

Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

VIA AIR MAIL

February 13, 1934

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

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

This will advise you that on February 11, 1934, this office received a telephone call from Mr. Bruce Nathan, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, New York City, informing that a flash light used in the Bremer kidnaping case had been recovered, which bore the trade mark - "Light Master Pocket Lantern", and that Sears Roebuck & Company are the exclusive distributors of this lamp. He also informed that a red lens was used in the lamp in question, and that it bore the trade mark - "Filmolens". Mr. Nathan requested that an effort be made to ascertain whether or not anyone recently purchased one of these lamps from Sears Roebuck & Company, also whether or not the red lens was purchased with it, the identification of the person purchasing same and all other details regarding the manufacturer, distributor, etc. He stated that the Sears Roebuck stores in the following States should be checked for pertinent information in this respect:

Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan.

You are advised that on February 12, 1934, this office received a telephone call from Mr. Coffey at the Division who informed that three other signal lights were used in the Bremer case, making a total of four lights; that the three other lights were flash lights about 9-1/2" long, containing the following words printed on the butt end of the flash light. "A Merit Product". He also informed that all four flash lights were equipped with red lens known as "Filmolens" as indicated above. Mr. Coffey requested that in view of the fact that Sears Roebuck is the exclusive distributor of the pocket lantern noted above, inquiry should be made to ascertain whether Sears Roebuck are also the exclusive producers of the flash light known as "A Merit Product", and that if this was ascertained effort should be made to determine where these flash lights have been sold recently.

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and that all Sears Roebuck & Company dealers should be contacted relative to the sale of these flash lights.

He also requested that this office set out leads for all Sears Roebuck dealers in the following States:

North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Minnesota

and that each dealer should be contacted to ascertain whether he can recall the sale of four flash lights, and all the circumstances surrounding the sale including the identity of the purchasers.

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 11, 1934, in which you enclosed 7 photographs of the four lights used in the Bremer case, and in which you requested an expeditious canvassing of the dealers in these products in this district with a view to locating where the lights were bought. Special Agents, J.J.Metcalf and R.A.Knittle of the Chicago office made inquiries at Sears Roebuck & Company, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. C.J.Westrich, and Mr. N.W.Leuck, in charge of buying flashlights and other electrical appliances, advised Sears Roebuck & Company have never handled flash lights or lanterns known as "A Merit Product", and the only article bearing a similar trade name handled by this company is a battery which is known as the Merit battery which is manufactured by the United States Electric Manufacturing Company of New York City and Chicago. These gentlemen advised that possibly the same manufacturers make the flash lights, but that in any event the flash light itself is not and never has been handled by Sears Roebuck & Company.

With reference to the Light Master pocket lantern, they stated that this product is handled exclusively by Sears Roebuck and Company, and they furnished a copy of the Sears Electrical Appliances catalog issued for the spring and summer of 1934, on page 604 of which appears an advertisement for this type of lantern, designated as item No. 20E1781, which is considered a large size 500' beam, uses 20E1401 standard cells, shipping weight 2 lb. 6 oz., price 89¢. The letter from the New York office dated February 12, 1934 indicates that this commodity was carried in the Sears Roebuck catalog since May, 1933, under No. 20D1781. It is believed that the items themselves are identical, but that the New York letter has reference to an old item No. in use before item No. 20E1781 was adopted. On the same page of the above catalog, also appears a Light Master

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"Senior" lantern, which is designated as 20K1782. These type of lanterns were inspected by said Agents in the retail store of Sears Roebuck & Company, and it was also learned from Mr. Leuck, Mr. Westrich and the man in charge of the retail store that these types of lanterns have not been equipped with any colored lens within the past two years. Prior to that time they were equipped with a special red, green and white lens to be used for signal purposes, especially by Boy Scouts. The lantern that is being sold at this time is red in color and has a white lens. The old style lantern which was sold more than two years ago was green in color and had a white lens, except when the various colored appliances were installed.

The man in charge of the retail store said he sold a few of these lanterns recently and had made a number of sales during the Christmas Holidays, however, that his sales were cash sales made over the counter, and he could not recall any particular individual who purchased one of these lanterns. He also advised that he did not recall any request having been made for a colored lens to be installed in one of these lanterns, nor any conversation on the part of a customer which would indicate a desire on the part of a customer to have a different lens installed in the lantern.

The lantern and flash light products now being handled by Sears Roebuck & Company are the Light Master lantern, and the Shurlite and Challenge flash lights. The manufacturer of the Light Master pocket lantern is the Niagara Search Light Company of Niagara Falls, New York.

With reference to pocket lanterns it was learned that Sears Roebuck and Company distribute these products only to their own retail stores, through which such products are sold to the public. Regarding the sale of flash lights and lanterns, it was learned that a very large amount of the business transacted by Sears Roebuck & Company is done by mail orders, and in this respect it was further learned that no record is kept of the mail order received. These mail orders are handled in the nature of cash sales, the orders being returned to the customers at the time the goods are shipped. It is the policy of Sears Roebuck & Company to consider the customers as being always in the right, so that if any dispute arises as to quantity or quality of merchandise shipped, adjustment is made to the satisfaction of the customer. It was explained that it would

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The list of stores includes all of the retail stores of Sears, Roebuck and Company in the specified territory, including the A, B and C Stores, all of which handle flashlights:

The list is as follows:

<u>Store</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Store Manager</u>
<u>NORTH DAKOTA</u>		
Fargo	114 Broadway	Mr. G.M.Black
<u>SOUTH DAKOTA</u>		
Aberdeen	112 South Main St.	Mr.M.L.Champine
Sioux Falls	210 N.Phillips Ave.	Mr. F.C.Arndt
<u>IOWA</u>		
Burlington	519 Jefferson St.	Mr.F.J.Easley
Cedar Rapids	313 Third Ave.East	Mr. W.H.Schaffer
Iowa City	111 E. College Street	Mr. V.J.Fenstermaker
Oskaloosa	101 S. Market Street	Mr.E.J.Koblas
Ottumwa	121 East Main Street	Mr.A.R.Cox
Sioux City	306 Pierce Street	Mr.J.C.Jensen
Council Bluffs	28 Main Street	Mr. J.W.Miner
DesMoines	412 Walnut Street	Mr.E.R.Shapiro
Davenport	114 East Second St.	Mr. J.E.Leahigh
<u>MICHIGAN</u>		
Flint	708 Root Street	Mr. C.Ray
Grand Rapids	110 Pearl Street	Mr. H.L.Kirchner
Pontiac	150 N. Saginaw St.	Mr. D.D.Landon
Bay City	709 Washington Ave.	Mr. E.T.Palmer
Jackson	287 W. Michigan Ave.	Mr. A.H.Holschmaker
Lansing	300 E. Michigan Ave.	Mr. E.A.Tallberg
Port Huron	923 Military Street	Mr. H.S.Warner

<u>Store</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Store Manager</u>
<u>MICHIGAN</u>		
Saginaw	107 E. Genesee St.	Mr. E.M.Jenkins
All Detroit Stores (2 A stores and) (6 C stores) - see Mr. McCaffrey for all stores	10750 Grand River Ave.	Mr. J.A.McCaffrey
Battle Creek	107 W. Michigan St.	Mr. E.N.Kalthoff
Benton Harbor	197 Michigan Street	Mr. E.J.Riley
Kalamazoo	161 E. Michigan Ave.	Mr. F.A.Carlton
Muskegon	338 W. Western Ave.	Mr. W.E.Montgomery
<u>WISCONSIN</u>		
Milwaukee	North Ave. & Fond du Lac	Mr. R.H.Davie
Milwaukee	1337 Forest Home Ave.	Mr. R.H.Davie
Waukesha	280 W. Main Street	Mr. R.J.Goldammer
West Allis	7225 Greenfield Ave.	Mr. J.F.Lantz
Fond du lac	26 S. Main Street	Mr. H.K.Alexander
Green Bay	402 Main Street	Mr. A.D.Corson
Janesville	18 S. River Street	Mr. C.M.Bowen
Kenosha	5502 Sixth Avenue	Mr. J.R.Bonnett
LaCrosse	207 S. Fifth Street	Mr. E.A.Underwood
Madison	311 State Street	Mr. H.J.Morse
Oshkosh	29 E. Main Street	Mr. F.W.Gardner
Racine	317 Main Street	Mr. D.D.Eckman
Wausau	308 Jackson Street	Mr. W.Braatz
<u>ILLINOIS</u>		
Chicago	State & Van Buren	
"	Western Ave. and 62nd Street	
"	79th Street and Kenwood Avenue	
"	Lawrence Avenue and Winchester	
"	Homan Avenue and Arthington	

<u>Store</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Store Manager</u>
<u>ILLINOIS</u>		
Bloomington	312 N. Center St.	Mr. B. B. Kinder
Champaign	43 Main Street	Mr. C. A. Bruggeman
Danville	51 N. Hazel Street	Mr. C. E. Logue
Decatur	250 E. Williams St.	Mr. O. F. Broyer
Galesburg	467 E. Main Street	Mr. L. J. Darnell
Joliet	213 N. Ottawa Street	Mr. G. Moffat
Lincoln	529 Pulaski Street	Mr. H. L. Bowman
Moline	1620 Fifth Avenue	Mr. V. D. Johnson
Peoria	321 S. Adams Street	Mr. A. M. Smith
Springfield	621 E. Adams Street	Mr. L. E. Coffman
(Blue Island	12733 S. Western Ave.	Mr. R. A. Maberry
(Cicero	5953 West 22nd Street	Mr. J. W. Gaffney
(Des Plaines	1502 Miner Street	Mr. E. T. Garner
(Downers Grove	5147 Main Street	Mr. W. J. Trunkey
(Evanston	1029 Davis Street	Mr. H. W. Brelsford
See Mr. Penticoff (Forest Park	7225 W. Madison St.	Mr. K. K. Kepler
at the State (Glen Ellyn	497 Main Street	Mr. H. A. Lee
Street store----(Highland Park	554 Central Avenue	Mr. F. J. McDonough
(Maywood	511 Lake Street	Mr. S. Rosenberg
(Park Ridge	36 Main Street	Mr. L. G. Butterworth
(Winnetka	580 Lincoln Avenue	Mr. L. C. Rowray
Belleville	100 W. Main Street	Mr. C. L. Joseph
East St. Louis	301 Collinsville	Mr. M. E. Martin
Elgin	227 DuPage Street	Mr. J. G. Massey
Kankakee	148 Schuyler Avenue	Mr. W. L. Hampton
Quincy	509 Main Street	Mr. E. E. Day
Rockford	123 Church St. North	Mr. H. A. Veach
Sterling	320 Locust Street	Mr. A. M. Mautner
Waukegan	133 S. Genessee St.	Mr. B. F. Brown
Aurora	61 River Street	Mr. J. Postma
<u>INDIANA</u>		
South Bend	425 S. Michigan Ave.	Mr. M. E. Barnhill
Anderson	1010 Main Street	Mr. J. J. Fansler
Evansville	101 N. W. Fourth	Mr. R. B. Finnesey

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<u>Store</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Store Manager</u>
<u>INDIANA</u>		
Fort Wayne	113 W. Berry St.	Mr. O. H. Kemmerer
Lafayette	2 North Third St.	Mr. B. A. Sanche
Muncie	225 North High St.	Mr. R. F. Bevans
Logansport	500 Broadway	Mr. E. Kendall
Terre Haute	514 Ohio Street	Mr. G. M. Thomas
Gary(see Mr. Penticoff)	-813 Broadway	Mr. R. Greenberg
Indianapolis	333 North Alabama St.	Mr. J. Burke
Indianapolis-Irving District	5656 E. Washington	Mr. P. A. Williams
Richmond	915 Main Street	Mr. J. B. Mordock
LaPorte	425 Lincolnway	Mr. G. W. Horning
Michigan City	422 Franklin Street	Mr. T. E. Cunningham
<u>MINNESOTA</u>		
Duluth	129 E. Superior	Mr. C. J. Masters
Minneapolis-Lake St.	Lake & Elliott	Mr. W. M. Howlett
Minneapolis-Broadway	1201 W. Broadway	Mr. C. V. Chatterton
St. Cloud	18 S. Sixth Ave.	Mr. L. A. Regnier
Virginia	226 Chestnut Street	Mr. G. Anderson

Very truly yours,

W. A. Smith

W.A. SMITH, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Agent in Charge Harvey called from Philadelphia. He advised that in connection with the Baughart matter, they had made an investigation in Philadelphia and found that none of these parties were involved. He stated that the State Police and Highway Patrol, as well as the local officers denied that they were involved and said that it was a local job at Pottsville.

Mr. Harvey asked if we had any more information in connection with the wallpaper in the Bremer case. He was advised that the St. Louis office had telephoned that they thought they had located the design, which was distributed by only 56 manufacturers in the United States. They gave this information to the St. Paul office. The St. Paul office found that the pattern described by the St. Louis office was not identical with the wallpaper described by Bremer and the St. Louis office is now checking through Cleveland to see where the paper was manufactured and if it is possible to identify it. Mr. Harvey advised that he had telephoned Mr. Hanni and asked if he could get the approximate size of the design, which would be of great assistance in identifying it. He said he was going to follow up this request by wire as he has not received the information as yet.

Respectfully,

E. E. Snow

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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MR. CLEGG	___
MR. COWLEY	___
MR. EDWARDS	___
MR. EGAN	___
MR. QUINN	___
MR. LESTER	___
MR. LOCKE	___
MR. RORER	___

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Agent in Charge Fay called from New York. He stated he had ten men working on the wallpaper angle of the Bremer case. He stated that when Agent in Charge Harvey called he asked that they secure the names of all distributors and customers, of which there are about 10,000. Mr. Fay was told that we desired the names of the manufacturers in this district only, so that we can submit a sample of the wallpaper to them in the event we find it. Mr. Fay stated that one of the manufacturers suggested that if Bremer could explain to a wallpaper designer what he had seen, the designer could draw sketches and they could pick out the closest one to it. Mr. Fay was instructed to send a wire to St. Paul asking that this be done. He was also told to stop his Agents from securing the names of the distributors and paper hangers but to secure only the names of the manufacturers.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Fitzgerald of the Bureau in Baltimore telephoned to inquire as to whether the money seized from Banghart had been checked in the Department in Washington against the numbers of the Bremer money.

Mr. Fitzgerald was told that to answer such a question would indicate an answer to the question as to whether we had such numbers of the Bremer money and that he had declined to comment with reference thereto heretofore and would continue to decline to comment on this occasion.

He claimed not to know about the previous inquiry and stated that he could understand the Division's position.

Respectfully,

H. A. Clegg.

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RE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD G BREMER VICTIM KIDNAPING

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CORRECTION - INSERT THIS UNDERWEAR WAS PROBABLY DISTRIBUTED ONLY IN NORTHWEST.

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Gentlemen;

Reading of The Bremer kidnaping case. DIV. of Inv.

and also that thy had Mr Bremer pacible around Siouxcity IOWA.
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

On the evening of February 8, 1934, Mrs. McLean called and advised that she had just had another interview with her informant, Farrell, at which time he stated that the symbols given by him to her at the time Mr. Appel, et al, were at her place were incorrect.

She stated also that the informant told her he was willing to go to any extreme to help her in the Lindbergh case, the Bremer case, or any other case on which she wanted him to work if she would promise to take care of his wife and children if any thing happened to him. She told him she would be glad to do this.

In connection with the address he had stated Senkey was living at in Chicago, she stated that she told him Senkey was not living at this address, whereupon he stated that the street numbers had probably been changed since he saw Senkey there January 26th.

Mrs. McLean stated further the the informant requested that an individual known to him as "Kohn" be arrested immediately, that he and the person previously referred to as Curly the Whistle had knowledge of the Bremer kidnaping case. He stated he did not know where Kohn could be located but that Mr. Purvis would know.

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P. O. Box #987,
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Director,
Division of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
EDWARD G. OBREAHER - Victim
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to phone communication received the evening of February 7, 1934 from the Cincinnati Division Office also letter dated February 8, 1934 forwarded by the same Office with reference to above entitled matter. Upon receipt of reference phone communication, noted in letter of reference, Special Agent J. C. Rider proceeded to Beaver, Pa. the same evening, and first contacted H. A. McC onahy, Night Police Officer, who stated that he had no information concerning a man named Russell E. Thomas; further that he was quite certain that no Buick automobile with a foreign license had been in Beaver within several days.

Edward F. Bryan, Postmaster, Beaver, Pa. was contacted at his home and advised that he had handled the same date and a day or two prior the same of the general delivery mail to Russell E. Thomas, having been received or delivered to Russell E. Thomas.

The same night Agent communicated by phone with the Penn-Beaver Hotel, Rochester, Pa. and the Brodhead Hotel, Beaver Falls, Pa. and they advised that Russell E. Thomas was not registered, it being noted that Beaver has no established hotel, therefore, tourists and the traveling public in general, visiting Beaver, usually seek accommodations at the above mentioned hotels.

On February 8, 1934, Agent Rider arranged with Postmaster Bryan to be on the look-out for mail received for Russell E. Thomas or to be made for mail to the same address. It was also arranged to have Harry Anderson, who was on duty at the post office, made to detain mail addressed to Russell E. Thomas. It was also arranged to have Clarence P. Pendergast, Postmaster, Beaver Falls, Pa. and William Davidson, Chief of Police, Beaver Falls, Pa. and E. B. Antal, Postmaster

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Rochester, Pa. and Beaver Falls, Pa.

It was ascertained by Agent Rider from the above referred to Postmasters that no mail had been received for Thomas.

Further continued inquiries made at the above referred to hotels also the Grand Hotel, Beaver Falls, Pa. developed no information leading to the location of Thomas, who had not registered or was known by name at the Salvation Army at Rochester, Pa. or Beaver Falls, Pa.

On February 9th, Corp. Frazier, by phone, was requested to detail officers to the Rochester, Pa. Post-office, it appearing and based on the wire received from the Cincinnati Office Feb. 8, 1934, that Thomas might call for mail at Rochester, Pa. Corp. Frazier personally and three officers covered the Post-office at Rochester the entire day of February 9th and during the afternoon called the Pittsburgh, Pa. Office advising that a Western Union wire had been received addressed to Dick Thomas and forwarded in care of general delivery from Indianapolis, Indiana, which wire was evidently the same wire referred to in the reference letter of the Cincinnati Office.

On February 12, 1934, Corp. Frazier, by phone, advised this Office to the effect that Russell E. Thomas had called at the Highway Patrol Barracks, Beaver Falls, Pa. and inquired in the matter of obtaining permission to operate an automobile in Pennsylvania and that he had requested Thomas to remain at the Barracks pending the arrival of an Agent from the Pittsburgh Office.

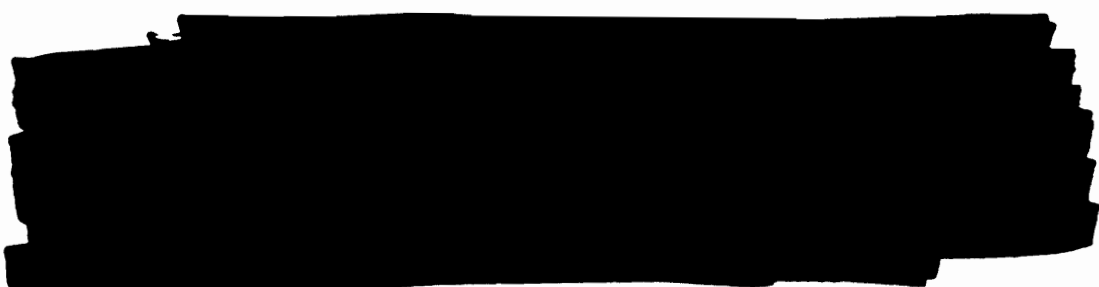
At 12:45 o'clock P.M. the same date Agent Rider at Beaver Falls, Pa. interviewed Thomas, who stated that his true name is Russell Edward Thomas; that he is known as Dick Thomas

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by reason of his broadcasting for the radio in various parts of the country; that he was born at or near Canton, Ohio July 19, 1903; has traveled through the western and southwestern districts of the United States in pursuit of his occupation as musician, radio announcer and singer, asserting that among other places he had worked as a soloist in the Church of Aimee McPherson Hutton, 1100 Glendale Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. during the year of 1924.

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During the short period Thomas was requested to remain at the State Highway Patrol Barracks he stated to Corp. Frazier that his mother had been in ill health and that was the reason for his return to Beaver Falls, Pa., with his wife and baby.

Agent Rider and Thomas proceeded to the latter's home, herein mentioned, where Thomas evidenced a desire to relate in minute data his acquaintances and contact with one "Al" mentioned in reference letter, also one "Ed" and two other men referred to as third man and fourth man.

Thomas stated that he first met "Al" in Dayton, Ohio during the year 1929 while connected with the Third Street Salvation Army Mission as Assistant to the Pastor; that "Al" whose surname he could not recall, called at the Mission after his release from jail on a kidnaping charge, same as noted in reference letter, and remained about two or three weeks, at which time "Al" professed religion.

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Thomas stated that his last address in Indianapolis was #711 N. New Jersey Street, Apartment 8, and at about the same time he obtained employment with the C.W.A. as laborer and watchman at \$15.00 per week and was laid off January 26, 1934. He stated that the C.W.A. project #18 was located at 64th and Central Streets, near the river, Indianapolis, and that his hours were from 2:30 o'clock P.M. until 8:30 P.M.; that he worked under the supervision of the General Foreman, Mr. Graham and that Mr. Foley was the Time-keeper.

Thomas stated that on January 20, 1934 about 11:00 o'clock A.M. he had occasion to call at the Y.M.C.A., North Illinois Street, Indianapolis, where he met in the lobby and recognized "Al" as the same person he had last met at the Mission in Dayton, Ohio; that at the time "Al" was alone and that they talked possibly 15 minutes, he informing "Al" that he was working for the C.W.A. as a watchman, and gave him the location of the shack, C.W.A. and about 7:45 P.M. the same evening and while in the shack, a Buick Sedan pulled up, believed to have been a 1929 model with dark blue or green body, bearing Illinois license plates and appearing to be occupied by four men; that the automobile did not remain but hurried away and that he, Thomas, went to the near-by drug-store called the Police Department and relayed the circumstances, which call is stated by him to be a matter of record with the Night Captain of Detectives.

Thomas stated that on Sunday, January 21, 1934, about 7:00 P.M. the same car with four occupants arrived at the shack,

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one of the occupants being "Al", who with his three companions entered the shack, "Al" introducing the three men as his friends without referring to them by name; that "Al" and the men remained about one hour, man #3 and #4 not entering into the conversation and that none of them advised where they were staying, it now being the opinion of Thomas that they were hiding out and that the same men returned on two or three subsequent nights about the same hour and remained about the same length of time and incidentally made inquiry concerning the Bremer kidnaping case and what information, if any, was being transmitted over the radio.

