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AND  
PRIVACY ACTS**

**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG  
BREMER KIDNAPPING**

**FILE NUMBER: 7-576**

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~~Division of Investigation~~

U. S. Department of Justice  
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri  
August 19, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218,  
ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives; Obstruction of  
Justice; National Firearms Act.

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated May 7, 1935.

Sheriff Delamaide of Crawford County, Girard, Kansas, was contacted by Special Agent W. John Mc Nulty at the Sheriff's office, Girard, on 8-12-35 concerning a .45 caliber Colt automatic pistol, #C159-419, which was in his possession. A desire had been expressed to have the Bureau's Technical Laboratory make an examination of this weapon. Sheriff Delamaide, while wishing to retain possession of the above mentioned pistol, agreed to loan the same so that the Bureau Laboratory might make a proper examination. Agent Mc Nulty assured the Sheriff that after due examination the gun would be returned to him and furnished him with a receipt therefor.

It is noted that in the Bureau's letter above referred to the number of the instant automatic pistol reads C-1591419. The number on the gun received from Sheriff Delamaide reads C 159419.

It is respectfully requested that after the examination this automatic pistol be returned to the Kansas City Bureau office for delivery to Sheriff Delamaide. This weapon is being sent to the Bureau Laboratory under separate cover.

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Very truly yours,

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SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

August 16, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, - FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with  
aliases, I. O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL  
with aliases, I. O. #1236; WILLIAM WEAVER  
with aliases, I. O. #1238; WILLIAM J.  
HARRISON with aliases, I. O. #1239;  
MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I. O. #1241; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING  
OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

Reference is made to report of Special Agent O. C. Dewey,  
dated at Omaha, Nebraska, March 15, 1935, which mentions on page 16  
that Dr. Henry Hall of St. Paul, Minnesota, advised that at one time  
he met a friend of Myrtle Eaton's known only to him as Clara; that  
this woman was on one occasion arrested near Philadelphia while  
"boosting" a fur coat and that the gang in St. Paul, Minnesota,  
raised \$1,000 in order that she might be released.

Inasmuch as Clara Gibson is a known shop-lifter, it is  
respectfully requested that the attached photograph of this person  
be exhibited to Dr. Henry Hall in an effort to determine whether  
the woman known to him as Clara is identical with Clara Gibson.

Very truly yours,

JLM:RP  
Enc.  
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cc Bureau  
Cincinnati

E. J. CONNELLEY 7-576  
Special Agent in Charge  
Special Assignment

AUG 16 1935

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Post Office Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
August 15, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

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

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Dear Sir:

With respect to the above entitled case, please be advised that the Oklahoma City Office has received a mail tracing from the Post Office at Tulsa, Oklahoma, indicating that Laura Lee Campbell, 818 South Rockford, Tulsa, Oklahoma, sister of Harry Campbell, received a letter postmarked at Decatur, Arkansas July 29, 1935 at 8:00 P. M. There was no return address on this envelope. As is known by the Oklahoma City Office, no other communication has been received by the Campbell family from Decatur, Arkansas and it is not known whether the Campbell family has any connection with Decatur. The tracing of this letter would not indicate that it was written by Harry Campbell.

Reports in this case have indicated from time to time that Phoenix Donald apparently purchased a farm in May, 1934, and there seems to be some indication that he may have purchased this farm in Arkansas. It occurs to this office that there may be a possibility that Campbell could be staying with Donald at this time or that Donald may have relayed this letter to Campbell's sister for him.

While it is realized by this office that this information is of a most indefinite character, it is felt that it will be worth while to make inquiry at the Post Office at Decatur, Arkansas and exhibit the photographs of the subjects in this case to postal employees there in the hope that some employee may recognize a picture of one who may have called for mail or posted mail at that Post Office. It is also suggested that the Little Rock Office may also make some inquiry among real estate dealers in Decatur, exhibiting the photograph of Phoenix Donald to them, in an effort to determine if it is in that section that Donald purchased the farm he is alleged to have purchased.

A report will be dictated in the near future at the Oklahoma City Office containing information that Donald is alleged to have been seen near Sapulpa, Oklahoma two or three months ago, driving a new V-8 Ford with an Arkansas tag, number not known, accompanied by "a goodlooking woman", and a copy of this report will be furnished the Little Rock Office.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 818  
Chicago Illinois

August 16, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232;  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1234;  
WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238;  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239;  
MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O. 1241; ET AL;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING & OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.  
Chicago file 7-82

Reference is made to letter from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley to the Director under date of June 21, 1935, copies of which were received by all Offices, in which the request was made that the respective Field Offices circularize the various banks in their districts for information as to the location of certain \$1,000.00 bills issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, which were thought to be in the possession of fugitives in this file. A subsequent letter was addressed to the various Field Offices which had not furnished advice as to the circularization of these banks, and it was learned that quite a number of the Offices had not taken the requested action.

Examination of the file indicates that replies have not been received from the Offices receiving copies of this letter as to what action has been taken by them with respect to tracing the \$1,000.00 bills in question. It is requested that these Offices furnish advice immediately as to whether the banks in their districts have been circularized, and if this action has not been taken, circular letters should be sent out at once.

These replies should be directed to the Chicago Bureau Office.

Very truly yours,

SEM:LM  
CC:Bureau  
Pittsburgh  
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Denver  
Jacksonville  
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E. J. CONNELLEY  
Special Agent in Charge  
on Special Assignment

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P. O. Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
August 17, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

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Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. 1218, ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE  
O BREMER, Victim - Kidnaping.

I am returning herewith the file copies of your letter dated August 14, 1935 to this Office, which apparently were inadvertently forwarded with the original letter, and the copies for the Cincinnati Office and the Bureau, the latter having been forwarded to their destinations.

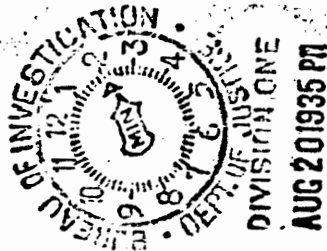
Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

August 14, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
I.O.#1218 - FUGITIVE; ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul File No. 7-30

For your information, there is enclosed herewith copy of a letter from the Detroit Office under date of August 6, 1935 to the Director, together with copy of the enclosure, which is a letter to Wynona Burdette, U. S. Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, from Eunice Hughes, 738 Delaware Place, Tulsa, Oklahoma, the latter being a sister of Wynona. This is being forwarded for your information, and particular attention is called to the reference therein that, "Will go over to Mrs. Campbells as you ask. Will love it."

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

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Room 1408  
370 Lexington Avenue  
New York City

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August 19, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Boston, Mass.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases-  
Fugitive, I.O. 1218, et al  
Edward George Bremer-Victim  
Kidnaping; Harboring and  
Obstruction of Justice;  
National Firearms Act.

Dear Sir:

Will you please furnish this office with a copy of the  
anonymous communication referred to in the last paragraph on page  
5 of the report of Special Agent P. M. Plunkett, dated at Boston,  
Mass., August 15, 1935, as said communication was not received  
at the New York office with the report.

Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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PHONE. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS ROY JOHN FRISCHVICTIM KIDNAPING. GOVERNOR RICHARD KIRMAN, CARSON CITY, NEVADA, ADVISED HE RECEIVED ANONYMOUS LETTER DATED AUGUST 11, 1935 READING AS FOLLOWS. " JUST A FEW LINES TO LET YOU MXX KNOW I HAVE LOCATED THE PLACE WHERE ROY J FRISCHS IS BURIED. DISCRIPTION IS TAKE THE OLD RENO ROAD FROM TRUCKEE, GO THROUGH HABERTS MILLS ABOUT SEVEN MILES OUT OF HABERT MILLS TOWARD RENO. WHEN YOU HIT THE RAIL ROAD CROSSING. HERE IS THE WAY THE LOCATION LOOKED THROUGH THE CRYSTAL, AND MY HUSBAND LOCATED IT AS I HAD STATED. I AM MUCH INTERESTED IN THIS WORK." THIS LETTER IS UNSIGNED BUT BEARS RETURN ADDRESS ROUTE 4, BOX 1580, 53 RD STREET, SACRAMENTO, CALIF. WRITER OF THIS LETTER SENT MAP SHOWING PURPORTED LOCATION OF GRAVE. ORIGINAL LETTER BEING OBTAINED AND PHOTOSTATI C COPY BEING FORWARDED YOUR OFFICE. SUGGEST EFFORTS BE MADE TO LOCATE WRITER OF THIS LETTER AT SACRAMENTO AND OBTAIN ALL PERTINENT X DETAILS FROM HER

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Washington Field Office, Room 5252  
Washington, D. C.

August 20, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.



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ATTENTION: MR. E. J. CONNELLEY.  
RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232;  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236;  
WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238;  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239;  
MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O. 1241; ET AL -  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING & OBSTRUCTION  
OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.  
Chicago file 7-32.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated August 16, 1935, referring to letter from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley to the Director under date of June 21, 1935, copies of which were sent to all field office, in which request was made of the respective field offices to circularize the various banks in their districts for information as to the location of certain \$1,000.00 bills issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, which were thought to be in the possession of fugitives in this file.

For your information a circular letter dated June 28, 1935, was sent to all banks in the district covered by the Washington Field Office in connection with the above.

Very truly yours,

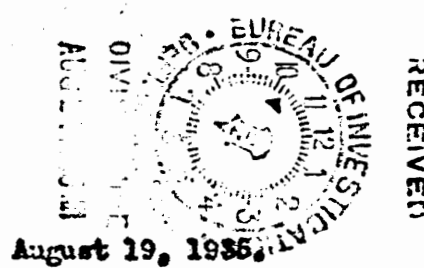
J. M. SMITH,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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769 Starks Building,  
Louisville, Kentucky.



Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; FUGITIVE;  
I. O. 1218; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING & OBSTRUCTION  
OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 30, 1935, and your letter of August 16, 1935, requesting that this office circularize the various banks in this district for information regarding certain \$1,000.00 bills.

Please be advised that a circular letter has been sent to all the member and non-member Federal Reserve Banks and all National Banks in this district. As soon as any information is received regarding one of these bills, you will be notified immediately.

Very truly yours,

O. C. DREW,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Bureau  
St. Paul  
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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

AUGUST 17 1935

Transmit the following message to: ST. PAUL

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BREKID AUTHORITY GRANTED TO MAKE FOLLOWING EXPENDITURES IN YOUR

DISTRICT: PURCHASE OF 300 YARDS TELEPHONE WIRE, EMPLOYMENT

AS INFORMANT AT \$1.00 PER DAY AND TO INSTALL TELEPHONE IN

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P. O. Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida,  
August 19, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge  
Chicago, Illinois.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of August 16, 1935, to the Boston Office, copies of which were furnished to the Jacksonville Office, and other Bureau Offices, referring to your letter of June 21, 1935, to all offices, requesting that you be advised immediately what action has been taken concerning the circularization of banks in this district in connection with serial numbers of \$1,000.00 bills issued by the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank beginning with F-00022451-A and ending with No. F-00022500-A.

Please be advised that on June 24, 1935, all banks within the district of the Jacksonville Office were circularized. A copy of our letter to the banks is being attached hereto.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cc: Bureau  
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August 15, 1935

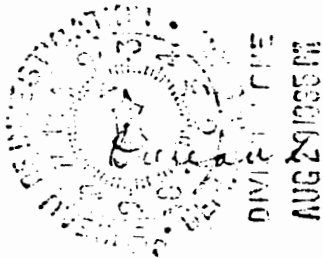
DIRECTOR,  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
PENNSYLVANIA AVE at 9th, St. N.W.  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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August 21, 1935

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232;  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236;  
WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238;  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239;  
MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O. 1241; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING & OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau teletype dated August 20, 1935, in connection with securing handwriting specimens of William Elmer Meade.

This is to advise that Post Office Inspector Herbert Graham is now out of the city and his return is not expected until August 26, 1935, at which time he will be contacted for the purpose of securing the requested specimens of the handwriting of Meade.

Very truly yours,

*R. Whitley*  
R. WHITLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc: Chicago  
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AUGUST 21, 1935.

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: JACKSONVILLE

MR. CORMACK OF THE MIAMI DAILY TRIBUNE ADVISED BY LONGDISTANCE TELEPHONE

A G WEITZ HELD AT COUNTY JAIL MIAMI IS REPORTED MEMBER KARPIS GANG.

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Mr John Edgar Hoover  
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August 30, 1935.

Mr. Arthur W. Cranford,  
Heraldton, Oklahoma.

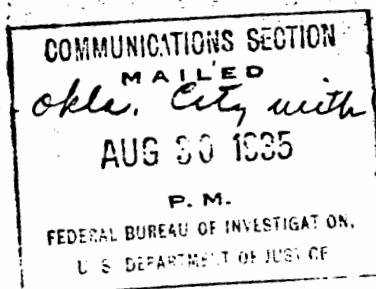
Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to your letter of August 19, 1935 in which you state that you believe Alvin Karpis may have participated in a bank robbery at Maysville, Garvin County, Oklahoma on August 5, 1935.

I wish to thank you for your suggestion in this matter and to advise you that the subject matter of your letter is being called to the attention of Mr. Dwight Brantley, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 224 Federal Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. It is expected that he will arrange to have an Agent interview you at an appropriate time in the near future.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



KRM:CJ

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August 30, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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

Dear Sir:

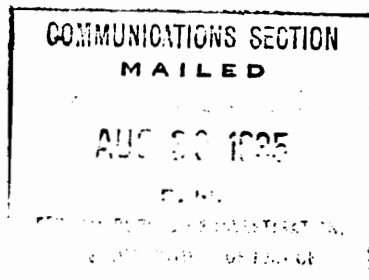
I am enclosing herewith copies of a letter dated August 19, 1935 by Mr. Arthur W. Cranford, Haldton, Oklahoma, together with a copy of the Bureau's reply thereto.

You will observe that Mr. Cranford's letter suggests there is some possibility that Alvin Karpis participated in a bank robbery at Mayaville, Oklahoma on August 5, 1935. It is respectfully requested that you arrange to have Mr. Cranford interviewed in the near future.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Encl. #315667



KRM.  


**SECRET**

**August 28, 1935.**

Mr. A. A. Schechter,  
News Editor,  
National Broadcasting Company, Inc.,  
30 Rockefeller Plaza,  
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Schechter:

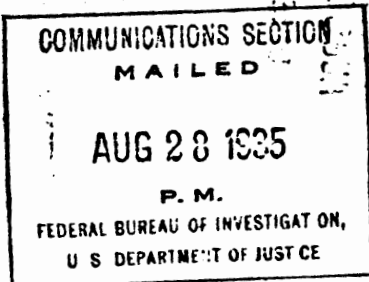
This will acknowledge receipt of your letters of August 21, 1935 and August 23, 1935 enclosing, respectively, an excerpt from Lowell Thomas' broadcast of August 20, 1935 and a clipping from the New York Evening Journal of the same date, and a clipping from the London Daily Express of August 13, 1935.

Thanking you for your many courtesies  
and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Fawcett .....  
Chief Clerk .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Edwards .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
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Mr. Tracy .....  
Mr. Clegg ✓





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Mr J Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U S Department of Justice  
Washington D C

Dear Mr Hoover:

Here is the story Lowell Thomas used last night on Karpis' threat to you.

Incidentally, thank you very much for your wire giving me permission to use your letter from Assistant Superintendent Cosgrove of the Palestine Police Force.

Cordially yours

*A A Schechter*

A A Schechter  
News Editor

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**NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.**

Excerpt from Lowell Thomas'

Broadcast

August 20, 1935 ..... NBC-WJZ Network

The Department of Justice today revealed a bit of news with a blaze of melodrama behind it. It is word from Public Enemy No. 1. That expression's a bit out of date, Public Enemy No. 1 - the G-men have hunted down those kingpin criminals with such success that they seem to be a bit of ancient history. Nevertheless, there's one they never got. They bore down hard on Dillinger, Baby Face Nelson, Pretty Boy Floyd, the Barkers and many another, but Alvin Karpis is still alive. Of all those public enemies, he ranks as one of the most dangerous. A most intense search by all the detective powers of the Federal Government has failed to lay hands on him. What about Karpis today? Well, he has written a letter, a letter to J. Edgar Hoover, and he threatens the head of the G-men with death, vows he'll get J. Edgar Hoover. The Chief of the Investigation Bureau of the Department of Justice receives many a threat from the underworld but it's exceptional when he gets a menacing threat from Karpis, whom they call "Old Creepy".

J. Edgar Hoover takes it all as part of the day's work. He makes no comment on the matter. To him it means only a possible clue, a marker on the trail. The letter was mailed from a town in Ohio. The G-Men bloodhounds are trying to pick up the trail from there, and

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## NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

that's the latest and one of the most extraordinary man hunts on record, the chase for Karpis and his series of successful escapes.

By the way, Alvin Karpis was a champion marble player, who went wrong. As a boy in Kansas, he won a marble playing tournament, but grew up to be a killer so cold and calculating that the underworld called him "Old Creepy".



## JIMMY WALKER JOINS CELEBS

John McCormack, Bessie Love  
Among Others to Present  
Special Songs for Event

By MARTIN J. PORTER  
(Albion)

### Airy-Go-Round

For the first time since his expatriation, James Walker, former Mayor of New York, will address listeners back in the United States tonight, when he speaks via the British Broadcasting Corporation and WEAH at 7:15 o'clock. With him on the programme will be Bessie Love, John McCormack, Charlotte Greenwood and other stage celebs. It's all a congratulatory affair in honor of Tom Meighan, who is recovering from illness on Long Island. Special songs will be sung, including Jimmy Walker's "Will You Love Me in December, etc." The network, which is mobilizing battlefields staffs to wait and the descriptions of maneuvers at Pine Camp, N. Y., until Saturday, are being thus utilized for possible war in Africa. Jack Benny's movie premiere, set originally for a Sunday broadcast, has been changed to August 21 at 6 p. m. on WJZ. While the list of "Broadway Melody" is being presented, Benny, Frances Langford, Norma Shearer and Clark Gable will be audible.

Edgar Hoover, who broadcast last month, has just got an appreciative response from another G-man, the assistant superintendent of police in Palestine. The super's name, for all things, is "Ed Cosgrove." H. R. Knickerbocker, the famous European traveler and writer, who departs for Ethiopia tomorrow, will be interviewed by Barry Paris at WABC at 3:15 today. Bea Lillie bobs back into broadcasting on the "Val" show Thursday night. If you recall it, Vaughn De Leath was once described here as a song-writer, too. Well, two of her ditties, including "Kisses in the Rain" are going in the new Follies Bergeres. Have a titter: A Harlem floor show producer wrote Molasses and January, offering them a bit in a new septa revue, and was his face golden when he found out they were white fellers? Incidentally the union fee which silenced the New York bands has moved to Jersey where the Arcola Campus band provides the hottest tunes for NEWNEW's dance parade.

Richard Himber, who is getting on rather as the balancer who made the most progress during the past twelve months, celebrates the inauguration of his second commercial year on the airwaves at WABC Friday night and it wouldn't be a surprise if Myrna Loy turned up on the show. They wrote Schumann-Heink into the script so she could be on the Eddie Guest show tonight when she celebrates his birthday. Word from Jimmy Melton in Hollywood is unflattering. "I guess nobody nor no time but my boat," he scribbles. Well, we miss his best, too. Dave Freedman predicts without a blush, that this season will note the death of the gag programme, and that script comedy will find its place. Fun and flash gags, says he in the old Broadway vernacular, are through. Which means, if true, that many comedians are through, too.

WINS is presenting a novel musical combination: a team, Gene and George, is being heard there aboard an organ and a piano. The organ is one of those electrical

old, gets herself a new Sunday series at WEAH starting September 8 at 12:15 P. M. Alfredo Antonini, musical director of WINS, is making the cello lead in the orchestra music emanating therefrom. Since it is closest to the human voice, says he, it ought to carry the melody. So as to save a lot of people the trouble of tearing their hair, we give the answer to the Vox Pop horse-trading puzzle propounded recently. If it was: If a man buys a horse for \$70, sells it for \$80, buys it back for \$90, and sells again for \$100, how much, if any profit, does he make? The answer is \$20. The man makes \$10 on each sale.

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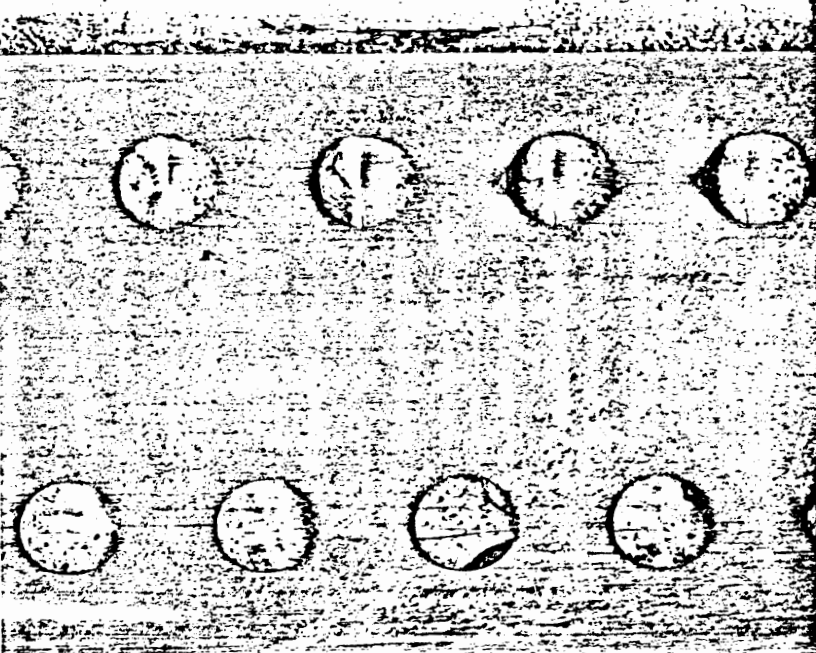
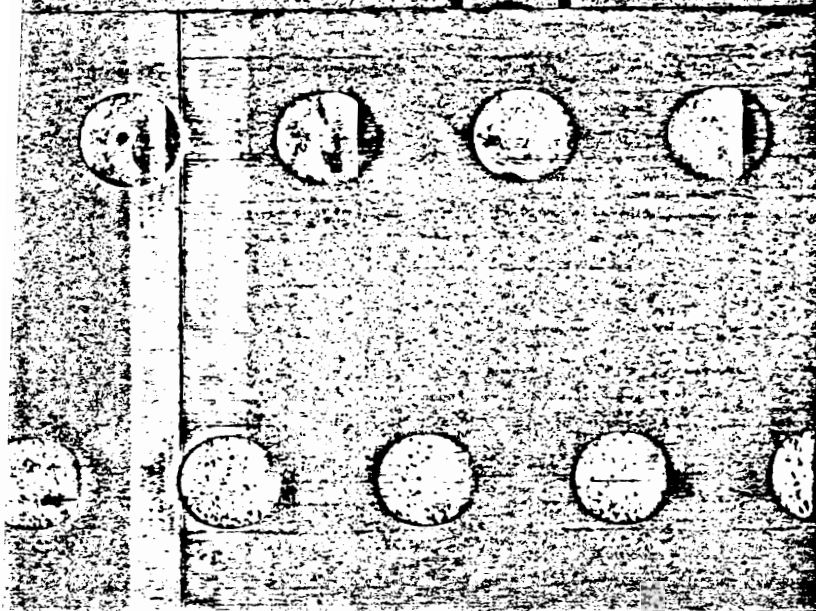


Mr. Hoover

Following, paragraph  
used in Hearst  
Radio pages -

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FBI PHLA AUGUST 21, 1935 4.49 PM DST AAT

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PHONE. BREKID. POSTAL TELEGRAPH COMPANY ADVISED THIS PM THAT  
PARTY GIVING HIS NAME AS ALVIN KARPIS HAD TELEPHONICALLY COMMUNICATED  
WITH THEM REQUESTING THEM TO SEND THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE-

"MR J EDGR HOOVER BUR OF INVESTIGATION WASH DC

HAVE BEEN IN CHESTER FOR THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS JUST RETURNED TODAY  
FROM ALDERSON WEST VIR I AM AMXIOUS TO SEE MY LITTLE INFANT WHO IS  
WITH MY MOTHER AS YOU KNOW WOULD LIKE ~~TO~~ TO HAVE 5 DAYS OFF TO  
GO HOME HAVE WRITTEN NO LETTERS IN TO YOU AT ALL AND DO NOT WISH TO  
BE MARKED UP FOR THEM WHILE IN CHESTER A FEW DAYS BEFORE THIS JOB I  
REGISTERED AT THE CHESTER ARMS HOTEL BUT CHANGED ORDERS AT MY LT  
COMMAND

ALVIN KARPIS"

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INVESTIGATION REFLECTS THAT ANONYMOUS CALLER MADE TELEPHONE CALL FROM  
PAY STATION IN PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD SUBURBAN STATION, PHILADELPHIA  
SHORTLY ~~2~~ AFTER RECEIPT OF THIS INFORMATION FROM POSTAL TELEGRAPH THE  
UNITED STATES ~~2~~ ATTORNEYS OFFICE, PHILADELPHIA, ADVISED THAT THEY  
HAD JUST RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM AN INDIVIDUAL WHO DESCRIBED  
HIMSELF AS MILLER, A FORMER SECRET SERVICE AGENT STATIONED AT DETROIT.  
MILLER CLAIMED THAT HE WAS CALLING FROM LEW TENDLERS TAPROOM, BROAD AND  
LOCUST STREETS, PHILADELPHIA, AND THAT ALVIN KARPIS WAS PRESENTLY STAND-  
ING AT THE BAR DRINKING. IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION AT LEW TENDLERS FAILED  
TO REFLECT ANY INFOMRATION OF VALUE. IT APPEARS THAT TWO MEN HAD BEEN  
DRINKING AT THE BAR AND ASKED THE BARTENDER IF THERE WAS A PUBLIC  
TELEPHONE. HOWEVER BARTENDER IS UNABLE TO GIVE ANY DETAILS OR DESCRIP-

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MADE TELEPHONE CALL FROM  
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Edward H. Brunner

TIONS AND IS NOT SURE THAT THE PHONE WAS USED BY THESE INDIVIDUALS.  
TELEPHONE BOOTH IN BRAD STREET SUBURBAN STATION TOGETHER WITH PHONE  
PROCESSED FOR LATENT PRINTS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE INDIVIDUAL CALLING POSTAL TELEGRAPH IS IDENTICAL WITH THE INDIVIDUAL WHO CALLED THIS OFFICE ON JULY SEVENTEENTH LAST AS SET FORTH IN MY LETTER DATED JULY 20, 1935.

✓ PHILADELPHIA EVENING BULLETIN REPRESENTATIVES, PHILADELPHIA, ADVISED THAT THEY RECEIVED TELEPHONIC INFORMATION FROM A PERSON GIVING HIS NAME AS ~~LESLIE~~ OF POSTAL TELEGRAPH TO THE EFFECT THAT A MESSAGE HAD JUST BEEN RECEIVED BY POSTAL FROM ALVIN KARPIS. POSTAL ADVISES NO SUCH PERSON IN THEIR EMPLOY BY THE NAME OF LESLIE. IT APPEARS PROBABLE THAT SENDER OF TELEGRAM IS ~~LESLIE~~ IDENTICAL WITH PERSON USING NAME OF LESLIE WHO CALLED THE BULLETIN.  
FURTHER INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED.

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DIRECTOR WASH DC

PHONE BREDID WE NOW HAVE SET UP TO COVER CONVERSATION BY PORTABLE RADIO  
IN [REDACTED] WITH TWO AGENTS  
LISTENING IN [REDACTED] WHICH ALSO MAES  
POSSIBLE OBSERVATION REAR ENTRANCE WE HAVE TWO AGENTS IN ROOM [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] FOR READY CONTACT SHOULD EDITH BARRY CONTACT HIM  
THERE WE HAVE TWO AGENTS HOTEL [REDACTED] FOR READY CONTACT  
WITH [REDACTED] AS YET EDITH BARRY HAS NOT MADE HER APPEARANCE HERE  
AGENT MUZZEY IS NOW AT SAUTE STE MARIE BUT HAS NOT LOCATED A LAKESIDE  
INN IN THAT VICINITY HE IS CHECKING FOR IDENTITY OF PLANE USED BY EDITH  
BARRY IF SHE CAME INTO THIS VICINITY BY PLANE AS SHE IS REPUTED TO TRAVEL.  
AGENT CE SMITH IS CHECKING TOLEDO FOR IDENTITY OF PLANE SHE IS REPORTED  
TO USE FOR TRAVEL.  
AGENT C E SMITH LOCATED INFORMANT WHO WILL WORK WITH US TOLEDO ONE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] INMATE HOUSE OF EDITH BARRY  
[REDACTED] LEARNED FROM HIS WIFE KARPIS  
CAMPBELL AFTER ESCAPES ATLANTIC CITY WENT TO TED ANGUS TOLEDO AND ANGUS ON  
TOOK THEM TO EDITH BARRYS PLACE FROM WHERE THEY ARRANGED FOR CABIN PLANE  
TO TAKE THEM SOME WHERE IN WOODS OF WISCONSIN OR MICHIGAN ONE HENRY L  
THOMPSON SUPPOSEDLY CHANGED MONEY FOR THEM AT TOLEDO TRUST COMPANY  
THAT OLD CHARLIE SUPPOSEDLY CHARLES J. FITZGERALD WAS AT TOLEDO PAYING  
UP FOR KARPIS AND CAMPBELL [REDACTED] BELIEVES HE CAN APPROACH [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND WILL DO SO

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AUTHORITY REQUESTED EXPEND FORTY DOLLARS ONE MONTHS RENT [REDACTED]  
CHICAGO FOR ROOM USED AS CONTACT POINT

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AUTHORITY REQUESTED PAY INFORMANT [REDACTED] FIFTY DOLLARS AS NEEDED

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 5628

Laboratory Report

Case: ALVIN KARPIS, WITH ALIASES  
FUGITIVE, I.C. 1218, et al.,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Number: 7-576-7058

Specimens: 9-576-7058-A. One original one page letter from Arthur R. Barker to his father, G. E. Barker, Joplin, Missouri, beginning "Dear Dad - I will anser your letter recevied some time ago..."

