY - our number 9397.

These temporary wanted notices may be withdrawn from your file since
the above persons have been either taken into custody or killed.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I remain

Very truly yours,

MC:EB

CC - Bureau ✓

M. H. PURVIS

Special Agent in Charge

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218, ET AL
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING

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CHICAGO ILLINOIS
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

POST OFFICE BOX 829,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

February 28, 1935.

Dear Sir:

In January 20, 1935, your office requested this office to place a cover on a period of all first class mail, including registered and parcel post mail, during the following period:

Mr. and Mrs. [redacted]
Chicago, Illinois;

Mrs. Emily Westfall,
20 North Franklin

To date, the tracings received as a result of cover have been of no tangible value. It is, therefore, requested that the cover be extended for a further period of thirty days and be extended to include tracings of all registered and parcel post mail addressed to the above. It is requested that all tracings be forwarded to this office.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter,

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

WCR:MG
cc-Bureau
St. Paul

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218;
et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82.

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ONE

Post Office Box 612
Chicago Illinois

February 23, 1935

Honorable A. C. Wirtz,
Chief of Police,
Police Headquarters,
Aurora, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the temporary wanted notices placed
with your department on the following persons:

JESS DOYLE - our number 99402;
FRED BARKER, with aliases - our number 99165;
EDNA MURRAY - our number 9597.

These temporary wanted notices may be withdrawn from your file since
the above persons have been either taken into custody or killed.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I remain

Very truly yours,

MC:KB

CC - Bureau

M. H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. #1218, ET AL.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING

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ONE

Post Office Box 818
Chicago Illinois

February 25, 1936.

Honorable Nicholas Makar,
Chief of Police,
Police Headquarters,
East Chicago, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the temporary wanted notices placed
with your department on the following persons:

JEFF DOYLE - our number 99402;
FRED BARKER, with aliases - our number 88163;
EDNA MURRAY - our number 9397.

These temporary wanted notices may be withdrawn from your file since
the above persons have been either taken into custody or killed.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I remain

Very truly yours,

MC:EB
CC - Bureau

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218, ET AL.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
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M. H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 812
Chicago Illinois

Honorable Thomas J. Martinson,
Chief of Police,
Police Headquarters,
Hammond, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the temporary wanted notices placed
with your department on the following persons:

- JESS DOYLE - our number 99402;
- FRED BARKER, with aliases - our number 99163;
- EDNA MURRAY - our number 9397.

These temporary wanted notices may be withdrawn from your file since
the above persons have been either taken into custody or killed.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I remain

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

MC:EB

CC - Bureau

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218, et al
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Post Office Box 618
Chicago Illinois

~~JOHN EDGAR HOOVER~~

February 25, 1935

Honorable Lawrence J. Lane,
Chief of Police,
Police Headquarters,
South Bend, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the temporary wanted notices placed with your department on the following persons:

- JESS DOYLE - our number 99402;
- FRANK BARKER, with aliases - our number 59165;
- KIMA MURRAY - our number 9397.

These temporary wanted notices may be withdrawn from your file since the above persons have been either taken into custody or killed.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter,

Very truly yours,

E. H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

CC - Bureau

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al;
ET AL
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FEBRUARY 28, 1935

WILLIAM LARSON
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
907 FEDERAL BUILDING
DETROIT MICHIGAN

BREKID EARL K HART RESIDING TWO TWO THREE SEVEN WESLEY AVENUE EVANSTON ILLINOIS
SINCE DECEMBER LAST FORMERLY FROM POSTORIA OHIO STOP HART EMPLOYED ADVERTISING
SECTION LIBERTY MAGAZINE CHICAGO PRESENTLY OUT OF CITY BUT EXPECTED RETURN
TOMORROW WHEN WILL BE INTERVIEWED CONCERNING GEARHART

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 515,
Saint Paul, Minnesota



February 28, 1935.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218, FUG; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I.O. 1237; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim. KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

It is noted that recent reports submitted in captioned case, especially by the Philadelphia and Jacksonville offices, that persons charged with harboring fugitives in this case were made subjects of investigation and the character of the case changed to: Kidnaping; Harboring and Obstruction of Justice; and National Firearms Act.

I should like to have an expression from the Bureau as to whether this procedure is proper inasmuch as the harboring cases and the violations of the National Firearms Act, in reality, have nothing to do with the kidnaping case, aside from the fact that insofar as the kidnaping violation is concerned, the foregoing information only tends to make the file more unwieldy.

Very truly yours,

D. M. Ladd
D. M. LADD, *rec*
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Mr. Connelley
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March 8, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with
aliases, I. O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL
with aliases, I. O. #1236; VOLNEY DAVIS
with aliases, I. O. #1237; WILLIAM WEAVER
with aliases, I. O. #1238; WILLIAM J.
HARRISON with aliases, I. O. #1239; HARRY
SAWYER with aliases, I. O. #1240; MYRTLE
EATON with aliases, I. O. #1241; et al;
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM. KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 28, 1935, wherein you make reference to reports recently submitted by the Philadelphia and Jacksonville offices and suggest that the harboring investigations and investigations concerning the violations of the National Firearms Act be made the subject of separate reports. You point out that by consolidating the harboring investigations and the investigations concerning the violations of the National Firearms Act such information tends to make the file in the above entitled case unwieldy.

The Bureau feels that the best interests will be served by continuing to include under the above caption the results of the investigation into the various angles involving the subjects of this investigation and their associates.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc - Mr. Connelley
at Chicago.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 829,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.



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February 28, 1935.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at Ninth St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O.
1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O.
1236; VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, I.O.
1237; WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O.
1238; WILLIAM HARRISON with aliases, I.O.
1239; HARRY SAWYER with aliases, I.O.
1240; MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O.
1241; et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

There is transmitted herewith, for your information, a copy of a letter dated February 28, 1935, directed to Miss Mildred Kuhlman, c/o J. A. Carbin, 1308 Sabra Road, Toledo, Ohio, in which there is contained a list of the property which is being returned to her today by Railway Express, charges collect.

Miss Mildred Kuhlman was the sweetheart of Arthur R. (Doc) Barker and said property was obtained at the time of her arrest with Doc Barker.

Very truly yours,

J. Connelley
J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.
(Special Assignment)

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cc-St. Paul

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POST OFFICE BOX 829,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

February 28, 1935

Miss Mildred Kuhlman,
c/o J. A. Carbin,
1308 Sabra Road,
Toledo, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

I am forwarding today by Railway Express, charges collect,
one Aerotone tweed bag, in which there are contained the following
articles:

- 1 Black leather purse, containing:
 - Portion of a one dollar bill, silver certificate
No. A28650901B
 - 1 Mirror
 - 1 Matching cigarette lighter
 - 1 Lipstick
 - 2 Hairpins
- 1 Zipper cloth bag, containing:
 - 1 Mirror
 - 15 Hairpins
 - 1 Broken Elgin watch with one hand missing and broken
crystal, works No. 26159503, G. M. Wheeler model,
17 jewels. Case contains the following marks: Pendant
Patented Oct. 9, 1917, No. 63679, - 86.
 - 1 Box Chiffon face powder, beige, Primrose House
 - 1 Package Lifesavers
 - 1 Spool #50 J. & P. Coats black thread
 - 1 Small Fuller brush, blue handle
 - 1 Package Woolco needles, size 3 to 9
 - 1 Spool J. & P. Coats #60 white thread
 - 1 Metal plate bearing the name "The Kentucky Louisville,
Room 1903. No key is attached to this plate; however,
there is a gold watch chain attached to same.
 - 2 Small gold safety pins
 - 1 Box Couettes, Johnson & Johnson
 - 1 Box Kotex
 - 1 Chamois skin
 - 1 Gold cord belt with tassel
 - 2 Cutex Nail White pencils
 - 1 LaCrosse outside scissors
 - 1 Nail file
 - 3 Rubber bands

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1 Brown button
 2 Orangewood sticks
 1 Audacieux lipstick
 2 Bottles Cutex Cuticle Oil
 1 Bottle Cutex Polish Remover
 1 Bunch gold safety pins
 1 Pair adjustable shoulder straps #16-3090
 1 Emory board
 1 Brown bow ribbon
 1 Princess Pat rouge compact
 1 Box containing Yardley's Old English Lavender talcum powder
 and one box Yardley's Old English Lavender natural face powder
 1 Wearever Faultless Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio, hat cleaner
 1 Bottle perfume, Quelques Fleurs Houbigant
 1 Lavender extension cord
 1 Fuller brush, white handle
 1 Electric curling iron with red cord
 1 Pair black kid gloves (ladies')
 1 Red necktie
 1 Dirty white handkerchief
 1 Brown hairnet
 1 Betty Lou powder puff
 1 Brown leatherette bow
 1 Box Mayballine Mascara
 1 Small black change purse
 1 Empty box Chiffon powder, Primrose House, New York
 4 Small white buttons
 1 Peach and blue crepe nightgown
 1 Pink satin slip
 1 Red woolen dress with yellow gold belt
 1 Green moire frock fashioned by Sylvia, black buttons, with green
 sash to match
 1 Black hat manufactured under Millinery Code Authority 22 EM 116950
 1 Red, black, green and white plaid house apron
 1 Orange, peach, black and green tea apron
 1 White apron trimmed with brown, green, orange, yellow and white
 material
 1 House dress, color white, green, brown and orange plaid
 1 Light weight three-quarter coat, color rust and brown plaid
 1 Woolen dress rust and brown top, plain brown skirt
 1 White hat containing tag of Chatfield Shop, Chicago, Illinois
 1 Red and white checked house dress, laundry mark JRS
 1 Green and peach lingerie folder containing:
 1 Brown handkerchief
 Ribbon containing three sachet holders

1 Brown handkerchief, orange and white border and center
1 Brown handkerchief, with orange and white design
1 White handkerchief with yellow embroidery
1 White handkerchief
1 Fancy white handkerchief bordered with lace
1 White handkerchief with blue border
1 Lady Duff silk crepe slip, peach color
2 Sachet holders pinned together
1 Brown ladies' belt
1 Brown silk crepe pajama ensemble, trimmed with orange and green
1 Black crepe evening dress
1 White change purse containing four hairpins
1 Miraglo Nail Polish, Rose.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Connelley,
Special Agent in Charge.
(Special Assignment)

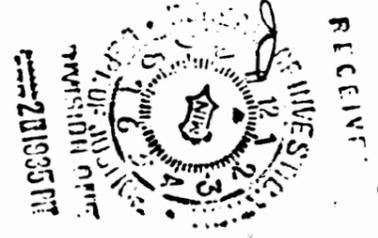
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St. Paul

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida



RAA:SIH

February 28, 1935

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases--FUGITIVE--
I. O. #1218; ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE
BREMER, Victim; KIDNAPING

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of
February 21, 1935, transmitting photographs of the name plate
on the .30 Calibre Browning Automatic Rifle recovered in
Miami, Florida, and advising that the gun is being returned
to this office.

Please be advised that this gun was received
here on February 23, 1935, by express, on Government bill of
lading No. J-66950.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge

cc St. Paul
E. J. Connelley, Chicago
Jax #7-24

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St. Paul, Minnesota

February 27, 1935

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I. O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with
aliases, I. O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL,
with aliases, I. O. 1236; VOLNEY DAVIS,
with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1237;
WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I. O. 1238;
WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I. O. 1239;
HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I. O. 1240, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file No. 7-30.

Reference is made to Bureau letter of February 15, 1935,
relative to non est returns on bench warrants issued for the subjects
indicted at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 22, 1935.

In this connection, kindly refer to report of Special Agent
J. E. Brennan of the St. Paul office dated February 7, 1935. Examin-
ation of the records of the Clerk of the United States District Court
at St. Paul does not disclose that a non est return has been made on
the bench warrant issued for the subject Harry Campbell. It does
show, however, that a non est return was made on February 18, 1935,
on a bench warrant issued for Volney Davis; and a non est return was
made on February 6, 1935, on a bench warrant issued for "Whitie". On
February 8, 1935, a non est return was made on a bench warrant issued
for Jess Doyle; and on February 8, 1935, a non est return was made on
the bench warrant issued for Edna Murray. The last three of these
subjects are now in custody in the Ramsey County Jail, pending trial.

Accordingly, it will be noted that the only subjects who
have not as yet been located, who may be classified as fugitives, are
Alvin Karpis and Volney Davis.

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Cc Mr. Connelley,
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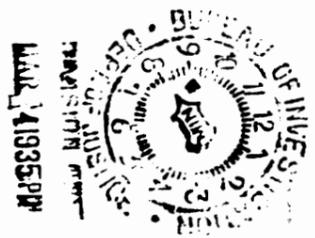
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Special Agent in Charge

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE -
I. O. 1218; et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING, etc.

Mr. F. T. F. Dumont, formerly Consul-General at Havana, Cuba, advised Special Agent L. B. Nichols at Miami, Florida, as indicated in his report dated at Jacksonville, February 27, 1935, on page two, that in February, 1934, Cassius McDonald and a man whom he positively identified as William Harrison, arrived in Havana, Cuba, registered at the Presidente Hotel under assumed names, and shortly after their arrival were arrested by the Cuban Police on a charge of suspicion, in that McDonald was spending most of his time with Juan Jimenez, who bears the reputation of being Cuba's most dangerous gangster; that McDonald immediately called upon the Consul-General's office in Havana, for assistance whereupon Mr. Dumont caused an investigation of McDonald's contacts on the Island to be made and found that he had endeavored to change some money at the Presidente Hotel. Mr. Dumont further added that he could not recall any of the details concerning this investigation, but that complete information concerning same was recorded and placed in the confidential files of the Consul-General's office in Havana, Cuba, between the period of January first and March 31, 1934, and that in his opinion the information recorded there would be of assistance in the prosecution of McDonald in instant case.

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ment and endeavor to secure the information desired from the above mentioned confidential files, together with the information secured by the Consul-General's office concerning the possible connection between McDonald and Dr. J. J. Renedo, Miami dentist. Mr. Dumont advised that Renedo's records are filed in the general files of the Consul-General's office at Havana, Cuba.

It is also requested that this information, when secured, be forwarded to the Jacksonville Office.

Very truly yours,



E. A. Alt
Special Agent in Charge.

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The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

The Division of Investigation of this Department, during the course of an investigation conducted at Habana, Cuba, learned that one Cassius McDonald, who is under indictment at Miami, Florida, on charges of conspiracy to harbor Alvin Karpis, one of the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, while at Habana, Cuba, during January and February, 1934, was arrested by the local authorities.

At the time of the arrest of McDonald by the local authorities, the American Consul interceded on his behalf, and is understood to have conducted an investigation into the activities of McDonald and his associates. It is understood that the reports covering the investigation have been placed in the confidential files of the Consulate.

This Department would appreciate receiving copies of the reports concerning the activities of McDonald, inasmuch as it is felt that his activities at that time had some connection with the instant matter under investigation. Your assistance in furnishing the desired data will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Homer Cummings
Attorney General.



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U. S. Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 812,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

February 28, 1935.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O.
1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O.
1236; VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, I.O.
1237; WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O.
1238; WILLIAM HARRISON with aliases, I.O.
1239; HARRY SAWYER with aliases, I.O.
1240; MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O.
1241; et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

Reference is made to my letter of even date directed to the United States Attorney at Chicago, Illinois, sending therewith the deleted report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire dated at Chicago, Illinois, 2/26/35. I considered it advisable to have this report deleted in view of the fact that it contains information of a confidential nature, which, it is believed, should not be disclosed to the United States Attorney.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Connelley
E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.
(Special Assignment)

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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases
I.O.1218; DR. JOSEPH P.
MORAN, I.O.1232; ET AL
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -
Victim
KIDNAPING

With reference to your letter of February 2, 1935,
please be advised that the temporary wanted notices
prepared and issued by the Bureau on Fred^oBarker
which were placed with the local police departments
in our district, have been withdrawn.

Very truly yours,

Jay C. Newman

JAY C. NEWMAN
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 7118
Detroit, Michigan
February 28, 1935

AIR MAIL

Special Agent in Charge
Los Angeles, California

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232;
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1230;
VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, I.O. 1237;
WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238;
WILLIAM HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239;
HARRY SAWYER with aliases, I.O. 1240;
MYRTLE KATON with aliases, I.O. 1241; et al.
Edward George Bremer - Victim.
KIDNAPING

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Dear Sir:

This letter confirms telegram from this office of today.

Kindly refer to letter from this office to the St. Paul Office, dated February 23, 1935. Please be advised that under date of February 26, 1935, [redacted] with aliases called at this office and stated that in the latter part of September or first part of October, upon the request of Mrs. C. J. Fitzgerald, [redacted] had mailed a heavy black cloth coat for her to the address 5547 Sabina Street, San Francisco, California. [redacted] was contacted by phone and advised that she was under the impression that said coat had been addressed to E. Board whose identity was unknown to her. She further advised that said coat had been mailed from the Monroe Street postal station in Toledo, Ohio, and she was under the impression that she had either insured or registered this coat.

The aforementioned information was transmitted on that date to the San Francisco Office by telegram and under date of February 27, 1935, that office advised that there was no Sabina Street in San Francisco nor was the name of E. Board known there.

Accordingly, Post Office Inspector F. R. Casey of Toledo, Ohio, was requested to make a check of all insured and registered parcel post mailed from the Monroe Street postal station in Toledo, which he did, and subsequently advised that he could find no record of the above mentioned package containing the coat having been mailed either by insured or registered parcel post, but did advise that to his knowledge there was no Sabina Street in San Francisco but that there is a Sabina Street in Los Angeles, California.

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[redacted] was again contacted and she stated that to the best of her recollection, she had mailed the coat to the aforementioned address in San Francisco. However, she had no written record as to the city to which it had gone.

In view of the fact that there is no Sabina Street in San Francisco, California, it seems highly probable that the coat was mailed to 5547 Sabina Street, Los Angeles, California. It is therefore requested that appropriate, discreet investigation be conducted at 5547 Sabina Street, Los Angeles, with the view of locating G. J. Fitzgerald and his wife, Belle, without revealing the activities of Agents. If such investigation produces negative results, either [redacted] will attempt to communicate with Belle Fitzgerald at this address or [redacted] will attempt to communicate with G. J. Fitzgerald there.

It is believed highly possible that if G. J. Fitzgerald is located in Los Angeles that Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis may attempt to contact him and it is possible that a surveillance of him, if located, will lead to their whereabouts.

The names of [redacted] and [redacted] as will be noted in the afore referred to letter from this office to the St. Paul Office dated February 23, 1935, should be treated in strictest confidence inasmuch as they are acting as confidential informants.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Chicago (S.A.C. Connelley)
St. Paul
San Francisco

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL**

FILE NO. **7-15**

REPORT MADE AT: NEW ORLEANS	DATE WHEN MADE: 2-26-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2-22 & 23-35	REPORT MADE BY: G. H. OLSON
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218-FUGITIVE HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. #1236 VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, I.O. #1237 DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1238,		CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM <p>Enoch Seal, City Marshal, Poplarville, Miss., and others identified the photograph of William Weaver, with aliases, as shown on Identification Order #1238, as being one, Harold Jene (DeAlvis) Miller, a dancing teacher, who had been teaching dancing around Poplarville, Miss. Miller located at Pleayune, Miss., and proved that he was not William Weaver, one of the subjects in this case.</p>			
<p>DEPT. OF JUSTICE DIVISION ONE MAR 4 1935 AM</p>			
<p>DETAILS: This report is predicated on a telephone call received by the New Orleans office from Enoch Seal, City Marshal, Poplarville, Miss., that an individual by the name of Jimmie D'Ardie, a dance teacher, of that city resembled very much the subject of I. O. #1238, William Weaver; that he answered the description; that he had gone to Hattiesburg, Miss., for a few days but would return to Poplarville, Miss., Friday or Saturday.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: AT POPLARVILLE, MISSISSIPPI Enoch Seal, City Marshal, Poplarville, Miss., advised that he had received I. O. #1238, and had immediately recognized it as a man known there as Jimmie D'Ardie, who had been giving dancing lessons around Poplarville, Miss., for the past several weeks; that he had shown this photograph to several people around town and they had also identified it as the same, however, some of the</p>			
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people claimed that he did not answer the description contained on the I. O. that he was a smaller and a younger man; that D'Ardis was out of Poplarville and had gone to Hattiesburg, Miss., but would pass through Poplarville sometime that afternoon or evening, February 22, 1935, on the bus, bound for Picayune, Miss., where he was then stopping, having moved to Picayune, Miss., about a week previous and that he had a class in dancing to teach the following morning at Picayune, Miss.

Mrs. E. H. Hyde, clerk, Hyde Drug Store, Poplarville, Miss., informed that the photograph of William Weaver resembled Jimmie D'Arvis and she felt that he could be the same person, that she had seen D'Arvis on several occasions, also had talked to him and that he had acted very nervous.

Alf Wheat, Deputy Sheriff, Poplarville, Miss., advised that the photograph looked exactly like Jimmie D'Arvis but that he had gotten thinner.

John Paul Russ, Poplarville, Miss., son of the Sheriff and who had taken lessons from Jimmie D'Arvis, advised that there was a very marked resemblance between D'Arvis and the photograph of Weaver but that he did not think they were the same. That the description did not compare in regard to height, weight and age; that D'Arvis was not over 30 years old.

Dr. C. L. Smith, Poplarville, Miss., a dentist advised that he had seen D'Arvis once and that he had taken a very good look at him as his eleven year old daughter, who had been taking lessons from D'Arvis had told him "she didn't like D'Arvis because when he was teaching the young girls he would love them up". That the photograph of Weaver was a very good likeness of D'Arvis but the description didn't compare. That D'Arvis was about 30 years old, brown hair, weight 130 lbs., height 5'8".

Miss DeLories Tate, Poplarville, Miss., who had done some typewriting work for D'Arvis advised that the resemblance of the photograph of Weaver and D'Arvis was very close. However, that the description did not compare. Mrs. Tate, mother of Delories Tate, advised that D'Arvis had rented a room from her for several weeks and that the profile picture of Weaver looked exactly like D'Arvis.

AT PICAYUNE, MISSISSIPPI

Mr. Dean, night marshal, Picayune, Miss., advised that the photograph of Weaver resembled D'Arvis and that he thought they were the same.

Harold Jene (DeAlvis) Miller, was interviewed and he stated that he had been going under the name of Jimmie DeAlvis, a theatrical name, and had been teaching dancing in Poplarville and Picayune, Miss.; that his true name is Harold Jene Miller; that he was born May 11, 1905, at Pere, Ill., both of his parents are dead; that he had two married sisters, Mrs. Herbert A. Hutchinson, Walnut, Ill., and Mrs. Guy Larsen, LaSalle, Ill.; that he was married and had one child, which he did not claim to be the father of; that his wife's maiden name was Odelia Lee and the last he heard of her was that that she was in Andarka, Okla; that he had been in the Army from 1929, until 1933, when he was honorably discharged and that he reenlisted in 1933 and

served for one year and then bought himself out, that he had been stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He didn't remember the exact dates of his enlistment and claimed that his wife had his discharge papers. That when a small boy he had an operation performed on his eyes, which gave them a droopy appearance, this operation was performed at the Saint Luke Hospital in St. Louis, Mo. That he had been fingerprinted in the army. That he had learned dancing when only a small child and followed it up all through his life.

The above statement was made freely and voluntarily to agent, Deputy Sheriff P. E. Graves and City Marshal A. G. Stewart, in room 217, Peach Tree Hotel, Picayune, Miss. Miller voluntarily submitted to having his fingerprints taken which was done by agent. Agent using an ink pad and a white piece of paper. The prints were compared with William Weaver's as shown on the Identification Order number 1238 and could readily be recognized as not being identical.

Description of Miller obtained from observation and interrogation:

Name:	Harold James Miller
Alias:	Jimmie DeArvis
Date of Birth:	May 11, 1905
Age:	29
Height:	5'7 1/2"
Weight:	138 lbs.
Eyes:	Blue
Complexion:	Medium
Hair:	Brown
Build:	Slender
Occupation:	Dancing teacher
Marital status:	Married
Residence:	Pera, Ill.
Race:	White
Nationality:	American
Scars:	Scar under eyebrows on both eyes covering eye-lids.
Tatoo:	Heart with word Daisy across, right forearm

The fingerprints of Miller have been attached to a fingerprint card and are being forwarded to the Division for comparative purposes and a copy of his criminal record, if any, to be sent to this office.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Saint Paul, Minnesota

FILE NO. 7-24

REPORT MADE AT Jacksonville, Florida	DATE WHEN MADE Feb. 27, 1935	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE Feb. 11-19, 1935	REPORT MADE BY L. B. Nichols
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE I. O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases - I. O. 1219; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases - I. O. 1226; VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases - I. O. 1237; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - I. O. 1222; et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM		CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Customs records, Miami and Key West, Florida, show that William J. Harrison went to Havana, Cuba, with Cassius McDonald September 9, returning September 11, 1934; that Nathan Heller accompanied Dolores Delaney to Miami, from Havana, November 4, 1934, and accompanied Karpis to Miami, on December 5, 1934; that Karpis and Delaney first went to Cuba, September 20, 1934, and left December 4, 1934. Harrison last seen in Miami around Christmas, 1934. No further information available concerning Subjects in Miami. Confidential informants to notify Jacksonville Office if they return. N. H. Heller taken into custody February 12, 1935, at Miami, Florida; released on \$3,000 bond February 15, 1935. Wynona Burdette and Dolores Delaney arrived in Miami, Florida, February 17, 1935, and in default of \$15,000 bond committed to Dade County Jail, Miami, Florida.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p>Telegram from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, dated February 14, 1935. Report of Special Agent J. R. Sharp, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, February 5, 1935.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>e. c. Charles Lee</i></p>			
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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent Bryan Farrell, New York City, dated February 4, 1935;
Report of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, dated February 5, 1935;
Report of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, February 20, 1935, and
Report of Special Agent R. D. Brown dated at Jacksonville, Florida, February 25, 1935.

DETAILS:

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Mr. F. I. Dumont, Colonial Towers Hotel, advised W. Sanders Gramling, Assistant United States Attorney, Miami that he had information of value concerning the activities of Cassius McDonald in Havana, Cuba. Mr. Dumont was contacted and advised Agent that he was Consul-General in Havana, Cuba, until last summer, serving a four-year period, and that he had had several dealings with Cassius McDonald; that after reading the account of his apprehension in the newspapers, he went to the jail to ascertain if he was the same man that he knew in Havana, and that he immediately recognized McDonald. Dumont furnished the following information concerning McDonald:

In February, 1934, McDonald with another man, whom he positively identified as William Harrison, arrived in Havana, Cuba, registered at the Presidente Hotel under assumed names, and shortly thereafter were arrested by the Cuban Police on a charge of suspicion based upon the fact that McDonald was spending most of his time with JUAN JIMENEZ, who bears a reputation of being Cuba's outstanding gangster. McDonald, immediately after his arrest by Cuban authorities, demanded a hearing before the Consul-General. At the hearing, he stated that he was in Cuba endeavoring to secure a long term lease on the gambling concessions in Cuba. Mr. Dumont stated that after long discussion with representatives of the United States Government in Cuba, whose names he could not recall, he, Dumont, effected the release of McDonald, who immediately left the Island.

Subsequent to McDonald's arrest by the Cuban authorities, Dumont states that the proprietor of the Presidente Hotel in Havana, informed him that McDonald endeavored to change some money but that he was suspicious of him and directed him to the bank; that after his release from jail he again sought to have a \$500 bill changed at the hotel and was again referred to the bank; and that when McDonald left Cuba he did not register with the Consul-General's Office, as is required.

Dumont further advised that he made a thorough investigation of McDonald's contacts and activities in Cuba, for the period January first to March 31, 1934, and that the reports are now on file in the confidential files of the Consul-General's office in Havana, Cuba, and can be secured by requesting them from the State Department, or by an Agent personally calling at the Consul-General's office in Havana.

At the time McDonald was under investigation in Cuba, Dumont advised that he also investigated one DOCTOR J. P. RENEDE, a dentist in Miami, Florida, who was then suspected of being connected with the gambling interests in Cuba, and also of smuggling. Regarding Renedo, Dumont advised that he left Cuba during the Machado regime and being an American citizen, had exiled Cubans transfer their property to him and he in turn had fraudulently demanded protection from the Embassy and Consulate from confiscation by the Cuban government. Subsequently Renedo organized the Cuban-American Corporation, whose purpose was to purchase property of exiled Cubans and then demand protection from the American Government. The files on Doctor Renedo are now found in the general files of the Consul-General's Office in Havana.

Dumont further stated that these files contained affidavits made by both Renedo and McDonald showing their interests and activities, and further that he believes the information contained in these files would be of possible interest and of value in instant case. These facts were presented to Assistant United States Attorney W. Sanders Gramling, Miami, who advised that he would like to have the files in that they might be of value in

refuting any character evidence that McDonald might advance at his trial and it is believed that they might establish the identity of the person accompanying McDonald to Havana in 1934. A letter is being directed to the Bureau requesting that appropriate action be taken to secure the contents of the above mentioned file from the State Department.

