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

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to  
FA-102.3/1102

August 16, 1935

The Secretary of State present his compliments to  
The Honorable the Attorney General and refers further  
to the latter's communication of May 27, 1935, concerning  
the desire of the Bureau of Investigation of the Depart-  
ment of Justice to obtain from Germany information in  
regard to an automatic pistol that has been recovered  
from a person taken into custody in connection with a  
kidnaping case.

The Secretary of State now transmits herewith in  
the above connection a copy of a despatch received from  
the American Consul General at Berlin, Germany, con-  
taining pertinent information in the matter.

Enclosure:

From Consulate General, Berlin,  
No. 487, August 3, 1935.

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No. 487

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Berlin, Germany, August 3, 1935.

SUBJECT: Efforts to Trace an Automatic Pistol Manufactured by Deutsche Werke A.G., Erfurt, Recovered from a Person Arrested in connection with a Kidnaping Case in the United States.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,  
Washington.

SIR:

I have the honor to refer to the Department's instruction of June 5, 1935 to the American Consulate at Leipzig (File No. 102.3/1074), and to the Leipzig Consulate's despatch No. 400 of July 8, 1935 in reply thereto. The Department's instruction related to the desire of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice to obtain information concerning an automatic pistol of 6.35 millimeter calibre, bearing serial number 140007 and showing the manufacturer's name to be the Deutsche Werke, A.G., Erfurt, Germany. It will be noted in the last paragraph of the Leipzig Consulate's despatch under reference that the Consul at Leipzig stated he was referring the matter to this Consulate General for its further investigation.

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A representative of this Consulate General called on the director of the Industrieanlagen G. m.b.H., Berlin, and was informed that, at the time the pistol in question was sold the Deutsche Werke A.G., which manufactured it, was in process of liquidation and that the Sales Department of the factory in the haste and difficulties incidental to the liquidation took no note of the firm to which the pistol in question was sold. The representative of the Consulate General was informed that the pistol in question left the factory together with a large number of other pistols under date of February 23, 1923, and not on August 8, 1922, which latter date was erroneously given in the letter addressed by Industrieanlagen G. m.b.H. to the Consulate at Leipzig on July 6, 1935. The Consulate General's representative was further informed that, while the Industrieanlagen G. m. b. H. had no record of the purchasing firm, it was possible that it might have been shipped to the American firm Maxwell Brown, which firm gave several orders to the Deutsche Werke A.G. sometime before its closure.

Respectfully yours,

Douglas Jenkins,  
Consul General.

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August 30, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

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 May 15, 1935 in which you advised that you were forwarding to the Bureau an automatic pistol made in Germany, bearing Serial No. 140007 and in which letter you suggested that the Bureau might desire to trace the origin of this gun.

This will advise you that efforts were made to trace this gun in Germany through the American Consulate at Leipzig, Germany. It was learned that this gun was manufactured by the Deutsche Werke, A. G., Erfurt, Germany; that at the time this gun was sold the above mentioned company was in the process of liquidation and the Sales Department of that factory took no note of the firm to which the pistol in question was sold. It has been learned, however, that this pistol left the factory, together with a large number of other pistols, on February 23, 1923 and not on August 8, 1922, as was previously but erroneously reported. Representatives of this company in Germany also advised that there is no possibility this gun may have been shipped to the American firm of Maxwell Brown.

No further information is outstanding with regard to this pistol.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Very truly yours,  
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,  
Assistant Director.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**  
318 Security Building,  
Phoenix, Arizona

August 30, 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  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O.1232;  
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O.1236;  
WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O.1238;  
MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O.1241; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
Kidnaping; Harboring & Obstruction of Justice;  
National Firearms Act.

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that in connection with the investigation of the above entitled case it has become necessary to issue a circular letter to all banks in the territory covered by this office, asking that they be on the lookout for \$1000.00 notes issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Georgia, beginning with serial number F-00022451A and ending with F-00022500A.

Two copies of the circular letter above mentioned are furnished for the information of the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

*Chapman Fletcher*  
CHAPMON FLETCHER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc: Cincinnati

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice  
318 Security Building  
Phoenix, Arizona**

August 19, 1935

In connection with a very important investigation now being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, it is requested that you make a check of all \$1000 bills now in your possession for the purpose of learning whether you have on hand \$1000 bills issued by the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank, beginning with F-00022451A and ending with F-00022500A.

If any of the above bills are now in your possession it is requested that you communicate with this office immediately by collect telegram or by calling collect telephone 3-4870.

If you are unable to locate any of these bills, it is requested that you post conspicuously in your bank the numbers above referred to where they will be available at all times to the employees handling currency, to the end that this office may be promptly advised as to the receipt of any of the bills mentioned. It is also desirable to determine the description and identity, if possible, of the person or persons from whom any of these bills are received in order that this office may initiate an immediate investigation, and it is important that we receive information as to the presence of any of this currency in the state of Arizona at the very earliest possible moment.

Your cooperation in connection with the above matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Chapmon Fletcher  
Special Agent in Charge

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U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
August 30, 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.O.  
#1218, et al: EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Referring to my letter dated August 21, 1935 and the letter addressed to the Cincinnati Office dated August 26, 1935, relative to contact established by Special Agent Frank S. Smith of the Oklahoma City Office with Jack Glynn, former Chief of Police at Leavenworth, Kansas, in an effort to obtain information relative to the location of the outstanding fugitives in this case, please be advised that acting in accordance with instructions received at Washington, D. C., Agent Smith contacted Elmer Inman, who is now confined in the County Jail at Claremore, Oklahoma on State charges. It is known that Inman was closely associated with Freddie Barker at one time. When interviewed by Agent Smith on August 21, 1935, Inman very frankly admitted a personal acquaintance with Doc and Freddie Barker, and to have operated with Freddie Barker at one time in a series of safe robberies. He stated, however, that he had never come into contact with either Alvin Karpis or Harry Campbell. The only suggestion he had to offer was that Chicago would be the logical place where Karpis would hide out and receive protection. He had no information or knowledge upon which he based this opinion, however.

Agent Smith also contacted Jess Dunn at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma. Mr. Dunn has held the position of Assistant Warden for several years and Agent Smith is very well acquainted with him and considers him both capable and reliable. Mr. Dunn stated that from his experience in dealing with prisoners, he found out that they generally respect or despise the officials at the institution; that he gained the confidence of Volney Davis while Davis was confined at McAlester and frankly felt that if he could talk with Davis personally, Davis would impart information he possessed relating to the present location of Karpis and Campbell. Mr. Dunn, in fact, readily agreed to accompany Agent Smith to Leavenworth with the view to making this connection, in the event the Bureau would authorize this travel.

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This information was submitted to Mr. Tamm of the Bureau telephonically on August 22, 1935 and on August 24, 1935 telephonic advice was received from Mr. Tamm that this procedure was not considered advisable by the Bureau.

Mr. Dunn further stated that an exceptional grapevine system of outside communication exists at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary and that he will endeavor to ascertain, through certain confidential contacts that he maintains, whether Karpis or Campbell have established any communication in the prison. Any information obtained in this respect will be promptly furnished to the Oklahoma City Office by Mr. Dunn.

Very truly yours,

*Dwight Brantley*  
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
Chicago

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 2118

Detroit - Michigan

August 30, 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.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Bureau letter dated July 27, 1935, there are transmitted to the Bureau and to the offices listed below copies of a letter received at the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, addressed to Miss Dolores Delaney, the letter, itself, being forwarded by her brother, Robert Delaney, 6045 Kimbark Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Very truly yours

*D. L. Nicholson*  
D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Dolores:

Well - snooky - how are you getting along now.

Say kid I may be up to see you one of these days soon. They are moving the factory and when they move my department I will be off a few weeks and I pretty sure I will come then.

Boy it sure would seem fine to see you. I bet you sure are getting chubby or should I say fat. No they are both wrong I mean pleasingly plump.

Did you say hello to your friends their for me. You just wait till you come to Chicago I'm going to take you and little Roy all over.

Well kid I guess I haven't any more girl friend I guess she through me over or something like that but I guess I will have to get over it and go look another one.

I am going to have some small pictures taken pretty soon so you can see how I look with my mustasch I don't guess thats how to spell it but you will get what I mean. That other picture I sent don't look much like me.

Jean & Babe are both fine. I just came from Harry Nelsons. Art and their all fine and said to say hello.

I'm going over and see little Roy in a few days and will let you know how he is getting along.

Well Dolores I can't think of any more to say but that were O.K. and hope you will be here with us soon.

So be a good girl and I will be seeing you soon.

Write and tell me what the visiting days are.

Your Brother

Bud.

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Return address on envelope:  
Robert Delaney  
6045 Kimbark Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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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. M. Jones, dated at Chicago, Illinois, July 18, 1935, on page two of which it is observed that on March 20, 1934, William Elmer Heade in the name of C. C. Chase delivered to the Ford Motor Sales Company, 2223 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, a Lincoln automobile, as a result of which transaction, he established a \$1,000.00 credit balance. On the same day he purchased a 1934 Ford Deluxe Sedan, Motor No. 673750, equipped with a "Kari Leen" trunk, and after this purchase he had a credit balance at said Ford Company in the amount of \$234.75.

It is my special desire that the Chicago Office exert every effort looking towards the location of William Elmer Heade.

It is noted from the report of Agent Jones that apparently the fact that Heade had a credit balance, as above stated, at the said Ford agency, went unnoticed by the Chicago Office. In view of the fact that Heade has been well known to Salesman L. E. Hart, of the above mentioned motor company, for the past six or seven years and in view of the further fact that the Ford Deluxe Sedan, mentioned herein, was confiscated by the Northampton, Massachusetts Police Department and later turned over to the postal authorities by said police department, it is believed possible that Heade may return to the Ford Motor Sales Company at Chicago and purchase an automobile from said company, using the remainder of his credit balance in such a purchase.

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It is, therefore, requested that you make immediate arrangements through the proper persons at the above mentioned Ford Motor Company so that your office will be advised promptly whether efforts are being made by Heade to purchase a car by using the remainder of his credit balance at said company.

The Bureau wishes to be advised as to whether Mr. L. M. Hart, of the Ford Motor Sales Company, and other officials of this company will cooperate with the Bureau to this end.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,  
Assistant Director.

cc - St. Paul  
Cincinnati



Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

August 31st, 1935

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

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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 AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Reference is made to teletype from Mr. Connelley dated August 30th, 1935, in connection with the above entitled case.

I am transmitting herewith two copies of the photograph of the body which was found in the burned barn at Ontariville, Illinois, on January 6th, 1935.

I am also transmitting herewith two photostatic copies of an article which was run in jewelers' magazines concerning the Elgin wristwatch found in this same building.

Very truly yours,

*DML*

D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio.**



REPORT MADE AT <b>Jacksonville, Fla.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8/30/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/26/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. E. Talbot, Jr.</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases I. O. #1218 - FUGITIVE, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Thousand dollar bill, Number F-00022486-A located 8-22-35, Little River Bank & Trust Co., Miami, Florida, the same having been received from First National Bank, Miami, 7-2-35 by Louisa Bernardi, Miami, Florida. First National Bank unable to trace bill from source.

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**REFERENCE:**

Letter from Cincinnati Office to Director, dated 6-21-35.

**DETAILS:**

This investigation is predicated upon a letter from James G. Garner, President, Little River Bank & Trust Company, Miami, Florida, dated August 22, 1935, advising the Jacksonville Office that they were in possession of a one thousand dollar bill, number F-00022486-A issued by the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank.

**AT MIAMI, FLORIDA:**

James G. Garner was interviewed at the Little River Bank & Trust Company, 79th Street and Second Avenue, who advised that on the 22nd day of August, 1935, Clyde Lewis, a paying and receiving teller had located a thousand dollar bill, number F-00022486-A, which had been deposited with them by Mrs. J. L. Tichnor of Uleta, Florida.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: 	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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Clyde Lewis, teller stated the same facts as Mr. Garner, and further that the one thousand dollar bill deposited by Mrs. Tichneor in the bank account of she and her husband, had a bill strip, whereon was stamped the Postal Savings System, Miami, Florida. Mr. Lewis further advised that he had noted the serial number of this particular bill on a memorandum, and would be competent to testify as to his possession and acquisition of it. He further said that Mrs. Tichneor enjoyed a very good reputation, and did not think that she could or would be in any way connected with anything unlawful.

Earl Wilson, Foreman, Postal Savings, United States Post Office was interviewed and stated that on the 22nd day of August, 1935, he had personally paid out to Mrs. J. L. Tichneor of Uleta, Florida a one thousand dollar bill, but was unable to recall the serial number of it, but that he did recall it had had a Postal Savings wrapper on it. He advised the writer to contact Emma Lee Korn, clerk of the Postal Savings.

Emma Lee Korn was shown the Postal Savings wrapper, bearing the following in ink and stamp: "1000. Postal Savings System, Aug. 22, 1935, Miami. P. S. 105534, initialed in ink, 'Korn'." Miss Korn readily recognized this wrapper and stated that she had that day accepted for deposit four thousand dollars, \$2500 in the name of Louisa Bernardi, 313 22nd Terrace, Miami, and \$1500 for deposit for her son, John Bernardi, same address; further, that as she recalled there had been no other thousand dollar bills deposited that day.

Louisa Bernardi, 313 22nd Terrace was interviewed and stated that she had on August 22, 1935, deposited money in the Postal Savings as described by Miss Korn; that on July 2, 1935, intending to build a small apartment house on a vacant lot adjoining her home she had withdrawn four thousand dollars from her account which she had with the First National Bank of Miami, Florida. However, she had changed her mind, and had kept this money in her home, until it was deposited in the Postal Savings. She further advised that she had not changed any of the bills, and therefore, could have only gotten the bill from the First National Bank.

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Fred W. Pickle, Head Bookkeeper, First National Bank, Flagler Street, Miami, Florida, advised the writer after checking the bank account of Louisa Bernardi,

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This Agent questioned Mr. Pickle as to their method of keeping check of one thousand dollar bills, and Pickle advised that Vernon Lowe, Central Head Teller be contacted.

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Vernon Lowe advised that all currency passing to the tellers is first checked by him, and further, that he did not believe that this particular bill had come through his hands as he was checking each one of them. Mr. Lowe contacted T. R. Harmon, Jr., teller of the window with the initials, "A,B,C". T. R. Harmon, Jr. stated that on the second of July, as he recalls, he gave Louisa Bernardi some five hundred dollar bills and one thousand dollar one; however, he could not recall whether he had cashed a thousand dollar bill for a customer that day or not, however, he and the writer, on checking the records as maintained by Lowe, ascertained that on July 2, 1935, Harmon was charged with \$4000.00 for his window. Lowe further stated that it was possible that this particular note had been overlooked, as the records maintained by him showed that on that date he was in possession of seventeen thousand dollar bills.

Fred W. Fickle was again contacted, and stated that there was no way in which the records could be checked to ascertain whether the bill had been handled by Harmon; further, that the cash balances as received from the tellers and noted on a memorandum, were destroyed after a week's time, and it would be impossible to show that Harmon had been charged with the particular bill. Fickle further stated that it was his belief that some customer had "broken" the bill at one of the windows, and that it had passed through the hands of Lowe without being checked at the time Mrs. Bernardi had requested \$4000.00 from her account.

Vernon Lowe was again contacted and it was suggested to him that he exercise diligence in checking all one thousand dollar bills.

James G. Garner was contacted telephonically, and advised the writer that he would send the instant bill to the Federal Reserve Branch in Jacksonville when requested by the Special Agent in Charge of the Jacksonville Bureau Office, and further, that the writer should retain the Postal Savings Wrapper previously mentioned, as it would in all probability be lost, if and when the bill is sent to the Federal Reserve Bank. The Postal Savings Wrapper is being retained in the files of the Jacksonville Office for safe keeping.

AT ULETA, FLORIDA:

Mable Tichneur, (Mrs. J. L. Tichneur) was interviewed and stated that on the 22nd of August, 1935, she had withdrawn \$1000 from her Postal Savings account and had immediately taken the one one thousand dollar bill to the Little River Bank & Trust Company, Miami, for deposit in the joint account of she and her husband; that at no time was the bill ever out of her possession and further, that she had only had the bill about thirty minutes.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

SEPTEMBER 2, 1935.

ALL FIELD OFFICES EXCEPT JACKSONVILLE AND ST. PAUL.

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BREKID SUBJECTS WILLIAM WEAVER AND MYRTLE EATON IN BUREAU CUSTODY.

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PHONE BREKID INFORMANT CHICAGO ██████████ CONTACTED BARRY  
 WOMAN ON TELEPHONE TONIGHT AND BARRY SAYS CANNOT NOW LOCATE  
 PARTIES BUT INDICATIONS ARE SHE WANTS TO LEAVE ██████████ OUT OF  
 TRANSACTION. INFORMANT UNDER PRETEXT WAS TO ATTEND REUNION OF  
 HIS FAMILY IN CLEVELAND AT A NEAR FUTURE DATE INDICATED HE MIGHT  
 STOP IN TOLEDO TO SEE BARRY. BARRY INDICATED GREAT INTEREST IN  
 THIS AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE INFORMANT PERSONNALLY. INFORMANT  
 WILL WRITE LETTER IN MORNING MAKING SUGGESTION HE CAN FIX SUCH  
 DATE FOR CLEVELAND TRIP AS CONVENIENT TO BARRY AND IS CERTAIN HE  
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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Three letters from the Bureau, all dated August 26th, were received, instructing the writer to direct the following Special Agents: E. H. Williams, D. E. Wells and R. T. Ross (A), to report to Inspector H. H. Clegg on September 9, 1935 for four weeks assignment.

These Agents will be instructed to report to Washington as directed.

With these Agents in Washington there will be only four Agents, to wit: Coulter, Hopton, Hirsh and Willard to handle the work of this office.

Special Agents C. E. Smith and R. D. Brown are specially assigned to the Brekid case.

Every effort will be made to function with the four remaining Agents. The work here is rather heavy of late so I thought I would let you know about the situation and struggle along and do the best possible with the limited personnel. What the writer is somewhat concerned about is man power to meet such emergency as might arise in the Brekid case at Toledo.

Very truly yours,

/s/ J. P. MacFarland

J. P. MAC FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati**

FILE NO. **7-45**

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Philadelphia, Pa.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8/30/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/24/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>L. Levin</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218 - FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH B. 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 <del>XXXXXXXXXXXX</del> 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><b>SYNOPSIS:</b> Frank Orban, owner of 1932 Rockne Roadster, motor #9382, bearing 1935 Michigan license plates Y34273, not identical with Subject Karpis. Orban presently visiting his mother, Mrs. Dent, of Edgewood Farm, approximately one mile from South Montrose, Pa.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of Special Agent A. Schroeder, Philadelphia, Pa., dated August 24, 1935.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> <u>AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.</u></p> <p>In response to an inquiry from this office, the Detroit Office teletype, dated August 24, 1935, advised that 1935 Michigan license plates number Y34273 were issued for a 1932 Rockne roadster, motor number 9382, owner: Frank Orban, 457 Emerson Street, Detroit; that he was a former employee of the Ex-Cell-O Aircraft and Tool Corporation, Detroit; having left their employ on July 24, 1935, and that he was now visiting with</p>			
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his mother, Mrs. Dent, at Old Forge, Pa.