9-576-7058-B. Envelope in which letter was contained, addressed to Mr. G. E. Barker, Joplin, Missouri, P. O. Box 724.

Examination requested by: Kansas City Bureau Office

Date received: 8-23-35

Examination requested: Indented Writing

Result of examination:

Examination by: Appel

RETURN SPECIMENS

*Excluded beam of light -  
Ultra Violet Ray -  
Indene fumes -  
Ammonium Sulphate fumes -*

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U. S. Department of Justice

1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
AUGUST 21, 1935

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

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

Dear Sir:

With further reference to letter of this office dated  
July 3, 1935 transmitting correspondence of Lloyd and  
Arthur Barker, please find enclosed an original letter  
from Arthur R. Barker to his father, G. B. Barker, Post  
Office Box 724, Joplin, Missouri.

The enclosure should be examined by the Technical  
Laboratory as suggested in the previous letter of this  
office dated July 3, 1935.

Copies of the enclosed letter are being attached for the  
Chicago, Cincinnati, and St. Paul Offices, and a copy is  
being retained in the Kansas City Office file.

Very truly yours,

*W. L. R. Ladd*  
W. L. LADD  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

WFO/WK  
Enc. (2)  
cc - Chicago  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul

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August 30, 1935.

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Mr. E. E. Conroy,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

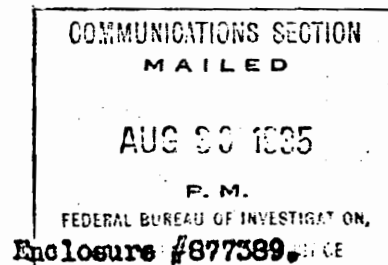
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Laboratory Report #5628, in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. #1218, et al.; Edward George Bremer, Victim, Kidnaping.

In accordance with your request the original letter from Arthur R. Barker to Mr. C. E. Barker, Joplin, Missouri, dated August 13, 1935, beginning "Dear Dad. I will answer your letter received" and the envelope in which this letter was enclosed are returned herewith. Photographic copies of these specimens have been made for the completion of the Bureau's files.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,  
Assistant Director.



REGISTERED MAIL

*Handwritten notes and signatures:*  
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- "EPC" (large signature)  
- "RE" (at bottom right)

JHM:RLW

August 21, 1935.

Time-3:00 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

RE: Threatening telegram  
supposedly sent by  
Alvin Karpis.

Mr. Suydam telephoned and stated that the Associated Press was in receipt of a dispatch from Philadelphia to the effect that a man filed a threatening telegram to me and signed it Alvin Karpis; that the Bureau office in Philadelphia stated that the matter was being investigated. I advised Mr. Suydam that I would like to make no comment.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
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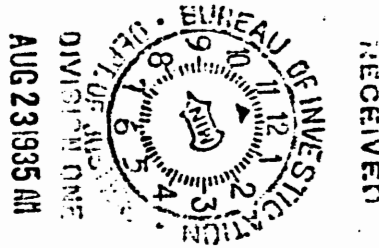
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FEDERAL BUREAU  
Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
503A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.  
August 19, 1935.

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



RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
Kidnaping. S.L. File 7-27.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated August 14, 1935,  
in the above entitled case, which requests the possible location of  
one John Ferrick with aliases, reported to be in the vicinity of  
Virginia City, Nevada.

Attention is invited to report of Special Agent J.T.  
McLaughlin dated 8-15-35, which furnishes results of the investigation  
conducted by him at Reno, Silver City, Dayton and Virginia City, Nevada.  
However, in view of the information furnished in report of Special  
Agent V.E. Criss, dated San Francisco, California, July 5, 1935, further  
investigation will be conducted looking toward the possible location  
of Ferrick.

Very truly yours,

*Louis D. Wine*

LOUIS D. WINE,  
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - St. Paul. RECORDED & INDEXED  
cc - Chicago.  
cc - Cincinnati.  
cc - San Francisco.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

August 21, 1935.

Time - 3:05 P.M.

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

With reference to the Associated Press dispatch indicating that there was received for dispatching this morning at the Western Union in Philadelphia a telegram addressed to the Director by Alvin Karpis threatening the Director's life, and that the Philadelphia Office was conducting an investigation, I telephoned Special Agent in Charge R. G. Harvey at the Philadelphia Office inquiring if there is any basis in fact for this story.

Mr. Harvey advised that the Philadelphia Office about an hour ago received a telephone call from the Postal Telegraph there about this matter; that he immediately sent some Agents over to check up on the matter, and the Agents obtained a copy of the telegram in question, which was telephoned in to the Postal Telegraph from a pay station, and which reads as follows: "Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C. Have been in Chester for the past several weeks. Just returned today from Alderson, West Virginia. I am anxious to see my little infant who is with my mother, as you know. Would like to have five days off to go home. Have written no letters in to you at all and do not wish to be marked up for them. While in Chester a few days before this job, I registered at the Chester Arms Hotel, but changed orders at my Lieutenant's command." Signed "Alvin Karpis".

Mr. Harvey said that this message was telephoned in from a pay station in the Pennsylvania Suburban Station in Philadelphia; that they have ascertained the exact booth from which it was telephoned, and are processing the same for fingerprints. Mr. Harvey incidentally mentioned that this telegram was never sent.

Mr. Harvey said that he is advised that a person who gave his name as Leslie is supposed to have called the City Editor of the Philadelphia Bulletin, informing that he, Leslie, had information to the effect that a telegram had been sent by Alvin Karpis to the Director. In this connection, Mr. Harvey mentioned the fact that the Philadelphia Office has been receiving numerous anonymous telephone calls stating that Alvin Karpis was the person responsible for the robbery of the bank at Chester, Pennsylvania. It is the opinion of the Philadelphia Office that this same person is the one who is responsible for the sending of this telegram.

I inquired of Mr. Harvey as to why the message in question was not sent. He said that the party who telephoned this telegram in claimed that he

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had previously given \$2.00 to one of the Postal Telegraph messengers to pay for this wire, and the Postal Telegraph Company would not send the message for the reason that it was not paid for. Further, the Postal Telegraph checked the origin of the call, and upon ascertaining that it came from a pay telephone, refused to send the message.

Mr. Harvey said that the Philadelphia Office is of the opinion that this is either a publicity stunt on the part of the Philadelphia Bulletin, which is the only newspaper in Philadelphia to receive any information relative to this matter, or the result of the activities of the person who has been calling the Philadelphia Office stating that Alvin Karpis was the party responsible for the robbery of the bank at Chester, Pennsylvania. However, all angles of the situation are being given vigorous attention by the Philadelphia Office, and a teletype message is at this time being transmitted to the Bureau confirming this information.

Respectfully,

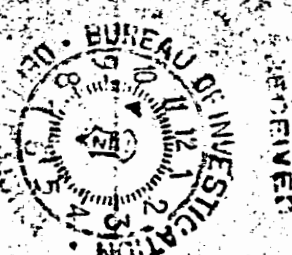
  
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DMK:sw.  
7-15.

326 1/2 Post Office Building,  
New Orleans, La.  
August 20, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

AUG 22 1935 AM



Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. 1218;  
Dr. Joseph P. Moran, with aliases, I.O. 1232;  
Harry Campbell, with aliases, I.O. 1236;  
William Weaver, with aliases, I.O. 1238;  
William J. Harrison, with aliases, I.O. 1239;  
Myrtle Eaton, with aliases, I.O. 1241;  
Edward George Bremer - Victim.  
Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives; Obstruction of  
Justice; National Firearms Act.

Reference is made to letter of Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd, of the Chicago Bureau Office, addressed to the Special Agent in Charge of the St. Paul Bureau Office, dated August 15, 1935, copy of which was furnished the New Orleans Bureau Office, requesting this office to forward to Chicago all photographs available of Subject Harry Sawyer, taken at the time of his apprehension.

I am transmitting herewith one photograph of Subject Harry Sawyer, Federal Jail, New Orleans, No. 3365, taken May 4, 1935, together with a newspaper photograph of this Subject, which was published in the New Orleans Item of May 5, 1935.

With the St. Paul copy of this letter, I am transmitting the Nebraska certificate of automobile registration for the car of Mrs. Harry Sawyer, obtained under the name of Ann Wright, at Fort Crook, Nebraska, for her Ford 1934 model Coupe, which was in possession of Subject Harry Sawyer and his wife when they were placed under federal arrest by this office.

This office will secure, if desired, several additional photographs of Subject Harry Sawyer, Federal Jail, New Orleans, No. 3365.

enc. ✓  
cc-Bureau  
St. Paul (enc)  
Cincinnati  
Kansas City

Very truly yours,

D. W. Marce,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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JEH:RLM

August 20, 1935.

Time-11:46 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

RE: Threat against Director  
by Alvin Karpis.

Mr. Suydam telephoned and inquired if the item appearing in Walter Winchell's column to the effect that Alvin Karpis had written a threatening letter to the Director were true. I stated that it was true but no statement could be made relative thereto.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Miss Gandy.....  
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

P. O. Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida,  
August 21, 1935.

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
Kidnaping.



Dear Sir:

In reply to the Bureau's letter of August 19, 1935, referring to its letter of July 20th, instructing that a summary report be prepared relative to Henry "Duke" Randall and Joseph H. Adams, who are under indictment for Harboring charges and violation of the National Firearms Act at Miami, Florida, and requesting that the Bureau be advised of the status of this matter in our office.

Please be informed that the summary report of Special Agent R. B. Donaldson, Jacksonville, Florida, dated August 17, 1935, has been forwarded to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cc: Cincinnati  
Chicago  
St. Paul.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

**Washington, D. C.**

**August 21, 1935.**

**BUREAU BULLETIN NO. 206,  
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**TO ALL SPECIAL AGENTS IN CHARGE:**

**Re: WILLIAM DAINARD, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1252-A; ET AL;  
GEORGE WEYERHAEUSER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING - EXTORTION.**

**ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1218; ET AL;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.**

**For your information, Special Agent in Charge  
E. J. Connelley is in charge of the field investigation  
in the above entitled cases.**

**Very truly yours,**

**John Edgar Hoover,**

**Director.**

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TO ALL SPECIAL AGENTS IN CHARGE:

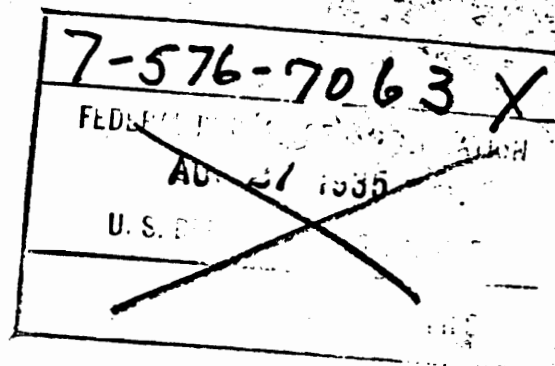
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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Department of Justice  
Washington  
D. C.

Sir,

There is a man here, <sup>08</sup> a member of the Casual Detachment, whom I believe to be Alvin Karpis. He resembles pictures of Karpis, has been a bakery worker in civil life, and has a scarred wrist such as I understand Karpis has.

His name is Richard C. Homman, Army serial number 3815659.

Very truly yours,

*Pearley Rigsby*  
PEARLEY RIGSBY

*Oct. 9/4/35. KRM*

Pvt. Pearley Rigsby  
Infantry Unasn. PI Department  
Fort McDowell  
Angel Island  
Calif.

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DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

August 27, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS *h.*

In compliance with the request of Mr. Tamm, the fingerprints of Richard C. Homman, Army serial number 6915659, were obtained from the War Department and compared with the fingerprints of Alvin Karpis, our file #FBI-199217.

Please be advised that the fingerprints of Richard C. Homman are not identical with the fingerprints of Alvin Karpis.

Respectfully,

*L. C. Schilder*  
L. C. Schilder.

*Sutin, P. C. Peasley Rigby,  
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Private Pearley Rigby,  
Fort McDowell,  
Angel Island, California.

Dear Sir:

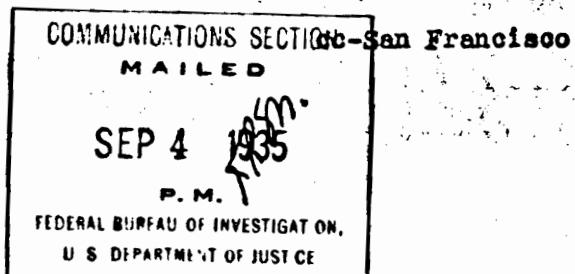
This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated August 17, 1935, in which you advise that one Richard C. Hoxman, Army serial number 6615659, who is a member of the Casual Detachment, very strongly resembles Alvin Karpis.

This will advise you that I have caused Richard C. Hoxman's Army fingerprint record to be compared with the fingerprint record of Alvin Karpis contained in the files of this Bureau, and it has been definitely determined that Hoxman is not identical with Alvin Karpis.

Thanking you for bringing this matter to my attention, I remain

Very truly yours,  
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,  
Assistant Director.



KRM  
E. J. Connelley

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August 20, 1935.

Time - 4:19 P. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

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Re: Letter written by Alvin Karpis threatening the Director.

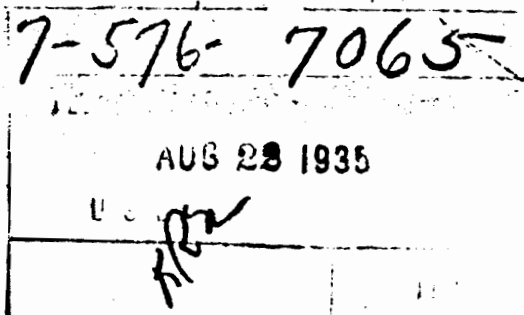
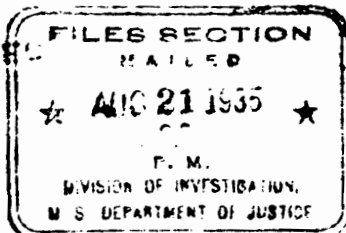
Colonel Gates telephoned and inquired if information about the above could be obtained and I stated it would be given out tomorrow and that pictures will also be available. To Colonel Gates' inquiry I advised that the contents of the letter could not be revealed nor would we tell the place from which it was mailed.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Backus .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Chief Clerk .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
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Miss Gandy .....

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

**Room 1403,  
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New York, N. Y.**

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August 22, 1935

**MEMORANDUM FOR ALL EMPLOYEES:**

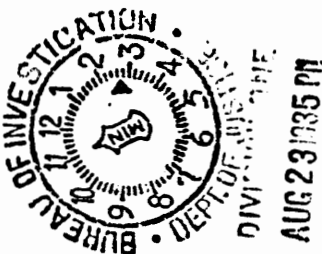
RE: <sup>0</sup>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
I. O. 1218, FUGITIVE; ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING <sup>0</sup>

In connection with the above entitled case, here-  
after copies of all communications, including reports, letters,  
telegrams, etc, are to be furnished to the Chicago office.

R. WHITLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

cc-Bureau

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PHONE. BREKID FOR REASON IDENTIFICATIONS JUAREZ ETC OF SUBJECTS  
NECESSARY THIS BE COVERED CLOSELY. HOWEVER DUE PAST RELATIONSHIP  
DOUBTFUL KARPIS AND WEAVER WOULD BE TOGETHER. OUR RECENT  
INFORMATION SUBJECTS VARIOUS PLACES OHIO IOWA TENNESSEE ARKANSAS  
BUT NO DEFINITE IDENTIFICATIONS

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DIRECTOR

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION U S DEPT OF JUSTICE

BREKID EDITH BARRY HAS MADE NO CONTACT YET THE SITUATION OTHERWISE

REMAINS THE SAME INFORMANT IS CERTAIN SHE WILL GO

THROUGH WITH PROPOSITION

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

August 20, 1935

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

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
I.O. 1218 - FUGITIVE; ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul File No. 7-30

Reference is made to previous correspondence under personal and confidential cover to the Bureau concerning the surveillance being maintained on Thomas Brown, former Chief of Police, St. Paul, Minnesota, in the vicinity of Crane Lake, Minnesota, by Special Agents W. J. Devereux and L. W. Arms.

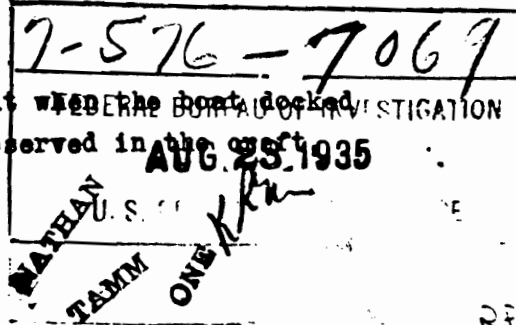
Agent Devereux telephoned from Orr, Minnesota, on the morning of August 19, 1935 and advised that the son of Brown, age about 18, brought a man and woman from the Brown cottage to the boat landing near Chase' cottages the day before in one of Brown's motorboats. He advised that this couple departed in a 1931 Ford Coupe, A Model, bearing 1935 Illinois License No. 465626. He described the man and woman as follows:

Man - age, about 38; height, about 5' 10"; weight, about 150 pounds; mustache, blonde; carrying small brief case. Woman - age about 27; height, about 5' 3"; complexion and hair, dark.

Agent Devereux related that when the boat docked a small boy five or six years of age was observed in the boat.

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but that he returned to Brown's cottage with the son of the latter.

The Chicago Office was requested by telephone on August 19, 1935 to trace the automobile and secure information regarding the identity of the owner, and if possible, the identity of the persons mentioned heretofore.

Agent Devereux requested to be advised of the length of the surveillance he and Agent Arms are now maintaining. He expressed the opinion that as nothing worth while has developed to date the Bureau may desire to discontinue the surveillance. In view thereof I telephoned Mr. Tamm at the Bureau to determine what instructions the Bureau had with reference to this angle of the case. Mr. Tamm, after ascertaining that Brown's vacation is to last for a week or so longer, directed that the agents remain in the vicinity of Crane Lake for a continued surveillance of Brown. These instructions will be relayed to the agents when contact is established with them today.

Very truly yours,

*H. E. Andersen*

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

HEA:ACF

CC Cincinnati  
CC Chicago

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Mr. Nathan ✓  
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Mr. Tracy .....  
Miss Gandy .....

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DIRECTOR

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION US DEPT OF  
JUSTICE PENNSYLVANIA AVE AT 9 ST NORTHWEST WASHN DC

BREKID EDITH BARRY HAS NOT MADE CONTACT WITH INFORMANT  
AS YET AM COVERING AS PREVIOUSLY LINED UP ALSO TWO  
AGENTS COVERING RESIDENCE FATHER <sup>alvin</sup> KARPIS

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DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

EAT:TAM

August 22, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al

The report of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom, dated at Kansas City, August 9, 1935, records an interview with Volney Davis at Leavenworth Penitentiary, during which Davis stated that while he and other members of the gang were at Reno, Nevada, they received information from the Chief of Police of that city as to most of the Government's activities there; that the Chief of Police would "tip them off and 'finger' all Government men", while they were in Reno.

Elmer Farmer, upon interview, as outlined in this report, stated that he knew that John Hamilton was dead but did not know where his body was buried, and outlines a meeting, held at Bensenville, Illinois, by Russell Gibson and others, during which "Doc" Barker, Gibson and Volney Davis were waiting for the arrival of a doctor, who was to treat someone who had been wounded. Farmer claims that Dillinger, Van Meter and Hamilton appeared at this rendezvous, and that Hamilton was badly wounded as a result of a rifle bullet in his left side. Farmer claimed that Davis subsequently told him that Hamilton had died of the effects of this wound as a result of gangrene poisoning.

Farmer also furnished information that "Doc" Moran was murdered by "Doc" Barker, Russell Gibson, et al, he quoting Volney Davis as stating that Doc Moran was one witness the Government would never call, "as he was done for".

Volney Davis was subsequently reinterviewed for information concerning the whereabouts of John Hamilton and claimed that only two men alive knew of the whereabouts of Hamilton and that he would not furnish any information unless the Bureau would obtain a parole for him.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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Mr. Glavin  
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Miss Gandy

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Mr. Nathan ✓  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Laughman .....  
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Mr. Tracy .....  
Miss Gandy .....

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DIRECTOR

PHONE. BREKID REFERENCE BUREAU TELEGRAM LAST NIGHT INSTRUCTING INVESTIGATION DETERMINE WHETHER A G WEITZ HELD MIAMI IS MEMBER KARPIS GANG. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AGENT FITZSIMONS INVESTIGATION MIAMI. ALOIS WEITZ ARRESTED MIAMI PD AUGUST 19 TH. CHARGE DRIVING DRUNK. NOW INCARCERATED ~~DADE~~ DADE COUNTY JAIL. SO FORWARDED FINGERPRINTS BUREAU NUMBER 25847 AIR MAIL SPECIAL AUGUST 20TH FPC SIXTEEN ONE OVER ONE U OVER AU ~~OO~~ OO OVER OI ELEVEN OVER TWELVE. FINGERPRINTS LIKewise FORWARDED BUREAU AUGUST 19TH MIAMI PD NUMBER 8566. WEITZ INTERVIEWED THIS MORNING CLAIMS HAS RESIDED NEW ORLEANS PAST 15 YEARS WHERE HAS ENGAGED IN BOOTLEGGING AND AS BOOKIE DENIES KNOWLEDGE OF OR ASSOCIATION WITH ANY MEMBERS THIS MOB. HE BEARS NO RESEMBLANCE TO SUBJECTS SOUGHT INFORMATION FURNISHED BUREAU TELEPHONICALLY BY TRIBUNE BASED ON ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL AND APPARENTLY UNFOUNDED WEITZ DESCRIBED FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, 44 YEARS, 198 POUNDS STOUT DARK BROWN HAIR BLUE EYES MEDIUM COMPLEXION. BURN SCAR HALF INCH LEFT CHEEK. MARRIED WIFE ELSA ADRIENNE WEITZ RESIDING 1840 MOSS STREET NEW ORLEANS. WEITZ CLAIMS TO BE NATURALIZED CITIZEN SINCE MAY 1920 OF AUSTRIAN DESCENT.

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JER:JEP

August 21, 1935.

Time - 7:15 P. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Re: Threatening telegram supposedly  
sent by Alvin Karpis.

Mr. Ray Helgesen telephoned and stated today's  
"Star" is carrying a story by the Associated Press  
from Philadelphia to the effect that a threatening  
telegram was sent me signed Karpis; that allegedly  
the handwriting of the sender of the telegram is the  
same as that of Karpis. I stated no comment would  
be made about this matter.

Very truly yours,

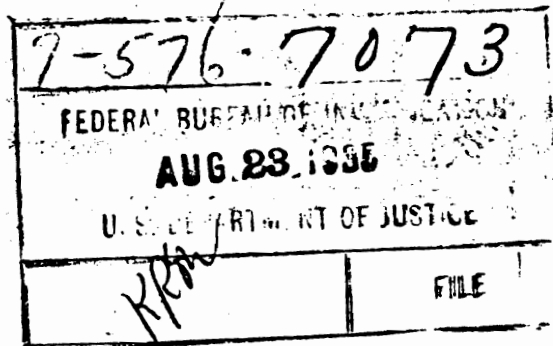
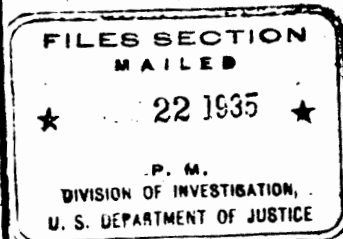
John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

*REP*

Mr. Nathan .....
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August 21, 1935.

Time 3:40 P. M.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Re: Threatening telegram  
supposedly sent by  
Alvin Karpis.

In a telephonic conversation with Mr.  
Francis Connor I advised him that no comment  
could be made in the above matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

*John Edgar Hoover  
Director*

*Call*

*KRM*

Mr. Nathan .....
Mr. Tolson .....
Mr. Baughman .....
Chief Clerk .....
Mr. Clegg .....
Mr. Coffey .....
Mr. Edwards .....
Mr. Egan .....
Mr. Glavin .....
Mr. Ladd .....
Mr. Lester .....
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LCS:FLB

August 16, 1935.

Mr. Fred G. Karst,  
Warden,  
United States Penitentiary,  
Leavenworth, Kansas.

My dear Warden:

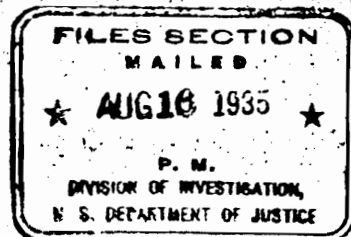
I beg to refer to the cases of ARTHUR R. BARKER,  
your #46928, CHESTER KING, your #46954, and THOMAS LOUIS  
GRANT, your #46624.

You will note that these individuals have en-  
deavored to mutilate their fingerprints in an effort to  
defeat identification. While this effort has proven to be  
ineffectual, it is felt by the Bureau that possibly it  
would be desirable to obtain the complete palmar and foot  
impressions of BARKER, KING and GRANT. If you will kindly  
submit these impressions, I shall be glad to see that they  
are entered in these persons' records in the Bureau's files.

Thanking you for your cooperation and assistance  
in this matter, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

August 31, 1935.

Time - 9:20 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Baughman	
Chief Clerk	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
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Mr. Foxworth	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Joseph	
Mr. Keith	
Mr. Lester	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Schmidt	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Gandy	

I telephoned Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd at the Chicago Office and inquired as to what time Mr. Connelley left. Mr. Ladd said that Mr. Connelley got away this morning at seven o'clock by airplane for Jacksonville, Florida, taking with him Agents Brown, Sullivan, Jones and Cassidy. Mr. Connelley called the Dallas Office and instructed Special Agent C. O. Hurt to proceed at once by airplane to Jacksonville, and also called the San Antonio Office and instructed that they have Special Agent J. C. (Doc) White proceed by airplane to Jacksonville. Mr. Connelley also called the Jacksonville Office and ascertained that they have available for assignment to this matter Agents Lacour and Sloane.

Mr. Connelley telephoned the Jacksonville Office and made arrangements for the Agents of that office to meet the airplane when it arrives at the airport, informing that office that they expect to arrive there about 3:00 o'clock this afternoon.

Mr. Ladd incidentally mentioned that they are having good weather out there.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

August 21, 1935.

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

In compliance with your request of August 16, 1935,  
I have caused to be taken, the foot and palmar impressions  
of Arthur R. Barker, #46928, Chester King, #46954, and  
Thomas Louis Grant, #46624, and enclose one set of each  
herewith.

The impressions of right and left feet of Grant are  
not true, owing to a severe case of "athletes foot",  
and if you think adviseable, another set of foot prints  
can be taken later when this conditions clears up.

Respectfully yours,

*F. G. Zerbst*  
F. G. Zerbst,  
WARDEN.

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August 27, 1935.

Mr. F. G. Zerbst,  
Warden,  
United States Penitentiary,  
Leavenworth, Kansas.

My dear Warden:

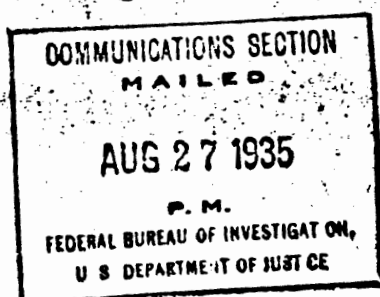
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 21, 1935, transmitting the foot and palmar impressions of ARTHUR R. BARKER, your #46928, CHESTER KING, your #46954, and THOMAS LOUIS GRANT, your #46624.

With reference to the foot impressions of GRANT, it is believed that the impressions submitted with your letter are sufficient and that it will not be necessary to resubmit this person's foot impressions.

Thanking you for your courtesy in forwarding the above mentioned foot and palmar impressions, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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Mr. Clyde E. Smith,  
Special Agent  
Commodore Perry Hotel  
Toledo, Ohio

Dear Mr. Smith:

Re: BREKID

For your information, please be advised  
that [redacted] is now residing [redacted]

The telephone number of the said hotel  
at Toledo is [redacted]

The telephone located in the lobby of the  
hotel [redacted]

[redacted] will be at the said hotel  
until Saturday, August 24, 1935.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MAC FARLAND,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc: ☒ Bureau

Chicago -Attention:  
Special Agent RD Brown

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REPORT MADE AT: NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE: 8/23/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 8/21, 22/35	REPORT MADE BY: W. J. McNULTY
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218 - FUGITIVE, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Investigation at New York City reflects that one J. F. Stratton of Reno, Nevada and San Francisco, California, now resides at the Brevoort Hotel, New York City, prior thereto being a guest at the New Yorker Hotel, this city. Those interviewed claim Stratton of the braggart type, mining engineer by profession, and alleged to be a drug addict. Stratton and his daughter, Grace, also a resident of the Brevoort Hotel, in possession of 1935 Pierce Arrow Sedan, bearing California license No. 6K40-03.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-P-</p> <p>REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated August 16, 1935.</p> <p>DETAILS: At the New Yorker Hotel, 34th Street and Eighth Avenue, New York City, the records reflect the registration of one J. F. Stratton of Reno, Nevada, for the period from March 16, 1935 to May 14, 1935, the alleged wife of Stratton being a guest at said hotel from April 11 to April 24, 1935. The records also show J. F. Stratton, giving his address as San Francisco, California, as a guest at the hotel from July 5 to July 16, 1935, on which date he departed leaving no forwarding address and being indebted to the hotel in the sum of \$60.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		RECORDED AND INDEXED: AUG 24 1935	
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Mr. Vernon S. Taylor, assistant manager of the New Yorker Hotel, while not personally acquainted with Stratton, learned from one of his assistants, J. Abbott, that Stratton was of the braggart type, always talked about big deals he was taking care of, claimed to be known to prominent persons about town, and was considered more or less irresponsible. Mr. Taylor added that his attention was called to the fact that Stratton was known to entertain colored men and women in his room, and added that Stratton was suspected of being a drug addict. Mr. Taylor stated that Stratton was known to be a mining engineer by profession, and to be connected with Harris Hammond, also a mining engineer, at 120 Broadway, New York City. He stated further that Stratton is now a guest at the Brevoort Hotel, Eighth Street and Fifth Avenue, New York City.