Jin White, Attorney, Miami, called at the United States Attorney's office and stated that Nanes Renedo, 74 Northwest Twentieth Street, had received a letter addressed to McDonald, but that he was afraid to take it to him as he had been questioned by Department of Justice Agents on the previous day, at which time Renedo stated he forgot to advise them of the letter. White further stated that Renedo had informed him that a friend of McDonald's came to his house recently seeking a room for himself and his wife, but that he had turned them away. Reference is made to report of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, dated February 20, 1935, which records the interview with Renedo on February 10, 1935, at which time Renedo stated to Agent Hanson and the writer that McDonald came to his house seeking a room, and then changed his story, stating that he did not know any of McDonald's friends.

Renedo, when re-interviewed by the writer, stated that if he made any such statement it was a slip of the tongue and that he does not know any of McDonald's friends and re-affirmed that his only possible connection with McDonald was in connection with his, McDonald's, securing the gambling concessions in Cuba, after which he would work with McDonald. Renedo stated that he did tell one falsehood to above mentioned Agents in that he is not a citizen of the United States, but was born in Cuba. He further stated that he had seen Willie Harrison at the dog tracks in Miami some time ago and that if he ever sees him again he will notify the Jacksonville Office.

Mr. Kelly, Clerk in the Warden's Office, Dade County Jail, Miami, advised that it was the policy of his office to censor all incoming and outgoing mail of prisoners held in the jail. Arrangements were made with him to see or secure copies of all letters received by McDonald and he advised that a letter addressed to McDonald in care of Renedo, was then in his office.

This letter is written on Hotel Park Avenue, Park Avenue at Sprout, Detroit, Michigan, stationary, and is dated February 1, 1935. It is addressed to Mr. McDonald care Beardo, 74 N W 20th Street, Miami, Florida, and reads as follows:

"Dear Friend Mac.

Just a few lines letting you know that I received both your card and letter glad to here from you but sorry to here you where sick. I called the House and everything is All right But Claud says he needs some change. I was away for a month. Every thing is very quiet. The weather here today is not so bad in other words rather mild for this time of the year. Hoping that this letter finds you and Mrs in the best of Health and hoping that you will not be taken sick again and that I may have the pleasure to here from you soon I go to the office about to times a week, so I will get any word that you send there. Forther Tom Had a Call from the east and he would like to buy a house But he says it would take about Three. No more news. So I will close for this time. And sorry to keep you waiting so long before I answered you letter. Please excuse pencil writing. Wishing you and Mrs. McDonald the best of Health and that you are injoying your self's. And hoping to here from you soon. As ever Yours.

EDW."

Cassius McDonald advised that he knows Renedo, but that he never received any mail through him, stating that he is only a casual acquaintance. When advised that a letter was in the Jailor's office addressed to him in care of Renedo, he recalled rather suddenly that he had told some people to send bills to him at that address as he did not know where he would be in Florida. He further stated that the only person who would sign his name as "EDW." was his chauffeur in Detroit, Michigan, named Edward Bell.

McDonald further advised that he had met Doctor J. J. Renedo at his brother's home on several occasions and that he had hoped to obtain an interest in the gambling concessions at the

National Casino in Havana, Cuba, through Doctor Renedo in that he was closely connected with the de Cespedes interests.

McDonald further stated that he had a safe deposit box in the American State Bank on Fourth Street east of the Federal Reserve Bank in Detroit, Michigan, but declined to give Agent written authority or the keys to enter, stating that he would be very glad to open the box in the presence of Bureau Agents at any time and while he knew that Agents could secure a court order to open the box should they desire, he nevertheless declined to give this authority.

He further stated that he would voluntarily accompany Agents of the Bureau anywhere they desired to take him and accordingly he was asked to execute the usual forms waiving removal hearing, in duplicate. Both copies of this are being placed in the files of the Jacksonville Office for further use if necessary.

McDonald further stated that he had never been in the vicinity of Ocala, Florida, and did not know where Oklawaha or Lake Weir were and that he had never been there at any time. He further advised that when he arrived in Miami, Florida, on December 24, 1934, he immediately went to the Everglades Hotel, where he registered and parked his car on the lot opposite the hotel; that he was at the hotel each night until he left for Cuba on December 30, 1934.

McDonald in his characteristic way evaded all questions of Agent concerning his connections with Sawyer, Harrison and other members of the gang, and continued to state that he had never seen them and did not know them and that as soon as he was released on bond he was going directly to Washington and take the matter up with the Director of the Bureau and show him wherein Bureau Agents erred in accusing him of any connection with the Barker-Karpis crowd. He further stated that he had previously been investigated by the Department of Justice and had been given a clear bill as he had personally seen the "yellow sheet" upon which the results of the investigations were recorded and that when we completed our present investigation concerning him we would find that he was as "innocent as a lamb".

McDonald further stated that if it could be proven that he in any way passed or changed any of the ransom money in the Bremer case that he would plead guilty without a moment's hesitation.

Doctor Joe J. Renedo, Huntington Building, advised that he has only met Cassius McDonald on three or four occasions at his brother's home, 74 Northwest Twentieth Street; that he has never had any business connections with him and only knows him through his brother and that he was interested in the National Casino in Havana, Cuba. Doctor Renedo stated that he is not interested in any gambling concessions and has no other outside interest other than his dental practice in Miami; that a few years ago when the national government was overthrown in Cuba he was instrumental in organizing the Cuban-American Corporation and was given one share of stock as the only American citizen in the corporation; that he was given this stock in order that the property owned by the corporation located in Cuba might be protected from confiscation by the new Cuban government through the intervention of the American Consul in Cuba. He further added that he at one time was connected with the de Cespedes interests in the Casino in Cuba, but that he had never discussed gambling concessions with McDonald, and had not in any way endeavored to assist him in making his connection. He further added that if Agent did not believe his story he would gladly invite an investigation looking toward a connection between him and Cassius McDonald. He was shown pictures of the Barker-Karpis gang and stated that he had never seen any of them.

D. V. Sutton, 132 East Flagler Street, advised that E. N. GREEN, whom he identified as Karpis, left a watch at his jewelry store to have it repaired around Christmas, 1934; that when Karpis returned for the watch he did not have his claim check but since he recognized him as the one who brought the watch in for repairs, he did not require him to surrender the check, which was later found among Karpis' effects at Atlantic City.

E. B. Bell, Municipal Airport, whose card was found among Karpis' effects at Atlantic City, advised that during the early part of January he talked with a Mr. Green, whose photograph he identified as Karpis, about flying lessons, but that as he recalled this was the only time he has seen Karpis; that he never returned for any instruction and that he remembers giving Karpis the card which was referred to above.

W. J. Mohlit, Frank T. Budge Hardware Company, 5 East Flagler, advised that on December 18, 1934, his store received Colts automatic pistol huntman model number 93719 from the Colts Manufacturing Company, which his records disclose was sold to E. H. Greene, on January 7, 1935. Mohlit was unable to identify the photograph of Karpis as being the one to whom he sold the above mentioned pistol, and after being shown pictures of the Karpis-Barker gang, picked out the photograph of W. J. Harrison as resembling the party who purchased the gun; however, he was not positive in his identification stating that possibly he had seen Harrison at the West Flagler Dog Track.

Eddie Melchen, and G. W. Hanford, Detectives, Miami Police Department, advised that they know of no gambling house located on Third or Fourth Street between the bayfront and the railroad. Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. H. Hanson wherein it is noted that Cassius McDonald stated he saw a person resembling Harry Sawyer in a gambling house over a garage in the above mentioned locality. These detectives also stated that there were no garages on Third Street and that the Miami Garage, operated by Stanley Massey could not possibly be the garage referred to as he is extremely intolerant against gambling, etc. They further stated that the most notorious gambling place in Miami used to be located over Bobbies Garage on Second Street, and had not been in operation since 1928. Reference is further made to the interview with Mr. Harrell, operator of Bobbies Garage.

William K. Knust, 24 Northeast Second Street, advised that he has been operating a bowling alley for the past year and a half in the quarters formerly occupied by a gambling concern

over Bobbies Garage. Knust apparently bears a good reputation, which was established by general inquiries. He was shown pictures of the Barker-Karpis crowd and stated that the photograph of Willie Harrison resembles some one whom he has seen a few years ago and then added that he believed it was in a saloon in Cicero, Illinois, where he used to live, and that he had not seen Harrison for several years.

The writer walked along both Third and Fourth Streets endeavoring to locate a gambling house over a garage and made several inquiries for same with negative results.

John McLain, Fenner and Beane, brokerage house, Miami Beach, says that about a year ago McDonald came to his office and told him of his plan to gain control of the National Casino and allied gambling interests in Havana, Cuba, and asked him about the possibility of floating a bond issue to finance it, and stated that he had taken the matter up with American Ambassador Caffery and that he was sure that he could get the approval and the backing of the State Department in this venture. McLain stated that this is the only time that he ever discussed this matter with McDonald.

In reference report of Special Agent in Charge Hanson, there is set forth an inventory of effects found in McDonald's possession at the time of his apprehension, included in which were several forms used by Fenner and Beane regarding which Mr. McLain advised that they are stationery for their own private office purposes and that the only way McDonald could have gotten possession of these forms was to have secured them from some confederate connected with their office, or that he possibly might have stolen them from the office.

Upon receipt of telegraphic advice from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley to the effect that "Big Homer" Wilson and his wife formerly visited the saloon operated by Willie Heeney at Miami, Florida, during the winter of 1932, and that Heeney, according to Bolton, was an important contact for the Barker-Karpis gang, appropriate investigation was conducted to ascertain the location of Heeney's place for the purpose of determining whether he was in contact with any members of the gang or whether he knew of their whereabouts.

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Eddie Malchen and L. D. Kendall, Detectives, Miami Police Department, advised they had never heard of Heeney. Confidential informants [redacted] and [redacted] advised that they knew all saloon keepers in Miami and on the Beach and Heeney was unknown to them or their contacts. These informants made several inquiries in and about Miami concerning Heeney which resulted in the advice that he is not at the present time located in that vicinity.

Heeney's name was not found in the files of the Identification Unit of the Miami or Miami Beach Police Departments, according to Jim Burke and Charles Pierce, in charge of these units, as required by city ordinance.

W. E. Agres, Record Clerk, Florida Power and Light Company, Miami, advised that Heeney had not been a subscriber for electrical or gas facilities in Miami.

Mr. C. D. Littlefield, Manager of the People's Gas Company, Miami Beach, advised that on December 16, 1931, a meter was installed at 811 Meridian Avenue, at the request of Mrs. William Heeney and removed at her request on March 28, 1932.

R. C. Fullerton, Manager, Florida Power and Light Company, Miami Beach, advised that an electrical meter was installed at the request of Mrs. William Heeney, December 17, 1931, and was removed March 28, 1932, from 811 Meridian Avenue, at which time Mrs. Heeney called for the meter deposit and declined to leave a forwarding address.

Inquiries at the Miami and Miami Beach Post Offices revealed that no forwarding address was left by the Heeneys when they departed.

General inquiry at Miller and Weil Real Estate office revealed that Joseph Weimer was the owner of the property located at 811 Meridian Avenue, Miami Beach; that he was a retired businessman from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and reliable.

Joseph Weimer and wife, 1121 Pennsylvania Avenue, Miami Beach, advised that in December, 1931, Mrs. William Heeney and a Mrs. Wilson called and asked to rent the premises at 811 Meridian Avenue, stating that their husbands were working nights and that they desired a quiet place, accordingly, the premises were rented to them until May 1, 1932, for \$1,200, which amount was paid shortly after the premises were occupied; that Mrs. Heeney and Mrs. Wilson always acted rather peculiarly in that the Weimers, in order to be neighborly, called on them on several occasions in the daytime at which time one of the women would tell them that they did not desire to awaken their husbands at that time.

Mrs. Weimer further stated that they did a lot of entertaining, but the identities of the guests were unknown to them; that some time during the latter part of March, 1932, Mrs. Wilson brought the keys of the house to them stating that they had to return to Chicago immediately because of illness in the family. Mrs. Weimer stated that she later wrote Mrs. Heeney at a Michigan Boulevard address in Chicago, offering to rent the property to them for the winter of 1932, but that her letter was never answered and she has since lost their address, but is sure they have not returned to the beach otherwise she would have seen or heard of them.

John Avery, Agent in Charge of the Alcohol Tax Unit, Miami, advised that he has never heard of a William Heeney operating a bar or speakeasy.

Confidential informant [redacted] advised that he knows both Heeney and "Big Homer" Wilson, but that he has not seen them on the beach for the past two or three years; that he never heard of Heeney operating a speakeasy or a bar. b7c b7d

In view of the contacts established in Miami, it is believed that Heeney is no longer there otherwise some information would have been available concerning him in that informant [redacted]

who formerly was a bootlegger, contacted all liquor dealers, legitimate and illegitimate, with negative results, with informant [redacted] doing the same.

Charles Pierce, Identification Officer, Miami Beach Police Department, who has expressed a desire to cooperate with the Bureau, contacted several underworld characters on the Beach and returned with the information that Heeney has not been around the Beach for the past two or three years.

Confidential informant [redacted] further advised that he had learned through his contacts and through Swifty Morgan that Willie Harrison had not been seen in Miami since last Christmas; that he would continue to be on the lookout for him and would immediately notify the Jacksonville Office should he receive any word.

Reference is further made to the report of Special Agent in Charge Hanson dated February 20, 1935, in which it is noted that Special Agent R. L. Jones contacted informant [redacted] who advised that Harrison had been seen around the Pabst Blue Ribbon Bar near the West Flagler Dog Track on Miami Beach. This bar is operated by GEORGE LEAVITT, whose brother is a partner of George Carter. It was ascertained that Leavitt is a contact for various hoodlums and that he would not give out any information about them, it being inadvisable to contact him at this time. However, Charles Pierce advised that he has a contact in the Blue Ribbon Bar and that he will endeavor to find out if Harrison makes any future visits to that place and will notify the Jacksonville Office immediately.

Mr. Thomas, Room Clerk, Everglades Hotel, Miami, advised that the hotel records do not show whether McDonald used his bed each night while he was registered there in December.

C. R. Bogges, Everglades Auto Parking Lot, advised that Cassius McDonald brought his Packard sedan bearing 1934 Michigan license plates number 40-482 to the lot on December 24, 1934, and that the car was there each night until January 7, 1935, except on the night of January third. Bogges keeps a daily record of all cars on the lot.

The records of the Customs Service, produced by Pat Galvin, Customs Agent in Charge, were checked from September 1, 1934, to February 1, 1935, and reflect as follows:

That Cassius McDonald, Detroit, Michigan, left Miami, September 2, 1934, for Havana, Cuba, as noted by outward manifest number 223, and returned September 2, 1934, as noted by inward manifest number 216 and declaration number 69313, which was signed by Customs Inspector C. M. Hoover.

Special Agent H. M. Eubank ascertained at the Pan-American Airways office that round trip ticket number AR-32715 was used by McDonald.

Cassius McDonald on September 5, 1934, returned to Miami, Florida, via Pan-American Airways from Havana, Cuba, as noted by inward manifest number 227 and declaration number 64251, signed by Customs Inspector C. M. Hoover.

Special Agent H. M. Eubank ascertained from the Pan-American Airways that round trip ticket number AR-32471, was sold to McDonald on September 5, 1934.

It was ascertained through an inspection of Customs records at Key West, Florida, that McDonald departed for Havana, from Key West on September 4, 1934, as noted in outward manifest number K-52, whereon his name appears as Jassius W. McDonald, which is apparently a typographical error.

On September 9, 1934, as noted by outward manifest number 240, Cassius McDonald, Chicago, Illinois, left for Havana, Cuba, via Pan-American Airways, returning September 11, 1934, via Pan-American Airways NC 752 V, as noted by inward manifest number 243 and declaration number 62118, signed by Customs Inspector John J. Gillen.

Special Agent Eubank ascertained from George Quinn, Pan-American Airways, Miami, that tickets AR-32471 and AR-32445 were used by McDonald.

On September 9, 1934, William Harrison, Saint Louis, went to Havana, Cuba, via Pan-American Airways, as noted by outward manifest number 240, returning September 11, 1934, via Pan-American Airways NC 752 V, as noted by inward manifest number 243 and declaration number 64500 which was signed by Customs Inspector John J. Givens. Harrison gives his address on this declaration as 4539 Gibson Street, Saint Louis, Missouri.

Special Agent H. M. Eubank ascertained from George Quinn, Pan-American Airways, Miami, that round trip ticket number AR-32731 was issued to Harrison. At the time of his departure from Miami his weight was shown to be 157 pounds.

On October 25, 1934, as noted by outward manifest number 409, Mary Ryan went to Havana, Cuba, from Miami, Florida, via Pan-American Airways. No return was found in a search of Customs records.

Special Agent Eubank ascertained at the Pan-American Airways, that round trip ticket AR-33302 was issued to Mary Ryan; however, they had no record of the return stub being used.

By letter of February 20, 1935, the Pan-American Airways, advised the Jacksonville Office that Mary Ryan flew from Havana to Miami on their plane NC 752-V on October 30, 1934, traveling on the return portion of their ticket number AR-33302.

On November 28, 1934, as noted by inward manifest number 492, Dolores Wagner, 6733 Normal Boulevard, Chicago, left Miami, Florida, via Pan-American Airways for Havana, Cuba, and returned December 4, 1934, via Pan-American Airways as noted by inward manifest number 536 and declaration number 973735, signed by Customs Inspector C. M. Hoover.

Special Agent H. M. Eubank ascertained at the Pan-American Airways, Miami, that round trip ticket AR-33884 was issued to Dolores Wagner on November 18, 1934.

On December 7, 1934, as noted by outward manifest number 561, Nathaniel H. Heller left Miami, Florida, via Pan-American Airways for Havana, Cuba.

Special Agent Eubank ascertained at the Pan-American Airways that one way ticket number AA-11685 was issued to Nathan Heller on December 7, 1934.

It was definitely established by handwriting comparisons in the Customs records and declaration that the Agnes Wagner as previously referred to in the report of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, is not Dolores Wagner.

Special Agent H. M. Eubank checked the incoming and outgoing passenger lists at the Pan-American Airways as produced by George Quinn, for the period of September 1, 1934, to February 1, 1935, together with the memoranda of outgoing reservations for Havana as produced by T. B. Walker at the P & O Steamship company and by W. W. Coyle at the Munson Line, and noted that Subjects made no further trips to Havana than as recorded above.

AT KEY WEST, FLORIDA:

The Customs records in Key West, as produced by J. N. Goshorn, Deputy Customs Inspector in Charge, for the incoming and outgoing manifests cover the period of September 1, 1934, to February 1, 1935, were checked and reflect as follows:

That on September 20, 1934, Elmer and Dolores Wagner, Chicago, Illinois, as noted by outgoing manifest number K64, departed from Key West on the SS "CUBA" for Havana.

On November 14, 1934, Dolores Wagner, 6733 Normal Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, as noted by inward manifest 106, and declaration number 717365, signed by Customs Inspector W. J. Lord, arrived at Key West on the SS "CUBA", stating in her declaration that she went over on the SS "CUBA" on September 15, 1934.

A search of the Customs records indicated that the SS "CUBA" did not sail on September fifteenth, but sailed on September 14, for Havana, and Dolores Wagner's name does not appear on the outgoing manifest for that date or for any sailings prior to the fifteenth and subsequent to the twenty-first.

On November 14, 1934, Nathaniel Heller arrived at Key West, Florida, via SS "CUBA" from Havana, as noted by inward manifest 106, and declaration number 717393, signed by Customs Inspector W. J. Lord. In this declaration Heller states that he last left the United States on September twelfth, via the SS "ORIENTE" from New York City.

On November 19, 1934, Nathaniel Heller returned to Havana, Cuba, via the SS "CUBA" as noted by outgoing manifest number K-113.

On December 5, 1934, as noted by inward manifest number 123 and declaration number 710870, signed by Customs Inspector J. Cormack, Edward M. Wagner, 6971 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois, arrived at Key West via the SS "CUBA" and in his declaration states that he last left the United States on September twentieth. A comparison of the handwriting on the declaration is identical with specimen of handwriting of Karpis.

On December 5, 1934, as noted by inward manifest number 123, and declaration number 710869, signed by Customs Inspector J. Cormack, Nathaniel Heller arrived at Key West via the SS "CUBA" and in his declaration states that he last left the United States on November 21, 1934.

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Casual inquiries were made by Agent at the Miami Biltmore and Miami Beach Golf Clubs where it was known Willie Harrison frequently played golf while in Miami, for him with negative results.

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All informants were advised to notify the Jacksonville Office should Harrison, or any other Subjects, come to Miami.

Curley, 406 Fourth Street, stated that he had made several inquiries for Harrison, under the pretext that he wanted to give him a job, at places where he would most likely be, but that he had not received any further word concerning Harrison.

Negative of the photograph taken of the latent fingerprint found on the liquor bottle which was found in the house at 1121 Northeast Eighty-Fifth Street, Miami, occupied by Karpis, Harry Campbell, Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette, was loaned to Agent by W. J. Gaines, Identification Officer, Miami Police Department, and forwarded to the Bureau for the purpose of having enlargements made of same for exhibition purposes during the trial. Mr. Gaines stated that he preferred to keep the bottle from which the above mentioned print of Wynona Burdette was lifted in his custody and would preserve same until after the trial.

Frank Edward, Deputy United States Marshal, advised that Nathaniel Heller was released on \$1,000 bond, February 15, 1935.

Upon receipt of information from the Philadelphia Office that Wynona Burdette and Dolores Delaney were being removed to Miami on February 17, 1935, Special Agents H. M. Eubank, and B. F. Fitzsimons and the writer met the train with three Deputy United States Marshals from Miami, and escorted Burdette and Delaney to the Dade County Jail, Miami, Florida, where they were committed in default of bonds in the amount of \$15,000, each.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
Post Office Box 4907
Jacksonville, Florida



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February 28, 1935

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases -
FUGITIVE - I.O. 1218; et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Transmitted herewith are the Bureau's copies of the report of Special Agent L. B. Nichols, dated at Jacksonville, February 27, 1935, in the above captioned case. All copies as indicated on this report have been furnished those offices by the Jacksonville Office, with the exception of Detroit, which received only one, and should receive one of the mimeographed copies from the Bureau, along with all Bureau Offices not indicated by name on Agent Nichols' report. This report is forwarded to the Bureau to be mimeographed in accordance with instructions of Mr. Tamm in telephone conversation on February 22, 1935.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt
Special Agent in Charge.

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Enclosure
CC Saint Paul
E. J. Connelley - Chicago
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March 25, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; et
al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -
Victim; KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated February 22,
1935 with which there were transmitted copies of the report
of Special Agent L. H. Nichols, dated at Jacksonville, Florida,
February 27, 1935, in the above entitled case.

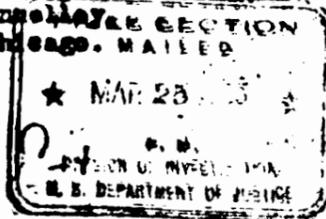
After a review of this report, the Bureau has decided
that it contains no information of value respecting the modus
operandi of the Barker-Karpis gang and, therefore, this report
will not be mimeographed and distributed to all field offices
as requested in your letter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

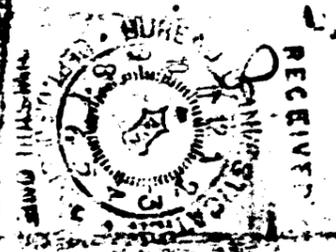
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POST OFFICE BOX 629,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.



Mr. Dwight H. Green,
United States Attorney,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir: In re; ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O.
1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O.
1236; VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, I.O.
1237; WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O.
1238; WILLIAM HARRISON with aliases, I.O.
1239; HARRY SAWYER with aliases, I.O.
1240; MYRTLE HATCH with aliases, I.O.
1241; et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
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I am transmitting herewith the report of Special
Agent K. R. McIntire, dated at Chicago, Illinois, February
26, 1935. For your convenience, this report has been
deleted, with the exception of that information pertain-
ing to the apprehension of Matt Gleason at Aurora, Illinois,
on February 7, 1935, and such other information as pertains
to the prosecution of Matt Gleason.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.
(Special Assignment)

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St. Paul

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February 18, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Please be informed that on Saturday, February 16, 1935, Special Agent S. K. McKee delivered to me two cans of cleaning fluid that he had secured in Havana, Cuba, on the instructions of Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt, in connection with the investigation being conducted in the "Morro Castle" disaster.

There was also delivered to me by Special Agent R. D. Brown at the same time one rifle recovered from Russell Gibson at the time he was killed in Chicago,

These articles are being held in the closet of the supply room pending your instructions as to the disposition of them.

Respectfully,

W. R. Glavin.

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Laboratory Report

February 27, 1935.

Case: Alvin Karpis with aliases,
I.O. 1218; et al;
Edward G. Bremer - Victim;
Kidnaping.

Number: 7-576-4616

Specimens: Photostatic copy of original letter in the handwriting of Volney
Davis; beginning, "My Darling Helen;- Just a line", and signed
"Everett".

Examination requested by: E. J. Connelley, Special Agent in Charge,
Special Assignment, Chicago, Illinois.

Date received: February 16, 1935.

Examination requested:
Handwriting

Result of examination: Examination by: C.A. Appel
February 23, 1935. The handwriting was compared with extortion letters in
general contained in the Laboratory files without effecting an identification.
It is somewhat like the handwriting in the extortion letter in the case
entitled Unknown Subjects; Theodore Swann - Victim; Extortion, Bureau file
7-478, but no identification was effected.

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2 - Mr. Connelley, Chicago
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1926 BROADWAY AT 64TH STREET
NEW YORK

Editorial Department

March 1, 1935

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which we received from one of our readers who thinks she has a possible clue concerning the whereabouts of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, whose photograph and description appeared in the March 1935 Line-Up of MASTER DETECTIVE. The enclosed letter is sent to you for whatever use you wish to make of it.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely

Lowell Ames Norris

Lowell Ames Norris
Line-Up Editor

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Flint, Mich.
February 24, 1935

Editorial and General Offices
1926 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Dear Editor:

I have written to the division of investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, in regard to Dr. Joseph P. Moran who is wanted for kidnapping. The photo in the line-up of the March issue in the Master Detective closely resembles a man that called at my door a week ago who said he was an agent for either the Raleigh product or Wadkins products. I have forgotten which one of the companys he said as I was not interested in anything he had to sell. I'd rather believe he said the Raleigh company. So if they investigate through the information I have given them he may prove to be the same man.

Yours truly
Mrs. Essie Chipman
309½ E. 14th St.,
Flint, Michigan

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March 6, 1935.

Mr. Lowell Aves Norris,
Line-Up Editor,
True Detective Mysteries,
MacFadden Building,
1926 Broadway at 64th Street,
New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

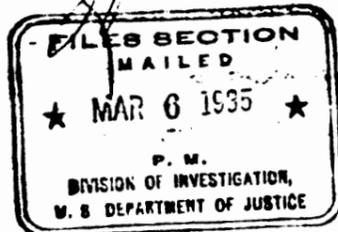
This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 1, 1935, with which was enclosed a copy of a letter addressed to you by Mrs. Essie Chipman, 309 1/2 East Fourteenth Street, Flint, Michigan, containing information concerning an individual who resembles Dr. Joseph P. Moran, a fugitive, now being sought by this Bureau. As stated in her letter, Mrs. Chipman addressed a similar communication to this Bureau and arrangements will be made to have her interviewed relative to the information in her possession.

Your interest in forwarding this letter is appreciated and may I thank you for your continued cooperation.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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February 28, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Handwritten signature: E. Newby

Reference is made to an anonymous, handprinted communication received by the Attorney General and submitted by Mr. Newby to the Laboratory for examination.

The handprinting appearing on the letter was compared with the Laboratory's File of handprinting specimens taken from extortion and similar letters previously received by the Bureau, but no identification was effected.

A typewritten copy of the anonymous communication is attached hereto and the original letter will be returned immediately following preparation of photostatic copies for the Laboratory's File.

Respectfully,

Handwritten signature: E. P. Coffey

E. P. Coffey.

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Attorney-General.
Cummings,

Sir-

If-you-will-give-attention-to-Chicago-Ill,
Hunt-one-lady-Mrs. Ann Gordon-recently-divorced
-Aviator-

By- Lou Gordon-in-Chi-Ill.
(Reason-from-the-wife-Ann.)

Jealous-she-knew-to-many-men-not-such-good-type
She-drunk-boy-and-how-she-can-never-gets-out-
She-and-girl-chum-rent-apt-then-the-crowd-comes
In- 8-8-nice-boys-the-rent-paid-all bills-
this-maybe -chatter.