Thomas is now of the opinion that it was on Monday night, January 26, 1934, and during the last visit of "Al" and his associates, that "Al" made the direct statement to Thomas, "What would you say if I told you that we knew all about the Bremer case and where he is?" to which Thomas replied, "Stranger things have happened. I know you have been in lots of trouble and would not put anything past you." Thomas stated that at this juncture "Ed" remarked, "Al, do you think you can trust this guy?" to which "Al" replied, "Brother Thomas always was a square shooter," and referred to the Dayton, Ohio, Salvation Army Mission acquaintance with him. Thomas asserted at this time "Al" addressed him stating "How would you like to make a thousand dollars?" and inquiring what "Al" meant he was advised that "Al" wanted him to write a letter to Adolph Bremer, 855 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minn., stating that he would forward a note to the home address of Thomas, which had been furnished, advising him when to write. Further, that he, Thomas, inquired of "Al" and "Ed" and to the other men in general, "How do I know you have Bremer?" to which "Ed" remarked, "We have him all right," and "Al" produced a watch which he said was Bremer's but only flashed the watch, which was an open face 16 size yellow gold and had a peculiar scroll on the back of the watch, with no initials.

Although Thomas was of the opinion that Bremer was dead he consented to write the letter when he received the note,

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which letter he stated was for the sole purpose of determining whether Adolph Bremer was interested in the assertions of "Al" and "Ed" and would be indicated upon receipt of reply which Thomas accordingly would forward to Edward Jones, General Delivery, Blue Island, Illinois and proceed to Chicago, Ill., checking in at the Sherman Hotel under his true name where he would meet "Al" and "Ed." No provision having been made or money paid to him for transportation expenses, Thomas alleged that he was of the belief that if he assisted in locating Bremer, his father would undoubtedly and voluntarily reward him. The specific proposition of "Al" and "Ed" was that Thomas was to ascertain whether Adolph Bremer would negotiate with them for information regarding the whereabouts of Mr. Bremer's son.

Thomas stated that nothing further was heard from "Al" or "Ed" until February 3, 1934 when he received a letter postmarked at Indianapolis the same date with no return address, which letter was signed "Al" and instructed him to write to Adolph Bremer, 855 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, which letter he prepared and forwarded by Special Delivery the evening of February 3, 1934, in which letter he gave his correct name, street address and advised Mr. Bremer of the whole proposition which had been made by "Al" and "Ed" and that he, Thomas, further advised that he considered the proposition and the men referred to as doubtful; that he gave Mr. Bremer references of Rev. Daily, Pastor of the United Brethren Church, Indianapolis, and the Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., where he stated he was known to Mr. Guthrie, the Social Secretary and further that he told Mr. Bremer that "Al" had shown him a watch purported to be that of Edward G. Bremer, concluding with the statement that he, Thomas, was married, had a baby, sympathized with and was willing to do anything he could to assist in locating Mr. Bremer's son.

Thomas stated that he has had no reply from the above letter and that he had thought nothing more about the matter until the evening of February 5, 1934, when he concluded to call on the local police at Indianapolis and contacted Night Captain of Detectives, relating to him the entire details of instant matter, as set forth and that the Night Captain assigned Special Detective E. M. Tutt and E. D. Rouls to the case, the latter of whom accompanied him to his home and was afforded further details also the address of Mr. Adolph Bremer. It should be noted that Thomas stated he had destroyed or mislaid the letter or note of "Al."

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As evidence of his contact with the Police, Thomas submitted a card bearing the name of E. M. Tutt, Detective Serg't., on which appears the name of E. D. Houls, stating that both detectives had instructed him to call the Detective Bureau if and when he received a reply to the letter forwarded to St. Paul or information concerning the whereabouts of "Al", "Ed" or the other men already mentioned. Thomas stated that he heard nothing further from "Al", "Ed" or the other men and on the following morning, February 6th, received a Special Delivery letter from his mother saying that she was ill, enclosing a money order for \$14.00 and asking him to return home at once and as evidence of having received the money order, exhibited a money order receipt #706-140, postmarked Beaver Falls, Pa. 2-5-34.

Thomas stated that immediately thereafter he contacted the Travel Bureau, Indianapolis, by phone and arranged with a Mr. McCammon of Indianapolis, a former butcher, who was about to depart for New York, to transport himself, his wife and baby for an agreed sum of \$12.00 and that he, his family and their baggage, left Indianapolis with Mr. McCammon in his 1933 Plymouth Sedan, with Indiana License plates, shortly after the noon hour Feb. 6, 1934 and arrived in Beaver Falls about 11:30 P.M. the same date; that before departing from Indianapolis he left a post-office forwarding address which he deposited in a mail box giving his future address as 2512 - 9th St., Beaver Falls, Pa.

Thomas stated that it was the original purpose of Mr. McCammon in his ride east to travel by way of Rochester, Pa. and that Mr. Followell, mentioned in reference letter is a janitor at the apartments at 711 N. New Jersey Street and probably heard mention made of Rochester, Pa. while the process of changing the route from Rochester, Pa. to Beaver Falls, Pa. was being discussed with Mr. McCammon, and to which Mr. McCammon readily agreed.

Thomas stated that since his return to Beaver Falls where he expects to remain and hopes to obtain work through the C.W.A., he had had no mail forwarded to him from Indianapolis

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and in view of Edward G. Bremer having been turned over to his father, he expects to hear nothing further from "Al" or his associates.

In conclusion Thomas asserted that his statement to Agent Rider was practically the same as he had submitted to the Police at Indianapolis, Indiana.

Thomas furnished a description of "Al", "Ed", and the other two men referred to as third and fourth man and possibly identified the photograph of Chas. A. McConnell, Dayton, Ohio Police #7791 and referred to in reference letter as the same individual known to him as "Al."

The descriptions follow:

Name:	"Al"	"Ed"	3rd Man	4th Man
Age:	30 yrs.	42 yrs.	35 yrs.	35 yrs.
Height:	5'9"	5'7"	5' 8"	5' 4"
Weight:	140#	175#	140#	120#
Build:	Slender	Husky	Slender	Slender
Hair:	Lt. Chest. Black-Gray		Light	Very dark
Eyes:	Blue-green Dk. Brown		Brown	Dark
Complex:	Ruddy-spotted Dark		Medium	Dark
Nose:	Semi prominent			
Chin:	Receding			
Occup.:	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Nationality:	American	Italian	American	Italian
Race:	White	White	White	White
Marks:	None	None	None	1 1/2" V shape scar nose to corner mouth R.
Pecul.:			Blinks eyes frequently	
Attire:	Gray suit and cap; no vest; leather zipper jacket; no overcoat	D.B. pin stripe suit gray black plaid cap; no overcoat shieky dresser	Dark brown overcoat Couduroy trousers (Brown) dark cap dirty clothing	Overall pants studded black leather belt. Leather sheep lined jacket. Dark in color. No overcoat. Dark Cap.

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Thomas stated further that he would be able, at any reasonable later date, to identify "Al", "Ed", and the third and fourth men above described.

The following description of Thomas is based on observation of Agent Rider and information received from Thomas:

Name:	Russell Edward Thomas alias Dick Thomas
Age:	30 years, born 7-9-1903, at Canton, O.
Height:	6 ft.
Weight:	145 #
Build:	Slim
Hair:	Dark chestnut, thin at top
Eyes:	Blue
Complexion:	Sallow
Teeth:	Natural
Marks:	1" vert. scar over eye L
Marital:	[REDACTED]
Occupation:	Musician, radio singer
Race:	White
Address:	[REDACTED]

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At the Beaver Falls Post Office Agent was advised by the Postmaster that money order #706-140 in the amount of \$14.00 was purchased by Mrs. Edward Renzenbrink, 2512 - 9th Ave., Beaver Falls, Pa. Feb. 5, 1934 and was made payable to Russell E. Thomas, 711 N. New Jersey Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

In accordance with the request of reference letter, the herein mentioned photograph of Charles A. McConnell is attached

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to copies of this letter for the St. Paul Division Office.

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Very truly yours,


E. A. TAMM,
Special Agent in Charge.

JCR/MMM
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CC - St. Paul - Encl.
CC - Cincinnati

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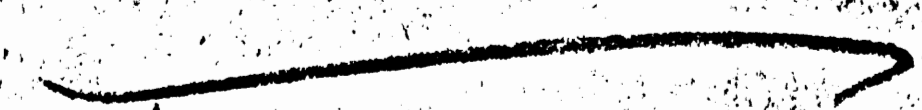
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*Mr. Adolph Bremer
St Paul
Minn.*

From
Mrs. E. H. Lamm
Route 9 Circle Road
Knoxville Tenn



Mr. Adolph Bremer
St. Paul
Minn

Mr. Adolph Bremer

St Paul Minn

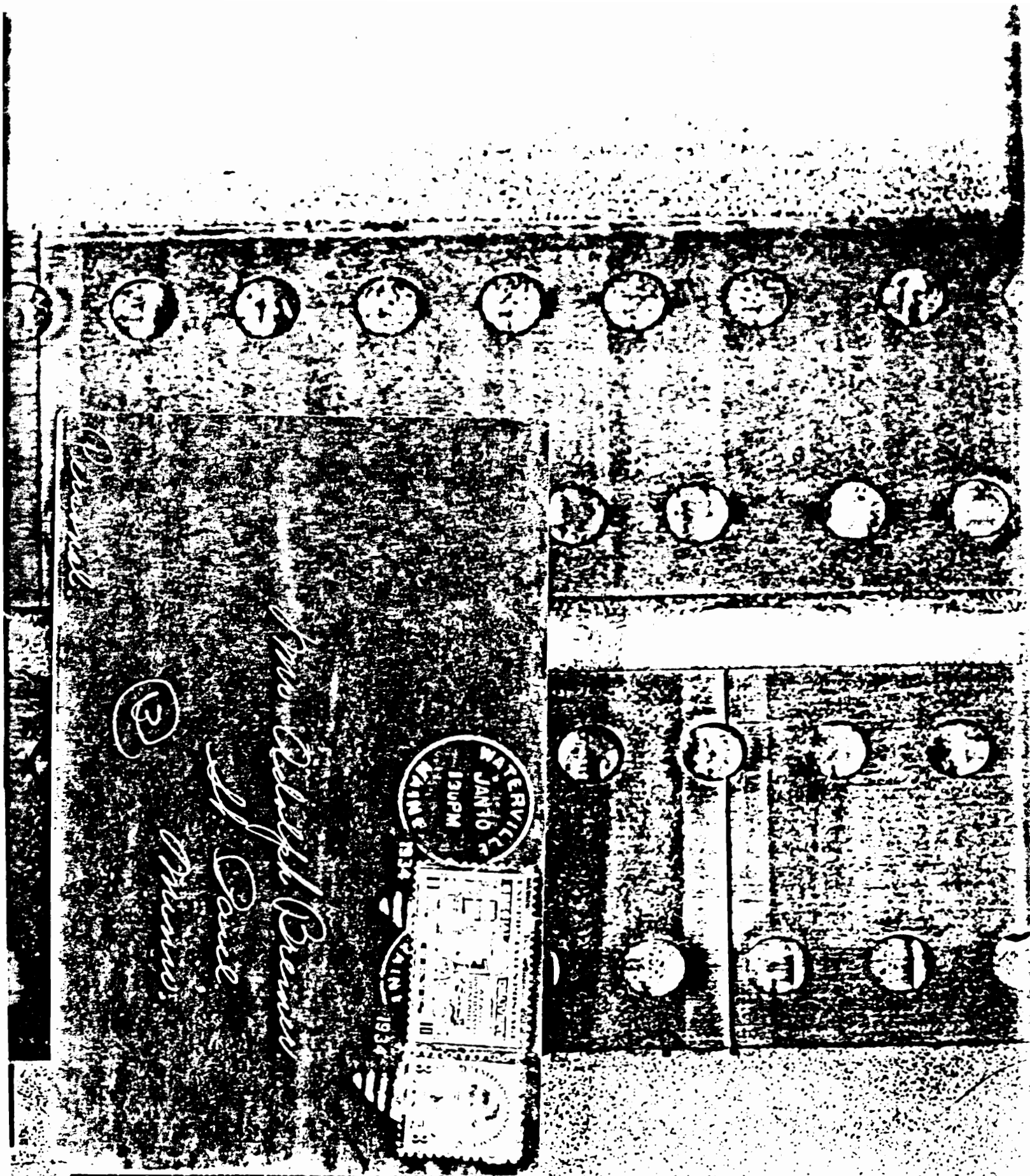
Dear Sir,

Sleep up your courage
Surely God will permit
such a terrible thing to
happen to a young man
such as you. He was.
All one has to do is to stick
into his nose and head his
character.
And if the perpetrators
are caught - one shall

not show them any more.
The awful suspense that you
and this family are living
in is torture, - But I am
praying for you all and am
sure there are hundreds of
mothers doing the same.
I pray God you will soon have
him with you again, well and
happy.

I know one son whom had the
misfortune to be disabled for
life in an accident. Well I
still have him.
So keep up your courage and
remember there are many
for you.

Truly
Your friend,
Route 9 Rice Lake, Wisconsin



Waltham
January 29/71

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Dear Mr Brewer
I am writing to you
to ask you a favor
I get by the paper
that you have lost your
son and that you are in
great need of money
but you have all kinds of money
to get your son back
Mr Brewer, I am a
young woman and have
a daughter of 16 and
had to take her out of
high school on account
of being in poor health.
And the only thing
that would restore her

Very Truly Yours
Eleanora Robert
10 Gray Street
Waterville
Maine.

Hucker.

God Sakes help
you will be well
by it
Answer me as
you possibly
God help you in
now.

Health back. would be an
operation and when I was
left alone 12 years ago and
have been out of work
for almost four years I
tell you it is pitiful to
be poor and not able
to keep the only child you
have.

Mrs. Bremer This is not
a threat or charity. It is
only to ask you, if you
would loan me two hundred
dollars, so I could have
my daughter operated.

And as soon as she
is well and able to work
she and I might be able
to come up, and could
pay you back in a year
or so.

We are praying and
hoping that your son will
return safe and unharmed.



Mr. Ralph Bremer, Esq.
ST PAUL
Minnesota

Personal.

From
Jno. J. Mahon
838 Communipaw Ave.
Jersey City N.J.

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Jan 30, 1934

Mr. Ralph Bremer

Dear Sir,

I am a crime analyst and have followed this case very closely and am inclosing a letter from the Dept. of J. in Washington to draw out this statement.

It seems to be the opinion of all the crime experts including myself that this job was planned and executed by the free members of the TOUHY GANG for the sole purpose of raising money for the defense of this fellow now on trial in Chicago. If this is so and I firmly believe that it is, then I am going to give you the benefit of a plan which I have evolved and which I believe will be successful if carried out in the manner following.

THE PLAN

1ST INSERT AN AD. IN THE NEWSPAPERS OF ST PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS TO THE EFFECT THAT YOU WILL DONATE \$100,000 ~~AMOUNT~~ TO THE TOUHY DEFENSE FUND FOR THE SAFE RETURN HOME OF YOUR SON.

2ND THAT YOU WILL DEPOSIT THIS MONEY IN A CHICAGO BANK IN THE NAME OF THE LAW FIRM WHO IS DEFENSE COUNSEL THE ONLY PROVISIO BEING THAT IF YOUR SON IS NOT HOME AT THE EXPIRATION OF 24 HOURS AFTER DEPOSIT IS MADE YOU WILL THEN WITHDRAW THIS MONEY AND THEREAFTER CO-OPERATE FULLY WITH ALL THE POLICE AGENCIES WORKING ON THE CASE UNTIL YOU BRING THIS CASE TO JUSTICE YOU HAVE TO BLUFF THESE GUERRILLAS 3rd IF THEY FALL FOR THIS PLAN THEN

THEY WILL NOTIFY YOU IN THIS MANNER

1ST THEY WILL MAIL A ^{TELEGRAM} ~~LETTER~~ TO WESTERN-
UNION OR ~~POSTAL TELEGR~~ ADDRESSED TO
LOWELL THOMAS WHO SPEAKS OVER AN N.B.C.
NATION WIDE HOOK UP AT 545 CENTRAL TIME
SAYING PLAN AS PRINTED O.K. TO US.

2ND YOU THEN DEPOSIT THE MONEY AS OUTLINED

3RD THEN A WAIT OF 24 HOURS FOR SON.

4TH IF HE DOES NOT RETURN, THEN WITHDRAW
AND ANNOUNCE YOU WILL FIGHT TO FINISH

5TH THIS WILL DRAW THEM OUT AS THEY

WILL THEN BEGIN TO FEEL THAT THEY ARE

ALLOWING THEIR OPPORTUNITY TO PASS. IT

WILL AT LEAST BE THE FORERUNNER OF

FURTHER NEGOTIATING - IT MAY BE

POSSIBLE TO TRAP THEM ALL BEFORE

IT IS OVER AND RESTORE YOUR SON TOO.

I have arranged the plan in as far as the method of gang notifying you that it is possible to watch all the mail boxes for a person dropping a letter so addressed and trailing him to the hideout, my idea being to create confidence so that they would feel a certain amount of security which is not so to an expert who knows how to plan the capture.

If you feel that I could be of any assistance to you in the case you are at liberty to mail me a check for \$500.00 which will be my initial fee and which I would have to use to defray my trip and expenses to your city.

I trust my however that you soon

may be ordered to you before this
letter reaches you,

I beg to remain

Very truly yours

John Mahan.

838 COMMERCIAL AVE

Jersey City N.J.

P.S. I have a number of other plans which
would have to be worked out by myself
in conjunction with the St Paul Police Dept.
I might also add that I have
worked on the Lindbergh case in N.J.
I hate to see you pay any money at
all to these rats. Pay 100,000 \$ 200,000 the
can be bluffed.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 24, 1934

Mr. John Mahon,
838 Communipaw Avenue,
Jersey City, New Jersey.

Dear Sir:

Kindly be advised that your letter of January 19, 1934, concerning the kidnaping of Mr. Edward G. Bremer, has been referred to Mr. Werner Hanni, the Special Agent in Charge of the St. Paul, Minnesota Office of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 203 Post Office Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, and will be given appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director



HOTEL ST. FRANCIS
ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREAT HOTELS
SAN FRANCISCO - CALIFORNIA

MANAGEMENT
JAMES H. MCCABE

Jan 30/1934

Dear Friend
Mr. Bremer

I Guess you will think it
quite strange in me writing to you
and not knowing you But I was
Reading in the paper about your son
and I think it is so Bad
them end off Guys should be
shot Down like Dogs instead
Giving them Money if you do
Give them Money they will
Ward the life out off you
for Money

CABLE ADDRESS "SICNARF" SAN FRANCISCO



HOTEL ST. FRANCIS
ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREAT HOTELS
SAN FRANCISCO - CALIFORNIA

MANAGEMENT
JAMES H. MCCABE

my name is Mr John L Jones
From Veriontown Pa 60 Miles
out off Pittsburg Pa
I have spent some time Behind
Prison Bars and I know
What it is all about Crime
I dont pay Get me Right I
Awake on a Guy on my Life
But I Dont like Know What
in other Words Kid Nappers
I thought I Might Be off
some help to you

CABLE ADDRESS "SICARP" SAN FRANCISCO



HOTEL ST. FRANCIS
ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREAT HOTELS
SAN FRANCISCO - CALIFORNIA

MANAGEMENT
JAMES H. M. CABE

Don't Git me Wring I am nat
trying to Beet you out off any
Money Becase if I come I will
Be Leving here With out a Dime
if I come Do you any Good
and you want to Give me smthg
OK if Nat OK I Do hope to God
you Git your Son Back Safe

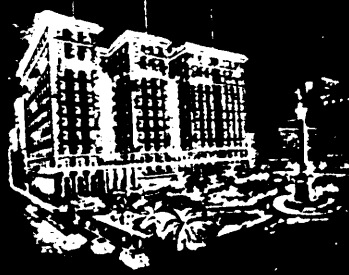
Now Mr Bremer

Send me a Wire Right away
address is Mr John T Jones

1036 Market St

San Francisco Cal

CABLE ADDRESS "SICNARF" SAN FRANCISCO



HOTEL ST. FRANCIS
ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREAT HOTELS
SAN FRANCISCO - CALIFORNIA

MANAGEMENT
JAMES H. MCCABE

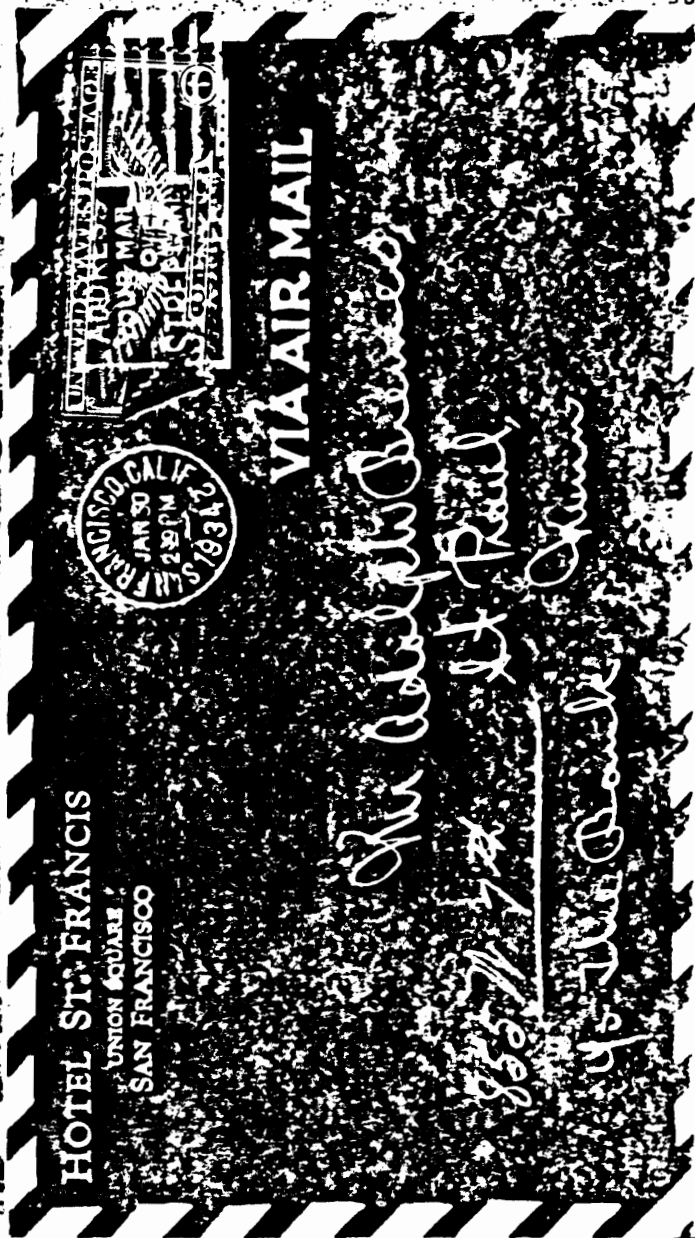
I am not doing nothing and
I might be able to get you a lot
off good because Crooks will mix
with Crooks I was here 5 days
I met two Gun Men and know
two Fences for stolen stuff
you see among the Crooks a Guy
that Don't talk and keeps his
nose close they will tell him
the new thing I haven't got a
Dime But if you say come
I will grab a Blind Bagge
and Beat my Way out there

CABLE ADDRESS "SICNARF" SAN FRANCISCO

Please come Right away
as I will Be waiting and
Watching as I want
Like to help you if I
can

if you want to you can
send me a copy off Dollars
to send on till I get there
as soon as I break I had to
bring a Dime to write you this
Letter Good Bye John L. Jones

I do hope your Miss Beate
will make out my writing &
in the best of love do
I will be waiting for a
answer. John L. Jones



29, 1934

Officials Fear Silence Means Bremer Dead

Father Issues Plea for Kidnapers to Make Contact Soon

ST. PAUL, Jan. 28—Still blindly hopeful after 12 days of waiting, Adolph Bremer tonight continued to maintain his vigil for a contact with the kidnapers of his son, Edward G. Bremer.