A further check of Stratton's activities at the New Yorker Hotel reflected that he made the following long distance calls during May of this year from his room at the New Yorker Hotel; all of the numbers listed are at Reno, Nevada.

DATE	PARTY CALLED	TELEPHONE NO.
May 13	M. Griswald	8152 (2 calls)
13		4141
13		4274

All of the above calls were charged to Rector 2-1665 at New York City.

May 4		21701 or 21707
8		" "
13	M. Griswald	8152
14	Miss Ruth Vernon	7213

In connection with charging the above long distance telephone calls to Rector 2-1665, it is noted that the subscribers to that number, with offices located at 120 Broadway, New York City, are as follows:

Ralph Arnold  
 Atlantic-Pacific Gas and Oil Company  
 Harris Hammond  
 John Hays Hammond  
 Exploration Company of California  
 R. D. Hanna  
 William R. Wade, mining engineer  
 Laughlin Filter Corporation  
 Golden Chariot War Eagle Mines Company  
 Engineers Exploration Syndicate, Inc.

While reference letter refers to Dr. J. F. Stratton of Reno, Nevada, hotel records do not indicate that the John F. Stratton who registered there, is a doctor.

At the Brevoort Hotel, Eighth Street and Fifth Avenue, New York City, Agent was advised by Mr. G. Barrere, manager, that J. F. Stratton, formerly a guest at the New Yorker Hotel, had registered at the Brevoort Hotel with his daughter, Grace, on July 15, 1935, and since that date they have been occupying a suite of rooms at the rate of \$30.00 a week. Mr. Barrere stated that he is not acquainted with Mr. Stratton, and knows nothing about his personal history; and that Stratton is very seldom about the hotel, and is more or less a man of mystery to him. Stratton and his daughter maintain a 1935 Pierce Arrow Sedan with California license number 6K40-03; this car is kept at the Brevoort Garage, 12th Street and University Place, New York City. Mr. Barrere added that since Stratton and his daughter Grace have been at the hotel, to his knowledge, they have received no mail, nor have they made any long distance telephone calls from their room. Further, he does not know of either one of them having entertained anyone at their suite. Mr. Barrere also expressed the opinion that Stratton is a drug addict.

On August 10, 1935 at 2.15 a.m., an unknown party telephoned the New York Office and advised Leo J. Gauthier, night clerk, that he had seen Alvin Karpis on the evening of August 9, 1935 in company with a woman wearing a straw-colored dress, and that Karpis would positively spend the night in this woman's apartment located at 274 West 19th Street, New York City. The informant refused to divulge his name, and refused to give any further information but replied to queries put by the night clerk that "it will be up to you fellows to find out the apartment number and the name of the woman."

After talking over the telephone with the informant for some time, the informant became suspicious, advised the night clerk that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was probably detaining him on the wire while some other member of the Bureau was tracing the origin of his call, and immediately hung up the receiver.

At approximately 2 p.m. on August 10, 1935, Special Agent V. D. Garvey procured a large photograph showing the front view and profile of Alvin Karpis, and proceeded to 274 West 19th Street, New York City, where Mrs. Mary Anich, superintendent of the apartment house at that address was contacted. Agent produced the picture of Alvin Karpis for Mrs. Anich's inspection, and after looking at the photograph for perhaps fifteen or twenty seconds, she

replied that she had never seen anyone in her apartment house bearing any resemblance to the picture. Agent Garvey also asked Mrs. Anich if any woman roomer at that address wore a straw-colored dress, to which Mrs. Anich replied that, to the best of her knowledge, no woman residing at that address possessed such a dress.

Mrs. Anich explained that some of her apartments are tenanted by two or three men; that often one man will rent the apartment, and that subsequently one or more men will move into the apartment; and that often she is not aware of the identity of anyone other than the person who actually rented the apartment.

Mrs. Anich appeared to be very cooperative and suggested that she would be glad to have Agent Garvey check all the apartments. However, due to the manner in which the informant imparted his information, together with the fact that he declined to answer certain pertinent questions, the searching of approximately thirty apartments was not deemed advisable by Agent Garvey.

With reference to the letter from the Cincinnati Office to this office, dated July 5, 1935, requesting that William Weisman and Nicholas Delmore be interviewed respecting any information they might have concerning Karpis and his associates, Special Agent T. H. Tracy of this office interviewed Weisman on July 6, 1935 in the office of his attorney, Frederick M. P. Pearse, Newark, New Jersey, concerning some other matters.

On July 9, Agent Tracy telephoned Pearse and requested another appointment with Weisman and an appointment with Delmore, whom Pearse represented a year ago on the New Jersey murder charge. Pearse, at the time desired to know what was the subject matter of the interrogation, and Agent Tracy informed him it was in connection with some person Weisman and Delmore met in Reno during 1933 and 1934. Pearse advised at the time that Delmore claimed not to have visited Reno, but notwithstanding this, Agent Tracy informed Attorney Pearse that he was desirous of contacting both Delmore and Weisman. Pearse, in the course of his conversation with Agent Tracy, advised that he had not been in touch with Delmore for over a year, and that Delmore, to his knowledge, is still residing in the vicinity of Berkley Heights, near Elizabeth, N.J.

On July 11 Agent Tracy received information from Mr. Pearse's office that he had been unable to arrange for a meeting between Delmore and Weisman and a representative of the New York Office.

For the benefit of the San Francisco Office, reference letter from the Bureau advised that on August 12, 1935, Mr. H. T. Nugent, field supervisor, Bureau of Narcotics, Treasury Department, reported to the Bureau that confidential information had been obtained by that Bureau from an informant in New York City to the effect that one Dr. J. F. Stratton, formerly of Reno, Nevada, and now located in the New Yorker Hotel, New York City, while under the influence of narcotics, informs persons within his hearing that Subject Alvin Karpis stopped at his home in Reno, Nevada, and also stopped at a residence on South Virginia Street and at the Parkway Hotel in Reno.

Mr. Nugent stated that further information concerning Dr. Stratton and his connection with Alvin Karpis can be obtained from one Grace Stratton - not related to Dr. J. F. Stratton - who is reported to be residing on South Virginia Street, Reno, exact address unknown.

The description of the J. F. Stratton who formerly resided at the New Yorker Hotel and who is now a resident of the Brevoort Hotel, New York City, as obtained from Assistant Manager Jack Abbott of the New Yorker Hotel and Manager Barrere of the Brevoort Hotel, is as follows:

Age	36 to 37
Height	6'-0"
Weight	170 lbs.
Build	Medium
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Sallow
Teeth	3 or 4 missing in front
Peculiarities	Wears good clothes, but is untidy; nervous and flighty; walks with a stoop.
Occupation	Mining engineer

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE

Will make appropriate investigation with reference to the subscribers to the telephone numbers listed in the body of this report, to whom Stratton made long distance telephone calls from the New Yorker Hotel during May, 1935, to develop any information that may indicate that Stratton had contact with Karpis at Reno, Nevada.



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SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

Will make appropriate investigation with a view to establishing the identity of the person to whom 1935 California license plates 6X40-03 were issued.

TRENTON OFFICE

Will endeavor to contact William Weisman and Nicholas Delmore respecting any information they might have concerning Karpis and his associates, if this has not already been done. It will be noted that Agent Tracy of the New York Office has made several attempts to contact Weisman and Delmore through Attorney Frederick M. P. Pearse of Newark, N.J.

In connection with the aforesaid investigation, please see letter from the Cincinnati Office addressed to the New York Office, dated July 5, 1935, wherein they make reference to the report of Special Agent J. T. McLaughlin, Salt Lake City, Utah, dated May 21, 1935. A copy of this report is being forwarded herewith to the Trenton Office.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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MILWAUKEE

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REPORT MADE AT <b>MILWAUKEE WISCONSIN</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8/20/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/5,6,12,15/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>T. G. MELVIN</b> <div style="text-align: right;">TGM:OW</div>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. #1236; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I. O. #1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I. O. #1239; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I. O. #1241, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>CLARENCE "DOC" EATON, Burlington, Wisconsin, advises that he saw Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver about a year and a half ago; knows nothing of present whereabouts and claims that he will notify the Milwaukee Bureau Office in case he hears of their whereabouts.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent T. G. Melvin dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin 8/1/35; Bureau letter dated 7/26/35; letter from Cincinnati Office dated 6/21/35.</p> <p>DETAILS: AT BURLINGTON, WISCONSIN.</p> <p>Agent interviewed Clarence "Doc" Eaton, who stated that he last saw Myrtle Eaton about a year and a half ago in Chicago when he happened to run into her in the lobby of an apartment house in Chicago; that she was with William Weaver at the time; that he does not recall the address of the apartment house and claimed that it was purely a casual meeting; that since his marriage he has had nothing to do with Myrtle, although he still regards her very highly as she was very good to him when he was in the Minnesota State Prison at Stillwater, Minnesota; that he believes Myrtle Eaton is traveling around with Weaver because she is compelled to do so by Weaver; that he does not believe Myrtle really cares for Weaver; that about a year ago he had information from some source, which he cannot now recall, that Myrtle and Bill were in Washington, D. C.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>V. W. Peterson</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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Eaton denied that Myrtle had ever called at her home in Burlington, Wisconsin.

Eaton advised further that he has no use for Weaver and would kill him immediately if he had the opportunity.

Eaton promised to notify the Milwaukee Bureau Office if he heard of the whereabouts of Myrtle Eaton or William Weaver.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. P. Barber.

Agent interviewed George Deacon, owner and operator of the Ideal Tavern, Mauston, Wisconsin, who advised that early Sunday morning, August 4, 1935, two men entered his tavern, one of whom he identified as having been at his tavern some time during April of 1934 with two other men. The two individuals in question, had several drinks at the tavern, and then before they left, the individual who claimed his name was "Karpis", put a gun in his, Deacon's, ribs, and told him that he better keep his mouth shut or they would "plug him". Deacon further informed Agent that in April of 1934, when this same individual, in company with two other men, came to his tavern shortly after Dillinger escaped from "Little Bohemia", he, Deacon, called the Sheriff at Mauston, Wisconsin, and told him that he had identified one of the men with this individual as being Baby Face Nelson. Deacon further advised that the individual who told him his name was "Karpis" on the morning of August 4, 1935, told him also that the two men that were with them when they visited his tavern in April of 1934 were Dillinger and Baby Face Nelson, and that if he, Deacon, would again notify the Sheriff's Office of his presence at Deacon's tavern, they would "plug him".

Deacon described the individual who introduced himself as "Karpis" as being 33 years old, 5 feet nine to eleven inches tall, 160 pounds, of a slender build, black hair, dark eyes, wore blue eye glasses.

Deacon described the individual who accompanied "Karpis" as being 28 to 30 years old, 5 feet five inches tall, 135 pounds, of a medium build, black hair, gray eyes.

Deacon further informed Agent that the above described individuals were in company with two blonde girls, about 24 years old, and about five feet two inches tall, wearing blue pajama suits; and that they drove a 1934 Chevrolet Sedan, bearing Illinois license plates, number unknown.

Agent Barber exhibited several photographs to Deacon and he claimed to have identified the photograph of "Karpis" as one of his assailants. However, it will be noted that his description of this individual did not fit "Karpis". Deacon identified a photograph of Pat Reilly, who was recently convicted of harboring Dillinger, as a possible likeness of the other one of his assailants.

Agent Barber interviewed Ephram Rapp, a butcher whose shop is located two doors away from the Ideal Tavern. Mr. Rapp, after viewing several photographs presented to him, stated that he could not identify any of them as being the likeness of Deacon's assailants. Mr. Rapp informed Agent Barber that he secured a very good front view of both of Deacon's assailants and that he believed he could identify them in the event he saw them again.

Both the Sheriff at Mauston, Wisconsin and Agent Barber were of the opinion that Karpis was not one of Deacon's assailants.

As indicated in the report of this Agent dated August 1, 1935, all banks in the State of Wisconsin were circularized for the purpose of securing information relative to the thousand dollar bills issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Georgia, which might be in the possession of Karpis and Campbell. Replies have been received from the greater number of banks located in Wisconsin with negative results thus far.

On the morning of August 12, 1935 Special Agent in Charge H. E. Andersen of the St. Paul Office called the writer over long distance and stated that he had just talked to Joe Heitzinger, Sheriff at Stevens Point, Wisconsin, who advised that about 9 A.M. August 12, 1935 a man and a woman drove into the Deep Rock filling station at Stevens Point and had their car serviced. The car was a Buick Coupe with Illinois license plates. The attendant claimed that he observed a Thompson sub-machine gun on the front seat of the car between the man and the woman.

Agent interviewed Undersheriff M. D. Vinkle, Portage County, Stevens Point, Wisconsin in the absence of Sheriff Heitzinger. Vinkle stated that on August 12, 1935 Lyle Jenkins, City Attorney, Stevens Point, Wisconsin called the office stating that his wife had told him that she had seen a machine gun in the car at the Deep Rock Filling Station.

Agent interviewed Lyle Jenkins' wife, 610 South Division Street, Stevens Point, Wisconsin, and she stated that she was in the Deep Rock Filling station about 9 A.M. August 12, 1935 and that she

observed a man and a woman in a Buick automobile; that she did not get a very good look at either of them and knows nothing of either of them; that the attendant, whose name she did not know, stated that he had seen a machine gun in the car, and that she immediately called up her husband and advised him of this.

Agent called at the Deep Rock filling station and interviewed Earl Phelps, the attendant, and he stated that about 9 A.M. on August 12, 1935 a man and a woman drove into the filling station to have their car serviced, which he believes was a Buick with Illinois license plates; that he observed a leather case which might have been a clothes bag on the front seat of the car, the bottom resting on the floor; that he made a remark in a joking manner to one of the attendants that it was probably a machine gun in the car; that he did not see any machine gun and regarded the matter as a joke when he made the statement to Mrs. Jenkins and the other attendants at the filling station. He stated that the man and the woman asked him for directions to the Chicago Cafe in Rhinelander, Wisconsin; that this being in the vicinity where Little Bohemia was located, he also remarked that the couple were going up in that country to do a little shooting.

Phelps described the man as follows:

Age	40 to 45 years
Height	5' 6"
Weight	170 lbs.
Hair	dark, thin

The woman was described as follows:

Age	30 years
Height	5' 6"
Weight	125 lbs.
Hair	black

Photographs of the members of the Barker-Karpis gang still at large, together with the associates of this gang were exhibited to Mr. Phelps with negative results.

Photographs of John Hamilton and Ed Bentz were also exhibited to Mr. Phelps with negative results.

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KRM:MC

August 23, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, fugitive,  
I. O. #1218, et al; Edward George  
Bremer, victim; Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. E. Gurnea, dated at Aberdeen, South Dakota, August 13, 1935, in which a lead is set out for the St. Paul Office to locate and interview M. L. Phelps for information with regard to the sale of a Buick Sedan, motor #2130161, to George Weaver who is believed to be identical with William Weaver, a fugitive in the above entitled case.

It is requested that the leads set out in the above mentioned report be given expeditious attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Laboratory Report

August 21, 1935.

Case: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1218, ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING 6

Number: 7-576-6994

Specimens: A. Original letter from Lloyd Barker to his father, G. E. Barker,  
dated August 4, 1935, and beginning "Dear Dad:- I received your always welcome  
letter a few days ago\*\*\*".  
B. Envelope in which above letter was enclosed, addressed to G. E.  
Barker, P. O. Box 734, Joplin, Missouri.

Examination requested by: Kansas City Bureau Office.

Date received: August 17, 1935.

Examination requested: Secret Writing.

Result of examination: Examination by: Appel

No evidence was found indicating that any secret message existed in  
the letter.

The originals will be returned as soon as they are photographed.

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*ms*  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases - Fugitive,  
I. O. #1218, et al.  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
Kidnaping.

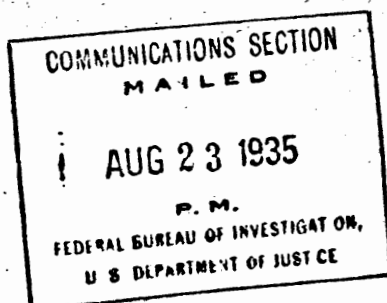
Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau August 17, 1935.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



Enclosure: #877367.

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KRM:ER

August 23, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. #1218, et al;  
Edward George Bremer - Victim;  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of August 21,  
1935 in which you suggest the advisability of Special  
Agent F. S. Smith again returning to Leavenworth, Kansas,  
with a view to continuing his conversations with John T.  
(Jack) Glynn.

Please be advised that you are hereby authorized  
to instruct Agent Smith to return to Leavenworth, Kansas,  
for continued conversations with Glynn in the above en-  
titled matter whenever such travel is necessary.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Mr. Foxworth  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Joseph  
Mr. Keith  
Mr. Lester  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Schilder  
Mr. Tamm  
Miss Gandy

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PHONE - RE BREKID LEON GLENN MCGUIRK ALIAS MCGUIRE RECENT SUBJECT INVESTIGATION, EL PASO, CLAIMS HE SAW ALVIN KARPIS IN JUAREZ, MEXICO AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 10 AT BAWDY HOUSE OPERATED BY GRACE MARTINEZ, LANDLADY ON CALLE DIABLO, NEAR MOLIN ROUGE CABARET. IDENTIFIED PHOTO OF WILLIAM WEAVER AS ONE OF KARPIS COMPANIONS THAT DATE. ALSO CLAIMS WEAVER IN REDLIGHT DISTRICT EL PASO NEARLY EVERY AFTERNOON AND SAW HIM TODAY. CLAIMS EITHER AUGUST 11 OR 12 AGAIN SAW KARPIS AT SAME BAWDY HOUSE IN JUAREZ. THAT ON FIRST OCCASION HE WAS INTRODUCED TO KARPIS BY FRANK WARREN, FORMER CONVICT MICH AND TEXAS STATE PENS, AND TALKED WITH KARPIS ON BOTH OCCASIONS, CASUAL CONVERSATION, EXCEPT HE ASKED KARPIS HOW HE WAS GETTING BY AND KARPIS POINTED TO FIVE OR SIX MEN IN THE BAR ROOM. CLAIMS WEAVER NOT WITH KARPIS ON AUGUST 11 OR 12 IN JUAREZ. INFORMANT UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY OTHER PHOTOGRAPHS. INFORMANT REQUESTS BE NOT CONTACTED AND HE WILL ADVISE EL PASO OFFICE WHEN KARPIS RETURNS TO JUAREZ. THAT MARTINEZ TOLD HIM KARPIS LEFT JUAREZ FOR CHIHUAHUA, MEXICO, BUT WILL BE BACK PROBABLY THIS WEEK. INFORMANT ALSO CLAIMS KARPIS HAS BEEN PLAYING A GIRL ON LINE IN EL PASO NAMED BETTY STEVENSON ROOM 31 9TH AND MESA STS., WHO WAS BROUGHT TO EL PASO TWO YEARS AGO BY BUDDY STEVENSON OR HIS BROTHER JIMMIE FROM SOME PLACE IN OKLAHOMA. BETTY IS NARCOTIC ADDICT AND GOES TO JUAREZ TO SEE KARPIS WHO FURNISHES HER NARCOTICS. INFORMANT BELIEVES KARPIS IS USING DOPE. INFORMANT BROUGHT TO BUREAU OFFICE BY ALBERT WULFJEN, SPEC OFF., EL PASO REDLIGHT DISTRICT,

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I think Connelley should be advised of this at once & if he considers it worth while he can go to El Paso & check I don't whether he could make it as a show up.

WHO IDENTIFIES PHOTOS OF BOTH WEAVER AND EATON AS PERSONS HE SAW ON LINE ONE NIGHT ABOUT SIX MONTHS AGO WHEN THEY WERE APPARENTLY SLUMMING. CLAIMS SHE DID NOT LEAVE AUTOMOBILE BUT HE GOT OUT AND WALKED UP AND DOWN IN FRONT OF THE CRIBS. INFORMANT NOW PIMPING FOR HIS WIFE BUT FORMERLY WAS ~~DEPUTY WARDEN HIGH STATE PEN, JACKSON, MICH.~~ CLAIMS HE IS FURNISHING INFORMATION MERELY BECAUSE HE BELIEVES IT DUTY AS CITIZEN. DOES NOT DESIRE REWARD. CLAIMS HE ~~FEARS~~ FEARS FOR HIS LIFE IF CONTACTED BY AGENTS OPENLY AND DESIRES ~~FEARS~~ FUTURE CONTACTS BE MADE THRU SPEC OFF WULFJEN.

WILL CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVEST HERE AS TO WEAVER AND EATON.

ADVISE ~~WULFJEN~~ IF YOU HAVE ANY CONTRADICTORY INFORMATION RE WHEREABOUTS SUBJECTS.

COLVIN CBW

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FBI NYC 8-22-35 3-10 PM RP

DIRECTOR

PHONE BREKID. INFORMANT HAS JUST ADVISED NEWYORK OFFICE THAT HE SAW KARPIS IN COMPANY WITH WOMAN LEAVE COLONIAL THEATRE NYC LAST NIGHT

AND ENTER EMPIRE HOTEL HERE. INFORMANT CLAIMS HE KNOWS KARPIS IDENTITY DUE TO NEGOTIATIONS THAT INFORMANT CARRIED ON WITH JOE ADAMS AT EL COMODORO HOTEL, MIAMI, FLORIDA, FROM AUGUST TO OCTOBER LAST YEAR WHEN HE WAS NEGOTIATING TO MANAGE THE RESTAURANT THAT ADAMS WAS TO OPEN IN THE EL COMODORO. INFORMANT CLAIMS THAT ADAMS TOLD HIM THAT THE GANG STOPPING AT THE HOTEL WERE MEMBERS OF A GANG WHO HAD KIDNAPED A MAN IN THE WEST HOLDING HIM FOR \$200,000 . AM CONDUCTING APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION EMPIRE HOTEL AND SECURING COMPLETE DETAILS OF INFORMANTS EXPERIENCES WITH ADAMS AND STATEMENTS MADE BY LATTER

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Mr. Tolson .....  
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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FBI CCO 8-25-35 8:00 PM EML  
SAC LOS ANGELES

PHONE BREKID JOSEPH H KNEIP EMPLOYEE FREIGHT OFFICE CHICAGO BURLINGTON  
AND QUINCY RAILROAD CCO SAYS AUGUST 17 MAN AND WOMAN SHIPPED TWO TRUNKS  
TO LOS ANGELES SAYING THEY WERE DRIVING THROUGH INQUIRED AS TO  
STORAGE ONE MONTH ON TRUNKS COMPLAINED OF RATE. DESCRIBED PARTIES  
AGE 35 TO 40 HEIGHT 5 FOOT 9 INCHES 150 POUNDS TO 155 SLENDER  
MEDIUM COMPLEXION EYES BLUE WEARING LARGE DIAMOND RING WOMAN 25 TO  
28 YEARS HEIGHT 5 FOOT 4 INCHES BUILD SLENDER HAIR BROWN. KNEIP  
RECENTLY SAW KARPIS PICTURE IN PAPER AND BELIEVES PARTY MAY BE  
KARPIS. BILL OF LADING COVERING TWO TRUNKS TO A.J. BROWN LOS  
ANGELES 115 POUNDS PERSONAL EFFECTS VIA CB & Q RR DENVER - D. RM  
GREAT WESTERN TO SALT LAKE CITY SO. PAC. WAYBILL 91589 IN CAR  
PFE 70416 EXPECTED TO ARRIVE LOS ANGELES TUESDAY AUGUST 27.  
BY REASON OF TENTATIVE IDENTIFICATION SUGGEST CHECK DELIVERY OF  
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, Ohio.**

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>EL PASO, Texas.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>8-22-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>8/22 - 23/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>C.B. Winstead jfm</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - I.O. 1218 - FUGITIVE, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING - HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<div style="display: flex;"> <div style="width: 20%;"> <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p>  </div> <div style="width: 80%;"> <p>Leon Glenn McGuirk alias McGuire claims saw Karpis August 10, 1935 and again on August 11 and 12 in Grace Martino's bar and bawdy house, Juarez, Mexico. Also identified Weaver's photograph as man with Karpis on August 10 in Juarez, but claims Weaver in El Paso redlight district practically every afternoon. Also claims local prostitute, Betty Stevenson, meets Karpis in Juarez to obtain narcotics and Karpis is using dope. Special Officer Wulfjen identifies photographs of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton as two persons who visited in redlight district, El Paso, about 6 months ago. Weaver not in redlight district, El Paso, afternoon August 22. Confidential informant placed in Grace Martino's place in Juarez August 22, 1935. Bureau, Chicago, and Cincinnati notified by teletypewriter message August 21, 1935.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> </div> </div>			
<p><b>DETAILS:</b> On the night of August 21, 1935, Leon Glenn McGuirk alias McGuire called at the El Paso Bureau Office in company with Special Police Officer Albert Wulfjen, subsequent to a conversation had between Agent and Wulfjen earlier in the day when Wulfjen stated that McGuire had confided in him that he had recently seen Alvin Karpis in a house of prostitution in Juarez, Mexico; that McGuirk had stated to him that he, Wulfjen, could make a piece of money if he cared to do so as he knew that there was a reward outstanding for Alvin Karpis apprehension; and that he, McGuirk, was not interested and would not accept any reward and he only asked that Wulfjen would not bring his name into the matter; that he, Wulfjen, would bring McGuirk to the Bureau Office later in the evening for questioning.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</small></p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. H. Colvin</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>AUG 26 1935</b>	
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On July 29, 1935 McGuirk called at the local Police Department and stated that he wished to register as a pimp, as he had just brought his wife to El Paso from Phoenix and put her on the line in El Paso. Pursuant to that conversation, a complaint was filed against both McGuirk and his wife, Marjorie McGuirk, for conspiracy to violate the White Slave Traffic Act, which complaint was dismissed by the U.S. Commissioner at El Paso on August 17, 1935. McGuirk formerly was deputy warden at Michigan State Penitentiary, Jackson, Mich. This information is set out herein in order that all offices receiving copies of this report may have some idea as to his character, which should be considered in connection with his credibility. He also is addicted to the excessive use of intoxicating liquors and is the typical pimp in all respects, inasmuch as he beats his wife on various occasions. He is afflicted with active tuberculosis.

McGuirk stated, in the presence of Special Officer Wulfjen, that he, in company with one Frank Warren, who is a former convict from the Michigan State Penitentiary and also has served time in the Huntsville, Texas, State Penitentiary, were in Juarez together on the afternoon of August 10, 1935; that while in Juarez they were in the bar room which is operated by Grace Martino, American woman, and her husband one Martino, who is a Spaniard; that there were five or six other men in this place at the same time, and Warren was more or less intoxicated; that Warren introduced him to Alvin Karpis and they carried on a casual conversation, but nothing was said about Karpis' business; that after leaving this place, Warren stated that there was \$10,000 on Karpis' head, but Karpis had plenty of money himself and therefore could not be bothered in Mexico by the American officials.

The photographs of subjects still at large in this matter were handed to McGuirk in one bunch, and upon reaching the photograph of William Weaver, he hesitated and finally said he believed that that was a photograph of Karpis, but not a very good one. Upon going through the rest of them, he arrived at the photograph of Karpis and stated: "That's the photograph of Karpis, and this other man (Weaver) was with him in Juarez on the afternoon of August 10, 1935." He then stated he has seen William Weaver a number of times at 9th and Mesa Sts., in El Paso, this being where the cribs in the redlight district are located. He stated that William Weaver came down to that place and played blackjack with the boys in the afternoon, arriving nearly every afternoon about two o'clock, and stayed around until nearly dark; that he and Warren were in Juarez again on either August 11th or 12th, and again saw Karpis and four or five men in Grace Martino's place; that they again engaged in casual conversation and finally he asked Karpis: "How are you getting by with all that money on your head?" and Karpis did not answer but motioned with his hand toward the four or five other men present in the bar room; that since that date he has been back in Juarez and he asked Grace Martino what had become of Karpis, and she stated that he left Juarez to go down to Chihuahua City Mexico, but was expected back in Juarez this week.

McGuirk also stated that there is a girl on the line in El Paso by the name of Betty Stevenson, who is a narcotic addict; and that she in some manner is a contact for Karpis, and when he is in Juarez she goes over there to see him, probably

to get him to furnish her with narcotics; and that it is his opinion that Karpis also is using narcotics.

McGuirk further stated that he will report to officer Wulfjen when Karpis returns to Juarez, and that that is as far as he will go in this matter, as he fears if anyone should even suspect that he had mentioned this to an officer that he would be immediately murdered; that he has no desire to receive any reward that might be offered for Karpis; and that if any reward is paid, it should be paid, as far as he is concerned, to officer Wulfjen; that he merely feels that it would be the duty of any citizen of the United States to report whatever he knows concerning Karpis to some officer.

Special Police Officer Wulfjen stated that Betty Stevenson occupies Room 31 in the line of cribs operated by Lucy Stevenson at 9th and Mesa Sts., El Paso; that she was brought to El Paso about two years ago by either Buddy (Lucy's pimp) or Jimmie Stevenson, Buddy's brother, from some place in Oklahoma and it is his belief that Jimmie Stevenson now is in Oklahoma. He also stated that Betty Stevenson is a confirmed narcotic addict. He later informed Agent, however, that he knows that one and one half years ago Betty Stevenson was ordered out of Juarez and is prohibited from returning there unless she has recently acquired the privilege of entering Juarez, Mexico.