AT OLD FORGE, PA.

An interview was had with Superintendent Philip J. Lally, of the U. S. Post Office, who advised that he did not recall personally any family by the name of Dent.

A search of the most recent city directory indicated that one Arthur and Fannie Dent (only persons by that name) formerly resided at 626 Oak Street, Old Forge, and subsequently at 327 Sussex Street, Old Forge.

According to Mr. Lally, there was on record a removal order indicating that some time in July, 1936, Mr. and Mrs. Dent had moved to R. F. D. #1, Montrose, Pa., care of Edgewood Farm.

Interview was had also with the Chief of Police at Old Forge, who advised that he recalled the Dent family, and stated that, to the best of his knowledge, they were of good repute and law-abiding.

AT MONTROSE, PA.

Agent interviewed Assistant Postmaster Brucelott, who advised that the name Dent was unfamiliar to him, and a search of the records of the rural carrier failed to reveal this name. Mr. Brucelott advised that the rural carrier, Mr. Ray Palmer, was presently on vacation.

Mr. Ray Palmer was located attending a baseball game, and he advised that the name Dent was not familiar to him; also, that the name Edgewood Farm is likewise unfamiliar. He promised, however, to make inquiries when he returned to his route, and to advise this office.

Interview was also had with the substitute mail carrier (name not secured), who advised that the name Dent and also the name Edgewood Farm were both unfamiliar to him.

Thereafter, inquiry was made along Rural Route #1, which is 26 miles long, and it was ascertained that the Dent family reside on a farm known as Edgewood Farm, approximately one mile from South Montrose.

There an interview was had with Frank Orban, owner of the previously described 1932 Rockne roadster, under pretext, the pretext used being that it had been reported that his automobile had been in an accident in the very recent past. Orban related that on Tuesday, August 20, 1935, he had driven from Old Forge, Pa., to Philadelphia, and thence to Newtown Square, Pa., in order to attend an automobile auction sale; further, that from the auction sale he had gone to Philadelphia with two friends, and had visited a taproom in the central section of the city (exact location unknown), and that at approximately 4 or 5 A. M. on Wednesday, August 21, 1935, after leaving the taproom, he inquired of a boy he saw standing on the street corner the direction to the nearest Postal Telegraph office, advising that he desired to send a telegram to his mother.

At this point of the interview, it was determined that Frank Orban is approximately 45 years old, and his facial characteristics in no way compared favorably with the photograph of Subject Karpis, although generally his build does.

Accordingly, Agent's identity was revealed, and Orban was requested to submit his fingerprints for comparison purposes. Agent thereupon determined that the print of the right ring finger of Frank Orban is an ulnar loop, possibly a whorl, whereas the right ring finger of Subject Karpis is a radial loop.

Since it definitely appeared that these individuals are not identical, no further investigation was conducted.

The right ring finger impression of Frank Orban is being retained in the Philadelphia file.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Cincinnati, Ohio.

Jax FILE NO. 7-24

REPORT MADE AT Jacksonville, Florida.	DATE WHEN MADE Aug. 30, 1935.	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE Aug. 29, 1935.	REPORT MADE BY J. P. Lacour
TITLE 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;			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING, HARBORING OF FUGITIVE; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O. 1241; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>John O. Jackson, Attorney, Jacksonville, Fla., reported to Jacksonville Office that on 8-29-35, while in St. Augustine, Fla., he saw a suspicious looking party dart into a house located directly across the street from old Fort Marion; that he was positive the person he saw was Karpis. Investigation disclosed party answering description given by Jackson to be one Thomas C. Justice, Credit Manager, Deshler-Wallace Hotel, Columbus, Ohio, who has the house in question rented and is occupying same with family and friends.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p>			
<p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p>This investigation is predicated upon information furnished the Jacksonville Office by John O. Jackson, of Jacksonville, Florida, to the effect that he had noticed a party at St. Augustine, Florida, whom he believed to be subject Karpis.</p> <p>Mr. John O. Jackson, Attorney at Law, Bisbee Building, Jacksonville, Florida, called at the Jacksonville Office in the afternoon of August 29, 1935, and stated that that morning he had been in</p>			
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St. Augustine, Florida, and while there had viewed the sights of old Fort Marion and, while waiting for his bus at the walk-way leading to Fort Marion, he noticed a man hurriedly go into a house directly across the street; that this party weighed about 120 pounds, 5' 7" to 5' 8" tall, had piercing black eyes, black hair - parted in the middle, and a sun-burned complexion; that he had seen numerous pictures of subject Karpis, and he felt sure the man he saw was Karpis.

The description and location of the house in question were furnished by Mr. Jackson, and the writer proceeded to St. Augustine, located the house and made the necessary inquiries therein. The man undoubtedly referred to by Mr. Jackson proved to be a Mr. Thomas C. Justice, Credit Manager of the Deshler-Wallace Hotel, of Columbus, Ohio, who bears the following description:

Age	34
Height	5' 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	133 lbs.
Hair	Coal black, parted in middle, combed very close to his head
Eyes	Piercing black eyes
Complexion	Normally fair, at present very florid from sunburn.
Build	Stocky
No general facial characteristics similar to those of subject Karpis.	

Mr. Justice produced a sterling silver engraved identification plate dated January, 1935, bearing an introductory statement and a facsimile of Martin L. Davey, Governor of Ohio. Mr. Justice had numerous other cards and correspondence which showed him to be connected with the Deshler-Wallace Hotel, as before mentioned.

Mr. Justice states that he is in St. Augustine for a rest, having almost suffered a nervous breakdown during the winter, and intends to stay at that point for approximately six weeks longer. Occupying this house with Mr. Justice are his wife and child, and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bee, friends, from Columbus, Ohio, and Frank Harp, a midget bell captain of the Deshler-Wallace Hotel. None of these parties bear any resemblance to Karpis, or any of the members of his gang, and none of them are in any wise suspicious looking characters. They are well dressed, well mannered and very cooperative people, taking no offense at questions relative to their identity and purpose for being in St. Augustine.

The photograph of Karpis, without reflecting his identity, was exhibited to these people and inquiry made as to whether or not any one

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stayed at their place, or called at their place, who bore any resemblance to the photograph. The answer was in the negative.

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U. S. Department of Justice  
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August 24, 1935.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue 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:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated August 19, 1935, transmitting copies of a personal and confidential letter dated August 9, 1935, addressed to the Bureau by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, in which he makes reference to my letters relative to the activities of one Ike McNally, reporter for the New York Post.

I have been closely associated with McNally since I have been in New York and have found him to be entirely reliable. I know that he has the respect and confidence of numerous persons prominent in public affairs, and I have never heard any suggestion of any kind that he is not dependable. He sometimes lets his imagination and enthusiasm run away with him and I have known him to get very much excited and concerned about vague rumors which obviously were incorrect. He has, on many occasions, demonstrated his friendship for the Bureau and for me personally, and I have found him to be a good source of information and very helpful. In addition to enjoying the confidence of various public officials, McNally is rather widely acquainted with underworld characters and racketeers. His contacts with these individuals, however, are merely of the type which any good newspaper reporter has or tries to get, and are not necessarily significant.

Insofar as McNally is concerned, I am convinced from my knowledge of, and contacts with, him that he is entirely sincere in his efforts to arrange a meeting between me and Luciano after the latter had indicated a desire to become acquainted with me. Luciano has been absent from New York recently and McNally has been unable to see him. However, McNally is still endeavoring to ascertain the purpose behind Luciano's activities and even though nothing develops as a result of his efforts, I am satisfied in my own mind that McNally has no ulterior motive, regardless of what Luciano's purpose might be.

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I will keep in touch with McNally and advise the Bureau and other offices of any developments which might be of interest.

Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Chicago  
cc: St. Paul  
cc: Cincinnati

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

August 24, 1935.

MEMORANDUM

Re: Charles Mecaino, alias "Lucky".

The files of the Bureau do not contain any reference to Charles Mecaino, alias "Lucky", but do contain reference to one Charles Lucania, alias "Lucky". In a report dated November 8, 1934, submitted by Special Agent William B. Moran of the New York office, on the case entitled "Arthur Flegenheimer, alias 'Dutch' Schultz", the following notation is contained in a list of associates of Schultz:

"Charles Luciana, called "Lucky", N.Y. P.D. No. B 72321. Is the leading racketeer along Italian lines. Is very powerful and made considerable money in liquor."

Referring to the fingerprint record of Charles Lucania, #F.B.I. 62920, the following is an abstract of subject's record on file in the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

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Charles Mecaino,  
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The following notations appear on our records:

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The following additional aliases appear in the Bureau's Records:

"Charlie\Lucania; Charles Luciana; Charley\Luckey, Charles  
Reed; "Lucky"."

The following information concerning this subject was received  
on January 10, 1934:

"Is a general gangster and racketeer - is a boss of a  
lower East Side gang. Operates chiefly in beer and  
liquor. Has business connections with Lepke, Longie  
and the other mobs. Is usually in the company of  
Coppola, Deriso and Iandosco. Is apparently wealthy."

This subject is entered in the Single Fingerprint Section as  
K#820.

A confidential circular from the Bureau of Narcotics dated March  
15, 1932, contains the following report concerning this subject:

"Associate of late Jack\Diamond. Lucania accompanied Diamond  
and Charles\Entratta to Europe in summer of 1930, when it  
was believed that a conspiracy existed to smuggle narcotics  
from Europe into the United States. Arrest in Germany of  
Diamond and his deportation, and the consequent extreme  
publicity, believed to have disrupted their immediate plans.  
Other associates:- Vic\Miller, Morris\Zeig, and Salvatore  
Arcidiaco."

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

August 26, 1935.

Mr. Tamm:

Mr. Hoover wishes, please, a full and complete memorandum of everything contained in the Bureau and Identification files concerning Charles Mecaino, alias "Lucky" and Charles Luciana, alias "Lucky". This person also seems to be referred to as Charles Lucania and Charles Luciano.

The attached memorandum was prepared from material which was brought to this office on Saturday afternoon in response to a request for everything in the files concerning this person, but the attached letter from Mr. Whitley indicates that we did not have everything.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-11 ID

REPORT MADE AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 8/29/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/27-29/35 8/5-9, 14, 20/35	REPORT MADE BY G. V. DOHERTY
TITLE 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		CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVE; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Harrison and others unknown to Leo Cronin, Manager Greyhound Dog Track, Cheektowaga, N.Y. No one resembling Harrison seen at said track. Bill Simms believed operating track in Atlantic City or Long Branch, N.J. William E. Meade, formerly attached to Raimon Laboratories, Buffalo, N.Y. interviewed and unquestionably not person wanted in connection with instant case. Investigation at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont. unproductive of any information that Doc Moran or others seen in that area. Len Brock now residing Cooksville, Ont.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent A. Hale Watkins, Atlanta, Ga. 7/26/35.  
Report of F. W. Allen, Boston, Mass. 7/8/35.  
Wire from Cleveland office 7/27/35.  
Report of Special Agent G. V. Doherty 7/22/35, Buffalo, N.Y.

DETAILS:

Reference wire from SAC J. P. McFarland, Cleveland, Ohio indicated that a car bearing New York license tags 3E 8462 registered under the name of Norman G. Klinck, 124 Rohr Avenue, Buffalo, N.Y. was seen

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in Cleveland and he was desirous of ascertaining the identity of the owner and the whereabouts of the car.

Prior to the receipt of the above wire there appeared in the Buffalo newspapers a statement to the effect that Alvin Karpis was believed to have been seen in Cleveland in the aforementioned car and SAC Stapleton telephonically communicated with SAC MacFarland to ascertain whether or not the newspaper article was correct. SAC MacFarland stated that same had not been brought to his attention and subsequently the aforementioned wire was received at the Buffalo Bureau office.

An immediate check was made by the writer and it was ascertained that Norman C. Klinck resided at 124 Rohr Avenue and was employed by the New York Central Railroad. The writer then, through the New York Central Police, ascertained that Norman C. Klinck had been employed by their company since 1916 and that he was a very reputable individual and had always been very attentive to his duties. It was further ascertained that Norman C. Klinck worked the evening of July 26th, 1935 and was on duty until approximately 8 A.M. the morning of July 27, 1935 in view of which it would be impossible for him to have been in possession of said car in Cleveland, Ohio.

In the vicinity of 124 Rohr Avenue the writer ascertained that while Klinck occasionally uses an Auburn Speedster he regularly drives a Ford Sedan. Further discreet inquiry disclosed he has an excellent reputation in that area.

Norman C. Klinck was not at home at the time of the writer's call and he was subsequently located and voluntarily accompanied the writer to the Buffalo Bureau office where he was further interrogated at which time he advised that Dan Montgomery, colored night club operator, was in possession of the Auburn Speedster which is registered in his (Klinck's) name under 1935 New York license 3E 8462 and that Dan Montgomery had said car in his possession on the previous evening and had driven same to Ohio. At first Klinck was rather reticent to supply any information relative to his association with Dan Montgomery, however, he stated he has been in the employ of the New York Central Railroad for several years and that many of the employees of the Railroad would have their checks cashed at Dan Montgomery's place and that not being desirous of having the checks cleared through a night club operator's account arrange-

ments were made whereby he would cash the checks for Dan Montgomery; that in this way he became very friendly with Dan Montgomery and that due to the fact that Montgomery cannot secure any insurance he permits him to register the Auburn Speedster in his (Klinck's) name; that he occasionally uses the car but the car is in fact the property of Dan Montgomery.

Dan Montgomery, 158 Exchange Street, Buffalo, N.Y. upon being interviewed advised that on July 26, 1935 he was visiting at the home of his girl friend, Mildred Cooper, colored, Stop 110, Lorraine, Ohio; that he had with him at the time one George Foley, white, 325 Wyoming Street Buffalo, New York who is a bartender in his night club and acted in the capacity of chauffeur during this trip; that he and Foley left Lorraine, Ohio about 10 P.M. on the evening of the 26th and drove through Cleveland, Ohio to Buffalo, N.Y.; that the Auburn Speedster which is registered in the name of Klinck is in fact his automobile and is capable of travelling at the rate of approximately 120 miles an hour. Due to the fact that they had left Lorraine, Ohio late in the evening and being anxious to get to Buffalo as soon as possible it is possible they were exceeding the speed limit while passing through Cleveland.

Montgomery stated he is a regular visitor to Lorraine, Ohio and he uses various cars during these trips the numbers of which were furnished to the writer and are being set forth herein.

Cadillac Coupe 1B 3353  
 1935 Ford Phaeton 5B 4240  
 1934 Ford Phaeton 4E 3515  
 Lincoln Sedan E 158  
 1934 Ford Sedan 8B 124

George Foley, 324 Wyoming Street, Buffalo, N.Y. was interviewed and substantiated the statements made by Montgomery and in view of the fact that Foley is of the gangster type and there is a slight resemblance to Karpis his photograph was secured and same is now in the Buffalo office file for future reference. The Cleveland office was furnished the above information by teletype on July 27, 1935.

Discreet inquiry at the Root Building 70-80 W. Chippewa Street disclosed that the Raimon Laboratories did at one time occupy space in that building but that they are out of existence and no forwarding address was on file and the Superintendants were unable to fur-

nish any information as to the present whereabouts of the Raimon Laboratories. Likewise they were unable to furnish any information that there was a Meade connected with same, however, it was ascertained through contacts with the elevator operators and others in the building that the Raimon Laboratories were more or less affiliated with the Eleanor School of Beauty Culture which occupies a suite of rooms #306 in said building and that there was a Mr. Meade connected with said organization.

Examination of the Buffalo City Directory disclosed that a William E. Meade, various addresses in Buffalo, was a resident of the city for several years and was at one time connected with the Raimon Laboratories and that his last address was 554 Hewitt Parkway.

Mr. William E. Meade, 554 Hewitt Parkway, Vice-President of the Eleanor School of Beauty Culture, 306 Root Building was discreetly interviewed and advised that for the past six or seven years he has been employed in the capacity of Vice-President and Manager of the Eleanor School of Beauty Culture. Prior thereto for a period of approximately 25 years he was employed as a brokerage salesman selling job lots for various companies to large department stores and general stores similar to Sears Roebuck Company; that for some time he was employed by Ferguson and McKinney Agents, New York City; that he is married and his wife's maiden name was Mable Lisle and she came from Muskegon County, Ohio; that he has not lived with his wife for several years; that he at the present time is living with his sister, Myrtle Meade, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Witt at the aforementioned address; that during the winter he periodically makes trips to the South and that during the early part of 1935 he, Mr. and Mrs. Witt and Mrs. Nash, sister of Mrs. Witt, and his daughter took a trip to St. Petersburg, Fla; that they stopped at various tourist camps during said trip and also while in St. Petersburg; that he did no entertaining while in Florida this year or other years due to the fact that he is at the present time with comparatively little or no funds; that while in Florida he and the aforementioned people who were in the party remained by themselves and that he met no one else by the name of Meade while in Florida. The writer interrogated Mr. Meade at length concerning himself and his previous activities and he unquestionably is not the William E. Meade wanted for questioning in instant case.

From observation Mr. Meade is approximately 62 years of age, 5' 10", weight 200 lbs., gray hair, blue eyes, smooth complexion, inclined to be corpulent.

Relative to the Raimon Laboratories it was ascertained that Philip Raimon, a Frenchman, came to Buffalo, N.Y. and attempted to make arrangements for the packing and sale of French cosmetics; that said individual did not have the business ability to put his merchandise across and as a result the firm became defunct; that Raimon had overstayed his visitors permit and while in New York City on a visit was taken into custody by the Immigration Officers and it is understood he was deported to France.

Mr. Leo P. Cronin, Manager of the Greyhound Dog Track, Cheektowaga, New York was interviewed by the writer at which time he, Cronin, stated his home was originally Buffalo, N.Y.; that he has been following the dog tracks for several years and that he did at one time operate a track in St. Louis. Mr. Cronin stated William J. Harrison was unknown to him and upon being shown the I.O. of Harrison he stated he felt positive he had never seen this person at any time nor had he ever employed him. Pictures of the other subjects wanted in instant case were also displayed to Mr. Cronin and he stated he could not recall ever having seen any of said persons around the track; that he is positive that none of them have ever been in his employ and he further stated he was positive that Harrison was not at the present time working for him.

Mr. Cronin permitted the writer to examine the payroll of the various employees but Harrison under his true name or alias failed to appear therein. Considerable study was made of this payroll, however, there was no handwriting which anywhere near resembled that of Harrison.

Mr. Cronin stated that the operation of the dog tracks is a very unusual business and that they make every effort to eliminate all types of racketeers and gunmen; that the reason for this is that ordinarily they are not permitted to operate and that if he associated himself with the racketeers the track would only be permitted to operate a short time.

Mr. Cronin displayed the photograph of Harrison and others to some of his confidential employees whose names the writer was unable to secure but they were likewise unable to furnish any information concerning any of the subjects in this case.