This-Karpis-you-are-angry-all-frequent-the-apt-he-was-
The-big-shot-very-silent- This-is-strictly-confidential-
Please-maybe-valuable-worth-while-to-know-what-she-is
Doing-she-goes-between-Long-Island-New-York-Chi-Ill.
Last-word-she-said-(We) are going-to-visit-my-sister-in-
law-Texas-or-near-there- Boston-Mass-is-the original-
home-of-this dame. You-can-investigate- I-can't-you
have-the-power-to question Good-Luck. Lets-clean-up.
Ill-watch-the-papers- Friends-
She will-go-as-maid-to youngste's-or-domestic-to-lay-low

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And-They-get-together-again-change-apts-
I-knew-them-in-the-better-days-certainly-dont-
approve-of-this goings-on-Low.

You-will-find-it-hard-to-question-har-very
decided-type-stubborn-if-liquor-I-hope-you-can
break-that-spirit- I-know-Ive-tried-to preach-
Thanks-Ill-let-you-hear-if-I-hear-but-do
get-after-this-

Wanted-to-tip-you-felt-you-would-
do things-right-you-are-deserving-

A. Friend-

I-will-be-like-Will-Rogers-only-what-I-see-& read-in-
the-papers- (So you-help-me-please-

Thanks -

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She Brags-

A-good-figure-
A-good-drinker-
Keeps-her-head-
Queen-of-the-every-party.
Looks not-unattractive-
Hollywood- Oh-Oh-
No-work-
Innocent-type

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

During a telephonic conversation with Mr. Nathan at Kansas City, he mentioned the clothing left in the apartment formerly occupied by Edna Murray and Volney Davis. He stated that he received a call from the manager of the apartment house informing that the manager had received a letter from an attorney who has been requested by Edna Murray to obtain possession of this clothing and send it to Oklahoma. The manager wanted to know what to do about this.

I instructed Mr. Nathan to let the manager of this apartment house do with this property as she might see fit; that, however, we should ascertain exactly to what place the clothing is shipped and arrange to have it covered in the event Volney Davis comes for it.

Respectfully,



E. A. TAMM

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Director,
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Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N.W.
Washington, D.C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218
DR. JOSEPH MORAN with aliases, I.O.
1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases,
I.O. 1237; WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases
I.O. 1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with
aliases, I.O. 1239; HARRY SAWYER with
aliases, I.O. 1240; MYRTLE EATON with
aliases, I.O. 1241 et al - EDWARD
GEORGE BREMER, Victim - KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the father of ALVIN KARPIS, namely JOHN KARPAVICZ, living at 2842 North Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, we have made confidential arrangements through JULES EICHENBAUM, who is the receiver for the property at 2842 North Francisco Avenue, as to which property JOHN KARPAVICZ acts as janitor, for Agent M. Chaffetz from time to time to enter this building and if necessary inspect the apartment of Mr. Karpavicz, through pretext that Agent Chaffetz is the representative of Mr. Eichenbaum coming with the property; further, Agent Chaffetz will from time to time call at the property in order to confer with John Karpavicz as to any necessary repairs which should be made, Agent Chaffetz of course accepting whatever this party gives to him, and in turn referring this to Mr. Eichenbaum, there being no action necessary or responsibility upon our part, as this is only a pretext which has been safely established both through the office of Mr. Eichenbaum and by having Mr. Eichenbaum personally introduce Agent Chaffetz to John Karpavicz.

Through this arrangement it will be possible for us if occasion should arise, to go into the apartment of John Karpavicz, who has due to the pretext, indicated a very friendly attitude toward Agent Chaffetz, and look same over and determine whether or not subject Karpis might be there.

This arrangement with Mr. Eichenbaum of course will have to be entirely confidential and his name not disclosed in any future activity.

Very truly yours,

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E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.
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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE -
I. O. 1218;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - I.O.1232;
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases - FUGITIVE -
I. O. 1236;
VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases - FUGITIVE -
I. O. 1237; et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Pursuant to Mr. Newby's telephonic request of February 20, 1935, there are being transmitted herewith photographs of Dolores DeLaney and Wynona Burdette, one each of full length, full view and profile; and bust size showing front and profile. One copy of each of the full view photographs is being retained in the Jacksonville file and one copy of each is being furnished to Mr. E. J. Connelley at Chicago, and to the Saint Paul Office.

Very truly yours,

R.A.A.
R. A. Alt
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir:

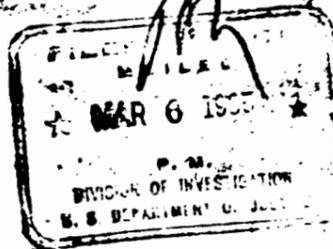
In the Alvin Karpis case the Bureau has received the photographs of Dolores Delaney and Wynona Bardette transmitted with your letter dated March 1, 1935. The full length photographs of Dolores Delaney appear blurred as though the camera were out of focus. You are instructed to obtain several additional photographs of this individual including full length views as well as several views with and without her hat.

This matter should receive your immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-St. Paul
Mr. Connelley at Chicago.



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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL MINNESOTA.**

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REPORT MADE AT: St. Paul, Minn.	DATE WHEN MADE: 3/2/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2/7-27/35.	REPORT MADE BY: J. E. BRENNAN
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1818; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1836; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I.O. 1837; - FUGITIVE; DR. JOE J. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1838; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O. 1839;			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I.O. 1840; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1839; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O. 1841, Et.al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Inquiry at Angora, Minnesota, reveals no house that might be used as hideout by KARPIS. Karpis reported seen in Minneapolis on or about February 6th. Disposition on arrest of CHESTER CARROLL obtained at Bismarck, North Dakota. Cover maintained on residence of Alice Conrad, Minneapolis but no one resembling HARRY SAWYER has been seen there. Wisconsin license plates on car being driven by Lawrence Joyce, brother-in-law of MYRTLE EATON issued to W. C. CLARK, Burlington, Wisconsin. Investigation at Madison, Minnesota discloses no information that VOLNEY DAVIS mailed letter to his father from that point. THOMAS CONNELL, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, has not seen or heard from his daughter DORIS for several years. Periodical interviews had with ALBERTSON, FARMER, and BOLTON but no information not heretofore reported obtained. FRANK KNOLL resides immediately south of HARRY SAWYER'S Farm near St. Paul. States farm house has been unoccupied for past several months.</p>			
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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent, J. E. Brennan, St. Paul, Minn.,
dated 2/14/35.

DETAILS:

With respect to a memorandum prepared by Special Agent J. E. Kenney of the Omaha Office which was transmitted to the St. Paul Office with respect to a house located at Angora, Minnesota, which might be kept by ALVIN KARPIS, Special Agent, J. V. Anderson conducted an investigation at Angora and submitted the following:

"With reference to the letter from the Omaha Division Office, dated December 22, 1934, and the attached memorandum of Special Agent J.H. Kenney, dated December 22, 1934 at Omaha, Nebraska, agent interviewed ADOLPH DRAGVOLD and his wife, MRS. DRAGVOLD at Angora, Minnesota. They advised that they have a nephew named TAPPER who is Chief of Police at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and that he visited them during the last year. They advised that about a year ago a man appeared at Angora, Minn., and that this man resembled JOHN DILLINGER; that he represented himself to be working for some creamery. They advised that they had no definite information that this was JOHN DILLINGER. They advised that they know of no house at Angora which might be used as a hideout for gangsters. They advised that there are only seven homes at Angora, Minnesota, and that they know all the residents of Angora and there are no individuals in this town who in their opinion are harboring gangsters."

Referring to report of Special Agent, D. E. Hall of the Detroit Office dated 12/21/34, Special Agent, Sam Hardy, examined the records of the Bismarck North Dakota Police Department and ascertained that CHESTER CARROLL,

A photograph and description of CARROLL was secured. The description compares favorably with that shown on page 12 of report of Special Agent Hall, except that his birth place is shown as being Louisville, Kentucky. Disposition sheet is being forwarded to the Bureau. Photograph is being retained in the St. Paul Office files.

A telephone call was received from Assistant Director Tamm on 2/12/35 advising that the Post Office Department had transmitted information to the effect that a Post Office Inspector had secured information from an informant that HARRY SAWYER and his wife GLADYS, were going to 601 - 9th St. South, either in Minneapolis or Kansas City and directing that if such an address could be

located in Minneapolis that it be covered. 601 - 9th St. South, Minneapolis is known to be an apartment building, apartment number 8 of which is the residence of ALICE V. CONRAD who accompanied GLADYS SAWYER in the capacity of companion and nurse subsequent to MRS. SAWYER'S release at Chicago some months ago. A continuous cover was maintained on this address by Special Agents COULTER, NOONAN, GURNEA, WALSH, NOTESTEEN, MATNEY, KIRKS and BRENNAN until February 16th at which time instructions were received from MR. TAMM that the agents assigned to the St. Paul Office make observations at this address as often as circumstances would permit. In the meantime Alice Conrad was located at Chicago, Illinois. Since February 16th observations have been made at this address by various agents conducting investigations in Minneapolis but no one resembling HARRY SAWYER and his wife was seen in this vicinity.

In response to an inquiry from the Omaha Office regarding Wisconsin 1934 license Number 102,467, Special Agent W. B. Matney ascertained from D. M. Farris, Assistant Director Motor Vehicle Division, State of Wisconsin, that these plates were issued to W. C. CLARK, Badger Hotel, Burlington, Wisconsin, for a Dodge Six Coupe, 1927 model, engine number W-10569, and that this car was purchased by Clark from the U. S. Marshall for the Northern District of Iowa. On July 31, 1933 an Illinois title on file in the office of the Motor Vehicle Division set out that W. C. CLARK resided at 521 South Lawndale Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, in 1933. The communication from the Omaha Office set forth that Lawrence "Bud" Joyce, brother-in-law of MYRTLE EATON is driving a Dodge Coupe with the above license plates.

Referring to telegram from the Kansas City Office under date of February 5, 1935 relating to airmail letter postmarked Madison, Minnesota, January 31, which was received by the father of VOLNEY DAVIS at Neosho, Missouri, Special Agent, C. S. DUGGAN conducted an investigation at Madison, Minnesota and reported as follows:

"MR. JOHN WOODARD, owner of Woodard's Cafe, shown photographs but stated that he had never seen any of the persons represented. These were also shown to the waitresses in his employ who were on duty Jan. 31, 1935, but they too were unable to make an identification.

"C. F. THIELE and his son M. C. THIELE were shown photographs of subjects and could make no positive identification. M. C. THIELE thought that he had seen Davis at some time or another but could not state definitely where or when. The Thiele's operate the Lac Qui Parle Hotel. The Register of the hotel was examined for registrations on or about the 31st of January and practically all of the persons registered were either known to the owners or were accounted for.

"At the United States Post Office, the circumstances relative to the posting of the air mail letter to Davis' father at Neosho, Missouri

were explained and photographs of subjects were exhibited to P. C. Clerks Alva W Dodge, Milton G Lund, and A. Arakang, but they were unable to make any identification.

"A. G. SMAGAARD, Sheriff, Lac Qui Parle County was unable to make any identification of subjects on being shown photographs. Photographs were also shown to M. A. WESTBY, Deputy Sheriff, Lac Qui Parle County who was not able to supply any information and stated that he had not seen the subjects.

"At the Madison Hotel, photographs were exhibited to the owners, Mr. and Mrs. ALVIN OLSON who could make no identification. The photographs used in connection with these interviews were as follows:

VOLNEY DAVIS
MYRTLE EATON
CLYDE NIMMERICK
WILLIAM WEAVER alias PHOENIX DONALD
ALVIN KARPIS
HARRY CAMPBELL
JOHN HAMILTON

"Strip photographs of:

1. C. J. Fitzgerald, Myrtle Eaton, Edna Murray, Boris S'Connor, Kate Barker,
2. Joseph P Moran, William Weaver, Russell Gibson, Jess Doyle, Harry Sawyer.
3. Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur R Barker, Harry Campbell."

It was suggested that the writer of the letter in question may have been JACK CATES who was then serving a six months sentence in the county jail at Madison, Minnesota, and this person was interviewed by Special Agent, M. V. Kirkland who reported as follows:

"Jack Cates who is serving a six months sentence for Grand Larceny in the Lac Qui Parle County jail was interviewed in the office of Sheriff A. G. Smagaard of this county. He denied any connection or relations with the BARKER-KARPIS crowd, but did admit that back about twelve years he sold papers on the streets of Tulsa, Oklahoma with VOLNEY DAVIS. Cates claims not to have seen Davis since that time and says he has never received any communication from him and either has he written to Davis on any occasion. Cates admitted having seen Jess Doyle last winter in a beer house on St. Peters Street in St. Paul, but does not know the address. He was picked up and sent to jail some time shortly after that time and not seen him nor heard from Doyle since then. Cates said he knew one of the BARKER boys in Tulsa when he was a child. He does not remember which one and claims he has not heard from him since.

"Agent learned that Cates intends to go to St. Paul to join his wife who is living either at the Euclid Hotel or at 238 1/2 W 4th St., St. Paul.

He intends to stay at St. Paul until the 14th of March at which time he is going south to Fort Worth, Texas, there to join a carnival and go back into his former business of operating concessions at carnivals and fairs.

"The three persons mentioned above are the only persons of the Barker-Karpis gang that Cates would admit he knew. He says theirs was an entirely different "racket" from his and that he didn't have anything to do with them when he was out of jail or before he was sent up this last time. Cates impressed agent as being a rather subtle individual and knew more than he cared to tell. He admitted in the presence of the Sheriff and agent that one of the first things he intended to do when he got out of jail was to get on a big "drunk".

"He was approached tactfully by agent concerning the proposition of giving information to the Bureau now that he is free. From his answer, agent gathered that he has a decided dislike for anything that pertains to the U. S. Government. He said in substance that it was very unlikely that he ever would see any of the people the Government or the Bureau were in search for, and if he did he would certainly steer clear of their paths. He intimated that he had a wholesome fear of what any of the gang would do to him should he be known as a source of information to the Bureau. He emphatically stated that a proposition of this kind did not tempt him in any way.

"In the event Cates should be wanted for further questioning by the Bureau, he can probably be located for the next few days through his wife whose address has been given previously in this memo. Sheriff Smagaard also stated to Agent that Cates had tried to obtain money through one Judy Jacobsen who was employed at the Fifth Street Cigar Store in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Just what connection this person has with Cates, Agent was unable to ascertain."

Referring to a communication from the New Orleans Office to the Chicago Office under date of January 8, 1935, relating to the location of DORIS CONNELL through her father-in-law at Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, Special Agent M. E. Gurnea conducted the following investigation at Chippewa Falls:

"Agent interviewed FRED HUGHES, Postmaster, Chippewa Falls, who has known the CONNELL family for the past fifteen or twenty years. He stated that THOMAS CONNELL, having served his thirty years as a mail carrier at Chippewa Falls, was retired December 1, 1933. He stated that during his acquaintanceship with THOMAS CONNELL he has always known him to be of an excellent reputation. He stated that DORIS CONNELL is a daughter of THOMAS CONNELL and that she is at the present time living with THOMAS CONNELL in Chippewa Falls. A search of the records of

persons receiving mail at THOMAS CONNELL'S residence, Route 4, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, revealed the following names:

THOMAS CONNELL; GRACE L. CONNELL, wife of THOMAS CONNELL; and DORIS CONNELL, daughter.

ROBERT DIXON, who is the mail carrier on this route, stated that he knows the entire family and verified the names of persons receiving mail at that address and states that he has seen no one but the above listed.

He further stated that BORIS CONNELL, daughter of THOMAS CONNELL, is at present selling hosiery and at one time was married to CHARLES WADERS but has since been divorced. He stated that to the best of his knowledge DORIS CONNELL (Subject) has not been at this address in the past several years.

DORIS CONNELL, daughter of THOMAS CONNELL, states that the wife of a dead brother also went by the name of DORIS CONNELL but that the family has not heard from her for the past four or five years; but that they have received information that she has been married once or twice since the death of her brother. Further investigation disclosed the fact that BORIS CONNELL, daughter of THOMAS CONNELL is well known in Chippewa Falls and is of excellent repute.

Agent displayed the pictures of the DILLINGER gang to all persons interviewed and in no case was an identification made.

The defendants ALLERTON, FARMER, and BOLTON have been interviewed on an average of three times per week since their incarceration in the Ramsey County Jail but the only information procured from them that has not heretofore been reported was from BOLTON who stated that he believes HARRY SAWYER may be located in NEW YORK CITY through one FOSTER, the details of which he has previously furnished the Chicago Office while held in Chicago, and that if WILLIE HEENEY of MIAMI FLORIDA is closely watched, the whereabouts of KARPIS and CAMPBELL may be ascertained. He observed that the Bureau had been too hasty in picking up CASE MC DONALD as McDonald owed KARPIS and BARKER considerable money and KARPIS undoubtedly would get in touch with him.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent R. J. Noonan and Special Agent W. R. Walsh, from February 7 to 11, 1935 inclusive:

On February 7, 1935 Chief of Police Michael Johannes, Minneapolis, Minnesota, called this office by telephone advising that he had certain information and requesting that two agents meet him at 1:30 P.M. that date. In company with Agent Walsh, Chief Johannes was interviewed. At the beginning of the interview he was much upset over the fact that at that time the newspapers had obtained some information which he had tried to keep secret. He stated that ALVIN KARPIS was in Minneapolis, and showed agents at the time a copy of the Minneapolis Star evening edition for February 7, 1935 where in the write up of the alleged JESS DOYLE escape there was a small insert to the effect that the report of KARPIS being in Minneapolis had proved false.

Chief Johannes said he was sure of his information; that the source of the information was good, and that the informant had seen KARPIS and another man entering an apartment house at 3026 West Lake Street on February 6, 1935 and that they had in their possession a green Chevrolet 1934 Coupe, bearing License No. B 440-555, which was issued to NORA ROLF of Mora, Minnesota; that this car was seen at this address between 4:00 and 5:30 P.M. and 9:00 and 10:30 P.M. on February 6, 1935. Chief Johannes had called Mora, Minnesota, and learned from the telephone operator that NORA ROLF had left there in the Fall of 1934 and was now residing with her brother CARL ROLF at 4235 Pleasant Avenue. Chief Johannes advised he had this address watched at the time of this interview. Subsequently this agent made extensive inquiry concerning NORA ROLF but it developed that the information in possession of Chief Johannes with reference to this car was erroneous. This girl was found to be a traveling nurse for the American National Red Cross and the car was purchased at Kron Motor Company, Mora, Minnesota, February 27, 1934, and this woman's father is DR. ROLF, St. James, Minnesota.

Detectives Al Averbach and George Hanson had worked on this case February 6, 1935. Only these two and Detective Captains Ohlman and Mullen knew of this information. Some identification had been obtained at a fruit store at 2712 West Lake Street by these officers previous to the matter being referred to the St. Paul Office.

Subsequently, in company with Agent Walsh, ISADORE FISCHMAN, home address 900 Irving Avenue North, Minneapolis, Minnesota, who operates this fruit store at 2712 West Lake Street, and BERNARD SILVER, home address 1905 16th Avenue South, who is employed in this store, were interviewed. This fruit store is about a block east of the apartment house above mentioned and the only thing between the apartment house and this fruit store is the unfinished Calhoun Beach Club. Both of these men selected the photograph of KARPIS as closely resembling that of a man who came into their store on Friday, February 1, 1935, in the afternoon and had changed a bill without making any purchase. As they were very busy at the time they did not recall whether this man was in a car or accompanied by anyone, and did not pay particular attention to him. Agent showed photographs of CAMPBELL and KARPIS to these parties and FISCHMAN in particular picked the full length photograph of KARPIS as the one bearing the closest resemblance to the party who had been in there on the date above mentioned, February 1st.

On February 7, 1935 agent interviewed HERMAN F. DUENOW, janitor of the apartment house at 3026 West Lake Street, who also does some trucking for the Fischman Fruit Store. He identified KARPIS as the one whom he had seen at the fruit store on February 1, 1935; that is, he saw this party outside of the fruit store. He advised that no one at 3026 West Lake Street resembled KARPIS and he could not think of anyone whom KARPIS might be calling on at that address.

On February 8, 1935 Chief of Police Johannes called Hennepin County Attorney Ed Goff to his office and it developed that the first information herein had been given to Chief Johannes by Mr. Goff. Mr. Goff advised that on February 6, 1935, in the morning, a MRS. WALKER had told Mrs. Goff that a man who had been delivering her laundry for years had told her on that morning that he had seen KARPIS and another man entering the apartment house at 3026 West Lake Street. Mr. Goff did not have the name of the informant at that time but secured it for agent on the morning of February 8, 1935, and it was learned that the name of this party was EDWARD WEICHMANN, janitor at the Cleomar Apartments, Marshall and Cleveland Avenue in St. Paul.

EDWARD WEICHMANN was interviewed at the Cleomar Apartments in St. Paul in company with Detective Averbach of the Minneapolis Police Department on the morning of February 9, 1935. He was later interviewed by agent alone and at greater length the same night and again on February 11, 1935. WEICHMANN stated that he knew KARPIS by sight. (It is a known fact that KARPIS

and the BARKERS lived at this apartment house, as well as MRS. BARKER, (in December 1932 and part of January 1933). WEICHMANN stated that he had seen KARPIS often; that he had obtained tips from him for doing various odd jobs around the apartment, and recalls that he put up a Christmas tree in BARKERS' apartment when KARPIS was there in December 1932. He claims that he would know KARPIS anywhere. He stated that at about 7:00 A.M. on the morning of February 6, 1935, Wednesday, he was delivering laundry to MRS. WALKER in St. Louis Park, Mrs. Weichmann having for years done the laundry work for MRS. WALKER. As he was passing 3026 West Lake Street he stated that a car stopped and that KARPIS and another party got out; that he recognized KARPIS right away. Both men pulled their hats down, looked around, looked up at the building, walked at a fast pace up the steps, and he noticed KARPIS again look around at the entrance before entering and just before he, WEICHMANN, drove on out of sight. Both parties, he stated, were about the same size. He did not see the face of the other party and did not know him. He stated however that this party was dark complected; that one of them wore a greyish hat and the other a darker hat, and both had dark overcoats. The car which they were driving was a coupe, black color, not green, and looked new and shiny. He thought it was a Chevrolet but it might have been a Ford. He did not get the license number but stated it was not a Minnesota license plate and that it had some yellow in the number, although he did not state what State license it was. He advised that he returned and passed by this place about fifteen minutes later and this car was gone but there was a green Chevrolet Coupe then parked in front of the place. It appears that the MRS. WALKER to whom WEICHMANN reported this incident had immediately gone down town to see County Attorney Goff and had noted this green Chevrolet standing in front of this apartment and had taken the number thereof.

WEICHMANN stated further that JACK PFEIFFER, St. Paul character and proprietor of the Hollyhocks Inn on the River Boulevard, had returned from Florida a few days after the shooting of FRED BARKER and MRS. KATE BARKER and had in his possession a new car. He also stated that regardless of what various parties may think, DR. LEE PFEIFFER, JACK PFEIFFER'S brother, who is a dentist with offices directly across from the Cleomar Apartments, is the contact man for this gang. DR. PFEIFFER formerly resided in the Cleomar Apartments and was there at the time of the Northwestern National Bank robbery. On that date WEICHMANN advised that in the morning that four men, including the BARKERS and KARPIS, had left this apartment all carrying suitcases. He heard the announcement over the radio of the robbery of the Northwestern National Bank. Shortly thereafter he went to the basement and for the first and only time saw DR. PFEIFFER in the basement. About that time two of the men returned to the

apartment carrying suit cases, DR. PFLEFFER asked WEICHMANN what he thought of those men and WEICHMANN stated that he thought they were perhaps the ones who had committed the robbery. DR. PFLEFFER then asked, "Do you really think so?" and WEICHMANN said he would be willing to bet money on it. He stated that that same night all these parties departed, although they had paid two months apartment rent in advance. He claims that DR. PFLEFFER used to do all the dental work for this gang and may still do so, as he works much at night. WEICHMANN referred to "Big Phil" the former Iowa policeman, whom he said also frequented this address when the BARKERS were there. It is thought that he referred to BERNARD PHILLIPS. He stated that this party was supposed to have been gone once for over a year when he observed him one night on the streets of St. Paul near this apartment. He claimed also that the BARKERS stayed at this address under the name of GORDON. (It is recalled that Fred Barker went under the name of Fred Gordon at the cottage on Long Lake, Illinois, in July 1933). WEICHMANN further stated that VERNE MILLER also lived at this address and that he had reported the matter to the St. Paul Police but that for some reason they evidently did not want to pick MILLER up.

HERMAN F. DUENOW, janitor at the apartment 3026 West Lake Street in Minneapolis, was again interviewed on February 9th in company with Agent Brennan. He advised that one MAXINE MILLER, whose maiden name was MAXINE CARTER, a beauty parlor operator, formerly resided at this apartment and was known as the girl friend of TOMMY BANKS. During the time that she was there he stated that many questionable characters frequented this apartment house. She left in May 1934 and he has not observed any persons whom he would call suspicious or questionable since that time. This woman went to 2615 Park Avenue, an apartment hotel, and is listed at that address in the Directory. Mrs. Duenow, wife of HERMAN DUENOW, advised that she had learned that this woman had a sister at Agency, Iowa. Post office records did not show any removal order for this woman, but Assistant Superintendent of Mails J. C. Dahl called this apartment house and learned that this woman had left a forwarding address to Box 131 in care of W. BILLITER, Agency, Iowa. This inquiry was made inasmuch as it was thought probable that KARPIS, if in Minneapolis, might be seeking to contact this woman at her old address.

Concerning the people at the apartment house at 3026 West Lake Street, the janitor, HERMAN DUENOW, who has been there for going on four years, furnished the following information:

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E. A. WIRTH has been there since the first of September 1934. He is employed by the Northwest Chemical Company or Laboratories in St. Paul. He married since coming to this apartment, his wife being formerly Mrs. Bertha Ritton who had been previously married.

ROBERT LINCOLN, National Bank Examiner in St. Paul, who travels through Iowa, Minnesota, and the Dakotas, also moved into this apartment house in September 1934. He married since moving in there and his wife was formerly Mabel Thompson, a graduate nurse, Asbury Hospital, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

R. D. CUTLER, employed by the Truax Coal Company as Manager, moved in about October 1, 1934. His reference showed that he became married after entering this apartment house.

E. M. LARSON, Apartment 103, moved into this place in May 1934. He is a salesman for the Elliott Paint & Varnish Company of Chicago, and on this particular date a package had been left from that company with MR. DUKNOW for MR. LARSON.

J. C. CREGAN, Apartment 205, moved in in June 1934. He is a salesman for the Prudential Life Insurance Company.

The rest of the people in the apartment have been there three or four years. They are: MRS. A. C. WEGLE, a widow who lives alone, approximately 65 years of age; JAMES McAULIFFE, Apartment 102, employed by the Case Company and also employed at the Board of Trade, Minneapolis; WILLIAM TINKAM, Apartment 106, employed by the General Mills, Inc., Minneapolis; H. W. NICOLLE, Apartment 107, an insurance salesman; HAROLD LUND, Apartment 108, Manager of the Northwestern Sugar Beet Company; J. B. SHASKEY, one of the members of the Shaskey Brothers Insurance Company; ARTHUR SCHNEIDER, Apartment 203, District Manager of the Eureka Vacuum Cleaner Company; MRS. MARY BRADLEY, Apartment 204, a widow about 60 years of age; LINCOLN MCGILL, Apartment 206, employed by the Harrison-Walker Re-Factories; F. W. WICKS, Apartment 207, local manager for Raleigh Products; E. M. JOHNS, Apartment 208, insurance salesman, company unknown, and his brother-in-law, GEORGE McNEE, who lives in another apartment and is employed by the Burlington Railroad Company. One DAVID SWIFT moved out in September 1934. He was formerly manager of the National Casing Company, 300 North Washington, Minneapolis. ROY HILL moved out in June 1934. He was formerly District Manager of a Chevrolet company and was transferred to Chicago, where he now lives somewhere on Sheridan Avenue, near Evanston.

JULIAN GUMBINER, between 25 and 30 years of age, a bond salesman, moved in May 1934 to 4409 Chowan Street. He is married and resides in this city.

MRS. DELANEY, mother of DOLORES DELANEY, 365 Maria Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, was interviewed on February 9, 1935 in company with Agent Walsh. She advised that she had heard nothing concerning or of KARPIS and does not expect to receive any information. She advised that she would immediately notify the St. Paul Office in case any information came into her possession. She seemed very interested in the welfare of her daughter and child. She does not believe that her daughter BARE has had any contact with KARPIS recently.

Although Chief of Police Johannes advised that he was having the apartment covered at 3026 West Lake Street, agent covered this at various intervals during the period of February 9th and 10th, as well as making frequent trips in the vicinity of the Hollyhocks Cafe, and also 365 Maria Avenue, St. Paul. MR. DUENOW, the janitor at 3026 West Lake Street, was furnished the telephone number of the St. Paul Office and promised to call if he received any information. EDWARD WEICHMANN, janitor at the Cleomar Apartments in St. Paul, also advised that he would call this office if he received any information. Agent advised WEICHMANN that there was a possibility that if he put forth considerable efforts and obtained information as to the whereabouts of KARPIS he would perhaps be able to receive some remuneration for his services.