Officer Wulfjen after seeing photographs of subjects of this investigation, stated that he is certain that one night about six months ago William Weaver with Myrtle Eaton drove in an automobile to 9th and Mesa Sts.; and that Myrtle remained in the car while Weaver got out of the car and walked up and down on the sidewalk in front of the cribs and talked with the girls; that he has never seen him since that time. He also stated that Frank Warren has confided in him that he has served terms in several penitentiaries, as he recalls, the Michigan State Penitentiary and either Georgia or Mississippi State Penitentiary, and in the Huntsville, Texas State Penitentiary.

On the night of August 21, 1935 Agent prowled through the redlight district at 9th and Mesa Sts. at El Paso and spotted Betty Stevenson in the bar room on the corner, and engaged her in conversation in order to get a look at her. During the conversation she admitted that she formerly practiced prostitution in Oklahoma City and knew quite a number of the detectives in that City, especially Clarence Hurt, now a Special Agent for the Bureau, and his former partner Mickey Ryan, and stated she was very fond of both of them as they were both: "Good guys," even though they had arrested her five times in one week. From observation, she is about 27 years of age, height about 5' 4", weight about 120, hair dark brown bobbed, scars on each arm just below the elbow, outer, some blue marks surrounded by blotched scars. When asked how she got them, she stated that is where she attempted to have some tattoos removed. She also has a round vaccination scar on the right arm below the elbow and wrist, outer, and on the back of her left hand is what appears to be a scar of about 1" in length and black in color.

Capt. of Detectives W.C. Woolverton, El Paso Police Department, informed Agent

on the morning of August 22 that Grace Martino has for many years operated a house of prostitution in Juarez, Mexico, and is married to a Spaniard by the name of Martino; that she has been a member of the underworld for many years; that she would most likely be a contact for any outlaw heading in this direction and especially intending to go to Juarez, as there is nothing she would not do, especially for money and she is likely known far and wide among underworld characters; that he knows nothing of her antecedents or her past history prior to coming to Juarez a good many years ago.

Mrs. Carrie Fairley, Policewoman, El Paso Police Department, informed Agent that Grace Martino started out originally as a cabaret check girl in Raton, N.M., that is she got a percentage on drinks bought by men whom she entertained in the cabaret there; that this was previous to 1925 and at that time she was married to an American; that Grace Martino is an American woman and at one time served a sentence imposed by a Federal Court, most likely in the district of New Mexico, for violation of the narcotic laws. She described Grace Martino as:

Age	50
Height	5' 2" to 5'
Weight	About 150
Build	Heavy
Hair	Blonde (natural)
Comp	Light
Occ	Prostitute.

Mrs. Fairley also stated that Grace Martino is "a regular fiend for money," and would do anything for a dollar.

Capt. Woolverton informed Agent that he had a Mexican informant who has been deported a number of times from El Paso to Juarez and who has recently turned several cases for him, and he considers him as an excellent informant and about the only one he knows who could go to Juarez and watch Grace Martino's place and intelligently report what he sees there; and that he would send this boy to the office as soon as he could get in touch with him. b7c b7d

On the morning of August 22, 1935 [redacted] called at the El Paso Bureau Office with a note from Captain Woolverton. On being interviewed, he stated that he had lived in El Paso from the time he was three years of age until he was deported [redacted] that he is married and his wife and family [redacted]

[redacted] and speaks both Spanish and English, and stated that he knew Betty Stevenson by sight and also is well acquainted in the redlight district on calle diablo in Juarez; that he knows where Grace Martino operates her place on calle diablo near the Molin Rouge Cabaret and Bar; that he has a friend a Mexican man who has a sidewalk candy stand in front of the Molin Rouge in Juarez; [redacted] in this manner he could, without drawing undue attention to himself, indefinitely keep watch on all persons going into and coming out of Grace Martino's place in

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Juarez. Authority was obtained from the Bureau to employ [redacted] as confidential informant to watch Martino's place in Juarez beginning August 22 through the night of August 25.

Arrangements were made with Immigration Inspector in charge Millican at the Santa Fe St. bridge to permit [redacted] to come to the bridge and telephone to the El Paso Bureau Office daily, and if he has any information of value, he will be permitted to come to the office, or Agent will call at the bridge and contact him there.

Arrangements have been made through Capt. Woolverton that Frank Warren and Betty Stevenson will be picked up on vag charges at any time that procedure is thought practicable, in order that they may be discreetly interviewed for any information either may have in connection with Alvin Karpis' presence in Juarez, Mexico.

There is also another possible source of information in this matter in the person of Charlie Winans, a local pimp, who formerly was a special Texas Ranger. While Winans would gladly furnish any information he might have or that he might be able to get, Agent has not decided at the present time as to whether it would be the best policy to talk to him about this matter as he probably would confide in some third party the nature of the questions asked him.

On the afternoon of August 22, 1935 Agent, in company with Capt. W.C. Woolverton of the local Police Department, made several trips through the redlight district and through the two bars located therein. The keys were secured from the bar tender in Fred Delgado's place for the room in the basement, where the blackjack game was formerly conducted, but no one was in that room at all. During the afternoon there was a Syrian rug peddler, various Mexicans, and three or four local pimps and one other white American on the line. This American was driving an old car bearing New Mexico license and he bore some slight resemblance to the photograph of William Weaver. He was taken around the corner by Agent and Capt. Woolverton and identified himself as a farmer from near La Union, N.M., and after more close comparison of his features and those of William Weaver, it was thought he could not possibly be the man whom McGuirk mistook for Weaver. At about 4:30 p.m., McGuirk called Agent by telephone and stated that the man whom he believed to be Weaver did not appear on the line in El Paso on this afternoon.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

EL PASO BUREAU OFFICE: Will make every effort to develop, either affirmatively or negatively, the information furnished by McGuirk to the effect that Karpis has been or will be in Juarez, Mexico.

PENDING.



Room 1403  
370 Lexington Avenue  
New York City

WJM:EL  
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August 21, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232;  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1234;  
WILLIAM FLAVER with aliases, I.O. 1236;  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239;  
MYRTLE TATON with aliases, I.O. 1241; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING & OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

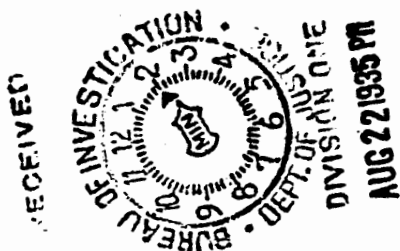
Reference is made to letter from E. J. Connelley,  
Special Agent in Charge on Special Assignment, dated August 16, 1935  
at Chicago, Ill., and directed to the Boston office.

This is to advise that on August 16, 1935, all banks  
located in the territory covered by the New York office were circular-  
ized with the request that they notify the New York office immediately  
if they had in their possession certain \$1,000 bills issued by the  
Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank, the serial numbers of which begin with  
F00022451A and end with F00022500A, and the circumstances under which  
same came into their possession; further, to notify this office should  
any of said bills be tendered to their banks.

Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc: Bureau  
Cincinnati



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Post Office Box #2344  
Boston, Massachusetts.

August 21, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
370 Lexington Ave., - Room 1403,  
New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of August 19th, I am enclosing  
copy of anonymous communication referred to in Agent Plunkett's  
report dated at Boston, Massachusetts, August 15th, 1935.

Very truly yours,

cc - Bureau ✓  
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Room 1403,  
370 Lexington Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

August 22, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Ill.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
I. O. 1218, FUGITIVE; ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING 0

Dear Sir:

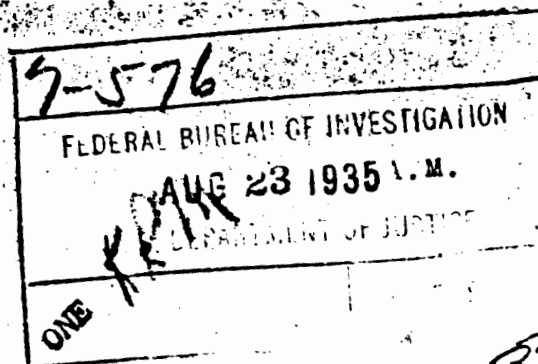
Reference is made to the letter of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, dated at Saint Paul, Minnesota, August 14, 1935, which letter was directed to the Bureau with a copy to all field offices, requesting that in the future copies of all reports and communications in connection with this case should be furnished to your office. This is to advise that appropriate instructions are being issued in the New York office in this respect.

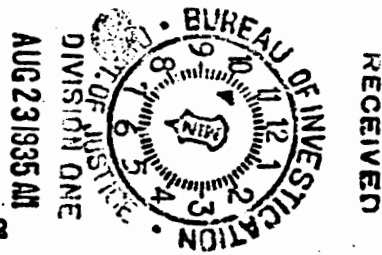
You are also advised that a check has been made of the New York file in connection with this case and copies of all reports, letters and telegrams emanating from the New York office have been furnished to your office.

Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

cc-Bureau  
cc-Saint Paul  
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Special Agent in Charge  
St. Paul, Minnesota

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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218;  
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EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your long distance call requesting that a confidential check be made to determine the history and whereabouts of the owner of a 1931 model A Ford coupe, bearing 1935 Illinois license tags No. 465626, I beg to advise that investigation by Special Agent Charles Jenkins of this office discloses the following:

The license for the said car was issued to John V. Van Bibber, 501 Upham Place, Dixon, Illinois, and was for a Ford car bearing motor No. A338389.

At Dixon, Illinois, Agent Jenkins interviewed Postmaster John E. Moyer, who advised that John V. VanBibber was the son of John D. VanBibber, Chief of Police of Dixon, and that the latter resided at 501 Upham Place; that John V. VanBibber was about twenty-seven years of age, and was married about a year ago to a girl from the South at Chicago, Illinois; that VanBibber was a silhouette artist and makes his living at Fairs and shows cutting the profiles of persons for compensation; that he is quite accomplished in this line of work; that he, Moyer, had heard that the girl that VanBibber married is also engaged in this line of work; that VanBibber has not lived in Dixon for about two years although he pays an occasional visit to his family; that he was last seen in Dixon

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about two months ago and is now believed to be at the County Fair at Minneapolis, Minnesota; that VanBibber has been a wanderer since he left school and while he has never been in any difficulty, he has been a source of worry to his father because of his roaming.

Police Officer Jones in casual conversation stated that John V. VanBibber did not live in Dixon, at the present time being engaged in the cutting of silhouettes of persons at Fairs and shows; that he is married and his wife accompanies him; that he travels by automobile.

The following description was furnished by Postmaster Moyer of John V. VanBibber:

Age:	27 years
Height:	5' 10"
Weight:	About 170 lbs.
Build:	Well built
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Dark brown
Complexion:	dark, smooth shaven

At the County Clerk's office at Chicago, Illinois, it was found that on September 11, 1934, John V. VanBibber, 1208 Wilmemae Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, aged twenty-nine years, was married to Miss Aileen G. Shaver, 521 Brompton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, aged twenty-one years, by Reverend R. Everett Carr, Rector, St. Peter's Parish, 621 Belmont Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida,  
August 21, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge  
Boston, Mass.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the undeveloped lead in the report of Special Agent P. M. Plunket, Boston, Mass. August 15, 1935, requesting the Jacksonville office to conduct investigation at 33 West Madison Street, Jacksonville, Florida, where Kate Weade, under the name of Mrs. G. C. Chase, received 1932 Florida license No. W-9085.

Please be advised that in Jacksonville there is no 33 West Madison Street. Madison Street runs North and South.

The attention of interested offices is invited to the writer's report of July 26, 1935, which reflects that 33 West Adams Street, in Jacksonville, is the Carling Hotel, one of the leading hotels in the City; further, that William Elmer Weade while in Jacksonville during a part of the time resided at this hostelry, at which time he was driving a large Lincoln sedan.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

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722 Midland Savings Bldg.  
Denver, Colo.  
August 19, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your teletype request,  
I am transmitting herewith four copies of the photo-  
graph of Russell Lane alias Vernon Johnson, Denver  
Police Department #14692.

The Denver Police Department is making  
up additional copies, and six more copies will be  
forwarded you later tonight.

Very truly yours,

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E. P. GUINANE  
Special Agent in Charge

cc Bureau

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Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida

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August 23, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

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

On June 24, 1935, the Jacksonville office addressed a communication to all banks in Florida requesting that an immediate inspection be made of all one thousand dollar bills on hand to ascertain whether they had on hand any bills issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Georgia, with serial numbers

F 00022451 A to F 00022500 A, inclusive;  
further requesting that our letter be kept on file for future reference and this office advised should any of these bills be observed in the future.

Today we received a communication from Jas. O. Garner, President of the Little River Bank and Trust Company, Corner N. E. 2nd Avenue and 79th Street, Miami, Florida, referring to our letter of June 24, 1935, and advising that bill number F 00022486 was deposited on August 22, 1935, by one of the bank's customers with strap on same showing that it was received from the Postal Savings System, Miami, Florida, dated August 22, 1935, with the additional record on the strap of the name of Korn and No. PS 105584.

We have acknowledged Mr. Garner's letter and advised him that this matter will be immediately assigned to an Agent who will call on him for the purpose of tracing the aforementioned bill.

Very truly yours,

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&  
H. A. ALLEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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Jax #7-24  
cc Chicago  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul

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Post Office Drawer #1457,  
St. Louis, Missouri,  
August 22, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

Re: SOURCE ON MACHINE GUNS  
IN HANDS OF CRIMINALS.

Reference is made to Bureau letter of July 30th, regarding the above matter addressed to the Washington Field Office, a copy of which was furnished your office, and Bureau letter of August 19th, concerning the same matter. Please be advised that on August 20, 1935, arrangements were made by Special Agent C. M. Tynar of this Office at the Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, Illinois to transmit the guns described in Washington Field Office letter of August 6th, a copy of which is attached hereto for your information, to the New York City Office where they can be submitted to the Winchester Repeating Arms Company for examination. The guns were shipped on Government bill of lading and I am attaching hereto a copy of this bill of lading, together with two shipping tickets from the Rock Island Arsenal, which shipping tickets should be properly receipted when the guns are received at the New York City Office.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>PHILADELPHIA, PA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8/24/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/21, 22, 23/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>A. SCHROEDER</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.1218, FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O.1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O.1236; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O.1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O.1239; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O.1241; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Postal Telegraph Company advised on Aug. 21, 1935, that individual giving name as Alvin Karpis had attempted to send telegram to Director; investigation reflects probably the work of a "crank". Further information received that William J. Harrison, together with Myrtle Eaton, residing at 2216 W. Venango Street, Philadelphia; investigation reflects individuals thought to be Harrison and Eaton were William D. Carey and Mary Fitzgerald, local Philadelphians, living in illicit relationship. Several sources advised Karpis seen in barrooms in Philadelphia; investigation unable to substantiate this.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>DETAILS: This is a joint report of Special Agents K. R. Schroeder, I. E. Nitschke, H. K. Moss, H. H. Hair, R. H. Hicks, M. J. Horan, W. D. Fay, C. R. LaFrance, and the writer.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. G. Harvey</i>		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

This report is predicated upon a telephone call received on August 21, 1935, from Mr. J. Hassan, Manager, Postal Telegraph Company, Philadelphia, to the effect that a message had just been phoned to their branch office at 112 South 9th Street, from a party purporting to be Alvin Karpis, who desired to send a message to the Director of this Bureau.

Mr. Charles A. Gorman, Manager, Postal Telegraph Company, 112 South 9th Street, advised that at 12:16 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, an individual communicated with him by telephone, stating that he desired to send the following message to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Bureau of Investigation:

HAVE BEEN IN CHESTER FOR THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS JUST RETURNED TODAY FROM ALDERSON WEST VIR I AM ANXIOUS TO SEE MY LITTLE INFANT WHO IS WITH MY MOTHER AS YOU KNOW WOULD LIKE TO HAVE 5 DAYS OFF TO GO HOME HAVE WRITTEN NO LETTERS IN TO YOU AT ALL AND DO NOT WISH TO BE MARKED UP FOR THEM WHILE IN CHESTER A FEW DAYS BEFORE THIS JOB I REGISTERED AT THE CHESTER ARMS HOTEL BUT CHANGED ORDERS AT MY LT COMMAND

ALVIN KARPIS

The individual calling stated that he was then at the Ledger Building, and had, prior to his calling Mr. Gorman, given another message to a Postal Telegraph boy, addressed to Mr. Hoover. However, upon reconsidering, he requested Mr. Gorman not to send the first message, but to send the message quoted above.

Further investigation on the part of the Postal Telegraph Company reflected that no message had been given to any of their messenger boys.

Mr. Gorman traced this telephone call through the courtesy of the Bell Telephone Company, and it was ascertained that the same was made at the public pay station, Locust 9622, which is located in the Pennsylvania Railroad Suburban Station, 16th and Filbert Streets. Investigation at that location failed to reflect any information of value concerning the party making the call. Agent Nitschke processed the telephone booth as well as the telephone for latent fingerprints, with negative results.

Shortly after Mr. Hassan's call, a call was received from Miss Ruth Walker, clerk, United States Attorney's Office, Philadelphia, who advised that a party describing himself as Miller, a former Secret Service Agent stationed in Detroit, was then in Lew Tendler's Taproom, Broad and Locust Streets, Philadelphia, at which place Alvin Karpis was standing at the bar, drinking.

Investigation at Tendler's Taproom reflected that about five minutes prior to Agents' arrival two unknown individuals had been drinking at the bar and had requested the bartender, Ray Dorsey, where the public telephone was located. Dorsey advised that he could furnish no descriptions of these individuals, and was unable to identify a photograph of Karpis, and advised Agent A. Schroeder that he was not certain whether these individuals actually did use the telephone after their inquiry.

Shortly after the arrival of the Agents at the telegraph office at 112 South 9th Street, Johnson, an Associated Press Reporter at Philadelphia, made his appearance and advised Mr. Gorman that he had just received a telephone call from a party giving his name as Mr. Leslie of the Postal Telegraph. This individual stated that the Postal Telegraph Company had just received a message from Alvin Karpis directed to Mr. Hoover. However, investigation at the Postal Telegraph Company reflects that there is no person in their employ by the name of Leslie.

For the information of offices receiving copies of this report, on July 17, 1935, an anonymous telephone call was received at the Philadelphia Bureau Office from a party stating

he was calling from Chester, Pa., who advised that Alvin Karpis was then located in a barroom at the Edgemont Inn, Chester, Pa., which place is operated by Joe Dublitz, a notorious bootlegger. Investigation at Chester failed to reflect any information relative to Karpis. This unknown party also stated that Karpis was then staying at the Chester Arms Hotel, located in Chester, Pa.,

It would appear probable that the individual making this telephone call and the individual attempting to send the above-described telegram are identical.

On August 22, 1935, an unknown individual again called the Philadelphia Office stating, "I see by the papers that you would not send my telegram. Well, I am going to Washington, anyway" and then disconnected the phone.

Tony Foglietta, reporter for the Philadelphia RECORD, advised Agent A. Schroeder that on August 22, 1935, an individual called him at the Philadelphia RECORD office, stating that he was Karpis, and that he had just called the "G" men and informed them that he intended to go to Washington; that he had then disconnected the phone.

From the above it would indicate that the telephone calls and telegraph messages are apparently the work of a "crank".

On August 21, 1935, Mr. B. Cruverius, Manager, Paramount Court Apartments, 2116 West Venango Street, telephonically advised this office that he had seen in the "Startling Detective Magazine" for September 1935, a photograph of William J. Harrison and Myrtle Eaton, and that both he and his wife were positive that these individuals had stayed at the Paramount Court Apartments until August 2, 1935, at which time they had departed.

Mrs. E. A. Dietrich, acting manager, Paramount Court Apartments, 2216 W. Venango Street, was interviewed by Special Agents I. E. Nitschke and A. Schroeder in the absence of Mr. Cruverius. She advised that the individuals whose photographs appeared in "Startling Detective Magazine" had resided at that



apartment house from July 3 to August 2, 1935, in Apartment 311, the lease for the same being signed by Mary Fitzgerald, who, according to Mrs. Dietrich, was identical with Myrtle Eaton. According to Mrs. Dietrich, the individual whom she identified as being Harrison stayed with Mary Fitzgerald on numerous occasions.

Ella Shealey, maid at the Paramount Court Apartments, also identified the photographs of Harrison and Eaton as being identical with Mary Fitzgerald and the man who resided with her.

Agents Nitschke and A. Schroeder made a survey of Apartment 311, which, subsequent to the departure of Mary Fitzgerald, had been occupied by another family. Nothing of value was contained therein and the apartment had been thoroughly cleaned subsequent to Fitzgerald's departure, and no latent fingerprints were obtained.

It was ascertained from Mrs. Dietrich that the unknown man residing with Mary Fitzgerald had a Ford car which had been stored at the garage of Louis Wang, 2116 West Atlantic Street.

Louis Wang and C. Love, garage attendant, at 2116 W. Atlantic Street, identified the photograph of Harrison as being the individual who kept a Ford car parked on the street in front of the garage during July and the first of August 1935. Wang advised that this car had been towed away by the Philadelphia Police towing squad for illegal parking.

The records of the 39th Police District, 22nd Street and Hunting Park Avenue, reflect that on August 2, 1935, Ford car bearing Pennsylvania license F6724, was towed away from 2116 W. Atlantic Street for illegal parking. This car is registered in the name of William D. Carey, who gave his address as 5312 Lansdowne Avenue and 6134 N. Marshall Street, Philadelphia.

An examination of the references given by Mary Fitzgerald at the time she entered into the lease for the apartment reflected that she worked for the Girard Laundry, 5832 N. American Street.

Bernard Weidler, proprietor, Girard Laundry, advised that Mary Fitzgerald was not employed by him, but that he knew her well, she being a married woman who carried on an illicit relationship with William Carey. Weidler advised that the Identification Orders of Myrtle Eaton and William J. Harrison were not identical with Mary Fitzgerald and William Carey. According to Weidler, Carey was a young man, 22 years of age, born and reared in Philadelphia, who was a semi-partner of Weidler and was constantly in difficulty with women.

William D. Carey was interviewed at 232 Rubican Street, Philadelphia. He bears a slight resemblance to William Harrison. However, examination of Carey's fingerprints reflected that his fingerprints are not identical with Harrison's.

Carey advised that Mary Fitzgerald is presently at Ship Bottom, New Jersey, and that he had lived with her at 2116 W. Venango Street for a period of a month. Carey advised that the Identification Order of Myrtle Eaton is not identical with Mary Fitzgerald.

In view of this fact, no further investigation is being conducted relative to Carey and Fitzgerald.

Oscar Richter, 114 North American Street, Philadelphia, Park Guard, telephonically advised Special Agent in Charge R. G. Harvey that John McDermott, saloon keeper at 13th and Quarry Streets, Philadelphia, advised him that on the evening of August 21, 1935, Alvin Karpis had come into the bar and had stayed there the better part of the evening, drinking beer.

John McDermott was interviewed by Agents Nitschke and A. Schroeder, and appears to be constantly under the influence of liquor, and probably a narcotic addict. He could not definitely identify the photograph of Karpis as being the individual who was in the bar, stating that this individual was wearing old clothes, acted in a peculiar manner, was continually "bumming" cigarettes, and claimed to be an able-

bodied seaman. McDermott agreed to contact this office in the event the individual described by him as Karpis re-appears.

It is not believed that much credence is to be placed in McDermott's partial identification.

Fred Shapiro, City Editor, Philadelphia RECORD, telephonically advised Special Agent in Charge Harvey that Morton Packman, a copy boy at the Philadelphia RECORD, had advised him that on the evening of August 21, 1935, an individual driving a car bearing Michigan license # Y-34273, had approached him about 3:30 A.M. and had asked Packman where a telegraph office was, and then inquired where he could sell a used car. Packman stated he became suspicious of this inquiry at that hour of the morning, and jotted down the license number of the car, and then subsequently looked in the newspaper morgue for Karpis' picture, and believes this individual to be identical with Karpis.

Morton Packman, 424 South 57th Street, Philadelphia, advised Agents Nitschke and A. Schroeder as stated above. He was unable to identify the Identification Order of Karpis as being identical with the individual who approached him in Philadelphia. Packman stated that the car which was driven by this unknown individual was a roadster, make unknown.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD

DETROIT OFFICE

Will ascertain to whom Michigan license tags Y-34273 are issued.

At the United States Secret Service, will ascertain if an operative by the name of Miller was formerly stationed there; if so, will ascertain his present whereabouts.

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
AUGUST 24, 1935

SPECIAL DELIVERY - AIR MAIL

Special Agent in Charge,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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

Dear Sir:

During a recent interview with Volney Davis at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, Davis furnished information to the effect that one James White, who was sentenced to serve a life term for murder at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma and who is now on parole from that institution, visited some time ago William Weaver and Kyrle Eaton, who are subjects in instant case, and who are living on a farm in the state of Mississippi, the exact location of which Davis was unable to furnish.

Davis further advised that James White is now employed by the Peoples Drug Company at Washington, D. C., and that he also has a brother whose first name he was unable to furnish and who is a member of the Detective Force of the Washington Police Department.

It is respectfully requested that you furnish this office and each office indicated below three photographs of, and all other pertinent information concerning, James White.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Bureau  
St. Paul  
Chicago  
Cincinnati  
Washington Field  
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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to the Bureau's telegram of August 21, 1935, advising that Mr. Shannon Cormack of the Miami Beach Daily Tribune had telephoned to the Bureau that one A. G. WEITZ, held in the county jail at Miami, was reported to be a member of the Karpis gang. The information concerning this matter contained herein confirms and supplements my teletype to the Bureau on August 22, 1935. The inquiries were made by Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons, Resident Agent at Miami, Florida.

Mr. Cormack telephoned to Agent Fitzsimons about 9:00 P. M. on August 21, 1935 (this was two hours before I received the Bureau's telegram of August 21st), advising that he had received an anonymous telephone call from a woman who stated that she had observed the Tribune's account of the arrest of Weitz and she believed he was a member of the Karpis gang. Mr. Cormack further advised that he was unable to trace the call. Agent Fitzsimons informed Mr. Cormack that he would immediately investigate the matter locally. Apparently without any confirmation whatsoever, Cormack telephoned to the Bureau.

It is here stated that the Tribune in its issue of August 21, 1935, carried a story to the effect that when Weitz was arrested he had approximately eight thousand dollars in cash on his person. That statement was of course untrue and absurd. Weitz was arrested on charges of drunkenness while driving an automobile.

Agent Fitzsimons interviewed Weitz during the morning of August 22, 1935, and ascertained that he was arrested at Miami on Sunday evening, August 18, 1935, after he had hit a boy with his car when driving under the influence of liquor. Weitz stated that he came to Miami on August 15, 1935, from New Orleans, Louisiana, his home, where he has resided for the past fifteen years, where he has engaged in bootlegging and is a bookie and gambler. He further advised that he is well acquainted with the police at New Orleans, although he denied ever having been arrested previously. He intended to establish himself in the restaurant business at Miami and engage in gambling, if possible. He denied acquaintance and as-

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sociation with Karpis and members of the gang, and when photographs of the various members of the mob were exhibited to him he failed to identify any of them as the likenesses of persons known to him or whom he has seen. He further stated he went to New Orleans about fifteen years ago, having previously lived in New York City, where, on May 1, 1920, he claims to have been naturalized as an American citizen. From personal observation of Weitz, according to Agent Fitzsimons, it does not appear that he bears any resemblance to any of the known members of the Karpis mob.

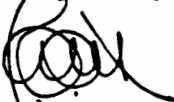
Through inquiry of Captain Frank Mitchell of the Miami Police Department, and Deputies of the Sheriff's office, it was ascertained that Weitz was arrested Sunday evening, August 18, 1935, on charge of driving while under the influence of liquor. He was bound over to the County on this charge and is held, without bond, pending disposition of his case. Both the Miami Police Department and the Sheriff's office have forwarded his fingerprints to the Bureau, the latter having forwarded his fingerprints by air mail, special delivery, on Monday, August 19, 1935.

The following is a description of Weitz, obtained by Agent Fitzsimons from personal observation and questioning:

Name: Alois<sup>Q</sup>/Weitz - residence, 1840 Moss St., New Orleans, Louisiana  
Age: 44 years (born March 24, 1891)  
Height: 5 feet, 8 inches  
Weight: 198 pounds  
Build: stocky  
Complexion: medium  
Color of hair: dark brown  
Color of eyes: blue  
Condition of teeth: fair; gold fillings upper left  
Marital status: married; wife, Elsa Adrienne Weitz, 1840 Moss Street, New Orleans, Louisiana  
Nationality: naturalized American citizen (Austrian descent)  
Police number: Miami, Fla., PD #3566  
Miami, Fla., SO #25847  
Occupation: gambler and bootlegger

Weitz's photograph was obtained from the Miami Police Department and is being forwarded herewith.

Very truly yours,



R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge

Enclosure  
cc Chicago  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
Jax #7-24



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Saint Paul, Minnesota

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August 23, 1935

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Special Agent in Charge  
Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
I.O. 1218, FUGITIVE; ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul File No. 7-30

At 3:25 A.M., August 23, 1935, a man who gave his name as Charles W. Gilbride telephoned the St. Paul Office from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, requesting the assistance of this Bureau in protecting the life of the widow of Herman E. Hollis and her small son, both of whom he advised lived at the Sherome Apartments in Chicago.

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Mr. Gilbride, who stated he was a travelling salesman selling RIT, claimed he resided at 1214 Fourteenth Street, Des Moines, Iowa. He proceeded to explain that Mrs. Genevieve Hollis has been working on some "plants" in connection with the Bremer case, and in consequence ALVIN KARPIS and HARRY CAMPBELL are going to kill her. Mr. Gilbride gave information to the effect that Mrs. Hollis had been working on these plants since December 15, 1934 in an effort to avenge her husband. Informant Gilbride seemed quite conversant with the circumstances surrounding Mrs. Hollis, and at one time referred to her as the "girl friend".