Mr. Cronin stated that due to the peculiarities of dog tracks that if Harrison had ever been employed by him at any time under the name of Harrison it would have been necessary for him to continue using that name because as soon as he ascertains that someone is working for him under an alias said person is immediately discharged and the men engaged in this business follow the tracks continuously and they recognize one another and same would be reported to the Manager of the track.

Cronin apparently was willing to furnish any information which he had in his possession although he did state that if subject Harrison ever approached him to secure employment he would not employ him but that due to his associations could not notify the Buffalo Bureau office.

Relative to Simms, Mr. Cronin stated that there is a Bill Simms who at the present time is operating a dog track in either Atlantic City or Long Branch, N.J.; that said Simms is not operating any track in New York State to his knowledge.

Mr. A. S. Loepere, Burns Detective Agency, who is on duty at the race track was contacted by the writer and photographs of subjects in instant case particularly that of Harrison displayed, however, Mr. Loepere was unable to make any identification stating he is at the track at all times of the day or night and felt certain anyone answering Harrison's description would have come to his attention; that in the event he sees anyone who answers the description of subject Harrison or any of the other subjects in instant case the Buffalo Bureau office will be immediately notified.

SAC T.N. Stapleton and the writer for several evenings observed the activities of the various individuals at the track particularly those working in the Mutuel Section both in the Grand Stand and the Club House, however, no one answering the description of Harrison was observed. Close attention was paid at the time the bets were being made and although several thousands of people were present no one who in any way answered the description of subjects in instant case were observed.

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upon being interviewed advised that since last having been seen by the writer they have failed to observe in Niagara-on-the-Lake or vicinity anyone who in any way answered the description of Doc Moran or any of the other subjects in instant case; that approximately one month ago,

Len Brock left Niagara-on-the-Lake to operate a garage in Cooksville, Ontario which is on the Dundas Highway #5 near Toronto. All stated they did not observe any unusual activities at the home of Len Brock's mother, however, all agreed that they were very much surprised when they ascertained that Len Brock was to manage a garage at Cooksville; that while Cooksville is only a small town nevertheless to be associated in any way with a garage they believed would unquestionably necessitate the expenditure of some money; that while it was stated by some people in Niagara-on-the-Lake that Len Brock was going to manage the garage it was also stated he purchased same; that to their knowledge Len Brock never had sufficient money with which he could purchase any kind of a garage and considerable doubt has arisen in the minds of many in Niagara-on-the-Lake as to where he (Brock) was securing his money. The aforementioned people stated it is their personal belief that someone in the States has furnished him the money for this venture.

[REDACTED] stated it was impossible for him to secure the license number on Len Brock's Chevrolet Sedan but that he, Brock, had said car in his possession at Cooksville, Ont. at the present time. b7c  
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The aforementioned persons agreed to continue their observations in Niagara-on-the-Lake and in the event they observed anyone who resembled subject Moran or the other subjects in instant case the Buffalo Bureau office would be immediately notified.

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The TRENTON OFFICE at ATLANTIC CITY and LONG BRANCH, N.J. will attempt to locate one Bill Simms who is believed to be operating a dog track in one of the aforementioned cities. He should be contacted and a photograph of Harrison displayed to ascertain what, if any, contacts he has had with Harrison recently. It is believed Harrison was employed by Simms at one time.

For the information of the Trenton office statements made by individuals who know Harrison indicate the photograph of Harrison as shown in the I.O. is a poor one and that he ordinarily wears glasses and continuously chews tobacco and plays considerable golf. He has been employed in dog tracks in the mutual section.



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The BUFFALO OFFICE at COOKSVILLE, ONT. will make appropriate inquiry concerning the activities of Len Brock and if deemed advisable Len Brock should be personally interviewed securing any information he might possess that would be pertinent to instant case.

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Laboratory Report

August 29, 1935.

Case: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. Number: 7-576-7051  
1218, ET AL.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives; Obstruction of  
Justice; National Firearms Act.

Specimens:

One Colt automatic pistol, .45 caliber, #C 159419

Examination requested by: Kansas City Bureau Office  
Date received: 8-23-35  
Examination requested: Ballistic  
Result of examination: Examination by: Parsons

Test cartridges were fired in the above automatic pistol and the bullet shells compared with all specimens of that type contained in the Laboratory, but no identification was effected.

The test specimens from this gun are being retained in the Laboratory file for possible future reference.

The above Colt automatic pistol is being returned to your office as requested.

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2-Kansas City  
1-St. Paul  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

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

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 23, 1935.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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cc - St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
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*H. J. ...*  
*E. J. ...*  
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NAME OF COURSE \_\_\_\_\_ ASSIGNMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF STUDENT \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

TIME SPENT ON THIS ENTIRE ASSIGNMENT SHOULD BE INDICATED HERE \_\_\_\_\_ HRS. (FIRST PAGE ONLY). WRITE ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS PAPER.

Sept. 2, 1935.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.  
Dear Sir;

I wish to call to your attention some facts which interested me and which might be of value to you. They concern a rather tall, always well-dressed man of about thirty-eight years who resembles a newspaper photograph of Alvin Karpis, except for spectacles.

He has used a Rhode Island registration on his automobile which usually carries Massachusetts Regis.

The machine was not seen for about one week in July, just after a successful daylight hold-up and robbery in the center of New Bedford and just about the time, according to the papers, you received a letter from Ohio written by this Karpis. By the way, that is the only time this machine was away for any length of time since last winter when first observed.

In the vicinity of this man's Boarding house (run by a woman whose son has recently been arrested in connection with safe-cracking jobs) an auto bearing Florida registration #222-010 containing a group of men only, was seen on a Sat. night only.

If you are interested you may investigate the man using Mass. license #239679 and living at I think, 407 Mill Street, New Bedford, Mass.

Very truly yours,  
*J. R. McCune*

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September 7, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

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

Dear Sirs:

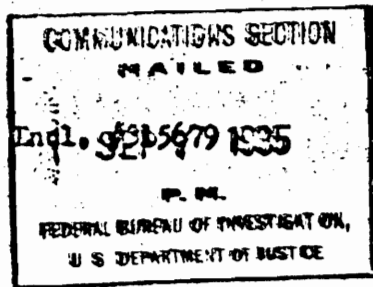
I am forwarding herewith copies of a letter dated September 2, 1935, directed to the Bureau by Mr. A. R. McCuen. In this letter the informant suggests that a person strongly resembling Alvin Karpis is believed to reside at 407 Mill Street, New Bedford, Massachusetts and is alleged to drive a car bearing Massachusetts registration.

It is kindly requested that you have an Agent locate and interview the informant who, it is believed, may be contacted through the Massachusetts Department of Education, Division of University Extension. It is also requested that an appropriate investigation be conducted in the vicinity of 407 Mill Street, New Bedford, Massachusetts to determine whether Alvin Karpis is, in fact, residing in that vicinity.

The letter of the informant is not being acknowledged, in view of the fact that the Bureau is not presently advised of the location of the Massachusetts Department of Education.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,  
Assistant Director.



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Mr. Tolson	✓
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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	

4945-A, St. Louis Avenue,  
St. Louis, Missouri,  
August 21, 1935.

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Have noticed severak articles in daily news-  
papers where you are in the lime light from a different  
angle and that this man Karpis, has put you on the SPOT.

The attached article was clipped from the St. Louis  
Star Times, and when I read that you were not worried very  
much about this man taking you for a ride, I felt like  
writing you a few lines and say " keep on giving em HELL.

You are doing great work and I know that if you  
will be left alone to handle this boy with the organi-  
zation behind you, Mr. K A R P I S, will soon be some  
more past history. They will have to get another to take  
the honor away from as Fugitive # 1.

I will appreciate it, if you will send me a little  
more information on this fellow in the way of discription  
and his habits. I certainly will give my services gladly  
to help you get a lead or go after him myself. It happens  
that I have been dealing with a rough bunch for the past  
four months who want to be Big-Shots, Gangsters and have  
quite a profitable racket in collecting pay-offs from  
the Contracting Plasterers and Journeymen Plasters are  
afarid to make a false move for fear that they will have  
their homes bombed or be taken for a ride. So more power  
to you Chief.

My headquarters address is 529 New Post Office  
Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.

With kind personal regards,

Yours truly,

*H. J. Sticken*  
H. J. Sticken, Special Agent,  
Division of Investigations, U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

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**CHIEF G-MAN NOT WORRIED  
BY THREAT FROM KARPIS**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—(U. P.)—J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Bureau of Investigation, feels little concern over threat of Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, to come to Washington and settle his differences with the chief of the "G-Men," the Department of Justice said today. Karpis, who has been sought by Justice agents for more than a year in connection with the Bremer kidnaping, wrote Hoover a month ago, threatening his life, but the incident was not made known until today. Hoover is not taking extra precautions, it was said.

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Mr. H. J. Sticken,  
4945-A St. Louis Avenue,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Sticken:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of August 21, 1935 and desire to thank you very much for the commendatory comments contained therein. I do feel that it will not be long before Karpis and other associated criminals will be in custody.

With regard to your request for further information with regard to this particular criminal, I take pleasure in transmitting herewith a copy of Identification Order #1218, now current upon this subject. I am certain this will give you the information you desire.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Edwards
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Foxworth
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Joseph
- Mr. Keith
- Mr. Lester
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- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Tracy
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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio**

FILE NO. **7-30**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>St. Paul, Minnesota</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>8-30-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>8/15-22-23-24-26/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>F. G. Tillman</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O.# 1218 - FUGITIVE; 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: Buick Sedan licensed to M. L. Phelps in Minnesota 1934, No. B38260. Plates mailed to Henry Soder, Minneapolis. Dr. Henry Hall advises "Clara" not Clara Gibson; that one "Jack", presumably Jack Colbert, a friend of SAWYER and CLARENCE KATON, will probably meet TOMMY GANNON at the Woodbine Country Club, Duluth, Minnesota. O. R. Neuenfeldt resides at 337 Walnut Street, St. Paul.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, Aberdeen, S.D., 8-10-35; Special Agent F. G. Tillman, St. Paul, Minnesota, 8-6-35 and 7-9-35, and letter of SAC E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Ill., 8-16-35.</p> <p>DETAILS: Examination of the records of the Motor Vehicle Department, Secretary of State's Office, St. Paul, Minnesota, reflects that a Buick Sedan, year 1933, Model 57, Motor No. 2,850,161, Serial No. 2695631, was registered in 1934 to M. L. Phelps, 26 East Fourth Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, and the license number, B38260, issued thereon. A letter contained in the above files indicates that the car was registered in South Dakota in 1935. The application for license contained the request that the license plates be mailed to Henry Soder, 2626 Blaisdell Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Inquiry at 26 East Fourth Street, St. Paul, disclosed that this number was that of a tailor shop formerly operated by Samuel S. Laff; however,</p>			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>H. E. Andersen</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-7189		RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>SEP 8 1935</b>
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this place burned several months ago. Numerous efforts were made to contact Laff but it appears that he is now out of the city on a buying trip preparatory to reopening his store. It is expected that he will return about September 1, 1935. It is noted that his telephone number is Emerson 8993, St. Paul.

Efforts were also made to contact Henry Soder at 2626 Blaisdell Avenue, Minneapolis, without success. However, further investigation in this direction will be given expeditious attention.

Inquiry at the Bureau of Identification of the St. Paul Police Department did not disclose any criminal record of M. L. Phelps or any knowledge concerning his present whereabouts.

The 1934 Polk's St. Paul Directory disclosed that Otto R. Neunfeldt resides at 337 Walnut Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. His occupation is given as a plasterer. It is noted that the spelling is at variance with the name Neuenfeldt appearing on his application for automobile registration.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent John V. Anderson on August 15, 1935:

[REDACTED] advised that on Tuesday, August 13, 1935, between the hours of 4:00 and 5:00 P.M., he met on the street a local hoodlum known to him as JACK. He advised that this man known to him as JACK wanted [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] some fictitious address was given on Rice Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

[REDACTED] advised that JACK has been a bootlegger and that he, [REDACTED] has been informed that he has been a confidence man around St. Paul. He stated that JACK is a very good friend of TOMMY GANNON; that he is a friend of HARRY SAWYER; that he used to frequent McCormick's old place on Wabasha Street, and the place that was operated by HARRY SAWYER. [REDACTED] said he never knew the man by any other name than JACK; that he is quite positive that one time he stayed with a man by the name of CLARENCE VON SAIN, also a local hoodlum, for a while at 246 Cathedral Place, St. Paul, Minnesota, about the year of 1931 or 1932. He also advised that he was a friend of CLARENCE EATON, and that when he last heard of EATON he was in the south some place.

[REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] from September 19 to 21, 1933 GANNON was at the Mounds Park Hospital, St. Paul, Minnesota, suffering from delirium tremors; that it was his understanding that the man known to him as JACK paid GANNON'S hospital bill at that time.

[REDACTED] advised that he is familiar with the fact that the Bureau is attempting to locate several subjects in connection with the BREMER case, and that for this reason he attempted to secure some information from JACK. He questioned JACK as to the whereabouts of EATON, stating that EATON owed him some money, and that he, [REDACTED] was building a house and needed money badly; that JACK told him that he was going to meet some of the fellows in Duluth and that if he could get any information he might stop in his office at St. Paul on his return. [REDACTED] understood that this meeting was to take place sometime the latter part of the present week or the early part of the week beginning August 18, 1935. [REDACTED] advised at this time that the only place he knows of in Duluth, Minnesota, that would be a meeting place for any hoodlums would be the Woodbine Country Club, which is

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operated by a man by the name of JOHN GORDON, a former partner of HARRY SAWYER'S at St. Paul, Minnesota. [REDACTED] stated that it was his impression that one of the men JACK would meet at Duluth probably would be TOMMY GANNON.

He described JACK as follows:

Age:	40 to 45 years
Height:	5' 11"
Weight:	180 pounds
Build:	Medium
Complexion:	Fair
Hair:	Dark brown, tinged with grey
Characteristics:	Lantern jaw; black snappy eyes; neatly dressed.

In an effort to ascertain the identity of the man known as JACK, agent interviewed Gus Barfuss, Acting Chief of Police, St. Paul, Minnesota, supplying him with the information that JACK was a friend of TOMMY GANNON and also supplying him with a description. Mr. Barfuss did not know who the individual might be, and advised that he would make an effort to ascertain his identity.

On August 15, 1935 Mr. Barfuss advised that he had ascertained that a man by the name of JACK COLBERT, who operated a confectionery store and who possibly had a beer license, on Rice Street just north of Como Avenue, next door to the Boyer Undertaking Parlor, might be the party. He advised that information he had was that COLBERT was a very good friend of TOMMY GANNON and that he fit the description set out above; that is, he was about 40 years of age, 5 feet, 11 inches, and had dark hair turning slightly grey. He also advised that there was another individual who had been around St. Paul and was a friend of TOMMY GANNON; that his name was JOE JUNG; that he possibly was known as JACK; that he had been a bartender for Vic Allen, on St. Peter Street in St. Paul, which place was closed up about a year ago; that JOE JUNG is now supposed to be working in JACK KOOSER'S place as a partner or bartender at Mankato, Minnesota, with Ben Paige.

It will be noted here that Paige and KOOSER operated some place known as the P. K. Inn or restaurant at Mankato, Minnesota; that recently KOOSER'S body was found near Stillwater, Minnesota, and that TOMMY GANNON and JACK KOOSER are alleged to have attempted to rob two old men at some small town in Minnesota, at which time KOOSER was shot by shotgun slugs.

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DR. HALL on August 23 and 24, 1935 was interviewed pursuant to the request contained in the letter of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, and photographs of various members of the KARPIS-BARKER gang were exhibited to him. DR. HALL stated that the "Clara" referred to by him as set forth in the report of Special Agent O. C. Dewey, Omaha, Nebraska, dated March 15, 1935, is not Clara Gibson. Further, he did not recognize the photograph of Mrs. Gibson as any person known to him. However, he states that WILLIAM WEAVER is a person known to him as CLARENCE EATON, and that the name MYRTLE EATON appears on his records as the wife of CLARENCE EATON. This person is identical to the MYRTLE EATON referred to in this case. DR. HALL last treated CLARENCE EATON on December 10, 1933 and MYRTLE EATON on December 1, 1933. Her illness at this time was caused by a uterine infection, possibly incurred through an abortion. DR. HALL also advised that MYRTLE EATON was also known to him by the name of Clara. With reference to the Clara referred to in the letter of Special Agent in Charge E. J.

Connelley, he states that he does not know her last name but recalls that she resided at the Ryan Hotel in St. Paul, and to the best of his knowledge was referred to him by either the EATONS or the SAWYERS. He treated this woman for bronchitis.

No reply has been received from Sheriff C. E. Merry, Walker, Minnesota, with reference to his investigation in regard to ANDY YOCUM, who is presently residing at Longville, Minnesota. A letter has been directed on this date to Sheriff Merry requesting that this office be advised of his conclusions.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The St. Paul Bureau Office

At Duluth, Minnesota, will determine the character of the Woodbine Country Club and the persons frequenting the Club. Will also determine if it is operated by John Gordon, and if TOMMY GANNON does in fact visit that place.

At Mankato, Minnesota, will, in connection with the investigation being presently had there, maintain a surveillance at the P. & K. Inn to determine if any of the known contacts of this mob frequent that place. It is suggested that it be noted if BELLE BORN or any of her associates visit the tavern.