JAMES QUIGLEY, proprietor of the Shell station directly across from the Cleomar Apartments on Cleveland Avenue, St. Paul, who has been previously interviewed and who knows all of the principal subjects in this case, was interviewed at length without obtaining any additional information. MR. QUIGLEY advised that he would not be surprised if KARPIS would appear, and he promised to call this office immediately, but stated that he would have nothing to do with the local officers in the matter of giving information.

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St. Paul, Minnesota

February 19, 1935

During the afternoon of February 16, 1935, Special Agents J. E. Brennan and R. O. Coulter interviewed FRANK KNOLL and family, who reside south of the SAWYER farm on Hodgson Road and receive their mail through Dayton's Bluff Station. KNOLL and his wife stated that neither SAWYER nor MRS. SAWYER had returned to that vicinity in recent months. They stated WILLIAM GRAY, an employee of SAWYERS, had given them his goats when he was arrested last fall and that MRS. SAWYER called there on October 4th and again on October 17, 1934, and that was the last time either of them had seen or heard from her. They stated that MRS. SAWYER had left the keys to her home with them and MRS. KNOLL asked how she might get in touch with MRS. SAWYER, and MRS. SAWYER informed her that she could not tell her where she was going to be. At this time she was accompanied by a white man, driving possibly a Ford; however, this car was not a new model and they are definitely certain it was not a new Chevrolet. They stated on her last visit, MRS. SAWYER directed that they permit a trucking company access to her home and that a trucking company move most of the furniture out of the residence; that they did not know the man who moved the furniture, although he was in the employ of the Peoples Trucking Company.

KNOLL has resided at the above address for more than thirty years and appeared to be reliable. He stated that SAWYER had represented himself as a broker and that he believed SAWYER was all right until recent events. He promised full cooperation and requested the number of the St. Paul Bureau office telephone and same was furnished him and he definitely promised to immediately notify this office should any of the SAWYERS make an appearance at their home or should they receive any information regarding SAWYER. It is believed that KNOLL will cooperate in the event he receives any information.

FRANK KNOLL

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907
Jacksonville, Florida

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March 1, 1935

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE - I. O. 1218;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - I.O. 1232;
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases - FUGITIVE - I.O.1236;
VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases - FUGITIVE - I.O. 1237;
WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases - I. O. 1238;
HARRY SAWYER with aliases - I. O. 1240;
WILLIAM J. HARRISON - with aliases - I.O. 1239; et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to the Bureau's letter of February 21, 1935, referring to my letter of January twenty-second covering the transmittal of various firearms found in the house at Oklawaha, occupied by Kate and Fred Barker, advising that upon receipt of the guns in the Bureau two road maps of the state of Ohio and one of the state of Florida were found among the newspapers used as packing material and requesting to be informed as to what importance, if any, is attached to these maps and if they are to be examined for latent fingerprints in the laboratory.

I have no information concerning the maps referred to. It is noted that a copy of your letter was indicated for Mr. E. J. Connelley at Chicago. A copy of this letter is also being furnished to him with the request that the Bureau be advised whether any examination of the maps is desired in the Bureau laboratory.

Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Saint Paul
E. J. Connelley -
Chicago

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Washington Field Office, Room 5745
Washington, D. C.

February 28, 1935

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Mr. E. A. Baughman,
Commissioner of Motor Vehicles,
Ouilford Avenue & 21st Street,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Mr. John Q. Rhodes, Jr.,
Director,
Division of Motor Vehicles,
Richmond, Virginia.

Mr. W. A. VanDuzer,
Director of Traffic,
District Building,
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,
I.C. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P.
MORAN with aliases, I.C. 1232;
ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -
Victim - KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

With reference to an Official investigation being conducted by this Bureau you are respectfully requested to have a stop order or flash placed in the registration files of your Bureau in the event that efforts are made to secure a 1935 registration card for a 1934 model Buick Club Sedan, Motor No. 2875177, Serial No. 2716681.

For your information license plates for the year 1934 were issued in the State of Illinois for this automobile but to date this car has not been registered in the State of Illinois for 1935.

In the event license plates have already been issued for the current year kindly notify this office immediately.

Thanking you for this consideration, I am

Very truly yours,

J. M. KEITH,
Special Agent in Charge
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E. J. Connelley,
P.O. Box 829, Chicago, Ill.

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February 27, 1935.

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Mr. Wm. Larson,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
907 Federal Building,
Detroit, Michigan.

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**U. S. Department of Justice
506 Fletcher Trust Building
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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Owing to the number of requests from local officers for copies of I.O. #1218, on ALVIN KARPIS, the supply of same in this office is exhausted.

It is suggested fifteen or twenty additional copies be furnished the Indianapolis Bureau Office.

Very truly yours,

H. H. Reinecke,
H. H. REINECKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

February 25, 1935.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,
I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH MORAN with
aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY
CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236
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1237; WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases
I.O. 1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON
with aliases, I.O. 1239; HARRY
SAWYER with aliases, I.O. 1240 et
al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated February 19, 1935,
instructing that an explanation be submitted by Special Agent T. M. MC DADE
as to his reasons for believing that fingerprint films could be safely
transmitted in sealed envelopes.

You will find attached hereto the original and a copy of a memo-
randum submitted by Agent Mc Dade in this connection.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Connelley
E. J. CONNELLEY

Special Agent in Charge.
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Chicago, Illinois
February 25, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE E. J. CONNELLEY

RE: BREKID

This is in reply to Bureau letter of February 19, 1935, requesting an explanation of the handling of the photographic negatives of latent fingerprints taken at Oklawaha, Florida.

On January 18, 1935, Special Agent C. B. Whitten of Charlotte and the writer, found latent prints on the Buick sedan in the garage of the house occupied by Fred and Kate Barker. Fingerprint camera and equipment from the Charlotte Office were used. It was necessary to load the cut film holders and this was done by the writer in a closet of the house under some difficulty, due to the presence of tear gas in the rooms. Photographs of the prints were taken by Agents Whitten and the writer, and as a precautionary measure, were left in the cut film holders which were brought to the Jacksonville Office.

Several small articles were brought from the house to the Jacksonville Office by Agent F. J. Donaghue of Charlotte, for development of further latent prints. The fingerprint camera and cut film holders were taken by Agent Donaghue for use in the Jacksonville Office. The writer had nothing to do with the unloading and packing of the film found in these holders which were used by Agent Donaghue to take more pictures of the prints found on articles brought to the Office.

While these photographs were being taken, the writer was engaged in cleaning all the guns used by the Agents from the Chicago Office, and did not see the film again until it was given to him to take to the Chicago Office for developing. At this time, they were in the Postal Telegraph envelopes, each film being placed inside three such envelopes to protect it from the light.

Agent McDade was present with Mr. Rose when the films were developed in the Chicago Office, and were found to be spoiled, due to exposure of light in the envelopes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Thomas M. McDade
Special Agent

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REPORT MADE AT Jacksonville, Florida	DATE MADE February 15, 1935	REPORT MADE BY R. D. BROWN
TITLE (CHANGED): ALVIN KARPIS with aliases: A. CARTER RAYMOND HANDLEY with aliases: HALKER, ALVIN KARPIS, EARL with aliases: ALVIN KAPIS, GEORGE CHINN, R. E. with aliases: RAY HUNTER, EAT KARPIS, EARL with aliases: R. L. BURNS WYNNEBAGO, J. J. with aliases: WILLIAM LOEMAN, WILLIAM B. LOEMAN, ALVIN KARPAVICZ (T.M.) R. E. NELSON, MERION BRADFORD, E. J. MILGRETH, H. G. MILGRETH, HOWARD MILGRETH, E. L. BURNES, RAY HALL, DAN MURPHY, "CHI" KARPIS, RAYMOND HADLEY, ALVIN KARPIS, CHARLES M. BRONSON, LEROY MORRISON, H. G. WAGGONER, E. M. WAGNER, RIMMER WAGNER, EDWARD H. WAGNER, L. O. WOODS, A. S. GREEN, E. N. WAGNER, CHARLES A. RICHARDS - FUGITIVE - I. O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases; DOC BARKER, CLAUDE BARKER, CLAUDE DALE, BOB BARKER, E. L. MURRAY, J. H. HARVEY, A. S. HUNTER, DOCK BARKER, F. E. GORDON, E. J. HARVEY, RAY GORDON, "JAMES", "JOE", "GEORGE" I. O. 1219; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases: DAVE CAMPBELL, T. C. BLACKBURN, GEORGE E. MARTIN, GEORGE NELSON, JOHN WALCOTT, GEORGE WALCOTT, GEORGE WINFIELD, GEORGE SWANSON, "DAVE", G. L. SUMMERS, G. F. SUMMERS, G. SUMMERS - I. O. 1256; VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases: "CURLER", "COTTON", E. V. DAVIS, J. H. LOCKWOOD S. E. LOCKWOOD, G. E. MOORE, "JIMMIE", "CURLER" MOORE, ROY GREEN, EVERETT DAVIS, "CURLER" HANSEN, "CURLER" HANSEN, J. E. HANSEN - I. O. 1219 WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases: P. O'DONNELL, PHOENIX DONALD, E. A. NELSON, T. J. NELSON, P. J. NELSON, BILL SCOTT, J. A. OHHOOD, CHARLES W. LUCAS, CHARLES E. BOLLING, BILL WEAVER, FELIX DONALD, P. O. DONALD, PHOENIX O'DONALD, W. G. WEAVER, P. O. SCOTT, BILL THORNTON, BOCK WEAVER, CLAIRE LUCAS, FELIX DONALD; HARRY SAWYER with aliases: FRANK JAMES, "DUTCH" SAWYER, HARRY SANDOVICH, HARRY J. PORCHE, HARRY SANDEVICH, HARRY SANDOVICH, "SEA LION"; BYRON BOLTON with aliases: WILLIAM BRYAN BOLTON (T.M.); BYRON BOLTON MONTY CARTER, OWEN D. CARTER, OWEN BERNARD CARTER; JAMES J. WILSON with aliases: JIMMIE WILSON, JAMES JACKSON, "JIM" WILSON, "DR. JIM" WILSON, E. J. POWELL.		

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 W. J. RYAN, WILLIAM HARRISON, W. J. HARRISON;
 OLIVER A. BERG with aliases: OLLIE BERG, "IZZIE", MR. JONES,
 OLIVER BENNETT;
 WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER with alias: "WILLIAMS";
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 PHILIP DELANEY;
 JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, SR. with aliases: "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN, MR. SMITH;
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 RICHARD HOE;
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 HENRY RANDALL, HENRY STERNES; NATHANIEL H. HELLER with aliases:
 NATHAN HELLER with aliases: NAT HELLER, N. H. HELLER, NATE HELLER;
 CASSIUS MICHAEL McDONALD with aliases: CASSIUS M. McDONALD,
 C. M. McDONALD, C. McDONALD, CASH McDONALD, KASSIUS McDONALD,
 E. G. McDONALD, O'BRIEN.
 EDWARD GEORGE BREMER VICTIM

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: ALVIN KARPIS and DOLORES DELANEY, as
 E. N. Wagner and wife, harbored by
 N. H. Heller, Park View Hotel, Havana, Cuba, inter-
 mitently during period September 21, 1934, to December
 5, 1934; Heller aided them in renting house at Varadero
 Beach, Cuba, where they lived October 1, 1934, to Decem-
 ber 3, 1934; accompanied Delaney who purchased Ford sedan
 at Havana, September 24, 1934; sent and received cablegrams
 from Karpis to Joe Adams, Miami, Florida, re gang movements;
 rented safety deposit box Royal Bank of Canada, Havana,
 September 26, 1934, for Karpis; purchased groceries, etc.
 for Karpis; Karpis, December 3, 1934, traveled to Miami,
 Florida, with Heller, Delaney following later. Heller

secured Karpis' property from Varadero Beach house at written request Delaney. Heller admitted associations Karpis and Delaney, but denied knowledge identities. Kate Barker registered Park View Hotel, Havana, October 25, 1934; visited Varadero house three days. Heller arrested by National Police, Havana, January 31, 1935; released February 11, 1935; voluntarily entered United States February 12, 1935, where arrested by United States Marshal on bench warrant. C. M. McDonald registered Hotel National, Havana, Cuba, September 4-6, 1934, and with W. J. Harrison, September 9-11, 1934; in company with Bene Bolivar and Juan Ruiz purchased \$11,000 in Cuban gold September 5, 1934 with five and ten dollar bills; September 5, 1934, sold Cuban gold at The National City Bank, Havana, for \$1,000 bills; September 10, 1934, exchanged \$72,000 in five, ten and twenty dollar bills at Chase National, Havana, for \$1,000 and \$500 bills. — Photograph McDonald identified by Bolivar, Ruiz, employees and officers Hotel National, Chase National Bank, The National City Bank and persons in Cuban gold houses. Bolivar and employees Hotel National identified photograph W. J. Harrison. Quantity \$10 ransom bills located in The National City Bank, Havana, and five packages of \$500 each connected through bank records to McDonald gold purchase at firm Mir and Guas, Havana, Cuba, September 5, 1934. \$12,985 ransom \$10 bills presently sequestered The National City Bank, Havana; \$13,035 ransom five and ten dollar bills sequestered Federal Reserve Bank, Havana; records latter bank show unusually large sums Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank notes to Redemption Division during September, November, 1934, and January, 1935; \$1,000 bills recovered Oklawaha, Florida, traced to Havana Federal Reserve Bank.

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The title of this report is CHANGED to show additional aliases of Subjects as underlined.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, Jacksonville, Florida, February 20, 1935, and Letter to Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, Miami, Florida, from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, dated January 21, 1935.

DETAILS:

AT HAVANA, CUBA:

This is a joint report of Special Agents R. D. Brown and S. K. McKee.

On January 19, 1935, Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson learned that Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney had been residing in a house at Miami, Florida, and had departed from this house very hurriedly on the late afternoon of January 16, 1935. It was known that Dolores Delaney was expecting a child at a very early date and it was believed that she would be unable to travel for a long distance due to this fact. It had also been previously ascertained that William J. Harrison had been in Havana, Cuba; that Kate Barker, as Mary Ryan, had made a trip via Pan-American Airways from Miami, Florida, to Havana, Cuba, on October 25, 1934. It had also been learned, through an interview with Assistant Manager L. E. Gray of the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida, that N. H. Heller, Manager of the Park View Hotel, Havana, Cuba, and Dolores Delaney had been seen in Miami together and had made a trip from Miami to Havana together. In connection with the Park View Hotel in Havana, Cuba, it should also be stated that a folder advertising this place was found among the effects of Kate Barker at Oklawaha, Florida.

Previous investigative reports from the Detroit Division Office show Art Heberbrand, a notorious Cleveland, Ohio, gambler, in contact of members of this gang, was alleged to have a gambling concession in Havana, Cuba. Due to this information, it was thought possibly that Subjects Karpis, Campbell, Harrison, Sawyer, Burdette, as well as Delaney might have fled to Havana, Cuba.

Special Agents R. D. Brown, G. G. Campbell and S. K. McKee left Miami, Florida, via Pan-American Airways on the morning of January 20, 1935, and proceeded to Havana, Cuba, where they stopped at the Plaza Hotel.

Agents had previously been advised to contact Mr. H. Freeman Matthews, First Secretary, American Embassy, Havana, Cuba, who had previously cooperated with members of the Jacksonville Division Office, immediately upon their arrival in Havana.

On the afternoon of January 20, 1935, Special Agent R. D. Brown telephonically communicated with Mr. Matthews at his home in Havana, and requested an interview. Mr. Matthews stated that it would be impossible to arrange this interview until nine P.M. that night.

Before leaving Miami, Florida, Agents had been furnished the names of [REDACTED] b7c

On the late afternoon of January 20, 1935, Special Agents R. D. Brown and S. K. McKee proceeded to the home of [REDACTED] located at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] resides in a beautiful home. He received Agents cordially and offered his fullest cooperation, explaining that he had been in Havana more than twelve years and understood the situation perfectly. The purpose of Agents' visit was explained to [REDACTED] and he also was informed that Agents had an appointment with Mr. H. Freeman Matthews of the American Embassy at nine O'Clock that night. [REDACTED] advised that as the result of many experiences he had found it to be impracticable [REDACTED] to contact members of the Embassy or Consular staffs, as such contacts invariably resulted in publicity. He went on to state that he did not wish to advise Agents to violate instructions by failure to visit the Embassy or Consul, but believed that it would probably be to Agents' advantage to refrain from making such visit until after all investigative work had been completed. He cited several instances where officers

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of various investigative units of the United States, working in Havana, had communicated with the Embassy or Consul and the purpose of their investigations had become the subject of newspaper articles on the following day. He advised that he desired this information to be held in strictest CONFIDENCE as he realized in giving such advice that if it became known to the State Department it would be the source of much embarrassment to him.

[redacted] explained that all constitutional guarantees had been temporarily suspended by the Republic of Cuba; that if Agents desired any arrests made that the matter should be taken up directly with either the Port Police, Technical Police, National Police or Secret Police before consulting with the Embassy or the Consul, as direct communication with these agencies would result only in the advice that Agents could not either make or request an arrest in Cuba. [redacted] cited an instance: the request for the release of Cassius McDonald by the United States Consul-General C. R. Cameron, Havana, after Cuban Police authorities had held him for several days on a charge of flourishing a deadly weapon and being involved in the operation of a confidence game and were completing arrangements to have McDonald deported to the United States as an undesirable alien. It will be noted hereinafter that Cassius McDonald disposed of a large portion of the Bremer ransom money in Cuba, in addition to his various illegal confidence game operations.

In answer to the Agents' inquiry relative to the gambling situation in Havana, Cuba, [redacted] stated that only three men controlled the gambling concessions in Havana, they being a Chinaman named JUAN R. JIMENEZ, commonly referred to as PERRO CHINO; GUS DEL BARRIO and CONSTANTINO ECONOMIDES. He stated that he had never heard of anyone by the name of Art Heberbrand as controlling or operating gambling concessions in Havana. He was shown photographs of Alvin Karpis, William J. Harrison, Harry Sawyer, Wynona Burdette, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis, Katherine Barker, Bill Weaver, and other persons associated with this gang, but was unable to identify any of them;

[redacted] who would offer every assistance.

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[redacted] then informed that a Special Agent, L. E. Kingman, had visited Havana in connection with the Morro Castle disaster during the latter part of November, 1934, at which time Agent Kingman had been advised that a Cuban by the name of Rene Bolivar, during September, 1934, accompanied by two Americans had disposed of a large number of Five, Ten and Twenty Dollar bills in Havana, also a quantity of Liberty Bonds. He advised that some of this money had been traced to the Cuban Treasury, where the numbers of approximately fifty of the Ten Dollar bills were secured by Agent Kingman, but he, [redacted] had never been advised as to whether or not this money had been identified as the Bremer ransom money. Agents had not been previously informed of this, but on January 22, 1935, an air mail, special delivery letter was received from Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt, attached to which was a letter to the Director from Mr. Alt dated December 21, 1934, entitled: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS - POSSIBLE EXCHANGE OF "HOT" MONEY IN HAVANA, CUBA, showing the investigation of this matter by Special Agent Kingman.

[redacted] advised that a Mr. Cano, Assistant Secretary of the Cuban Treasury, aided Special Agent Kingman and Willis D. George in this matter and had a great deal of information concerning it.

On January 21, 1935, Special Agent R. D. Brown proceeded to 71 Aguiar Street, where Willis D. George was interviewed at which time Mr. George outlined the appearance of Five, Ten and Twenty Dollar bills in Havana, as explained in the letter of Special Agent in Charge Alt to the Division, dated December 21, 1934, above referred to. Mr. George suggested that an interview be arranged with Mr. Cano in order to secure further information, if possible.

Mr. George was advised of the indications relative to the visits to Havana, Cuba, by members of this gang. He was also shown photographs of various Subject and suspects, but was unable to identify any of them.

Mr. George was advised that the fifty numbers appearing on Ten Dollar bills which had been located in the Cuban Treasury and taken by Agent Kingman, had been compared with the Bremer ransom list but were found not to be ransom bills. He nevertheless suggested that Mr. Cano be again interviewed.

In the late afternoon of January 21, 1935, Leonardo Cano came to the office of Mr. George, where he was again interviewed. Mr. Cano speaks fairly good English. He furnished practically the same information as appears in the reference letter of Agent in Charge Alt to the Division, dated December 21, 1934, but further stated that he does not believe Rene Bolivar had told all he knows concerning this matter. He admitted that Bolivar is a second cousin.

On the afternoon of January 22, 1935, Mr. George arranged for Rene Bolivar to appear at his office at which time he was interviewed by Special Agents R. D. Brown and S. K. McKee. The information furnished by Bolivar on this occasion is being set out at another point in this report in connection with a second interview with him. On the occasion of this first interview with him, a photograph of William J. Harrison was shown Bolivar, but he failed to identify him.

On the occasion of this first interview with Bolivar, he produced Juan Ruiz, who also was interviewed, and the results of this interview, as well as a second, appear at another place in this report.

In connection with data supplied by Special Agent in Charge Hanson from Miami, Florida, on January 24, 1935, to the effect that Subject Karpis, under the name of Wagner, had rented or purchased a house in the Marianao section of Havana, during September, 1934, Special Agents C. G. Campbell and S. K. McKee searched the files of the HAVANA POST, newspaper printed in English, for the month of September, 1934, for data contained in "Beer's Bulletin" regarding realty rented and sold during the period in question, but no record of a transaction under the name of Wagner could be found. The other known aliases of Karpis were also looked for, but with negative results. "Beer's Bulletin" was published on September 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30th.

Mr. Willis D. George employs as an interpreter, a Cuban by the name of PIETRO ARIAS. At various times during this investigation when it became necessary to obtain the services of an interpreter this young man acted as such. He is well educated, speaks both English and Spanish fluently and is entirely trustworthy.

This young man assisted Agents in examining the names of all Americans residing in Havana, who had applied for electrical light service beginning September 1, 1934, and ending January 15, 1935. No name was located which was similar to the correct names or aliases of any of the Subjects or suspects in this case. A list of the persons obtaining such service is being made a part of the Jacksonville Office file.

On the night of January 20, 1935, Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt telephonically advised Agents at Havana, Cuba, that Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette had been apprehended at Atlantic City, New Jersey, and that Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell had escaped a police trap. Believing that William J. Harrison, Harry Sawyer, and possibly other Subjects of this case might be in Havana, investigation was conducted by Special Agents Brown, Campbell and McKee at various night clubs, hotels and bars, namely: Sloppy Joe's, Delmonica Bar, Washington Bar, Jiggs' Place, Risen Concert, Plaza Bar, Montmartre Cabaret, San Soucci, Oriental Park, Playa Marianao, Winter Garden Bar, the lobbies of the Hotels Plaza, and Park View. Observations at all of these places were with negative results. On several occasions persons were viewed who resembled Willie Harrison, but upon investigation the identification was found to be false.

On the night of January 21, 1935, Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt of the Jacksonville Division Office, called Special Agents R. D. Brown and S. K. McKee at Havana, via long distance telephone, and advised he had just communicated with Special Agent in Charge R. G. Harvey of the Philadelphia Division Office, who stated a receipt for rental of safety deposit box number 344, dated September 22, 1934, in the name of E. N. Wagner, Park View Hotel, Havana, Cuba, from The National City Bank, Havana, had been found among the effects left behind by Alvin Karpis when he escaped from Atlantic City, New Jersey, Police on the night of January 20, 1935. Mr. Alt stated that a key to this box was also located and same was being shipped by air mail direct to Special Agent in Charge Hanson, then at Miami, Florida, who would send same to Havana via registered air mail. He stated that the receipt number for this box was 4837, and the key number 1724. Mr. Alt advised the writers of this report to get in touch with the American Consul and arrange to have this safety box opened.

On the morning of January 22, 1935, Special Agent R. D. Brown interviewed Messrs. J. F. Dawson and Bernardo Figueredo, officers of The National City Bank, Havana Branch, and requested information concerning safety deposit box number 344. The contract for this box was produced showing that E. N. Wagner, Park View Hotel, had applied for rental of a safety deposit box on September 22, 1934, at 12 M of that date; that the application was granted after Wagner had been recommended by George Harris, whose signature appeared on the reverse side of the application. Messrs. Dawson and Figueredo stated that George Harris is General Manager of the Vertientes Sugar Company, Incorporated, Florida, Cuba.

Alfredo Beale, Junior, Safety Deposit Box Clerk, was then called by Mr. Dawson, who produced the entrance cards showing the dates and exact hours Wagner had entered box number 344. These records show that Wagner entered this box on only two occasions, the first time being on the date and hour he rented the box and the second time at two-thirty PM on September 24, 1934, two days after he had rented the box. The records further disclosed that although two keys were issued to Wagner, the contract provided that only he could enter the box.

Alfredo Beale, Junior, advised he recalled the incident of the rental of box number 344 to a Mr. E. N. Wagner on September 22, 1934. A photograph of Alvin Karpis was then shown Beale, Dawson and Figueredo. They all identified the photograph as Wagner and stated they recalled that he came into the bank dressed in a light suit and was carrying his suit coat over his arm. They also recalled that a young woman accompanied him but were unable to describe her other than that she appeared rather stout, possibly being pregnant. He advised that when Karpis first rented the box he placed a large roll of bills in same and believes he recalls seeing Karpis place additional money in the box on the occasion of his second and last visit to the box which was on September 24, 1934; however, he was not certain as to his recollection.

This information was immediately conveyed to Special Agent in Charge Alt of the Jacksonville Office, via long distance telephone, who instructed Agents to "plant" the box until the key for same arrived and to make arrangements to enter same.

Having been previously advised that it was likely a leak might develop if the matter were taken up with the American Embassy or the American Consul General in Havana, Special Agent R. D. Brown, accompanied by Willis D. George, and his interpreter Peter Arias, proceeded to the office of Jose A. Rieva Medina, Magistrato de la Audiencia de la Habana (Supreme Court Justice) who was advised of our desire to gain permission to enter the safety deposit box in question without causing any publicity. Justice Medina stated there exists no Cuban law which would permit him to issue any order for this purpose, but stated that it is his opinion that officials of The National City Bank would cooperate in opening the box of their own volition, provided they were assured no publicity would result.

Special Agent R. D. Brown then proceeded to The National City Bank where Messrs. Dawson and Figueredo were again interviewed. Both immediately expressed their willingness to cooperate and agreed to open the box in the presence of an Agent as soon as the key to same could be produced as it would be impossible to open the box without the key unless same were "drilled" which action they desired not to take. This information was conveyed to Special Agent in Charge Alt via long distance telephone, who agreed to this procedure.

Arrangements were made with Messrs. Dawson and Figueredo whereby Special Agents Campbell and McKee were to be immediately notified should anyone attempt to gain entrance to the box or make any inquiries concerning it. This surveillance was maintained by Special Agents McKee and Campbell until the arrival of the key for this box at noon on Friday, January twenty-fifth. This safety deposit box was then entered, entrance being witnessed by Special Agent R. D. Brown, J. F. Dawson and Alfredo Beale, Junior, while Special Agents Campbell and McKee waited at the entrance to the vault. The box was found to be empty. Alfredo Beale, Junior, then advised he must have been mistaken concerning his previous statement to the effect that Karpis had placed additional money in the box on the occasion of his last visit to same, September 24, 1934; that Karpis must have removed from the box the money he had deposited therein on the occasion of his first visit, September 22, 1934.

This information was immediately furnished Special Agent R. A. Alt of the Jacksonville Office, via long distance telephone.

AT FLORIDA, CUBA:

In connection with the data furnished by officials of The National City Bank, Havana, that the George H. Harris who had vouched for Subject Karpis alias E. H. Wagner on September 23, 1934, when safety deposit box number 344 was rented to him, was the Manager of the Vertientes Sugar Company at Florida, Cuba, and a person of excellent reputation and standing with the bank, Agents Brown and McKee proceeded to Florida, Cuba, where it was learned that Harris is engaged as Judicial Administrator for the Central Agramonte, a subsidiary of the Vertientes Sugar Company, for which The National City Bank has been Receiver for some time.

Harris, upon interview, advised that his name is George G. Harris, not George H. Harris, as the bank had informed. He was questioned concerning having introduced Karpis alias Wagner to the bank, but denied having done so, stating that he had never vouched for anyone in connection with the rental of a safety deposit box. He likewise denied acquaintanceship with any person in Havana, by the name of Wagner. Photographs of Karpis, as well as those of other Subjects in this file, were shown Harris, but he could not recognize any of them as persons whom he knew.