Meanwhile both local and Federal authorities are baffled by the prolonged silence of the kidnapers. In the beginning they were confident of a quick contact, but the belief grows that Bremer is either dead or so seriously injured that he is unable to write his signature.

However, the millionaire banker-brewer for the first time expressed assurance that negotiations would be resumed and that the impasse resulting from Federal and police activity would be overcome. He believes the victim is still alive and that the only thing that is deterring communication is fear on the part of the abductors of a double cross.

Talking to the writer tonight, he said: "We have the money ready and we want to pay it. There will be no interference by law enforcement agencies. We will deliver the ransom any time and anywhere, in the manner dictated. There have been rumors that the payoff was to be made by airplane. I know nothing about them. Whatever orders I receive I will obey to the letter and will not divulge."

Police Commissioner Thomas E. Dahill, who has been sleeping at headquarters ever since the kidnaping, stated there were no new developments and that so far as he knew there would be none until Bremer's release. He implied that the family's latest demand for non-interference would be respected.

Deaths .. Bi

Deaths

ADAMS, Isabel M.
Mortician—Husted & Co.
ALLEN, Ethel May
Mortician—Husted & Co.
BREDIN, Edgar Chester
Mortician—Pier & McLaughlin Co.
DOHL, Arthur—41 years
Mortician—Greer & H.
COLLIN, George H.
Mortician—Arthur J. Sullivan & Co.
FAVORITA, Demetrio
Mortician—Suhr & Wieboldt
GROENWYLM, Henry—33 years
Mortician—Layne & Tindley, Redwood
HATZENBEHLER, Frank J.—43 years
Mortician—Layne & Tindley, Redwood
HOSMER, Abel—44 years
Mortician—Albert Brown Co., Oak
JOHNSON, John
Mortician—Suhr & Wieboldt
JORDAN, Dr. F. R.—60 years
KELLY, Mary
McCreary & McCormick Home Bldg.
KORTS, Christian William—64 years
Mortician—Leary Bros.
MANNING, Mary A.
Mortician—Harry M. Girard
McKEN, Pearl Irwin
MITCHEM, Ella H.
Mortician—Martin & Brown
MORRIS, Katherine A.
Mortician—Husted, Dicks & Co.
MURPHY, Catherine F.—77 years
Mortician—J. C. O'Connor Co.
MURPHY, John
Mortician—McAvoy, O'Hara & Co.
OLSEN, Edna
Mortician—Suhr & Wieboldt
QUILLER, Thomas E.
Mortician—Carry & English
REYNOLDS, Bertha
Mortician—Albert Brown Co., Oak
ROLLE, Janet Heerie
Mortician—Reiter & Hapgood
SCHWARTZ, Rudolph, aged 84
Mortician—H. P. Suhr Co.
SJOGREN, Oscar
Mortician—Gantner, Felder, E.
SLAUGHTER, Anna J.
Mortician—Keaton & Dunel, E.
SLYTER, William
Mortician—Suhr & Wieboldt
SMITH, Joseph
Mortician—Suhr & Wieboldt
STASAK, Anna A.
Mortician—Husted & Co.
THUR, Alexander
Mortician—United Undertaker
UHL, George Harvey
Mortician—Carry & English
WINTNER, Sophie—88 years
Mortician—H. P. Suhr Co.
WOODY, Lot Lindsey

ADAMS—In this city, January 28, Mrs. M. Adams, beloved wife of Albert F. Adams, devoted mother of M. Parker and Elbert V. Adams. Funeral services will be held at 3 o'clock p. m. at the home of Husted & Co., 4122 Broadway, for interment, Olivet.

ALLEN—In this city, January 28, Mrs. May Allen, wife of the late Mr. C. H. Nicholson, sister of Mrs. C. H. Nicholson. Remains will be forwarded (day) to Portland, Or., for interment. (Husted & Co.)

BREDIN—In this city, January 28, Edgar Chester Bredin, husband of Ethel Adams, son of Viola Wm. Bredin, a native of Ireland. Remains to be forwarded to Portland, Or., for interment.

Vets to Obtain



Adolph Bremer, Esq.,

-- PERSONAL --

Saint Paul, Minnesota.

855 West 7th Street.



836 North 14th Street, Apt. 57,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin, February 1st, 1934.

Adolph Bremer, Esq.,
St. Paul, Minn.

My Dear Mr. Bremer:

This is NO crank letter or promise of "INSIDE" information or synthetic assistance, but a real, honest-to-God offer that I beg of you to give SERIOUS consideration to.

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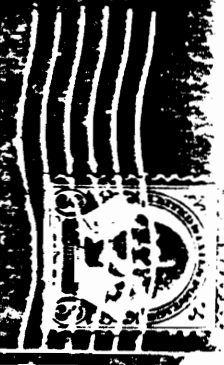
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SAINT PAUL, MINN.

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855 W. 7th Street,
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Venice Cal. Jan. 27 - 1951.
To the Father
of
Edw. G. Bremer
St. Paul, Minn.

Sir:

I the undersigned offer you my
Services and co-operations in restoring
to you your Son Edw. G. Bremer.

You may use me any way you see
fit even if I have to exchange my
Life for that of your Son.

I am willing to do this not for
financial rewards, but for prestige to
be allowed to remain in the U.S.A.
and to be allowed to become an
American Citizen.

I am not a criminal, have no
convictions against me.

II.

But I am illegal in this country, having entered illegal 22 years ago from Germany. The War and the Laws prevented me from becoming naturalized.

I love this Country & want to stay here. I prospered here, had my own Home in West Palm Beach, Fla. a good Business, a Wife & 2 children.

The Hurricane in 1928 wiped out my home, later my money was lost.

I moved from place to place & finally I applied for help to the Welfare.

I was honest told the truth about my life & that's when my troubles started.

Now I am slated for deportation by June 30th 1934 and be parted from my Wife & 2 american born children.

Take it from me I rather suffer an honorable Death, than being thrown into Hitler's Lion-den.

I have written Pres. Roosevelt asking for an executive pardon. But what have I done to deserve this? So please give me a chance to hunt for your Son.

You can rest assured I will try my very best, even at the risk of my life to find your Son.

I don't want any money, only a recommendation to Pres. Roosevelt for a pardon. Please answer soon.

I the hope that your Son be restored to his love ones very soon,

I remain yours very truly

Frank Hoff.

28 So. Venice Blvd.

Venice, Cal.



Adolph Bremer, Esq.,

-- P E R S O N A L --

Saint Paul, Minnesota.

855 West 7th Street.

836 North 14th Street Apt. 57,
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Officials Fear Silence Means Bremer Dead

Father Issues Plea for Kidnapers to Make Contact Soon

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Meanwhile both local and Federal authorities are baffled by the prolonged silence of the kidnapers. In the beginning they were confident of a quick contact, but the belief grows that Bremer is either dead or so seriously injured that he is unable to write his signature.

However, the millionaire banker-brewer for the first time expressed assurance that negotiations would be resumed and that the impasse resulting from Federal and police activity would be overcome. He believes the victim is still alive and that the only thing that is deterring communication is fear on the part of the abductors of a double cross.

Talking to the writer tonight, he said: "We have the money ready and we want to pay it. There will be no interference by law enforcement agencies. We will deliver the ransom any time and anywhere, in the manner dictated. There have been rumors that the payoff was to be made by airplane. I know nothing about them. Whatever orders I receive I will obey to the letter and will not divulge."

Police Commissioner Thomas E. Dahill, who has been sleeping at headquarters ever since the kidnaping, stated there were no new developments and that so far as he knew there would be none until Bremer's release. He implied that the family's latest demand for non-interference would be respected.

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ADAMS, Isabel M. Mortician—Halsted & Co.
ALLEN, Ethel May Mortician—Halsted & Co.
BREDIN, Edgar Cinchaster Mortician—Peter E. McLaughlin Co.
DOHL, Arthur—41 years Mortician—George H.
COLLIN, George H. Mortician—Arthur J. Sullivan & Co.
FAVORITA, Domenic Mortician—Suhr & Wieboldt
GROFF, Wm. Henry—82 years Mortician—Suhr & Wieboldt
MATZENBEHLER, Frank J.—24 years Mortician—Layns & Tinney, Redwood
HOSMER, Abel—35 years Mortician—Albert Brown Co., Oak
JOHNSON, John Mortician—Suhr & Wieboldt
JORDAN, Dr. F. E.—50 years
KELLY, Mary McCreary & McCormick Home Ser
KORTS, Christian William—54 years Mortician—Patrick
McCANN, Patrick Mortician—Leary Bros.
MANNING, Mary A. Mortician—Harry M. Glynn
McEWEN, Pearl Irwin Mortician—Ella H.
MITCHELL, Ella H. Mortician—Martin & Brown
MORRIS, Katherine A. Mortician—Halsted-Dierks & Co.
MURPHY, Catherine E.—77 years Mortician—J. C. O'Connor Co.
MURPHY, John Mortician—McAvoy, O'Hara & Co.
OLSEN, Edna Mortician—Suhr & Wieboldt
QUILTER, Thomas E. Mortician—Carew & English
REYNOLDS, Bertha Mortician—Albert Brown Co., Oak
ROLLER, Janet Heerle Mortician—Roller & Hapgood, Pal
SCHWARTAU, Rudolph, aged 85 Mortician—H. P. Suhr Co.
BROGREN, Oscar Mortician—Gantner, Felder, Kenn
BAUGHMAN, Arnes J. Mortician—Keston & Duval, San R
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TILLIE, Alexander Mortician—United Undertakers
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WOODY, Let Lindley

ADAMS—In this city, January 28, 1934, Isabel M. Adams, beloved wife of the late Albert P. Adams, devoted mother of M. Parker and Elbert V. Adams. Funeral services will be held today (Sat.) at 3 o'clock p. m. at the mortuary of Halsted & Co., 1123 Sutter st. Interment, Olivet Memorial.

ALLEN—In this city, January 27, 1934, May Allen, wife of the late Harrison Palmer of Mrs. C. H. Nicholas. (Port. Or.—papers, please copy.)

Remains will be forwarded today (Sat.) to Portland, Or., for service Interment. (Halsted & Co. services.)

BREDIN—In this city, January 28, Edgar Cinchaster Bredin, beloved husband of Ethel Almee Bredin, was killed by a car driven by Viola Wm. Bruce, Gu. Bredin, a native of En. was buried to

HOTEL ST. FRANCIS
UNION SQUARE
SAN FRANCISCO



VIA AIR MAIL



Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

February 7, 1934.

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul File 7-50.

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are seven original
letters and envelopes received in the above matter, copies
of which have been made for the St. Paul Division Office.

Very truly yours,

Werner Hanni

WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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February 12, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Reference is made to the attached letter dated February 7, 1934, from the St. Paul Office in connection with the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim, Kidnaping, and transmitting seven anonymous, crank and information letters received in connection with this case. The original letters are being retained in the Laboratory. There are transmitted herewith two photostatic copies of each of these letters which are identified below for record purposes. I would appreciate your advice as to which, if any, of these letters will be treated as new extortion cases, in order that the usual Laboratory examination may be made here.

1. Letter postmarked Venice, Calif., Jan. 29, 1934, addressed to The Commercial State Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota, and signed "Frank Hoff, 28 So. Venice Blvd., Venice, Cal."
2. Anonymous letter postmarked Hud. Term. Annex, N.Y., Jan. 30, 1934, addressed to Mr. A. Bremer, the first sentence of which reads "Leave your City quiet without trace whereabouts for New York" and signed with four cross marks "return letter with money".
3. Letter postmarked Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 1, 1934, addressed to Adolph Bremer, Esq., and signed "Kenneth Laflin Eagon".
4. Letter postmarked San Francisco, Calif., Jan. 30, 1934, addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer and signed "Mr. John L. Jones, 1036 Market St., San Francisco, Calif."
5. Letter postmarked Jersey City, N. J., Jan. 30, 1934, addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer, Esq., and signed "John Mahon, 838 Communipaw Ave., Jersey City, N. J."
6. Letter postmarked Waterville, Maine, Jan. 30, 1934, addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer and signed "Mrs. Jean Eva Hebert, 10 Gray Street, Waterville, Maine".
7. Letter postmarked Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 29, 1934, addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer and signed "Mrs. Elizabeth H. Draeger, Route 9, Circle Road, Knoxville, Tenn."

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Respectfully,
E. P. Coffey.

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VISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER

SPS:AMP.
MAR. 14, 1934

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT ST. PAUL

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Edw. G. Brennan

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M H PURVIS
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
1900 BANKERS BUILDING
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

BATTERIES FOR SIGNAL LIGHTS BREMER CASE FORWARDED DIRECT YOUR OFFICE TODAY

CODE UNDERSCORED WORD

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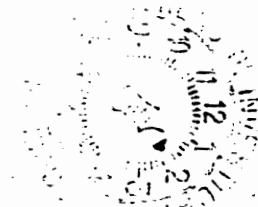
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SHELDON CATLIN VICE PRESIDENT NORTH AMERICA INSURANCE COMPANY IN SAN FRANCISCO
ENDEAVORING TO LOCATE EXACT ADDRESS

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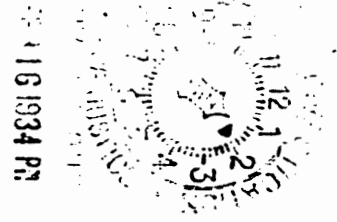
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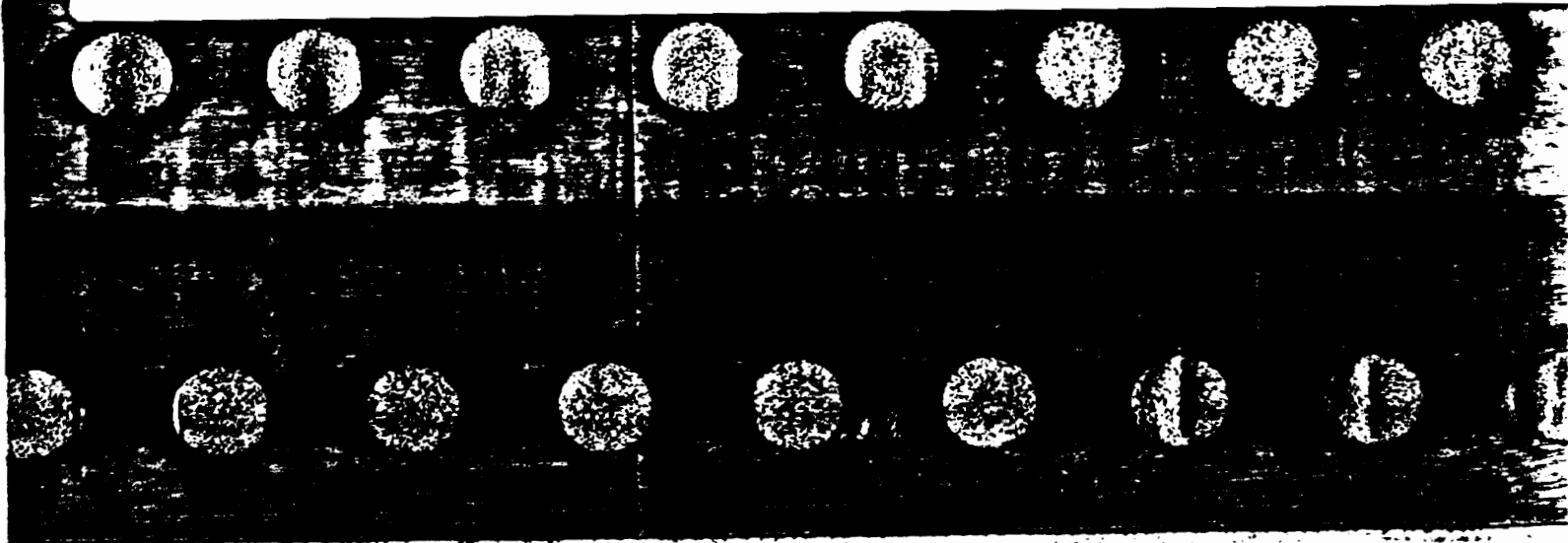


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cc: Division

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U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation

735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

February 13, 1934.

Director,
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U.S. Department of Justice,
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Dear Sir:

It has been noted that coded copies of telegrams to the Portland Office, in connection with the Bremer kidnaping, have erroneously been furnished the Division by the clerical employee on night duty at this office. This matter has been called to his attention in order to prevent a repetition of this error.

Decoded copies of the telegrams in question are being furnished herewith.

Very truly yours,

R. G. Harvey
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Special Agent in Charge.

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February 13, 1934

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DIVISION ONE

AIR MAIL

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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. OBREMER - Victim
Kidnaping

Reference is made to the Division's telegram of February 12th, advising that Edward Doll, with aliases, subject of I. O. 1214, was the principal suspect in the above entitled matter, requesting that immediate and thorough review be made of all files for information concerning Doll.

Edward Doll has one alleged connection in this district in that he is alleged to have participated in the robbery of the First Savings & Trust Bank of Colfax, Washington, in September, 1932, together with George Kelly, Albert Bates and Edward Bentz. This information was based on statements made to Special Agent in Charge Ladd, St. Louis office in September, 1933, at Memphis, Tennessee, by Katherine Kelly. She stated she was well acquainted with Doll, who was known to her as Eddie La Rue, and that she met him at Fort Worth, Texas, at which time Doll, alias La Rue, was accompanied by one Ed Bentz and others. Mrs. Kelly advised that Doll, Ed Bentz and others, were wanted at Colfax, Washington for bank robbery, and that officers from Colfax came to Fort Worth to apprehend these men, but that Doll was tipped off and they evaded arrest. She further stated that about a year ago Doll, alias La Rue, married one Doris Barton in New York City, and that Miss Barton's family had a camp somewhere in the state of Maine at which place Doll spent a great part of his time in addition to visiting on several occasions in Aurora, Illinois. This information is contained in report of Special Agent B. L. Damron dated November 8, 1933, at St. Louis, Missouri.

Investigation at Colfax, Washington developed that (but) INVESTIGATION two persons observed the driver of the car used in the robbery of the First Savings and Trust Bank at Colfax, and upon interview

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these men advised that Doll fitted in a general way the description of the man who drove the Chevrolet Sedan, and one of the parties stated that he was quite positive in his identification of the photograph of Doll, but that he would have to observe the man before being positive. It is believed, in view of these partial identifications and the definite statement of Katherine Kelly, that Eddie Doll had direct connection with Bates, Kelly and Ed Bentz. It is further believed that in view of this connection with Bates and Bentz that Clara Feldman, whose whereabouts is now being sought in connection with the Urschel kidnaping ransom money, must have definite knowledge of Eddie Doll and there may be a present connection between them. It will be recalled that Clara Feldman was the woman who was living with Albert Bates at the time of his apprehension and for possibly two years prior thereto and, in view of her close relationship with Bates and her known acquaintance with Bentz, it is believed the location of Clara Feldman would be a good source of information to determine the whereabouts of Doll. Accordingly, upon receipt of Division telegram of February 12th advising of Doll's implication in the Bremer case, a telegram was sent the Chicago office to renew their efforts to locate Clara Feldman.

The information furnished by the Division relative to Eddie Doll's suspected connection with the Bremer case leads the writer to believe that there is a very strong probability that if Doll is connected with the case that Edward Bentz, Seattle PD #6894, is probably also implicated. This fact was telegraphed to the Division on February 13th, suggesting that effort be made to locate Edward Bentz. In this connection, reference is made to the Division's letter dated August 16, 1933, addressed to the Oklahoma City office in the case of George Kelly Barnes, et al, Charles F. Urschel - Victim, Kidnaping, copies of which were routed to all offices. This letter contains rather complete information relative to Ed Bentz and his connections, and the Division has a long criminal record of Ed Bentz on file. The letter of August 16, 1933, to all offices, transmitted copies of Ed Bentz's police photograph which was taken at Aurora, Illinois, June 20, 1924, Aurora PD #650. In view of the fact that this photograph was an old one, Seattle PD photograph #6894 of Ed Bentz was transmitted to all offices by letter of this office dated August 21, 1933.

Review of the Portland office file in the George Kelly Barnes case reflects considerable information concerning Ed Bentz and his connections in and about Chicago, Illinois, contained in

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report of Special Agent A. E. Lockerman dated September 21, 1933 at Chicago. On page twenty-two of that report there is particularly noted in the fourth paragraph the statement that Eddie Doll, alias Eddie La Rue, is a friend of Bates. This information was obtained together with the information from the files of the American Express Company, Chicago, Illinois. At the time this file was examined Eddie Doll, alias Edward La Rue, was not particularly important in that case and it is hereby suggested that, if such action has not already been taken, the Chicago office again review the files of the American Express Company, particularly for additional information relative to Edward Doll.

This office at Seattle, Washington and Tacoma, Washington, is making further contact with informants who were seen in connection with the Urschel case, for the purpose of developing further definite information relative to Doll, if possible. At the same time this office is giving particular attention to any information which may be developed relative to Edward Bentz and any information developed concerning either of these parties will immediately be communicated to the Division and interested offices.


This office does not have any details relative to the Bremer case and if the information contained herein relative to Edward Bentz is inconsistent with the facts developed through investigation of the Bremer case at St. Paul, it is requested that this office be advised immediately.

Photos in
separate
envelope
behind file

Attached to the Division copies of this letter is Seattle PD photograph #6894 of Edward Bentz and a photograph of the same individual in which he is shown with his wife, Verna Bentz, nee Verna Freimark. There is also forwarded Seattle PD photograph #17109 of this same woman. These photographs are furnished the Division to the end that they may be reproduced and distributed in appropriate manner in the event that the Division and St. Paul office have reason to believe that Edward Bentz is implicated in this case. It is noted that the Chicago office has considerable information relative to the family of Verna Bentz, nee Freimark, and that office apparently has many sources of information through which it may be possible to locate Ed Bentz and Verna Bentz.