At St. Paul, Minnesota, will report the contents of Sheriff Merry's letter regarding ANDY YOCUM. Will make further efforts to interview SAM S. LAFF at St. Paul and HENRY SODER at 2626 Blaisdell Avenue, Minneapolis, to secure what information they may have about M. L. PHELPS.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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SEPTEMBER 1, 1935

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

J. EDGAR HOOVER  
SUITE 1107, HOTEL TRAYMORE  
ATLANTIC CITY NEW JERSEY

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WILLIAM WEAVER FIRST BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH DOC BARKER WHILE BOTH SERVING LIFE FOR MURDER IN OKLAHOMA STATE PENITENTIARY MCALISTER OKLAHOMA BOTH RELEASED APPROXIMATELY SAME TIME STOP DOC BARKER JOINED FRED AND MA BARKER IN STPAUL AND SOON THEREAFTER WEAVER JOINED THEM WEAVER PARTICIPATED IN MANY CRIMES WITH KARPIS BARKER GANG STOP WHILE IN STPAUL WEAVER BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH MYRTLE EATON WHO WAS FORMERLY OF DESMOINES IOWA STOP MYRTLE EATON HAS BEEN AN ASSOCIATE OF GANGSTERS ALL OF HER ADULT LIFE MYRTLE EATONS APARTMENT IN STPAUL BECAME MEETING PLACE FOR KARPIS BARKER GANG STOP WEAVER LIVED WITH EATON IN STPAUL AND IN EATONS APARTMENT THE GANG FREQUENTLY MET AND PLANNED THE ABDUCTION OF BREMER STOP BREMER WAS FINGERED BY HARRY SAWYER AND WEAVER SPOTTED BREMER BY MAINTAINING A SURVEILLANCE NEAR BREMERS BANK STOP TWO CARS USED IN BREMERS ABDUCTION WEAVER ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING STOP WEAVER AND OTHERS TRANSPORTED BREMER TO BENSONVILLE HIDEOUT AND ARRANGED FOR WASHING BREMERS HEAD WOUNDS UPON ARRIVAL HIDEOUT STOP WEAVER ACTED AS GUARD DURING BREMERS CAPTIVITY BUT AFTER PERHAPS TEN OR FIFTEEN DAYS WEAVER AND KARPIS HAD TROUBLE AND WEAVER WAS FORCED TO LEAVE HIDEOUT STOP MEANWHILE EATON HAD GONE TO CHICAGO WITH WYNON BURMETTE PAULA HARMON AND EDNA MURRAY AND EATON TOOK AN APARTMENT ON CHICAGOS SOUTHSIDE STOP WEAVER REJOINED HER HERE UPON BEING CAST OUT OF HIDEOUT AND REMAINED HERE WITH HER UNTIL RANSOM MONEY PAID AND BREMER RELEASED STOP WEAVER AND EATON THEN TOOK RESIDENCE IN AURORA ILLINOIS STOP GIVING UP THIS APARTMENT ON APRIL 28, 1934 EATON AND WEAVER JOINED REMAINDER OF KARPIS BARKER GANG STOP MYRTLE EATON

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: DIRECTOR ATLANTIC CITY - 2- 9/1/35  
EATON HAS FOLLOWING CRIMINAL RECORD ARRESTED AS RUTH/MARTIN MINNEAPOLIS FEBRUARY  
27, 1930 CHARGE GRAND LARCENY SHOPLIFTING CHARGE LATER CHANGED TO PETTY LARCENY  
AND EATON FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS ARRESTED DECEMBER 9, 1930 AS SUE BOND STPAUL  
CHARGES SHOPLIFTING DISMISSED AS MRS ALICE/MARTIN ARRESTED EBBESONES IOWA  
DECEMBER 29, 1931 INVESTIGATION RELEASED STOP EATON INCLUDED IN INDICTMENT  
RETURNED JANUARY 22, 1935 CHARGING CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE KIDNAPPING STATUTE  
IN CONNECTION WITH BREMER KIDNAPPING

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

September 1, 1935

Time: 9:45 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

*Edwards* Bremer Kidnapping; William  
Weaver and Myrtle Eaton.

Mr. Donaldson telephoned from the Jacksonville Office and reported that Mr. Alt had just telephoned and reported the apprehension of subjects. A supply of weapons and ammunition was also taken. The man had been seized as he came out for his morning paper and the capture had been effected without firing or creating any disturbance. The prisoners were at the time en route to the Jacksonville Office.

Mr. Donaldson also stated that Mr. Connelley had telephoned the Director at Atlantic City and informed him of the above apprehension.

Respectfully,

*H. Nathan*

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- Mr. Nathan
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September 1, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to teletype from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley dated at Chicago, August 30th, 1935, in connection with the above entitled case. I am transmitting herewith .32 caliber bullet which was removed by Coroner P. A. Isherwood from the body of an unidentified man found in a burned barn in Ontarioville, Illinois on January 6th, 1935.

It is respectfully requested that a ballistic comparison be made of this bullet with the test bullets fired from .32 caliber automatic pistols No. 481720 and No. 304899 which guns were recovered from the apartment of Russel Gibson at 3920 Pinegrove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois on January 8th, 1935.

Kindly advise this office of the results of this comparison by teletype.

Very truly yours,

*D. M. Ladd*  
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Special Agent in Charge

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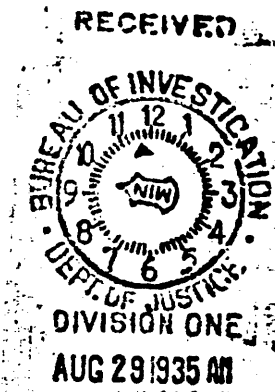
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Special Agent in Charge  
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to Bureau letter under date of August 19, 1935 addressed to this office requesting that the Louisville Office be furnished with copy of the instructions requested and issued by the court in the Bremer kidnaping case.

In compliance with the request, I am transmitting two copies of the instructions given by U. S. District Judge M. M. Joyce in the Bremer case at St. Paul, Minnesota. Two copies of the instructions are also being forwarded with copy of this letter to the Bureau, and one copy to each of the offices indicated below.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA  
THIRD DIVISION

United States of America, Plaintiff, )  
-vs- )  
Arthur R. Barker, et al., Defendants. )

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE JURY

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Ladies and Gentlemen of the Jury:

You have had an arduous task to perform in this case. I regret the necessity that caused you to be kept in the custody of the Marshal. You have patiently accepted the situation and have given close attention to the case from day to day. As I told you when you were first examined, a jury is one of the most essential elements in the agency of our Government, created by Congress for the enforcement of laws, and in this case as in all jury cases the jury is the sole and exclusive judge of the facts. You have heard the evidence and you have heard the arguments of counsel, and it now becomes the duty of the court to instruct you as to the law of the case, and it is your duty to accept the law so given you by the court.

Counsel have referred to this case as an important case. It is such. Every case is an important case because we are a nation of laws and those laws must be observed and respected. That means that every guilty man should be convicted and it means also that no innocent man should be convicted. So that every criminal case is important to the Government because it involves the question whether or not the laws have been violated; that laws which are the rules of human conduct. Every case is important to every defendant because if he is innocent he is not to be convicted; if he is guilty, he should be.

The indictment returned by the Grand Jury in this case charges Alvin Karpavicz, alias Alvin Karpis; Arthur R. Barker, alias "Doc" Barker; Volney Davis, alias "Curley", alias "Cotton"; Harry Campbell, alias George Winfield, alias "Dave"; Elmer Farmer; Harold Alderton, alias Harold Allerton; William Weaver, alias "Bill" Scott, alias Phoenix Donald, alias Charles W. Lucas; Harry Sawyer, alias Harry

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Sandlovich; William J. Harrison, alias "Willie"; alias Elmer Howe; Oliver A. Berg, alias Ollie Berg, alias "Izzy", alias "Jones"; Joseph Patrick Moran, alias Doctor Joseph P. Moran; John Joseph McLaughlin, Senior, alias "Boss" McLaughlin; William Edward Vidler, alias "Williams"; Philip J. Delaney; one "Whitie"; Byron Bolton, alias Eryon Bolton, alias Owen D. Carter, alias Owen Bernard Carter, alias Monty Carter; James J. Wilson, alias "Jimmy" Wilson, alias James Jackson, alias Doctor Jim Wilson, alias E. J. Powell; Jess Doyle; Edna Murray, alias "Rabbit"; Myrtle Eaton, alias "Mert"; and John Doe and Richard Roe, with unlawfully conspiring, combining, confederating and agreeing together and with each other and with various and other divers persons, whose names and personal descriptions were unknown to the Grand Jurors, and with certain late decedents, to-wit: Kate Barker, alias "Ma" Barker, Fred Barker, alias "Shorty" Barker; Russell Gibson, alias Roy Gray Evans, alias "Slim", alias "Smith"; and George Ziegler, alias Fred C. Coetz, to commit an offense against the United States, in that said defendants and the unknown persons referred to and the late decedents aforesaid did unlawfully conspire, combine, confederate and agree together and with each other to violate the provisions of that certain Act of Congress approved June 22, 1932, "forbidding the transportation of any person in interstate or foreign commerce, kidnaped or otherwise unlawfully detained" and held for ransom or reward, in that they did unlawfully combine, conspire, confederate and agree together and with each other to intercept, seize, kidnap, abduct and confine in their custody one certain person, namely, Edward G. Bremer.

The indictment further charges that prior to the said intercepting, seizing, kidnaping, abducting and confining, the defendants would select and arrange for a "hideout" or safe retreat outside of the State of Minnesota to which they would retire with their victim, and at which they would conceal and continue to confine and hold said victim clandestinely pending payment and delivery of ransom moneys to them.

The indictment further charges that in effecting the unlawful seizure and confinement of the said victim, they would blindfold, conceal and detain him for the purpose of his abduction and interstate transportation in automobiles, under their control, and that

from the City of St. Paul, said victim would be transported in interstate commerce to and into the State of Illinois to a point or place therein known as Bensenville in the County of DuPage, where a "hideout" or safe retreat had been selected, and that having so intercepted, seized, kidnaped, transported and confined their victim as aforesaid they would hold him for and demand ransom in the sum of \$200,000 for his safe release from their unlawful confinement and custody, and that after such unlawful acts they would communicate by means of notes and letters with certain friends and relatives of the victim, and more particularly with one Walter Magee, addressed as Chas. Magee, and one Adolf Bremer, the father of the victim, and by such means and in such manner advise such friends and relatives of the victim of his seizure and kidnaping and convey instructions with reference to the arrangement for the payment and delivery of ransom moneys, in consideration of which their victim would be released from their confinement and custody and allowed to return to his home and family. That they would not release said victim from their confinement and custody until such time as the ransom moneys to be demanded by them had been paid and delivered to them as prescribed by them, and that thereafter having collected the ransom moneys in consideration of the release of their victim they would blindfold and return him secretly by automobile to the State of Minnesota from the State of Illinois, to the end that it would be made to appear that the victim had not been transported in interstate commerce and that the United States law enforcement officials would be frustrated and circumvented in the apprehension and prosecution of the defendants and other persons associated with them as aforesaid; and that after having collected the ransom moneys and in order to avoid discovery, apprehension and arrest they would convert said ransom moneys at the City of Chicago, in the State of Illinois, and at other places unknown to the grand jurors, into, and change, exchange and dispose of the same for other moneys, currency, obligations and securities which they would be able to negotiate and pass readily and with safety to themselves in the regular and ordinary channels of trade, commerce and business; and that to accomplish the conversion, disposition and exchange of the ransom moneys they would aid, abet, assist and counsel one another in that connection and to that end. That as overt acts the said indictment alleges:

OVERT ACT NUMBER ONE

That a short time prior to Christmas in the year A.D. 1933, the exact date being unknown to the Grand Jurors, at Bensenville, in the County of DuPage, in the State of Illinois, defendant Elmer Farmer, and one Fred Barker, alias "Shorty", and one George Zeigler, alias Fred C. Goetz, both of the latter being referred to hereinbefore as late decedents, conferred together relative to the selection of and arrangement for a "hideout" or safe retreat to which Edward George Bremer, hereinbefore referred to as victim, might be transported, and there concealed, detained and held for ransom.

OVERT ACT NUMBER TWO

That on the seventeenth day of January, A.D. 1934, at the City of Saint Paul, in the County of Ramsey, in the State and District of Minnesota, and within the jurisdiction of this court, defendant Alvin Karpavicz, alias Alvin Karpis, and defendant Harry Campbell, alias George Winfield, alias "Dave", together with a person who is unknown to the Grand Jurors, did go to a point at or near the intersection of Goodrich and Lexington Avenues, in the City of Saint Paul aforesaid, in the County, State and District aforesaid, and await the appearance at said place of the said Edward George Bremer, victim as aforesaid.

OVERT ACT NUMBER THREE

That at the time and place mentioned in Overt Act Number Two, to which reference hereby is made, in the City of Saint Paul, in the County of Ramsey, in the State and District of Minnesota, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, the defendants above named in said Overt Act Number Two, to which reference hereby is made, did intercept seize, blindfold and confine in their custody the said Edward George Bremer, victim as aforesaid, said defendants then and there also seizing said victim's automobile.

OVERT ACT NUMBER FOUR

That on the day and from the place, to-wit: the intersection of Goodrich and Lexington Avenues, mentioned in Overt Act Number Two, to which reference hereby is made, in the City of Saint Paul, in the

County of Ramsey, in the State and District of Minnesota, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, the defendants named in said Overt Act Number Two, after having intercepted, seized and blindfolded the said Edward George Bremer, the victim aforesaid, did transport him in his automobile to a point near Number 1910 Edgecombe Road, in the City of Saint Paul, in the County, State and District aforesaid.

OVERT ACT NUMBER FIVE

That on the day mentioned in Overt Act Number Two, to which reference hereby is made, at or near Number 1910 Edgecombe Road, in the City of Saint Paul, in the County of Ramsey, in the State and District of Minnesota, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, the defendants named in said Overt Act Number Two, and divers other persons unknown to the Grand Jurors, did transfer forcibly the said Edward George Bremer, victim as aforesaid, from his automobile to another automobile then and there under the control of defendants and the other unknown persons mentioned, a more particular description of said latter automobile being unknown to the Grand Jurors.

OVERT ACT NUMBER SIX

That on January 17, A.D. 1934, the defendants named in said Overt Act Number Two, to which reference hereby is made, and several other persons unknown to the Grand Jurors, knowingly and unlawfully did transport the said Edward George Bremer, the victim aforesaid, in interstate commerce, to-wit: from a point at or near Number 1910 Edgecombe Road, in the City of Saint Paul, in the County of Ramsey, in the State and District of Minnesota, by and in an automobile under their control, to the town or city of Bensenville, in the County of DuPage, in the State of Illinois.

OVERT ACT NUMBER SEVEN

That on January 17, A.D. 1934, at the City of Saint Paul, in the County of Ramsey, in the State and District of Minnesota, and within the jurisdiction of this court, the defendants named in Overt Act Number Two, to which reference hereby is made, and several other persons unknown to the Grand Jurors, did cause and compel the said Edward George Bremer, the victim aforesaid, to sign a certain note or letter addressed to one Walter Magee as Chas. Magee, containing directions and instructions relating to proposed negotiations between defendants and the



contributors of ransom moneys and regarding the payment of ransom in the sum of \$200,000.00 therein demanded by defendants for the release of their victim aforesaid.

OVERT ACT NUMBER EIGHT

That from January 17, A.D. 1934, to February 7, A.D. 1934, at Bensenville, in the County of DuPage, in the State of Illinois, defendant Arthur R. Barker, alias "Doc" Barker, and defendant Harry Campbell, alias George Winfield, alias "Dave", and defendant Harold Alderton, alias Harold Allerton, and defendant Alvin Karpavicz, alias Karpis, and defendants John Doe and Richard Roe, whose true names are unknown to the Grand Jurors, (but whose approximate personal descriptions are above set forth in the body of this indictment, to which descriptions reference hereby is made,) and one Fred Barker, alias "Shorty", and one George Zeigler, alias Fred C. Coetz, both of the latter being referred to hereinbefore as late decedents, did conceal, detain and hold the said Edward George Bremer, the victim aforesaid, for ransom.

OVERT ACT NUMBER NINE

That on or about January 27th, A.D. 1934, at the City of St. Paul, in the County of Ramsey, in the State and District of Minnesota, and within the jurisdiction of this court, defendant Alvin Karpavicz, alias Alvin Karpis, did purchase and procure a number of flashlights and accessories therefor.

OVERT ACT NUMBER TEN

That on or about February sixth, A.D. 1934, at a point approximately five miles beyond Humboldt, in the County of Goodhue, in the State and District of Minnesota, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, defendant Alvin Karpavicz, alias Alvin Karpis, did place a number of flashlights at the side of a graveled road to designate the approximate point at which the ransom moneys, demanded by defendants as aforesaid for the release of the said Edward George Bremer, the victim aforesaid, should be delivered.

To this indictment the defendants now on trial have plead not guilty.

An examination of the statute under which this indictment was brought discloses that the elements of this offense are knowingly transporting or causing to be transported or aiding or abetting in transporting in

interstate or foreign commerce, any person who may have been unlawfully seized, confined, inveigled, decoyed, kidnaped, abducted or carried away by any means whatever and held for ransom or reward. You will observe that merely abducting a person and not carrying such person so abducted across a state line would not constitute a Federal offense, nor would it be a Federal offense to abduct and carry a person across a state line if the purpose of such abduction and transportation was not a ransom or reward. Therefore, in order to constitute a Federal offense three elements must appear:

(1) Unlawful seizing, confining, inveigling, decoying, kidnaping, abducting or carrying away by any means whatever;

(2) With knowledge of the abduction the transporting or causing to be transported, or aiding or abetting the transporting in interstate commerce, that is, across the state line; and

(3) Even after one is unlawfully seized and transported across the state line, it must appear that such abduction and participation therein were for the purpose of ransom or reward.

In placing a proper construction upon this statute you are instructed that the purpose of this Act was to prevent kidnaping and to provide punishment for those guilty of its violation. The underlying motive for kidnaping is not revenge nor to wantonly bring sorrow and distress to a victim's home, but it is to secure a cash ransom for the release of the captive. The same motive prompts the act of kidnaping and presents the hope of reward for its consummation through a conspiracy, that prompts the act of bank robbery, highway robbery or other types of robbery, or even murder - the acquisition of money and other valuables that can be readily exchanged into money.

An indictment, ladies and gentlemen, is a formal charge in writing against a defendant. An indictment is the result of an investigation by the Grand Jury and the officers of the law. This investigation is in no sense to be taken as a trial, but it simply constitutes the regular method of bringing the matter before the court and a jury for a trial. The indictment itself is not evidence of the guilt of the defendants nor does it detract in any degree from the presumption of their innocence with which the law surrounds them until their guilt is proved or confessed. The charges contained in the indictment the Government must establish by proof in order to show the defendants guilty of the crime with which they stand charged.

The Burden devolves upon the Government that presents this charge, of meeting this presumption of innocence and overcoming it by proof, and the degree of proof which the law establishes as the standard by which a defendant shall be tried is that his guilt must be shown beyond a reasonable doubt. The defendants, or any of them cannot, therefore, be convicted of the offense charged in the indictment unless and until each and every essential ingredient of the crime and their guilty participation in it have been established by evidence that satisfies the minds of the jurors beyond a reasonable doubt. The Government must prove them guilty. They are not required to establish their innocence.

Reasonable Doubt:

The term "reasonable doubt" used frequently throughout this charge may be defined as follows:

When all the evidence in the case, carefully analyzed, compared and weighed by you, produces in your minds a settled conviction or belief of the guilt of the defendants, or any of them; such a conviction as you would be willing to act upon in matters of the highest importance relating to your own affairs; when it leaves your minds in the condition that you feel an abiding conviction amounting to a moral certainty of the truth of the charge, then, in that event, you would be free from a reasonable doubt.

A reasonable doubt is not a mere whimsical or captious doubt, for anything relating to human affairs and depending upon human testimony is open to some possible or imaginary doubt. Absolute or mathematical certainty is not required, but there must be such certainty as satisfies your reason and judgment, and such that you feel conscientiously bound to act upon it.

In view of the charges laid in the indictment it is necessary for us to determine what constitutes a conspiracy and in what manner a conspiracy may be formed. A conspiracy is an agreement of two or more persons by concerted action to accomplish an unlawful act. One person alone cannot conspire. Two or more persons are indispensable. The essence of a conspiracy is the common design which actuates the parties. There must be the cooperation of at least two persons with a view to the attainment of their common or unlawful design. The proof of a conspiracy need not be by positive or direct evidence. It may be by circumstantial evidence. It is not required of the prosecution that there be produced the direct testimony of anyone who heard the parties

conspire or that there has been a formal admission of the conspiracy. The law recognizes that after two or more persons should determine upon a common, unlawful plan it will hardly be done openly; hence it is unnecessary for the Government to show that the parties charged came together and in writing or by an explicit agreement entered upon an unlawful scheme. It is sufficient if they in any manner positively or tacitly came to a mutual understanding or agreement to accomplish the unlawful end, and this may be inferred by the jury from the proof of cooperation and from the acts and conduct of the parties and circumstances showing that they were pursuing the same object, whether they acted separately or together, by the same or different means, or the part of one may have been subordinate to that of the other, or in the way of assistance at a different place, provided that all led to the same unlawful end.