During Mr. Gilbride's telephone conversation with night typist S. W. Ozark, the former emphatically requested that Mr. Ladd be kept in ignorance of his request for the protection of Mrs. Hollis and her child. He requested that Mr. Ladd's assistant be contacted, and in that connection asked for the name of the No. 1 man in the Chicago Office. According to Typist Ozark, Mr. Gilbride seemed quite familiar with the organization of the field offices of the Bureau, and in connection therewith, when asked why he did not wish Mr. Ladd informed of his call, he replied, "He and Mrs. Hollis don't get along very well", and words of similar purport.

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Chicago  
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In view of the foregoing it is suggested that the Omaha Office conduct an appropriate investigation with reference to Mr. Gilbride to determine the source of his information regarding fugitives KARPIS and CAMPBELL and their intention of "putting Mrs. Hollis on the spot". In view of his allegations it is thought that this matter should be gone into thoroughly.

It is also suggested that the Chicago Office determine whether Mrs. Hollis knows Mr. Gilbride, if such action seems appropriate, and that the Bureau be furnished with all information available regarding this individual.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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CC Bureau ✓  
CC Cincinnati  
CC Chicago

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit, Michigan  
August 24, 1935

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

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

In accordance with Bureau letter dated July 27, 1935, there are transmitted herewith copies of a letter received by Miss Dolores DeLaney, who is presently confined in the Federal Detention Home at Milan, Michigan, from Mrs. Emily Newbold, 2840 N. Francisco, Chicago, Illinois, as well as copies of a letter written by Dolores DeLaney to her mother, Mrs. Helen DeLaney, General Delivery, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Copies of these letters are also being forwarded to the offices listed below.

Very truly yours,

*D. L. Nicholson*

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - St. Paul  
- Chicago  
- Cincinnati  
- Oklahoma City

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August 10, 1935

Dearest Mother:

I wonder if you have received my letter yet. You talk about people being foolish and going "stir-nuts" - well, I'm in the last stages. When I mailed your last letter I addressed it allright until I got to the name of the town and then instead of putting St. Paul on it I put Chicago. Whatever made me do it - I do not know - anyway it was sent back to me and I had to re-address it. It wasn't returned to me until about the first of this month and I wasn't sure if it would still go out in last month's mail or not - so I pinned a note on it for the mailing clerk explaining the situation and I guess everything is okay 'cause it wasn't sent back to me again.

How are you and that big sister-o-mine? Hope you're all okay and also that little rascal "Bobby". I'll bet he's getting bigger every day and better looking - if - as Babe says - he's getting to look more like our family. (ha ha)

Have you heard from Mugs or Bud lately? I got a letter from Mr. Karpis the day before yesterday and do you know that Mugs hasn't been over there for two months. She promised to help them do something about Raymond's things in Florida and she has never done a thing. I know I shouldn't expect anything from her while in here 'cause I didn't do anything for her when she was in (tho' I had a pretty good excuse) but I do think she might drop in once in a while to see that boy of mine. I do wish she wouldn't make promises to people if she isn't going to keep them. That's bad business. Bud goes over once in a while and he says that I have the best looking baby he ever did see. Bud is the sweetest boy and I'm just as proud as I can be to have him for a brother. He's only a kid yet but still he's thoughtful and that's something seldom found in a youngster like that. You know, Mother, it doesn't seem possible that he is older than I am. Are you sure it's not just the other way around?

I got some more pictures of Raymond, and also some of Alvin's sister - Emily, her daughter, Betty Jane, Mr. and Mrs. Karparicz and their dog. Betty Jane is just thirteen and they say she always wants to be around Ray. They put him out in his buggy during the day with just the dog to watch him and they say he won't let anyone get close to it. That's nice isn't it? Will sign off till after dinner.

Mumsey, I've had a shock and I don't think it likely that I'll recover. We had corn-on-the-cob for dinner. After a steady diet of beans and stew a person really appreciates something like that. I ate as many as I could have and a couple of Wynona's and I still didn't have near enough. Oh, well, I guess we may have it again at least once before I leave. What eha think, huh? Do you still fix steak en casseroles like you used to? I cooked it an awful lot on the outside and it was Alvin's favorite dish. I was getting to be a pretty good cook - if you'll take my word for it. Anyway I liked it and so did Alvin so that's all that mattered. Does Babe do much cooking? You know, I'm not saying anything about Babe's cooking but I'll bet Bobby sure likes "Granny's" cooking. How about it?

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Do you ever bake cookies and cakes for him like you did when we were kids? I'll bet he's not one of those little sissy boys, is he? He couldn't be - not if he's anything like the "DeLanays".

I am making a flapper doll now for my cell, it's kinda nice. We make them out of "unbleached muslin" and stuff them with rags. I've drawn a cute face on it and I'm making a dress of flowered percale and I'm going to make a little hat of orange, which is the predominant color in the dress. Everybody kidds me about my room 'cause I have so many pictures on the walls and all of them baby pictures. Which reminds me - when are you going to send me a picture of yourself, Babe and Bobby? Gee, you don't know how much I want one. It would really feel good to have your picture here and when I was blue I could go in and tell you my troubles. It would make things easier if I could get things off my chest.

I just got through washing my hair and it's driving me crazy. It's in an absolutely pitiful condition. Instead of being gray when I get out I'll probably be bald-headed. It comes out in big handfuls and every time I comb it I think it may be the last time 'cause it doesn't seem like I could lose that much hair and have even a little bit left. I had it cut off real short a week ago today 'cause they all told me it might help it to grow. You remember how I never would have a shingle 'count of my head being so flat - well I had one - not a very high one, of course - but it looks pretty nice. All the girls say they like it much better this way. I don't feel right like this tho 'cause I wore it long since, I don't know when. I wore it done up low on my neck for quite awhile and then just shortly before I was arrested I had it cut off just a little above shoulder length. I like it better done up myself - it looks so much neater and smarter that way. Every time I saw Mugs' pictures in the paper for a long time her hair was a different color. Finally my curiosity got the best of me and I wrote and asked her what color it was. I told her it was rather embarrassing to tell someone my sister was a blonde and then find out it was black. She says she has it that same gold-blond color she used to have it cause Dick likes it like that. I don't blame him for liking it - she is really one good-looking girl. How about Babe - does she look any older then she used to? She never did look her age - like me. A certain party I know who saw Babe one time - tho he didn't know her - thought I was older than she was. I pointed her out to him and he asked how much younger she was than I. It was in a cabaret and he told me I ought to chase her home. She didn't know I was there or I might have at that. Wouldn't that have been pretty hot? I'm going to close again until I get your letter so that I will have room left to answer any questions you might ask me.

August 20, 1935

Here I am again, darling, and trying to figure out how I am going to get



all the rest of the things I have to say on this page.

I have another anniversary today. I have been arrested eight months today. It really seems more like eight years. It's hard to believe the calendar. I got your letter today and I can't understand Babe's going to Chicago and leaving you alone with Bobby. How in the world do you get along? Don't ever talk about taking my place, honey, 'cause the only real consolation I have here is knowing you're okay and that means a lot. When are you planning on moving to Chicago? Bud wrote me and said that he thought you imagined he didn't want you there but he says he sure does and I know he means it. I am sure Mr. and Mrs. Karpis would let you take "Little Ray" once in a while for they must know how much you want to have him. They really love that little bugger of mine and they understand how you feel. I was terribly sorry to hear about Leona's death. I really liked her but maybe she is better off now, she suffered so very much. Mumsy, dear, you didn't sell that green chair that came to the peak in the back, did you? Please, don't - I loved that chair and also that triangle smoking table, the pierre against the wall. Keep them, honey, if for no other reason than just so I can see them once more. I'm sorry about your teeth, it seems if it's not one thing it's another. Someday, I hope you'll be really well - and happy. Whether Mugs gets married or not, Mummy, I'm sure she would want you to be with her and if she does, don't let your pride stand in your way. When I get out I'll move right in with you. How will that be?

Yes, dear, Wynona, has sisters and a brother to write to but no mother or father. She likes to read your letters 'cause I have talked about you so much she feels that she knows you. She sends you her love and says she is doing her best to be brave and keep her chin up. I work in the kitchen, washing dishes, setting the table, mopping and a lot of general cleaning. It could be worse.

Darling, did the G-men bother you when I got arrested or since. I hope not. I want them to leave my family alone. I hope you have those snap shots taken wherever you go and send pictures of anyone and every one. No, the kids haven't sent me any money for cigarettes or anything but Mr. and Mrs. Karpis have and when they do send it they always say - "Raymond is sending you \$5.00". Isn't that sweet? You don't have to worry about me 'cause I'll be okay, and everything will be swell before so very long, won't it? Honey, will you send me a sacred heart badge? You needn't have it blessed 'cause a priest comes up here once in a while and he will bless it for me. I want to send it to Ray. I would have you send it but I kind of want to handle it first before he gets it.



Well, mother, I am going to close, not because I want to  
but because I have to - so read the papers and write and tell me all the  
news.

Loads and loads of love to you and Bobby -

From "Your Baby, Still"

( Signed ) Dolores

P.S. Please send me your address as I don't think I will be allowed to  
write you at General Delivery anymore.

Chicago, Illinois  
August 18, 1935

Dear Dolores:

How are you. I hope you are well and everything is alright. Well, I have started back to work again after being sick in bed for eight long weeks. I am still thin, weighing 103 lbs.

I wrote to Mrs. Thomas a month ago telling her she had better do something about those things as I was coming down there, my letter was returned, they moved to Carey, so I guess she just sold everything and they put people in jail for stealing. So bad as its a shame to have some one like that get by with such things.

Raymond is sure growing but sure is getting spoilt. I went down there this morning. I heard him crying outside, he was sitting up in his buggy and crying because my mother wouldn't put him up and carry him. He likes to be carried around all the time and if he isn't he sure makes a fuss.

My father has a fit if he cries one minute and I don't think he has ever cried over five minutes since he has been here. He sure does think a lot of my mother, she can't even go to the store unless he is looking around for her.

Everyone thinks he is so cute, he always smiles at everyone who says something to him.

Betty is going to Topeka tonight for a month's vacation. She sure is a big girl and weighs 109 lbs.

I intended to come see you this summer but all this expenses made it impossible now. I must buy a fur coat as I must keep myself warm this winter and not take cold. Perhaps I can make it soon around Christmas. I wished I could of known you before all this but maybe you will get out soon then we can become good friends. Take good care of yourself and write whenever you can.

Your friend always

(Signed) Emily

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

*Edward L. G. Bremer*

I have discussed with Mr. Nathan the transfer of some Agent to the Bureau to assume the supervision of the Bremer case to replace Mr. Newby, and we agreed that the most likely individual for this assignment is Special Agent K. R. McIntire, presently assigned to the Aberdeen Office. McIntire supervised the Bremer Case in the Chicago Office for a long period of time, and consequently, is thoroughly familiar with all of the ramifications of the case. His personnell file indicates that he may have executive ability, the only derogatory matter occurring within the past year was the allegation by two Special Agents of the Chicago Office that Agent McIntire, while acting in a supervisory capacity, placed a blackjack upon a talbe in a room where they were interviewing Matthew Gleason. You will recall that Agent McIntire denied this allegation.

If you approve the designation of Mr. McIntire for this assignment, I would like to instruct him by telephone to proceed to Washington, in order that he may spend several days with Mr. Newby prior to Monday, August 19th.

For assignment to the Aberdeen District to cover relatives of subject Dainard in the Weyerhaeuser case, Mr. Nathan and myself recommend Special Agents F. W. Allen of the Boston Office and W. P. Friar of the Pittsburgh office. Since these men will not be in any headquarters city, I do not believe it is necessary to transfer them to Aberdeen, but suggest that they be instructed to report to Mr. Connelley for special assignment in the Dakotas.

Respectfully,

(s)  
E.A. TAMM

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

In view of the transfer of Special Agent  
K. R. McIntire, the Bureau desires that you advise  
the name of the agent presently attached to the  
Aberdeen office who is best qualified to act as number  
one man there.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO.**

FILE NO. **7-2**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>LITTLE ROCK, ARK.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>8/23/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>8/16-18-21/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>R. C. COULTER,</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>WKB</b></span>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. #1236; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1237; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I. O. #1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: with aliases, I. O. #1239; HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I. O. #1240; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I. O. #1241; OLIVER A. BERG, with aliases, FUGITIVE; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING. HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE. National FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Inquiry at West Memphis and Decatur, Arkansas, failed to reflect any information as to the whereabouts of any subjects in this case. Identification Orders of Weaver and Karpis distributed to postal authorities in eighteen counties in the northwestern portion of Arkansas.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent R. C. Coulter, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated June 16, 1935; teletype from Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated August 15, 1935; and letter from Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated August 15, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

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At West Memphis, Arkansas:

With reference to the information supplied in teletype message above referred to, Special Agent Wm. T. Morton of the Nashville office conducted investigation and submitted the information.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. L. Spencer</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-7095	RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>AUG 26 1935</b>
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mation by report under date of August 20, 1935. Inasmuch as he recorded the information secured from Deputy Sheriff Buren Culp, the information will not be repeated herein.

After it was determined that no information could be secured at West Memphis regarding "Stuttering Kid", it was determined that the dog race tracks would not reopen until September 11, 1935, at which time they would be open for a period of forty days. Detective Sergeant W. J. Rainey of the Memphis Police Department, has in the past worked as a police officer at the tracks and probably will continue to do so in the future. He advised Agents that he had in his possession at all times Identification Orders on outstanding fugitives wanted by the Bureau but that none of them had to his knowledge appeared at the tracks in West Memphis. He assured Agents that he would continue to give this matter all possible attention and in the event any information of value was received, he would immediately report same.

Deputy Sheriff Culp likewise indicated that he would be glad to cooperate in any way possible and that he also would communicate any information he might receive. It might be stated that Deputy Sheriff Culp of West Memphis, is a very active and apparently efficient officer.

Special Agent R. P. Shanahan and this Agent thereafter made inquiry through the postmaster exhibiting the photograph of subject Karpis and were advised that he was unknown at the Post Office.

There are at this time thirty-one gasoline filling stations in West Memphis, Arkansas, and a photograph of Karpis was exhibited to employees of each station and it was determined that Karpis was not known to any of them.

As a point of information, West Memphis, Arkansas, is a very small community, probably less than two thousand inhabitants and there is no local police department there other than the Deputy Sheriffs.

With reference to the letter from the Oklahoma City Bureau office dated August 15, 1935, Postmaster C. H. Northcutt, Decatur, Arkansas, was contacted and he advised that he had no idea as to who might be communicating with Laura Lee Campbell from Decatur. He again viewed the photographs of subjects in this case and stated that he did not know any of them and had never seen any one resembling them in Decatur. He stated that no strangers have recently moved into the vicinity but that hundreds of tourists from Oklahoma pass through Decatur every summer. The address of Laura Lee Campbell was furnished Mr. Northcutt and he promised to observe the name in the mail in the future and to advise this office in the event he determined who was communicating with her.

Thereafter, Station Agent W. F. Hines, H. J. Kuebler, Cashier, Bank of Decatur, G. G. Lowell and G. E. Peterson, Real Estate Operators, were contacted and the photographs of the subjects in this case exhibited to them; however, none of them were able to furnish any information of value. Kuebler stated that Harry Campbell was known to him but that he had not seen him in a number of years and had no information



as to his probable whereabouts. He stated that several years ago, his bank was robbed and that he had gained considerable information about bank robbers and their operation in that section of the state. Mr. Kuebler appears to be very interested in this line of work and to be well informed about newspaper articles in which the names of the subjects of this case are mentioned. He promised to cooperate fully with this office in the event he received any information and the Identification Orders of Weaver and Karpis were left with him.

Decatur is located in Benton County, Arkansas, and has no law enforcement officials other than the Sheriff at Bentonville, Arkansas, whose Chief Deputy was interviewed at length regarding this case recently as set forth in the report of reference of the reporting Agent.

Identification Orders of subject Weaver and Karpis were forwarded to the Postal Authorities in the following counties in Arkansas:

Benton	Searcy
Washington	Marion
Crawford	Baxter
Franklin	Stone
Johnson	Izard
Madison	Fulton
Carroll	Sharp
Boone	Independence
Newton	Cleburne

They were requested to exhibit these photographs to all Postal employees including rural carriers and immediately notify this office in the event any information was received indicating the whereabouts of either of these individuals. No replies have as yet been received.

Pending.

Post Office Box 515,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota



August 23, 1935. AUG 27 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O. 1218, FUGITIVE, ET AL;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul File 7-30

With reference to my letter of August 21, 1935,  
addressed to the Chicago office with which I forwarded photo-  
graph of VOLNEY DAVIS taken in the Ramsey County Jail at St.  
Paul on June 4, 1935, I am transmitting, herewith, and to the  
Bureau with copy of this letter, copy of photograph of Subject  
HARRY SAWYER taken in the County Jail in St. Paul on August  
21, 1935. Three copies of the photograph are being retained  
in the St. Paul Office file of this case.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

August 22, 1935.

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Chief Clerk .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Edwards .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
Mr. Foxworth .....  
Mr. Harbo .....  
Mr. Joseph .....  
Mr. Keith .....  
Mr. Lester .....  
Mr. Quinn .....  
Mr. Scheidt .....  
Mr. Schilder .....  
Mr. Tamm .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Miss Gandy .....

Time - 10:35 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

I telephoned Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, who was at the Chicago Office, with reference to the teletype from the El Paso Office stating that Alvin Karpis, William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton have been identified as being at Jaurez some time ago. Mr. Connelley said that upon receiving this teletype in Chicago, he immediately forwarded to the El Paso Office a teletype stating that it was the opinion of Mr. Connelley the matter would have to be followed through now on the assumption that the information which had been received is correct; that there had been no other definite indentifications of these people as being in other parts of the country at the time they are alleged to have been in Jaurez. Mr. Connelley said that he rather doubted the veracity of this information, for the reason that he does not believe Karpis and Weaver will be together; that Weaver and Karpis do not get along together at all, stating that they split up while they were in the Bremer hideout, and again while in Toledo over Kate Barker.

I told Mr. Connelley that the Bureau is particularly concerned over the situation down there for the reason that if this matter breaks the Bureau doubts whether Mr. Colvin and the Agents he has available could handle the situation. I said Mr. Colvin has only two Agents at the El Paso Office, and those two are not particularly adapted to work of this type. In this connection, I advised Mr. Connelley that the Director had stated if Mr. Connelley thought it advisable, he was authorized to proceed to El Paso to check this matter.

Mr. Connelley, in this connection, said that the only doubt which would arise in his mind is the fact that he believes the setup where he is now is so much better than the information which is the subject of this discussion; that he wouldn't want to get so far away from the Chicago setup and then have it break, for the reason that he doubted if he would have time to return, even by airplane. I suggested, then, that Mr. Connelley might designate someone else to go down there and look this situation over. Mr. Connelley mentioned that since George W. Barrett has been removed from Cincinnati to Indianapolis, Mr. McKee of the Cincinnati Office might be available; that, however, he did not know, of course, whether the Bureau would want Mr. McKee to cover this particular situation.

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Mr. Connelley suggested that it might be well for him to call the El Paso Office and discuss this matter with Mr. Colvin, mentioning that he could see no reason why the Agents of the El Paso Office should not proceed to the vicinity of Jaurez and conduct appropriate investigation, rather than wait on any information which might be furnished by the informants. I concurred in this suggestion, and told Mr. Connelley to immediately call Mr. Colvin at the El Paso Office and discuss this situation with him, and see what definite information he has and what the possibilities are.

I suggested to Mr. Connelley that if the facts warrant, the Bureau would consider sending a couple of experienced men from one of the near-by offices into that vicinity to conduct the required investigation. Mr. Connelley said that he would call the Bureau immediately after talking with Mr. Colvin, so the Bureau might have the benefit of the facts in the possession of Mr. Colvin for use in determining whether or not additional Agents should be sent into that territory.

Time - 1:10 P.M.

Special Agent C. B. Winstead telephoned Mr. Foxworth from the El Paso Office with reference to the above matter, and requested Bureau authority to pay an informant \$5.00 a day for services starting tonight and continuing through Monday night, coming. He explained that this informant, a Mexican, has been living in El Paso for the past 20 years, but recently was deported; that he is back in the United States by suffrage to assist the El Paso Police Department in Mexican matters, acting as an informant and under-cover man for the police. This man is considered by the police to be one of the best informants for matters of this kind in that part of the country. This man is to be placed in a bar room and house of prostitution in Jaurez which is alleged to have been visited by the fugitive subjects in the above entitled case. It appears that the informant [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mr. Winstead said that he has made arrangements with the immigration officials whereby this informant can come to the international bridge there and call the El Paso office in the event of any developments.

Mr. Foxworth granted authority to pay this informant \$5.00 per day from tonight through Monday night, coming.

Respectfully,

  
E. A. TAMM.

Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
August 22, 1935



Mr. John J. Ryan,  
Superintendent,  
United States Detention Farm,  
Milan, Michigan.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, wa - FUGITIVE  
I. O. 1218; et al;  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith two letters, one addressed to Dolores DeLaney, postmarked at Chicago, Ill., August 18, 1935, bearing the return address of Mrs. Emily Newbold, 2840 N. Francisco, Chicago, Ill., and a letter written by Dolores DeLaney addressed to Mrs. Helen DeLaney, General Delivery, St. Paul, Minn.

The contents of these letters have been carefully scrutinized and appear to contain no information of value.

Thanking you for your interest and cooperation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

DLN:JJK  
Enc.  
cc-Bureau

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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**WEST VIRGINIA MASONIC HOME**

PARKERSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA

*Aug 24 1935*

*Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Washington D. C.  
Dear Sir: Would you please  
send me the description & photo  
of Simon Karpis.  
I hope you will  
soon have him as others  
in the post*

*Yours truly  
W. H. Hill*

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Mr. V. M. Hill,  
West Virginia Masonic Home,  
Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of August 24, 1935,  
in which you request this Bureau to furnish you with the  
personal description and photograph of Alvin Karpis.

For your information, Alvin Karpis is described as  
follows:

Age:	25 years (1930)
Height:	5 feet, 3 1/2 inches
Weight:	130 pounds
Build:	Slender
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Blue
Complexion:	Fair
Scars:	Cut scar below each jaw; cut scars on lobes of ears.

I am transmitting herewith one photograph of Alvin  
Karpis.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director,

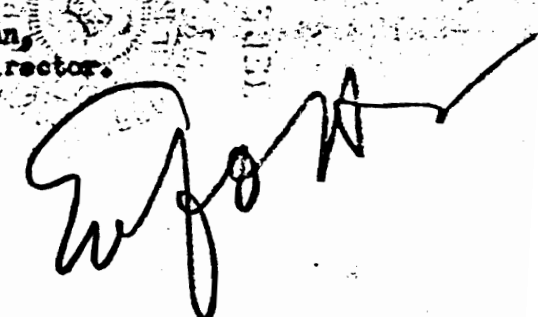
Harold Nathan,  
Assistant Director.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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

Dear Sir:

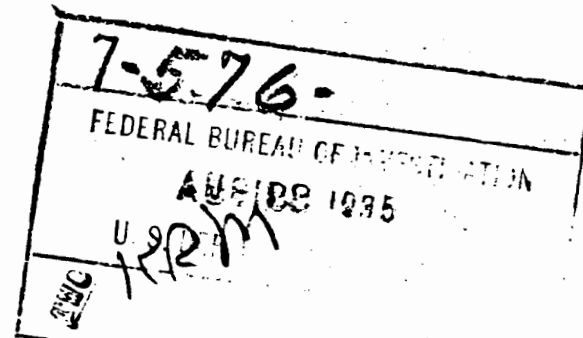
Referring to the letter from the Chicago Office to the St. Paul Office dated August 15, 1935, requesting photographs of various subjects in this case, there is transmitted herewith two photographs of Volney Davis, number 47101, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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cc-Cincinnati  
cc-St. Paul



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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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AUGUST 22, 1935.

DIRECTOR -

PHONE. BREND. PERSON BELIEVED TO BE IDENTICAL WITH  
INDIVIDUAL WHO TELEPHONED POSTAL TELEGRAPH COMPANY  
PHILADELPHIA YESTERDAY ENDEAVORING TO SEND MESSAGE TO  
YOU PERSONALLY TELEPHONED THIS OFFICE 3.44 PM DAYLIGHT  
SAVING TIME TODAY OSTENSIBLY FROM PHONE BOOTH STATING  
"THEY WOULDN'T TAKE MY TELEGRAM YESTERDAY. WELL I'M  
GOING DOWN TO GET HIM ANYWAY."

THIS INDIVIDUAL TALKED HASTILY IN AN EXCITED VOICE AND  
HUNG UP IMMEDIATELY AND I WAS UNABLE TO TRACE THE CALL.  
CONTINUING INVESTIGATION IN VIEW OF DETERMINING IDENTITY  
OF THIS INDIVIDUAL.

HARVEY

END

*George O. Bremer*

cc-Bureau

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Approved: *P. M. Hawley*  
Special Agent in Charge.

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TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases--FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O. 1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O. 1241; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER--VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING, HARBORING OF FUGITIVES, OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE, NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS:</b> Graham Paige coupe, bearing 1935, Florida license D-5088, located St. Louis, Mo. 7-29-35. Surveillance of William Kerin and John Russell Moran maintained and results set out herein. Investigation conducted and information obtained fails to indicate that subjects of this case are at present contacting these individuals and their associates in St. Louis. William J. Harrison, father of Willie Harrison, confined Missouri Pacific Hospital from 8-8-35 to 8-12-35; condition not serious and no indications that subject visited his father during this period. Clarence Coff, a known personal friend of Willie Harrison, [REDACTED] O. B. Tinsley, employee of Century Distilling Co., Peoria, Ill., a temporary business associate of Clarence Coff, advises that on 8-21-35 Clarence Coff, while intoxicated, informed him that his former friend, now wanted in connection with the Bremer Kidnaping, is hiding out in Cicero, Ill. with former friends. Harrison also reported to be contacting former associates living near Gary, Ind.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>P.</b></p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of Special Agent D. S. Hostetter, St. Louis, Missouri, dated July 26, 1935.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> <u>At St. Louis, Missouri</u></p> <p>On the afternoon of 7-29-35, a black, Graham Paige coupe, bearing 1935, Florida license D-5088, was observed parked and unoccupied near the</p>			
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intersection of Grand Boulevard and Maffitt Street, St. Louis, Mo.

In connection with this automobile, reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. H. Klett, Jacksonville, Florida, dated May 18, 1935, wherein it appears that 1935, Florida license D-5088 was issued to John R. Moran, 323 North East Seventeenth Street, Miami, Florida, for a Graham Paige coupe, motor number 1807523.

Further reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated 6-3-35, reporting the arrival and subsequent surveillance of William Kerin in Chicago, Ill., and reflecting that Kerin was driving, at that time, Graham Paige coupe, bearing 1935, Florida license D-5088.

Therefore, upon observing this automobile, it was presumed that Kerin was, in all probability, the driver of same, inasmuch as his associate, John Russell Moran, had, from time to time, been observed in St. Louis, Mo., driving a gray, Oldsmobile sedan, bearing 1935, Florida license D-9-350.

The Chicago Bureau office was telephonically informed in reference to the location in St. Louis, Mo. of the mentioned Graham Paige coupe, and Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd, of the Chicago Bureau office, at that time, advised that the surveillance of William Kerin in Chicago, Ill. had been recently discontinued, inasmuch as a confidential informant had been developed who was personally acquainted with William Kerin. The advisability of a surveillance of this automobile and Kerin was discussed with Special Agent in Charge Ladd, and it was agreed that the facts warranted a limited surveillance in order that the contacts of Kerin in St. Louis, Mo. might be determined.

In this connection it should be noted that report of reference reflects that Willie Harrison is alleged to have recently visited St. Louis, Mo. on two occasions, and consequently it appeared that a surveillance of Kerin might be productive of information concerning Harrison's prior or subsequent visits in St. Louis, Mo.

Special Agents G. A. Stevens, V. J. Wolfe and the writer proceeded to the intersection of Grand Boulevard and Maffitt Street in Agent Stevens' personally owned automobile, and from observation ascertained that the Graham Paige coupe had disappeared. Said automobile, however, was shortly thereafter observed parked and unoccupied at the Fairgrounds Hotel, 3644 Natural Bridge Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

In this connection, reference is made to a letter directed to the Cincinnati Bureau office on June 19, 1935 by Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli, of the St. Louis Bureau office, wherein it appears that Agents of the St. Louis office observed John Russell Moran as he left the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees Union, located at 4a South 8th St., St. Louis, Mo., at approximately 4:00 A.M., on June 17, 1935, in a gray, Oldsmobile sedan, bearing 1935, Florida license D-9-350, and thereafter tailed Moran as he drove the above



mentioned automobile to the Fairgrounds Hotel, located at 3644 Natural Bridge Ave., St. Louis, Mo., at which time Moran parked his automobile on the street directly behind a 1934, Dodge sedan, bearing 1935, Florida license 45-251, and thereafter entered the hotel.

Agents Stevens, Wolfe and the writer maintained a surveillance of the Graham Paige coupe at the Fairgrounds Hotel, and at midnight observed two individuals leave the hotel and proceed to a parked, 1935, green Oldsmobile sedan, bearing 1935, Missouri license 472-779. From observation, it was apparent that neither of these individuals were identical with any of the fugitives in instant case. These two men stopped near the green Oldsmobile and entered into a conversation for a few minutes, at which time the younger of the two, approximately twenty years of age, removed a package from the front seat of the said Oldsmobile and entered a part-black, 1934 Chevrolet sedan, bearing Missouri, 1935 license number 535-594, and thereafter drove west on Natural Bridge Ave. It was likewise noted that the remaining individual unlocked the Graham Paige coupe, bearing Florida license D-5088, and drove hurriedly east on Natural Bridge Ave. A description of this individual, as obtained from this and subsequent observations of him, is as follows:

Age:	35 to 40
Height:	5' 10" to 11"
Weight:	170
Build:	Medium
Complexion:	Light
Hair:	Brown

Therefore, under the circumstances, it would appear that this individual is William Kerin, and consequently hereinafter he will be referred to as Kerin.