Very truly yours,

ccs:fd
cc-St. Paul - 2
Chicago - 2
Salt Lake; San Francisco;
Oklahoma City; Detroit;
Kansas City.


C. C. SPEERS
Special Agent in Charge.

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FROM

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

TO

OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

Mr. Nathan	()
Mr. Tolson	()
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Mr. Appel	()
Mr. Baughman	()
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Mr. Cowley	()
Mr. Edwards	()
Mr. Egan	()
Mr. Lester	()
Mr. Locke	()
Mr. Pennington	()
Mr. Quinn	()
Mr. Rorer	()
Inspector	()
Unit	()
Secretary	()

See me	()
Prepare Reply	()
For Your Information	()
Note and Return	()
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Remarks:

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 9, 1934.

HHC:DSS

MR. Nathan.....
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MR. Rorer.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Agent in Charge Tamm called on the telephone and gave the following information:

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"On the morning of February 9, 1934, [redacted] requested by telephone to be interviewed by a Division Agent. Special Agent DiLillo immediately contacted [redacted]

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[redacted] who [redacted] Des Moines [redacted] appearance [redacted] in local court [redacted] and no previous [redacted] each other. [redacted] and during the course of his conversation [redacted] stated that he had some clients in Des Moines who were kidnapers upon whom the authorities could never "get anything". At this time he also assured the local attorneys that young Bremer was alive and in the hands of the kidnapers but was to be released, as ransom negotiations were being carried on.

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[redacted] are believed to be reluctant to discuss this matter. [redacted]

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Respectfully,

FILE

H. H. Clegg.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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MR. Tolson	_____
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MR. Glavin	_____
MR. Ladd	_____
MR. Nichols	_____
MR. Rosen	_____
MR. Tracy	_____
MR. Carson	_____
MR. Egan	_____
MR. Gurnea	_____
MR. Lester	_____
MR. Quinn	_____
MR. Nease	_____

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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Concerning the attached information dictated by Mr. Tamm, I inquired of him at the time of the conversation as to why he did not interview ~~these attorneys~~ and force them to talk. He stated that his hesitancy in doing so was that it would cause the identity of [REDACTED]

I instructed Mr. Tamm to phone this information to Mr. Hanni at once. He said he would do so.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

SAC Blake later advised by phone this information was received and looked good, [Signature] 2/9/34

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
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February 13, 1934.

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MR. EGAN	_____
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MR. LOCKE	_____
MR. RORER	_____

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Concerning the attached memorandum relating to a telephonic call from Mr. Tamm, you are advised that I have issued telephonic instructions to the St. Paul office to have the wires of Louis Lynch, of Des Moines, tapped both at his residence and office, and anywhere else a telephone wire might be likely to reach him with any degree of frequency.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

February 13, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

In the above entitled matter, there are enclosed herewith the originals of miscellaneous letters received by members of the BREMER family. Copies of these letters have been made and are being retained in the St. Paul Division Office files.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Hanni

WEINER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300.

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Minneapolis Feb 6th 34.

Mr S. J. Fostembury
St Paul Minn

Dear Sir -

A couple of days after
you interviewed Mrs
Gustafson, in regard
to Mrs Anderson's
whimbrel. I happened
to hear something else, that
I believe would be of advantage

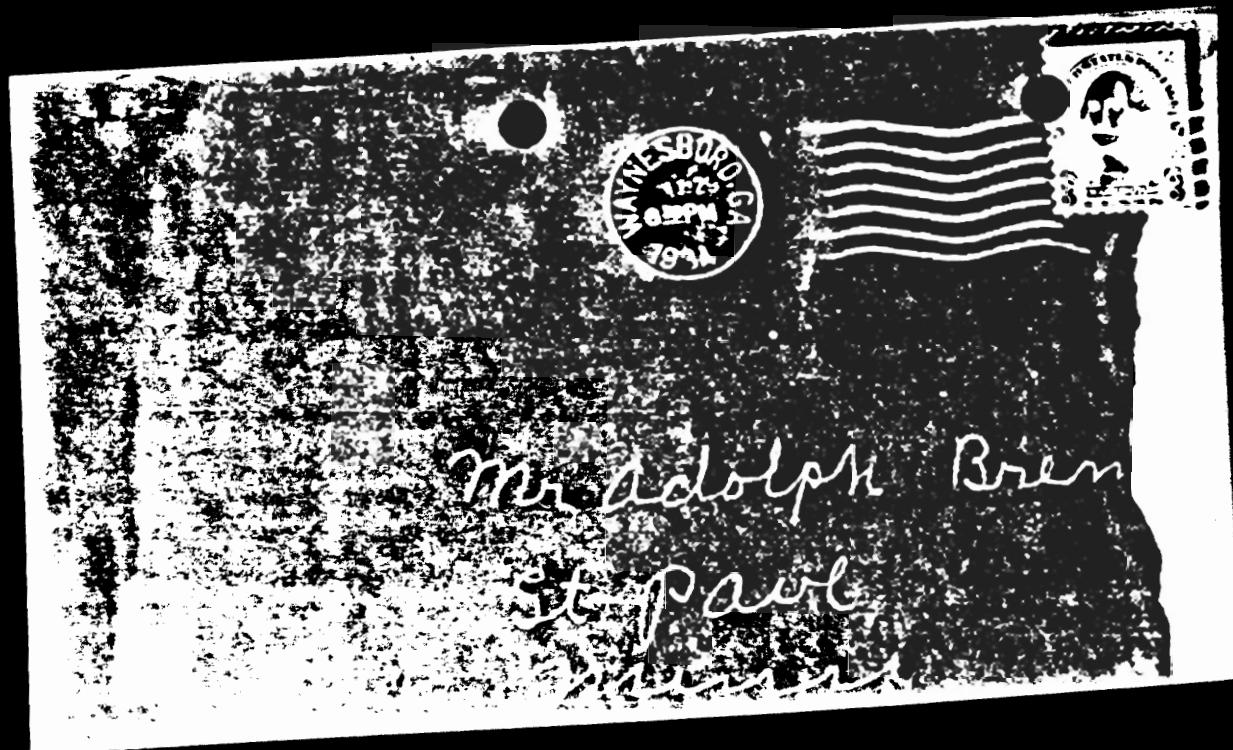
Here typed to get you
 by phone coupon & time
 but you can not see.

Mr. J. H. Hanger
 2309 Grand Ave. &

Envelopes of money
 bills & some of them
 to follow.

Mr. J. H. Hanger
 2309 Grand Ave.
 St. Paul, Minn.
 Mr. Hanger





Alexander, GA.

Jan 28 1934

Mr. A. J. Bremer

On Jan 24 I was wondering
the end of heaven and earth and sea
the where about
that night I dreamed
I could see in my dream

I was in charge of a work road
and I gave instructions for a
piece of work to be done. I
saw a railroad late
at night and two died men
(strangers) covered with army blankets
and I was looking at them. I
went for shoes there had been
about 150 nicks.
I mentioned the men were suppose
to go somewhere very early. I
went and found them asleep in
a ditch covered with blankets. a
circle ditch at the end of a
straight ditch. I awoke them had
them saddle their horses. then I
went and smelled their pistols
(cost 45) and found they had been
fired. then I knew they had

been in battle. it happened
 at a very large dead oak in a
 swamp. The oak was on the right
 side of a new ditch. at the edge of
 the ditch. The oak had only two limbs.
 The longest stood straight up. The short
 one leaned over the ditch at an
 angle. The oak was so old until part
 of the bark was gone. you could take
 handfuls of the sap off. at this
 oak on left side of ditch. is two
 today covered up. standing in
 the ditch. look to your right
 from there is a house. or part of
 a house. there was trouble which
 had a starting or connection
 from Christmas. the owner
 made objections to something.

That was the dream. I awoke
 at 2 a.m. and wrote it in
 a book. There is any
 connection in this that helps
 you solve your problem. then
 give God of Heaven the glory.

W.W. Stallings

[Faint handwritten notes, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text, possibly a letter or document fragment.]

[Handwritten address and postmark on a document fragment.]

Postmark: **ST. PAUL**
Date: **2 1934**

Address:
Holgate Bremer
St Paul
Minnesota



Wibaux, Montana Feb. 3, 1934
My Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bremer,
While deserts of grief I seem as one
in my Paper, that your dear son
has not been found;
How it must abound break your hearts
to read and know the Lord about
you and your dear son, for I was
my Father's son, tender and only
beloved in the sight of my mother,
the dear Lord heard my prayer
and tells me that he your son
is held at an old house in
Jordan, Minn. he is alive
yet, but you must know.
With great love

Justus Palmer
Wibaux, Montana

house. The long,
paint-worn, faru-house
is located a mile
back from the main
road in woods and
behind several little
"hot-dog" stands on
the main road.

The boy has no
liberty what-so-ever
but is not heavily
guarded now - by two
men and a woman
who watch him
more than anybody
else.



You will receive
an envelope with
instructions. Follow this.
Two men are holding
your boy - one wants to
let him go without
ransom, the other, short
Swartley, and with help
wants the ransom
badly.

Don't give up
hope but hurry -

Sincerely yours,

~~W.H.D.~~ Mrs Douglas
2 Bath Rd
Newport R.I.

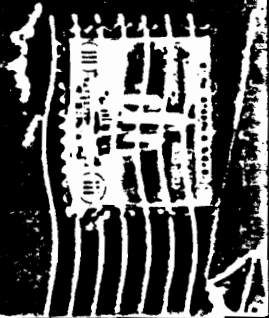
Feb 5, 1934

Dear Sir:

I've had a vision
last night in which
I was told that
your son is alive
but desperately ill.
If he is not delivered
or found within two
days he will not
survive.

He is located about
three hundred (300)
miles west of his

Mr. August Brumer
St. Paul, Minn.



Jan. 30, 1934.

Mr. Adolph Bremer
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir;

Isn't it true? that there are certain experiences in Life that can not be put into words? One of them is the loss of a dear one.

Let the greatest Poet, the greatest Painter, and the greatest Musician combine and blend their efforts in an attempt to depict the heart-pain of bereavement, and they are doomed to failure. We are inarticulate in the presence of Death, when the departed one belongs to us. We can not express our sorrow, nor can any one express it for us.

Can any one, imagine? the torture of doubt and the agony of anxiety of the members of your family.

Because I am a christian I join with you and pray to God for the safe return of your son.

I am of the opinion that a prolonged delay in the release of your son will be unfortunate.

It seems, the kidnapers are seeking a guarantee for a safe get-away with the money. They want 100 % favorable conditions.

To the present time I believe, the proper method of action to secure positive results have not been offered them.

Why not give them what they want?

Permit me to say that I am an inventive mind; for the last 10 days I have been constantly thinking of a 100 % fool proof plan which will bring speedy and satisfactory results.

I have it now perfect and I would like to offer it to you should you deem it necessary or convenient.

Although I am fully aware of the danger involved, I
rather welcome an opportunity, I want to offer myself
unconditionally to the carrying out of this plan.

No reward or remuneration is desired. Nor fame or
publicity is wanted. I want to put at your disposal what
I honestly believe to be a good idea that may gratefully
help you.

Hoping that you may believe me capable and sincere.

Yours Very Truly .

A. Calderon

Anthony Calderon
24 Kneeland Ave.
Yonkers N. Y.

Yonkers-7813

References;
Joseph C. Ryan
Yonkers, N.Y.

Dr. I. Weinbergen
Dr. Berger D.D.S. Yonkers, N.Y.
Dr. Palsetiner
Dr. Miller

Paramount Dental Co. N.Y.C.
Rubinstein Dental Co. N.Y.C.

MY PEOPLE IN MY DISTRICT ARE WONDERFUL THOUGH POOR AND FEW
IN NUMBER. Please keep this in mind. However, TRUTH IS TRUTH.

There is a great lack of REAL FAITH amongst so many of my people.
Let me give you a PROOF for my assertion. Judge for yourself and SEE
FOR YOURSELF what my REAL DIFFICULTIES are.

A good man but oh, so weak in FAITH, spoke to me the other day. Imagine
his religious mentality!

He actually offered me \$35.00 if I would prove to him that I MYSELF
BELIEVED what I preached and practised. He could not believe in God,
heaven and hell. HE GOES TO CHURCH OCCASIONALLY. He sends his children
to catechism BUT IMAGINE THE EFFECT WHEN THEY COME HOME and hear
their parent talk thus! HE IS ONLY ONE OF MANY.

They like me as a FRIEND and GOOD FELLOW but don't believe what I say
AS A PRIEST. Church going, regular reception of the Sacraments, regular
Sunday attendance at Mass Sunday for Sunday is to them not TO BE TAKEN
TOO SERIOUSLY. Catholic literature is uninteresting and a waste of
money. At Easter time the church is filled but at other times it is
not necessary.

Whenever I preach I am usually misunderstood and if I preach PLAIN
CATHOLIC DOCTRINE I am telling them something NEW or TOO SIMPLE for
people of OUR AGE.

My children attend ELEVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS. The teachers are either
Protestants or UNBELIEVERS or weak Catholics whose Catholic training
is very limited.

Read this and SEE FOR YOURSELF HOW MUCH I NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE. How can
I expect to get MASS REQUESTS from people who have such a low OPINION
of the MOST SUBLIME MODE OF HONORING GOD. The vast MAJORITY NEVER JET
in the past two years since I came here, had a SINGLE MASS REQUESTED
from me. CHARITY may help to remedy these conditions and it
will take MANY YEARS and MUCH PATIENCE before I can expect any real
change of mind and heart in these poor people GOOD AS THEY ARE.
Please take this into consideration. Kindly do whatever you can.

Gratefully yours in advance,

Father Fox.

Birch Creek, Michigan.
P.O. - R # 1, Menominee, Michigan.

Feb. 4/34.
Dear Friends; as I am not known to you, permit me to identify myself. Birch Creek is not on the map. It is about five miles north of Menominee, Michigan.

Before June 1931 it was not mentioned in the Oath Directory. It had and still has a FIFTY year old frame church, poorly constructed in the simple fashion of those days, by a few pioneers and is serving its purpose quite well. The Mt. Rev. Bishop sent me here two years ago to pasteurize this district. Here is what I found and now have.

I need not tell you about the present hard times. Hard everywhere I found them doubly so when confronted with this task of ORGANIZING this district. I had no rectory and the children of this district to this day attend ELEVEN public schools. This will give you an idea of the size of this district. Imagine my task teaching catechism after school hours in all kinds of weather?

I had \$38.00 to begin with. The poor people right now get \$1.00 for 100 lbs of milk which they must haul to the cheese factory (their only outlet for sale of same) in all kinds of weather. Imagine my task trying to collect funds for BUILDING purposes, necessary repairs etc.?

It is useless to moan over my difficulties. Let me explain to you the aim and purpose of this letter. I DESIRE your CO-OPERATION. You alone know HOW you can assist me. I can only SUGGEST various ways to you.

In a district like this MASS REQUESTS are scarce AT ALL TIMES. In these hard times it is still worse. I WOULD CERTAINLY BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE WHATEVER NUMBER OF REQUESTS YOU CAN AFFORD TO SEND TO ME. I can assure you that they will receive my prompt attention.

Things useful for church and sanctuary are most welcome as also books, magazines and religious articles. Should you know of anyone able to send useful articles of CLOTHING, please tell them to forward whatever they can spare. Helping poor people that way goes FAR towards reaching their hearts and making church going a pleasure to them. YOU WOULD BE SURPRISED TO SEE THE NUMBER OF HABITUAL MASS MISSERS in this district. Inclosed please find a handy shipping label and address sticker. Wishing you and yours God's choicest blessings for the NEW YEAR and hoping to hear from you soon I sincerely am

gratefully yours in advance,
Father Charles Fox,
(Address) - R # 1, - MENOMINEE, Michigan.

REV. CHARLES FOX
ROUTE #1
MENOMINEE, MICH.



Mr. Adolphe Bremer Pres
Bremer Brewing Co.,
St. Paul
Minnesota.

Personal.

REV. CHARLES FOX
ROUTE 1
MENOMINEE, MICH.

Febr. 2nd, 1934

Mr. Adolphe Bremer
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My dear Mr. Bremer:-

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Society sure is terribly upset and the whole world is topsy turvy.

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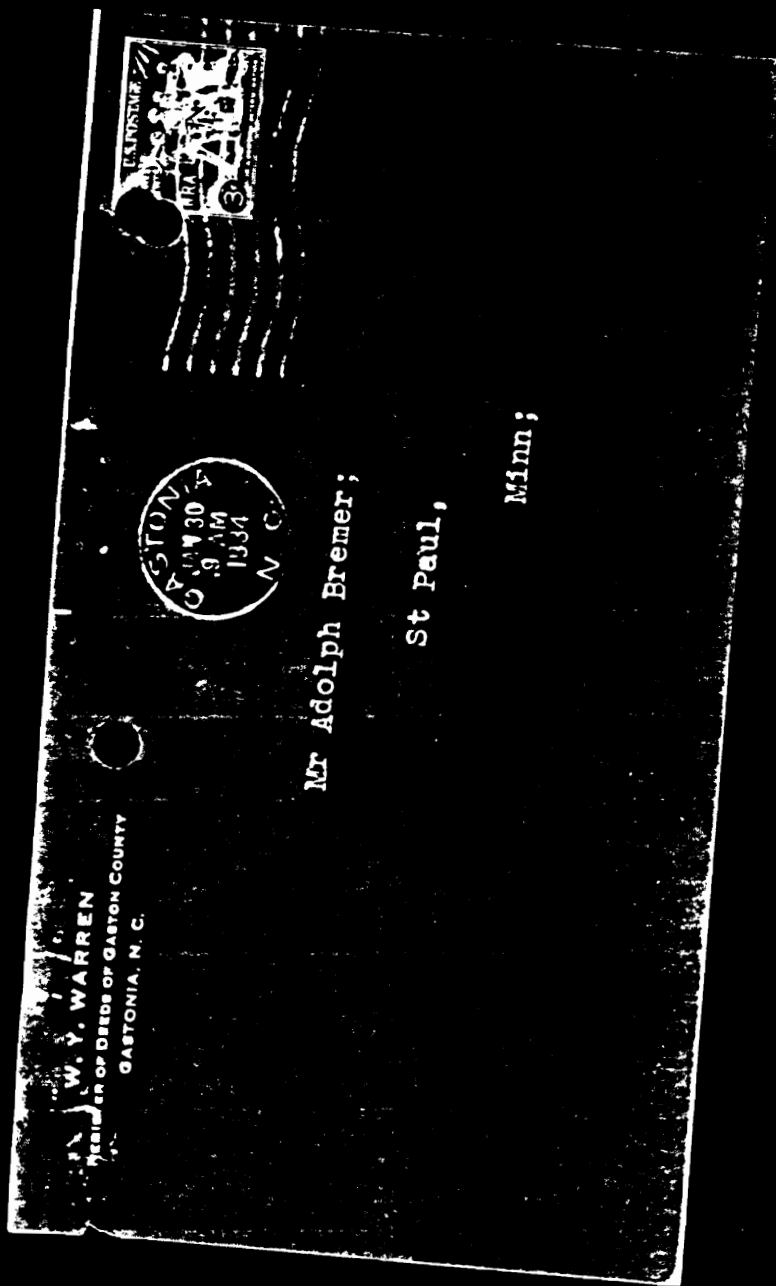
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sincerely yours,
Father Fox



W. Y. WARREN
REGISTER OF DEEDS OF GASTON COUNTY
GASTONIA, N. C.

GASTONIA
JUL 30
9 AM
1934
N. C.

Mr Adolph Bremer;

St Paul,

Minn;

OFFICE OF
REGISTER OF DEEDS, GASTON COUNTY
W. Y. WARREN, REGISTER
GASTONIA, N. C.

Jan 29th 1934;

Mr. Adolph Bremer;

St. Paul, Minn;

Dear Mr. Bremer;

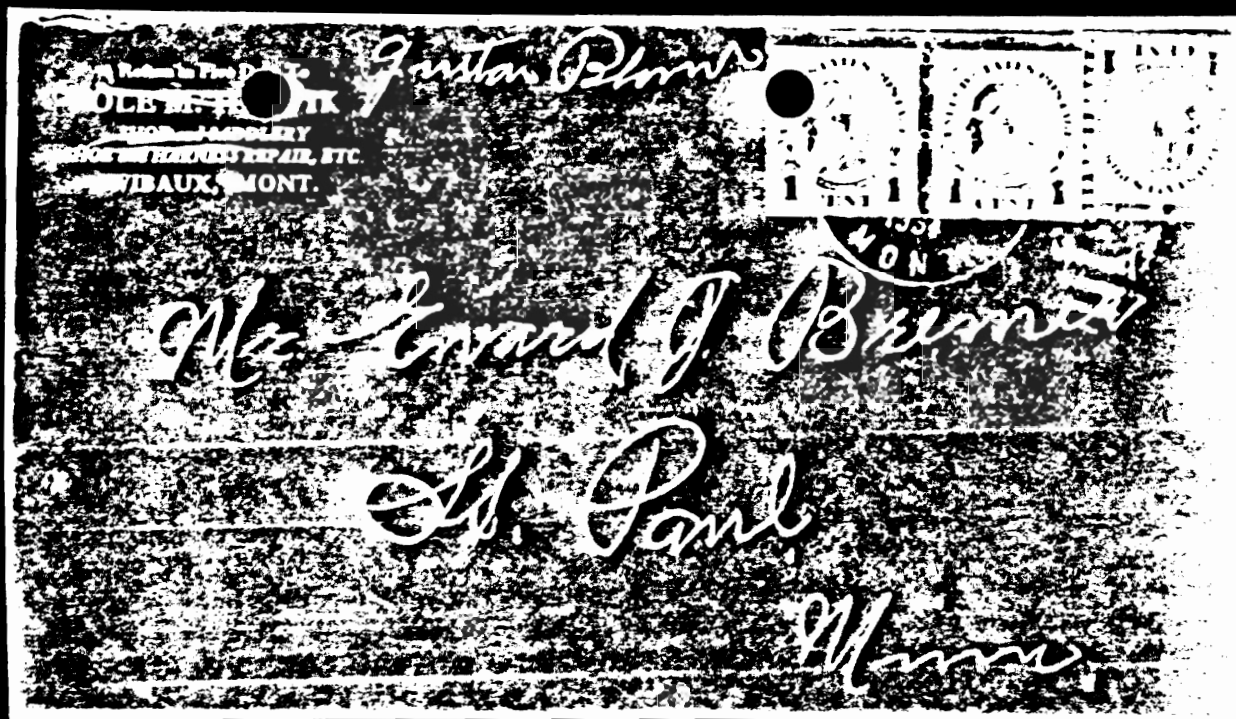
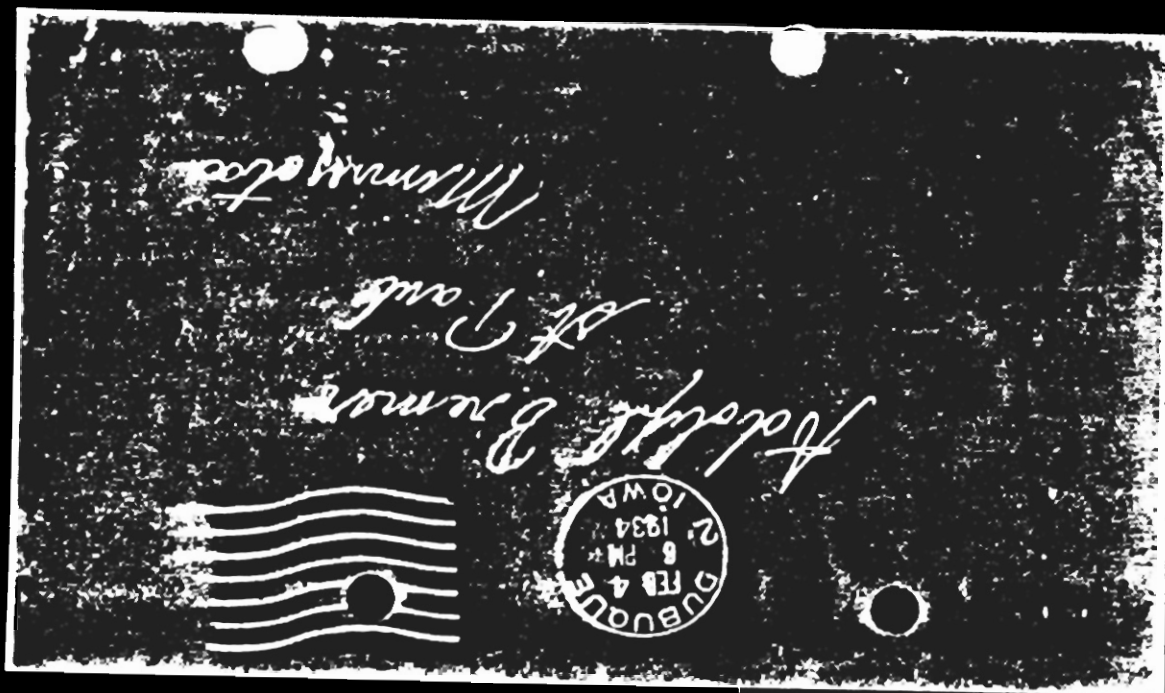
Just a word to say that your sympathizing friends here in the South are hoping and praying that your Son will soon be returned to you and family in good health and strenght; I keep up with the news paper accounts, and hope with every copy that it will say he has been returned to you his Mother and wife;

I wish I had words that would bring a ray of comfort to you and yours;

We as parents know the anxiety that this brings to one heart; We have a cripple boy that had Infantile Parlyis when he was eight years old and we are anxious for him, for if he makes a misstep he cant regain his footing and falls, that make anxious when he goes to school, but we know that yours is a far more worry than that for we have him with us; When your boy is returned let me hear from you; I want to rejoice with you and will even the distance is so far from us;

With every good wish for the safe return of the son,
I am sincerely your sympathizing friend;

W. Y. Warren,



Wilby, Montana Feb. 3 1934
My dear Mr and Miss Bremer.