Mr. Harris went on to relate that he made a trip to Havana and the United States during the month of September, 1934, but could not advise from memory the exact dates he was in Havana. He produced a diary, which he said he maintains for expense account purposes, and entries therein indicated Harris departed from Havana on September 14, 1934, via airplane for Miami, Florida; that he arrived in New York, New York, on September seventeenth, having proceeded there by train and that he stopped at the Hotel Roosevelt; that he left New York City during the forepart of October, 1934, and reached Havana on October fourth, after stopping off for two days at Daytona Beach, Florida, where he owns an interest in a General Motors auto

sales agency. Harris volunteered to furnish a specimen of his signature for the purpose of comparison with the writing appearing on the application for rental of the safety deposit box in question. This specimen was obtained and later comparison at the bank indicated that the writing on the application was not that of George G. Harris. It developed that the bank officials had supplied erroneous data as to George H. Harris.

AT HAVANA, CUBA:

After determining that the George Harris of the Agramonte Sugar Mills, Florida, Cuba, was not the George Harris who had recommended Karpis at The National City Bank, Havana, Agents Brown and McKee again interviewed Messrs. J. F. Dawson and Bernardo Figueredo of the bank, who informed, after reference to bank records, that they had been mistaken as to the identity of the Harris who had accompanied Karpis and Dolores Delaney to the bank on September 28, 1934; that George H. Harris, 22 Zulnatta Street, Havana, operator of the Winter Garden Bar at that address, was the individual in question. It was learned that George H. Harris had maintained an account in the bank for some years, and has been regarded as a satisfactory customer. Mr. Figueredo expressed his apologies for having supplied information concerning the wrong Mr. Harris.

Agents McKee and Brown called at the Winter Garden Bar and learned through conversation with the bartender that George Harris was still sleeping. This call was at about noon on January 29, 1935, and the bartender stated that George never got up until around two P.M. Agent Brown told the bartender that he had a note for George from a friend in Miami, and would drop in later in the afternoon to see him. The bartender imparted this information to a woman who approached Agents and stated that she was Mrs. George Harris. This woman inquired as to the name of the person who had written the note, and when Agent Brown hesitated, she mentioned the names "Boss" and Joe Adams. Agent Brown then said that the note in question was from Adams. This woman then advised that anybody that was all right with Joe Adams was all right with her and her husband. Agents told the woman that they would drop back some time after two o'clock to see her husband. At no time during the above conversation did Agents disclose their identities.

George H. Harris was interviewed by Agents Brown and McKee during the same afternoon. Agents, of course, identified themselves, and Harris seemed a bit put out. When asked concerning the rental of the safety deposit box in question in The National City Bank, Harris informed that Karpis, whose photograph he identified as one Wagner, came into the bar during the latter part of September, 1934, and introduced himself by the name of Wagner, and at the same time produced a business card of Joe Adams of the El Comodoro Hotel in Miami, Florida, on which was written "a friend of mine, take care of him". Harris said he had known Adams for some years and understood from the message that Wagner was a stranger in Havana and merely wanted to be introduced to some one. He described Wagner as a very quiet individual, who never talked about himself, who came into the bar from time to time, sometimes by himself and sometimes with his wife, who was a small blonde and who appeared to be pregnant. Wagner got drunk on several occasions in the bar and had to be taken to the Parkview Hotel, where he was staying.

Harris said that Wagner purchased a Ford sedan from a local agency shortly after his arrival in Cuba, and at about the same time rented a summer house next to the summer home of former President Machado at Varadero Beach, Cuba. After the rental of the house, Wagner or Karpis came to Havana from time to time, on which occasions he would frequent the bar and the Park View Hotel. With respect to the safety deposit box Harris said that Karpis told him a few days after his arrival in the city that he had some valuables which he wanted to place in a safety deposit box, and accordingly he, Harris, took him and his wife to The National City Bank where a box was rented. Harris said the occasion of this visit was the only time he ever went to the bank with either Karpis or his wife.

Harris was also asked about the prescription from Johnson's Drug Store, which was delivered to Karpis at his place of business, which prescription is mentioned later in this report. He stated he did not remember the delivery, but did recall that several packages were left there for him from time to time. He stated he thought nothing of this as many people have packages left at the bar for them. In connection with the prescription, Harris said that some time while Karpis was coming into the bar he asked him to introduce him to a good doctor, but did not confide the nature of his ailment. Karpis was taken to the office of Doctor Conrad Wittkop, which no doubt accounts for the delivery of the prescription in question.

Harris was asked if he had any information as to the present location of Karpis, and he said that he did not. He informed that the last time he saw the man was sometime during the forepart of December, 1934, when Karpis came into the bar, which also has a small restaurant, and said he would like to have a good steak cooked in American style. Harris and Karpis went out together and purchased a steak and brought it back to the place. Karpis went out, saying he was going to the hotel to wash up, but never put in another appearance. Harris said he had neither seen nor heard of the man since that time.

In connection with Karpis staying at the Park View Hotel, Harris was asked if he had any information as to how he happened to go there. He said that shortly after the man came to his place of business with the card from Joe Adams, that he ran into Nathaniel Heller, Manager of the Park View Hotel, and during a conversation learned that Heller had also received a card from Adams on behalf of Karpis.

Harris said Karpis never came into his place with any other person. Photographs of all persons connected with this investigation were shown to Harris, but he could not identify any of them.

Upon advice of Mr. Joseph Dawson, The National City Bank, Havana, Cuba, Branch, Special Agent R. D. Brown on January 27, 1935, interviewed H. E. Frazer, Manager of the Havana Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Georgia, and Assistant Manager A. H. Alston. Mr. Dawson had previously advised that some of the Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank Five and Ten Dollar bills may have appeared at this Federal Reserve Branch. Messrs. Alston and Frazer stated that due to Havana's geographical position very little money issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota, appears among the money received by the Havana Federal Reserve Branch; that during the past three years less than \$500 per month of money from this bank has been received.

In examining records of shipments of currency to the Redemption Division of the Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.,

it was found that the following shipments of Five and Ten Dollar notes of the Federal Reserve Bank, Minneapolis, Minnesota, were made by the Havana Federal Reserve Bank:

November 9, 1934	\$6,500	in	\$10 notes
September 21, 1934	5,500	in	\$10 notes
September 21, 1934	1,500	in	\$ 5 notes
November 23, 1934	2,000	in	\$ 5 notes
November 23, 1934	1,000	in	\$10 notes
January 11, 1935	6,000	in	\$10 notes

Both Messrs. Alston and Frazer stated that they recall, when this Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank money was received they considered it very strange and unusual, but they had not been advised to report appearance of large amounts of money from this Federal Reserve Bank. Both stated they recall that large numbers of small notes were received from the following Havana banks:

The National City Bank
First National Bank of Boston
Royal Bank of Canada,

but were unable to recall which of these banks turned in the Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank notes. They stated they would report to Agents the receipt of additional large sums of these notes.

On January 31, 1935, Mr. Frazer telephonically advised Agent R. D. Brown that he had located some of these notes in the vaults of his bank. On the following date, Agent Brown called at the Havana Branch, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, and after checking the notes in question against the list of ransom notes paid for the release of Victim Bremer, found the following number of these notes:

\$1,065	in	\$ 5.00	Federal Reserve Bank Notes
270	in	\$10.00	Federal Reserve Bank Notes.

In examining these notes, Agent Brown noted they appeared slightly discolored and appeared to have been kept in a damp or wet place, and appeared not to have been in circulation for a long period of time.

Mr. Frazer advised he will keep this money intact for a period of three months when it will be sent to the Redemption Division unless advised to keep it for a longer period of time.

The serial numbers of the One Thousand Dollar Federal Reserve Notes found in possession of Fred Barker with aliases and Kate Barker at Oklawaha, Florida, on January 16, 1935, were furnished Mr. Frazer, who volunteered to ascertain from the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank if that bank had a record of the numbers. Mr. Frazer received a reply to this inquiry on February 8, 1935, advising that all of these Thousand Dollar notes had been shipped from either the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank or the United States Treasury, Washington, D. C., to the Havana, Cuba, Branch of that bank on the following dates:

Serial Number	Series	Date Shipped	From
F 00014261 A	1928	March 5, 1933	Atlanta
F 00022463 A	1928	Apr. 26, 1934	Atlanta
F 00010128 A	1928	July 26, 1930	Washington
F 00019257 A	1928	March 15, 1934	Atlanta
F 00014906 A	1928	March 3, 1933	Atlanta
F 00019258 A	1928	March 15, 1934	Atlanta
F 00019531 A	1928	March 19, 1934	Atlanta
F 00022457 A	1928	May 26, 1934	Atlanta
F 00022464 A	1928	May 26, 1934	Atlanta
F 00004857 A	1928	Oct. 13, 1931	Atlanta
F 00009887 A	1928	July 26, 1930	Washington
F 00020574 A	1928	Apr. 7, 1934	Atlanta
F 00020337 A	1928	Apr. 7, 1934	Atlanta

Upon receiving information from George H. Harris, to the effect that Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney had occupied a house at Varadero Beach, Cuba, Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt of the Jacksonville Division Office, was furnished this information by long distance telephone. Mr. Alt stated that he would inform the Division of this development and would call Agents back that night. On the night of January 29, 1935, Agent in Charge Alt again communicated with Agents by long distance telephone, advising that the Division

had instructed that Agents proceed to Varadero Beach, Cuba, in an effort to determine whether or not any associates or members of this gang were still residing in the house which had been rented by Karpis. It was thought entirely possible that Subject Karpis, following his flight from Atlantic City, New Jersey, might have in some way reached this secluded spot. Mr. Alt further advised that the Division has instructed that should any member or associate of the gang be located at Varadero Beach, the Division should be advised immediately and Agents would be dispatched there by airplanes if necessary; that should an emergency arise whereby the essence of time would be involved, the Agents should use their judgment in arranging the apprehension of any member or associate of this gang.

Mr. Alt was advised that Varadero Beach is located approximately one hundred twenty miles from the city of Havana, in a very secluded spot and the best known summer resort in Cuba, where there is located the summer home of former President Machado.

Arrangements were made on the night of January 29, 1935, with Lieutenant Cortez of the National Police, Havana, for Julian D. Guerrero and Jose M. Gomez, officers of that Department, armed with machine guns, to accompany Agents to Varadero Beach. The matter was also discussed with [redacted] who suggested that [redacted] also accompany Agents. Agent McKee was furnished with a Star submachine gun pistol by [redacted] for this trip. A large automobile was rented for the purpose of making this trip. b7c

On the early morning of January 30, 1935, Agents accompanied by [redacted] and the two above named National Police officers, proceeded to Varadero Beach, arriving there at approximately eleven A.M.

Upon arrival at Varadero Beach, Agents contacted a local resident, Carlos Martinez, who speaks good English. He advised that a man by the name of Manual DuPont was employed as a handyman for Mr. and Mrs. Wagner while they were residing in a large home located next door to the summer home of former President Machado. Martinez acted as interpreter while Manual DuPont was interviewed.

Manual DuPont advised that he was employed at the Wagner home from approximately October 1, 1934, to about December 12, 1934. He was shown photographs of various Subjects in this case, and readily identified photograph of Alvin Karpis as E. H. Wagner, and Kate Barker. He stated that Kate Barker, whom he knew as Mrs. Ryan, came to the Wagner home some time during October. His description of Mrs. Wagner fitted that of Dolores Delaney, whom he claimed was pregnant. He stated that Mrs. Ryan came to the Wagner home some time during the month of October, or November, and stayed for a period of three or four days; that she arrived at Cardenas, Cuba, by bus, which is located approximately fifteen miles from Varadero Beach, and was met at that point by Karpis, whom he knew as Wagner. He advised that Wagner did a great deal of fishing and had purchased a motor for a boat which he had rented from the owner of the house, Pedro Acebo, who resides at Cardenas. He also stated that the Wagners had a new Ford sedan, equipped with a radio, but was unable to recall the license number. He stated that the Wagners left very suddenly early in December; that he understood that the reason for their sudden departure was due to a fall suffered by Mrs. Wagner, but did not personally know of this accident; that shortly after the Wagners had departed a hotelman, whose name he did not know, from Havana, came to the Wagner home driving the Wagner Ford sedan and took away the motor, a radio and other property belonging to the Wagners.

He further stated that Mr. Wagner made frequent trips to Havana; that Mrs. Wagner seldom accompanied him, but made three or four different trips from the Beach. He also advised that Mr. Wagner received the Havana Post newspaper daily. He also heard Mr. Wagner state that his home was in Galena?, Kansas.

DuPont received only One Dollar per day for his services at the Wagner home, which consisted chiefly of general household duties and accompanying Mr. Wagner on fishing trips. He stated that Wagner went fishing practically every day; that he retired early at night and usually arose around six o'clock in the morning; that he received frequent telephone calls from someone in Havana, Cuba; that the Wagners had two small white bulldogs. He also said that the Wagners had in their employ a Chinese cook and a young Cuban girl who did the washing. He also advised that a Mrs. Bermudez

appeared to be friendly to the Wagners and assisted them in securing the house they rented. Mrs. Bermudez along with her husband, operates the Playa Azul Hotel at Varadero Beach.

At the Torres Hotel, Agents learned that Wagner had received numerous long distance calls, this information being in the possession of persons connected with this hotel for the reason that it was necessary for some one to go to the Wagner home when calls were received and request Wagner to come to the telephone exchange inasmuch as the telephone in the company office is the only telephone in town.

At the Torres Hotel, it was also learned that the license number which appeared on the automobile driven by Alvin Karpis alias Wagner was FK 212.

At the office of the Cuban Telephone Company, Mrs. Torres was interviewed through an interpreter and stated she recalls that several long distance telephone calls were made and received by Mr. Wagner (Karpis); that these calls were to a Mr. Heller at the Park View Hotel, Havana, and the calls received by Wagner were from the same man.

Mrs. Leonora Caldwell Bermudez, Playa Azul Hotel, was interviewed and after Agents advised of their identities, she invited them into her hotel and requested that the Cuban police officers not be permitted to listen to our conversation. She immediately inquired as to whether Agents had been sent in answer to her communication to Mr. Dawson Fisher, American Vice-Consul, Mantanzas, Cuba. She was advised that Agents had no knowledge of any such communication after which she advised that she wrote to Mr. Fisher during the first part of December, 1934, advising that she believed that a Mr. Wagner who had rented a house at Varadero Beach was in fact Alvin Karpis. She produced a copy of "The Official Detective" magazine, dated December 1, 1934, and turned to a page containing the photographs of several wanted persons, among which was the photograph of Alvin Karpis. She stated that she noted the resemblance and was quite positive that the E. N. Wagner living two doors away from her hotel was in fact Alvin Karpis and this was the reason for her letter to Mr. Fisher.

Mrs. Bermudez stated that Mr. Fisher was on his vacation in Washington, at the time she sent him this letter, but same was forwarded to him and she received a reply about ten days later, postmarked Washington, D. C., in which Mr. Fisher advised her to communicate with the American Embassy in Havana, and furnish this information.

Mr. and Mrs. Bermudez advised that they had this magazine in their possession for about a week prior to the departure of the Wagners and took pains to notice the color of his hair and eyes, as well as the scar appearing on one of his fingers as described in "The Official Detective" magazine. She stated that Mr. Wagner had false upper front teeth.

Mr. and Mrs. Bermudez advised that the Wagners were sent to them sometime during the latter part of September, 1934, by Mr. N. H. Heller, Manager of the Park View Hotel, Havana, whom they had known for several years and at whose hotel they generally stopped when in Havana. She stated that the Wagners came to Varadero Beach by hired car and upon arrival called at her hotel and advised that Mr. Heller had told them to see her and enlist her cooperation in attempting to locate a house. She advised that, believing that Mr. and Mrs. Wagner were friends of Mr. Heller, she took them to various houses which were for rent at Varadero Beach and introduced them to her many friends, not knowing their identities. She further stated that Mr. and Mrs. Wagner stayed at a rooming house during their first night in Varadero Beach and on the following day rented the house of Mr. Pedro Acebo, who resides in Carbenas, Cuba. Mrs. Bermudez stated that she rented the house, as an Agent of Mr. Acebo, to Mr. Wagner (Karpis) and on the following day Mr. Acebo came to Varadero Beach and collected \$300 in large bills from Mr. Wagner for the rental of his furnished home for the period of from October 1, 1934, to February 15, 1935. She stated that the Wagners then went to Havana, and returned two or three days later with a new Ford sedan.

Mr. and Mrs. Bermudez advised that the only visitors the Wagners had while living at Varadero Beach were a Mrs. Ryan, whose photograph they identified as being Kate Barker, and a Mr. and Mrs. George Harris from Havana, Mrs. Ryan remaining at the Wagner home for three days and Mr. and Mrs. Harris for a period of two days.

Mrs. Bermudez advised that Mrs. Ryan (Kate Barker) appeared to be a very arrogant old lady and appeared interested in renting a house for herself and two sons which house was located approximately ten miles from Varadero Beach in an isolated section on the seacoast; however, no such arrangement was actually made.

Mr. and Mrs. Bermudez stated that the Mr. and Mrs. Harris who visited the Wagners remained for about two days and had not been back to Varadero Beach since that time.

They stated that Mr. Wagner appeared to be uneducated and uncouth in his manner, while his wife, whose name was Dolores, appeared quite refined and conducted herself as a perfect lady at all times. Mrs. Bermudez recalled that Mr. Wagner once informed her he was unable to write, but on a later occasion he left a note for her requesting some small favor. She also stated that Mr. Wagner informed her that Mr. Heller had purchased a motor for his boat and also stated that Mr. Heller brought towels and linens from this hotel for the use of the Wagners.

Mr. and Mrs. Bermudez advised that the Wagners left Varadero Beach very suddenly but she does not know the reason for their sudden departure but surmised, however, that the reason for their departure was the fact that there was some publicity in one of the Havana papers concerning him. She was not certain if the publicity in question was merely an artifice or if his photograph appeared.

In this connection, however, it is to be noted that a photograph of Subject Karpis, along with those of other fugitives, appeared in the Havana Paper "EL AVANCE" under date of December 4, 1934.

Mrs. Bermudez then produced a letter dated December 18, 1934, from N. H. Heller, Hotel Parkview, advising that he had decided to close "the house" at once as his wife and children could not make the trip to Varadero, and requesting that Mrs. Bermudez express to him a quantity of sheets, pillow cases, blankets and a hotpoint iron, which belonged to him and which had been used by the Wagners; also to place one of the Wagner dogs in his grip and send it to the Park View Hotel.

Mr. Heller also requested that she return the keys to the house to the owner. She stated that a short time previous to receipt of this letter, Mr. Heller had called personally at Varadero, driving Mr. Wagner's Ford sedan, and took from the house the motor for the boat, a radio and two suitcases, and advised that Mrs. Wagner had instructed him to do this.

Mrs. Bermudez further stated that on the night before the day of the Wagners' departure they burned all the papers, etc., but left a quantity of detective magazines in the house. She stated that she and her husband inspected the house following their departure and Mr. Heller's visit and found a business card, an empty bottle in which prescription number 652536 from Johnson Drug Store, Havana, Cuba, had been filled, and several pieces of paper containing miscellaneous lists in the handwriting of Mrs. Wagner. These articles were turned over to Agents and the miscellaneous papers were destroyed inasmuch as they were of no value to this investigation. The business card in question advertises:

Gust's Place
5800 West 111 Street
Telephone: Oaklawn 236,

and bears the inscription:

"Dine and dance at Violet Down".

The name of the city in which this place is located is not shown on the card, but it is believed that the place is in either Cleveland, Ohio, or Chicago, Illinois. (It is noted that the card bears the Union label: Allied Printing Trades Council, Chicago, 391).

The letter from Mr. Heller to Mrs. Bermudez and the card above described are being made a part of the Jacksonville Office file.

AT HAVANA, CUBA:

After information had been obtained from George H. Harris, proprietor of the Winter Garden Bar, 22 Zuelleta Street, to the effect that Subject Karpis alias Wagner had purchased a Ford automobile in Havana, during September, 1934, Special Agent S. K. McKee made inquiry at Auto Universal de Cuba, Ford dealers, 171 Belascoña Street, and through Alberto Galan, Sales Manager, learned that 1934 Ford sedan, four-door, motor number 18-918995, black with cream wheels, cloth upholstery and containing a radio, had been sold to Dolores Wagner on September 24, 1934, for \$1,077, in cash. This car had been sold through the salesrooms at Twenty-Fifth and Mariana Streets, by Augusto Dominguez, salesman, and the motor company records indicated it had been brought in for service on two occasions. Senor Galan informed that he had never come in contact either with Dolores Wagner or her husband.

Augusto Dominguez was interviewed and he related that a small, blonde girl, who gave her name as Dolores Wagner, had come in to the salesrooms on September 24, 1935, with a large Jewish man, who spoke good Spanish, and had purchased the automobile in question. It was stated that \$1,077 in silver pesos had been paid for the car and that delivery had been made at the same time. The woman had stated that she was living with her husband at Varadero Beach and that he would drive the car in for the regular inspections. Records in the possession of Dominguez indicated that 1934 Cuban license number FK 212 had been procured by this woman.

Dominguez stated, further, that a man who gave his name as Wagner brought this car in for service at a later date and on another occasion came to the garage with a broken windshield and Wagner became very angry and said he would never come into the place again. Photograph of Karpis was shown to Dominguez and he stated it was a good likeness of the Wagner in question.

Following the seizing of this car by the Cuban Police, it was found to bear 1935 Cuban license AM 753. Attention is invited to the oral statement of N. H. Heller (set forth later in this report) in which he admitted having, of his own accord, procured new licenses for this car in order that it would be ready for use in case either Karpis or his wife should return to Havana.

In company with Police Officer Julian Guerrero, Agent McKee called at the office of the Secretary of the Treasury, where licenses are issued, and examined the applications for both the 1934 and 1935 licenses. The 1935 license was issued on January 22, 1935, while the 1934 plates were secured on September 25, 1934. Both plates were in the name of DOLORES WAGNER, Hotel Park View, Havana, Cuba. Examination of the owner's signature on both applications revealed that the names had not been written by the same person. Attention is invited to the fact that Dolores Delaney was in custody in Atlantic City, New Jersey, at the time this license was secured, while Subject Karpis was still a fugitive. This fact no doubt accounts for Heller putting this automobile in condition for instant use.

Inquiry was made by Special Agent S. K. McKee at Johnsons' Drug Store, Obispo Street, Havana, for data concerning prescription number 652536, inasmuch as a bottle bearing that number and the name of the pharmacy had been found in the house occupied by Subject Karpis and Dolores Delaney at Varadero Beach, Cuba. It was learned that this prescription was filled on October 17, 1934, for one CHARLES A. RICHARDS, 22 Zuelleta Street; that it had been written by Doctor Conrad Wittkop, and that it consisted of a six or eight ounce bottle of oxycyanide of mercury, which, according to the druggist, was probably designed for treatment of gonorrhoea. This prescription was marked, "POISON - For External Use Only".

It was learned through the druggist that Doctor Wittkop is a practicing physician of Havana and enjoys a good reputation.

Attention is invited to the fact that number 22 Zuelleta Street is the address of the Winter Garden Bar, operated by George H. Harris; also, that Harris has advised that he introduced Karpis alias Wagner to Doctor Wittkop.

On the night of January 24, 1935, Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, while at Miami, Florida, telephonically advised

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Special Agents R. D. Brown and S. K. McKee at Havana, Cuba, that as a result of investigations at Miami, it had been learned that Art Heberbrandt and Jimmie Patton, Cleveland, Ohio, gamblers, contacts of the instant gang, are closely associated with Cassius McDonald, also a close contact of this gang; that on January 9, 1935, the following cablegram was sent to Cassius McDonald, care Frederico Schadkleford, Havana, Cuba:

"JUST RETURNED FROM CALIFORNIA SORRY KEPT YOU WAITING
AM SATISFIED SEASON TOO FAR GONE"

signed "ART". This message was from Cleveland, Ohio.

It was thought that "Frederico Schadkleford" might be a Havana hotel, but investigation failed to locate any hotel or business establishment by that name.

Special Agent in Charge Hanson telephonically advised on January 27, 1935, that investigation at Miami has further developed showing that Willie Harrison and McDonald were in Miami, Florida, together during the first part of September, 1934, and made trips to Havana together; that Harrison had checked a gun at the El Somodoro Hotel, Miami, before leaving for Havana with McDonald, which weapon is still checked at that hotel. He also stated that McDonald is supposed to have taken his wife and Packard automobile to Havana with him and that McDonald is supposed to be the "boss" of all Cuban gambling.

On the night of January 27, 1935, interview was had with [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] has been in Havana for fifteen years and appears to have a great knowledge of Cuban affairs and knows about both American and Cuban underworld characters in Havana. This interview took place at the home of [REDACTED] and Agents Brown and McKee were introduced to Senor Antonio Acosta, personal representative of President Mendieta of Cuba. His mission is to represent the President in matters pertaining to shipment of alcohol for Cuba and in prevention and detection of crime in Cuba.

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Concerning McDonald, [redacted] advised he was arrested about two years ago in Havana on a charge of "confidence game" involving \$170,000, which charge was dropped due to failure of the Victim of the confidence game to press charges; that McDonald was again arrested on a similar charge during the early part of 1934, in Havana, which was also dropped. He stated McDonald was again arrested on or about January 5, 1935, in Havana, by the traffic Police Department and the Tourists Police Department of the National Police, Havana, and was held until on or about January 19, 1935, when he was released by Cuban National Police after many unofficial requests for his release by American Consul-General Cameron, who resides at the Presidente Hotel. On this occasion, according to [redacted] McDonald was charged with carrying a concealed weapon and "defrauding a tourist by means of a confidence game". He stated McDonald resided at the Presidente Hotel and thought possibly he might still be at this hotel; that he doubted if a record of McDonald's previous arrests could be located as most criminal records were destroyed during the Cuban Revolution in the late summer of 1933; that the record system of the Cuban National Police System is very poor. He also stated that he recalls that McDonald refused to be photographed or fingerprinted when arrested in January of this year, and that McDonald would undoubtedly have been deported had it not been for the unofficial intervention on the part of Mr. Cameron.

Inquiries were immediately made at the Presidente Hotel and it was learned from Mr. C. P. Fischer, Assistant Manager, who examined the records of the hotel, that G. M. McDonald and his wife, Edith, departed from the hotel at four-forty PM on January 24, 1935, advising they were going to Miami, Florida. He stated that McDonald registered at the Presidente Hotel on December 31, 1934, alone, and was joined by his wife about a week later; that McDonald was very friendly with Mr. Cameron, the American Consul-General, who also resides at the Presidente Hotel; that McDonald gave his home address as 711 Hammond Building, Detroit, Michigan, and frequently mentioned the city of Detroit and state of Michigan. He further stated that about three or four days after McDonald's arrival at the Presidente, he was arrested by Cuban National Police

on a charge of flourishing a deadly weapon and for "confidence game" practiced by McDonald and certain Cubans on a tourist; that Mrs. McDonald arrived in Havana soon after McDonald's arrest and remained until their departure on January 24, 1935, when they advised they would return in two or three weeks. Mr. Fischer produced a letter from the office of Senator Couzens of Michigan, which had arrived for McDonald after his departure and was being held for him.

Mr. Fischer stated that no record is kept of local telephone calls from the Presidente Hotel. Maria Otazo, telephone operator, was interviewed and advised that Mr. McDonald had no long distance telephone calls and the only local calls, as she remembers, were between Mrs. McDonald and the American Consul-General and the American Embassy. She stated that Mrs. McDonald received two or three cablegrams from Miami, Florida, but she has no record of them. McDonald first occupied room number 712, but on January 1, 1935, he occupied rooms 215 and 216.

The records of the Presidente Hotel further disclosed that McDonald, as E. G. McDonald, address Grand Rapids, Michigan, and a Mr. William Day, came to the President Hotel on January 20, 1934. Mr. Day departed on March 7, 1934, while McDonald remained until March 17, 1934. Mr. Day left as a forwarding address: 226 Northeast Twenty-Second Street, care Mrs. Pitt, Miami, Florida. Mr. Fischer stated McDonald was a close friend of Amico Battistai, resident of the Presidente, and Manager of the Oriental Park Race Track, Havana, this season.

Mr. Frederick J. Kessler, Manager of the Presidente, furnished similar information relative to the McDonalds, and stated that when McDonald departed from the hotel he tendered a thousand dollar bill in payment for his room rent; that he, Mr. Kessler, would not accept this bill until he had presented it at The National City Bank where he was advised the note was good, after which it was accepted and McDonald given his change.

Messrs. Fischer and Kessler advised that a Cuban chauffeur, driving a dark green-blue Ford sedan, model about 1929 or 1930, drove McDonald and his wife during their stay in Havana;

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that this chauffeur spends a great deal of time soliciting fares in the vicinity of the Eden Concert Cabaret and the Delmonico Bar. They stated the man is about forty years of age, wears a small mustache and speaks good English.

Photographs of all Subjects and suspects in this case were shown telephone operator Maria Otazo and Messrs. Kessler and Fischer. They identified the photograph of William Harrison as being a good likeness of a man who came to call on Mr. McDonald on or about January 22, 1935.