Upon leaving the hotel, Kerin drove to 4a S. 8th St., parked the Graham Paige coupe and entered the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees Union at said address, where he remained until 3:00 A.M. on 7-30-35, at which time he was observed as he departed and returned to the Fairgrounds Hotel.

In this connection it should be noted that the St. Louis Bureau office has maintained a limited surveillance of John Russell Moran and William Kerin and thereby ascertained that both of these individuals frequent the same spots and associate with the same individuals. Their known contacts and possible connections in St. Louis, Mo. will be hereinafter jointly enumerated; however, details as to unproductive surveillances conducted by Agents of the St. Louis Bureau office are not included herein.

Special Agents J. S. Bush and H. A. Loughran at approximately 5:00 P.M. on 7-30-35 observed Kerin as he left the Fairgrounds Hotel and entered the Graham Paige coupe, and these agents thereafter tailed this automobile to 4004 Marcus Ave., St. Louis, Mo., and noticed Kerin as he parked this automobile and entered



the bungalow located at said address. Shortly thereafter they observed a Dodge Brougham, bearing 1935, Florida license 45-251, as it appeared and was parked in the rear of the Graham Paige coupe, and they noticed that the driver of this automobile also entered the residence at 4004 Marcus Ave. A description of the driver of this Dodge automobile, as obtained by these agents from observation, is as follows:

Age:	38
Height:	5' 8"
Weight:	200
Build:	Heavy
Complexion:	Fair
Hair:	Brown

Shortly thereafter Kerin and the driver of the Dodge automobile, now identified as Joseph Finnegan, re-appeared, and after exchanging ignition keys, Kerin returned to the Fairgrounds Hotel in the Dodge Brougham, and Joseph Finnegan departed in the Graham Paige coupe and was tailed to the Municipal Free Bridge leading from St. Louis, Mo. to the State of Illinois.

In this connection it should be noted that the above mentioned Dodge automobile is identical with the Dodge automobile heretofore mentioned which was observed parked at the Fairgrounds Hotel on June 17, 1935 during a surveillance of John Russell Moran.

It should be noted that during the afore-mentioned surveillance, five men were observed in a Ford V8 sedan or coach, bearing 1935 Florida license D-25-966. These individuals from observation did not contact Moran, Kerin or Finnegan; however, their presence in the vicinity in the early morning did arouse suspicion, and it is possible that they contemplated contacting one of these individuals; however, said car disappeared at that time, and has not been observed since that date.

An examination of the St. Louis City Directory reflects that Joseph Finnegan and his wife, Marcella, reside at 4004 Marcus Ave.

Mr. H. O. Nouss, Special Agent, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, advised that an unlisted telephone, namely Colfax 2326, was operating at 4004 Marcus Ave. in the name of Marcella Finnegan, and that the subscriber had specifically requested that no information be furnished concerning said telephone.

The Jacksonville Bureau office on 7-30-35 was telegraphically requested to ascertain the type of car and party to whom 1935, Florida license 45-251 was issued, and on 7-31-35 the St. Louis office was advised by teletype that said license was issued to Jos. D. Finnegan, Ambassador Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, for Dodge Brougham, motor number 58944, and that Florida title had been issued to the same person.

In addition to the above teletype, Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt

advised the St. Louis Bureau office by letter, dated 7-31-35, that the Chicago Bureau office had made a similar inquiry on 4-22-35 concerning this automobile and was, at that time, informed, in addition to the requested information, that Joseph Finnegan was reputed to be an acquaintance of Willie Harrison but not a present associate.

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advised that Joseph Finnegan was supposedly a past manager of the 225 East Superior Club, located at 225 East Superior Street, in Chicago, Illinois; that Finnegan is alleged to have arrived in St. Louis, Mo. during October of 1933 and was thereafter employed as one of the managers of the Mounds Country Club near East St. Louis, Ill.

An examination of the St. Louis Police Department records revealed that on 12-15-33 Mr. Jack Stahl, Post Office Inspector, Chicago, Ill., reported that on 12-6-32 a group of individuals wearing masks held up and robbed letter carrier Fred Voalsh, of the Chicago, Ill. Post Office, and that many of the bonds stolen in this robbery were subsequently traced to one Joe Finnegan, who, at that time, it was reported, had left Chicago, Ill. for St. Louis, Mo.

An examination of the St. Louis City Directory reveals that Joseph H. Beasley, United States Post Office employee resides at 4006 Marcus Ave., and it is believed that this individual might in the future be a source of reliable information concerning Finnegan and his present associates; however, this individual, to date, has not been interviewed, but will subsequently be contacted with a view of obtaining the above mentioned assistance.

Mr. W. L. Noah, Post Office Inspector in Charge, St. Louis, Mo., searched his postal files, but was unable to furnish information concerning Joseph Finnegan. He did, however, advise that Joseph H. Beasley, 4006 Marcus Ave., was a respectable, retired stamp clerk of the U. S. Post Office at St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. Noah, upon being requested, placed a thirty day cover on all mail subsequently delivered to 4004 Marcus Ave., and advised he would furnish the St. Louis Bureau office with any tracings which might be received as a result of this cover.

Mr. Jack Stahl, Post Office Inspector, Chicago, Ill., appeared in the St. Louis Bureau office at the suggestion of Post Office Inspector in Charge W. L. Noah, and advised that Joseph Finnegan formerly resided in Chicago, Ill., and associated with Gus Winkler, Charles J. Fitzgerald and other hoodlums in the Capone Syndicate. He stated that Finnegan was implicated in the disposal of securities obtained in a robbery of a letter carrier in Chicago, Ill., and that Finnegan was subsequently arrested in Miami, Florida and returned to Chicago, Ill., where he was later released because of insufficient evidence. Mr. Stahl further advised that Finnegan was one of the pall bearers at Gus Winkler's funeral

and boasted, at that time, that he intended to assume control of the Capone Syndicate. Mr. Stahl further advised that Finnegan was now recognized as one of the best crap men in the country, and was probably not associating or interested in other criminal endeavors; however, his association in Chicago, Ill. with the Capone Mob indicated that members of that Syndicate and their hoodlum associates would not hesitate to contact Finnegan, and that Finnegan would undoubtedly harbor and assist them.

In this connection reference is made to a letter directed to the St. Louis Bureau office on August 6, 1935 by Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd, of the Chicago Bureau office, wherein it appears that identical information in reference to Joseph Finnegan was supplied by Post Office Inspector McCarthy at Chicago, Ill.

With reference to automobiles heretofore mentioned in this report, it should be noted that inquiries at the Missouri Auto license bureau, 1701 Chestnut St., St. Louis, revealed that 1935, Missouri license 472-779 was issued to William Mathis, 2711 Arlington Ave., St. Louis, Mo., for a 1935, Oldsmobile sedan.

These records also indicate that 1935, Missouri license 535-594 was issued to F. Stanek, Sr., Troy, Mo., for a 1934, Chevrolet sedan.

In reference to the identity of the owners of the above mentioned automobiles, it has been ascertained that William Mathis resides at 2711 Arlington Ave., and owns a 1935, Green, Oldsmobile; however, additional investigation concerning the owners of these two automobiles has not been conducted to date, but suitable inquiries will be made in the near future in this regard.

It should be noted in reference to the Mounds Country Club that a number of the Agents of the St. Louis Bureau office have visited this Club recently on different occasions, but from observation have been unable to obtain information concerning the subjects in instant case.

Detective Gus Manns, East St. Louis Police Department, a reliable contact of the St. Louis Bureau office, furnished the following information concerning the ownership and management of the Mounds Country Club, after making as many inquiries as he deemed advisable under the circumstances. He stated that Harry Murdock is the owner of this club, and is reported to be now vacationing at his summer club in Garden, Wis. Manns further advised that Murdock associates with, employs and assists criminals, and would not under any circumstances furnish reliable information to a representative of this Bureau. Manns further advised that Ed Pohlmann and Harry Murdock were partners in the following business establishments in East St. Louis, Ill.:

- A saloon at Fifth and Missouri Streets.
- A wholesale beer distributing establishment, 55th and St. Clair Ave.
- A wholesale liquor store, 431 Missouri Ave.

He then related that Pohlmann owns a club at Lake Bass, Henderson County, Illinois, near Burlington, Iowa, and that this individual's past reputation indicates that he would assist any criminal, even to the extent of furnishing his club as a hide out while "the heat was on".

In this connection reference is made to the report of Special Agent F. F. Yearsley, St. Louis, Mo., dated 8-19-33, in the case now entitled VIVIAN CHASE, with aliases--FUGITIVE, et al; AUGUST LUER--VICTIM; KIDNAPING, wherein it appears that Harry Murdock, who operated a slot machine racket in Madison County, Ill., is a close friend of many of the subjects in said case, particularly Norvell, and further that Murdock met these kidnapers at the Mounds Country Club after the victim, August Luer, was released.

Said report also reflects that Norma Vaughn, a prostitute, and the mistress of Walter O'Malley, wrote a note, while in jail at Murphysboro, Ill., to her relatives, requesting them to contact Ed Pohlmann for her assistance.

Detective Gus Manns further advised that William P. "Bow Wow" McQuillan was in charge of all gambling operations at the Mounds Country Club, and in that respect indirectly employed Joseph Finnegan. He further stated that McQuillan had been a reported dealer in dope for a number of years, and was unreliable in every respect. Detective Gus Manns then advised that Jack Langer is the actual manager of the Mounds Country Club; that he has charge of the bar, dining room and musical entertainment. In this respect reference is made to a letter addressed to the Chicago Bureau office on 11-21-34 by Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli, wherein it appears that Clarence Coff and Willie Harrison, during October of 1934, visited the Kit Kat Night Club, located in the Missouri Hotel, St. Louis, Mo., and while at this club, Harrison was met by four or five other men who were supposedly unknown to Coff. This letter also reflects that Jack Langer, proprietor of the Kit Kat Night Club, admitted he was acquainted with Willie Harrison and Clarence Coff, and recalled that Harrison had visited his club several times during the year 1934; however, Langer failed to identify any of the individuals who accompanied Harrison on the occasion in question.

[REDACTED] b7d advised that Jack Langer was formerly connected with the Williams Hotel, 14th and Broadway, and the St. Regis Restaurant, 1416 South 16th St., both in New York City; that his father, Abraham, and brother, Victor, supposedly now reside in New York City. [REDACTED] further advised that Langer, during 1931, leased the Kit Kat Night Club at the Missouri Hotel for a period of five years, and further that Langer was formerly and is now employed as the manager of the Mounds Country Club near East St. Louis, Ill.

In connection with the Missouri Hotel, it should be noted that the former owners were recently forced into receivership, and that said hotel is now known as the DeSoto Hotel, and is located at 1014 Locust Street.



By inquiry it was determined that Jack Langer and his wife now reside at the DeSoto Hotel.

An examination of the records at the St. Louis Police Department revealed that Jack Langer was arrested in Room 810 of the Maryland Hotel, at Ninth and Pine Streets, St. Louis, Mo., on 8-15-30. Langer was at that time described as 35 years of age, born in New York, married, occupation manager. Langer at the time of his arrest had the following property in his possession:

Two 351 calibre Winchester repeating rifles, No. 44592 and No. 44463.  
One U. S. Army model, 45 calibre pistol, No. 504539.  
One Smith and Wesson, 38 calibre revolver, No. 21837.  
One Colt, 32.20 calibre revolver, No. 381453.  
One Colt, 38 calibre revolver, 2" barrel, No. 376824.  
One Fountain pen shaped gas gun.  
One black leather case for the above mentioned guns.

The above report further reflects that there was also found in Langer's possession a commission as Special Policeman, issued by the East St. Louis Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, dated 7-11-30. This record further indicates that Langer furnished bond in the amount of \$2,000.00 on 8-15-30, after being charged with possession of unregistered guns, and that he was subsequently discharged without prosecution on 11-8-30.

Further reference is now made to the surveillance of William Kerin and the Graham Paige coupe in his possession. Special Agent T. S. Ferguson at approximately 10:15 P.M., on 7-30-35, observed Kerin as he parked the above mentioned automobile at 4a S. 8th St., and entered the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees Union, and later, at approximately 11:00 P.M., this Agent, in his personally owned automobile followed Kerin in the Graham Paige coupe to the Fairgrounds Hotel and observed him as he parked said automobile and entered the hotel. Special Agents R. H. Redmond and H. A. Loughran, at approximately 1:00 A.M., on 7-31-35, noticed an individual, believed by them to be either Kerin or Moran, enter the Graham Paige coupe, and these agents thereafter followed said automobile to a parking lot in the rear of a four section apartment located in the 3500 block on Fair Ave. These agents were not able to determine the exact section of this apartment that this individual entered without arousing suspicion; however, it is believed that he entered either 3525 or 3527 Fair Ave. A surveillance was maintained at this address until 3:00 A.M. on 7-31-35, and at that time was discontinued, inasmuch as it appeared that the driver of this automobile intended to remain the rest of the night at the address which he was then visiting.

In connection with this four section apartment located in the 3500 block of Fair Ave., it should be noted that investigation conducted in that vicinity revealed that these four sections were numbered as follows: 3521, 3523, 3525, 3527. An examination of the mail boxes with names attached, as appearing in each section,

reflected a group of names which were later checked with the St. Louis City Directory for the year 1935, and it was by this means determined that the renters of these apartments had been undoubtedly located in their respective apartments for a considerable period of time. A further check was made in the 1935 St. Louis City Directory and it was thereby ascertained that George C. Kaufmann, Custodian, Federal Reserve Bank, St. Louis, Mo., lived in one of the apartments at 3521 Fair Ave. Likewise, Arthur C. Schrewe, St. Louis City Policeman, lived in one of the apartments at 3523 Fair Ave. Likewise, Theo R. Morrison, St. Louis City Policeman, lived in one of the apartments at 2523 Fair Ave. Likewise, Russell A. Schraeder, St. Louis City Policeman, resided at 3527 Fair Ave. The names of the above individuals are included in this report for assistance in a subsequent investigation which will be conducted by the St. Louis Bureau office for the purpose of definitely ascertaining who the individual driving the Graham Paige coupe contacted on the morning of 7-31-35.

Mr. W. F. Krueger, U. S. Postal Carrier, assigned to the Natural Bridge Branch Post Office, advised that he served the entire 3500 block on Fair Ave; that the individuals who resided in the four section apartment in question had been living there for a considerable period of time and that he was personally acquainted with a number of them. He advised that Mrs. Pierce E. Bishop, 3527 section was manager for the entire apartment. Photographs of fugitive subjects in instant case were exhibited to Mr. Krueger, and he advised that he was certain that none of the renters in the apartments in question were identical with any of the individuals whose likenesses appeared on the photographs presented to him.

Detective Jim Shannon, a reliable officer of the St. Louis Police Department, advised that he resided at the Fairgrounds Hotel, 3644 Natural Bridge Ave. He stated that Mr. H. G. Worley, a former manager of the Claridge Hotel, 18th and Locust Streets, St. Louis, Mo., was the present manager of the Fairgrounds Hotel, and if sober was reliable; however, because of his liquor habit, it was usually impossible to contact him, and due to the same cause the hotel was operated in a very hap-hazard manner. Detective Shannon further stated that Mr. R. G. Ballard was auditor, but suggested that Mr. S. C. Mulligan, one of the clerks, be contacted for any information desired.

Mr. S. C. Mulligan, clerk, Fairgrounds Hotel, allowed an examination of the registration cards for the month of June and July, 1935, and said cards failed to reflect any information concerning William Kerin or John Russell Moran. He advised that he had never heard of either of these individuals and does not remember any inquiries being made in person or by phone concerning said men.

In this connection it is now stated that similar inquiries were formerly made at this hotel concerning John Russell Moran, at which time his photograph was presented to each bell-hop and maid in the employment of this hotel. At that time particular reference was made to individuals who remained in their room as late as noon, inasmuch as it is believed the maids should be in a position to possibly



identify the photograph of John Russell Moran; however, it should be noted that these past and present inquiries were all unproductive of information, and it was apparent that the employees were not attempting to assist in instant investigation. In view of the above circumstances, and the additional fact that Kerin and Moran are not subject in instant case, it was believed inadvisable to make further inquiries; however, Special Agent R. H. Redmond moved to the Fairgrounds Hotel without disclosing his identity, and submitted the following memorandum of his observations at the Fairgrounds Hotel after office hours:

Neither William Kerin nor his Graham Paige coupe, bearing 1935, Florida license D-5088, were observed from 8:00 P.M. to 12:00 P.M. on 7-31-35. At 8:00 A.M. on 8-1-35, the above mentioned Graham Paige automobile was observed parked in the rear of 3327 Fair Ave., approximately in the same location at which it was observed on the night of 7-30-35. William Kerin appeared at the Fairgrounds Hotel at 9:00 P.M. on 8-1-35, at which time he was alone and did not speak to anyone, going directly to the elevator and upstairs.

On the morning of 8-2-35, the afore-mentioned Graham Paige coupe was observed parked in front of the Fairgrounds Hotel; however, Kerin failed to appear during the evening on this date.

On 8-3-35, the above mentioned automobile was observed parked in front of the Fairgrounds Hotel, but William Kerin was not seen.

Said Graham Paige automobile, on 8-4-35, was observed parked in front of the Fairgrounds Hotel during the morning. At approximately 1:00 P.M. an individual came out of the hotel who closely resembled John Babs Moran. He was about 35-40 years of age; 5' 10"; 160 pounds; medium build; ruddy complexion; brown hair; pointed nose which appeared to have been broken; he was smooth shaven, and was, at that time, wearing rimless glasses. This individual spoke to a young couple in front of the hotel, and the three of them, together with a six to eight months old baby entered the Graham Paige coupe and drove away in an easterly direction down Natural Bridge Ave. A description of the couple is as follows:

	<u>Man</u>	<u>Woman</u>
Age	About 35	About 30
Height	5' 10"	5' 6"
Weight	175	125
Build	Medium stout	Medium
Hair	Black	Light brown
Complexion	Dark; smooth shaven	Light

The above mentioned individuals returned about twenty minutes later, the couple getting out and going into the hotel, and the man believed to be Moran continued west on Natural Bridge Ave. in the Graham Paige coupe.

On the morning of 8-5-35 the above mentioned Graham Paige coupe was observed parked in front of the Fairgrounds Hotel.

During the above dates, no one resembling any of the subjects of this case was seen. The Graham Paige coupe with 1935, Florida license D-5088 was the only automobile bearing Florida license observed in that vicinity.

Previous and present investigation by the St. Louis Bureau Office reflects that John Russell Moran and William Kerin frequently visit the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and Motion Picture Machine Operators, located at 4a S. 8th St., St. Louis, Mo.

It would appear that this union is becoming the headquarters for supposedly big shot hoodlums. Consequently the following investigation was conducted for possible future assistance.

In this connection Detective George Upton, St. Louis Police Department, a personal friend of the writer, advised that his brother, LeRoy Upton, 4125 Fair Ave., was a member of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and would gladly furnish confidentially any information in his possession.

LeRoy Upton, 4125 Fair Ave., advised that George E. Browne is the President of the I.A.T.S.E. and the M.P.M.O. union with office headquarters in the Earle Theatre Building, Washington, D. C. He further stated that John P. Nick lives with his mistress at 2941 Russell Ave., St. Louis, Mo., and is business manager of the I.A.T.S.E. located at 4a S. 8th St., St. Louis, Mo. He further stated that John Nick was one of the international vice-presidents of this union, and as business manager was in complete control of the local organization in St. Louis.

Both George and LeRoy Upton then furnished the following information concerning present associates of John P. Nick. They advised that a few years ago Dinty Colbeck was a leader of the Colbeck Gangsters in St. Louis, Mo.; that John Dougherty, now a Justice of the Peace in St. Louis, was then a chauffeur for Colbeck and his associate, Willie Egan; that Colbeck was shot in Willie Egan's saloon, and thereafter Egan controlled the above mentioned gangsters, and this mob became known as the Egan Rats. They further advised that during this time John Russell Moran, alias Babs Moran, and John Coughlin, were younger members of the Egan Rats in St. Louis; that Babs Moran left St. Louis and joined Gus Winkler in Chicago, Ill., and since that date has been considered by reputation, more or less, of a dangerous gangster of the executionary and spot murder type. In reference to John Coughlin, they advised that this individual repeatedly boasted of his disrespect for law and order and declared that his one ambition was to become a second Gus Winkler. They further stated that Coughlin married a woman of ill repute, who, at that time, operated a notorious club at Herrin, Ill., and was an alleged contact for the Shelton Gangsters of East St. Louis, Ill. The Upton brothers recalled that this woman was with Mrs. Gus Winkler when Gus Winkler was killed in a spot murder

in Chicago, Ill.; they further advised that Babs Moran was arrested by the Sheriff's office at Clayton, Mo. during August of 1934 and charged with murdering a State Witness in the Kelley Kidnaping Case. This murder, it should be noted, took place on the front porch of the deputy sheriff's home at Clayton, Mo. They further advised that John Dougherty and John Coughlin prevailed upon John Nick to become bondsman for Babs Moran and thereby effect his release. It should be noted that the records of the Clerk of Court, St. Louis County, Clayton, Mo., reflect that John Nick and Clara Nick are sureties on a \$20,000.00 bond furnished in that case on behalf of John Russell Moran; they further advised that John Coughlin is now employed as a cashier and body guard for O. T. Stevens, the owner of a gambling resort near Denver, Colorado. They advised that Coughlin is reported to be receiving \$250.00 a week and is also alleged to be heavily armed at all times. In this connection they stated that John Nick is a deputy game warden in Missouri, and with this commission he is also armed at all times.

They then related that a few years ago a national convention of the above mentioned union was held in Louisville, Kentucky, at which time John P. Nick was opposed by Thomas Malloy and George E. Browne for re-election, but due to the strong-arm tactics of Milford Jones and John Coughlin, together with a telephone call from Gus Winkler from Chicago, Ill., it was then decided that said opposition would be withdrawn; however, a few days later Milford Jones was killed in a spot murder in Detroit, Mich. George Upton then suggested that it was his opinion that each union leader attended the national convention with all of the friendly gangsters from his home community, in order that he might be assured of re-election. LeRoy Upton advised, however, that George E. Browne, John P. Nick and Thomas Malloy were reported to be on friendly terms prior to the spot murder of Malloy at Chicago, Ill. He further stated that Harry Murdock, Ed Pohlmann and "Bow Wow" McQuillian frequently visited the club room of said union at 4a S. 8th St. Upton furnished a diagram of said club which is being retained in the files of the St. Louis Bureau office for future reference in the event information is subsequently received indicating that subjects of this case are being harbored at that address.

These brothers further advised that John Dougherty was a Justice of the Peace in St. Louis, Mo. and used his constables to enforce all jurisdictional questions which effected the above mentioned union, but that John Nick became alarmed when Malloy was killed in Chicago, Ill., and consequently imported Babs Moran as a body guard for protection. They advised that John Schroeder, 2705a Wyoming Ave., was a member of this union who had been recently disbarred, and would, in all probability, furnish information concerning individuals who are now employed by John Nick for protection. The above brothers further stated that John P. Nick had three brothers, Joseph Nick, Walter Nick and William Nick, all of whom were members of said union, and also alleged members of a dope ring operating in St. Louis, Mo. under the supposed direction of "Bow Wow" McQuillian. These three brothers live with the common-law wives at 3838a and 3840a Olive St., St. Louis, and are reported to be common pimps and dope peddlers.

John Schroeder, 2705a Wyomung Ave., after repeating a great portion of the above information, advised that Babs Moran was a body guard for John Nick; that Moran, when in St. Louis, made his home with either John Nick or John Dougherty, and on some few occasions lived at the Fairgrounds Hotel. He stated that Joe Shreeshan, a straw owner, was opening the Riverview Country Club, near the Chain of Rocks Bridge, St. Louis, Mo., and that Moran was to be employed in some capacity at this Club. Schroeder then furnished a list of the 159 legitimate members of the I.A.T.S.E. Union, and also furnished the names of individuals given union employment by John Nick for the purpose of protection, even though said individuals were not members of the local organization. The first mentioned list is being retained in the files of the St. Louis Bureau Office for future reference. The names appearing on the second mentioned list are included in this report for information:

Whitey Duncan.  
Tony Camerata.  
H. MacGill.  
Gay Bartholomew, alias Dago Gay.  
Walter Franks, alias Frank Jacobs, alias Sawdust.  
Sam Schneider, alias Friday.  
Dan O'Connell.

Schroeder further stated that Leo Scharfenberg, one of the unreliable members of the Union, has a \$6,500.00 summer cottage, located about 100 miles from St. Louis, and that John Nick and his associates frequently visit this club. He stated that said club would serve as an excellent hideout and could be reached by driving on highway 66 to Cooperville, Mo., and then on highway 50. The club, according to Schroeder, was supposed to be located in the vicinity of the end of highway 50.

Photographs of the fugitives in instant case were displayed to George Upton, LeRoy Upton and John Schroeder, but these individuals were unable to identify any of said fugitives as visitors at the afore-mentioned union. They stated, however, that for the past eight months they had only visited the Union headquarters occasionally, advising, however, that they were in constant contact with other reliable members of this union, and would report to the St. Louis Bureau office any information which they might subsequently receive concerning the arrival of any suspicious individuals. b7d

[REDACTED] advised that John Dougherty and his wife, Ann, reside at 4318 North Randall Place; that Dougherty was a Justice of the Peace, with offices at 2200 St. Louis Ave.; that he operated a saloon at 626 N. 9th St., St. Louis, Mo., prior to being elected to his present office.

It should be noted that Detective Sergeant Al Bean, of the St. Louis Police Department, recently stated during a discussion of other matters that Babs Moran was to be employed in some capacity at the Riverview Country Club, near St.



Louis, Mo. This, to some extent verifies previous information set out in this report concerning Moran's connection with this club, and an investigation will be conducted in this respect in the near future by the St. Louis Bureau office. b7c b7d

On 8-9-35 [redacted] confidential informant, advised that William J. Harrison, the father of Willie Harrison, had been taken to the Missouri Pacific Hospital on the previous day. He stated that he was not aware of Mr. Harrison's present ailments; but was of the opinion that because of his age, 82, his condition might be serious. He further advised that George Daskalos had recently moved and was now living in a delicatessen store which he had purchased in the vicinity of the Harrison home, at the corner of Arco and Taylor Streets. [redacted] contended that he had contacted George Daskalos on a number of occasions with reference to Daskalos' previously reported statement to the effect that Harrison had recently visited St. Louis. [redacted] mentioned that Daskalos was a cripple and undoubtedly any information he possessed would have been supplied to him by one of the Harrison brothers. [redacted] further stated that in any event he had been unable to obtain any further information from Daskalos in this connection. He stated that he had recently noticed an article in the Startling Detective Magazine, wherein a picture of Harrison appeared, said picture being similar to the one appearing on I.O. 1238, and he decided to begin a conversation with Daskalos by showing him this photograph. [redacted] further stated that he approached Daskalos, who has been acquainted with Harrison for approximately fifteen years, and displayed the photograph of Willie Harrison, at which time Daskalos apparently failed to recognize any similarity between this photograph and Willie Harrison. [redacted] advised that the conversation that followed between Daskalos and himself was unproductive of information.

It should be noted that Asst. Chief Special Agent Weinbrenner, of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, who has previously assisted in instant case, is now deceased, and consequently Special Agent J. V. Fenaja, of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, was contacted, and he agreed to assist and render cooperation desired. Accompanied by Mr. Fenaja, the following investigation was conducted at the Missouri Pacific Hospital.

Mrs. G. M. Ferguson, General Secretary of the said hospital, advised that William J. Harrison was admitted to the hospital as a patient on 8-8-35, and was assigned room 426. She stated that Harrison was not seriously ill, but was only resting at the expense of the railroad, inasmuch as he was a retired, pensioned employee. She stated that she would report Mr. Harrison's condition to the St. Louis Bureau Office daily, and, in addition thereto, report immediately any condition of Mr. Harrison's which might appear serious. Mrs. E. MacNicol, Superintendent of Nurses, was furnished two photographs of Willie Harrison, and she agreed to supply each nurse that was in charge of the fourth floor with one of these photographs. On the morning of 8-13-35 Mrs. Ferguson telephonically advised the St. Louis Bureau Office that William J. Harrison had been discharged from the Missouri Pacific Hospital, in order that he might return to his home. She stated that his condition had been improved and that there was no indication that his ailments were of a serious nature.

As a matter of future reference, the following information concerning the Missouri Pacific Hospital is now included in this report for assistance in the event a subsequent surveillance of said hospital should be necessary. Visiting hours at the Missouri Pacific Hospital are from 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M., 2:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M., and 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. After 9:00 P.M. all the doors, with the exception of the front entrance, are locked. After twelve o'clock midnight and until 6:00 A.M. it is impossible to gain entrance into the said hospital. b7c b7d

Reference is now made to information previously furnished by [REDACTED] confidential informant of the St. Louis Bureau Office, which indicates that there is a possibility that Willie Harrison has, or will, contact his brother, Elmer Harrison, at the Algonquin Country Club, which is located on the outskirts of Webster Groves, Mo., a suburb of St. Louis, Mo. The following memorandum has been submitted by Special Agent W. M. Ward, who, it should be noted, is a resident of Webster Groves, Mo.:

The Algonquin Country Club is an exclusive and private club, located on Berry Road, a short distance north of Berry and Lockwood, Webster Groves, Mo. On August 6, 1935 a golf match was scheduled to take place at the Algonquin Country Club and a large crowd was anticipated, and therefore it was deemed advisable to visit the club at this time, inasmuch as the grounds would be more or less open to the public. During Agent's presence at the club, Clarence Coff was observed watching the golf match. Agent has known Clarence Coff for at least five years, having been introduced to him when he was a golf professional at the Westborough Country Club, located on Berry Road, about a mile south of the Algonquin Country Club. Clarence Coff on this occasion walked over to agent and after greeting him with a few brief remarks stated that some time ago he had been questioned by Agents of the St. Louis Bureau Office with reference to the whereabouts of Willie Harrison. Coff admitted that he formerly associated with Harrison, and stated that he had been unable to furnish, at the time that he had been questioned, any definite information as to the whereabouts of Harrison. He stated that since having been questioned he had not ascertained any further information, but that in the event he received any such information, he would communicate same to agent or to the St. Louis Bureau Office. However, it is believed that it is very doubtful whether or not Coff will so transmit any such information. Coff stated that while he could not furnish any information as to Willie Harrison's present whereabouts, it was possible that Lee Turner, who was an associate of the crowd that hung out with Willie Harrison, was now in St. Louis. Coff further stated that a girl who knew Willie Harrison in Chicago, and who had likewise been acquainted with him, when he was in Chicago, had been calling him, Clarence Coff, and asking him numerous questions in regard to Willie Harrison's present whereabouts.