With hearts grief, I seen ag an
in my Paper, that your dear Son
has not ben found;

How it must aband break your hearts
to erid out to the Lord about
you and your dear son, for I was
my Fathers son, tender and only
beloved in the sight of my mother
the dear Lord heard my Prayer
and tils me that he your son
is held at in old Hauss in
Jordan, Minn. he is alive
yet, but you must hurry.

With great Love!

Justus Blume.

Wilby Montana

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FIFTH FLOOR
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Receiving 2-6-1934

Mr. Adolph Bremer St Paul

Dear Mr Bremer

I am offering a suggestion that may help you determine whether your dear son is alive or not. Load a camera with a Super 8 film take two or three pictures of something you know and send to the kidnapers through the go between man or men instructing them to take two or three pictures of your son. Then return the camera to you that you may have the film developed if your sons picture shows along with the

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Once you look, you will then know
your son is alive. Then you can
negotiate for his release.

but if they fail to comply with
your instructions. I fear they would
be able to return your son.

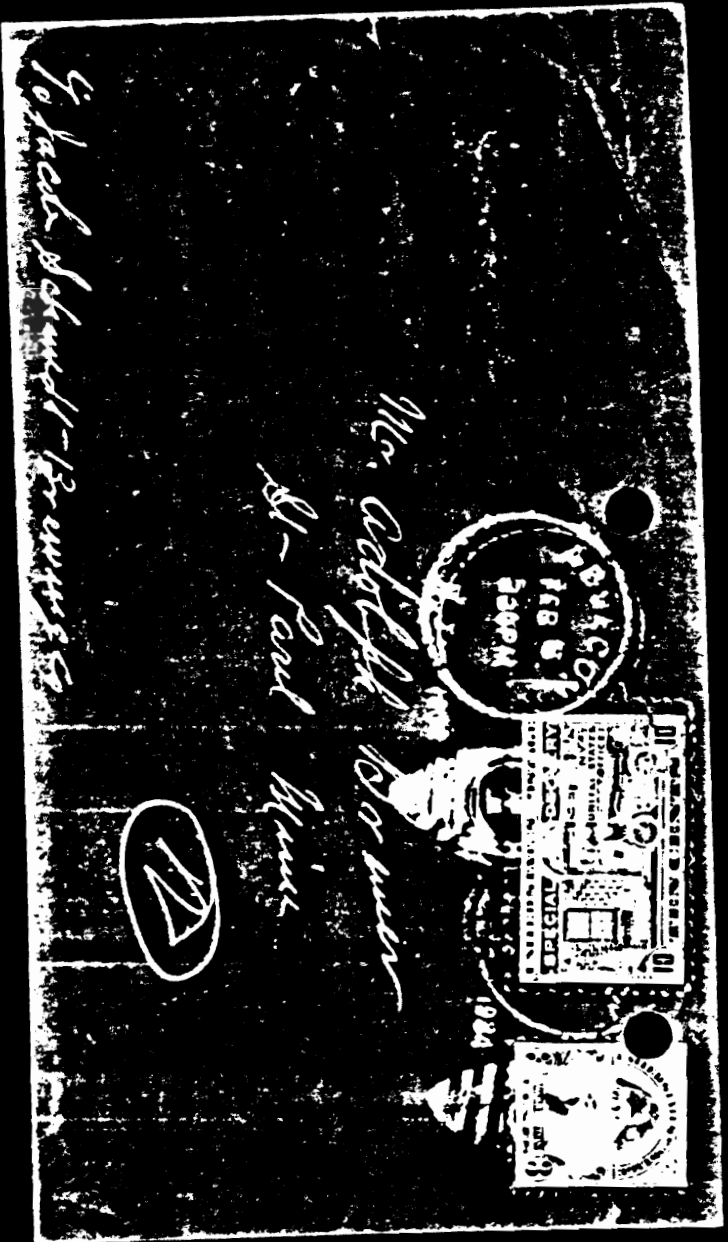
I hope this suggestion may be helpful
to you.

My prayer is that God will
return your dear boy to you.
Yours Sincerely in F.A.M.

J.J. Hamilton

P.S. an old man 74 years old and nearly blind
J.J.H.

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Mr.

Joseph (James)

St. Louis

Mo.



Los Angeles, Cal.
Sept 3 1934

Mr. Adolph Bremer.

St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mr. Bremer, -

I am taking the privilege of introducing myself to you. My name is H. Klingman formerly of Des Moines. I came to Los Angeles in 1927 bringing with me references from the Governor of La and bankers and business men of Des Moines. I have been in the banking business for over fifteen years.

I am writing this for the purpose of showing you who I am.

This is what I want to say to you Mr. Bremer. For the fact that you (3) I have been in the Psychic Research work proving that we live beyond the grave, and that our loved ones and friends

to live and know what we
are doing. My advice to
you Mr. Bremer is to get in
touch immediately with a
Dummett medium, whereby you
can get in contact at once with
some of your loved ones who
have faded out in so called death.
They can very easily tell you
whether whether your son has
been killed or where they are
keeping him. You must do
this for some Mr. Bremer.
otherwise you might lose your
son if he is alive, by such
long delay.

If you want further
information regarding these
matters please write me at
1337 1/2 Vista Terrace, Los Angeles
Very sincerely yours

A. R. Livingston

WESTERN UNION PRESS MESSAGE

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

5.30 P.M. 2.8.34

Midland Michigan

Brewer Brewery

Still alive on M 19 Road Less 10 Miles N.W. Leech Lake Tourist Bungalow.

C.H. Sheriff Office.



Mr. Adolph Bremer
St. Paul, Minn.



Frank Blake,
Dept of Justice,
St. Paul, Minnesota

THIS IS THE
WHICH

Tom Skelly, brother to Cliff, alias T.R. O'Hell, Golden Valley,
Hyland 1268. Leading gangster in NW. Protected by locals.
Property-check relatives and banks. Check Morton, d.s.

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When all the sums are there little can be returned safe less I should worry
 have him S.F. paper yesterday. All of you all depends on you. Think Hagen crossed
 me up. If Feds or Dickie told about this letter all is sold. Papers say
 Feds. standing by you to say. The last says like been, woman, man workers,
 messengers and even friends and friends in Twin Cities they scare me. Minn. look
 afraid to see you with note from E. This letter will be released by central
 telegraph says say from St. Louis, Chicago and Minneapolis unless Jack is afraid
 the reply note to E except Dickie hunt in Minn. and St. Louis, looks are afraid of
 your friends. Dickie Grand is gone. If you believe in me send 1/20 an even 20
 Grand in old bills since I unregistered by you, bank or friends. Wrap package
 in light brown paper, mark as follows 2-1/2 lbs. Value 20.00 send by express
 must register, insure or in any way want to cause any body to know. Express to
 C.S. Minn from E. Bills at St Paul no other bills except place to ship which
 will be Railway Express at 25 St. Louis Mo. 12th Street or 25 Chicago in bills
 sent or 25 Minneapolis. Take receipt and the copy keep the copy as if Feds.
 more in the house we will not call and you can get back the Jack and keep it until
 better faith, if any. Mail original receipt to C. S. Minn at Hotel Hotel Minn.
 25, S. Minn Jefferson Hotel St. Louis Mo. or C.S. Minn Stevens Hotel Chicago
 little says ok no hurry no not hurry but want to bring him back, depends on you
 you will have to trust us some and we will have to trust you a little. All notes
 numbered but not telegrams. Dickie send 20 Grand unless C.S. Minn telegraphs you
 after as many cases of beer the number of cases will be the number of the town
 (see above) to send the package of Jack, the name of the hotel to send the
 receipt to will be in the body of the telegram. If this is completed at
 send money is ok we know you are square and will advise you and three five six
 not Dickie to come to a town for a talk town and hotel in a telegram to you
 where you will register as A.B. Wolff C.B. Wolff I I Wolff L.L. Wolff the last three
 can be your friends being no Dickie or Feds. Bring me Jack there we will have plenty
 proof Ed. Did you get Note #1 with the signature.
 If you get these letters (copies) place on last west side page in papers
 and towns you get letters from this house in (OK American Will send via money. S.A.)
 follow this by initial of towns you'd or town you receive copies this letter
 from. Add to be placed in Minneapolis Tribune, St Louis Globe Democrat
 and Chicago Tribune only in towns letters come from.
 C.S. Minn.



1934



Schmidt Brewing Company

St Paul,

Minn.

Personal Attention
PRESIDENT.

Simpson Clothes Made and Sold a Better

J.B. SIMPSON, INC.

TAILORS

SATISFIED CUSTOMERS
BUILT
THIS BUSINESS



OUR POLICY
TRUTH IN MERCHANDISING
TRUTH IN ADVERTISING

SALES AND DISPLAY ROOM FIFTH FLOOR
1114 & MARKET STS - DENCKLA B. CO.
PHILADELPHIA, PENN.
PHONE WALNUT 2630
MEMBERS PHILADELPHIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Once you look, you will then know
your son is alive. Then you can
negotiate for his release.

but if they fail to comply with
your instructions. I fear they will
be able to return your son.

I hope this suggestion may be helpful
to you.

My prayer is that God will
return your dear boy to you.
Yours Sincerely in F.A.M.

J. J. Hamilton

P.S. an old man 74 years old and nearly Blind
J. J. H.

SIMPSON CLOTHES ARE TAILORED TO MEASURE - NOT READY MADE - TAILORED IN OUR OWN SHOPS AND SOLD BY OUR SALES FORCE
DIRECT TO THE WEARER - HOME OFFICE CHICAGO - BRANCHES IN PRINCIPAL CITIES

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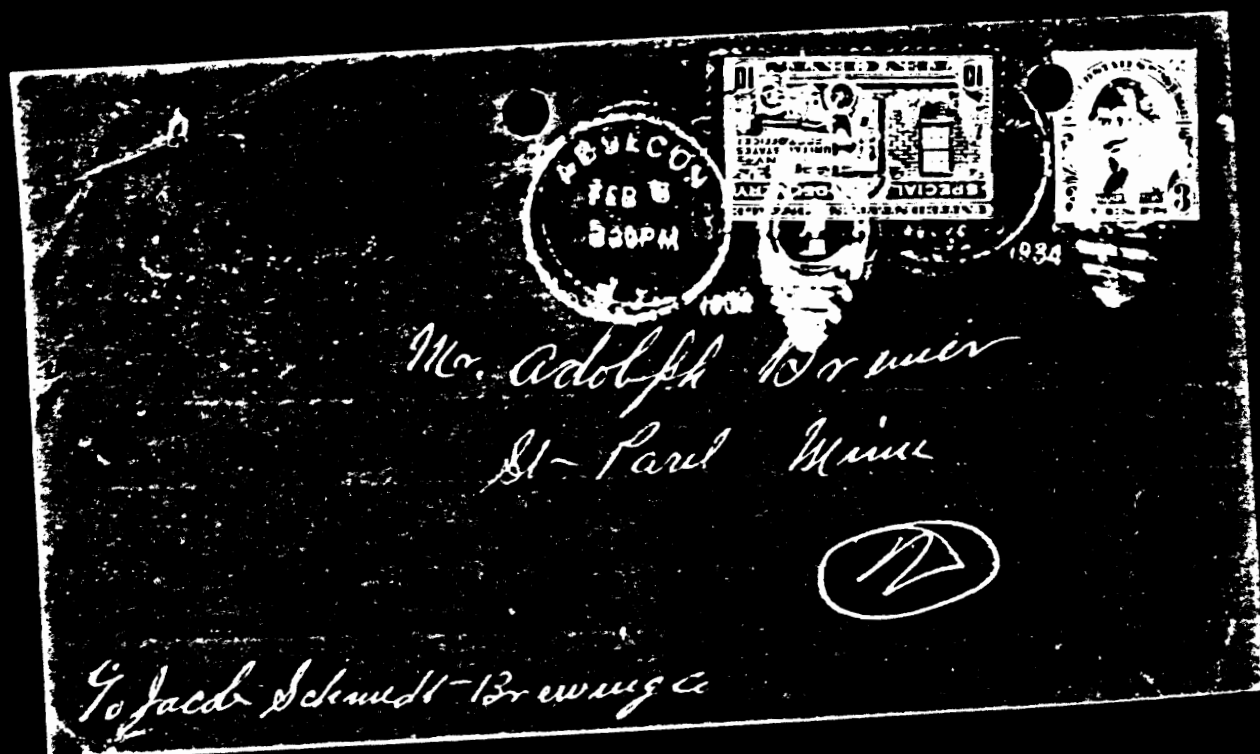
absecor 22. 2-6-1934

Mr. Adolph Bremer St. Paul

Dear Mr. Bremer

I am offering a suggestion that may help
you determine whether your dear son is
alive or not. Load a camera with
a 35 mm. film. Take two or three
pictures of something you know and
send to the kidnapers through the go-
between man or men instructing the
to take two or three pictures of your
son. Then return the camera to you
that you may have the film developed
if your sons picture shows along with the

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Mr. Adolph Bruner
St. Paul Minn

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To Jacob Schmidt-Brewing Co

to live and know what we
are doing. So my advice to
you Mr. Bremer is to get in
touch immediately with a
Pyroper medium, whereby you
can get in contact at once with
some of your loved ones who
have faded out in so called death.
They can very easily tell you,
whether whether your son has
been killed or where they are
keeping him! You must do
this for some Mr. Bremer.
I think you might lose your
son if he is alive, by such
long delay.

If you want further
information regarding these
matters please write me at
1337 1/2 Gower Terrace, Los Angeles
Very sincerely yours

A. R. Lingman

Los Angeles, Cal.
Oct 3 - 1934

Mr. Adolph Bremer.

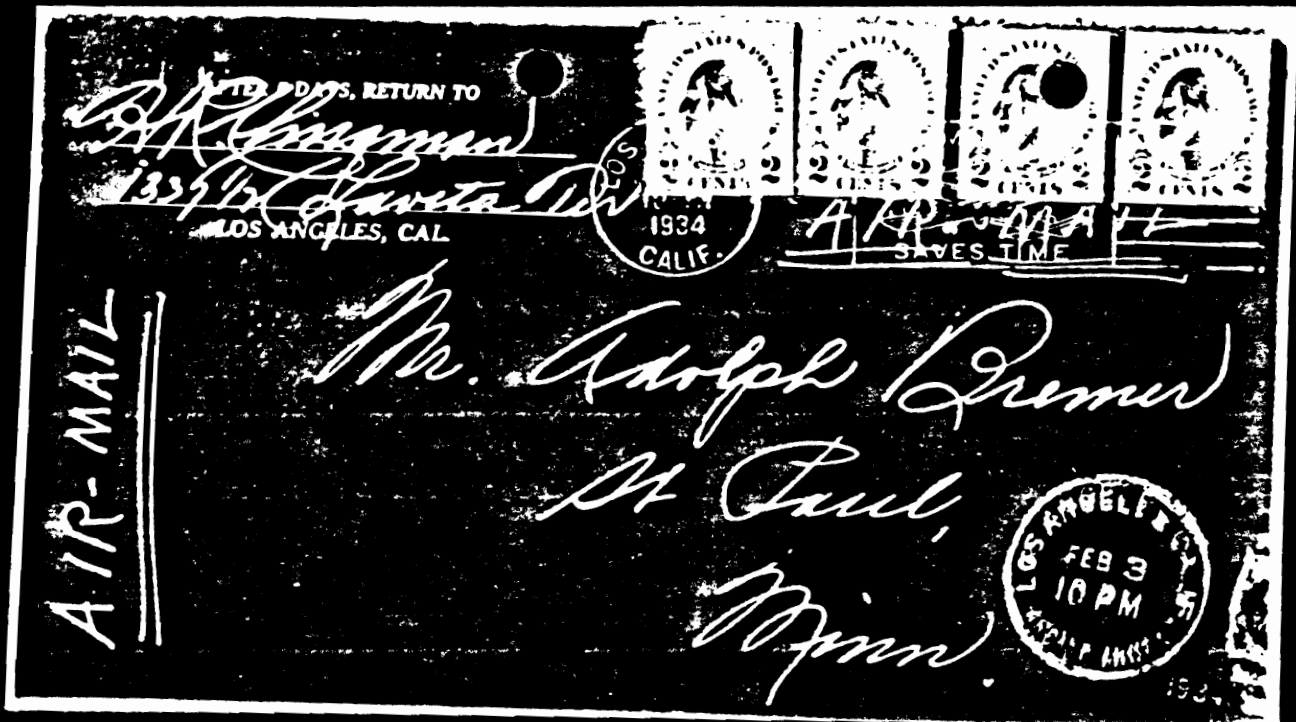
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mr. Bremer,

I am taking the privilege of introducing myself to you. My name is H. H. Chapman formerly of Des Moines, Iowa to Los Angeles in 1927 bringing with me references from the Governor of Ia. and bankers and business men of Des Moines. I have been in the banking business for over fifteen years.

I am writing the above for the purpose of showing you who I am.

This is what I want to say to you Mr. Bremer. For the past three years (3) I have been in the Psychic Research work proving that we live beyond the grave, and that our loved ones and friends



WESTERN UNION PRESS MESSAGE

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

5.30 P.M. 2.8.34

Midland Michigan

Brewer Brewery

Midland Michigan

Still alive on M 19 Road Less 10 Miles N.W. Leech Lake Tourist Bungalow.

C.H. Sheriff Office.

is going to for close on me.
I am 53 yrs old and it is going
to be hard to find something to
do at that age. I have wanted
to sell the farm but no one had
money. Being in Lawrence County
a good farming part of the state
I hoped to be relieved of the heavy
crushing burden. Many have
great faith in the "medicine"
and I have thought some of attend-
ing this meeting with a
glad heart. I thought of you
also and wondered if you
could find out anything about
your son or who the men are
that took him through the
medicine. I know they can
do you no harm; at least it is
worth trying. I am going
to know what they think about
me.

I want to sell the farm -
is a good time to buy for I
hear that it is picking up
little city folks are going
back in the country.

I sincerely hope that you
son will soon be released
to you and that you will
get that enormous sum of
200,000 - back again. Fifty
and half percent of that sum
would ~~take~~ ^{leave} my burdens
and give me plenty the rest
of my life. Best wishes.

Respectfully,
Mrs. J. L. Cole

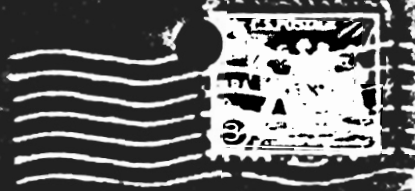
Palmyra, Mich., Feb. 1-1934

Mr. Adolph Bremer
St. Paul, Minn.
Dear Sir:-

I have read in the papers
about the cruel heartless way
some people have in getting money
from others; this time I am not
much concerned for your son's
release. You have my sym-
pathy in your trouble and I
sincerely hope that soon all
kidnappers will have the laws
around their necks. Hang them
up with them - nothing to be
said for them.

My heart has been terribly
crushed also. Four years ago
last Aug. - I lost my husband
met with a fatal accident
while buying stove wood from
the covered life insurance

and left a family of 173 acres
with nearly \$8000.00 mortgage
which he took got from the
Federal Land Bank of St. Paul
Minn. I did not realize that
depression was coming (1929) when
prices kept going down. Having
no money - I borrowed for two
years. The bank did not take
interest and dislike having a
woman dictate to them. Conse-
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off the farm as when husband
was looking after it. I am
back 5 payments and taxes
for '31-'32-'33. I have worked
out doors in the fields since the
accident in the summer and
help with chores during winter
in order to keep paid on
condition of livestock and cut
expenses. Last Saturday
I was informed that the bank



Mr. Adolph Bremer
Pres. J. Schmidt Brewing Co.
St. Paul
Minn.

Mrs. J. H. Krug
2309 Grand
Minneapolis



Mrs. L. J. Jostenberg
203 Post Office Building
St. Paul
Minn.

Mr. James Hansen

To you, have tried to get you
by phone cooper & twice
but you was not in.