If a conspiracy has not been established in this case as between any two or more of the defendants, the case falls as to all. If a conspiracy has been established, then any act committed by any defendant in furtherance of the scheme or looking to the execution thereof during the continuance of the conspiracy, is regarded in law as the act of each of those joining therein. As already indicated, there must have been one overt act toward carrying out such unlawful agreement. Overt acts viewed separately need not be of such a character as to be in themselves unlawful, but if they are designed to carry out an unlawful agreement, they thereby become unlawful.

The overt act, that is an act done in pursuance and manifestation of an intent or design, must be one independent of the conspiracy or agreement. It is not one of a series of acts constituting the agreement or conspiring together, but it must be a subsequent, independent act following the completed agreement or conspiracy, and done to carry into effect the object of the original combination.

As I said to you before, the evidence in proof of a conspiracy may be circumstantial. Where circumstantial evidence is relied upon to establish the conspiracy, then, like any other essential fact, it is not only necessary that all the circumstances concur to show the existence of the conspiracy or the facts sought to be proved, but the circumstantial evidence must be inconsistent with any other rational conclusion; that is, you are to consider all the circumstances and conditions shown in evidence, and if it appears to you as reasonable men and women that even

though there is no direct evidence of actual participation in the alleged conspiracy by the defendants, or any of them, but that a reasonable inference from all the facts and circumstances does to your mind show beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendants or some one or more of them were parties to the conspiracy as charged, then shall you make the deduction and find accordingly.

Circumstantial evidence, in a conspiracy case, when it is strong and convincing, is often the most satisfactory evidence from which to draw conclusions as to the guilt or innocence of a defendant.

A conviction may be had upon circumstantial evidence; but to warrant such conviction, the proven facts must not only be consistent with the hypothesis of guilt and point surely in the general direction of guilt, but must clearly and satisfactorily exclude every other reasonable hypothesis except that of guilt. Whenever a circumstance relied on as evidence of criminal guilt is susceptible of two inferences, one of which is in favor of innocence, such circumstance is robbed of all probative value, even though from the other inferences guilt may be fairly deducible.

It is not necessary that it be shown that any person involved in the alleged conspiracy profited by the things which he did, but if any of the defendants with knowledge that the law was designed to be violated in the particular manner charged in the indictment aided in any way by affirmative action in the accomplishment of the unlawful act, he would be guilty.

The overt acts recited in the indictment involve specifically the defendants Elmer Farmer and Fred Barker, alias "Shorty", George Ziegler, alias Fred C. Coetz, Alvin Karpavicz, alias Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, alias George Winfield, alias "Dave", Arthur R. Barker, alias "Doc" Barker, Harold Alderton, alias Harold Allerton, and defendants John Doe and Richard Roe. Should you find from the evidence, however, that all of the defendants were members of the conspiracy charged under the indictment, then the overt acts done and performed by the aforementioned individuals, if you find they were done and performed, would in contemplation of the law, be the acts of the remaining defendants as well.

You are instructed in this case that the evidence tends to show that it was the purpose of the alleged conspirators, not only to obtain the ransom money but in such form that it could be readily exchanged so that as originally received it would be entirely removed from the hands of the conspirators and in its place there would be substituted money not subject to identification. Therefore, so long as any of the ransom money was in the hands of the alleged conspirators and they were continuing their efforts to exchange the same, the conspiracy was in full force and effect as to such conspirators.

As to the defendants Berg, Wilson, McLaughlin, Vidler and Delaney there is no claim made by the Government that they were parties to the alleged conspiracy at its inception. That is to say, the Government does not contend that any of the defendants mentioned had anything to do with the actual seizure and kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, or with his transportation from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Bensenville, Illinois, or with the demand for \$200,000 ransom and the collection thereof, or with the confinement of Edward G. Bremer at the so-called hideout at Bensenville, Illinois, until February 7th, 1934.

The Government does contend, however, that the defendant Arthur "Doc" Barker and others, namely, Fred Barker, Harry Campbell, Wm. Weaver, Volney Davis, Alvin Karpis, Harry Sawyer, George Ziegler alias Goetz and others, during the month of December, 1933, and thereafter, unlawfully conspired together to seize and kidnap Edward G. Bremer, to transport him in interstate commerce and to hold him at Bensenville, Illinois, pending payment of \$200,000 ransom money which would be demanded and collected by them, and, in this connection it is the further contention of the Government that the two Barkers, Campbell, Weaver, Davis, Karpis, Sawyer, Ziegler alias Goetz, and others, at the origin or inception of the conspiracy and prior to the actual demand for and collection of ransom, had it in mind, as a part of the conspiracy (1) that they would demand and collect \$200,000 ransom; (2) that they criminally intended to derive pecuniary or financial benefit and gain in that amount; (3) that they criminally intended that the moneys collected as ransom in this case should constitute the fruits of the crime they contemplated; (4) that sooner or later they would be compelled to aid and assist one another and to obtain the aid and assistance of others in exchanging and disposing of these ransom moneys in such a way that they would not be discovered and arrested in connection therewith, and to the end that they might enjoy the benefits, profits and fruits of their crime after a division between them, for their future use, of the "good" money, so-called, received by them in exchange for the ransom moneys.

The Government contends that to carry out this particular part of the conspiracy (and at a time when the conspiracy had been carried out with the exception of the one part, purpose or object mentioned, to-wit: the exchange of the ransom moneys for good moneys), one or more of the alleged original conspirators or kidnapers got in touch at Chicago, Ill. with Dr. Jos. P. Moran, a fugitive defendant in this case, and with the defendant Oliver A. Berg, and with one Slim Gibson (now dead) at various times and places in Chicago.

The Government contends that after this contact had been made, matters were arranged so that Dr. Moran was to receive a substantial commission from the original conspirators or kidnapers for his services in connection with the exchange of the ransom money; that Berg and Gibson were to guard and have control over the ransom moneys delivered for exchange and to protect the

interests of the original conspirators or kidnapers when the ransom money passed from their hands for exchange and until such time as "good" money, less the commission, was turned back to them.

And the Government contends further that Dr. Moran, in connection with the exchange of ransom moneys, in turn, contacted the defendant McLaughlin at the instance of the defendant Wilson, and introduced him at the Sherman Hotel in Chicago to a man unidentified by the evidence, other than as possessing the name Adams and being from LaSalle, and thereafter introduced the defendant McLaughlin to the defendant Berg and to Slim Gibson, lately deceased, and that arrangements were made and carried out by which the Irving Hotel in Chicago was to be used for the purpose of the delivery and custody of ransom moneys in ten and fifteen thousand dollar lots and for the purpose of the custody and delivery of the "good" moneys after the exchange of the ransom moneys had been accomplished, and that in connection with the activities at, in, from and surrounding the Irving Hotel, the defendants Moran, Berg, Gibson, Wilson and McLaughlin knowingly and actively participated.

And the Government further contends that McLaughlin, in turn, solicited the aid and assistance of the defendants Vidler and Delaney in connection with the exchange of these various lots of ransom moneys, and that Vidler and Delaney knowingly and actively shared and participated in the exchange of these ransom moneys until April 26, 1934, in an amount upwards of \$50,000.

With reference to the claims made by the Government as related, the court instructs you as follows:

That it is not necessary that any of these men, namely, the defendants Berg, Wilson, McLaughlin, Vidler, Delaney, and the fugitive defendant Moran and the decedent Gibson, should have been parties to the seizure, interstate transportation and holding of Edward G. Bremer nor to the demand for and collection of ransom, nor is it necessary to establish that they, or any of them, were acquainted with or knew all of the original conspirators or kidnapers.

If you find, beyond a reasonable doubt, that the original conspirators or kidnapers, at the outset, had in mind, as a part of the conspiracy it is alleged they agreed upon, the exchange of these ransom moneys and that such exchange was a part of their common design, and that the defendants Berg, Wilson, McLaughlin, Vidler, Delaney, and others not here on trial, knowingly and actively participated in that part of the conspiracy, so contemplated originally, involving the exchange of the ransom moneys, then and in that situation, you may find that the defendants I have mentioned, namely Berg, Wilson, McLaughlin, Vidler and Delaney were members of the conspiracy alleged in the indictment in this case. It makes no difference whether the defendants named were familiar with or comprehended the entire scope of the

conspiracy, if you find that during the months of March and April, 1934, or thereabouts, the defendants Berg, Wilson, McLaughlin, Vidler and Delaney knowingly and actively cooperated in a common effort to carry out the money-changing part of the conspiracy to which I have referred. If they did so, they became parties to the general conspiracy and assumed responsibility for all acts done before. Nor does it make any difference whether they individually or in groups performed different tasks.

If Moran, Berg, Gibson, Wilson or McLaughlin, or any one or more of them, had contact knowingly with the defendant Arthur "Doc" Barker or with any other of the alleged original conspirators or kidnapers in Chicago, in relation to the money-changing part of the conspiracy, at any time prior to April 26, 1934, and if Moran, Wilson, Berg and Gibson and McLaughlin knowingly and with guilty knowledge aided, abetted and assisted one another thereafter in connection with that part of the conspiracy relating to the money changing, and if Vidler and Delaney knowingly and with guilty knowledge aided, abetted and assisted McLaughlin thereafter in that same connection, then, if you are satisfied in the premises beyond a reasonable doubt you may find that they were all cooperating together to carry out that part of the conspiracy to which reference has been made, to-wit: the exchange of the ransom moneys, and it is immaterial whether they all were acquainted with one another or worked individually or together in groups.

However, before you can find any of these defendants, namely, Berg, Wilson, McLaughlin, Vidler and Delaney, were members of or parties to this conspiracy by virtue of their cooperation and participation in these alleged money changing activities, you must find beyond a reasonable doubt that the moneys that were being handled by them in Chicago during the month of April, 1934, were moneys derived as ransom from the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer and that each of these defendants had knowledge of that fact. And in this connection, I say to you again that the guilt or innocence of any one of the defendants named does not depend upon his knowledge of the entire scope of the alleged conspiracy. It is enough that they and each of them understood and knew in a general way that the general purpose they were subserving was the exchange of moneys paid as ransom for the release of Edward G. Bremer.

The defendants Berg, Wilson, McLaughlin, Vidler and Delaney deny that at any time they had any knowledge whatever that their activities, whatever they may have been, as shown by the evidence in this case, had any connection with or relation to the exchange of Bremer Ransom Money. If any of these defendants had anything to do with moneys that had come into their possession or into the possession of other defendants innocently and without the knowledge or realization on their part that such moneys constituted moneys paid as ransom for the release of Edward G. Bremer, they have committed no offense and cannot be convicted. On their behalf and on behalf of each of them, you are to consider the denominations of these ransom notes, the fact that the money was genuine, and the likelihood that these



bills in the due and regular course of business might have come innocently into their possession and you are to consider all the possibilities and probabilities involved which may demonstrate their lack or want of notice or knowledge that these moneys actually were Bremer ransom moneys at the time of their connection with them. You should also consider their intelligence or lack of intelligence and any and all other matters that may occur to you in their behalf, which the evidence justifies. It is not sufficient that the evidence show a state of facts from which you may suspect that these defendants had notice or knowledge that it was Bremer ransom money. Suspicion and conjecture or surmise are not enough. It is necessary that you find these defendants a part of the conspiracy at some time during its existence. The facts and circumstances shown by the evidence must be such that they convince you beyond a reasonable doubt, and in the absence on your part of an abiding conviction that these defendants, at the time the money transactions occurred, as reasonably prudent men, had notice or knowledge of the identity of these moneys as Bremer ransom moneys, you cannot lawfully convict them or any of them.

On the other hand, guilty knowledge on the part of the defendants or any of them may be established to the degree required by law by showing facts and circumstances from which such knowledge may be rightfully and properly inferred, and it is for you to say whether all the facts and circumstances shown by the evidence in this case are sufficient to establish beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendants and each of them had a guilty connection with that part of the conspiracy involving the exchange of ransom moneys paid for the release of Edward G. Bremer. And in this connection you are entitled to consider the conduct of the parties at the time or times of their alleged money changing activities, the statements made by them at the time of their arrest or later and also their testimony on the witness stand, the probability or improbability of the truth of their stories, the aggregate amount of money handled by them, the relations that existed between them, their associations together, or lack thereof, the opportunity or lack of opportunity afforded them to determine the fact, the probability or improbability of the conditions and circumstances under which they operated bringing notice or knowledge home to them, the means open to them previously or at the time of their alleged cooperation from which the requisite notice or knowledge could be gained by them.

Under the evidence in the case, and from the facts and circumstances disclosed thereby, it is for you jurors to say, should you find beyond a reasonable doubt that either the defendant Berg or the fugitive defendant Moran or the deceased defendant Gibson or the defendant Wilson or the

defendant McLaughlin had the requisite guilty knowledge, whether the knowledge possessed by any one or more of them was possessed by all of them. Likewise in the instance of the defendants McLaughlin, Vidler and Delaney, in the circumstances and under the facts shown by the evidence in this case, should you find beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant McLaughlin had the requisite guilty knowledge, then it is for you to say whether the knowledge possessed by the defendant McLaughlin was possessed also by the defendants Vidler and Delaney. In other words, where the facts and circumstances are before you in the evidence, the jury has the duty to carefully and in a painstaking manner review all the facts and circumstances so disclosed and therefrom determine whether the knowledge and information possessed by McLaughlin, if you find he possessed guilty knowledge, was possessed by Delaney and Vidler.

As to the defendant Harold Alderton the Government does not contend that he participated in the actual abduction but urges that through the agency of the defendant Farmer and the deceased defendant Ziegler or Coetz he was prevailed upon to rent his home in Bensenville for the purposes of the actual kidnapers; that Mr. Bremer was there kept captive from midnight January 17, 1934 to February 7, 1934, blindfolded, and under guard. That if Alderton didn't know the identity of the captive brought to his home, he forthwith discovered it through the Chicago newspapers and the conversation and actions of the actual abductors. That in possession of such knowledge he aided and assisted the conspirators in executing their desires and ministering to their wants. That he thereby became a member of the conspiracy and for his part played he received the sum of \$1,000.00 less \$20.00 deducted by Farmer when he made the payment, for some debt owing him. By his plea of not guilty defendant Alderton is entitled to have his participation in the conspiracy as claimed by the Government, proved beyond a reasonable doubt.

I must charge you again, in line with what I have indicated on numerous occasions throughout this trial, that when a conspiracy is at an end nothing that any co-conspirator says after that time can bind or in any way affect his co-conspirators, if it is not said in the presence of such co-conspirator.

- The indictment charges a conspiracy between the dates of December 1, 1933, or thereabouts, and May 1, 1934, or thereabouts, but the exact date of the conspiracy, if one is proved, need not be shown in this case. There has been some evidence of meetings and trips prior to the first date I have mentioned. Such evidence is admissible for the purpose of showing previous association and acquaintance among the alleged conspirators, the Government contending that such evidence shows that their entrance into the conspiracy charged was not improbable.

There has been admitted evidence binding only on certain individual defendants. I have tried to make it clear to you during the course of the trial, and I once more charge you, that evidence admitted for any limited purpose as announced during the trial is to be considered by you for that purpose and none other. You will recall that this had to do with statements made by certain defendants subsequent to the date when the conspiracy was over, which statements can be considered by you only insofar as they affect the particular defendant who made the statement. Under that rule it is your duty as jurors, when the propositions of fact to which such evidence is addressed are determined, to avoid and to exclude such evidence from your minds except as limited. I realize that it is not easy for you to so do but you must clearly keep this direction in mind and endeavor according to the best of your ability to perform the obligation which is yours in that regard.

With reference to the testimony of Byron Bolton, an accomplice and co-defendant in this case, who pleaded guilty to the offense charged and who testified on behalf of the Government: You are instructed that an accomplice is a person involved either directly or indirectly in the commission of a crime. The testimony of an accomplice is competent evidence and the credibility of such accomplice is for you to pass upon as you do upon any other witness, and while the testimony of an accomplice will sustain a verdict when uncorroborated, yet it should be received with caution and weighed and scrutinized with care, and the jury should not rely on it unless it produces in their minds a conviction of its truth. If it does, then the jury should act upon it.

Reference has been made to the alleged flight of certain of the defendants in this case from the City of Chicago following the collection of the ransom money and Mr. Bremer's return to his home. You are instructed, should you find such flight was undertaken by any defendant here, that the flight of a person immediately after the commission of a crime is a circumstance to be considered by the jury, with its surrounding circumstances and the reasons that prompted it, tending to show guilt.

The weight to which that circumstance is entitled is a matter for the jury to determine in connection with all the facts developed in the case.

Some of the defendants have offered and there has been admitted evidence of good reputation in the community where he resides for honesty and integrity and as being law abiding. It is your duty to consider that evidence. That testimony may create or raise a reasonable doubt in your minds as to the guilt of that defendant of the offense charged. If so,

the defendant is entitled to the benefit of the doubt and you should acquit him. However, on the other hand, if after considering all of the evidence, including that of good reputation, you are convinced of the guilt of the defendant beyond a reasonable doubt you should so decide, notwithstanding such good reputation.

During the course of the trial certain witnesses have made statements which, on motion, were stricken out by the court. The court charges you that you are not to consider any evidence which was admitted and which was later stricken out. You are to consider, in arriving at your verdict, only such evidence as had been admitted by the court and not subsequently stricken out.

You should, so far as possible, undertake by consultation among yourselves, to refresh each other's memory, and to recall all of the testimony upon the several elements involved in the alleged crime. You should give to such evidence all the weight and credit that it is entitled to in your judgment and to reconcile it so far as you can, and where it cannot be reconciled, then you are to sift out the true from the false.

You likewise are the sole and exclusive judges of the credibility of all of the witnesses, and it is for you to say who should be believed and to what extent. In determining these questions you may, among other tests, observe the demeanor of the witnesses upon the stand, their candor or lack of candor, their manner of testifying, whether direct or evasive, whether straightforward or shifting, their age and experience, and the reasonableness or the unreasonableness of their story when viewed in the light of the facts in the case which are admitted or proved by uncontroverted testimony, and when also viewed in the light of your own judgment as men and women of experience and affairs.

You may also consider any testimony as to inconsistent statements or admissions made by any of the witnesses upon the stand or upon other occasions. You may also take into consideration the power and ability of the several witnesses to observe what happened at the time and place in question, and to remember what happened and to relate correctly what they have remembered. You may also consider any interest that a witness has or appears to have in the outcome of the action.

If you should find that any witness here upon this trial has knowingly and wilfully testified falsely as to any material fact in the case, you are at liberty to totally disregard the testimony of that witness except insofar as it may be corroborated by other credible testimony in the case.