On January 9, 1935, a photograph of McDonald was received at Havana, from Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, Miami, Florida. McDonald's photograph was shown to Messrs. Kessler and Fischer who identified it as being the Mr. McDonald who they had reference to. The photograph was also shown Robert Acosta, Clerk, and Julio Rasco, Auditor, Presidente Hotel, as well as the photograph of William J. Harrison and other suspects and Subjects in this case. They readily identified the photographs of McDonald and Harrison, McDonald as being C. M. McDonald who lived in rooms 712 and 215 and 216. They stated a man closely resembling the photograph of Harrison called at the Presidente Hotel two or three days before McDonald was released by Cuban authorities on January 19, 1935; that this man came to the hotel early in the morning in an intoxicated condition and inquired for McDonald; that he stated he had given McDonald ten thousand dollars and had advised him to get out of the country, but that McDonald did not take his advice and had been arrested by Cuban authorities. They stated Harrison stayed around the lobby of the hotel for about an hour, in an intoxicated condition, and insisted that they have drinks with him, which they refused. Both are as positive of the identification as is possible of photographic identification. The description furnished by Acosta and Rasco of Harrison fits the true description of Harrison exactly.

The above listed persons interviewed at the Presidente Hotel, further advised that a gambler by the name of Jimenez and a police officer of the Investigation Section, National Police Department, named Goazles, frequently visited McDonald while at the Presidente Hotel.

A specimen of the handwriting of McDonald, taken from the register of the Presidente Hotel, was obtained and is being made a part of the Jacksonville File.

With further reference to the gambler by the name of JIMENEZ, [REDACTED] advised this man's name is JUAN R. JIMENEZ alias PERRO CHINO JIMENITO alias PERRO CHINO alias CHINO JIMENEZ alias "THE CHINK" alias "THE CHINAMAN", a man about sixty years of age, five feet five inches in height, slight build, very dark complexion, withered up appearance. [REDACTED] advised that this man controls a great deal of the Havana gambling; that he has the gambling concessions at the Chateau Madrid and other resort; that his reputation is very bad and he should be considered one of Havana's leading underworld characters. b7c

A memorandum was received from Special Agent L. J. Metcalf, working on this case at Miami, Florida, on February 8, 1935, advising that while conversing with Joe Adams concerning McDonald and Harrison, Adams stated he overheard McDonald and Harrison speak of "The Chink" or "The Chinaman" in Havana. Undoubtedly Harrison and McDonald were referring to Chino Jimenez.

Immediately upon receipt of the information that McDonald and his wife had departed from the Presidente Hotel, Mr. Whitsett, General Passenger Agent for the P & O Steamship Company, who is a friend of [REDACTED] before mentioned, was called by [REDACTED] by telephone and he advised that a Mr. and Mrs. McDonald were passengers on the steamship "FLORIDA", when it left Havana, Cuba, for Key West, Florida, at seven PM on January 24, 1935, arriving at Miami, Florida, via rail, from Key West, the following afternoon. This information was furnished Mr. Hanson at Miami, Florida, via telephone.

It will be noted that the first information concerning the connection between McDonald and members of this gang was obtained by telephone from Mr. Hanson on the night of January 24,

1935, the night of McDonald's departure from Havana. The information relative to McDonald's visits to Havana first were communicated to the writers of this report by Mr. Hanson, from Miami, by telephone on the night of January 27, 1935.

While interviewing Assistant Manager Carl P. Fischer of the Hotel Presidente, concerning Cassius McDonald, it was learned that he always used the same taxicab. The cab was described as a dark greenish-blue Ford coach, model about 1929; while the driver was described as a small man, hair grey at the temples, wearing a mustache, and a frequenter of the taxi stand located between the Delmonico and Sloppy Joe bars on Znelleta Street. It was also stated that his nickname was thought to be "Lallo".

Inquiry of taxi drivers in the vicinity of the Delmonico Bar resulted in the information that a driver known as "Lallo" is president of the Touring Drivers Association, 18 Genies Street. Interview with Emilio Martinez, Vice-President of this Association, revealed that "Lallo" is not the driver in question; but that his name is Agustin Cacho Negrete, 57-a Bipo Street, Havana.

Negrete was located for interview and when questioned regarding McDonald he stated he drove for him by the day during the period of December 31, 1934, to January 24, 1935, while he was staying at the Hotel Presidente. He also said he was employed by McDonald about a year ago for a period of several weeks. Negrete received \$5.00 per day and expenses for his services. According to this man, McDonald was never in company with any other person except his wife, and the two of them spent their time in golfing and swimming at the Country Club during the day, while they would habitually go to the movies at night.

Photographs of Subjects W. J. Harrison and Harry Sawyer, as well as others, were shown to Negrete, but he stated he could not identify any of them. It had been hoped that Negrete would supply information of value concerning the location of Harrison.

It should be stated here that later interview at the National Hotel indicated that Negrete drove for McDonald during September, 1934, while McDonald and Harrison lived in that hotel, but Negrete denied this.

Negrete did inform that while McDonald was under arrest in January, 1934, by the Cuban Police, that he drove Mrs. McDonald to the American Consul practically every day. He also said he transported McDonald's baggage to the P & O Steamship office on the afternoon of January 24, 1935, and later during the day drove McDonald and his wife to the pier. According to this driver, McDonald planned to return to Havana within a month from his departure. At the time he left he remarked that he was going to Washington to see his senator about his recent detention by the Cuban authorities.

It was the opinion of both Agents McKee and Brown that Negrete was not telling the truth, and that no information of value could be expected from him.

J. H. Jarvis, Assistant Manager of the Hotel National, was interviewed by Agent S. K. McKee in connection with the data supplied by Rene Bolivar concerning Cassius McDonald alias O'Brien. Mr. Jarvis searched the hotel registration records and ascertained that C. McDonald, 711 Hammond Building, Detroit, Michigan, registered at seven thirty-one PM, September 4, 1934, and checked out at twelve twenty-six PM, September 6, 1934. He occupied room 816 during this period at a rate of \$5 per day. Examination of the ledger account covering this registration indicated there were no local or long distance telephone calls and no cablegrams.

The registration records revealed, further, that G. McDonald of the same address as above, registered into the hotel at ten forty-four AM, September 9, 1934, and checked out at two seven PM, September 11, 1934. He occupied Suite 729-30-31 and was accompanied by W. J. Harrison, 4539 Gibson, Saint Louis, Missouri. Examination of Harrison's registration card revealed that he checked in and out at the same time as McDonald. This signature was compared with a known specimen of the signature of Subject W. J. Harrison and the two appeared to be identical.

The suite in question was rented at a cost of \$30 per day. The ledger account covering this registration showed there were no telephone calls or cablegrams charged. Mr. Jarvis informed that the arrival and departure times of these individuals indicated they had travelled via Pan-American Airways.

A photograph, Hammond, Indiana, Police Department Number 1829, of William J. Harrison was displayed to Mr. Jarvis as well as to James Ennis, clerk and Gerald Hernandez, bellboy, and they all stated it looked like the party who had been with McDonald and that they believed they would know him again if they saw him. These same individuals advised they would recognize McDonald, either from photograph or in person, without any difficulty.

James Ennis stated that both McDonald and Harrison on several occasions came to the hotel in a shabby looking taxicab, and the mere fact that they were riding in such a car created comment. Several Cuban men came to the hotel with them at times, but none of the hotel attaches knew the identities of these visitors. Ennis stated that the taxicab in question was an old green Ford coach; and it is believed this is the cab of Augustin Cacho Negrete.

The persons interviewed said the photograph of Harrison is a good likeness of him, but they stated they did not believe he is quite five feet eight inches in height. They also remarked that he has a good sized "bay window" which protrudes over his belt. He was said to wear a light grey suit and a panama hat. McDonald wore a brown suit and panama hat.

The registrations referred to above for both McDonald and Harrison are the only ones of record during the period from January 1, 1934, to date, February 5, 1935.

Photograph of Cassius McDonald taken after his arrest at West Palm Beach, Florida, was shown to James Ennis and Gerald Hernandez and they both identified it as a good likeness of the Mr. McDonald who had been a guest at the Hotel National.

On February 6, 1935, Rene Bolivar, Linea 112, Vedada, Havana, Cuba, who had been interviewed on a prior occasion, and who had furnished some information, was questioned at length by Special Agents R. D. Brown and S. K. McKee, at which time he furnished the following data relating to this case:

Until about a year ago, Bolivar was employed as manager of the Hotel Plaza, Havana. Following this employment he engaged, unsuccessfully, with one Ortega in the liquor business; then was associated for a time with Juan Ruiz in the brokerage business, and now is employed by the Cuban Tourist Commission.

Bolivar stated that he and Juan Ruiz used the Cafe Europa, Obispo and Aguir Streets, as their headquarters during the time they operated as brokers. They did not maintain any office and were looked upon as "gyp brokers", since they secured commissions on any sort of a transaction they were able to pick up. Ruiz speaks only Spanish, while Bolivar conversed very well in both Spanish and English.

Bolivar related that on September 5, 1934, he and Ruiz were approached in the Cafe Europa by an American, who stated he had a quantity of small denomination American bills, with which he desired to purchase Cuban gold. This American did not say who had referred him to Bolivar and Ruiz, but merely came up to them and stated his desires. Bolivar described this man as being about fifty years of age, a little less than six feet in height, as weighing around 175 to 180 pounds, having gray hair, a florid complexion, and as being well dressed. He furnished the name O'Brien and said he was stopping at the Hotel National; further, that his home was in Detroit, Michigan.

Bolivar said that he and Ruiz took this man to places known as "Mir and Guas", Centro Asturiano Building, and "La Dichosa", Obispo and Compostela Streets, where \$11,000 in Cuban gold was bought. The purchases at the two places were in the amounts of \$5,000 and \$6,000, respectively, or vice versa; and were paid for by O'Brien in five and ten dollar bills which

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he had arranged in packages of \$1,000 each, each package being bound with rubber bands.

While the above transactions were taking place, O'Brien carried on a conversation about the possibility of him taking over the race track in Havana, and mentioned a connection with Colonel Sabbath, who formerly operated the track. O'Brien also passed a remark about the small American bills having come from poolroom gambling in the United States in which connection he said he wanted to get rid of them in Havana to avoid possible questioning. Bolivar said he saw nothing wrong with the transaction, and, therefore entered into it.

According to Bolivar, O'Brien approached him a short while after the gold had been bought, this meeting also taking place in the Cafe Europa, and asked him to bring Ruiz to a room on the eighth floor in the Hotel National. This was done and O'Brien said he had decided to return to the United States on the next day, and, as the gold could not be taken into that country, he wanted to purchase American currency of large denominations with it. Bolivar said the three of them went to The National City Bank on O'Reilly Street, where an agreement was made for the sale of \$14,000 in Cuban gold at a discount. \$11,000 of this amount was delivered at the time, and O'Brien received \$1000 bills in exchange. He told the bank officials that he would deliver the remaining \$3,000 in gold on the contract in a few days.

At this time, Bolivar informed that he and Ruiz made a profit of \$140 through the purchase of the Cuban gold for O'Brien. Before leaving, O'Brien told Bolivar that he knew a man in the United States who had a large quantity of American currency which he wanted to exchange for large bills, also a large sum in Liberty bonds, and that he might get in touch with him in the near future. Bolivar stated he did not know whether O'Brien ever delivered the remaining \$3,000 in gold to The National City Bank.

Bolivar went on to relate that some four or five days later the man, O'Brien, again contacted him and Ruiz at the Cafe Europa and inquired if \$72,000 in small American bills could

be exchanged for large bills. When Bolivar answered in the affirmative, O'Brien gave him the number of a room on the seventh floor in the Hotel National and requested that he and Ruiz come to the room. Bolivar said he went to this room with Ruiz and found that O'Brien had a suite of rooms. While there he was introduced to a man whom he states resembles the photograph of William J. Harrison. The physical description of this individual, as furnished by Bolivar, fits Harrison. Bolivar said Harrison had very little to say and appeared to be simply laying around the room; that O'Brien produced a newspaper-wrapped package, which he said contained \$72,000 in five, ten and twenty dollar bills, and advised he wanted to get large bills for them.

Bolivar said he went to the Chase National Bank with O'Brien, and, after inquiring there as to whether the switch in bills could be handled, took O'Brien into the bank. This money was arranged in packages of \$1,000 each, and each package was bound with rubber bands. The Chase National Bank charged a discount of one-fourth of one percent on the transaction. After the small bills had been counted, O'Brien received an unbroken package containing fifty \$1,000 bills, several loose \$1,000 bills, and the remainder of the total amount in loose \$500 bills. Bolivar claimed that O'Brien gave him \$200 to be divided between himself and Ruiz for their services, and then departed. He said he has not seen O'Brien since then and only knew the man under the name O'Brien. He said he did not remember the name under which Harrison was introduced, and stated that Harrison at no time made a trip to any bank with either him or Ruiz.

Bolivar recalled that before going to the Chase National Bank to see if the small bills could be exchanged, that he inquired of a relative named, CANO, who is Assistant Treasurer of the Cuban Treasury, as to whether the bills could be exchanged through the Treasury, but was told by Cano that they had best be taken to some bank.

Bolivar was questioned concerning additional transactions and he advised there were no more. In this connection, however, he said that one Arthur Beale, Dominguez 6 - Cerro, Havana, who is a relative by marriage, approached him about a week after

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the last deal with O'Brien, and stated he had heard of the switching of the small bills for the ones of large denominations. At this time, Beale advised that he knew a party in Miami who had several hundred thousand dollars in small American bills, which he wanted to have changed into large bills, and that he would get in touch with the party and have the bills brought to Havana, and let Bolivar handle the switching. A few days later, Beale again met Bolivar and displayed a cablegram from one Vincentio Milian, Junior, of Miami, Florida, the cablegram referring to "100,000 cigars" and Beale advising that the cigars, referred to in the message, meant dollars. Beale on another occasion showed another cablegram from Milian to Bolivar, this message requesting advice as to when the cigars would arrive in Havana. Bolivar stated that nothing ever materialized from his conversations with Beale, however, and that no switching of money took place.

Juan Ruiz, resident of the Marianao section of Havana, was produced for interview by Rene Bolivar. The data related by Ruiz was in line with that furnished by Bolivar, and for the sake of brevity it will not be re-stated here. Ruiz, also, said he felt that he would be able to identify the man, O'Brien, if he again came in contact with him.

It should be stated that Bolivar believes he can identify both McDonald alias O'Brien and William J. Harrison. Bolivar has expressed his willingness to furnish testimony against McDonald alias O'Brien when the conspiracy indictment against him is taken to trial.

After photographs of Cassius McDonald were received from Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, in Miami, Florida, they were shown to both Bolivar and Ruiz, who immediately identified them as likenesses of the person they had dealt with under the name O'Brien.

For future reference, the address of Juan Ruiz, is set out here as: Fourteenth Street between Third and Fifth Avenues, Almendares, Havana, Cuba. Ruiz can be located, however, at almost any time either through Rene Bolivar, or at La Europa Cafe, on Obispo Street, in the business section of Havana, Cuba.

After information had been furnished by Rene Bolivar relative to the switching of \$72,000 in small American bills by Cassius McDonald alias O'Brien at the Chase National Bank, Havana, during September, 1934, Special Agent S. K. McKee interviewed L. S. Rosenthal, Vice-President in Charge, and obtained the following information:

It was stated that because of the scarcity of, and consequent demand for, bills of large denominations in Cuba, local banks pay a premium of one-tenth of one percent to the Federal Reserve Bank for the exchange of small bills, and charge individuals from one-fourth to three-tenths of one percent for similar exchanges. This situation is brought about by the fact that the local banks use large bills for their clearing house exchanges. Mr. Rosenthal informed that the exchange of a large quantity of small bills for large bills by an individual was not out of the ordinary course of business, but was a transaction that the bank would remember. He stated that he remembered having been told about the exchange of \$72,000 in small bills several months ago and said that one Joseph Garrido, head teller, had handled the deal.

Joseph Garrido was interviewed, and, when asked about the \$72,000 switch stated he would refer to the bank records for dates, etc. He produced a credit slip of the bank which indicated \$72,000 in small bills had been purchased on September 10, 1934, and that a discount of one-fourth of one percent had been charged. Garrido said the facts surrounding the transaction were that Rene Bolivar, former manager of the Hotel Plaza, came into the bank alone on September tenth and inquired whether the bank would exchange \$72,000 in five, ten and twenty dollar bills for large bills. He was told the bills could be handled, but that a discount would be charged. A short while later, Bolivar returned with an American described as being about forty-five years of age, five feet ten inches in height, one hundred seventy pounds, grey hair, florid complexion, well-dressed, and this individual had a large package which contained seventy-two thousand separate packages of mixed bills of five, ten and twenty dollar denominations. Each separate package was bound with large rubber

bands. Garrido said he turned the entire lot of bills over to Jose Feijoo, Teller, to be counted, and while this operation was taking place, Bolivar and his American companion stood around and talked. Garrido remembered the American stating that he was connected in some way with Colonel Sabbath of Chicago, and that he was in Cuba for the purpose of taking over the management of Oriental Park, the local race track. Garrido could not remember whether Bolivar ever introduced him to the American, but Garrido could not furnish the name of this individual. Garrido related that the small bills brought in by the American amounted to \$72,000, and, when the amount was found to be correct, he was paid the same amount in one thousand and five hundred dollar bills. The premium for the exchange, amounting to \$144, was paid by the American and he and Bolivar left the bank.

Jose Feijoo was interviewed and he recalled the exchange of the \$72,000 in question. He said he knew Rene Bolivar by sight and would recognize the American if he saw him again. He furnished a description of the American which was in conformity with that supplied by Garrido.

Feijoo advised he remembered the small bills were arranged in packages of \$1,000 each, and that each package was bound with heavy rubber bands. He said each package contained mixed bills. Feijoo was asked if he remembered what bank the bills were issued by or if they all came from the same bank, but he could not furnish data on this point. Feijoo said the \$72,000 was paid to the American in one unbroken package of fifty one thousand dollar bills, several loose thousand dollar bills, and the balance in loose five hundred dollar bills.

It is to be noted that both Garrido and Feijoo have stated they could identify the American, who, no doubt, is Cassius McDonald.

Messrs. Rosenthal, Garrido and Feijoo were asked if the bank had any record of the thousand dollar and five hundred dollar bills, which were paid to the American, but they all stated that no such records are maintained.

Garrido was asked for data as to the disposition of the small bills and he produced bank records which indicated that \$50,000 of the amount were sold to The National City Bank on September 11, 1934, while the balance were included on the same date in a total sale of \$25,000 to the Banca Commercial.

Copies of the Chase National Bank credit and debit slips, respectively, which cover the purchase and sale of the small bills will be found in the Jacksonville Division Office file.

After receipt of photograph of Cassius McDonald, it was shown to both Jose Feijoo and Joseph Garrido. Feijoo informed that the photograph looked like the man he dealt with, and that he believed he would know him if he saw him again. Garrido positively identified the pictures as being those of the American who had exchanged the \$72,000 in bills in the bank.

On the morning of January 31, 1935, Special Agents R. D. Brown and S. K. McKee proceeded to the Park View Hotel, where Nathaniel H. Heller was interviewed.

Heller advised he was born October 23, 1891, in New York City, New York; that he first entered Cuba in January, 1915, where he conducted a dancing academy and became associated with the owners of the Tryanon Hotel, Havana; that he married his wife, Nanine, in Havana, Cuba, in 1915, who was a citizen of the state of Oklahoma and was visiting in Havana with her mother at the time he met her and the marriage was celebrated shortly thereafter. His wife was later associated with him at the dancing academy. Heller advised he has been associated in the hotel business ever since that time, having operated a hotel in Saratoga Springs, New York, during the years 1924-25, and the Royalton Hotel, Miami, Florida, 1925 to 1928; that he first became associated with Constantino and Peter Eoonimedes in about 1930, when he formed his connection with the Park View Hotel; that he was at one time manager of the Tryanon Hotel, Havana, Cuba. He is presently manager and co-proprietor of the Park View Hotel. Heller has three

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children, all girls, ages eight, ten and twelve years. He stated that on September 21, 1934, a man and woman registered at his hotel under the name of E. N. Wagner and wife and brought with them a calling card of Joe Adams, Manager of the Hotel El Comodoro, Miami, Florida, on the back of which was written "this man is all right" or words to that effect.

Heller was shown the photographs of various Subjects and suspects in this case and immediately identified the photograph of Alvin Karpis as being E. N. Wagner. He likewise identified the photograph of Kate Barker as that of a woman who had come to the hotel and had later visited Wagner and his wife at Varadero Beach. The description he furnished of Mrs. E. N. Wagner fits that of Dolores Delaney.

At this point, Heller advised that he expected some one would call on him with reference to the Wagners as he had learned through the newspapers following the gun battle between Karpis and police at Atlantic City, New Jersey, that the E. N. Wagner with whom he had been associated was in fact Alvin Karpis. He stated he would be willing to furnish any information in his possession concerning Karpis; however, little information could be obtained from him without disclosing the information already obtained by Agents, after which Heller would admit his part in such association.

Heller advised that Wagner alias Karpis stated his health was bad and he wanted to obtain a place on a beach somewhere; that he suggested Varadero Beach, although he had never been there he had learned it was a delightful place, and advised Wagner that he knew Mr. and Mrs. Bermudez who operate the Playa Azul Hotel at Varadero, and suggested that Wagner get in touch with Mrs. Bermudez. Heller stated that Wagner asked that he be allowed to place an envelope containing money in the hotel safe; that he, Heller, looked into the envelope and saw eleven \$1,000 bills, which he placed in the safe. When Agents asked Heller if it was not unusual for a tourist guest to have such a large amount of money in thousand dollar bills, he admitted that it was.

Heller stated that about two days after their arrival Mr. and Mrs. Wagner went to Varadero Beach and returned about two days later at which time they advised that they had rented a house; that upon Wagner's return he came to him, Heller, and requested that he accompany Mrs. Wagner to a Ford dealer to purchase a car for him, which he did, receiving a commission of Fifty Dollars from the dealer; that Mrs. Wagner paid for this car in bills of large denominations.

Heller was then closely questioned as to whether or not he had rented a safety deposit box for Wagner and he denied this stating that he had a safety deposit box in the Royal Bank of Canada, Havana Branch, which he has had for some years where he keeps insurance policies and other valuable things; that he has never used this box for safe-guarding money.

Heller was then asked if he had purchased a motor for Wagner and he replied that he had; that a short time after Wagner had moved to Varadero he came to Havana and asked him, Heller, to recommend a place where he could purchase a motor for his boat; that he took Wagner to the Bassalo Sporting Goods House on Obispo Street, where a motor was purchased by Wagner for \$175, being a Johnson Seahorse.

Heller was then asked whether or not he had purchased a radio for Wagner and he replied that he had.

He was then asked if he had received or had a long distance telephone conversation with Wagner at Varadero Beach and he replied that he had. He was then asked if any mail had been delivered to the hotel for Wagner and he stated that he could recall that there were one or two letters, but was unable to inform as to their postmarks. He also stated that he believed Wagner received and sent three or four cablegrams while at his hotel; that when the cablegrams would arrive for Wagner he would telephone the information to him at Varadero Beach. He advised that Wagner made frequent visits to Havana and admitted that he, Heller, would order his groceries for him in order that Wagner might take them back to Varadero with him.

When Heller was questioned as to whether or not this was a usual custom with him to go to such great inconvenience for a guest, he replied that he would have done the same for any guest.

He was then asked if he went to Varadero Beach after Mr. and Mrs. Wagner had left Havana in order to get their property and he admitted that he had, stating that when Mr. and Mrs. Wagner left Havana they left with him their Ford sedan and told him to keep it until they returned, giving him permission to use same. He stated that shortly after Mr. and Mrs. Wagner had left Havana, he received a letter from Mrs. Wagner written on Hotel El Comodoro stationery requesting him to close the house at Varadero Beach and to remove their effects to the Park View Hotel and to hold them until they returned to Havana; that in reply to this request he drove via this Ford, to Varadero Beach and stored this property in the Park View Hotel, which property he stated consisted of the motor to the boat, a radio and a small suitcase containing wearing apparel.

In connection with the purchase of the automobile, Heller was asked if it was not rather unusual for him to have received a commission from the Ford dealer and he stated that it was not; that for the past several years the hotel business in Havana has been so poor that persons in his position make it a practice to obtain commissions from business houses when new business is introduced. He was asked where the Ford sedan was located at that time and he advised it was in the Nava Garage. Agents inquired if the same license was on the car and he said that he had recently obtained a new license. In this connection, he stated that he had purchased the license on January 22, 1935, and that this purchase had been made after he had read the newspaper article concerning the gun battle in Atlantic City; further, that the license was purchased on his own initiative and without any request from either Karpis or his wife. He was asked why he had purchased the new license and he replied that he wanted the car to be ready for operation in the event either Karpis or his wife returned to Havana. He was asked if he would have turned the car over to either Mr. or Mrs. Wagner in the event they

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called for same and he replied that he would have done so if they had paid the storage charges. Heller was asked if he would have notified the police in the event Karpis called for this car and he said that he would not have, saying in this connection that he was not a policeman. Heller was asked if this was his idea of American citizenship, after knowing that Karpis was being sought by every law enforcement agency in the United States and that he was badly wanted, and Heller stated that he did not care about that.

In response to questions as to whether he had secured a doctor for either Karpis or his wife, Heller informed that on one occasion he introduced Karpis' wife to a Doctor Agramonte, who also happens to be the hotel physician and that the doctor was consulted on several occasions by her because of her pregnant condition.

Heller also recalled that on one occasion Karpis during one of his visits to Havana from Varadero Beach, became intoxicated and got into a fight in George Harris' bar and that during this fight he hurt one of his hands and had to wear a bandage around it for some time. According to Heller, Karpis drank very heavily, particularly during his visits to Havana.

Heller was asked where Karpis and his wife took their meals when in Havana, and he replied that the greater portion of the time they had their meals brought to them in their hotel room. He was unable to explain the reason for this, but did state that he did not know of any other guest who had followed this procedure.

Heller was closely questioned as to whether he had knowledge of Karpis' identity, but he flatly denied that he knew how this man was until the newspaper publicity he received following the Atlantic City affray. He also stated that he was ignorant of the reason for the sudden departure of Mr. and Mrs. Wagner. He said he did not know the nature of Karpis' business or the reason for his visit to Cuba, but did admit that Karpis told him he was a bootlegger and that he, Heller, believed that Karpis was "hot", but that he did not know the reason he was "hot". During the first part of the interview with Heller he admitted that he reads the American and Spanish papers published in Havana daily, but main-

tained that he had learned no information from newspapers or other sources whatsoever or had seen a photograph of Karpis in the newspapers prior to the Atlantic City affair. Heller was asked if he knew how Karpis and his wife left Havana early in December and he said he did not know how Mrs. Wagner left the city, but that Karpis traveled to Miami via P & O Steamship to Key West, Florida, thence to Miami, by train. He stated that he happened to go to Miami on the same boat but that he did not make the trip with Karpis. In this connection he informed that during the boat trip he introduced Karpis under the name Wagner, to one "Tubby" Marvin, presently a Vice-Consul in Havana, and in connection with this incident, he called attention to the fact that he would not have introduced Karpis to Marvin if he had known of Karpis' true identity.

At a later date, while Heller was in custody of the National Police on a charge of being an undesirable alien, he was questioned concerning four cablegrams which passed between him and Joe Adams of the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida, which cablegrams were traced through information secured from the Park View Hotel records. It should be stated that three of the cablegrams were addressed to Adams and signed "Heller", while one was addressed to Heller by Adams. Heller denied that he had sent any cablegrams to Adams, but stated that on several occasions Karpis alias Wagner came to him with a message addressed to Adams and requested that he cable same. Heller explained his name being signed to these messages by saying that Karpis advised that he had several friends at the El Comodoro Hotel who were "broke" and that if they knew where he was then located they would try to borrow money from him. Heller could not account for Adams having addressed a cablegram to him, and Heller was asked how Adams would understand that the cablegrams signed "Heller" were from Wagner and not Heller and he was totally unable to explain this.

Heller was questioned concerning the identity of the persons referred to in the telegrams by the names of Ryan and Willie and he stated that after the arrival of Kate Barker at the hotel he realized she was the person referred to as Ryan. He stated he at no time had any information concerning the identity of the party referred to as Willie.

Copies of the four cablegrams involved herein will be set out later in this report and copies, including traced copies of the original messages as contained in the files of the Western Union Cable Company in Havana, which appear to be in the handwriting of Heller, will be attached to the copy of this report designated for the United States Attorney at Miami.