Mrs. J. H. Kruger
2309 Grand Ave. S.

perhaps I would be
better to call than
telephone.
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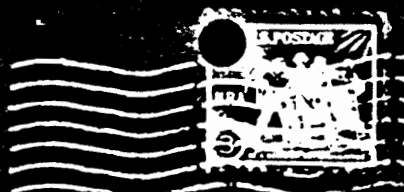
Minneapolis Feb 6 1934.
Mr. E. J. Fostenberry
St Paul Minn
Dear Sir:-
A couple of days after
you interviewed Mrs
Gustafson, in regard
to Mrs Anderson's
whimbrels. I happened
- have something else, that
believe would be of advantage



Frank Blake,
Dept of Justice,
St. Paul, Minnesota

THIS IS THE
WHICH

Tom Skelly, brother to Cliff, Alias T.R.O'Hiel, Golden Valley,
Hyland 1268. Leading gangster in N.W. Protected by locals.
Property-check relatives. and banks. Check Morton, d.s.



Mr Adolph Bremer
Pres of Schmidt Brewing Co
St. Paul
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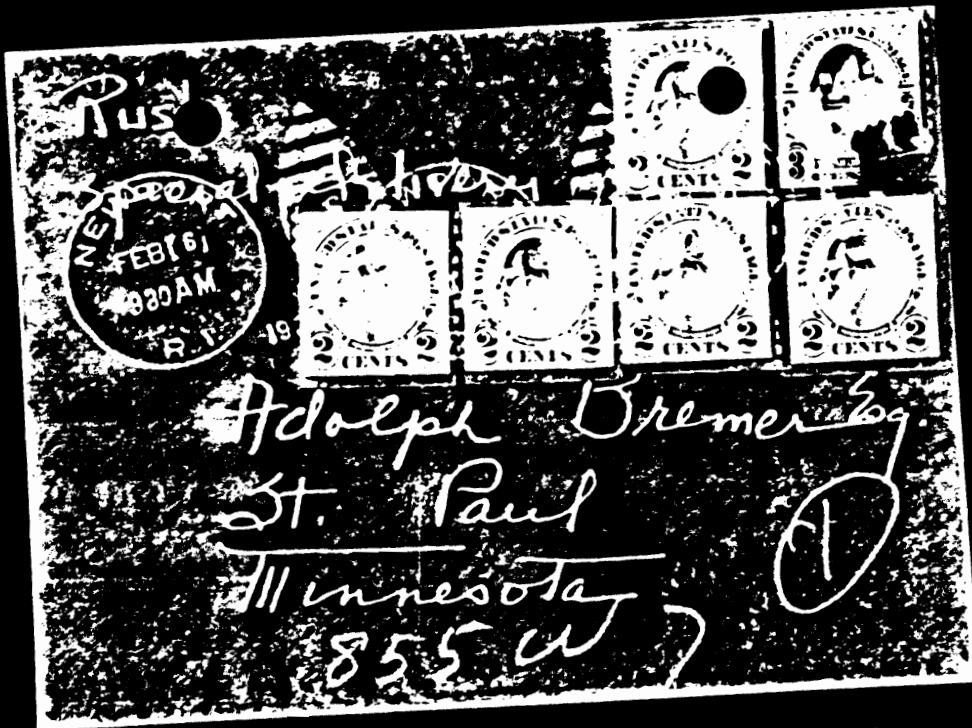
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Mrs. A. H. Kruger
2309 Grand
Minneapolis



Mr. L. J. Footenberry
203 Post Office Building
St. Paul
Minn.

Mr. News Service



here. The long,
paint-worn, farmer-lover
is located a mile
back from the main
road in woods and
behind several little
"hot-dog" stands on
the main-road.

The boy has no
liberty what-so-ever
but is not heavily
guarded now ~~by two~~
men and a woman
who watches him
more than anybody
else.

You will receive
an envelope with
instructions. Follow this.
Two men are holding
your boy - one wants to
let him go without
ransom, the other, short
swarthy and with limp
wants the ransom
badly.

Don't give up
hope but hurry -

Sincerely yours

Mrs Douglas

2 Bath Rd

Newport R.I.

Feb 5 1934

Dear Sir:

I've had a vision
last night in which
I was told that
your son is alive
but desperately ill.
If he is not delivered
or found within two
days he will not
survive.

He is located about
three hundred (300)
miles west of his

Minneapolis Feb 6th 34.

Mr E. J. Fotherbury
At Paul Minn

Dear Sir -

A couple of days after
you interviewed Mrs
Gustafson, in regard
to Mrs Anderson's
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To you! Have tried to get you
by phone couple of times
but you was not in.

Wm J. H. Hanger
2369 Grand Ave

Couples of whimbrels
kill to see what
to do with them.
Minneapolis
Minn

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

February 17, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN.

Reference is made to the attached letter from the St. Paul Office dated February 13, 1934, transmitting a number of miscellaneous letters received in connection with the case entitled "Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim." There are transmitted herewith photostatic copies in duplicate of these letters. They are being identified and listed below for record purposes.

Kindly advise which if any will be opened as new extortion cases in order that the usual laboratory treatment may be given the originals. The originals are being retained in the laboratory files.

1. Letter postmarked Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 6, 1934, addressed to Mr. S. Q. Footenberry, St. Paul, Minn.
2. Letter postmarked Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 30, 1934, addressed to Frank Blake, Department of Justice, St. Paul, Minn.
3. Letter postmarked Adrian, Mich., Feb. 2, 1934, addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer, St. Paul, Minn.
4. Western Union Press Message, addressed to Bremer Brewery, Midland, Mich.; first line - "still alive on E 19 Road," etc.
5. Letter postmarked Los Angeles, Calif., Feb. 3, 1934, addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer, St. Paul, Minn.
6. Letter postmarked Absecon, N. J., Feb. 6, 1934, addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer, St. Paul, Minn.
7. Letter postmarked Chicago, Ill., Feb. 3, 1934, addressed to Schmidt Brewing Company, St. Paul, Minn.
8. Letter postmarked Gastonia, N. C., Jan. 30, 1934, addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer, St. Paul, Minn.
9. Letter addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer, St. Paul, Minn., and postmarked Menominee, Mich., Feb. 3, 1934.
10. Letter postmarked Yonkers, N. Y., Feb. 1, 1934, and addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer, St. Paul, Minn.
11. Letter postmarked Newport, R. I., Feb. 6, 1934, and addressed to Adolph Bremer, Esq., St. Paul, Minn.
12. Letter postmarked Dubuque, Iowa, Feb. 4, 1934, and addressed to Adolph Bremer, St. Paul, Minn.

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13. Letter addressed to Mr. Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul, Minn., and headed Wibaux, Mont., Feb. 3, 1934.
14. Letter postmarked Waynesboro, Ga., Jan. 29, 1934, and addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer, St. Paul, Minn.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey
E. P. Coffey

St. Paul, Minn.
February 8, 1934.

I, Lillian L. Dickman, 1085 Cortland St., St. Paul, Minn., being first duly sworn, depose and say as follows:

That I live at 1085 Cortland St., St. Paul, Minnesota, and am Cashier of the Commercial State Bank of St. Paul, Minn. I am single and live with my parents at this address. I was one of the contacts in the Bremer Kidnaping case. All I know is that I received a note last Monday night, Feb. 5, 1934, between 7:30 and 8 PM as nearly as I now recall. A man came to the back door of my residence at 1085 Cortland St., that is at our kitchen entrance. I was in the dining room at the time, and answered this man's knock at the back door. Our back porch has no light on it and was quite dark. The man asked for Lillian Dickman. He said "Are you Lillian Dickman?" and I answered "Yes". He handed me the note, and said it was very important, and in substance for me to take care of it. Then he went away. The note was addressed to me and was in Edward Bremer's handwriting, which writing I recognized. I saw the handwriting on the outside of the envelope. I went back toward the front part of the house. I did not know before receiving the note that I would be the one to get it, but I was not at all surprised when I did get it, as prior to that I thought that some one of us would get a note. I was not surprised to be the one to get it. I gave the note to Mr. Adolph Bremer. I did not keep it myself. There was one envelope inside of the outer envelope, and the outer envelope also contained a note to me. The inner envelope was addressed to Adolph Bremer. I read the note addressed to me - I do not recall just now what it said verbatim, but in substance it instructed me to get the inner envelope to his father, Adolph Bremer, immediately. It was just the usual kidnaping case note. I can not state the language of the note to me in its exact words, as I do not want to repeat anything that I am not sure of. I want to be very careful. Concerning the man who brought the note - I can not describe him. I can not describe anything about him. It was dark, you know, on the porch, we have no light on the porch. I do not know whether he was tall or short. I do not know whether he was dark or light. I do not know whether he was stout or thin. I have been questioned by Mr. Harold Nathan to give more details concerning me getting the note, whether I was expecting to get the note before I actually received it, what the contents of the note were, and for a more detailed description of the man who gave me the note, and what he said; but I can not add one thing to what I have stated above. This contains all the information I have concerning this entire matter.

I have read the foregoing statement, and swear that it is true and correct, and that it contains all the information I have concerning this matter. I sign it voluntarily at St. Paul, Minn. Feb. 8, 1934, 10 1934

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(Signed) Lillian L. Dickman
Lillian L. Dickman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of Feb. 1934.

(Signed) Samuel W. Hardy
S.W. Hardy - Samuel W. Hardy
Notary Public, Ramsey County, Minn.
My Commission Expires June 22, 1940.

S-Dir ✓
S-St. Paul

735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,

Philadelphia, Pa.

February 21, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
411 United States Court House,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Referenced is made to your telegram dated February 11, 1934, requesting discreet inquiry as to whether Mr. Sheldon Catlin, Vice-President, Insurance Company of North America, is on the West Coast.

You may be advised that inquiry was made of Howard Cairns, Radiator, Pa. Resident, in the information that Mr. Catlin had received a letter on February 11, 1934, from the Brown Palace Hotel, Denver, Colorado, and in the information that Mrs. Catlin. Discreet inquiry of Mrs. Catlin resulted in the information that Mr. Catlin was believed to be somewhere in California but that he was moving around so much that she had no knowledge of his exact address.

Discreet inquiry of Mr. George C. Moore, private secretary to Mr. Catlin for many years, elicited the information that Mr. Catlin had started on a trip through the West sometime ago, going to Portland, Ore., Seattle, Wash., and San Francisco, Calif., and is not expected to return to Philadelphia until on or after March 1, 1934. Mr. Moore further stated that Mr. Catlin left no message with him and hence he does not know just where he is, but that he is probably now in San Francisco or will be until February 25, 1934.

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cc Division
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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

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February 13, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
(Letter addressed to Postmaster,
St. Paul, postmarked Cleveland,
Ohio; 2-3-34.)
ADOLPH BREMER, VICTIM. EXTORTION.
St. Paul File No. 7-41.

In the above entitled matter, there is enclosed
herewith, wrapped in cellophane, letter addressed to the Post-
master at St. Paul, Minnesota, with an enclosure for Mr. Adolph
Bremer.

Copies of these letters have been made and are
retained in the St. Paul Division Office files.

Very truly yours,

Werner Hanni

WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Case: Unknown Subjects

Number: 7-576 -371

(Letter addressed to Postmaster, St. Paul, postmarked Cleveland,
Ohio, 2-3-34)

Adolph Bremer - Victim - Extortion

Specimens: 1 letter addressed to U. S. Postmaster, St. Paul, Minn.,
postmarked 2-3-34. 1 note enclosed beginning " Please deliver
enclosed letter" 1 envelope enclosed addressed to Adolph Bremer.
1 note beginning " Place this add in wed. mornings paper "

Examination requested by: St. Paul Division Office

Date received: Feb. 16, 1934

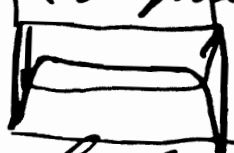
Examination requested: General and Fingerprint

Result of examination:

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Examination by:

Envelope Feb. 3 - 7 1/2 x 3 9/32 - 0049 - wt. 4.4260
Postmark PM Cleveland Feb. 3 - 4 pm
brown linen finish



Handwriting on envelope & on letters identical
and not like other handwriting this or others

Envelope Adolph Bremer 8 1/2 x 3 7/8 - 006
solid brown lining on flap 6 1/2 x 2 1/8 further
lining 0021, thickly



Not watermarked
paper is cream with mottled
watermark finish

2nd Page Place this add. 7 1/8 x 4 9/8 - 0082 -
green lining .35 apart .106 from top from .22 from
bottom .07 from top center

Not watermarked
2nd Page Place this add. 7 1/8 x 4 9/8 - 0082 -
like No 1

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U. S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

February 14, 1934.

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER-Victim
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

This will advise that one hundred
additional lists containing serial numbers of currency
paid in kidnaping cases are required for circularization
of the banks in the Philadelphia district.

Very truly yours,

R. G. Harvey

WLL:AG.
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R. G. Harvey,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P.O.Box 515, St.Paul,Minn.

February 13, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.
St.Paul File No.7-30.

Under separate cover, registered mail, I am forwarding to the Scientific Laboratory of the Division, the following articles which were taken from EDWARD G. BREMER on February 12, 1934:

- 1 leather bill fold;
- 1 ordinary long white envelope flap; containing the pencil notation: "Wickersham 2-5900";
- 1 membership card #49 of E.G. Bremer in the St. Paul Chapter, American Institute of Banking;
- 1-1933 membership card of E.G. Bremer in the Lafayette Club, Minnetonka Beach, Minnesota;
- 1 membership card #457963 (1934) in the American Legion, St. Paul Post #8;
- 1 business card of CARL L.V. EKSELSEN;
- 4 season tickets (1933 & 1934) Twin City Classic Bowling League, numbered: 44, 46, 47, and 50;
- 2 pieces transparent celluloid, approximately 2-1/4" x 4";
- 2 blank checks from a check book on the Commercial State Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mr. Bremer stated that all of the above articles were in his bill fold at the time of his abduction and were in the possession of the kidnapers at the time when they had all of his clothes in their possession shortly before his return to St. Paul. He has no direct knowledge that they handled either his purse, or the contents, at any time but stated that just before his return they asked for every article of his clothing and he believed it probable that they did look

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into his bill fold and may have handled these articles.

When the above referred to articles have served their purpose, they should be returned to the St. Paul Division Office.

Very truly yours,

W.A. Rorer
W.A. RORER, INSPECTOR.

WAR:TC

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from Dowd
Salt Lake City, Utah.

sent 2/15

Require 240 copies of bank note lists
paid kidnappers for peace officers.

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

TO

OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

Mr. Nathan	.....	( )
Mr. Tolson	.....	( )
Mr. Clegg	.....	( )
Mr. Appel	.....	( )
Mr. Baughman	.....	( )
Mr. Cowley	.....	( )
Mr. Edwards	.....	( )
Mr. Egan	.....	( )
Mr. Lester	.....	( )
Mr. Locke	.....	( )
Mr. Quinn	.....	( )
Mr. Rorer	.....	( )
Inspector	.....	( )
Unit	.....	( )
Secretary	.....	( )
<i>Mr. Pennington</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
See me	.....	( )
Prepare Reply	.....	( )
For Your Information	.....	( )
Note and Return	.....	( )
File	.....	( )

*sent 1/16
CR 2/14/34*

Remarks: *New York requests one thousand additional lists of numbers in Bremer case be forwarded immediately. Mr. Sullivan was advised of above this evening*
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
February 10, 1934.

MR. Nathan	✓
MR. Tolson	✓
MR. Clegg	✓
MR. Glavin	✓
MR. Ladd	✓
MR. Nichols	✓
MR. Rosen	✓
MR. Tracy	✓
MR. Carson	✓
MR. Quinn	✓
MR. Lester	✓
MR. Locke	✓
MR. Nease	✓

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Nathan telephoned. He saw Bremer. Bremer gave a little more information concerning the wallpaper. It was fairly new. The design was described as follows:

There was a row of posts made up of two posts, a dash or horizontal line, and two other perpendicular lines or posts. These groups of two posts would run in rows of nine, ten and eleven, including the dashes. Between each of these nine, ten or eleven groups of posts there would be a tree between the posts and on the tree was a clover shaped leaf or flower and then there was a branch running alongside the tree which came out of nowhere.

In the room where he was kept was a window which was boarded up and another window through which light came. The room was about seven feet square. There was a chair and a table which he faced. He never looked up or saw the ceiling. In the place appeared to be two stoves or other burning devices. The water he was offered to drink was clear with no chemical taste or odor. There was a cool wind a week ago last Sunday. An electric light was in the middle of the room and when he walked into the room somewhere therein was a cord which touched against his head, when he passed this way. The table was covered by an old oilcloth with no definite design, but of a bluish white color.

The food consisted of quite a bit of fruit, all of which was canned. He had pork chops one meal, but they were furnished to him in a half-cooked condition. He refused them and told them that he wanted his food cooked well; and then they cooked them too well. He had veal chops one meal and on the last Sunday he was there he had chicken and on the last Monday he was there he had steak. He was also furnished sausage and eggs. While blindfolded they gave him a cigarette. He did not like the taste and asked for a Chesterfield. They told him that they were Chesterfields that he was smoking.

The driver of the automobile for the first twenty miles after he was kidnaped drove recklessly - after that he drove good.

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Mr. Nathan went over the full details of his being kidnaped and he still states that he did not recognize anyone or see anyone.

Bremer's attitude appears outwardly to be fairly friendly. Mr. Nathan would say "O. K." He is careful as to what he says. He is not effusive in his friendliness and he is not outwardly hostile.

Why the delay?

I asked Mr. Nathan if they were tracing the lamps or lights that were found. He stated that they were not, and arrangements are being made to have them traced by trademarks here.

Due to the fact that Mr. Rorer arrives tomorrow Mr. Rorer will make the next appearance before Mr. Bremer and will be introduced by Mr. Hanni. Bremer apparently expects a daily call.

How long does Nathan want to wait?

I asked Mr. Nathan about a statement issued by the Attorney General. He thinks it is unwise to do that as yet since he does not believe the Attorney General should be caught in a position of being too hasty. He states that if they do not cooperate he thinks it is the thing to do and they should be clamped down on but he does not think the Attorney General is justified as yet in talking.

He asked about the automobile seat - the family had inquired about it. I told him the car seat had been sent here for examination of bloodstains; that the top of the seat had been washed and it was necessary to get the bloodstains from inside the cover of the seat where it had soaked through, and consequently it had been necessary to rip the seat open for this purpose.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

**U.S. Clamps Lid
On News of Hunt
In Bremer Case**

**Takes Full Charge of Search
for Kidnapers and Puts
Censorship Into Effect**

*Some sense at last!
It has often seemed
as if the police through
the newspapers informed
the underworld of just
what was going on.
Now if you can stop leaks!*

*Personnel in Bremer case
Edward G. Bremer*

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota

February 12, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Enclosed please find copies of memorandums of Agents
connected with the St. Paul office, on the above titled case, and
copies of Statement and Verbatim Record of Statements of Victim
Edward G. Bremer.

Very truly yours,

Werner Hanni

WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HARDY

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim;
KIDNAPING;
St. Paul file 7-33.

8:00 p.m., 2-8-34, Agent Hardy went to 1085 Courtland, St. Paul, Minnesota, and was shown by mother of LILLIAN DICKMAN the back porch off the kitchen where LILLIAN DICKMAN had previously stated the man delivered the note in this case to her 2-5-34 between 7:30 and 8:00 p.m. MISS DICKMAN had stated that she stood in the kitchen doorway and the man delivering the note to her had stood halfway between the kitchen doorway and the other doorway leading from the porch to the street, and that there was a light in the kitchen, but none on the porch, and the porch was too dark to give any description of the man.

It was found that the width of the porch between the kitchen doorway and the doorway to the street is a little less than six feet (hence by her statement, the man would not have been more than three feet from her); that her statement regarding there being no porchlight is true; however, directly in line with the two doorways mentioned and approximately seven feet back into the kitchen from the kitchen doorway (to the back porch) mentioned, is a very strong electric light, which floods the whole kitchen porch with light; and if this kitchen light was on as she stated, and the man stood on the porch where she stated when delivering the note, he would have been standing wholly within a good light within three feet of her; and her statement that the porch was too dark to give any description of the man would not appear reasonable. Her mother stated she had not heard anything about the note, or the man of 2-5-34 until LILLIAN told her after Division interview on 2-8-34.

Very truly yours,

S. W. HARDY,
Special Agent.

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St. Paul, Minnesota.

February 8, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. HENNER HANNI:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim;
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file 7-30.

Inquiry was this date made at the Ft. Des Moines Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa. Agent secured the assistance of the Assistant Manager, R. F. KING, and a very thorough search was made of all records. In an effort to determine whether or not any one had called for a party named JOHN E. BRAKENAN or BRAKEHAN, or any similar name, the entire record of all activities of all bellboys for the period of January 28 to February 7, 1934, were examined. This covered all paging, whether for personal calls, telephone calls or telegrams. No record of such a name or one similar could be found and none of the bellboys could recall it. All telephone operators were interviewed and also all clerks on duty, personally by MR. KING, and those not on duty were contacted by telephone and all advised that this name was not familiar to them and they did not recall one like it. Only one man, one of the night clerks, was not located, a MR. JOPLIN, and MR. KING stated that he would make it a point to interview JOPLIN as soon as located and would advise the St. Paul office at once. All records of long distance telephone calls to St. Paul and Minneapolis of recent date were examined but did not appear to be pertinent.

One party named P. A. BREMER (whose name was written in some places as BREMER), registered as of Waterloo, Iowa, on February 5, 1934, and was assigned to Room 348. He called the P. A. BREMER home at Augusta, Georgia, at 2:15 a.m., February 6, 1934.

Another party by the name of E. BREMER registered as from Chicago, Illinois, on February 8, 1934, and was assigned to Room 347. A tracing of his signature was made and is enclosed herewith.

MR. KING recalled two girls who were in the hotel a few days ago and a man came to visit them and they threw such a party that MR. KING almost called in the officers to investigate. An extended search located the registration of these two under date of February 4, 1934, under the names of MRS. RAE IRELAND and MRS. ELSIE LANE, giving the address 200 Eleventh Street Northwest, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, being assigned to Room 347. The house detective suspected these of being in some kind of a racket. Agent intends to check the identity of these two when in Cedar Rapids.

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It is noted that the fullest cooperation was received from MR. KING and he spent about two hours in making this search with Agent and in interviewing the various persons. He stated that he suspected that if they (the kidnapers) had picked a Des Moines Hotel as shown by the morning papers, they would select this one. He stated that he did considerable checking with Agent O. C. Dewey on the GEORGE KELLY matter and they were successful in obtaining some information of value.

Very truly yours,

R. T. HOONAN,
Special Agent.

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9 - St. Paul

St. Paul, Minnesota

February 8, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. G. WERNER HANKE:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file No. 7-30.