Testimony has been given by certain witnesses who in law are termed experts, and in this connection you are instructed that while in cases such as the one being tried, the law receives the evidence of men expert in certain lines as to their opinions derived from their knowledge of particular matters, the ultimate weight which is to be given to the testimony of expert witnesses is a question to be determined by the jury and there is no rule of law which requires you to surrender your own judgment to that of any person testifying as an expert witness, or to give controlling effect to the opinion of such witnesses. In other words, the testimony of an expert, like that of any other witness, is to be received by you and given such weight as you think it is properly entitled to receive.

Now, Ladies and Gentlemen, you have heard the testimony, and as I have said before, it is exclusively your duty to determine the facts upon the issues that are submitted to you. In the almost five weeks which it has taken to try this case there has of course been a great deal of evidence introduced and I have not undertaken to review it, nor to call your attention to the facts and circumstances which go to throw light upon the questions which you are to decide. You probably will remember it all much better than I. You are not to take any comment that the court has made throughout the trial, or any rulings that the court has made, as indicating any view that the court has, or which you should adopt concerning the facts. You are not bound by the statements of counsel either upon the trial or in the course of the argument as to what has been proved or disproved. It is your duty to consider the evidence and the whole of it and to determine therefrom the facts for yourselves. The rulings of the court have been made with a view to bringing before you all of the evidence that has been offered, which has been considered competent, relevant and material, and excluding all else. The arguments of counsel have been made for the purpose of analyzing, explaining and emphasizing the evidence and drawing legitimate inferences therefrom. But it is your duty to take this evidence and the whole of it and to examine it carefully, fairly and fully, and determine therefrom the facts, without sympathy and without prejudice.

You now approach, ladies and gentlemen, the discharge of one of the most important duties that ever devolves upon you as citizens. You must determine whether the prisoners at the bar are guilty or innocent of a violation of the laws with whose breach they stand charged. We have all, court and jury alike, taken a solemn oath to discharge such duty without fear or favor, according to the law and the evidence. In the discharge

of this duty the court and the jury have different parts to perform, but the honest and faithful discharge of their duties and the attainment of a just result from this trial demand of the court the same courage, integrity, impartiality and zealous determination to do exact justice regardless of the consequences to the parties, which I have no doubt animate you and will inspire and direct your action.

One of the chief characteristics of a good Government is the full and speedy administration of justice. No government can long endure or ought long to endure under which the criminal is not speedily and certainly punished and the innocent as speedily and certainly acquitted and protected. Laws are enacted for the protection of the lives, liberty, and property of the citizen. Penalties are prescribed for their violation that this protection may be insured. Every good citizen withholds his own hand from the infliction of punishment and appeals to the courts his government has established to right his wrongs and to enforce the laws enacted for his protection. If the courts and juries discharge the duties the law imposes upon them, if with courage and impartiality they punish the guilty and acquit the innocent, contentment and satisfaction and domestic peace prevail; but if they fail in the discharge of these duties; if criminals escape their just punishment and the innocent are needlessly imperiled; if the property, lives and liberty of the citizens go unprotected because the laws are not enforced by juries and the courts, every man despairing of obtaining justice through them will feel disposed to avenge his own wrongs and domestic violence and the barbaric rule of the strongest will soon again prevail.

As to the defendants Jess Doyle and Edna Murray, on motion of the Government the charges against them were dismissed. As to the defendants Farmer and Bolton, by pleas made by them their cases are withdrawn from your consideration and you have before you for consideration at this time only the defendants Arthur R. Barker, Oliver A. Berg, John J. McLaughlin, William E. Vidler, Philip J. Delaney, James J. Wilson, and Harold Alderton.

In view of some of the arguments that have been made to you by counsel in this case, the court further instructs you as follows:

In determining the guilt or innocence of any defendant in this case you cannot and should not take into consideration the fact that lawyers may have been appointed by the court to represent them. Such a situation has nothing to do with the guilt or innocence of any defendant. Neither

has military service in the World War, nor the present physical condition of any defendant, nor the fact that any defendant is serving a life sentence anything to do with your determination of his guilt or innocence in this case. You are not to acquit any defendant because of any of these things, because they have no proper place in your deliberations.

What the future business, social or professional prospects of any of the defendants may or may not be has nothing to do with this case, and should not be considered by you in determining the guilt or innocence of any of these defendants. Nor are you to consider, in arriving at the guilt or innocence of any defendant in this case, whether the Government agents may or may not have thought him guilty or may or may not have thought him innocent. Such things as I have mentioned are not proper considerations for you to have in mind when you deliberate in this case.

In the light of the instructions here given you, if, after a full and fair consideration the evidence does not satisfy you beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendants or any of them committed the offense charged in the indictment, you will then find a verdict that such defendant or defendants are not guilty on the indictment.

If, on the other hand, after such consideration, you are satisfied from the evidence and beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendants, or any of them, did commit the crime charged in the indictment as heretofore explained, then it is your duty to so find; and in that event you will find such defendant or defendants guilty.

You will be given, ladies and gentlemen, blank forms of verdict. You must find as to the guilt or innocence of each of the defendants now on trial. As there are seven defendants it will be necessary for you to find as to the guilt or innocence of each. If you find a defendant not guilty you will insert the words "not guilty" after his name in the space provided, and if you find a defendant guilty, you will insert the word "guilty" after his name in the space provided.

Your verdict must be signed and dated and must be participated in by all of you. You have nothing to do with the penalty in the case in event of conviction as that is a matter for the court, and you will leave that out of your consideration.

When you go to your jury room, select one of your members as your foreman, and let him preside over your deliberations and when you have agreed upon a verdict, your foreman will sign it, then notify the officers in charge, who will report to me and I will receive your verdict.

Any omissions, corrections or exceptions.

(Dismiss extra jurors) - You will not discuss the case or give expression to your views until the jury has returned its verdict.

Bailiffs must under no circumstances be in presence of jury while deliberating.

Bailiffs sworn to care for jury and verdict, etc.

(Counsel arrange for the exhibits which are to go to the jury).



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August 28, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Special Agent J. L. Madala.

Instructions have been issued for Special Agent J. L. Madala to report to the Bureau on September 9, 1935 for the re-training course. Since Agent Madala is presently assigned to the special squad working under Mr. Connelley on the Bremer case, I do not believe he should be required to report to Washington at the present time. Mr. Madala has several valuable contacts in Chicago and was recently transferred to that office from the New York Office in order that he would be available to function in the Bremer case.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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PHONE BREKID REFERENCE DAVIS STATEMENT WILLIE HARRISON KILLED SIX OR SEVEN DAYS BEFORE APPREHENSION DOC BARKER AND BODY BURNED IN OLD FACTORY BUILDING TEN OR FIFTEEN MILES FROM BENSONVILLE. INQUIRY SHOWS UNKNOWN DEAD INDIVIDUAL FOUND AND FOLLOWING FACTS INDICATE SAME WAS WILLIE HARRISON. WILLIE WHEN LAST SEEN WAS WEARING OCTOGON SILVER RIMMED GLASSES AND WRIST WATCH.

ABOUT 9.30 PM 1-5-35 FIRE WAS NOTICED WHICH DESTROYED HOUSE AND SHED UNOCCUPIED THREE YEARS ON PROPERTY OF HERMAN HITZEMAN ON LAKE STREET ONTARIOVILLE DUPAGE COUNTY ILLINOIS. THIS WAS AN OLD SHED FOR RABBITS ONE ROOM ONLY 12 FEET WIDE 8 FEET HIGH AND 104 FEET LONG AND WOULD HAVE APPEARANCE OF A FACTORY. SHED WAS ATTACHED TO TWO STORY HOUSE WHICH WAS ALSO BURNED. ONTARIOVILLE IS TEN MILES FROM BENSONVILLE. FIRE BURNED ITSELF OUT COMPLETELY DESTROYING BUILDING AND HOUSE WITHOUT SERVICES FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THIS PLACE WAS ABOUT HALF MILE FROM ANY OTHER HOUSE. 1-6-35 AT 11.00 AM WILLIAM HÖHMEYER AND EDWIN BINDER FOUND A BODY IN ASHES. WE HAVE PICTURE OF TOBACCO

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Read to Mr. Tamm.

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Mr. Tamm suggests this matter not be considered for release until after the holiday on Monday; that it will get a better "play" in the papers at that time.

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August 31, 1935

Time: 3:50 P.M.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

RE: Bremer Kidnapping; William Weaver.

In the course of a telephone conversation from Atlantic City with Mr. Nathan in Washington, he stated that Mr. Connelley had called a few minutes previously and reported that he had arrived with his men and was going to scout the place in question and return to the Jacksonville Office about nine o'clock tonight. The men from the Nashville and Birmingham Offices would reach Jacksonville between four and five o'clock this afternoon. Mr. Nathan stated that undoubtedly nothing would happen until tomorrow morning at which time the raid would probably be carried out. Mr. Connelley had been given my room number here and told to communicate with me direct if anything definite happened.

Mr. Nathan also stated in the conversation that he was trying to get in touch with Mr. Keith. I stated that I was interested in this matter and as an arrest was expected shortly Mr. Nathan was to give Mr. Keith my telephone number here and the room number so that he could keep in touch with me directly.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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September 2, 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

At 9:10 this morning I advised Mr. E. A. Tamm of the Bureau by long distance telephone that Mr. E. J. Connelley departed at 7:30 A. M. today by chartered plane with Chicago Agents Brown, Sullivan, Cassidy and Jones, conveying William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton with their adopted baby to St. Paul, Minnesota. They were accompanied by Miss Irene Mynihan, matron.

I also advised Mr. Tamm that I would contact the St. Paul Bureau office, pursuant to Mr. Connelley's suggestion, instructing that Mr. Connelley be met with three cars at the St. Paul airport, cautioning, in my telephone conversation with St. Paul, to not mention names of prisoners, only saying that there will be eight on plane with baggage and arms; also advising the St. Paul office to arrange to have Agent Suran at St. Paul tonight. The St. Paul Bureau office was telephonically contacted at 10:30 A. M. this date and Special Agent in Charge H. E. Andersen given Mr. Connelley's instructions as above noted.

Tomorrow, pursuant to Mr. Connelley's request, I shall forward to him at St. Paul, by registered mail, money in the amount of \$1002.32 which was taken from the pocketbooks and house of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton when they were apprehended at 9:30 A. M. on September 1, 1935, which house is located about eight miles south of Daytona Beach, Florida. The guns and ammunition which were recovered at this same house, pursuant to Mr. Connelley's request, will be forwarded to the Bureau by express tomorrow for examination in the Technical Laboratory, where test shots will be fired from them.

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Agents LeMaire and Stone, of Birmingham, with Agents Dorris and Fitzgerald of Nashville, under the direction of Agent Meekins of Nashville, are still located in Weaver's house south of Daytona Beach, where a thorough search is being made of the house, garage and entire premises to locate additional money which Mr. Connelley believed Weaver has.

Very truly yours,

R. E. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge

cc St. Paul  
E.J. Connelley at  
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September 3, 1935.

Mr. John Edgar Hoover,  
Suite 1107,  
Traymore Hotel,  
Atlantic City, New Jersey.

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Dear Mr. Hoover.

I am transmitting herewith ten copies of the photographs of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, and ten copies of the Identification Orders issued upon these individuals. Copies of memoranda prepared in the form of press releases relating to both Karpis and Campbell are also attached hereto.

I am also transmitting herewith a memorandum addressed to you under date of September 3, 1935 by Supervisor K. R. McIntire, which outlines in detail the participation of Karpis and Campbell in the Bremer Kidnaping Case.

Very truly yours,

Harold Nathan.

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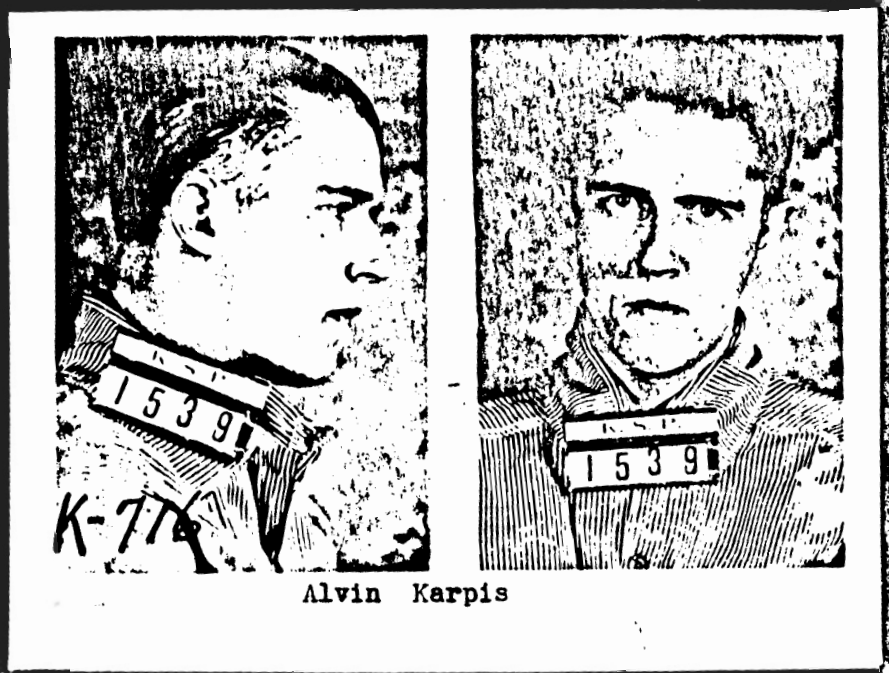
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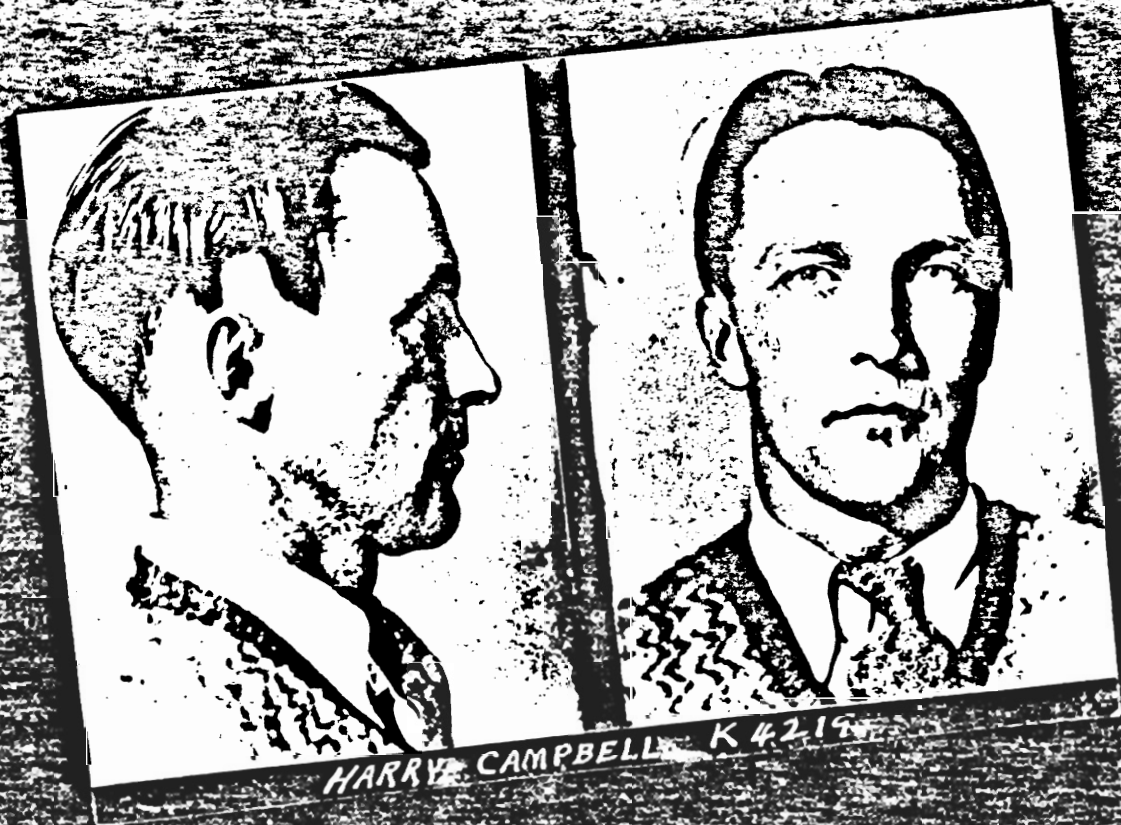
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Alvin Karpis



**IDENTIFICATION**  
**ORDER NO. 1218**  
March 22, 1934.

**DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION**  
**U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**  
**WASHINGTON, D. C.**

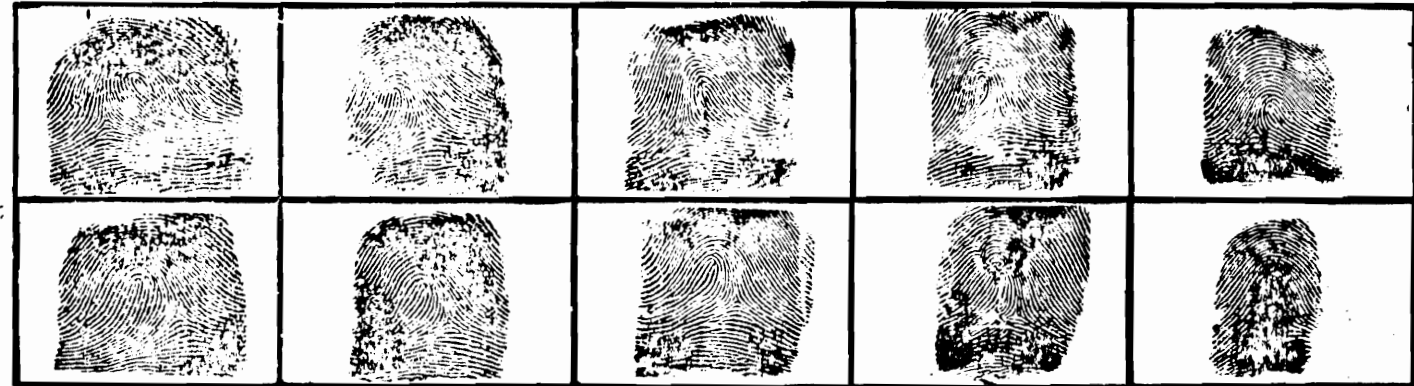
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**WANTED**

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
A. CARTER, RAYMOND HADLEY, GEORGE HALLER, ALVIN KORPIS,  
EARL PEEL, GEORGE DUNN, R. E. HAMILTON, RAY HUNTER.

**KIDNAPING**



**DESCRIPTION**

Age, 25 years (1934); Height, 5 feet, 9-3/4 inches; Weight, 130 pounds; Build, slender; Hair, brown; Eyes, blue; Complexion, fair; Marks, 1 inch cut scar lower knuckle left index finger.

Photograph taken May 19, 1930.

**CRIMINAL RECORD**

As Alvin Karpis, #7071, received State Industrial Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, February 25, 1926; crime, burglary-2nd degree; sentence, 10 years; escaped March 9, 1929; returned March 25, 1930.

As Raymond Hadley, #17902, arrested Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri, March 23, 1930; charge, larceny-auto and safe blower; released to State Industrial Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, as an escape.