During the above mentioned time, Coff was accompanied by Mr. Griffith, an official of the Crystal Water Co. It should be noted that Agent did not question Coff as to Harrison's whereabouts, and that any statements made by Coff were volunteered.



As a matter of information, it should be noted that Clarence Coff, who formerly resided at 4373 West Papin St., has moved and that he is at present living at 5421 Milentz; that his telephone number is Flanders 4079.

Roy Hummel, St. Louis Independent Packing Company, 3815 Chouteau Av., advised that he was thirty-two years of age, and was, approximately twelve years ago, acquainted with Willie Harrison. He stated that Harrison was a golf professional and chauffeur in St. Louis, Mo., prior to his departure for Chicago, Ill. He recalled that Harrison, at one time, acted as chauffeur for the Sterns-Knight Dealer in St. Louis, Mo., and was also, at that time, friendly with Mack Sporling, who is now a chauffeur for Waldheim, a partner in the St. Louis firm of Waldheim & Platt, pawn brokers. Hummel further advised that he was <sup>not</sup> acquainted with the exact circumstances surrounding Harrison's departure for Chicago, Ill., but understood that he was to manage an indoor golf driving concession during the winter and act as a professional at an unknown golf club during the golf season. He further stated that he received information indicating that Harrison was in Chicago, Illinois approximately five years ago, but since that date Harrison's location, so far as he is concerned, has been unknown. He advised that he was acquainted with the Harrison brothers, and considered them reliable, but suggested that Clarence Coff had been in the past and was now, in all probability, Willie Harrison's closest friend. He re-iterated information which has been heretofore furnished by Coff or by other individuals concerning him.

In this connection it should be noted that the writer interviewed [redacted] confidential informant, on 8-11-35 and was advised by her that she had arranged to meet Clarence Coff on the following morning, at which time she intended to ascertain Willie Harrison's present whereabouts. b7c b7d

On the evening of 8-12-35 an individual telephonically communicated with the St. Louis Bureau Office and advised Special Agent C. M. Tyner that there was a possibility that he was in contact with a person in St. Louis who had been a former associate of one of the Bremer kidnapers. Agent Tyner suggested that this individual proceed to the St. Louis Bureau Office and personally furnish any information in his possession, and shortly thereafter a man, who introduced himself as O. B. Tinsley, appeared and stated that he was employed by the Century Distilling Co., of Peoria, Ill.; that at present he was living in Room 821 at the Majestic Hotel, St. Louis, Mo., and assisting the salesman of the Crystal Water Co. He then advised that approximately three days ago he became acquainted with Clarence Coff, a salesman for the Crystal Water Co., and that on instant date he accompanied and assisted Coff in contacting his customers in St. Louis, Mo., and that during the morning of this date in question, Coff requested him to remain at the Mayfair Hotel while he contacted a girl friend at a nearby garage. Tinsley advised that Coff, upon his return was noticeably angry and continued in that state of mind during the remainder of the day. He advised that Coff informed him that he had had a conversation with a girl [redacted]; that this girl was now attempting to put his friend on the spot. Upon being questioned, Clarence Coff informed Mr. Tinsley that his friend from Chicago was one of the Bremer kidnapers who had, to date, not been captured. In this connection Mr. Tinsley advised that

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Coff informed him [redacted] had questioned him, Clarence Coff, in the presence of a Federal Agent and had made particular reference to a \$500 bill which he, Clarence Coff, had changed for this criminal in St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Tinsley further advised that Coff did not mention the name of his criminal associate, and neither did he mention the name of the girl. He did, however, point, on one occasion, [redacted] and remark that the girl in question was employed at [redacted] and that when his friend returned to St. Louis, Mo., she would, in all probability, be taken for a ride. Tinsley further advised that he questioned Clarence Coff as to whether the statement as to his having changed a \$500 bill was correct, at which time Coff informed him that it was, but that the Federal Government would have a number of obstacles to overcome before proving that fact.

It should be noted that Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli and the writer subsequently re-interviewed O. B. Tinsley, at which time he re-iterated the statements previously made by him, and it should be likewise noted that at no time was he informed concerning any facts in this case. The name of Clarence Coff's criminal associate and the St. Louis Bureau Office informant were not mentioned, but Mr. Tinsley was informed that the information furnished by him was important, and that any further information he might acquire in the future would be appreciated.

[redacted] informant, was telephonically contacted, at which time she stated that she contacted Clarence Coff on the morning of 8-12-35 alone and questioned Clarence Coff concerning the present whereabouts of Willie Harrison. She stated that she had no previous knowledge concerning the \$500 bill being changed, but that Clarence Coff volunteered this information, informing her that Willie Harrison, while at a jewelry store in St. Louis, Mo. during October of 1934, produced a large roll of bills, one of which was a \$500 bill, and requested him, Clarence Coff to have this changed into smaller currency. [redacted] further stated that Clarence Coff informed her that he contacted a friend of his, who is a teller at one of the larger banks in St. Louis, and in that manner had the bill in question changed; that while being questioned by Agents of the St. Louis Bureau Office, he was accused of this act, but, at that time, had denied it, inasmuch as he believed it impossible for them to definitely prove this transaction.

[redacted] was advised that there was a possibility that Clarence Coff was suspicious in reference to her numerous questions, and it was suggested that she discontinue these tactics for the time being.

On the afternoon of 8-21-35 O. B. Tinsley appeared at the St. Louis Bureau Office and informed Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli that he had been drinking with Clarence Coff the entire day, during which time their conversation drifted to Coff's criminal friend, and resulted in his obtaining the following information.

He advised that Coff informed him that the kidnaper was now living in Cicero, Ill. among friends; that he had a hide-out which would never be discovered. He stated that the individuals in Cicero with whom this kidnaper was acquainted

were very close friends, and further that he was only known to the individuals who considered him a close friend. Tinsley further advised that Coff informed him that this kidnaper would occasionally leave Cicero and visit friends on the outskirts of Gary, Indiana, at which place he was well acquainted. In connection with Gary, Indiana, it should be noted that Coff informed Tinsley that he, at one time, lived with a girl known as the Queen of the Bootleggers in Gary, Indiana, and that during this time he and this criminal in question were associating together. Tinsley further stated that business would necessitate his departure from St. Louis, Mo. in approximately tendays, but that prior to that time he would again engage Clarence Coff in conversation concerning this kidnaper and his present whereabouts.

It should be noted that the Agents who have interviewed Tinsley are of the opinion that he is, in all probability, furnishing correctly the information which he receives, but on the other hand, it is quite probable that the statements which have been made by Clarence Coff are erroneous.

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ST. LOUIS OFFICE: Will report the subsequent interview with O. B. Tinsley concerning any additional information that he might obtain from Clarence Coff as to Willie Harrison.

Will also complete the investigation as suggested by the facts appearing in instant report.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

August 23rd, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with  
aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with  
aliases, I.O. 1236; WILLIAM WEAVER, with  
aliases, I.O. 1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON,  
with aliases, I.O. 1239; MYRTLE EATON,  
with aliases, I.O. 1241; et al; EDWARD  
GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM; KIDNAPING;  
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES AND OBSTRUCTION  
OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Please be advised that on the evening of August 20th, 1935, informant [redacted] called at the Kansas City Bureau Office. He stated that he was attempting to make contact with Fred Sullivan and Martin Schwartzberg, both of Kansas City, Missouri, in an effort to obtain information concerning the present location of the various Fugitive Subjects in this matter. He stated that in connection therewith he was contacting one Joe Osley of 405 1/2 West 34th Terrace, and would be driving with him in his Plymouth Sedan, Missouri 1935 license number 192-289.

[redacted] contacted the writer at the Kansas City Office again on August 21st, 1935, at which time he stated that he had had a meet with Martin Schwartzberg and that Martin had informed him that John Hagen of Collins, Missouri, with whom he had worked under Pat Roche on the Kansas City Massacre Case, had informed Martin Schwartzberg that he, [redacted], was an informant for law enforcement officials and that as a result Martin Schwartzberg declined to have any dealings with him on this recent visit. He states that previously he had had very close associations with Martin Schwartzberg and that he knew that Schwartzberg was in a position to obtain information concerning major hoodlums who might from time to time come to Kansas City.

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██████████ stated further that he had been unable to contact Fred Sullivan, it appearing that he was out of Kansas City for some time; that in view thereof he did not believe he would be able to accomplish the desired results in Kansas City and he suggested he continue his trip and proceed to Chicago for the purpose of attempting to obtain similar information in that city.

Very truly yours,



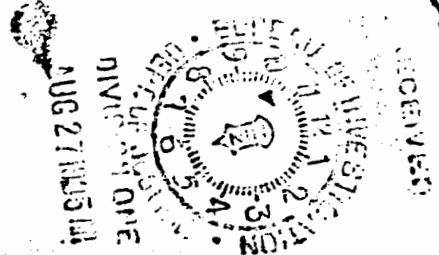
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RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I. O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I. O. #1236; WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I. O. #1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I. O. #1239; MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I. O. #1241; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

With reference to my teletype of yesterday, August 23, 1935, there are enclosed herewith to you copies of the memorandums submitted by Special Agent Charles Jenkins of August 23, 1935 and August 21, 1935, covering the information which was furnished to us by an employee of the freight office of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad.

There is also enclosed herewith to you for your assistance in locating this shipment and the proper check of the individual who calls for same in order to determine his identity inasmuch as he has been tentatively identified as Alvin Karpis by Joseph Kneip who saw the picture of Alvin Karpis recently in the newspapers subsequent to the time the above shipment was made and thereafter concluded that the party, A. J. Brown, making this shipment bore a close resemblance to Alvin Karpis, bill of lading as well as copy of freight waybill #91589, covering the shipment of two trunks of personal effects, weight 115 lbs., in car #PFE 70416 to Los Angeles, California, via Denver, D&RGW Salt Lake WP SO PAC.

Very truly yours,

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cc Bureau  
Cincinnati

E. J. CONNELLEY  
Special Agent in Charge  
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

AIR MAIL



Chicago, Illinois,  
August 23, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE E. J. CONNELLEY

RE: BREKID

On August 21, 1935 Mr. JOSEPH H. KNEIP, employee of the local freight office of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, Canal and Harrison Streets, Chicago, Illinois, called at this office and stated that at about 2:30 P.M. on August 17, 1935 a man and woman came into his office and arranged for the shipment of two trunks to Los Angeles, California; that the man gave his name as A. J. Brown; that since the visit of Brown he, Kneip, has come to the conclusion that Brown may be Alvin Karpis; that Brown inquired about the freight rates and storage charges, explaining that he was driving to Los Angeles and would not call for the trunks for about one month. Mr. Kneip stated that Brown, upon receiving the information regarding the rates, proceeded to complain about the storage costs; that he finally agreed to have the trunks shipped; that he noted that Brown, throughout the conversation, kept repeating the words "What the hell". He stated that Brown used the telephone while he, Kneip, was engaged in looking up the freight rates but he heard none of the conversation.

Mr. Kneip was shown a picture of Alvin Karpis, and after carefully inspecting same he stated that it looked something like the man who had shipped the trunks, as above-described. Mr. Kneip described the A. J. Brown as follows:

Age	About 35 to 40 years
Height	5'9"
Weight	Between 130 and 135 pounds
Build	Slender
Complexion	Medium
Eyes	Blue.
Wore a large diamond ring.	

The woman was described by Kneip as follows:

Age	25 to 28 years
Height	5'4"
Build	Slender
Hair	Brown.

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Later, Agent contacted Mr. Kneip and he furnished a copy of the bill of lading, which shows that A. J. Brown, on August 17, 1935, shipped two trunks containing personal effects, weighing 115 pounds, valuation not to exceed 10¢ a pound, to Los Angeles, California, via the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad - D.R.G.W. - SO PAC. The waybill was number 91589, and the trunks were shipped in car SPFE 70416. The weight of the two trunks was 115 pounds.

Mr. Kneip advised that he had talked with a fellow employee who was present while Brown talked over the telephone and was informed by this employee that he did not know the number called by Brown because it is a dial telephone but he assumed he had called an express company because he inquired as to the rates for shipment of trunks to Los Angeles.

Mr. Kneip advised that this shipment would probably reach Los Angeles on next Tuesday, August 27, 1935.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES JENKINS,  
Special Agent.

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*cc Bureau* ✓

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

August 22, 1935.

Time - 12 noon

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Mr. Nathan  
Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Baughman  
Chief Clerk  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Edwards  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Foxworth  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Joseph  
Mr. Keith  
Mr. Lester  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Schmidt  
Mr. Sulliver  
Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Tracy  
Miss Gandy

Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, who was at the Chicago Office, telephoned me concerning his previous telephonic conversation with me relative to the teletype message from the El Paso Office stating that information has been received that the fugitive subjects in the above matter have been identified as having been in Jaurez, Mexico, lately. He had advised that he would discuss the situation with the El Paso Office to see what facts they have definitely lined up.

He said that he called the El Paso Office and found that Special Agent C. B. Winstead is the only man in the office, Mr. Colvin being on annual leave, and the other Agent in the office is away for the grand jury. Mr. Connelley said that the El Paso Office has lined up an informant in this matter who is going to be placed in the house of prostitution and bar room in Jaurez which is supposed to be visited by the fugitives in this case. Mr. Connelley said that "Betty", who is supposed to be the particular girl friend of Karpis, appears to be acquainted with Special Agent C. O. Hurt. Mr. Hurt was formerly chief of detectives at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where he arrested Betty on occasions. Betty appears to be more or less friendly toward Mr. Hurt. Mr. Connelley said that if she is a real contact for Karpis, Mr. Hurt might be able to get some information from her.

I discussed with Mr. Connelley the names of other Agents who would be good men to send down there to cover this matter, and it was decided that I should suggest to the Director that Special Agents C. O. Hurt, J. C. (Doc) White and Paul Hansen be assigned to the investigation of this matter.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

August 24, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS

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In compliance with the request of Mr. Newby, I am transmitting herewith thirteen copies each of abstract of criminal record and photograph as appearing in the Identification Division of James J. Kelly, our file #FBI-75304.

Respectfully,

*L. C. Schilder*

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ROCKNE ROADSTER, MOTOR NUMBER 9382, OWNER FRANK ORBAN, 457  
EMERSON, DETROIT. ORBAN LEFT EMPLOY OF EX-CELL-O AIRCRAFT AND  
TOOL CORPORATION, DETROIT, JULY 24. HE IS NOW VISITING WITH  
HIS MOTHER, MRS. DENT, AT OLD FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA.  
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PHONE. 6 BREKID MORTON PACKMAN COPY BOY PHILADELPHIA "RECORD" ADVISES  
PERSON ANSWERING KARPIS DESCRIPTION ACCOSTED HIM IN PHILADELPHIA  
8-21-35 INQUIRING ABOUT LOCATION OF USED CAR DEALERS. UNKNOWN IN-  
DIVIDUAL WAS DRIVING ROADSTER, MAKE UNKNOWN, BEARING MICHIGAN LICENSE  
Y-34273. REQUEST YOU ASCERTAIN IDENIXX IDENTITY OF OWNER AND PRESENT  
LOCATION OF CAR.

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DIRECTOR

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August 24, 1935

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

9:45 A.M.

I called Special Agent in Charge Connelley at Chicago on the telephone to inquire relative to the action taken on the information furnished him by Conroy last night in connection with Hamilton, et al. Connelley states he is awaiting the receipt sometime during the day, probably this morning, of the map which Conroy was to send last night, upon which was marked the probable location of the grave. Connelley stated he is holding all of his men extremely close in order to take action on the Bremer fugitive plans.

This condition appears to be susceptible to rather imminent action.

Very truly yours,

H. Nathan.

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August 22, 1935.

Dr. H. H. Young,  
Editor,  
The Journal of Urology,  
American Urological Association,  
Mount Royal and Guilford Avenues,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

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Dear Dr. Young:

I have noted that the current issue of  
The Journal of Urology contains the photograph  
and description of Alvin Karpis, a fugitive  
sought by this Bureau, together with a request  
that any physicians who come in contact with him  
communicate with this Bureau.

Permit me to extend my appreciation to  
The Journal of Urology for its courtesy and co-  
operation in this matter.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

- Nichols
- Tolson
- Boardman
- Belmont
- Glavin
- Ladd
- Nichols
- Tracy
- Harbo
- Quinn
- Nease
- Tele. Rm.
- Mr. Holloman
- Miss Gandy

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3213 S. Leticiana Ave  
Chicago Ill  
July Aug. 23 1935

Dear Sir:

This is my first time I really sent a letter to a chief of I-men. I'm sending you this letter for a good purpose. So please accept it. I read in all the papers that Alvin Karpis threatened you. I saw all the pictures in the papers. All I ask you of is to let me go on the trail of Alvin Karpis. I want to do this because in the near future I want to be a ~~man~~ <sup>man</sup> you may think it crazy, but it isn't. Suppose you were in my place and your heart was breaking to work for someone.

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Will you send me a picture of Alvin Karpis. I detest him and your permission because I don't know how tall he is or anything. So Sir, if you won't send me anything I'll have to go without it. But that doesn't mean I give up. Now you may think I'm crazy. I'm only a boy of 15 years of age. But I have my mind set on being a G-man. I'm begging you to say "yes" please Sir, from the bottom of my heart say "yes".

My name & address is:

Joseph J. Jelvis  
3213 S. Litchfield Ave  
Chicago Ill.

Thank you Sir. And may God bless you.

Yours Truly  
Joseph J. Jelvis.

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August 28, 1935.

Mr. Joseph J. Zelvis,  
3213 South Lituanica Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Joseph:

I appreciate very much the spirit which prompted you to write to me on August 23, 1935. It is commendable that you desire to assist in the apprehension of Alvin Karpis. At present though, I believe you can best be of assistance by continuing with your education, studying hard, living cleanly and setting a good example for other boys. Later when you have become grown perhaps you will be eligible for the position of Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and with the added education and experience you will then have had will be able to do successful work as a law enforcement officer.

Because of the interest shown by you, I am enclosing a publication entitled, "Training of Personnel", which I believe you will enjoy reading.

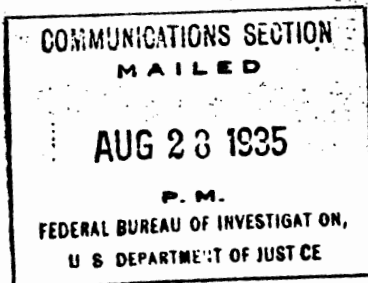
With best wishes for your future, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Miss Gandy	.....

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PHONE. BREKID, REFERENCE REPORT AGENT M J CASSIDY CHICAGO DATE

INDUCED LAST NIGHT TO REVEAL [REDACTED] SHE HAD REPORTED

TO CHICAGO OFFICE DETAILS OF CONTACT OF EDITH BARRY, TOLEDO,  
RECORDED

WITH [REDACTED]

SUCCESSFUL IN CONVINCING [REDACTED] TO COOPERATE

AND [REDACTED] INTERVIEWED THIS AFTERNOON BY AGENTS SULLIVAN AND

BROWN. [REDACTED] TOLD OF REWARDS AND ADVISED THAT IF HE IS

SUCCESSFUL IN CAUSING APPREHENSION OF KARPIS ET AL, HE WOULD BE CONFIDENTIALLY REVEALED TO FEDERAL JUDGE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS TOLD NO EFFORT WOULD BE

MADE TO HAVE [REDACTED] AGAINST HIM DROPPED OR ANY LENIENCY

REQUESTED OR SUGGESTED. [REDACTED]

NEXT MET HER IN ENHAKKE 1929

IN CHICAGO WHEN [REDACTED]

LATER PART OF APRIL THIS YEAR HE RECEIVED LONG

DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL FROM BARRY ADVISING THAT SHE WOULD COME

CHICAGO FOLLOWING DAY WHEN SHE ADVISED [REDACTED] SHE HAD SOME

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Chicago  
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[REDACTED]  
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ACCEPTED PROPOSITION AND BARRY STATED SHE WOULD CONTACT HIM LATER.  
TWO WEEKS LATER BARRY AGAIN CONTACTED [REDACTED] AND TOLD HIM

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
STATED HE HEDGED FOR TIME AND BARRY CALLED [REDACTED] AGAIN  
TWO DAYS LATER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] BARRY THEN TOLD [REDACTED] EVER GOT  
HIS CASE FIXED HE SHOULD CALL HER AND ADVISE EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT  
AND SHE WOULD AGAIN COME TO CHICAGO TO MAKE FURTHER ARRANGEMENTS.  
[REDACTED] IN AGENT BROWNS PRESENCE HAD LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE  
CONVERSATION WITH EDITH BARRY AT TOLEDO DURING WHICH BARRY SAID  
SHE HAD JUST RETURNED FROM VACATION AT SAULT STE. MARIE AND  
WANTED TO KNOW IF EVERYTHING WAS ALL RIGHT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] REPLIED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE AFTER WHICH BARRY SEEMED  
PLEASED AND SAID SHE WOULD BE IN CHICAGO SOON. CONVERSATION WAS

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EXACTLY AS HAD BEEN PLANNED WHEN BARRY LAST IN CHICAGO TO INDICATE

[REDACTED] SAID

[REDACTED] WAS MISTAKEN AS TO NAME OF SECOND PARTY ADVISING IT WAS

[REDACTED] FOR PURPOSE RECEIVING INFORMATION

FROM [REDACTED] WHO EXPECTS BARRY WILL ARRIVE CHICAGO ON

SUNDAY OR MONDAY NEXT. FURTHER PLANS BEING MADE. [REDACTED]

APPARENTLY ANXIOUS COOPERATE IN EVERY WAY COMPATABLE TO HIS

SAFETY. CONNELLEY TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED. SUGGEST NOTHING

FURTHER BE DONE UNTIL CONFERENCE BETWEEN BARRY AND [REDACTED]

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

August 23, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
I.O. 1218, FUGITIVE; ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul File No. 7-30

This is to advise that a telephone  
has been installed

and that Special Agent (A) G. A. Paulson and Special Agent Robert Tonis are now stationed for twenty-four hours a day for the purpose of surveilling the home of BELLE BORN.

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Special Agents R. C. Suran and M. V. Kirkland are on a telephone tap in connection with this phase of the case, and as the Bureau has been advised, are located in the

Through the use of telephones in the two places mentioned above it is felt that BELLE BORN can be properly kept under surveillance both while in Mankato and otherwise in the event she leaves there.

The agents will be able to closely observe the activities in BELLE BORN'S residence during the night from now on due to the fact that their efforts will not be balked by a full moon, as was the case until recently. During the day these agents are stationed in a secluded wood overlooking the BORN home, and with the use of powerful field glasses can observe activities in and around that residence.

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[redacted] in order that they may immediately communicate with the agents in Mankato or this office in case of necessity.

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Agent Suran has advised me that [redacted] is on a party line and therefore contact should not be made directly with [redacted] it being suggested that all telephone contacts be made through [redacted]

[redacted] Agent Suran has advised that no information of value to this investigation has been obtained to date through the telephone tap being maintained.

Very truly yours,

*H. E. Andersen*

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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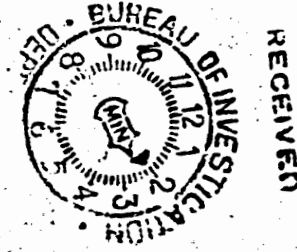
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CINCINNATI, OHIO.

FILE NO. 7-33

REPORT MADE AT <b>DALLAS, TEXAS.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8-24-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/14-15/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J.O. JENKINS.</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, w.a. - I.O. #1218 - FUGITIVE, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER (Victim)</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING - HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>One Dan L. Hawley, Broker, Cleveland, Ohio, who is spending vacation at Lake Worth near Fort Worth, Texas, identified by several persons in Fort Worth as William J. Harrison. Hawley produced ample proof of identity.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p>On August 14, 1935, Pat Murphy of the Alco. Tax Unit, came to the Dallas Bureau Office and advised that he had had a conference at Fort Worth, Texas, with Mr. &amp; Mrs. Winfield Scott, Jr., and Jones Childress, Constable of Ben Brook, Texas, who advised that they had seen a man in Fort Worth, Texas, they identified as William J. Harrison; that Mrs. Scott first identified this man from a photograph appearing in a detective magazine which she had in her home; that Mr. &amp; Mrs. Scott had a few drinks with this person believed by them to be William J. Harrison but whose name was not divulged, and that he almost daily visited the Stag Smoke House at 111 West Weatherford Street, Fort Worth, Texas; that the man is driving a black Duesenberg Touring Car, old model, with a Texas License; that this person has a man and a woman or two with him whom the Scotts have not seen but are stopping at Roundtree's Tourist Camp at Lake Worth; that this person has large rolls of money on him at all times and has been in Fort Worth for the past three weeks.</p> <p>On the same date Mr. William Auger, Attorney, Fort Worth, Texas, called the Dallas Bureau Office and advised that a man had been stopping for the past several days at the Joe Roundtree's Tourist Camp at Lake Worth, Texas; that this man is driving an \$8500.00 automobile which appeared to him to be a Duesenberg. Mr. Auger advised further that from photographs he had seen of the</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>F. J. Beary</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT Bureau.....3 Chicago.....2 St. Paul.....2 Cincinnati..2 Dallas.....2		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES  <b>7-576-7110</b> <b>AUG 27 A.M.</b> <b>AUG 29 1935</b> <b>STAT. SECT.</b>	
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Bremer Kidnapers he was very suspicious of this man he had seen on the streets in Fort Worth on August 13, 1935.

On August 15, 1935, the writer interviewed Mr. & Mrs. Winfield Scott, Jr.; George Finley, an employee of Scott, and Jones Childress, Constable at Ben Brook, Texas, in the office of Pat Murphy of the Alcoholic Tax Beverage Unit, 311 United States Court House, Fort Worth, Texas, relative to one Dan Hawley who was suspected by the persons interviewed of being William J. Harrison, fugitive in the Bremer Kidnaping Case.

Mr. Scott stated that he met Dan Hawley at the Stag Smoke Shop, 111 West Weatherford Street, Fort Worth, Texas, on about August 1, 1935, and had a number of drinks with him at that time; that subsequently he met Hawley at that address on a number of occasions and about August 7 he, Scott, became intoxicated and was taken to his ranch home 23 miles southwest of Fort Worth by Hawley in Hawley's black Duesenberg Touring Car with six wire wheels and canvas top; that a few days ago Mrs. Scott was reading the September issue of the Startling Detective Magazine and on page 12 saw a picture of William J. Harrison whom she immediately identified as being the Dan Hawley he had met at the Stag Smoke Shop; that he (Scott) upon inspection of the photograph was also convinced that Hawley and Harrison were one and the same person; that in his conversation with Hawley he had been unable to obtain any information as to where Hawley came from, the business in which he was engaged, or his mission in Fort Worth except the statement from Hawley that he was interested in buying a ranch near Fort Worth or at some point in New Mexico; that his wife was in poor health and that they were staying in a cottage at Lake Worth owned by one Joe Roundtree. Mr. Scott stated further that he had shown the photograph in question to his yard man and cook, and that they were both positive in their identification of same as being that of Hawley.

Jones Childress, Constable of Ben Brook, Texas, stated that he had had a few drinks with Hawley at the Stag Smoke House and was positive that he and William J. Harrison were one and the same person.

Wade Cutchins, proprietor of the Stag Smoke House, Fort Worth, Texas, stated that he had seen the photograph in the Startling Detective Magazine, and identified same as being that of Hawley who had spent most of his time in the Stag Smoke House for the last three weeks. Mr. Cutchins stated that Hawley was a free spender and carried a large amount of money.

On August 14, 1935, some person called Detectives Chapple and Reams of the Police Department, and told them that they had seen a man at the Stag Smoke House who very much resembled photographs of William J. Harrison. Detectives Chapple and Reams proceeded to the Stag Smoke House where they questioned Hawley and were advised that his name is Dan L. Hawley, his home Cleveland, Ohio, where he is in the brokerage business, and that he and his wife arrived in Fort Worth

about three weeks ago and rented a cottage from Joe Roundtree at Lake Worth; that since his wife has been resting at the cottage he has spent a great deal of his time in the Stag Smoke House drinking beer and enjoying his association with the variety of characters that he has met in that place; that he expects to move to Fort Worth and go in the brokerage business and also that he expects to buy a ranch near Fort Worth, if one is available, and, if not, at some place in New Mexico. Detectives Chapple and Reams advised the writer that Hawley showed them an identification card issued to Dan Hawley, Cleveland, Ohio, by the Western Union Telegraph Company, and similar cards issued to Dan Hawley by the Phillips Petroleum Company and the Gulf Refining Company; also that they were shown certain correspondence addressed to Dan Hawley at Cleveland, Ohio, which convinced them beyond any doubt that he was, in truth, Dan Hawley and that he is engaged in the brokerage business at Cleveland, Ohio. Detective Reams stated that he examined Hawley's hands and fingers, and from such examination determined that the fingerprint pattern on each of his fingers are loops, making his primary fingerprint classification  $\frac{1}{1}$  whereas, the primary fingerprint classification of William J. Harrison is  $\frac{9}{1}$ .

Detective Chapple and Reams stated further that Hawley is driving a special-made sport Packard Touring Car, which can not be identified as a Packard except on close inspection; that the car looks more like a Duesenberg than it does the ordinary Packard; that the monogram initials DLH appear between the front and rear doors on each side of the car. They stated that Hawley invited them to inspect his cottage at Lake Worth and to call by telephone various persons in Cleveland, Ohio, in order to make positive their identification of him; that shortly after they finished the interview with Hawley and returned to the police station he came to the station and renewed his request that they call someone in Cleveland who could positively identify him and vouch for him.