Party employed by Oppenheim law firm (name not known),
Oppenheim firm being a very reputable law firm in the First National
Bank Building, St. Paul, alleged to have made statements to effect that
his firm represents elder BREMER (OTTO); that statements have come from
this firm to effect that JACK PIEFER, JOHN FERRICK, TOM WILLEN, TOM
BROWN are in on the BREMER kidnaping.

Suggested that MR. OPPENHEIM be interviewed, without
reference to data having come from one of his employees.

Very truly yours,

S. W. HARDY,
Special Agent.

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St. Paul, Minnesota.
February 12, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HARRIS

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD S. BREMER & VICTOR
KIDNAPING, 1933
St. Paul file 7-30.

With reference to the attorney by the name of LYNCH in Des Moines, HARRY REED, United States Attorney, here, found that there are listed in Des Moines the following attorneys by the name of LYNCH:

RALPH W. LYNCH, formerly Asst. Atty. Gen., Iow. State Bar Association

VERNON W. LYNCH, born 1899, admitted bar 1920, dated 12-1-20 (possibly the party).

CHARLES L. LYNCH, born 1907, admitted bar 1928.

Attorney, Des Moines Morris Plan Co.

OLEN BEERS could not recall all these attorneys but knew that one by the name of LYNCH was reputed to be a good attorney but rather "sharp". This is RALPH LYNCH.

ROY M. COWAN of Waterloo, Iowa, located through EMIL STEFFEN, stated that he was co-chairman of the liquor law repeal organization and as such was active in Des Moines. In such activity, he learned that an attorney by the name of LYNCH was doing considerable lobbying in behalf of the brewery interests and had approached many brewery and distillery interests for the purpose of securing money for this lobbying, and that he (COWAN) and the above repeal organization had contacted the various brewery interests, advising them not to contribute to this party or to support such procedure. COWAN did not know the first name of this attorney but thought that VERNON LYNCH was the name. COWAN advised that W. H. MILLHAEM, located in the Des Moines, was strictly reliable and had all the inside information on this matter and would have the same on this attorney.

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With reference to GALE JOHNSON, STEFFEN furnished me information tonight on this party and I then consulted Chief SHORES, Waterloo, and learned that he had called or wired the St. Paul office today on this matter. I recalled that I have this man to look up at Mason City in 7-0, serial 176, so it appears that he must have been up before for kidnaping or extortion. His full name is GALE HAROLD JOHNSON, and he is known as a safe cracker and

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has a gang of eight or ten men, most of them mixed blood foreigners. The information on file here is dated July 28, 1933, and at that time he had an address of 565 Portland Avenue, St. Paul. He was driving at that time a Plymouth Coupe, Iowa license No. 77-37923, which is Polk County (Des Moines) and this was found registered in the name of MRS. BESSIE ROSE, 1716 Logan Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa. His mob is said to be from Des Moines and, although they are safe crackers, there has been no safe robberies around here for seven or eight months. The woman, MRS. BESSIE ROSE, 1716 Logan Avenue in Des Moines is a buddy of JOHNSON'S and he stays with her in Des Moines. Recently, he was arrested in Mason City in possession of burglar tools and was released on \$3,500 bond. His hearing on that case was to take place today and Chief Shores called Des Moines and learned this.

J. T. MOONAN,
Special Agent.

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St. Paul, Minnesota
February 10, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. E. WERNER HANSEN

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD S. BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING
St. Paul file 7-30

At Winona, Minnesota.

Referring to memorandum of Agent E. L. Halls 2-9-34, attached, JOHN DICKSON, attendant at the Pure Oil Station, Winona, Minnesota, was interviewed by the undersigned and stated that on the night of February 8, 1934, FRANK ROZEK, Winona, Minnesota, appeared at his filling station and requested him to change a ten-dollar bill. DICKSON stated that he was unable to change this bill, but noticed that ROZEK had several bills in a roll. DICKSON stated further that a customer presented a ten-dollar bill in payment for gas and oil shortly after this, and that he made a passing remark to this customer that earlier another individual who appeared to have a roll of fives and tens had presented a ten-dollar bill to him to make change.

Sheriff FRED SEELING, Winona, Minnesota, was informed of the above and it was ascertained that FRANK HAMERNIK, operator of the Huffy-Up Store at Winona, had sent ROZEK out to cash a \$40 check for him and that the currency received in cashing this check at a drug store consisted of five and ten-dollar bills; that ROZEK went about Winona endeavoring to procure one-dollar bills for use in the store, and in this manner called at the filling station of DICKSON.

Special Agents M. P. GILLEN and
J. E. BRENNAN.

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St. Paul, Minnesota
February 19, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. BERNER HANST.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.

EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim

KIDNAPING.

St. Paul file 7-55.

At Rochester, Minnesota.

Chief of Police CLAUDE informed the undersigned that he had received information regarding an anonymous postcard addressed to the Minneapolis Journal containing a Rochester telephone number of a person alleged to be connected with the BREMER case.

Chief CLAUDE advised that he had ascertained to whom the number referred to had been assigned and that he knew this person to be a small time bootlegger of Rochester who, in his opinion, could have no connection with the abduction of BREMER.

M. F. GLENN and J. E. BRENNAN
Special Agents.

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St. Paul, Minnesota.
February 10, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. VERNER HANKE:

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file 7-50.

At Winona, Stockton, Lewiston, Minn.

Sheriff FRED SEELING, Winona, Minn., informed the undersigned that information had been furnished him by the father of EDGAR PRIGGE, who operates a Standard Oil Filling Station between Stockton and Lewiston, Minn., that EDGAR PRIGGE had some information concerning a suspicious car that may have some connection with the BREMER case.

The undersigned accompanied the Sheriff to the filling station of PRIGGE who stated that between 7 and 7:30 p.m., Feb. 7, 1934, a man drove up to the filling station in a 1933 Buick Sedan, dark in color, bearing 1933 Wisconsin license plates, the first three numbers of which he believed to be 5-4-7; that there were six digits on the plate; that the man purchased 10 gallons of gas and 3 quarts of oil; that while filling the car, PRIGGE noticed that there were about three rifles or shotguns in the rear of the car; further, that the man asked him for Iowa and Minnesota road maps and also the road to Rochester, Minn.

PRIGGE described this individual as follows:

Age 28; height 5 feet 7 or 8 inches; 140 pounds; build, slender; hair, dark; eyes ?; complexion, dark; thin face; no visible marks or scars; no physical defects; wore dark blue suit, fedora hat.

PRIGGE stated that at the time this man came to his station, ARTHUR HENKE of Stockton, Minn., was in the station; further, that after filling the car, the man drove away in the direction of Rochester.

M. F. OLYNE and J. E. BRENNAN
Special Agents.

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STATEMENT OF EDWARD G. BREMER

I went to the corner of Goodrich and Lexington Avenues and I stopped for the arterial highway. As I sat there, the door opened and next to me an arm came in with a gun and a voice said; "Don't move or I'll kill you". I attempted to put the car in low gear and as I glanced up again there was a car crosswise in front of me. My next move was to grab the handle on the left hand door to get out of the door. By the time I grabbed the handle the fellow on the right side must have been in the car and hit me across the head with a gun. The door opened. I don't know whether I opened it or not. On the other side, a fellow came in and I was crushed on that side. After the man grabbed me, he pulled me down. I tried to hold my foot out of the door as long as I could to see whether or not I could stall them along enough for someone to drive up. I am not certain whether it was seconds or minutes. It, undoubtedly, was not a long time. They grabbed me and beat me on the head and I felt I was going to pass out of the picture. I could not see because the blood was coming over my eyes. One fellow sat on one side and another fellow on the other and they had my head underneath the dash board and the car would not start. One fellow said, "No monkey business, start that car". I reached over and I pressed the brass button. The car started and we went away. For some time they went straight ahead on the street, past Lexington. What turns they made I could not tell you from then on. When my head was down, this fellow pushed those goggles over my eyes. After awhile, he stopped. I got up. I don't know what street it was, and they pushed me into the bottom of another car and they put me down on the floor and two men got in the back seat. There I was down there and we drove goodness knows how many hours. Finally the car stopped and they got out a few minutes at my request. They let me out and then I could hear gasoline cans and I also heard another car drive up so, undoubtedly, the other car had the gasoline cans and they filled this car up; then we drove until after dark. After dark, they put me up on the seat because I was pretty nearly frozen. My foot and everything was frozen while I was down on that floor. Even though I was blindfolded I could see a light flash by now and then, maybe from a passing automobile, or something. We drove on a while and then we stopped. I think then the car was alone. When they stopped one time before, they made me sign my name. I could not see what I was signing. They told me to sign my name. Of course, a man can sign his name without much trouble. I signed my name three or four times in the dark. It was dark when the car stopped and we got out and then the car drove away. I said, "I am awfully cold". So, with one man on each side, they walked me up and down, up and down. After an interval, I could not tell you how long, the car came back. I got back into the car

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again. We drove again maybe two hours, maybe three, and then we stopped. We got out and they took me in this place. They set me down in a chair. They examined the cut on the top of my head. One fellow said that was a pretty bad cut. He said, "We had better get some mercuriochrome and stuff and fix it up a little". They must have taken a half hour to do this. The hair was matted in it. They cleaned it up. It was dark in the room. Then they took that thing off. They told me to wash the blood off of my hands and my face and I did that and they bound me up. They blocked my ears with a wad of cotton and they put me in bed. They pushed me over on the bed. I am not positive whether it was that night or next morning when they came in. They passed in and out of the room constantly, day and night. I was alone there. "God that was a terrible feeling." I don't know whether they expected to be asleep; my muscles were tense and I would not make a move. I think it was the next night, about midnight, some fellow came and shook me. He said, "Get in that chair". I got up. He said, "I want you to write a letter". I sat up, but I was so cold they had to put something around me before I could write, so they threw something around me. It was the letter to Dr. Hippert and one to my father. I explained to them not to take the letter to Hippert's house because you know his wife could not keep anything. I begged them to take it to his office. Well, anyhow, nothing happened and they wanted to know who to take. They sort of threw Magee out of the picture. Well, there is one fellow that I have known for years, JERK DORAN. DORAN has always been a very good friend of mine. In the brewery business he has always been an exceptionally good friend. The customers that we got we could trace right straight back to DORAN all the time. He told me at one time to be careful. He said, "Carry a gun. Somebody might pick you up. If anything like that happens, I will go the limit for you; don't forget it." So naturally I thought of JERK. I said I don't know where JERK lives but he runs the "Scoreboard" in St. Paul. He handles none but our beer. JERK, for me, would keep his mouth shut if "hell froze over". They asked me first for a Minneapolis man. I said, "I will bank on JERK DORAN". After a little while, they came back and said is this the fellow who was a boxing promoter? I said, "Yes". They said, "Well, better let him out of the picture". They said, "We don't want to cause anybody any unnecessary heat and he being boxing promoter and having been connected with me they thought he ought to be left out of it. They said the boys might be tough with him."

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There is attached hereto stenographic verbatim record of statements made by EDWARD G. BREMER on the morning of February 8th immediately after his return from captivity in the hands of unknown kidnapers. In addition to the facts elicited as shown in the attached, various attempts were made to secure information from BREMER. Before he made the statement in question, preliminary queries were made designed to secure from him any data which would enable a broadcast to be sent out for the apprehension of the kidnapers. His first request was that "he be not put in the middle of it." He then said that at no time had he seen the face of any of the kidnapers, nor could he describe them in any way. At the time he was taken into custody by the kidnapers, a man entered on one side of the car, or at least he placed his gun at his back. This prevented him from seeing anything although at the demands of the kidnapers he started his car shortly thereafter; that the first blow from the kidnapers' gun sent the blood into his eyes and he was then forced down into the car and later blindfolded. He would say, however, that the car from which he was discharged at Rochester, Minnesota, was, in his opinion, a rather small sedan and that there were three men in the car, and this information was accordingly broadcasted.

He insisted that at no time did he hear any of the voices of his captors in such a manner that would enable him to distinguish them; that they had always talked in whispers.

He insisted that he had seen nothing of his place of captivity; and subsequent to the statement made by him as indicated in the attached, his attention was called to the fact (before he was taken away because of his physical condition) that he had referred to a short man. He stated that he probably had not seen this man and therefore could not tell whether he was short; that the whisper from this man had come from a direction that made him think that the man was short and he pointed out that the man in question would bend down behind him in order that he might whisper to him on the same level as himself, thus conveying the impression that he was short. His attention was called to the fact that in the colloquy between him and the kidnapers at Rochester, Minnesota, when they called to him that they had not gone yet, after he had started to count to fifteen, this could not have been in a whisper. He admitted that this was the case but stated that he could not distinguish any particular voice at that time; that he was outside of the car and this voice called through the car.

He was again interviewed on February 9th and 10th, at which time he reiterated his statement that he had heard or seen nothing of any kind or nature whatsoever that would aid in the apprehension of his kidnappers.

As to the place where he was confined, he stated that he believed that it was a room not larger than seven feet square. As far as he knows, it contained only a small table, a chair, and a bed. He stated that he did not see the make of the floor nor whether it was covered, but he believed it was a wooden floor because the floor squeaked when persons walked around, and that he thought it was covered with a carpet; and that he did not see the ceiling of the room and could not state whether it was papered in the same manner as the wall, he describing the wall as being papered, the color of the wall paper he could not say, the pattern being a continuous row of what might be called a garden fence, two lathes up, one across, two up, and so on, in numbers ranging from nine to eleven, then a tree which had a flower in the shape of a four-leaf clover and next to the tree what appeared to be a branch of a tree with the same flower pattern, then starting with the fence again. He stated that the paper was fitted correctly, indicating that it was not done by an amateur, and that the paper appeared to be fairly new. He stated that the room must have had electric lights, the light undoubtedly fixed in the ceiling or onto the ceiling, and that he noticed on two occasions, while moving out of the room, some light object touching his scalp, indicating what he believed to be a light cord hanging from the ceiling; that immediately above him, to the right, in the wall was what he took to be a window of normal size, beginning at about four feet from the floor and reaching to the ceiling; that this window was boarded up; that the electric light was not burning at all times but that there was light in the room which he felt must have come from another window in another direction of the room; that the table in the room was a very small table less than two feet square and was covered with a blueish-white oil cloth of no definite design; that the toilet room was in another part of the house and that when led to that place, he believes it was not a straight walk, that is, they turned on the way from this room to the toilet room; that he heard the use of coal for the furnace or burner and believes that there were two separate heaters burning coal in the place; that the noise from these burners was some distance off from his room; that on the way from his room to the toilet there was a threshold, or a rise in the floor which might indicate it to be a threshold; that the drinking water was clear water and he could not taste any chemicals or alkali; that the cooking was amateurish and his meals consisted mostly of pork chops, veal chops, chicken, various vegetables such as peas, potatoes, beans, and that he was given what he believed to be canned fruit such as peaches, pears and apricots. (This differs from his original statement where he stated all he had to eat during his confinement was pig sausage and eggs and eggs and pig sausage.)

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He stated that the food was poorly cooked and overseasoned; that he was permitted to smoke and they furnished him cigarettes and he asked them to give him some Chesterfields as he did not like the cigarettes they were giving him; that they informed him he was smoking Chesterfield cigarettes; that he heard steps above him indicating other inhabitants in the house, but he could not say whether the ceiling in the room in which he was confined was an open ceiling such as is found ordinarily in a basement; that he heard railroad trains going through, while others stopped; that he thought he overheard some switching of trains; however, he could not hear any collision of box cars, which is usually evident in switching trains; that he heard what he believed to be two different church bells on Sunday morning; that there was considerable traffic on what is either a busy thoroughfare or highway and he believed he heard either buses or trucks; that he heard children going by outside and heard children play; that when he was taken from the house on the day of his delivery, he was blindfolded and he was ordered to walk erect with one arm hanging loosely and the other arm holding a handkerchief in front of his face; that he stumbled on what he thought to be a box and then stumbled over a can and nearly fell but that he was very much scared, not knowing what next would happen.

He stated that the weather was cold at the beginning and on the Sunday after the Sunday of the week he was kidnaped, it was extremely windy.

He stated that on the day of his kidnaping, when he was taken from the car into this house, he made an effort to determine whether or not there was snow on the ground and as far as he could judge there was no snow, which situation was also true when he was taken out of the car on the way from the kidnapers' hideout when he was walked in the field; that at the time of the kidnaping, the drivers were changed after about the first 20 miles; that the first driver was an extremely poor driver and reckless, while the next driver was an exceptionally good driver.

He was going over the description of his place of confinement several times and the use of coal was brought up again, at which time he mentioned that he also believed there was an electric heater or some electrical apparatus for heating.

He stated that the goggles which he claimed were used in blindfolding him were extremely tight fitting and hurt him considerably; that it appeared they were lined with adhesive tape overlapping the goggles to the extent that the tape covered part of his forehead and his cheeks and down to the extreme lower end of his nose and the cotton was packed in between; and that he was absolutely without sight whatsoever. The goggles were fitted around his head with a tight elastic. He was again questioned

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as to the location in Rochester, Minnesota, where he claimed he threw away the goggles after his release. He stated that he did not know the direction, but after walking half a block, he was on the main thoroughfare of the city; that he did not recognize any buildings in the immediate vicinity except that he believes that he was near a woodyard and that there is a wire fence and tall weeds and that he noticed a large building, apparently a brick structure but could not say what it was, and as far as he knows, it was not a store.

He reiterated on many occasions that he could not state definitely how many persons were connected with his confinement or kidnaping but insisted that there were a number of them, possibly seven or eight; that the conversations always were in whispers and that at no time did he hear a clear voice that he would be able to recognize; that on the way from St. Paul to his place of confinement, the radio in the car was continuously played and that he could not remember what the programs were or what station they tuned in on but he believes he did hear the announcer state "W.C.C.O.", (This is a Minneapolis station with 50,000 watt power.)

He stated that the greatest part of the route traveled was over concrete road; that the walk from the car to the house where he was confined was rough but could not say whether or not it was paved. The distance that he walked from the kidnapers' car to the kidnapers' hideout, he said, was about half the distance between his house and the driveway, which may be estimated to be about 50 feet. He said that he then descended nine or ten steps, which he believed to be of wood.

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HAROLD NATHAN,
Assistant Director.

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Verbatim Record of Statements made by
EDWARD G. BREMER on the morning of 2-8-34.

They said we do not want to cause anybody any unnecessary heat and he being a boxing promoter he might get a bad name out of it once the boys might be tough with him. I said the Chief knows him and everybody knows him in St. Paul and everybody knows he is absolutely a good friend of mine and I would go through hell for him. When Dick was hard up I know I had hell raised with me by the bank examiners because I loaned Dick \$5,000.00. I said Dick will pay me if he pays anybody. Well, Dick with me has always been aces. Dick was passed out of the picture. When you are in a spot like that, you just can't think of anybody. I said that if they could get Bill Hect here from Fla., and he has young kids. Then I thought of John Miller. John and I have been hunting together for 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9 years. I spoke of Miller as the "Silver Fox." I knew nobody else called him that but me. I knew that John has a lot of guts. John will sit tight and go through. Then they came back and said, yes, Miller is all right. We called him at the pool room but all the wires were tapped and we left a note at his house but before we got him the police had seen the note. That passed John out of the picture. I had told them about Walter Arnold and Roy Kossberg and Mike Carroll and Eddie Lauer. I thought maybe they could work a contact through any one of the four, but they couldn't work any. I told you what they did with me during this time. The first few days I was blindfolded constantly. I ate blindfolded and I didn't make a move. They put me in that corner and I never moved whether it was 10 hours or 12 hours. I didn't turn my head or anything.

Q. Where did you urinate? They would walk me around and then I would hit a toilet. They would never walk me the same way. Then this one fellow said, "By God, we got a bum steer on you. We can see that from your actions and we have checked your father and he is a right man." Well I said, "What good is that going to do?" They said only, "The next time we will investigate and we won't take somebody else's word for it." So this fellow had a sort of--when you are talked to once a day or once in two days and somebody is sort of kindly you sort of take a fancy to him, no matter who it is. I worked on this fellow and he said, "Yes, I appreciate the fact that if you are tied up for a long time it will eventually affect your eyes and it may be never come back." I said, "Are you ever going to take me back?" They said, "Yes". I said, "What does yes mean from you." I said, "Are you a man?" He never did anything else but whisper. He said, "I am a man of my word?" I said, "You have met another. You keep yours and I will keep mine," and all they asked me to keep was this going home.

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temporarily until you got home? Yes. After that I

they would go and I would keep my word by not letting anything appear in the morning paper. So to this fellow I said, "Well, partner, if you are ever going to turn me loose, it would be hell to be blind, wouldn't it?" He said, "Yes, it would." He said, "I will give you a break. If you never move your head I will leave it off sometimes during the day." I said, "I will never move". I said, "You can rest assured of that", so they took it off the next morning and the washbowl and everything was in front of me when I got to the table. I washed my face and washed the adhesive off where they had stuck it on that day. I never moved and they always covered me up from the rear every time I moved or something or when they brought me food so I could not see a hand that anybody reached. I knew there was someone behind me. That is all I did know. I came pretty near losing my bladder. I knew from the first time they untied me that morning that if I had to go to the toilet I could not go. I never went to the toilet from the time they put me there in the morning until they took me there at night. From then on every day I sat there. I guess I got sores all over my elbows so as to hold my head there so I would not move it. I would be so cramped that they would have to hold me when they bound me up at night to take me to the toilet when I went to bed. I couldn't get my limbs apart. I put my legs like this and didn't move them for 12 hours. That is the entire history so far as I was concerned. If they had breakfast, I would get it, and if not, no. They told me if you want anything, ask for it. This one fellow who was a little more kindly, once in a while he would come in during the day and then they would throw that thing over me and there would be an orange sitting in front of me. That was 4 or 5 times when I was there. Sometimes I didn't get a glass of water all day. I would not ask for it. I was afraid that if I asked for something, they would tie me up. I wanted them to see that I was going to stick it out as they expected me to stick it out without a whimper or without a squawk. This was my entire life that day and every day. It was very late in the day. I imagine it must have been close to nine before I got out of bed in the morning. It would seem that way. Then another night some fellow came with a note during the middle of the night so when this little fellow came back I mentioned, I started in with fellows I knew, a fellow that works in the bank at Winesko and a good friend of my brother's, Jim Felton at White Bear. They wanted me to circle the surrounding country for a contact man. I thought of Leo Fliegel and I thought of Father Deere. I thought of Pete Schmidt (?) but I guess none of them went for a contact except Father Deere and that was the last contact. Well, this little fellow came in one morning. Anyhow, I said, "Partner, I don't see how I can get by with this fellow that comes in like that during the night. In the first place, he scares the hell out of me. In the second place, it is always so damn cold that I can't write. I can't use my hand. I can't do anything." He said, "I will handle it the next time." You can tell by the last letter how much different it was.