As Alvin Karpis, #1539, received State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, May 19, 1930 - transferred from State Industrial Reformatory; crime, burglary-2nd degree; sentence, 5 to 10 years.

As George Haller, #8008, arrested Police Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma, June 10, 1931; charge, investigation-burglary; delivered Police Department, Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

**RELATIVES:**

Mr. John Karpis, father, 2842 North Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.  
Mrs. Anna Karpis, mother, 2842 North Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.  
Mrs. Emily Newbold, sister, 2840 North Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.  
Mrs. Robert (Clara) McNute, sister, 1829 West Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois.  
Mrs. Albert (Amelia) Grooms, sister, 1234 North Monroe Street, Topeka, Kansas.



*Alvin Karpis*

As A. Karpis, #1609, arrested Police Department, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, June 10, 1931; charge, burglary; sentenced September 11, 1931, 4 years, State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma; paroled.

Alvin Karpis is wanted for questioning in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 17, 1934.

Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to the nearest office of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

If apprehended, please notify the Director, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or the Special Agent in Charge of the office of the Division of Investigation listed on the back hereof which is nearest your city.

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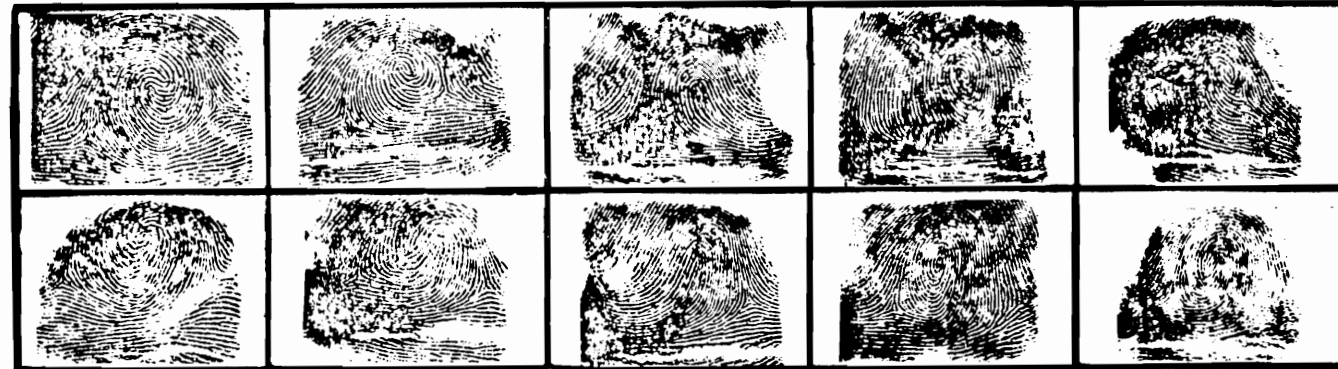
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases: DAVE CAMPBELL,  
T. C. BLACKBURN, GEORGE L. MARTIN, GEORGE ME-  
SON, JOHN WALCOTT, GEORGE WALCOTT, GEORGE  
WINFIELD, GEORGE SWANSON, GEORGE F. SUMMERS.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.**

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**KIDNAPING**



**DESCRIPTION**

Age, 35 years; Born, Jan. 1, 1900 at Mc-  
Clintocville, Pa.; Height, 5 feet, 5 in-  
ches; Weight, 135 to 140 pounds; Build,  
medium; Hair, brown; Eyes, blue; Com-  
plexion, ruddy-medium; Marks, scar cor-  
ner left eye, vaccination scar upper left  
arm, lame in right leg; Teeth, decayed.

**RELATIVES:**

George E. Campbell, father,  
818 South Rockford St., Tulsa, Okla.  
Mrs. Lissa Campbell, mother,  
818 South Rockford St., Tulsa, Okla.  
Mrs. Mickey Rheinsmith Campbell, wife,  
123 East Crawford St., Pampa, Texas.  
Pearl Campbell, Edith Campbell Majors,  
and Laura Campbell, sisters, 818 S.  
Rockford St., Tulsa, Okla.  
Mrs. Howard (Myrtle) McNeel, sister,  
Kemp City, Texas.  
Clarence Jack Campbell, brother,  
Ranger, Texas.  
Clell Campbell, brother,  
Long Beach, California.

Photograph taken December 25, 1920.

**CRIMINAL RECORD**

As Harry Campbell, #1846, arrested Po-  
lice Department, Tulsa, Okla., Decem-  
ber 25, 1920; charge investigation; fined  
\$19 and costs.  
As Harry Campbell, #11056, received State  
Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla., January  
30, 1921, from Lincoln County, Okla.;  
crime, bank robbery, held for safe keep-  
ing; discharged June 11, 1921 on order  
of Court.  
As Harry Campbell, #9420, arrested Sher-  
iff's Office, Tulsa, Okla., April 29,  
1932; charge, burglary; released on bond;  
case pending.



*Harry Campbell*

Harry Campbell is wanted for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 17, 1934. An indictment was returned by the Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota on January 22, 1935, charging Campbell and others with the kidnaping.

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If apprehended, please notify the Director, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. or the Special Agent in Charge of the office of the Division of Investigation listed on the back hereof which is nearest your city.

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Issued by: JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR.



September 3, 1935

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker first became acquainted with one another while they were serving terms in the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas. Karpis was incarcerated therein on May 19, 1930 to serve the remainder of a sentence of ten years on the charge of burglary, second degree, on which charge he had first been sentenced to serve in the State Industrial Reformatory at Hutchinson, Kansas on February 25, 1926. Karpis and Barker were released at approximately the same time from the Kansas State Penitentiary and took up residence in a fashionable apartment house district known as the Country Club Plaza in Kansas City, Missouri. From this point, they, together with members of the Keating-Holden-Nash gang committed several depredations in the vicinity of Kansas City, Missouri. On July 7, 1932, Keating and Holden were arrested by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on a golf course in Kansas City, Missouri, whereupon Fred Barker, "Ma" Barker and Alvin Karpis immediately fled to a rendezvous in St. Paul, Minnesota. It was at this rendezvous in St. Paul where they were later joined by "Doc" Barker, who had recently been released from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, where he had been serving a life sentence on the charge of murder.

Harry Campbell first became acquainted with Fred and "Doc" Barker through Terry and Earl Whinrey, of Tulsa, Oklahoma. The Whinrey brothers are related to Wynona Burdett through marriage. In the fall of 1933 Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdett met Fred Barker, "Doc" Barker and William J. Harrison at the Savoy Hotel in Hammond, Indiana, from which point the said party, with the exception of Harrison, drove to St. Paul, Minnesota, where they joined Alvin Karpis, "Ma" Barker and Volney Davis. After two or three days sojourn in St. Paul, the said party motored to Reno, Nevada, where they are known to have had very good contacts with William J. Graham and James McKay, who are the underworld lords of Reno and vicinity. The said Karpis-Barker gang remained in Reno from approximately October 1, 1933 until December 5, 1933, when they again returned to St. Paul, Minnesota. During the time this gang remained in Reno, Nevada, they kept in very close association with one another and associated with no persons other than the members of their own gang. During his stay in Reno, Karpis was accompanied by his paramour, Dolores Delaney, while Fred Barker was accompanied by his paramour, Paula Harmon. This was apparently the first continuous association between Wynona Burdett, Harry Campbell and other members of the Karpis-Barker gang. From this time thence forward, Campbell has been in constant association with members of the Karpis-Barker gang. Instead of returning to St. Paul, Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney took up residence on the south side of Chicago, Illinois. From this point Karpis made

Frequent trips to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he usually met members of the gang at the apartment operated by William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton. It was in Myrtle Eaton's apartment that the plans for Bremer's abduction were made. Fred Barker and Paula Harmon had taken an apartment in St. Paul in close proximity to an apartment occupied by Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdett. By prearrangement, one day before Bremer's abduction, Wynona Burdett was authorized to prepare a chicken. It is noted that Bremer was served with a chicken sandwich during the trip from the point of his abduction to the hide-out house. On the specific authority of Harry Campbell and Fred Barker, Wynona Burdett, Paula Harmon, Myrtle Eaton and Edna Murray proceeded from St. Paul, Minnesota on or about January 17, 1934 and took lodging in apartments on Chicago's South Side, with the assistance of William J. Harrison. On January 17, 1934, two automobiles were used in the abduction of Bremer at the intersection of Lexington and Goodrich Avenues in St. Paul, Minnesota. Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis actively participated in the abduction and assisted in transferring Bremer from the car in which he was abducted to a car belonging to the gang. Immediately thereafter, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell acted as guards in driving Bremer to the hide-out house in Bensenville, Illinois. Karpis and Campbell remained as guards over Bremer in the hide-out house from the night of January 17, 1934 to February 7, 1934, when Bremer was released at Rochester, Minnesota. They also actively participated in returning Bremer to Rochester, Minnesota.

After the payment of the ransom, Campbell and Karpis took up residence in Toledo, Ohio, Cleveland, Ohio and Sandusky, Ohio during the summer of 1934. As a result of the apprehension of Mrs. Harry Sawyer, Wynona Burdett and Paula Harmon in Cleveland, Ohio on or about September 9, 1934, Karpis, Campbell and Fred Barker fled to Florida, where they took residence at the El Comodore Hotel operated by Joseph Adams. Karpis and Campbell, with their women, Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdett, remained in Florida, spending much of their time in Miami and also in Habana, Cuba, until January 18, 1935, when Special Agents of this Bureau killed "Ma" Barker and Fred Barker while they were resisting arrest at Oklawaha, Florida. Karpis and Campbell and the said women then fled to the Danmore Hotel in Atlantic City, New Jersey, where they remained a few days until they were aroused during the night by officers of the Atlantic City Police Department. A gun battle then took place. Karpis and Campbell thereupon made their escape, leaving Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdett behind them. Since that time, no information has been forthcoming as to the location of Karpis and Campbell, although there have been several indications pointing to a continued association between Karpis and Campbell.

Respectfully,

K.R. McIntire

MEMORANDUM

On January 17, 1934 Edward George Bremer, President of the Commercial State Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota, was kidnaped immediately after he had driven his daughter to the Summit School in St. Paul and was carried by his kidnapers to a hide-out at Bensenville, Illinois. A ransom of \$200,000 was demanded and, upon payment, Bremer was released on February 7, 1934 near Rochester, Minnesota.

The Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota, returned an indictment on January 22, 1935 charging certain members of the Barker-Karpis gang with violation of the Federal Kidnaping Statute in connection with the kidnaping of Bremer. Harry Campbell, one of the principal members of the gang, was named as one of the defendants in the indictment. Since the return of the indictment Campbell has been closely associated with Alvin Karpis.

According to the fingerprint records of the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Harry Campbell was first arrested on December 25, 1920 by the Police Department at Tulsa, Oklahoma, on charges of investigation. He was fined \$19.00 and costs. On January 30, 1931 he was received at the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma for safe keeping, on a charge of bank robbery and was subsequently discharged on Court order for trial June 11, 1921. Campbell was last arrested by the Sheriff's Office, Tulsa, Oklahoma, on April 29, 1932, on a charge of burglary.

On the morning of January 20, 1935 the Atlantic City, New Jersey Police Department located Campbell and Alvin Karpis, with their women companions, Wynona Burdette and Dolores Delaney, in the Danmoor Hotel. A gun battle ensued and Campbell and Karpis escaped in a stolen automobile. The women were taken into custody and later removed to Miami, Florida, where they entered pleas of guilty to indictments charging them with harboring Alvin Karpis and were subsequently sentenced on March 25, 1935 to serve five years each in the penitentiary.

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Alvin Karpis, chief lieutenant of Fred Barker, reputed leader of the gang, was named as one of the defendants. Karpis and Fred Barker are also charged with the murder of Sheriff C. R. Kelly at West Plains, Missouri on December 19, 1931.

According to the records of the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Karpis as No. 7071 was received at the State Industrial Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas on February 25, 1926, for the crime of burglary - 2nd degree to serve a sentence of 10 years. He escaped on March 9, 1929 and was returned to the Reformatory on March 25, 1930, having been arrested as Raymond Hadley, No. 17902 by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department on March 23, 1930 on charges of larceny-auto and safe blower. Karpis was transferred to the State Penitentiary, at Lansing, Kansas on May 19, 1930 under his correct name as No. 1539 to serve the balance of his sentence for the crime of burglary - 2nd degree. As George Haller, #8008, Karpis was arrested by the Police Department, at Tulsa, Oklahoma on June 10, 1931 on charges of investigation-burglary. He was surrendered to the Police Department at Okmulgee, Oklahoma, where as A. Karpis No. 1609 he was charged with burglary. On September 11, 1931 Karpis was found guilty of the burglary charges and was sentenced to four years and immediately placed on parole by the court.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

August 31, 1935.

KRM.

- 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. Schilder
- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

Time - 9:58 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

I telephoned Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan at the Birmingham Office and instructed that he arrange to dispatch four of his best men by chartered airplane to reach the Jacksonville Office not later than three o'clock this afternoon. I told him to send good, steady men who will be suitable for use on a raid. Mr. Nathan said that while most of his men are comparatively new, he will do his best on this.

He said he would wire the names and time of departure of these men, and will also notify Jacksonville.

Time - 10:02 A.M.

I telephoned Special Agent R. E. Peterson, acting in charge of the Nashville, and told him the Bureau desired he arrange to send four Agents of that office by chartered airplane to the Jacksonville Office in order to reach there not later than three o'clock this afternoon. Mr. Peterson said that the only men he has available in the city at this time are Agents Meekins, Fitzgerald, Dorris and himself.

I instructed Mr. Peterson to charter an airplane at once and proceed with these Agents to Jacksonville, advising the Bureau and the Jacksonville Office the time of departure and approximate time of arrival, together with the names of the Agents taking part in this.

Time - 10:07 A.M.

I telephoned Special Agent in Charge Alt at the Jacksonville Office inquiring as to the condition of the weather down there. He said that this time, the weather is good, but it is clouding up a bit in the north and northwest; however, he believes the Agents, if they arrive at three o'clock, will get there "before the usual afternoon blow".

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I told Mr. Alt that while Mr. Connelley has been instructed to call the Bureau immediately upon his arrival there, he, Alt, should tell Mr. Connelley that in discussing this matter with the Director, the Director had stated that it was entirely possible for more people to be in this house than we anticipate, and was, therefore, a little afraid there would be a shortage of Agents; that in this connection, I had called both the Nashville and Birmingham Offices instructing that there be sent from each of these offices four men, by chartered airplane, to arrive in Jacksonville by three o'clock to be available for use in this matter if they are needed.

Mr. Alt said that they are making appropriate arrangements to meet Mr. Connelley and his men at the airport and to bring them into town as quietly as possible. Mr. Alt asked if it would be all right with the Bureau if he accompanied Mr. Connelley and the other men on this raid, leaving Mr. Donaldson in charge of the office. I told Mr. Alt that this is a matter entirely up to Mr. Connelley; that if Mr. Connelley wants Mr. Alt to go along, it is all right with the Bureau.

Respectfully,



E. A. TAMM.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

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August 15, 1935.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS

In compliance with the request of Mr. Newby, I am transmitting herewith two copies of abstract of criminal record, with description, and one photograph as appearing in the files of the Identification Division of James J. Kelly, State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, #10072, our file #FBI-75304.

Respectfully,

*L. C. Schilder*

L. C. Schilder.

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 Mr. Tamm

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri

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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 the report of Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy dated Kansas City, Missouri July 22, 1935, wherein on page three it is noted that the informant who furnished information to John Hagan relative to the whereabouts of Alvin Karpis, is identical with James J. Kelly, Oklahoma State Penitentiary No. 10072.

It is noted that copies of the report of Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy were not furnished to the St. Louis Bureau Office but inasmuch as the informant James J. Kelly may become active in that district copies of the original record and photograph of James J. Kelly, FBI-#75304, are transmitted herewith and to each of the offices indicated below so that in the event Kelly offers to become an informant no consideration will be given him.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,  
Assistant Director.

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September 1, 1935

Time: 9:32 A.M.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

RE: Bremer Kidnapping; William  
O. Weaver.

I telephoned Mr. Tamm in Washington from Atlantic City and informed him that Mr. Connelley had telephoned me from Florida and reported that they had apprehended Weaver and Myrtle Eaton without any firing. Mr. Connelley stated that the prisoners were being taken immediately to Jacksonville for interrogation.

I informed Mr. Tamm that the material sent to me did not contain any reference to the exact parts played by Weaver and Myrtle Eaton in the Bremer Kidnapping and requested that he send me a telegram giving details in this regard and information as to the record and past activities of Myrtle Eaton.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

- Mr. Nathan .....
- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. Baughman .....
- Mr. Clegg .....
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

August 31, 1935.

Time - 9:00 P. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Kidnapping; William Weaver.

Mr. Alt telephoned from Jacksonville and stated that Mr. Connelley and the Agents with him are stopping at the Prince George Hotel in Daytona Beach, Florida; that the place has been located and at least two people are there, probably a man and a woman; that the car in question has been located and other descriptions furnished are perfect. Mr. Alt advised that Mr. Connelley is making further surveys tonight and also that the Agents from Nashville were apparently delayed but that they would arrive at 8:45 P. M. which would be satisfactory; that these men, Agent Peterson and three other Agents, would be kept in Jacksonville and constant contact maintained with Mr. Connelley; that an assembly if any is made would be made at Jacksonville.

Mr. Alt further advised that a representative of the Associated Press whom he knows very well informed him tonight that some hanger-on at the airport had told him that a group of men with machine guns had arrived in a private plane and some of the faces had been identified as those of men who had been down there previously; that he, Mr. Alt, had told this representative there was nothing to this report. In answer to my inquiry as to whether he could keep the report quiet Mr. Alt replied that in order to be positive he would have to see this representative, but having been told a lie he would expect a "break" later. I told Mr. Alt we could give nobody any "breaks", and to let the matter go for the time being inasmuch as Mr. Alt stated that nothing other than the arrival at the airport is known. Mr. Alt said he would put the matter up to Mr. Connelley and it might cause action to be taken sooner; that Mr. Tamm stated this afternoon it would be satisfactory if Mr. Alt had to join Mr. Connelley, to leave Agent Donaldson in charge of the office; that all the Agents of the Jacksonville office were in waiting with the exception of one in Miami and one in Tarpa. I told Mr. Alt to keep the Agents who are arriving, under cover and he said he had good arrangements for them. Mr. Alt stated he would keep me advised as to developments.

Respectfully  
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H. Nathan

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- Mr. Baughman
- Chief Clerk
- Mr. Clegg
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- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Joseph
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- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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Washington, D. C.

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Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

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September 1, 1935.

Time-2:00 A. M.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: Bremer Kidnaping - William Weaver

Mr. Donaldson telephoned from Jacksonville and advised that Mr. Alt had just contacted him and stated that he and his party had just left to meet Mr. Connelley; that the party would reach the designated spot about 5 A. M.; that the party consisted of four cars and sufficient equipment for any emergency; that Mr. Alt would call Mr. Donaldson as soon as they reach the spot. Mr. Donaldson stated that the Bureau would be advised immediately of any developments.

Respectfully,

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Time - 1:45 A.M.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

I discussed with Mr. Connelley at the Chicago Office his plans for proceeding to Florida to cover the lead on William Weaver furnished to the Agents of the Washington Field Office by James White, here in Washington.