Following Heller's arrest by the Cuban authorities, he advised his attorney, Doctor Luis Machado, that he had rented a safe deposit box for Karpis when he first came to Havana. This information was secured by Agent Brown from American Ambassador Caffery, who had been told of the incident by Doctor Machado. Heller was later questioned as to this box and he stated that several days after the envelope containing the one thousand dollar bills had been placed in the hotel safe, Karpis came to him and requested that he rent a safe deposit box in some bank in order that the money might be put in a secure place. He said Karpis asked that the box be rented in his, Heller's, name saying that whenever he wanted money he would come to Heller and request it. Heller informed that he saw nothing unusual in this request and accordingly rented a box in the Royal Bank of Canada, Prado Branch, in which he placed eleven one thousand dollar bills for Karpis. He stated he made several entries in this box and that approximately five or six weeks after the rental of same the entire contents had been removed. Heller was unable to furnish the number of the box, but stated it had been rented in his own name. He produced a bunch of keys from his pocket and pointed out a key belonging to the box in question, which bore the number thirteen.

Heller was also questioned concerning the occasion when Kate Barker as Mary Ryan registered at the hotel. He informed he was away from the hotel when she arrived and upon his return he found she had registered and had left a message to the effect that she wanted to see him. He stated he did not know that she was coming to the hotel and said that upon his return following her arrival one of the bellboys told him that a woman had been inquiring for the young married couple who were living in the country. He said he went to her room, as she had requested, and she asked that she be put in touch with the young couple whose name, according to Heller, she did not know.

Heller said that Mrs. Barker proceeded to Varadero Beach via bus on the same day she arrived and that he did not see her again thereafter.

It should be stated that Subject Heller has been interviewed on several occasions by Agents Brown and McKee at which times he has denied that he made some of the statements which are set out above. He has at all times refused to make a written statement of any character. He vigorously protests his innocence and stated that he has only acted as any hotel manager would have done.

After Agents Brown and McKee left the Park View Hotel following their original interview with Subject Heller, they were approached one block away from the hotel by a bellboy from the hotel who inquired if Agents were aware of the fact that Alvin Karpis and his wife had formerly lived at the Park View Hotel. When Agents replied in the affirmative, this boy stated that he had some information about Karpis and would like to talk to Agents that night. This boy was requested to come to Agents' room in the Hotel Plaza the same evening. Upon interview, he furnished his name as Renaldo Gonzales Vila. He stated in substance that Heller, who maintains managers quarters in the hotel for his wife and three daughters, had been very friendly with Karpis and his wife on the various occasions they stayed at the hotel. He said that Heller was always going to and from Karpis' room and that his intimacy with the man caused the various hotel employees to become suspicious of Karpis, who was known in the hotel as Wagner. This boy told the story of Heller's various transactions for Karpis which was in line with the story furnished by Heller, with the exception of some few details. Photographs of Karpis, Kate Barker and other persons concerned in this investigation, were displayed to this boy and he identified only the pictures of Karpis and Mrs. Barker.

Renaldo Gonzales informed also that Heller is very friendly with George Harris, proprietor of the Winter Garden Bar, and that Karpis during his various trips to Havana was also very friendly with Harris and that he spent his time either at the Hotel Park View or at the Winter Garden Bar.

Gonzales related that on one occasion Karpis drove up to the hotel with a hole in the windshield of his car near the rear vision mirror, which appeared to be a bullet hole. He said the hole in question was in such a position that the driver would most likely have been hit as the bullet pierced the windshield. He was asked if this hole could not have been made by a flying pebble but said he doubted it for the reason that the hole in question was a clean cut hole entirely through the glass.

This boy also advised that on one occasion Heller was absent from the hotel for a period of about three days and upon his return he was very sunburned and remarked that he had been down at Varadero Beach fishing with Wagner.

According to Renaldo Gonzales, Heller received a registered letter from Varadero Beach on one occasion.

Gonzales was asked if he knew what property belonging to Karpis that Heller had in his possession and he stated there was the Ford sedan, an outboard motor, a radio, one dark brown suitcase, one large black suitcase and two bulldogs. He said one of the dogs, a small white pup, called "WIMPIE", was still in Heller's possession while the second dog had been sold to C. H. Ford, who is connected with the Sugar Refining Company of Havana. The two suitcases described above were said to be in the linen room at the hotel.

Gonzales also informed that when Karpis and his wife first came to the hotel Karpis had a very large suitcase which was extremely heavy and also one other bag. He said that the large, heavy bag was taken away from the hotel by Karpis. Gonzales went on to relate that one night Mr. Heller took a large heavy black bag out of the hotel and had a bellboy take it to his car and cautioned the boy to be careful about the bag at the time. Gonzales was unable to state just when this happened and was also unable to what became of the bag.

From time to time following the arrest of Heller by the Cuban authorities, Renaldo Gonzales communicated with Agents

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Brown and McKee by telephone and advised of various insignificant incidents which took place at the hotel Park View. On one occasion he advised that a Mr. Sanchez came to see Mrs. Heller and told her her husband would be deported. On another occasion, he informed that Mrs. Heller was circulating a petition around the city in an effort to have prominent citizens request the President to release Heller from custody.

Gonzales advised that all of the hotel employees were very happy over Heller's arrest, as he was greatly disliked by them all. He frankly stated that his reason for coming to Agents with information was because he thought that Agents might be of help to him in gaining entrance to the United States. Both Agents Brown and McKee told him, of course, that they could not aid him in this respect.

Examination of the records at the Hotel Park View, Havana, as to Subject Alvin Karpis alias E. H. Wagner, and Kate Barker alias Mary Ryan, resulted in the following:

Kate Barker registered on October 25, 1934, in room 404, covered by account number 9838, examination of which revealed she checked out on the same day. She received a day rate and incurred no other charge.

Alvin Karpis registered into room 408 on September 21, 1934, and checked out on September 25, 1934. Account number 9753, covering this period, contained no other item than the room charge for Karpis and his wife.

Karpis was registered into room 508 on October 16, 1934, and remained until October 20, 1934. Account 9815 indicated a charge of \$1.50 for telephone on the sixteenth; \$1.85 for a telegram on the seventeenth; \$1.25 for a telegram on the seventeenth; \$3.22 for an express item on the seventeenth, and \$.85 for a telegram on the eighteenth.

Karpis again registered on October 30, 1934, and was assigned to room 409, and checked out on October 31, 1934. Account 9849 indicated room rent was the only charge.

Karpis came to the hotel again on November 2, 1934, and occupied room 408 until the next day. Account 9858 showed only a charge of \$2.65 for a telegram under date of November 2, 1934.

Karpis registered again on November 12, 1934, and occupied room 508 until November 15, 1934. Account 9884 showed no charge except room rent.

Karpis registered into room 408 on November 18, 1934, and checked out November 19, 1934. Account 9898 was missing from the hotel records, but an examination of the ledger records showed all of the charges except \$1.57 were for immaterial items. The \$1.57 item could not be accounted for.

Karpis spent November 26 and 27, 1934, in room 418. Account 9919 indicated no other charge except the room.

On December 2, 1934, Karpis again came to the hotel and was assigned to room 408. Account 9943 revealed he checked out on the same date and received a day rate. There were no other charges.

Examination was made of a book maintained by the hotel, which is referred to as the telephone book. This book contained entries which showed that long distance telephone calls were made from the Hotel to Varadero, Cuba, on October first, October first and November nineteenth. The charge in each instance amounted to \$1.55. The first two calls were charged to cash, while the third was charged to Wagner.

Manager N. H. Haller of the Park View Hotel, claimed that Karpis was indebted to him around \$48.00 for miscellaneous items. Heller was asked to produce a book or other type of record of this indebtedness, but he was unable to do so.

In connection with the charge of \$3.22 for an express item on Karpis' account under date of October 17, 1934, inquiry was made at the Railway Express Agency by Agent S. K. McKee, but no item, either incoming or outgoing, could be located under the names

Wagner, Heller, or Park View Hotel. It is to be noted, however, that Heller later admitted that on one occasion he expressed some groceries to Karpis at Varadero Beach, Cuba, which shipment would have gone via the local Cuban Express Company.

It should be stated that on practically every occasion that Karpis stopped at the Hotel Park View he took his meals in his room, which fact would only indicate that he was keeping under cover.

Esteban Juncadella, Administrador, Royal Bank of Canada, Prado 79-A, Havana, Cuba, was contacted by Agent S. K. McKee after N. H. Heller had admitted renting a safety deposit box during September, 1934, in his own name, but for the sole use of Subject Karpis alias Wagner. Heller had informed that he did not know the box number, but that key number thirteen had been given him by the bank. After referring to the bank records Senor Juncadella advised that Box 59, which is opened with key thirteen, was rented to N. H. Heller, Park View Hotel, on September 26, 1934, at a yearly rental of Five Dollars. Two keys were given Heller at the time and the arrangements were such that only Heller had access to the box.

Examination was made of a book maintained with regard to entrances to safety deposit boxes and the following records of entries to box number thirty-nine were found for the period of September 26, 1934, to date: (February 4, 1935)

- October 5, 1934
- October 15, 1934
- October 20, 1934
- October 27, 1934
- Nov. 13, 1934.

Neither Senor Juncadella nor any employees of the bank had any idea as to what type of property Heller kept in this deposit box.

After the interview with N. H. Heller at the Park View Hotel on January 31, 1935, Special Agent R. D. Brown telephonically communicated with Mr. E. A. Tamm of the Division, advising Mr. Tamm of the substance of the conversation with Mr. Heller and further advising him that it was the belief of both Agents Brown and McKee that if Heller were arrested further information could be obtained from him under such circumstances. Mr. Tamm was advised that constitutional guarantees had been temporarily suspended in Cuba and that Cuban Police authorities had been informed of the nature of the evidence obtained against Heller indicating his associations with Alvin Karpis and Kate Barker and were willing to pick him up for questioning and possible deportation as an undesirable alien. Mr. Tamm stated that he believed this procedure would be satisfactory, but he thought that the officials of the State Department in Havana, should be advised of any action that took place.

Accordingly, Lieutenant German Cortez of the Investigation Section of the National Police, detailed Officers Julian B. Guerrero, Frederico Costa and Jesus Barrio to arrest Heller and seize any property of Karpis' which might be in his possession. The above named officers went to the Park View Hotel where they arrested Heller and the Ford sedan, radio, outboard motor and two suitcases belonging to Karpis were seized and brought to the headquarters of the National Police.

After Heller's arrest, Special Agents Brown and McKee proceeded to the home of [redacted] at which time [redacted] was advised of the action taken by the National Police. While in [redacted] home he received a telephone call from Vice-Consul H. S. Jewell inquiring if [redacted] knew anything concerning the detention of Nathan Heller by the National Police and whether or not American representatives of the Department of Justice had requested that Heller be arrested. [redacted] advised him that Heller had been arrested by the Cuban authorities on their own initiative, but as a result of information received from two Agents of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, namely, R. D. Brown and S. K. McKee; that Agents were working night and day on investigations in Havana; that he, [redacted]

felt that his conversation with Mr. Tewell was official information concerning the reason for Haller's detention and that Agents Brown and McKee would call at both the Consul and the Embassy prior to their departure from the city for the purpose of paying respects to the Consul and Ambassador, respectively.

On February 1, 1935, Senor Antonio R. Acosta, Personal Representative of President Mendieta of Cuba, suggested that Special Agent R. D. Brown accompany him to the office of Doctor Raul de Cardenas, Cuban Secretary of Justice, in order that Agent might explain the purpose of the investigation being conducted in Cuba and to inform Doctor Cardenas of the character of Alvin Karpis and members of his gang who are known to have visited Havana.

Agent Brown was introduced to Doctor Cardenas by Senor Acosta and was advised that the Cuban Department of Justice would assist Agents of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, in every possible way; that the Cuban Government is very much upset concerning activities of American gangsters who visit Cuba and will immediately take steps to deport such characters should they be found in Cuba. He also stated that action would be taken in Cuba against anyone who attempts to harbor such characters. Doctor Cardenas instructed Senor Acosta to act as his personal representative to Agents while in Cuba and lend them every assistance.

Senor Acosta also introduced Agent Brown to Doctor Agustin Acosta, Secretary to President Mendieta, who also acts as a Cuban Cabinet Member, with offices in the Palace. Doctor Acosta instructed also that every assistance be furnished Agents while in Cuba and instructed Senor Acosta to inform the various Police Units to lend their assistance at all times. He explained to Agent that the Cuban Government is conducting a drive against crime and will take drastic steps to drive gangsters and those who aid them, from Cuba.

Senor Acosta explained that constitutional guarantees have been temporarily suspended in Cuba for the purpose of assisting the Government in its drive against crime; that personally criminally inclined are arrested without the necessity of placing charges against them and foreigners are summarily deported without benefit of hearing.

On the night of February 1, 1935, Special Agent R. D. Brown communicated with Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt of the Jacksonville Office, requesting permission to proceed to Miami, Florida, for the purpose of conferring with Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson relative to full details of the results of the investigations conducted at that point concerning, particularly, any information which would assist in putting a harboring charge against Heller in the United States. Mr. Alt agreed that this would be a good plan and advised that if Agent received no advice to the contrary before the departure of the Pan-American Airways plane at two forty-five PM the following day, to proceed to Miami.

At eleven-thirty AM on the morning of February 2, 1935, Special Agents R. D. Brown and S. K. McKee called at the office of American Consul-General C. R. Cameron at the American Consulate headquarters. Upon this occasion, Mr. Cameron appeared very much annoyed and informed Agents they should have reported at the Consulate and Embassy immediately upon arriving in Havana and should have conferred with him before disclosing to the National Police the evidence obtained with respect to Subject Heller.

Mr. Cameron was respectfully advised that the American Consul's office had already been advised on the night of January 31, 1935, by [redacted] in a telephone conversation with Vice-Consul Towell, but Mr. Cameron insisted that this was not enough and again stated that Agents should have conferred with him in person before having communicated any information to the National Police. b7d

Consul-General Cameron was also advised that immediately following Agents' arrival in Havana, on January 20, 1935, they informed Mr. Freeman Matthews, First Secretary at the American Embassy, of their presence in the city and the fact that they were on official business; further that prior to leaving Havana, Agents would, of course, call at both the Embassy and the Consulate. Consul-General Cameron then requested Agents to immediately report to Ambassador Jefferson Caffery.

Special Agents R. D. Brown and S. K. McKee then proceeded to the American Embassy where Ambassador Caffery interviewed them. He stated that Agents should have made a personal call at

the Embassy immediately upon arrival at Havana. Ambassador Caffery's attention was called to the fact that Special Agent Brown had communicated with First Secretary of the Embassy, Mr. Freeman Matthews, immediately upon arrival at Havana. Agents informed Mr. Caffery that they had fully intended calling upon him prior to their departure from Havana, and had not done so up to the present time first because of the undercover nature of their assignment and had not informed him officially of the arrest of N. H. Heller by the Cuban authorities for the reason that their time had been fully occupied since Heller's arrest.

Mr. Caffery stated that he appreciated Agents' position in the matter and was merely calling their attention to the fact that they should have come to the Embassy before that time as the State Department regulations required such action. Mr. Caffery stated that newspaper men had been "hounding" him to death and that he would be forced to give out a story of some sort in connection with the arrest of Heller. He then advised that it had been reported to him that the Cuban National Police had arrested Heller at the request of detectives from the Ambassador's office.

Mr. Caffery asked Agents for details covering their investigation with respect to N. H. Heller, stating that he would like to have data on which to base a statement to the press. Agents told him that they would, of course, furnish him with the details of their activities in Cuba, but suggested that these details not be furnished members of the press. Ambassador Caffery advised that this would be impossible as he must give the story to the newspapers, as he had to depend upon their cooperation in looking after interests of the United States in Cuba. Agents at this time told Mr. Caffery that they were not permitted to furnish information to the press at any time.

Until the time of Agents' call upon Ambassador Caffery they had not received any publicity in connection with their activities in and about Havana, Cuba. It was noted that newspaper articles containing the names of Agents and one article bearing a photograph of both Agents and Brown and McKee leaving the Embassy appeared in Havana newspapers shortly after the call at the Embassy.

Newspaper clippings of the various articles appearing in Havana papers were personally delivered by Agents Brown and McKee to the Director in Washington, on February sixteenth.

Following the original interview with Ambassador Caffery, Agent Brown maintained contact with him daily, upon Division instructions, advising him of any new developments in the Heller matter.

On the afternoon of February 2, 1935, Special Agent R. D. Brown proceeded to Miami, Florida, where a conference was had between this Agent and Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson relative to the details in the investigation conducted at Miami, Florida, and particularly concerning Joe Adams, N. H. Heller and Duke Randall.

On the morning of February 3, 1935, Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, upon Division instructions, proceeded to Havana, Cuba, where he conferred with Ambassador Caffery. Agent Brown also returned to Havana, Cuba, to continue investigations there.

Lieutenant German Cortes, Investigation Section, National Police, Havana, has submitted a report dated February 4, 1935, to the Cuban Secretary of Interior relative to the arrest of N. H. Heller, a part of which is being quoted:

"In view of the information previously furnished by Agents of the Investigation Section, the underwriter instructed immediate arrest of Mr. Heller, sending him to the Municipal Jail at the disposal of the respective authority, in order that the corresponding expedient of expulsion be tramitaded, in view of the fact that this man is an American citizen and furthermore is being claimed by American authorities of that country, this fact being verified by the attached

original cable received by Messrs. R. D. Brown and S. K. McKee, who are detectives from the United States of America and came to this country especially for this purpose."

The translation of the above mentioned report to the Cuban Secretary of Interior, is being retained in the Jacksonville file.

A translated copy of a report by officers of the National Police who arrested Subject Heller, is also being made a part of the Jacksonville Office file in this matter.

Doctor Raul de Cardenas, Cuban Secretary of Justice, after receiving the report from the National Police, instructed the Technical Police of the City of Havana, to also furnish a report on their investigation of the Heller matter, which was done, but a copy could not be obtained by Agents.

A copy of the fingerprint impressions of Nathaniel H. Heller as well as a front and side view photograph of this man, were obtained from the Cuban authorities and under date of February 10, 1935, the fingerprints were forwarded to the Division with a request that both the Chicago and Jacksonville Offices as well as the Saint Paul Office be furnished with any criminal record. The photographs of Heller will be incorporated in the Jacksonville Office file in this matter.

Through the cooperation of [redacted] Havana, Cuba, who has an arrangement with officials of various telegraph companies in Havana, searches were made for possible cablegrams either received or sent by Subject Heller and Karpis alias Wagner. This search resulted in the location of cablegrams signed by Heller to Joe Adams at the El Comodoro Hotel in Miami, Florida, under dates October 16, 18, and November 2, respectively, and of a message received by Heller from Adams

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under date of October 25, 1934. The several cablegrams are set forth verbatim:

*1934 NOV 2 PM 8 16 17 2.55

FULL RATE
JOE ADAMS
COMMODORE HOTEL
MIAMI FLA

DID ANYONE COME OVER IF NOT WHEN ANSWER IMMEDIATELY
COLLECT

HELLER

CASH
ROOM 408 HOTEL PARKVIEW *

*OCT 16/34 25 1.85

LC JOE ADAMS
EL COMODORO HOTEL
MIAMI FLA

WHEN DOES PARTY EXPECT TO COME OVER HAVE YOU HEARD
FROM WILLIE ANSWER COLLECT

HELLER
HOTEL PARKVIEW

CASH
HOTEL PARKVIEW HAVANA.CUBA.*

*1934/OCT 18th/ 10 0.85

LC ADAMS
- EL COMODORO HOTEL
MIAMI FLA-

CAN WILLIE COME TO-MORROW

HELLER.

CASH
HOTEL PARKVIEW HAVANA.CUBA*

*1934 OCT 25 AM 12 55

MZBLS 11 CABLE-MIAMI FIO 25 244A

LC MR KELLER
PARKVIEW HOTEL HAVANA CUBA

RYAN ARRIVES THURSDAY PLANE

ADAMS.*

For the use of the United States Attorney at Miami, Florida, traced copies of the originals of the three messages sent by Heller were obtained from the Western Union Telegraph Company, Havana, over whose wires all of the messages in question were transmitted, and same will be found attached to the copy of this report designated for the United States Attorney.

There will also be transmitted to the United States Attorney at Miami, a copy of a letter dated February 11, 1935, addressed to Mr. Cary, Manager, Western Union Cable Company, Havana, by N. H. Heller, and signed by him, which requested that copies of telegrams sent by him during the months of September to December, inclusive, be furnished.

It is the observation of the writer that the signature of Heller as it appears in his letter to the Manager, Western Union Cable Company, compares favorably with the writing appearing on the three original cablegrams addressed to Joe Adams.

Copy of the cable received by Heller from Adams is also transmitted to the United States Attorney at Miami.

In connection with information obtained from employees of the Hotel Presidente to the effect that Willie Harrison might have stopped at the Hotel Monserrate, Havana, during the time he was in the city, Special Agent S. K. McKee, in company with Officers Gonzalez, and Callobre of the Technical Police, called at the Monserrate Hotel, where Jose Otero, Day Clerk, was interviewed. A photograph of Harrison was displayed to Otero, but he could not recognize it as the likeness of any person who had been a guest at the hotel.

Agent McKee searched the registration records for the period of September first to the date of the interview, which was February 11, 1935, but no registration for W. J. Harrison or other persons related to this investigation could be found.

From time to time during the course of this investigation, Messrs. C. F. Elsner and J. F. Dawson, both of whom are sub-managers at The National City Bank of New York, Havana, were contacted by Agents Brown and McKee. Mr. Elsner informed on February 2, 1935, that on September 5, 1934, the bank bought, through the broker, Juan B. Ruiz, \$14,000 in Cuban gold at the rate of \$1.67½ while the market at that particular moment ruled firm at \$1.68½ per gold dollar. It was stated that the mere fact that this gold was sold below the market created a suspicion and it was the opinion of Mr. Elsner that the seller would never show up. After a while, however, the seller did arrive for the purpose of delivering the gold and Mr. Elsner and his secretary, Oliverio Agüero, went to Window Number Four, and observed the person who was surrendering the gold. The purchase slip for this gold was made out by Mr. Elsner's secretary. Mr. Elsner stated that because of the suspicious circumstances incident to this transaction, he warned the teller in Spanish to check up on the gold carefully and also told the Chief Cashier to check the gold over as he was afraid something might be wrong with it.

Mr. Elsner said that in order to get a good look at the person who brought the gold in, he approached him and inquired how he wished to receive payment; that is, whether in small or large bills, and was told that the man wanted \$2,000 bills. Elsner also stated that this man, who was an American about fifty years of age, five feet eleven inches in height, with gray hair, florid complexion, well dressed and wearing a Panama hat, was accompanied by one Rene Bolivar, formerly manager of the Hotel Plaza in Havana, who was apparently acting as an interpreter.

Mr. Elsner related that the contract with Ruiz had been for \$14,000 in gold and that the man who delivered the gold, whose name was unknown, brought only \$11,000 and he was therefore asked for the remaining \$3,000. Elsner stated he spoke with Ruiz and asked him for the missing gold and he was told that it would be brought over the next day from Mercantile Nacional, S.A. Elsner said this statement confirmed his suspicion further as he could not understand how a party could buy gold from the Mercantile Nacional, who was selling it at \$1.69, and sell it to the bank for \$1.67 $\frac{1}{2}$. He stated he called up the Mercantile Nacional and inquired how the gold was paid for, thinking that the fellow who bought the gold from them might have proffered counterfeit bills, however, Mr. Menendes of the Mercantile Nacional advised that the gold was paid for in small American bills and that they had found them to be all right and they had been accepted for deposit.

Mr. Elsner said that on the same day after five o'clock he went to Compania Central, another dealer in gold, and spoke to Mr. Fernando Rodrigues, who explained that a short time before an American bought \$6,000-worth of gold from him, accepting the price asked immediately and paid for same in small American bills; also that the bills were wrapped in packages of \$1,000 each, each individual package being held together with a wide rubber band. Mr. Rodrigues turned over the gold to the American after finding the bills to be in order and was surprised to see that the American did not count the gold. He called the attention of the American

to that over-sight and he was answered that he had confidence in the firm.

Fernando Rodrigues also related that the bag containing the gold was turned over to another American who was waiting in a Ford automobile parked right in front of the Compania Central.

In discussing this incident with Rodrigues, Mr. Elsner said he was told that it had been rumored that the two Americans had purchased and sold quite a bit of gold, but he did not know of deals with any other banks. Elsner advised that he immediately understood that these men were buying and selling gold with the sole purpose of getting rid of small bills and accordingly under date of September 8, 1934, he wrote a letter to the District Vice-President of The National City Bank, informing him of what had taken place. He stated he also informed the American Consul-General in Havana, explaining to him the details of what had occurred and suggesting that the matter had better be checked up as he, Elsner, felt that the bills in question might be connected with the Brooklyn payroll robbery in which \$470,000-worth of small bills had been stolen and as he felt that the men might be using Havana to get rid of them.

Mr. Elsner said that wanting to know more about the Americans who were exchanging the small bills for gold and then exchanging the gold for \$1,000 bills, he thought the best method to use was to find out who they were through the broker who sold the gold to The National City Bank. He said he, therefore, got in touch with the broker, Ruiz, who came to the bank about three-fifteen PM on the afternoon in question, which he thought was September 6, 1934, and was advised by Ruiz that the Americans had left for Miami, Florida, and had promised to bring the \$3,000 balance of their contract upon their return. Ruiz also stated that he did not know who the Americans were, but had met them through Bolivar. He stated further that they would bring more money upon their return to Havana, and that larger deals would take place. Elsner said that as he knew there was no other means of leaving Cuba during that afternoon except Pan-American Airways,

he telephoned the American Consul-General and advised what information he had secured and suggested that the Americans be arrested upon their arrival at Miami, for questioning. He stated that on the following day a representative of the American Consul called upon him and inquired concerning the full details relative to the purchase and sale of the Cuban gold.

Mr. Elmer also advised that under date of September 17, 1934, accompanied by a representative from the American Consul's office, a man, introduced to him as L. L. LETTERER of the Pinkerton National Detective Agency, called at the bank and requested full information concerning the gold transactions, which was furnished him. Mr. Letterer returned on September 27, 1934, and advised that he had been able to ascertain the identity of the people and felt sure they were connected with a Detroit gang and had something to do with the Brooklyn payroll robbery.

It was also stated by Mr. Elmer that under date of October 11, 1934, J. A. Capmany, a broker, advised that he had been offered \$300,000-worth of Liberty bonds, among them one for \$100,000 and the remaining ones in \$500 denominations. Inasmuch as a few days before, the bank had received a warning from New York that a similar amount in bonds of like denominations had been stolen, this data was communicated to the head office of the bank by cable. Upon inquiring concerning the identity of the people who were offering these bonds, Mr. Elmer was told they were the same people who had been selling gold in Havana, and he said he took it for granted that they were the same people who had been to the bank. He said he was also told that the same people were trying to dispose of \$200,000 in five and ten dollar bills in exchange for \$1,000 bills and were paying a commission of ten percent of the proceeds to effect the exchange, one of the brokers being Rene Bolivar, and the other a man by the name of Ortega.

Mr. Elmer said that a few days later he heard through the same broker, namely, Compania, that \$25,000-worth of Liberty bonds had been sold to the firm Ferner and Beane, the party acting in behalf of that firm being Jacobo Lobo, the bonds having been

sold at around 84, which was a considerable discount below the New York market. He said he also heard through Compania, a few days later that he had heard the rumor that the small bills in question had been disposed of by Ortega through the Chase National Bank at Havana.

Klaner said that as his bank received no reaction from the cable to their head office in New York, and as the two Americans appeared to be operating openly in Havana, the bank felt that it might be possible that the purpose of Mr. Lettear of the Pinkerton Agency, was to string them along until they could get the goods on them and therefore the bank did not bother further with the matter.

Mr. Klaner also informed that he had learned, through Mr. Lettear that the two Americans connected with the gold transactions had stopped at the Hotel National while in Havana, and that they were making trips to and from Havana and Miami.

The following investigation was made at the Chase National Bank, Havana, where it was found that \$50,000 in small bills had been sold to The National City Bank on September 11, 1934, which was the day following the transaction between the Chase National Bank and Cassius M. McDonald:

Agent McKee contacted Messrs. Dawson and Klaner, in The National City Bank, and requested that a search be made of currency on hand in the bank vault for the purpose of ascertaining if any of the bills which were thought to be ransom notes were still in the possession of the bank. This search resulted in the location of five packages containing fifty ten dollar bills each, all of which were drawn on the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Comparison of a fair number of the serial numbers of these bills with the serial numbers of the bills listed, indicated they were ransom notes. There was also found, scattered among the remaining ten dollar bills on hand at The National City Bank, twenty-nine ten dollar bills drawn on the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. Mr. J. F. Dawson

caused an examination of the bank records to be made and it was ascertained that the five packages of ten dollar ransom notes came into the bank on September 8, 1934, in a deposit from Mercantile Nacional, S.A. This deposit was received by teller number nine of the Havana Branch of The National City Bank of New York and was included in a total deposit of \$5,500 in American bills.