I wrote that letter to Father Deere about ten days ago. I imagine it was that letter that was never delivered. I have always been sure, though, that one person would do something if I asked and no one would ever know who did it and that was Miss Dickman down at the bank. They would not have it. So when Sunday night came they told me about those 72 hours and they said, "Here is your last chance." They wanted Father Deere. I said, "I hate to pin it on him." I said, "I don't know whether he will lose his head or not or whether he is there." I have not seen him for a long time but I do know he drops in to say hello to my father. If it is my last chance, can I have two at the same time?" They said, "Yes, my wishes would go." I said I will take the girl. So I wrote Miss Dickman her letter and wrote Father Deere a letter and this letter to my father and a letter to the wife and the baby. I asked if I could have the privilege of including the letter to the wife and baby in order that they should know I was living. I don't think she got the letter. Well, that was Sunday. Meantime, I got no breakfast. The fellow crossly said that the boys were all excited about getting the money and there was nothing to eat in the house.

Monday night they gave me a big steak, mashed potatoes, peas and they said, "Eat hearty because this is going to be your last meal here." Of course, that gave me a ray of hope. By God, night came and they threw a cover over my head and put the dishes down and I said, "Oh! Oh! It is gone." So I never asked a question and they didn't talk. I went to bed Monday night. That was Monday night.

On Tuesday, Tuesday night I went to bed. I thought, well everything is shot. I could hear a rumpus or noise. I knew it was some of the crowd come back. After maybe a half hour or an hour, one fellow shook me and said, "Would you like to go home?" I imagine the rumpus was that some of the crowd came in with the money. So I didn't know what the devil to say. "Well", he said, "You darn fool, can't you answer?" I said, "Yes, I would like to go back." He said, "All we can say is this, that we owe the girl an apology. She is a major." "Well", he said, "As I told you, I went directly to her house. I run the doorbell and asked for her. She come. When she come to the door she come with her head bowed down, never looked up at me, never looked at all. She said, 'What is it?' He said, 'Here is something for you.' She turned around and closed the door as I walked away." They said, "Your friend Father Deere pretty nearly threw the notes away. He went away up in the air. He could not see him. He wanted to know who we were. I didn't know that Father Deere ever entered into the picture until I got home. Then they said, 'Do you want to get up?' They set me in the chair. They said I am to get shaved. I said, 'Please don't. That is going to be a tough job.' I said, 'I am even afraid of tackling it myself.' By God, that was an ordeal. Three weeks' beard. I thought it took an hour.

"Well", he said, "In an hour or so we will get going." So I sat there and whatever time it was they come back. They said, "Here is a new suit of underwear, here is a heavy pair of socks, and here is a shirt." They had taken my trousers out and I could hear them with the money and kegs and stuff. They said they wanted to look through "to see that there is nothing from here on your person." I said, "Don't forget my mother's present to me." That is that watch." Then they dressed me and I asked to go to the toilet because I had a hunch that it would be quite a few hours so I went to the toilet. "Well now," he said, "when you go out of the door I will just touch your arm. You have got to walk the best way you can." He said, "When you get out you want to put this handkerchief over your face as if you are going to blow your nose." Going out, I stumbled over a box of some kind. I connected with a can and pretty near went down on the can, but I kept my feet. Then they pushed me into a roadster. I didn't know what I was getting into. I thought I was going into the back side of the car. A fellow came in on this side with me and a fellow on the other side and they said, "Hold your handkerchief up." Then the car stopped and they took me out and they put me in this other car. There were gasoline cans because I could smell them in this car. I had to bend down with my head in my hands. There were rattling noises in the car. Does a machine gun have clips on it that would rattle? Anyhow, we drove. We stopped once and they took this gasoline can out and filled the car. Anyhow, then I had room to stretch out my legs and I laid down in the box (?). After dark they said, "Now, we are going to drop you off in the outskirts of Rochester. There is a bus leaving there at 9:40. You go downtown into a restaurant where you are absolutely positive no one will recognize you and eat because you have not eaten today and then you catch that 9:40 bus. I said, "What time is it?" They finally said eight o'clock. I said, "Maybe there would be a bus before 9:30. Would you mind if I went to the bus depot first and find out?" "No, that would be all right," they said, "You take a bus home but when you get into town, don't go where anyone recognizes you. Get a cab and don't stop in front of the house and go into the house without anybody seeing you because we want nothing in the morning papers." So then after a bit they stopped. They said, "We get out here." I thought I was in Rochester, you understand, when this happened, but they walked me into a field and I imagined the other fellow had to gas up. I fancy the other fellow had to gas up by then, not knowing whether I was to carry out the instructions. The car came back after a while. We drove for at least an hour or an hour and a half. It may have been only an hour. They said, "We are going into the outskirts of Rochester. You carry out our instructions. When we let you off, you stand facing the way we leave you but after we are gone, you about face and walk a block straight ahead and then you are on the main street of Rochester and then you go up to your

Bus Depot." They said, "Don't forget the instructions home." I pretty nearly died because I didn't know what they were going to do when they dropped me off. They told me to count 15 slowly. I counted up to 5 when they said, "Wait a minute. We are not gone yet." Then I started to count over again and I heard the car stop. I heard the car go away and stop. I had reached 15 by then but I didn't remove my goggles because I didn't know why the car stopped. I kept them on. Didn't raise my hand or anything until I heard the car start again. I knew then by the sound that they were on their way. After that I pulled my goggles off. My eyes were very blinky and I was pretty wobbly so I walked slowly. I didn't want anybody to see me. I tried not to stagger. It was hard not to stagger. I walked over to the side and I threw my goggles as they instructed me to and I walked up to the Bus Station. I didn't know where it was. I thought I had my hat pulled down. I met a man and said, "Partner, can you tell me where the Bus Depot is?" It was "three blocks straight ahead and then to your left." I got into the depot. I said to the girl, she was just closing up, I said, "When is the next bus to St. Paul?" She said, "There are not any more tonight." I said, "Then that means I can't go to St. Paul tonight." The girl was telephoning. When they got through, I said, "Gee, I would like to go to St. Paul tonight if I could." The girl said, "In five minutes there is a train going to Owatonna and you can catch our bus going up from Owatonna." I said, "Where is the Depot?" She said, "It is too far to walk. You had better get a cab." She called a cab and I jumped in and by God the cab headed right through an alley. I said, "Here is where they get me again." We got to the Depot and the train was standing there. I said, "Have I time to buy a ticket?" I got into the first seat and I fell in head down and stayed there. I amused myself cutting my finger nails down and then I saw a paper lying across the seat and then I found out about the \$200,000.00. I didn't have a chance to eat at Rochester because of this quick move and then at Owatonna I didn't eat because I didn't want the bus to go without me. I pulled my hat down. There is a bench in the hotel. I looked everybody over to make sure I didn't know anybody. I went in and gave them one \$10.00 bill, went back and got in the bus and planked myself into the seat and pulled my hat down and there I stayed until we got to St. Paul. God, every time a car passed, I started, and every time a car would come from the rear, everything went blooey. When we got going, I asked them which way they come into St. Paul. They said, "We go to Church (?) St. and Wabasha." They said, "We go down 4th Street." I asked him to let me off at the turn right in front of the Court House and I looked up the block and there was not a soul on the block. I thought, "Well, there is a break." "There is nobody to see me and nobody to get me." I stayed back from the corner quite a while because I didn't want to go over to the Lowry where the cab stand was. Finally, the cab row was filled and another cab come on and I hailed him and I jumped in and I said, "Do you know if there is a Club tonight?" He said he

didn't know. I said, "I will take a shot at it. If there is a light there I will get out. I got out at the West End Commercial Club. I paid my fare. I got out and I walked down that way until I knew the cab had turned around and gone up to town. Then I walked up here and there was neither hide or hair of anybody. I got to the house here. I thought, "By God, if I walk up those front steps, somebody is going to see me or there may be someone see me if I don't. I don't think I walked so quick. I said, "I am this far, and I don't think they will get me now." I walked up and I had the keys to the house in my pocket. The minute I touched it the dog barked. He scared me so I could not find the keyhole. Then I saw Louise, my sister, and I wrapped on the glass with my key.

(This Verbatim Record taken
by Harold Nathan, Asst. Director.)

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

February 13, 1934.

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-30

Dear Sir:

In the above entitled matter, there are
enclosed herewith memoranda of various agents of the St. Paul
Division Office.

Very truly yours,

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WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
FEB 15 1934 A.M.
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

St. Paul, Minnesota,
February 13, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WENNER HANKE:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file 7-30.

With reference to the information desired in connection with one LYNCH, an attorney of Des Moines, Iowa, the County Attorney, CARL HURKMAN, had no definite information regarding LYNCH but stated he did not like his connections and thought he might bear watching. He is known to represent many breweries and distilleries' interests and was attorney for either the Atlas or the Blue Ribbon Brewing Company.

The United States Marshal, FRED HIRD, Des Moines, Iowa, with reference to this matter, stated that on September 17, 1933, he received certain information from one JOHN H. (SLIM) KELLY, who stated that he (KELLY), in company with others, were going to St. Paul, Minnesota, to kidnap a banker by the name of LILLEY. They went to St. Paul and checked up on one or two of the LILLEY family and, according to KELLY, photographed one of the LILLEY family as he was going into Divinity's in St. Paul. However, the plans for kidnaping fell through as one of the party got drunk. KELLY returned to Des Moines and there got into the counterfeiting game and was apprehended. He received a sentence of five years first but this was changed to three years before he was taken to the penitentiary.

MR. HIRD stated that HARRY COOPER, Secret Service Agent, became very friendly with KELLY and believes that KELLY will reveal more information to COOPER than to anyone else. KELLY never mentioned the names of the parties who were supposed to have been associated with him in this venture to St. Paul. It is possible, HIRD stated, that he might name these parties if he thought it would obtain him parole at an earlier date than ordinarily would happen. HIRD believes that this party desires to give the information to the authorities with reference to these other parties but in some manner so that he will not be considered a squealer.

MR. HIRD stated that he gave this information to Special Agent O. C. Dewey of the Kansas City office shortly after obtaining it.

With reference to this information and to attorney VERNON LYNCH of Des Moines, FRED HIRD stated that he was in Ottumwa, Iowa, on January 19, 1934, when he heard of the BREMER kidnaping. Knowing that LYNCH had recently represented BREMER and was acquainted with the BREMER family, he wrote to LYNCH setting forth this information, advising LYNCH that he would like to have this relayed to the BREMER family so that they might make some inquiry before immediately dealing with the kidnapers.

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3 - Div.; 9 - St. Paul

R. T. NOONAN,
Special Agent.

7-546-377

St. Paul, Minnesota,
February 15, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. G. WERNER HANBY:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT.
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file 7-30.

The United States Marshal at Des Moines, Iowa, ERIC KING, while discussing other matters in relation to this case, stated that he was not acquainted with the BREMER family but knew that VERNON LYNCH, a local attorney, was acquainted with the family. He also stated that recently MR. BREMER, not definitely known whether the victim in this case or his father, was supposed to have come to Des Moines, Iowa, to go bond in the amount of about \$20,000 for the CHAPMAN brothers, well known bootleggers. As far as the United States Marshal knew, however, BREMER did not come to Des Moines.

Very truly yours,

R. T. BOCHAN,
Special Agent.

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3 - Division
9 - St. Paul

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St. Paul, Minnesota.
February 15, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WESKER HANNI:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file V-30.

In the attached envelope there are two each of the wrappers used by the American National Bank for wrapping money bundles. These are labeled No. 1 and No. 2. They are manufactured by the Abbott Coin Counter Company, New York. There were none of these wrappers around the ransom money in this case.

In the same envelope there are ten each of the wrappers issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis bearing the following label: "Superkraft, Spurgis Mfg. Co., Chicago. Tellers Favorite." These labels were designed to wrap bundles of \$500 each. There are also ten labels designed to wrap bundles of \$1,000 each. The \$500 wrapper against a light brown background has red exteriors for the printing. These are the wrappers used on the \$200,000 ransom.

MR. FRED GODE, Comptroller of the bank, who counted all the money as it came from the Federal Reserve Bank, furnished me the wrappers and is qualified to testify that the Federal Reserve Bank wrappers were the ones about the money.

Very truly yours,

O. S. HALL,
Special Agent.

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3 - Div.
9 - St. Paul

St. Paul, Minnesota
February 15, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-30

W. E. BURKE, Alcoholic Beverage Unit, Department of Justice, St. Paul, Minn., telephoned the office advising that he had information of possible interest in connection with the Bremer Kidnaping. Upon being contacted Mr. Burke advised that F. J. PARNELL, telephone Duerson 2557, address 1299 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, who is custodian of a number of apartment buildings in the vicinity of his present residence, informed him that in February, 1933, COY O. HARDWICK, 1251 Portland Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, who has offices with an attorney by name of WESTFALL in St. Paul, told him (PARNELL) that he had a brother-in-law, RAY STEGER, who is in with a bunch of "rounders" and that two or three apartments could be rented to this "bunch". PARNELL stated that he never allowed HARDWICK to do any renting before but HARDWICK prevailed upon him that it would be all right and HARDWICK paid rent on two apartments around the first week in February and the occupants moved in around the 15th but remained only until March 1, 1933; that in negotiating for the rental of the apartments, HARDWICK used the name of Senator NORDIN of Duluth, Minnesota, stating that the people to occupy the apartments would be G. E. MOORE; J. J. HURKS, MR. and MRS. J. H. LOCKWOOD; R. E. DAVIS and R. E. WINTERS. PARNELL informed MR. BURKE that he was suspicious of these people and kept them under rather close observation and observed the following automobiles coming and going from the apartments rented and occupied by these people. The cars were kept in a garage at Snelling and Selby Avenues in the rear of a pool hall;

Florida License '33 - 10-7860, Auburn Coupe;
Nevada License '33 - 1-283, Pontiac Sedan;
Minnesota '33 License B-12-543, 1932 model Chrysler. (Number issued to J. H. LOCKWOOD, 1598 Dayton Avenue, St. Paul, Minn.)
Nevada 1932 License - 1-488 Buick, issued to R.E.DAVIS,
Anderson Hotel, Nevada;
Minnesota '32 License B462-222, Chevrolet Sedan. License plates were issued for Chevrolet Coupe; Minnesota 1932 License B362-222, Chevrolet Sedan. License issued to MRS. FINDEL, 15 Wilkins St., St. Paul for 1926 Chrysler;
Minnesota '33 License B12-377, Chevrolet Sedan;
Florida License '33 - 10-783, dark green four passenger car

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MR. PARNELL also informed Mr. Burke that there was a dark red Chevrolet or Pontiac Coupe, driven by a man supposed to be ANDERSON; that this man, ANDERSON, was murdered near Webster, Wisconsin. The apartments occupied by the gang were 102 and 302, 1280 Grand Avenue, apartment 102, 1290 Grand Avenue. The gang was supposed to have moved from these apartments to 1050 Robert Street, West St. Paul, Minnesota, following several visits to the apartments by local police. Their exit was made hurriedly and some of their personal belongings were left behind. On March 23, 1933, the following note was received by MR. HARDWICK and later turned over to MR. PARNELL.

"Mr. Coy O. Hardwick,
1351 Portland Avenue,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mr. Hardwick:

I am going to ask you of a little favor which will be to the utmost of appreciation. At present you have some belongings of my friends and mine and if you will be so kind to retain them for us for a couple of weeks until it will be more convenient for us to procure them.

Just lay them aside out of your way and we will call for the belongings shortly. Thanking you.

Very truly yours,

Signed: C. E. MOORE."

On April 26, 1933, a note was delivered to the drayman to be given Mr. Hardwick, which note reads as follows:

"Mr. Hardwick:

Please let bearer have our stuff that we asked you to keep for us in our letter. Thanks for the trouble.

Signed: J. J. MUHS;
C. E. MOORE;

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At the request of Mr. Burke, the notes above referred to are being returned to him for Mr. Parnell.

Very truly yours,

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S-Division
9-St. Paul

R. L. Nalls,
Special Agent.

St. Paul, Minnesota.
February 12, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HARRY:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file 7-30.

Reference is made to the Western Union telegram received February 11, 1934, from Sheriff R. ROCHE, Portage, Wisconsin, in which he advised that "Found four five-gallon square gasoline cans in an out of way place which may have connection with Bremer kidnaping. Other information as to movement of four large cars on the night of January 20th."

On February 12, 1934, Sheriff ROBERT H. ROCHE, Portage, Wisconsin, was contacted and he referred the writer to Deputy Sheriff HARRY HIEBER, who, he stated, had handled the investigation in connection with the above gasoline cans.

Deputy Sheriff HARRY HIEBER advised that on Saturday morning, February 10, 1934, FRANK and REUBEN GROSSMANN, farmers, residing about seven miles northwest of Portage, had called at the Sheriff's office and stated that they had found four 5-gallon tin gasoline cans and a tin funnel by the side of the road near their home and were reporting the matter to the Sheriff's office as they thought the cans might have some connection with the BREMER kidnaping case. Deputy Sheriff HIEBER said that he went to the home of REUBEN GROSSMANN and found the cans and the funnel in a garage where they had been placed by REUBEN GROSSMANN; that he (HIEBER) and FRANK GROSSMANN lifted the cans and the funnel into the HIEBER car but used only the handles of the cans in touching them. It was stated that these cans were brought to the Sheriff's office and that no one has touched them since that time.

In company with Deputy Sheriff HIEBER, the writer interviewed REUBEN GROSSMANN at his home and was advised that the four cans and the funnel had been seen for the first time at about 8:00 p.m., on Wednesday, February 7, 1934, at a point which will be found marked on a Columbia County, Wisconsin, map which is being attached to this memorandum. REUBEN GROSSMANN said that when he found the cans he noticed a wet spot on the ground nearby; that he smelled same and formed the opinion that the spot had been made by the spilling of gasoline. He said he also smelled each can and believed that each one had contained gasoline. He stated further that at the time these cans were found, the screw tops to same were lying beside the cans, as was a tin funnel.

In an effort to learn when the cans had been left by the roadside, REUBEN GROSSMANN was questioned further and he advised that on February 7, 1934, he left his home on a trip around 7:00 a.m., and in order to reach State Highway No. 16 he drove past the corner where the cans were found and he is positive that they were not lying by the roadside at that time. He said that on the same evening, around 8:00 p.m., when he returned home, he noticed the cans but did not touch them; but later in the evening, during the conversation with his father, when it was mentioned that the cans might be connected with the BREMER matter, he questioned his six-year-old daughter MARIE and was told by her that she was positive the cans were not lying by the road that afternoon when she came home from school. REUBEN GROSSMANN said his daughter told him that she had "sat the corner" on her return from school but had passed same at a distance of approximately ten to fifteen yards. According to REUBEN GROSSMANN, his daughter's school lets out at 3:30 p.m. and she reaches home every afternoon somewhere between 3:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

REUBEN GROSSMANN advised further that on Thursday morning, February 8, 1934, he went down to the corner where he had seen the gasoline cans and funnel and took same to his garage. In this connection, he advised that he is fairly positive that he did not touch the cans or funnel with his bare hands, being of the opinion that he wore gloves at all times. He related that his father, FRANK GROSSMANN, notified the Sheriff's office of his findings on Saturday morning, February 10th, and that Deputy Sheriff HIBNER came to the farm and took the cans and funnel away. REUBEN GROSSMANN said that he was present when the cans were taken away and that he is positive that neither HIBNER, himself, nor his father touched same with their bare hands.

The spot by the road where the cans were found was pointed out to the writer by FRANK and REUBEN GROSSMANN. This spot is located about seven miles northwest of Portage, Wisconsin, travelling via State route No. 16 and turning from route No. 16 to the right on a dirt road which leads past the home of one LEO MILLISCH to a fork, the right side of which leads past the home of FRANK GROSSMANN and runs into a county highway, while the left fork comes to a blind end at the home of REUBEN GROSSMANN. The distance from route No. 16 to the home of REUBEN GROSSMANN is one and one-half miles and the spot where the cans were found is exactly three-fourths of a mile from route No. 16. The map of Columbia County, which is attached hereto, shows the location of this spot.

It should be stated further that the road which leads from route No. 16 is of dirt construction and should be described as a two-car road, fairly smooth but rolls slightly. Between route No. 16 and the spot in question there are two left turns and one right turn. This road is a county highway but comes to an end at REUBEN GROSSMANN'S farm house. Proceeding toward

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REUBEN GROSSMANN'S farm house and coming to the spot where the cans were found. The exact spot is situated about a yard or five feet from the left side of the road. It should be stated that the ground around this spot is fairly level, that on the right side of the road presently being covered by corn stubble, from six to eight inches in height, while that on the left side is bare ground for about ten feet. At a distance of about ten feet from the left side of the road are located several trees, following which the ground drops until the bank of a large stream, known as "the big slough", is reached.

The ground around the spot where the cans were found was examined and faint tracks of an automobile having turned around by running off the road could be noticed. These tracks, however, were not sufficiently clear to show the tread of an automobile tire. At this time it should be stated that REUBEN GROSSMANN advised the writer that neither rain nor snow was had in the vicinity of his farm from the afternoon of February 7th until after the cans in question were removed to his garage.

In connection with the data in the telegram of reference, Deputy Sheriff HIBNER said that he had been told by LEO MILISCH, who resides near the dirt road leading from route No. 15 to the REUBEN GROSSMANN farm house; that on the night of January 20, 1934, he had noticed four big cars driving up the road at a fast rate of speed.

LEO MILISCH was interviewed and he said that on Saturday night, January 20, 1934, he saw three big cars drive past his house at a fast rate, followed a few minutes later by a fourth car. He said his attention was called to these cars by the fact that they were driving fast; that he looked out of his window and noticed that there were four cars but on account of the darkness he could not discern either the makes, colors, or license plates of these cars.

LEO MILISCH also stated that his son EARNEST saw an automobile, make, color and license number unknown, stop at the corner where the gasoline cans were found on the afternoon when they were supposed to have been left there. He said his son could not furnish a description of the car or say how many persons were in it because of the fact that the spot in question is located half a mile distant from the MILISCH home.

EARNEST MILISCH was not available for interview at the time of agent's call. It should be stated here, however, that Deputy Sheriff HIBNER told agent that he questioned EARNEST MILISCH on February 10, 1934, and was told by him that the car was seen on the corner where the cans were found on the day following the finding of the cans, and not on the day when they were found. HIBNER also said that the spot in question is one at which automobiles often stop to go "frogging" as it is located near the "big slough".

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FRANK GROSSMANN, his wife, and the wives of RUDOLPH GROSSMANN and LEO MILLISCH, respectively, were questioned in an effort to obtain further information regarding the gasoline cans but they all stated that they had observed nothing.

The fingerprint impressions of RUDOLPH and FRANK GROSSMANN were secured and will be found attached to this memorandum inasmuch as they were not positive that they had worn gloves on all occasions when they came in contact with the gasoline cans.

The four gasoline cans were brought to the St. Paul Division office by the writer and the fannell is being forwarded to the St. Paul Division office by Sheriff ROCKE.

Very truly yours,

S. K. McKIN,
Special Agent.

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