Detectives Chapple and Reams advised Agent that Hawley, although bearing a striking facial resemblance to William J. Harrison, weighs about 200 pounds, and they are positive that he is not William J. Harrison.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

August 18, 1935.

Time - 3:00 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: <sup>0</sup> Bremer Case.

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Mr. Nathan  
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Special Agent R. D. Brown telephoned me from the Chicago Office with reference to the development in that city in the above entitled case, and with reference to his teletype to the Bureau last evening concerning the same matter, and advised that the indications now are that the place where the operations on Karpis and Campbell will take place, is Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan. It appears that during previous conversations which [REDACTED] has had with the woman in question, he mentioned a place up there called Lakeside Inn. It further appears that this woman does as a matter of fact travel by private airplane out of Toledo.

In this connection, Mr. Brown said that since the time appears to be so close when she will contact [REDACTED] it was deemed advisable to have an Agent proceed to Sault Sainte Marie to get the lay of the land; that is, to learn the location of this Lakeside Inn and other places, so that this information will be readily available in the event quick raids are made. He said that he had talked with Mr. Connelley about this, and Mr. Connelley expressed the opinion that he thought this would be a good suggestion, and suggested Agent Muzzey (Special Agent A. A. Muzzey) of the Detroit Office to cover this situation. Since Mr. Brown had talked with Mr. Connelley about this, I told him to call the Detroit Office and tell them that the Bureau had instructed that Agent Muzzey proceed to Sault Sainte Marie on this assignment.

Mr. Brown further stated that it was believed advisable to have an Agent at Toledo to check the activities of the private planes at the airport. He said that the name of Special Agent C. E. Smith was suggested in this regard. I inquired if inquiries could be made at this airport without exposing our hand in this matter. Mr. Brown stated that Mr. Smith could make inquiries through a contact at the airport with whom the Agents have worked heretofore in confidential matters. Mr. Brown said that the condition of Mr. Smith's wife is such as to permit him to fill this assignment.

In view of this, I instructed Mr. Brown to call the Cleveland Office, where Mr. Smith is assigned, and tell them that it was the desire of the Bureau that Mr. Smith proceed to Toledo to fill this assignment. I suggested that Mr. Brown might talk to Mr. Smith on the telephone, advise him of the background of this situation, and give him any instructions which might appear advisable.

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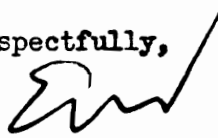
Mr. Smith advised that he talked with [REDACTED] last night, and [REDACTED] is more convincing than ever before, and it appears certain that this matter will go through. Mr. Smith advised that they have installed dictographs [REDACTED]

Time - 3:20 P.M.

I telephoned Mr. Connelley about the above matter and informed him that the Bureau had approved his suggestion that Agent Muzzey of the Detroit Office proceed to Sault Sainte Marie to learn the lay of the land up there, and to get a line on the Lakeside Inn.

I also informed Mr. Connelley that the Bureau had approved the suggestion of Agent Brown of the Chicago Office that Special Agent C. E. Smith of the Cleveland Office proceed to Toledo, Ohio, to check the activities of the various private airplanes in that place. Mr. Connelley said that he believed this to be an excellent idea.

Respectfully,



E. A. TAMM.



Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

August 21, 1935

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

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
I.O.#1218, FUGITIVE; ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul File No. 7-30

Chief Deputy United States Marshal Stephen Picha informed me recently that Bryan Bolton was badly in need of some dental work as his teeth were giving him considerable pain, and that under Departmental regulations he was unable to authorize the expenditure. In view of the fact that Bryan Bolton will be a very necessary witness in the trial of this case, particularly with reference to HARRY SAWYER, I informed the Marshal that the work should be done, assuring him that I would pay the bill personally if not authorized to otherwise take care of it.

Deputy Marshal Picha informed me that the dental work has been done at a cost of \$7.00, and that as a result thereof Bolton is in a much better mood and will likely feel more kindly toward this Bureau than he has in the past.

Should the Bureau feel that this expenditure can be blue-slipped I shall appreciate being advised and, if not, of course I shall take care of the bill myself.

Very truly yours,

*H. E. Andersen*

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

HEA:ACF

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*We should pay this.*  
*Eo 8/26/35*

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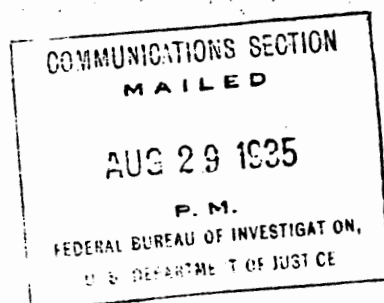
Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of August 21, 1935, you are advised that a blue slip should be submitted by you to secure reimbursement for the \$7.00 that was expended for dental treatment of Bryan Bolton, a necessary witness in the pending trial of Harry Sawyer.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box #64  
Buffalo, New York

August 26th, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

The Bureau is requested to forward to the Buffalo Office twelve (12) identification orders #1218 on Alvin Karpis, with aliases in order that this office may have some additional copies on hand in case of an emergency.

Very truly yours

*T. N. Stapleton*

T. N. Stapleton  
Special Agent in Charge

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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RE: BREWER KIDNAPING CASE

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The report of Special Agent A. J. Horstrom, dated at Kansas City, Missouri August 24, 1935 in the above case, discloses the following information which will be of interest to you.

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Volney Davis, upon being interviewed at the Leavenworth Penitentiary, advised that shortly after the battle at Little Bohemia, Bobby and Joie O'Brien, members of the Capone syndicate, whom you will recall are operators of the Hi Ho Club, a rendezvous for the Dillinger gang in Chicago, came to his home at Aurora, Illinois, requesting that he meet them, the O'Briens, and members of the Barker-Karpis crowd at the Seafood Inn on North Avenue, Elmhurst, Illinois; that upon arrival at this Inn he, Davis, met Doc Barker and that shortly thereafter John Hamilton arrived in company with Hozer Van Meter, Dillinger and Bobb, and Joie O'Brien. Hamilton was taken to Volney Davis' apartment, 415 Fox Street, Aurora, Illinois and died on the following evening as the result of gangrene. Hamilton is reported to have been shot in the liver. The bullet is said to have mushroomed. The gang was unable to secure medical assistance, Dr. Joseph P. Moran refusing to render aid because he was on the "buts" with the Dillinger crowd.

Davis stated that after Little Bohemia's battle, Hamilton was taken to a saloon in Chicago by Bobby and Joie O'Brien, but that the syndicate refused to permit him to stay in Chicago because he was too "hot". It is suggested that this saloon was probably the Hi Ho Club of which the O'Briens are proprietors. This place is well known to the Chicago office.

Hamilton is reported to have been buried by Volney Davis, Doc Barker, Dillinger, Van Meter, William Weaver and Harry Campbell at a place approximately ten miles south of Aurora. The above mentioned report gives a detailed description of the place where the grave is said to be located and Davis has furnished a map which may assist in locating the body. The grave is said to be located in a gravel pit, the grave being approximately two feet deep. When Hamilton's body was placed therein approximately ten small cans of lye were thrown over his face and body so that his body could not be identified. This grave is supposed to have been marked by Davis by placing a roll of rusty wire over the grave. Davis declared that Hamilton had a large number of gold teeth in his mouth which might assist in identifying the body. Hamilton is reported to

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have been buried in a blue serge suit and his felt hat was thrown into the grave. Hamilton's death took place approximately ten days after he was shot upon fleeing from Little Bohemia.

With regard to the death of Earl Christman, the former male companion of Helen Ferguson, Davis stated that he received the sum of \$700 for nursing Christman; that Christman was placed in the home of June Kathrens after being wounded in the bank robbery at Fairbury, Nebraska; that Christman was attended by Dr. Nigro, a close friend of the late John Lazie; that Dr. Nigro was accompanied by Fitz Mulloy each time Christman was attended by the doctor; that in fear the neighbors would become suspicious Christman was removed from Kathrens' home to the home of Vernon C. Miller, Edgevale Road, Kansas City, Missouri; that his wound mended satisfactorily until one day he sat up without assistance, rupturing the wound received in his left lung, as the result of which he died. Davis declared that he was not present at the time of Christman's death, but stated that it was his understanding Christman was buried in the back yard garden at the home of Mulloy in Kansas City, Missouri.

With regard to William Harrison, Davis stated that his information came from Elmer Farmer and was secured while they were cell mates in the Ramsey County Jail at St. Paul, Minnesota. Davis stated that Harrison was killed by Byron Bolton and Doc Barker; that his death resulted from the fact that he advised Ruth Heidt of the location of the Barker mob in Florida; that that Ruth Heidt told Doc Barker she had been so advised; that Doc Barker felt Harrison was talking too freely and enlisted the cooperation of Bolton and Farmer in putting Harrison "out of the way"; that they conceived a plan whereby Harrison was to secure certain amounts of the Bremer ransom money due him which was to be located in a abandoned factory about fifteen miles from Bensenville, Illinois; that Farmer and Harrison were to make an attempt to find this money, at which time Doc Barker and Bolton would kill Harrison. These plans, according to Davis, were supposed to have been carried out. Harrison entered the doorway of the factory, hesitating a moment, at which time Barker and Bolton mowed him down with machine gun fire. His body was placed in an upright position on a support made of heavy timbers and the factory was set on fire. It is Davis' belief that the bones may be found at the scene of this fire.

In corroboration of these statements, Davis declared that while in the isolation ward at the Leavenworth Penitentiary he asked Doc Barker whether this information was correct or not, Doc Barker replying that he, Davis, had received the correct information. The shooting of Harrison is reported to have taken place about six or seven days prior to the time that Barker was apprehended in Chicago by Bureau Agents. It is my recollection that when Fred Barker and

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"Ma" Barker were killed at Oklawaha, Florida, Mr. E. J. Connelley found a letter on the premises which was written by Doc Barker to Fred Barker shortly before Doc Barker's apprehension, in which Doc Barker indicated that he had recently "bumped off" some one.

With regard to the alleged death of Dr. Moran, Davis reported that Russell Gibson, Doc Barker and Dr. Moran were drinking in Ted Angus' saloon in Toledo, Ohio and became engaged in a drunken brawl, at which time Moran made the assertion that he had the gang in the palm of his hand; that as the result of this statement, Dr. Moran was taken out of the saloon, was shot and his body disposed of by throwing it in Lake Erie after weighing it down with heavy stones. It is Davis' belief that Ted Angus furnished a speedboat to be used in disposing of Moran's body.

The most recent information as to William Weaver came from Volney Davis also. One Al Sherwood, employed at Tom Hill's place in South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, advised Davis that one James White, a parole convict of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary who had been serving a life sentence for murder, had recently visited the William Weaver farm which Davis believes is located in Mississippi. Davis stated that James White is now supposed to be working for the Peoples Drug Stores Company in Washington, D. C. and has a brother who is either now or has been a detective on the Metropolitan Police force in Washington, D. C. for a number of years; that Weaver corresponds with White, Weaver using the name Bill Dooley.

Respectfully,

E. R. McIntire.



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DIRECTOR FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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 A REPORT RECEIVED FROM A MEMBER PAPER SHERIDAN WYOMING THAT ALVIN  
 KARPIS WAS SEEN AT SHERIDAN TODAY AND WAS BEING PURSUED BY POLICE  
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 INTERVIEWED SUSPECT ASCERTAINING IDENTITY BEING SAM ROSS OF DENVER  
 WHO IS A SALESMAN FOR THE EUREKA ~~VACUUM~~ VACUUM CLEANER COMPANY  
 AND IN NO WAY FITTED DESCRIPTION OF KARPIS SO WAS NOT TAKEN  
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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N.Y. FILE NO. 7-120 OR

REPORT MADE AT: NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE: 8-26-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 8/22-24/35	REPORT MADE BY: J. H. HANSON
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218 - FUGITIVE et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUG- ITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Andrew Gurante, resident of Astoria, Long Island who, prior to April, 1935 spent several years in Jacksonville and Miami, Florida, claims to have seen Karpis enter the Empire Hotel, New York City on the night of August 21, 1935. Investigation at the Empire Hotel to date failed to reveal Karpis' presence there. Gurante claims that during the period of the latter part of August to October 16, 1934 he was negotiating with subject Jos. H. Adams at El Comodoro Hotel in Miami with view to managing dining room, restaurant and barroom facilities which Adams was contemplating installing in that hotel; further, that during this period Gurante saw Karpis, the Barker brothers, Campbell, Harrison, Sawyer and McDonald in Miami; also that Adams told him that a gang was stopping at the hotel and that this gang had kidnaped a man out west for \$200,000. Gurante refused to sign statement which he dictated incorporating this information, claiming that he would be subject to personal injury and that his reputation would be ruined if he did so and if he testified in this case.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P</p> <p style="text-align: right;">48152</p>			
<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. L. Little</i></p> <p>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p> <p>7-576-7115</p> <p>RECORDED AND INDEXED: AUG 27 1935</p> <p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO:</p> <p>4-Bureau (1-Spec. Asst. to Atty. General, Walter L. Barlow)</p> <p>2-St. Paul 3-Jacksonville (1-U.S. Atty.- 2-Chicago 1-Miami)</p> <p>Cincinnati 2-New York</p> <p>Cleveland</p> <p>Enclosures for all offices</p> <p>COPIES DESTROYED 20.5 MAR 24 1965</p> <p>DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE</p> <p>ROUTED TO: ON: SEP: 8/27/35</p> <p>CHECKED OFF: SEP 4 1935</p> <p>JACKETED:</p>			



## DETAILS:

## AT NEW YORK CITY:

Mr. Andrew Gurante, 2808 35th Street, Astoria, Long Island, called at the New York office on the afternoon of August 22, 1935, at which time he furnished the information that is set out in his unsigned statement, copies of which are attached to this report. The original of this statement, however, is being retained in the New York file, with the thought that possibly Gurante, who refused to sign the statement after it was prepared, may do so at a later date.

It might be mentioned that Gurante when calling at this office, first stated that he had seen Karpis on the night of August 21, 1935, as is set out in his statement, and that his reason for reporting it was to obtain any reward that might be paid for Karpis' apprehension should he be apprehended as a result of the information that he was furnishing. During this interview with Gurante and when he was explaining why he knew Karpis, it was very obvious that the information which he voluntarily gave was of the utmost importance in connection with the Harboring cases pending against subject Joseph H. Adams at Miami. Gurante obviously did not realize the value of this information, nor was any indication of it given to him.

Gurante readily picked from a large group of photographs that were shown to him, the photograph of Karpis. He likewise selected the photographs of Fred and Doc Barker. He was less certain about the photographs of Harry Campbell, William Harrison, Harry Sawyer and Cassius McDonald. In selecting these photographs and in making his statement, he pointed out that he was positive that he had seen all of these people in the El Comodoro Hotel, saying that he knew there was a mob stopping at the hotel but that he was annoyed at them for interfering with him when he was trying to talk business with Joe Adams and for that reason he did not pay particular attention to these people.

It might be mentioned that because Gurante was in a hurry to leave the New York office on August 22, 1935 when he dictated his statement, in order to make another appointment, he volunteered to return on the following day to sign this statement. However, upon returning Gurante was very much excited, claiming that he had not been able to sleep during the entire night because of the information that he had furnished. He insisted to Special Agent J. W. Vincent and Assistant Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson that he had told the entire truth and that he would make this statement to anyone, including subject Adams, but that he did not desire to sign the statement inasmuch as it would become publicly known that he had given the statement; further that he would be called as a witness and that when all of this became known his reputation in Florida would be ruined, saying that "The Crackers in Florida had no time for the Northerners anyway and that if he testified against one of them they would harm him in any manner that they could". In amplifying

this, Gurante claims that he owns two pieces of real estate near Jacksonville which are orange groves and that the natives in that vicinity would destroy his trees and harm his property in any way that they could. He also insisted that even though he were not in Florida, he would meet with bodily harm from the subjects in this case.

When asked why he said that his statement would become publicly known, he said that one Myerson, an attorney in Jacksonville, was so close to the Federal court officials that he believes that this Myerson has access to all reports that are made to them.

Gurante implored agents to forget about the information that he had given. He was advised that agents were not able to do this but that his subsequent actions and attitude would be set out in a report in order that the prosecuting official who handled this case would be aware of it.

Gurante during the interview advised that he is living with his brother, Albert Gurante, who is a PWA employee; further that he, Andrew Gurante, is unemployed at this time and might possibly have to secure relief himself if he does not secure employment. This is being mentioned for possible future use.

The stenographic notes of the stenographer who took Gurante's statement are being retained in the New York file, as are the rough notes taken by Special Agent Hanson during his conversation with Gurante.

Immediately upon receipt of the information from Gurante as to the location of Karpis at the Empire Hotel, Special Agent C. F. Lanman checked into the Empire Hotel under cover for the purpose of making observations to determine if Karpis were there. Special Agent F. E. Wright a few hours later similarly checked into the hotel and the two agents alternated, always being present in the hotel and always being in a position where they could observe everyone in the lobby and everyone entering or leaving the hotel. However, up to 11 A. M. on August 24, 1935 they had not observed anyone who appeared to be Karpis, although an individual was noted wearing a brown suit and a panama hat, but not the type of panama hat that Gurante had described.

It was decided that the management of the Empire Hotel could not be approached openly, for which reason these agents were placed in it. However, upon their withdrawal, it was arranged for an open contact to be made at the Empire Hotel which is being done by Special Agent George J. Starr, who is making a separate report on it.

## UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

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THE JACKSONVILLE OFFICE, at Jacksonville, Florida, will make appropriate inquiry to determine the reputation of Gurante, endeavoring to verify if Dave Myerson, reference mentioned by Gurante, did furnish a letter to Joe Adams concerning Gurante.

At Miami Beach, Florida, will make appropriate inquiry at Washington Hotel to determine if any of this mob are there now.

At Miami, Florida, will endeavor to ascertain if Gurante was employed by the Modern Appliance Company, also whether he lived at the Halcyon Hotel, as he claims, and whether the salad woman, described by Gurante, knows if the former was negotiating with Adams, for the position as manager of the dining room and bar. Efforts should be made to determine if this salad woman has any information concerning Gurante.

Inquiry should be made in the saloon described by Gurante to determine if Sawyer, Harrison and McDonald can be identified there and whether Adams was ever seen with them.

It should be noted that Gurante claims that in his opinion McDonald sent telegrams from the Western Union booth located in the McAllister Hotel. If the check that has been made of Western Union telegrams made by McDonald did not include the records from this particular sub-station, they should be checked and inquiry should be made for records of other similar sub-stations in the other hotels in which McDonald resided in Miami. The reporting agent knows that the Western Union records of messages sent by McDonald and charged to his account at the McAllister Hotel were checked, but it is not known if the records of the sub-station in the hotel were checked.

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New York, N. Y.  
August 22, 1935.

STATEMENT

I, ANDREW GURANTE, 2808-35th Street, Astoria, Long Island, make the following free and voluntary statement to Special Agent J. H. Hanson, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice:

On August 21, 1935, about ten or eleven P.M., while walking by the Colonial Hotel, 63rd Street and Broadway, in New York City, I saw a man who I believe is Alvin Karpis. I recognized this man due to the fact that I believe I saw him at the El Comodore Hotel in Miami, Florida in September, 1934. My reasons for having seen him there will be set out below. When I saw Karpis last night, he was wearing a soft Panama hat turned down all around, and had a dark brown suit with a brown tie. I noticed him particularly because he looked familiar to me. I might mention that his hair glistened considerably and it appeared to be of an auburn color. I was further attracted to him by the fact that he appeared to be very thin, emaciated looking and that his hat was pulled down very far over his eyes. He was accompanied by a girl whom I judge to be between 17 and 20 years of age. She wore a printed flowered dress. She had bobbed hair, dirty medium color, with the hair pushed behind her ears. She did not wear a hat nor did she carry one.

Thinking that the man was Karpis and after I had walked about twenty steps from him, I turned around and took another look when I was sure from the appearance of his back and his walk that it was he, so for that reason I turned around and followed them and saw them go into the Empire Hotel. I did not go into the Empire Hotel but left that vicinity immediately and today decided to call up the Federal Bureau of Investigation to report this matter.

While I am a native of New York and have always lived here, during the Florida boom I went to that State and settled in Jacksonville where I engaged in the real estate business. This was during the period

of 1924 to 1927. I operated under my own name at 215 West Forsythe Street. Going broke in the real estate business, I opened a restaurant called the Chatham Club on the Beach Road which I operated until November, 1931. I was then a salesman of physicians' and dental supplies for approximately a year, after which I joined the staff of the Carling Hotel in Jacksonville, Florida, as efficiency manager. While there I worked under the supervision of Mr. Chandler, who is now with the Fred French Company in New York, and of Mr. Dave Meyerson, who is now the owner of the Carling Hotel. In 1933 I went to Miami, Florida, where I was engaged as a salesman for the Modern Appliance Company selling refrigerators and other electrical equipment. During the course of this work I learned that Joe Adams, the manager of the El Comodoro Hotel in Miami, was contemplating opening a restaurant, dining room and bar at that hotel, and that he was seeking a man to operate these facilities. I then contacted Adams in an effort to secure this position. I gave him a number of references, including Mr. Meyerson mentioned above, as well as his brother Mydie, an attorney in Jacksonville. Adams apparently wrote to these references because, on one occasion during the time that I was negotiating with him, which I might mention was during the period of August to about October 16, 1934, Adams read a letter that Dave Meyerson had written to him in which Meyerson highly lauded my ability. At the time he read this letter, Adams stated that on the strength of this one letter he would employ me because it indicated that I was a very good man; further, that I was a type of a man who would hear and see things but who would keep my mouth shut.

During the time that I was negotiating with Adams, I was in and out of the El Comodoro Hotel frequently. I was often in Mr. Adams' private office. At that time Mr. Adams' office was on the lobby floor facing North West First Street. Adams took me through the hotel several times for the purpose of deciding on space to turn into a dining, gambling and drinking room. He decided definitely, after we had discussed the matter, that the bar would be placed on the first floor to the left of the entrance as you entered on Third Avenue and the dining room was to be on the right. He also decided that he was to have gambling rooms on the second floor of the hotel immediately over the bar in order that a service dumbwaiter could be installed to serve liquor in the gambling rooms direct from the bar. We had definitely made an arrangement whereby I was to be furnished my room and board and paid \$25.00 a week for managing these facilities.

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Adams was very anxious to have everything opened in time for the American Legion Convention which took place in Miami October 23rd to 26th. During this period, however, that I was arranging for these plans with Adams, I noticed that there were several guests in the hotel whom Adams afforded every possible courtesy. Whenever these people came into the lobby Adams immediately waited on them himself and would ignore me. I thought this was very suspicious. Some time after he had made the statement to me that he had mentioned above about my being the kind of a man who would keep his mouth shut, I recalled that when we were talking in his office an individual came in there who appears to be identical with the photograph that has been shown to me of Cassius McDonald. At that time McDonald attempted to have Adams intercede in behalf of an individual who had been arrested by the Miami Police in possession of an automobile that had been stolen in Indiana and of which car this individual could not prove ownership. At that time Adams stated that he did not want to do anything for this man because Bob Knight was a bit provoked about having to fix things for too many people. At that time, however, Adams took from his pocket a lot of money, giving some of it to this man who I am told is Cassius McDonald. Adams at the time also said something about spending a lot of money to fix things up.

About this time Adams told me that these people on whom he was waiting himself were members of a mob who had kidnaped a fellow out west and collected \$200,000.00 in ransom. He also said "I can get anything that they got. They've got more money than you can shake a stick at. I can get \$100,000.00 from them". I never paid very much attention to these people because they more or less annoyed me due to the fact that I was trying to make definite arrangements with Adams to get the position as manager for the dining room, etc., also because numerous other people were bothering Adams about the same time. However, I am positive that I have seen the individuals whose photographs have been shown to me and who I have been told are Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, William Harrison, Harry Sawyer, Fred Barker and "Doc" Barker. I also saw an old lady with this group but I never paid much attention to her and for that reason I am not able to identify the photograph of Kate Barker.

I also recall that on one occasion when Joe Adams and I were going through the corridors of the El Comodoro Hotel, I noticed a considerable amount of baggage being taken out of a room, some of which consisted of long packages wrapped in canvas. At that particular time I was attracted to these peculiar pieces of baggage and I said something to Joe about his not complying with the fire laws. Joe answered "that



stuff belongs to that mob I told you about. They got their own home and they are moving out. As soon as they get ready to go we'll take it right out".

I also recall on one occasion when sitting in the office of Mr. Adams, I noticed a letter on his desk from someone in Cleveland, Ohio. I cannot recall the name of this individual at this time but I remember that he is a former jockey and that he is publishing a racing forum in Cleveland, which information was given to me by Joe Adams himself. This man had written Joe to the effect that Damon Runyan, the sports writer, and other celebrities, including underworld characters, would stop at the El Comodoro Hotel when they came to Florida. Joe mentioned this on occasions when he was telling me that he was going to make the El Comodoro a money maker and the most popular hotel in Miami. No doubt he told me this to influence my accepting the position as manager of the dining room, etc.

Joe Adams also told me that the mob were bankroll men for the gamblers.

I never heard anything mentioned about Cuba except that on one occasion Joe was talking to Bob Knight about employing me not only to manage the dining room, etc. in the El Comodoro but also to operate the concession at the Biscayne Kennel Club which concession had been let out on a contract basis heretofore but the lease of which was soon to expire and that they intended to operate themselves. During the course of conversation Bob Knight asked Joe Adams whether I would be a good man for Cuba and Mr. Adams said that he would rather have me there with him and he could find somebody else for Cuba. This is the only mention that was made of Cuba and I do not know what they referred to.

The individual whose photograph I have identified and whom I understand to be Cassius McDonald, I am sure I have seen at the McAllister Hotel on numerous occasions during the fall and winter of 1934-1935. I had a girl friend named Otillia Hettinger who is a Western Union branch operator at the McAllister Hotel and who is regularly employed at a similar station at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky. It was while visiting with her at the McAllister that I noticed Cassius McDonald in the lobby of the hotel, and I noticed that he frequently talked to young children, pretending to be a very fatherly sort of a man. I believe that he sent Western Union telegrams from this hotel and I recall that he was referred to as "Mac".

I also believe that I saw this man on the porch of the Halcyon Hotel where I was living. I also believe that I saw him at the race betting room at the Roman Pools located in Miami Beach. I also believe that I saw Cassius McDonald, along with the individuals who I am told are Harry Sawyer and William Harrison, whose photographs I have also identified, at a saloon near the El Comodoro Hotel, which saloon is located on Third Avenue northwest, a few doors from the El Comodoro Hotel toward Flagler Street.

I might also mention that Joe Adams told me, when he was talking about this mob, that he always waited on these people himself; that he assigned the rooms to them; that they were good spenders; that they would stay two or three days, would give him \$200 or \$300, or if they stayed longer \$1,000., and that they would never ask for any change, also that they would never ask for a bill.

I might also mention that when I first began negotiating with Joe Adams, he told me that he had recently made an airplane trip to Cleveland, Ohio but he never stated for what purpose he made this trip, except that he had to make it on account of that mob.

I might also mention that while I had made definite arrangements with Joe Adams to take over the operation of his dining room, etc., as has been explained above, I was to commence work on October 16, 1934, moving into the hotel on that date. Prior thereto we had figured out what equipment would be necessary. However, in view of what Adams had told me about my being the kind of a man he wanted, as has been more fully explained above, also because of the actions of the mob mentioned above and Adams' peculiar interest in them; further, because of various rumors that I heard around town about the fact that Joe Adams and Bob Knight did not treat their employees well, I decided not to accept this position, thinking that possibly I would get into trouble if I were in Adams' employ. For this reason, without saying anything to Joe Adams, I ceased all connections with him and never went back to the El Comodoro Hotel.

I might mention that other than Joe Adams and Bob Knight, I am not acquainted with anybody at the El Comodoro Hotel except that I have seen Arthur Sandercock, the clerk at the desk there. I also learned from a woman who resided at the Halcyon Hotel and who



is a salad woman, as they are called in hotel kitchens, that Joe Adams was a very hard man to work for and she was particularly critical of him because she understood that he was about to dismiss Sandarscock from the employ of the hotel.

Recently while on the streets of New York I met an old hotel steward called Mac, whose name I do not know but whom I have known for many years, having met him in Atlantic City a number of years ago. He is an old timer in the hotel business and makes Florida every year. He talked about the Barker-Karpis episode in Florida and about the fact that Joe Adams was in trouble and up that time Mac told me that nothing would ever come of it. Mac also mentioned to me that at this time the criminal element that is still in Miami is making its headquarters at the Washington Hotel in Miami Beach. This is an hotel catering to Jewish people exclusively and I was very much surprised to think that the criminal element would be hanging out there but Mac claimed that he had it from a good source; that they were there at this time.

As I have mentioned above, I went to Miami, Florida in the fall of 1935 and remained there until April 15, 1936, when I returned to New York City, where I am now living at the above address with my brother, Albert Gurante, who is a PMA employee on Long Island. I intend to make my home for the time being with my brother.

After reading the above statement, I affix my signature hereto voluntarily.

KRM:MC

August 30, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, New York.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I. O. #1218, FUGITIVE, et al;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim;  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. H. Hanson, dated at New York City, August 26, 1935, containing information with regard to the disclosures made by Andrew Gurante.

The Bureau observes that Gurante is now entertaining extreme fear for his safety as a result of the disclosures made by him. It is suggested that your office keep in touch with Gurante and make every effort to allay his fears and encourage him to continue to assist the Bureau. It is hoped that proper arrangements can be made so that Gurante will be willing to testify in the trial of Joseph Adams and others in the near future.

Please keep the Bureau advised as to the attitude of Gurante in this matter.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,  
Assistant Director.

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