It was ascertained that Nicholas Rodriguez, teller number nine, counted and strapped these bills and delivered them to Eusebio Dominguez, head teller, on the same afternoon. The bills have been in the continuous possession of The National City Bank since that time. Examination of these five packages of bills was made by Agent McKee and it was noted that they are bound with wrappers of The National City Bank, and dated September 8, 1934, and bear the initials of Teller Rodriguez, who counted and strapped them.

Mercantile Nacional, S. A., is identical with the firm of Mir and Guas.

There are set out below the serial numbers of the five packages of ten dollar ransom notes, as well as the numbers of the twenty-five loose ten dollar ransom notes. Arrangement has been made with The National City Bank in Havana, Cuba, to sequester these notes until instructions have been received as to what disposition should be made of them.

1	2	3	4	5
\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
I04678210A	I02937434A	I04572363A	I04103640A	I05345959A
I03763169A	I03717593A	I05080117A	I04547421A	I05145751A
I03579895A	I04207451A	I02617939A	I04506466A	I05337370A
I05291868A	I04484482A	I04808463A	I04115339A	I04519280A
I05371876A	I04120159A	I04334735A	I05056994A	I03647734A
I04385862A	I04211214A	I05023994A	I05371037A	I05073466A
I04534466A	I04714918A	I05267451A	I04018382A	I05126230A
I03753493A	I02636403A	I04653864A	I04840072A	I05022050A
I04761761A	I03927974A	I05292265A	I03119042A	I05288666A
I04909394A	I04926552A	I04388122A	I04681275A	I04574458A

I04344015A	I03878891A	I01783617A	I03579381A	I05148162A
I05098591A	I05086437A	I03815277A	I05070117A	I04519241A
I04574980A	I04981809A	I04692790A	I04794089A	I01742505A
I04741566A	I04083389A	I04072195A	I04880219A	I04062859A
I04117466A	I04745272A	I05248754A	I04090846A	I04880659A
I05321101A	I04110623A	I04576746A	I04665876A	I04237724A
I05368471A	I04925404A	I05336823A	I04519172A	I04598716A
I03539833A	I03863452A	I03513106A	I05142568A	I05223545A
I04877106A	I03339502A	I05361773A	I03881616A	I04889869A
I05293002A	I01665599A	I04326172A	I02997483A	I05279986A
I04234988A	I04990409A	I02767852A	I05047420A	I04176280A
I02742240A	I05068863A	I05014146A	I04707406A	I03666421A
I02568089A	I04527470A	I04859188A	I04068408A	I04743251A
I04284815A	I05027629A	I03981052A	I04948427A	I04732056A
I04041052A	I04275667A	I04745061A	I04605465A	I03200573A
I04957212A	I04688160A	I03928932A	I04172547A	I04720115A
I05299340A	I00061509A	I02444647A	I01991839A	I03272727A
I04154247A	I05089737A	I02112566A	I04518907A	I05173700A
I04423848A	I04309614A	I00054869A	I03699775A	I02029679A
I02504807A	I04793836A	I03775434A	I03854745A	I04863578A
I04351812A	I03690861A	I05337071A	I04666573A	I01574046A
I02838770A	I04874750A	I04407938A	I04458096A	I04932781A
I04855820A	I03637473A	I04341357A	I03449368A	I05099420A
I04675804A	I00057966A	I02420657A	I04435579A	I04213668A
I05255196A	I01501792A	I05123944A	I04481414A	I03876665A
I03521386A	I05216736A	I05248556A	I04926670A	I04382837A
I01878122A	I04394102A	I04890062A	I03473336A	I05324996A
I03945933A	I02290364A	I05230299A	I04664042A	I05383540A
I05268211A	I05213430A	I03645171A	I04465750A	I03917293A
I03580495A	I02669279A	I03722577A	I03909414A	I05383801A
I03300863A	I04578214A	I05225844A	I04426132A	I05279081A
I05277596A	I04422379A	I04239447A	I05258005A	I04314032A
I01758205A	I04190519A	I04333823A	I05265544A	I03216098A
I04284378A	I04459357A	I05205788A	I03972769A	I02838352A
I05205398A	I05360977A	I04536037A	I04596664A	I04121285A
I03576036A	I05361586A	I04515971A	I04044812A	I05285856A
I05228506A	I04892656A	I04936781A	I03958301A	I03646336A
I03553482A	I02549250A	I04097481A	I05149260A	I04840981A
I02877633A	I05368469A	I05320538A	I04405223A	I03711276A
I01471245A	I05125506A	I05368490A	I05159552A	I04241610A

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IO2710456A \$5.00

\$10.00 (the twenty-nine loose bills):

IO5345255A	IO3620945A	IO5072332A	IO5227016A	IO3291655A
IO4718512A	IO3234342A	IO5218662A	IO1857025A	IO4557919A
IO5327355A	IO5235615A	IO4228570A	IO4015236A	IO4948495A
IO5327300A	IO5959481A	IO4624477A	IO5122961A	IO5324470A
IO4668563A	IO4613282A	IO4957160A	IO4838644A	IO5347241A
IO5317550A	IO5217574A	IO5182396A	IO4040143A	

On February 11, 1935, Mr. J. F. Dawson of The National City Bank, communicated with Agent McKee and advised that in conversation with Eusebio Dominguez, head teller, he had remarked that a package of Ten Thousand Dollars in ten dollar bills drawn on the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, had been passing from bank to bank in Havana for the past several months and that Dominguez thought these bills were part of the bills which had been received from the Chase National Bank. He said Dominguez informed that he knew this package of bills by sight for the reason that the bills were discolored on one end, which made them stand out from an ordinary package of bills. Mr. Dawson also said that he had just ascertained that this package of bills was in the possession of the Cuban Treasury and if Agents thought it was desirable the bank would arrange to secure these bills from the Cuban Treasury and hold them for examination. Mr. Dawson was told that this arrangement would be agreeable with Agents and under date of February 12, 1935, these bills were examined at The National City Bank. Comparison of the serial numbers of a fair number of these bills with the serial numbers of the ransom bills, indicated the bills were the ones paid as ransom in this case. The entire \$10,000 in these bills all of which are of ten dollar denomination, are strapped with National City Bank wrappers and a stamp appearing on them indicates they were counted in The National City Bank on September 21, 1934.

Mr. C. F. Elsner of the bank caused an examination to be made of the exchange records and it was ascertained that these bills were received from the Chase National Bank under date of September 18, 1935, in a total exchange item of \$40,000 on which a discount of \$18.75, which was one-thirty-second of one percent, was paid.

Both Messrs. Dawson and Elsner informed that these bills would also be sequestered by the bank until instructions as to what disposition should be made of them were received. Mr. Dawson also said that he would forward a complete list of the serial numbers appearing on these bills to the Chicago Division Office as soon as such a list could be prepared. The address of the Chicago Division Office was furnished him for this purpose.

Upon the receipt of photograph of Cassius McDonald same was displayed by Agent McKee to C. F. Elsner, Oliverio Aguero, Nicolas Rodriguez and Eusebio Dominguez, all of whom are connected with The National City Bank, Havana, and Elsner, Aguero and Rodriguez identified the photograph as that of the individual who had delivered the \$11,000 in Cuban gold to the bank on September 5, 1934. Dominguez stated it was a likeness of the man who had been in the bank vault at the time the \$11,000 in Cuban gold was counted by him, Dominguez, on September 5, 1934.

During interview with C. F. Elsner of The National City Bank, he informed that he had heard that one Vincente Milian, Junior, of Miami, Florida, and Chicago, Illinois, might be a possible contact for members of the Karpis-Barker gang, particularly, with respect to the exchange of ransom notes and "hot" securities. Elsner said his reason for making this statement was that he had heard, through the broker named Compania, that Milian several months ago communicated with one Arthur Beale of Havana, in connection with the switching of small American bills and in his communications, which were cablegrams, referred to the total amount of the bills as so many thousand cigars. In the particular instance about which Mr. Elsner had received information the message had been concerning one hundred thousand cigars. Elsner said he had referred to a credit file on Milian, which is in the possession of the bank, and had as-

ascertained that the following firms in Chicago, Illinois, and vicinity have had dealings with Milian in the past: Havana Fruit Company, Chicago, Illinois; Hornischfeger Corporation of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He also advised that Milian formed the Milian Machinery Company of Havana, which ceased doing business some time ago. He described Mr. Milian as a man about fifty years of age, stout build, weight about one hundred eighty-five, and as being bald.

During a conversation with Mr. J. F. Dawson of The National City Bank, Havana, Cuba, he mentioned the fact that his bank maintained a branch office in Cardenas, Cuba, which is in close proximity to Varadero Beach, where Subject Karpis lived for several months. At the request of Agent McKee, Mr. Dawson directed a letter to the Cardenas branch of the bank and ascertained that Karpis had not had any dealings with the bank under the name Wagner or any other name.

In company with Rene Bolivar, on February 11, 1935, Agent McKee called at Compania Central, which is also known as La Dichosa, Number 51 Compostela, Havana, Cuba, for the purpose of having the photograph of Cassius M. McDonald identified. No one connected with the firm could speak English and for that reason Bolivar acted as interpreter. He ascertained that the company had not kept a record of the gold transaction between it and McDonald for the reason that it had been treated as a cash deal. It was also learned that Feval Rodriguez, who handled the contact with McDonald, is now in Oviedo, Asturias Province, Spain, on a vacation and that the date of his return is unknown; however, it was stated that he would probably be there for at least a year.

Bolivar pointed out one Miguel Prado, whom he said counted the gold and American bills at the time of the transaction and the photograph of McDonald was shown to him. Prado would only state that he did not remember the transaction in question and that he could not recognize the photograph as being any one he had seen.

At Mercantile Nacional, S.A., which is Mir and Guas, Centro Astraino Building, Havana, Agent McKee, in company with Rene Bolivar, interviewed Austiro Munoz and Eugenio Menendes, whom

Bolivar advised were the parties he dealt with at the time of the gold exchange. Neither of these men speaks English and Bolivar acted as interpreter again. When the photograph of McDonald was shown to Munoz, he turned to Menendes and said something in Spanish and Bolivar advised Agent McKee that Munoz had said, "That's him", to which Menendes replied, "Yes, but don't say so, just say it looks like him, you might get in trouble". Bolivar questioned both Munoz and Menendes and they said the records of the transaction had been destroyed as the firm makes it a practice to preserve records of such deals only for one month. Neither Munoz nor Menendes could remember the amount of gold that was bought, but it is to be noted that it is Bolivar's recollection that the amount in question was either five or six thousand dollars, which would amount to about twelve or fourteen thousand in American bills. Munoz did produce a bank deposit record, examination of which indicated that under date of September sixth \$5,500 in bills was deposited in The National City Bank, Havana, and on the same date \$10,000 in bills was deposited in The First National Bank of Boston at Havana. He was questioned regarding these deposits and he said he could not remember whether the bills which made up the deposit were included in the deposits of September sixth, or not. He did advise, however, that the inclusion of these bills in those deposits would have been the natural thing.

Munoz recalled the McDonald deal because McDonald gave him \$2.80, which was the amount of change due him from the total amount tendered and the total purchase price of the gold and with this \$2.80 Munoz purchased a lottery ticket through which he won \$18,000 in a lottery drawing.

In connection with data supplied by The National City Bank, and also by [redacted] interview was had on February 6, 1935, by Special Agent S. K. McKee with Jacobo Lobo of the brokerage firm of Galban and Lobo Company, 16 Obispo Street, Havana. Mr. Lobo informed that from September 1, 1933, until September 1, 1935, he operated the Havana office of Fenner, Beane and Ungerleider, with offices at 71 Aguiar Street. When questioned concerning dealings with Cassius McDonald he stated

he remembered having purchased a number of United States Bonds from him during the spring of 1934. He stated his firm only had the one transaction with McDonald and that the bond numbers were checked through the head office of the company in New York City before the deal was consummated. Mr. Lobo examined his books and ascertained that the sale in question was under date of March 27, 1934, and was in the amount of \$26,403. The bonds purchased were \$25,000 in United States Treasury 3 1/8 - 1949, and \$1,000 United States Treasury 4 1/2 - 1952. Check number 672 on the Chase National Bank, Havana, Cuba, was given him.

McDonald supplied his address as 1039 Tenosacob Building, Detroit, Michigan. Mr. Lobo advised that the serial numbers of the bonds could be obtained through the head offices of the company in New York City.

Mr. Lobo was closely questioned concerning additional deals with McDonald, particularly during September, 1934, but he insisted that the above deal was his only contact with the man. In this connection, he called attention to the fact that Fenner, Beane and Ungerleider were not operating during September, 1934.

The two hundred thirteen five dollar and the twenty-seven ten dollar ransom notes presently in the vaults of the Federal Reserve Bank, Havana, Cuba, are not being listed in this report due to the fact that there is no way of connecting these bills with any particular transaction; however, a list of the Bremer ransom notes containing check marks after the beforementioned five and ten dollar notes being held by the Federal Reserve Bank in Havana, is being placed in the Jacksonville Office file for future reference should it be necessary to identify definitely these bills.

It will be noted on page twenty-six of this report that a Western Union cablegram dated January 9, 1935, addressed to Cassius McDonald care Frederico Schackleford, Havana, Cuba, was signed "Art". Art is presumed to be Art Heberbrandt. In an effort to determine the identity of Frederico Schackleford, at the Western Union Cable Office, Havana, Mr. George Cary, Assistant Manager,

was interviewed and located this message, which bears code number A-261-9. From the records of this office it was determined that Frederico Schackleford is the code address for the Schackleford Motor Company, Havana distributors of Graham automobiles. The records disclosed that upon receipt of this message, telephone communication was had with the Schackleford Motor Company at which time the representatives of the Western Union were advised that Mr. Cassius McDonald could be located at the Presidente Hotel, and the message was therefore delivered to him at that address. A search was made for additional cablegrams to McDonald without success. However, [REDACTED] aforementioned, stated that he is searching through the records of the Western Union Cable office for other messages at the present time on another matter and will be on the lookout for messages either sent by or to Cassius McDonald, during the past six months, and should he locate any such messages he will forward them directly to Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt, Jacksonville, Florida.

In an effort to determine the police record of Cassius McDonald, at Havana, Cuba, Special Agent R. D. Brown proceeded to the National Police headquarters, where it was learned that the records of the National Police are by no means complete and the only record which could be located was of McDonald's arrest on January 4, 1935, in company with ROY LAMBERT BROOKS and JESSE L. CLEMENT by Officers Fernan Pinon, Manuel Alvarez and Felipe Arago. Interview was had with Captain Abelardo Azcuy, and Captain Gomez Gomez of the Traffic and Tourist Departments, respectively, who stated that McDonald, Brooks and Clement were arrested when McDonald threatened Manuel Pinero Benitez with a gun. Brooks and Clement were taken into custody with McDonald, but due to the fact that they were in McDonald's company, and also due to the fact that they were suspected of illegal gambling at the Cafe El Florida. They also stated that McDonald was arrested in connection with a confidence game practiced on a Cuban, but that this Cuban, whose name they were unable to furnish, failed to appear against McDonald and the case was necessarily dropped. The further stated that when McDonald was arrested his room in the Hotel Presidente was searched and in it there were found plans for the manufacture of dishonest roulette wheels.

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These officers stated that it was found that Brooks and Clement were residing at the Hotel Monserrate, and they were permitted to leave the Republic of Cuba voluntarily while McDonald was held for deportation to the United States until January 19, 1935, when, after the persistent efforts of United States Consul-General Cameron and Ambassador Caffery, both of Havana, who made several unofficial calls on the Cuban Minister of Justice, McDonald was released and permitted to voluntarily proceed to the United States.

The report covering the arrest of McDonald on this occasion, dated February 9, 1935, written by Lieutenant German Cortes, National Police, is being retained in the Jacksonville Division Office file.

It should be mentioned that in connection with the flourishing of the deadly weapon charge, McDonald was fined \$37.50 in the Havana Municipal Court.

Information relative to the daily interviews of Special Agent R. D. Brown with Ambassador Caffery is as follows:

On February 4, 1935, Ambassador Caffery advised Agent Brown that he would insist that Cuban officials give Subject Heller a hearing before action is taken in deporting him from Cuba. On this occasion, Ambassador Caffery was advised that Subject Heller had admitted that he had rented a safe deposit box in his own name for Karpis and had placed eleven one thousand dollar bills in the box, which bills belonged to Karpis, and furnished Karpis money when he called for same. Ambassador Caffery advised that he was still not satisfied with the evidence furnished him by Agents relative to Heller's guilty knowledge that Wagner was in fact Alvin Karpis.

On February 5, 1935, Ambassador Caffery was again interviewed at which time Agent advised him of the location of additional ransom money at Havana banks. On the occasion of this visit, Ambassador Caffery appeared much more cordial and seemed more interested in the case against Heller.

On February 6, 1935, Special Agent R. D. Brown communicated with Mr. E. A. Tamm of the Division, by long distance telephone, requesting advise as to whether or not it would be proper to offer Subject Heller his release in order to proceed to Miami, Florida, voluntarily to answer the harboring charges placed against him. Mr. Tamm was advised that Cuban officials would be willing to release Heller for this purpose. He was also advised that in an interview with Ambassador Caffery on that date, Mr. Caffery was wholly in accord with such a proposition. Mr. Tamm advised that the Division had no objections to such an arrangement.

On the same date, this matter was discussed with Subject Heller, who was being held in Trisconia Prison, at which time he stated that he was interested in the proposition, but reserved decision until he had opportunity to confer with his attorney.

On February 8, 1935, Special Agent R. D. Brown again conferred with Ambassador Caffery at which time he advised Agent that he had received information from Subject Heller's attorney that Mr. Heller would accept the opportunity to proceed voluntarily to Miami, Florida, to answer charges in this case should the Cuban authorities release him.

On February 9, 1935, Ambassador Caffery was again interviewed and stated that he had been advised by representatives of the Cuban Minister of Justice that Heller would be released on February 10, 1935, by Cuban authorities for the purpose of proceeding voluntarily to Miami, Florida; however, later that day it was unofficially learned through Antonio R. Acosta, Personal Representative of President Mendieta, that the so-called representative of the Cuban Minister of Justice, who had conferred with Ambassador Caffery had no authority to speak for Minister of Justice Cardenas in this respect and that Doctor Cardenas was out of the city and would not return until the following, Tuesday, February 12, 1935.

On February 11, 1935, Ambassador Caffery advised Agent Brown that Subject Heller had been released from Trisconia Prison by Cuban authorities and that he had been given a period of twenty-four hours to leave Havana, Cuba, for Miami, Florida;

that Heller informed him, Ambassador Caffery, he would leave Havana at two forty-five PM, February 12, 1934, via Pan-American Airways, for Miami, Florida.

This information was immediately furnished the Division by cable and Agent in Charge Alt of the Jacksonville Office, by telephone, who made arrangements for Agents and Heller to be met at the Miami terminal of the Pan-American Airways at five PM on February 12, 1935.

On February 10, 1935, a memorandum was received by Special Agent R. D. Brown from Special Agent L. B. Nichols, who is working on this matter at Miami, Florida, advising that Jose Alvarez, Manager of the Regina Hotel, Havana, Cuba, had a complaint to make concerning Subject Heller.

On the night of February 11, 1935, Special Agents R. D. Brown and S. K. McKee interviewed Mr. Alvarez at the Regina Hotel, who advised that his complaint against Mr. Heller was to the effect that he had learned that Mr. Heller had attempted to rent the Regina Hotel from the owners during December, 1934; that he, Alvarez, at that time was paying the owners of the building \$2,100 per year rental; that as a result of Mr. Heller's offer to rent the building, the rent was raised by the owners to \$5,100 per year, due to the fact that Heller had offered \$6,000 per year for the rental of the building. From the conversation with Alvarez, who speaks broken English, it was learned that this is the only complaint he has to make against Heller, other than the fact Heller had been driving a new Ford sedan and wondered where he had obtained money enough to buy such a car. This car, of course, is the property of Alvin Karpis.

When Subject Heller was arrested on the night of January 31, 1935, at which time a new Ford V-8 sedan, belonging to Karpis, was recovered from him, this automobile was brought to the National Police Headquarters, where Lieutenant Cortes offered Special Agents R. D. Brown and S. K. McKee the use of this automobile for official business during their stay in Havana.

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The offer was accepted and the car was returned to Lieutenant Cortes on February 12, 1935, when Agents departed from Havana.

On February 4, 1935, a Cable was received from Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, who was then at Miami, Florida, advising that the Division had instructed that the property seized from Heller, belonging to Karpis, by Cuban authorities be disposed of by them except the Ford sedan automobile and that the matter of confiscation of this automobile should be taken up with Ambassador Caffery.

This matter was discussed with Ambassador Caffery on February 5, 1935, and February 7, 1935, on which occasions he advised that he had no power whatsoever and did not desire to take any action with reference to the automobile and suggested that the Cuban authorities, who had recovered the same, be allowed to retain this car.

On February 7, 1935, while conferring with Ambassador Caffery, an anonymous letter received at the Embassy was turned over to Special Agent R. D. Brown. The same had been translated from Spanish to English by the Embassy staff. This letter made general accusations against Subject Heller and the Park View Hotel, and the writer stated that the Park View Hotel was a haven for gangsters and confidence men and that Mr. Heller's reputation was that of a go-between for such individuals.

A person thought to be the writer of this anonymous letter, telephonically communicated with Agents Brown and McKee at the Hotel Presidente on the morning of February 8, 1935, advising that they would call again in about an hour, but failed to do so and Agents were unable to locate the writer of this letter. On the occasion of this telephone call, the person calling refused to give his name and refused to meet Agents for a conference concerning the subject matter of the letter. This anonymous letter is being retained in the Jacksonville Office file.

On February 12, 1935, Special Agent R. D. Brown again conferred with Ambassador Caffery at which time Ambassador Caffery requested that Subject Heller be permitted to proceed to the United States by himself and not accompanied by Agents. It was then learned that Heller had made arrangements to depart on the Pan-American Airways plane leaving at two forty-five PM. Agents then made reservations on the Pan-American plane leaving at one forty-five. Special Agents Brown and McKee arrived at Miami, Florida, about forty-five minutes in advance of the arrival of the airplane occupied by Subject Heller.

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Upon arrival at the Pan-American Airways, Miami, Florida, Depot, Agents were met by Special Agents L. B. Nichols and B. F. Fitzsimons, and a Deputy United States Marshal. Upon Subject Heller's arrival, the Deputy United States Marshal took him into custody and he was taken to the Dade County Jail, Miami, upon his failure to furnish a bond of \$25,000, which had previously been set.

Before departing from Havana, Cuba, Ambassador Caffery advised Special Agent R. D. Brown that he would appreciate it if Subject Heller's bond were made as low as possible. Agent advised him that the matter of bonds rested wholly with the United States District Judge at Miami, Florida.

Upon arrival in Miami, Special Agents Brown and McKee proceeded to the office of Assistant United States Attorney W. Sanders Gramling, at which time the details of the evidence obtained at Havana, Cuba, against both Subjects Heller and McDonald were furnished him. Mr. Gramling requested information concerning Heller's family and advice from Agents as to whether or not it was Agents' opinion Heller would return to the United States to answer the charges filed against him should his bond be made nominal. Agents advised Mr. Gramling that Heller had a wife and three children, a business in Havana, and it was not probable that he would fail to appear when called.

On the night of February 12, 1935, Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, who was then in Jacksonville, Florida, telephonically requested Special Agents Brown and McKee to remain at Miami, Florida, until February fourteenth and be present at a hearing on behalf of Subject Heller for reduction of his bond and also to confer with both United States Attorney Holland and Federal Judge Ritter in an effort to defeat the possible reduction of the \$25,000 bond which had been set in the case of Subject McDonald.

On the morning of February 13, 1935, Agents Brown and McKee conferred with United States Attorney Holland, advising him of the evidence obtained at Havana, Cuba, showing the disposition of the Bremer ransom money by Subject McDonald and also advising him of Subject Heller's family and business connection in Havana, Cuba. Mr. Holland advised that he would confer with Federal Judge Halsted L. Ritter and suggest that the \$25,000 bond in the case of Heller be reduced to a nominal sum of \$1,000, and would suggest to Judge Ritter that the \$25,000 bond of McDonald remain at the same figure; that he would suggest increasing this bond, but thought it inadvisable due to the fact that a hearing would be necessary at which time it would also be necessary to disclose a part of the evidence obtained against McDonald at Havana, Cuba, in connection with his disposition of the Bremer ransom money.

On February 13, 1935, Special Agents R. D. Brown and S. K. McKee interviewed Subject McDonald in the Dade County Jail, at which time some general facts concerning McDonald's activities at Havana, Cuba, were disclosed to him without disclosing the names of any witnesses. McDonald became visibly upset and when asked concerning his criminal record he became angry and refused to converse further with Agents.

In connection with his having stopped at the National Hotel in Havana, Cuba, with W. J. Harrison during September, 1934, McDonald admitted he had occupied a suite at that hotel, but denied that he knew any such person as William Harrison. He said the persons occupying the suite with him during that period were a Cuban interpreter and an employee of the Intelligence Staff of the Cuban Army, whose names he would not disclose.

McDonald was told that a portion of the Bremer ransom money which he had switched in Havana for bills of large denominations could be put in his hands through a chain of evidence and he merely replied by stating, "You will have to do that".

Subject Heller was also interviewed at which time he advised he believed he would be able to furnish a bond of \$1,000. He again protested that he had no knowledge of Karpis' correct identity until after the shooting at Atlantic City, New Jersey. No further information of value could be obtained from him.

Following is description of Nathaniel H. Heller which was obtained from personal observation by Agents:

Age:	44 years
Height:	5 feet 10 inches
Weight:	180 pounds
Hair:	Black - wavy
Eyes:	Dark brown
Nationality:	American
Occupation:	Hotel manager
Race:	White
Residence:	Park View Hotel Havana, Cuba
Relatives:	Mrs. Manine Heller (wife) Park View Hotel Havana, Cuba Three small daughters, ages 8, 10, 12. At home, In Jacksonville file.
Fingerprints:	Forwarded to the Division February 1, 1935 - taken by National Police, Havana, Cuba.
Photograph:	Taken by National Police, Havana, Cuba. In Jackson- ville file.
Criminal Record:	None known.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

NEW YORK OFFICE: At New York City, will contact Fenner and Beane, brokers, and secure from them the serial numbers of the United States Treasury Bonds sold by Cassius McDonald to their firm in Havana, Cuba, on March 27, 1934, furnishing the serial numbers of these bonds to the Chicago Division Office in order that same may be traced for information of value concerning McDonald.

JACKSONVILLE OFFICE: At Miami, Florida, will follow the matter of the possible release of Subject Heller on bond; and will also secure information in the event the bond of Cassius M. McDonald is changed.

Through the Western Union Telegraph Company, Miami, Florida, will arrange to secure the originals of the three telegrams sent by Subject Heller, Park View Hotel, Havana, Cuba, to Joe Adams, El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida, under dates of October 16, 18, and November 2, 1934; also the original of the message sent by Joe Adams, Miami, Florida, to N. H. Heller, Havana, Cuba, under date of October 25, 1934.

At Key West, Florida, will search the records of the United States Customs Service and the P & O Steamship Company for the period September 1, 1934, to the present date, for information as to passage between Havana, Cuba, and Key West, Florida, thence Miami, Florida, by train of Subjects Heller, C. M. McDonald, William J. Harrison, Kate Barker as Mary Ryan, Alvin Karpis as E. N. Wagner, and Dolores Delaney as either Mrs. E. N. Wagner or Dolores Wagner.

CHICAGO OFFICE: Will report the receipt of the serial numbers of the \$10,000 in ten dollar ransom bills which Mr. J. F. Dawson of The National City Bank of Havana, Cuba, has promised to have made and forwarded to that office.

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ADDENDUM BY ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE L. E. KINGMAN:

On February 18, 1935, George Pitchford, Deputy Clerk, United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, Jacksonville, Florida, informed this Agent that he was in receipt of a check of Lloyd C. Hooks, United States Commissioner, Miami, in the amount of \$1,000 covering the cash bond posted with the Commissioner at Miami, on February 13, 1935, for the appearance of Subject Nathan H. Heller with aliases in answer to all of the indictments in which he is charged. This money was pledged by Mrs. Nathan H. Heller and is now on deposit in the registry funds of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, at Jacksonville.

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Director
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United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE -
I. O. 1218; et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Reference is had to my letter of February 22, 1935, confirming telephone conversation with Mr. Tamm of the Bureau, regarding the stenographic situation in the Jacksonville Bureau Office, in which Mr. Tamm advised that the Bureau would mimeograph the additional copies of the McKee-Brown and Nichols reports in the above entitled case.

Transmitted herewith are the Bureau's copies of the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, February 25, 1935. Copies as indicated on this report have been furnished by the Jacksonville Office, with the exception of Detroit, which office received only one copy of the run made at Jacksonville, and should receive one of the mimeographed copies from the Bureau.

All Bureau offices not indicated as receiving copies on this report footing, should be furnished one of the mimeographed copies.

Agent Nichols' report will be submitted within the next few days.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt

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Special Agent in Charge

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