Mr. Connelley said that from the maps which he has available at the office at this time, he has been unable to locate the exact spot, but he understands it is on Highway No. 1, running south out of Jacksonville, and the nearest town is Daytona Beach. He said he plans to leave Chicago about seven or seven-thirty this morning by airplane with four men from the Chicago Office, all of whom can be taken on this airplane. He said that it will take about eight hours to get to Jacksonville, so they will arrive there about two or three o'clock in the afternoon.

I inquired if he thought four men would be enough to cover this situation. He said that four men are all that are available at this time in the Chicago Office. I suggested to Mr. Connelley that he call the San Antonio Office and have Special Agent J. C. (Doc) White proceed to Jacksonville by airplane, chartered if necessary, and meet him in the Jacksonville Office. I also suggested that he telephone the Dallas Office and have Special Agent C. O. Hurt proceed by airplane, chartered if necessary, to Jacksonville to assist in this matter. Mr. Connelley said that he would do this at once, and further advised that with the four men he is taking with him, and what men he can use in the Jacksonville Office, he believed this would be sufficient to cover the situation. I told Mr. Connelley that he could have any and all the men he wanted to cover this matter, and told him that he had authority to request any additional Agents he thought he might need.

Mr. Connelley said that he would telephone the Bureau immediately upon his arrival at Jacksonville, and advise the Bureau of the set-up and of the Agents who are going to participate in this matter.

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Respectfully,

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- Mr. Joseph
- Mr. Keith
- Mr. Lester
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Schmidt
- Mr. Schuler
- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

Time - 1:52 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.  
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I telephoned Special Agent in Charge Alt at the Jacksonville Office and advised him that Special Agent R. E. Peterson of the Nashville Office, together with three other Agents of that office, are due to arrive in Jacksonville about four o'clock by airplane to assist in this matter.

Mr. Alt said that he is in receipt of a teletype from the Birmingham Office to the effect that four men of that office left Birmingham at 10:15 A.M., and will call the Jacksonville Office upon their arrival at the Jacksonville airport.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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- Mr. Tracy .....
- Mr. Gandy .....

Time - 1:25 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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

*Handwritten note: Edward J.*

Special Agent C. R. Davis, acting in charge of the San Antonio Office, telephoned me to advise that Special Agent J. C. "Doc" White, who was instructed by Mr. Connelley to proceed at once by chartered airplane to Jacksonville to assist in the above matter, was down in Mexico on leave at this time; that he had contacted Mr. White and instructed him to return at once, but he won't reach Eagle Pass, which is the nearest place where modern means of travel are available, until about two o'clock this afternoon. He said that he had checked airplanes around there, and have ascertained that the fastest airplane will make only about 135 miles per hour, and at this rate, Mr. White would not arrive in Jacksonville until tomorrow afternoon.

In view of this situation, I advised Mr. Davis to reach Mr. White at Eagle Pass and tell him he need not go to Jacksonville; that he might return to Mexico and resume his vacation.

Respectfully,

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- Mr. Schmidt
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- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

Time - 10:40 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Special Agent R. E. Peterson, acting in charge of the Nashville Office, telephoned to advise that he has arranged to charter an airplane, and he and the Agents expect to depart for Jacksonville in about 40 minutes; that he is taking Agents Meekins, Dorris and Fitzgerald, together with appropriate equipment. It is anticipated it will take about five hours to get there, thus putting them in Jacksonville a little after four o'clock this afternoon.

Mr. Peterson said that Special Agent W. T. Morton is coming in from the field to take charge of the office.

Respectfully,

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

9:05 A.M.

RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

Special Agent in Charge Blake called from Dallas to advise that Connelley had called him in connection with sending Agent Hurt over to Jacksonville to assist in an attempt to locate one of the members of the Barker-Karpis gang. He said it had been necessary to charter a plane and that Agent Hurt would leave Dallas in thirty minutes.

Very truly yours,

*[Signature]*  
H. Nathan. *KRM*

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August 31, 1935

Mr. John Edgar Hoover,  
Suite 1107  
Traymore Hotel,  
Atlantic City, New Jersey.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am transmitting herewith fifteen copies of an undated memorandum prepared in the form of a press release which relates to the indictment of William Weaver for his participation in the Bremer kidnaping and sets forth his criminal record. I am also transmitting herewith fifteen copies of Weaver's photograph and fifteen copies of the Bureau's Identification Order, No. 1238, which relates to this individual.

There are also inclosed herewith three copies of a memorandum dated August 31, 1935 which shows the disposition of all of the subjects of the Bremer case.

As to the part played in the Bremer kidnaping by William Weaver, I believe a statement that he was one of the principals in the kidnaping is sufficient. You will recall that Weaver was at the hideout in Bensenville during the time victim Bremer was held there, and he was undoubtedly one of the leading participants in the kidnaping.

Very truly yours,

Harold Nathan,  
Assistant Director.

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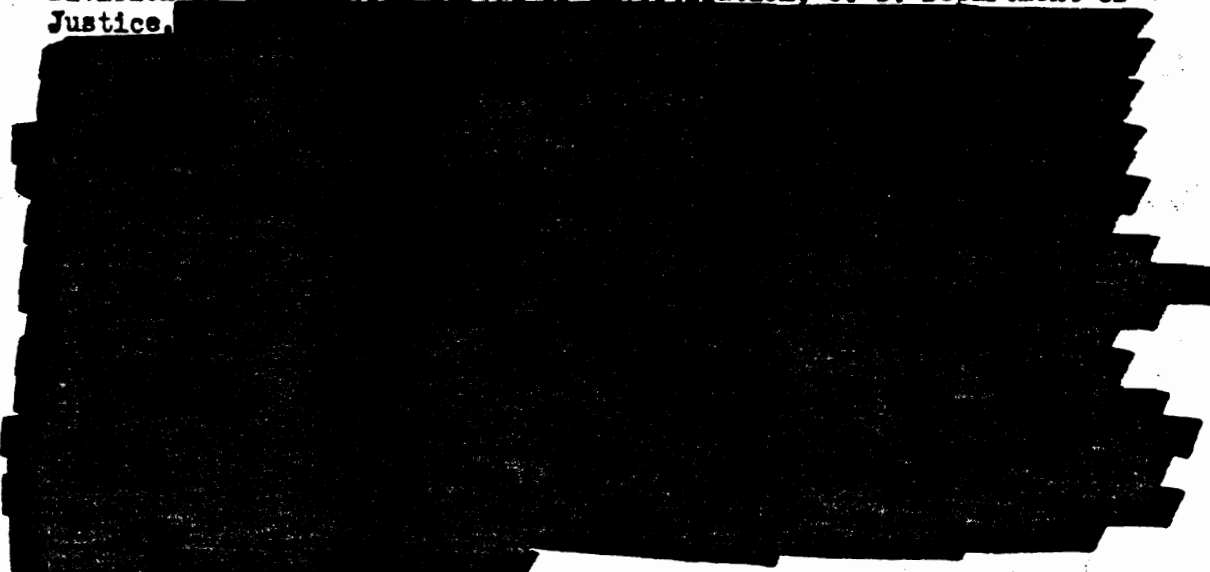
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MEMORANDUM

Edward George Bremer, President of the Commercial State Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota, was kidnaped on January 17, 1934 immediately after he had driven his daughter to the Summit School in St. Paul and was taken to a hide-out at Bensenville, Illinois. A ransom of \$200,000 was demanded and, upon payment, Bremer was released on February 7, 1934 near Rochester, Minnesota.

The Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 22, 1935 returned an indictment charging certain members of the Barker-Karpis gang with violation of the Federal Kidnaping Statute in connection with the kidnaping of Bremer. William Weaver was named as one of the defendants in the indictment. B3

According to the fingerprint records of the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,



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Time - 3 <sup>pm</sup>

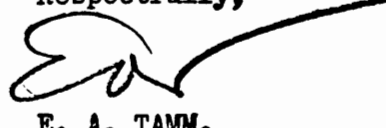
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- Miss Gandy .....

Special Agent in Charge H. E. Andersen telephoned me from the St. Paul Office and stated that Special Agents Devereux and Arms are returning to St. Paul today from the undercover investigation which they have been conducting in the Minnesota woods in the Bremer case. He said that two of the Agents of the St. Paul Office who have been working on a plant on the Weyerhaeuser case have to go to court tomorrow, and he has no one in the office at this time to take their place. He wanted to know if he could retain Devereux and Arms at that office to work on this plant temporarily.

I granted authority for Mr. Andersen to retain these two Agents at the St. Paul Office to cover this particular plant, but cautioned him not to use the men on routine work; that by all means they should be returned to their respective headquarters as soon as possible.

Respectfully,



E. A. TAMM.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

September 1, 1935

Time: 9:20 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: Bremer Kidnapping; William Weaver.

*B. note*  
I telephoned the Jacksonville Office and talked with Agent R. B. Donaldson concerning the raid. Agent Donaldson stated that he had received no information, but that Mr. Alt had promised to call him if anything happened. Agent Donaldson stated he would call me immediately when any news was received.

Respectfully,

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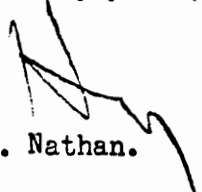
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RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

While talking to Special Assistant to the Attorney General Walter E. Barlow this morning, at which time he advised that he would be in Trenton, New Jersey on official business on September 5, 1935, he indicated that he desired, if possible, that Andrew Gurante, of Astoria, Long Island, referred to in a communication from the New York City Office, dated August 26th, be at the New York Office on September 6, 1935 so that he might interview him there. Gurante claimed to have seen Karpis enter the Empire Hotel, New York City, on August 21, 1935, but investigation there failed to reveal his presence. Gurante claimed he saw members of the Barker-Karpis gang while negotiating for a job with Joseph H. Adams, at the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida, between August and October, 1934.

I advised Mr. Barlow that I would communicate with the New York City Office and see if this could be arranged.

Very truly yours,

  
H. Nathan.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. G. #1218, et al,  
Edward George Bremer, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

Special Assistant to the Attorney General  
Walter E. Barlow advised today that he would be in Trenton,  
New Jersey on official business on September 5th, and  
desired, if possible, that Andrew Gurante, of Astoria,  
Long-Island, referred to in the report of Assistant  
Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, dated at New York  
City, August 26, 1935, be at the New York City Office  
on September 6, 1935 so that he might interview him  
there. Andrew Gurante furnished the New York City  
Office with certain information relative to Alvin Karpis,  
which investigation failed to substantiate.

Will you please endeavor to ascertain whether  
this can be done, advising the Bureau in time to inform  
Mr. Barlow before he leaves for Trenton.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,  
Assistant Director.

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Time - 2 pm

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

I telephonically discussed with Special Agent in Charge Alt and Mr. Connelley at the Jacksonville Office the above matter, and Mr. Connelley advised that both William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton have signed waivers of removal, and it is anticipated that they will be removed sometime tomorrow, Mr. Connelley advising that he had talked with the Director relative to this matter.

Mr. Connelley advised that while Weaver has not made any definite statements as yet, he intimated that he would like to plead guilty. I pointed out to Mr. Connelley in this regard, and Mr. Connelley concurred, that we would be much better off in the trial of Cassius McDonald and Harry Sawyer if we could try William Weaver, who was one of the actual kidnapers, at the same time. I told him that we have a great deal of evidence against this man, which will help carry the others along, and further, it will have a good psychological effect upon the jury in that he is, as a matter of fact, one of the actual kidnapers.

Mr. Connelley said that Weaver and Eaton have a 24-months-old baby which they have adopted, and which they want to take to St. Paul with them when they are removed. Mr. Connelley said that it was undecided at this time whether this baby would be taken along, since it more or less depended on how much information Weaver will furnish before they leave. Weaver says he wants to take the baby to St. Paul and let his sister come and get it. Mr. Connelley said that this would probably ride until in the morning, when we can see where we stand in this matter.

Mr. Connelley said that he would call the Director later this afternoon and furnish him with what additional information may have developed during this period. He said that in previous telephonic conversations with the Director, the Director had not indicated when he would release the story relative to this matter.

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Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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Mr. Bremer

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- Mr. Joseph
- Mr. Keith
- Mr. Lester
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Schmidt
- Mr. Sullivan
- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

Time - 11:00 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

During a telephonic conversation with Mr. Connelley at Chicago, he mentioned the above entitled matter, and particularly the teletype which he addressed to the Washington Field Office and to the Bureau regarding information furnished by Volney Davis to the effect that one White, who is presently in Washington, D. C., visited Weaver in Mississippi. Mr. Connelley said that if a couple of forceful Agents are placed on the interview of White, it is possible they will get some information of value from him. White is on parole from a life sentence for murder, and it was the opinion that if we can tell him we will charge him with harboring in the event he doesn't come through, and thus revoke his parole and place him back in the penitentiary for life, he might come through with information relative to the activities of Weaver.

I told Mr. Connelley that I would talk to the Washington Field Office about this and get this investigation under way as soon as possible.

I mentioned to Mr. Connelley at this point that it was rather hard to believe the statement made by Volney Davis to the effect that Willie Harrison has been killed by the gang. Mr. Connelley said this would appear to be rather out of line, in view of the fact that one of the informants in Chicago who claims to know Harrison says that she saw him less than a month ago. Mr. Connelley said that the Agents saw Harrison in Chicago on or about December 12, 1934; that Harrison was in Florida with Bolton at the time they met Doc Barker and Russell Gibson. These persons returned to Chicago on January 2, 1935, and Doc Barker was arrested on January 8, 1935, thus leaving the possibility of Harrison's being killed sometime between January 2 and 8, 1935. Mr. Connelley pointed out that Davis says Harrison was killed about six or seven days before Barker was picked up, and in this connection, it was ascertained that although Harrison had rented a certain place in Chicago, he just dropped out of the picture about this time, and has not been heard of since.

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I mentioned the statement that Byron Bolton is supposed to have participated in the murder of Harrison, and asked if Bolton has been interrogated in this regard. Mr. Connelley said that he doubts very much if Bolton

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will furnish us any information in this regard, since it is very obvious from the information already furnished by Bolton that he is keeping away from us any information which will possibly involve him in any further crime. I suggested to Mr. Connelley that Bolton might be approached from the angle of where the body of Harrison is, rather than from the angle of who killed Harrison. Mr. Connelley said that it might be well to approach from the angle of where did Doc Barker put the body of Willie Harrison, not indicating any knowledge on our part that we know he, Bolton, had anything to do with the actual killing.

In this connection, I mentioned to Mr. Connelley that the Bureau had authorized the payment of the money to have Bolton's teeth fixed, and through this, we might be able to approach him on the other subject.

Mr. Connelley said that he would call the St. Paul Office at once and have some Agents interview Bolton in this regard.

Respectfully,



E. A. TAMM.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

August 31, 1935.

Time - 9:06 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

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I telephoned Special Agent F. M. Hickey, acting in charge of the Washington Field Office, relative to the above matter. Mr. Hickey advised that they held James White in the detention room all night last night, and he is in the office this morning; that White's brother came to the office about 7:30 this morning. Mr. Hickey said that White's brother is a very reasonable man, and seems to be all right, although Mr. Hickey has not talked with him as yet.

I told Mr. Hickey that in connection with the employment of White at the drug store, we would go to his employers and explain to them that White was assisting us on an official investigation; that if necessary, we would pay this man possibly \$200.00 if the information he furnishes turns out all right. Mr. Hickey said that White's brother called up his place of employment this morning, where White was supposed to report for work at 7:30, and explained to them that White was taken suddenly ill last night and had to be taken to a doctor, and was home in bed seriously ill at this time. The employers didn't like this very much for the reason that this is Saturday, and pay day, and further the holiday is coming up, and the drug store expected a big business, and it was hard to get someone to fill in. I told Mr. Hickey to be as nice to White as is possible under the circumstances, and try to give him everything he wants that is within reason, again mentioning to Mr. Hickey that we would be willing to give him a couple of hundred dollars in the event this information turns out favorably.

I inquired as to the location of the place, as furnished by White, where Weaver is supposed to be. White says that it is a little place on the Miami highway just south of Orlando, Florida, at a place called Port Orange. Weaver is supposed to live just two miles south of Port Orange in a little stucco house with green trimmings. I asked how White knows Weaver is at this place. Mr. Hickey advised that White has been down there, and returned from there less than two months ago, and since that time has been corresponding with Weaver. There is a woman with Weaver who is supposed to be Myrtle Eaton, although there is no resemblance from the photographs. This woman goes under the name of Jean, and this couple informed White they were going to adopt a 20-months-old baby girl.

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White advises that Weaver goes away on mysterious week-end trips now and then, sometimes going alone and sometimes taking the woman with him. On one occasion while White was at the house, Weaver went away on one of these trips and left him, White, there to take care of the place and of the chickens.

I asked where White met Weaver. White first met Weaver in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, and afterwards met him at Coffeyville, Kansas.

Mr. Hickey said that he understands White has been insisting to Agent Oliver that he be permitted to see either the Director or the Assistant Director. I told Mr. Hickey that I would talk with Mr. Nathan about this a little later if necessary.

Respectfully,



E. A. TAMM.

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DIRECTOR

PHONE. BREKID. SEE LETTER KANSAS CITY AUGUST 24, 1935 TO OKLAHOMA CITY REFERRING TO ONE JAMES WHITE HAVING BEEN IN TOUCH WITH WILLIAM WEAVER. DAVIS SAYS AL SHERWOOD EMPLOYED AT TOM HILLS PLACE SOUTH COFFEYVILLE OKLA., KNOWN CONTACT POINT OF GANG, ADVISED HIM WHITE HAD TOLD SHERWOOD THIS. WHITE SPOKE OF SEEING WEAVER AND MYRTLE EATON AND ABOUT THE GOOD COOKING OF MYRTLE WHO IS KNOWN TO BE A GOOD COOK. REQUEST YOU LOCATE WHITE AND INDIRECTLY LEAD HIM TO BELIEVE AL SHERWOOD HAS TALKED ABOUT THIS AND MAKE WHITE BELIEVE HE IS TO BE CHARGED WITH HARBORING WHICH WILL LEAD TO REVOCATION HIS PAROLE UNLESS HE GIVES US THE EXACT LOCATION WEAVER, THAT WE INTEND TO HOLD ON TO HIM UNTIL WE VERIFY HIS STORY. CAPABLE FORCEFUL AGENTS SHOULD BE ASSIGNED TO THIS AND BUREAU AND MYSELF ADVISED. IF PLACE IS LOCATED EXPECT TO PROCEED FROM CHICAGO WITH SEVERAL AGENTS TO APPREHEND WEAVER. HOWEVER DETAILS WILL BE WORKED OUT WHEN YOU TELEPHONE ME RESULTS INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM WHITE. POSSIBLY THE BROTHER OF WHITE, IF HONEST AND RESPECTABLE, CAN PREVAIL UPON WHITE TO DO THE RIGHT THING

*Edward G. Bremer*

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*MA Schilder*  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

September 2, 1935

Time: 9:15 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: Bremer Kidnapping; William  
Weaver and Myrtle Eaton.

KRM.

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I telephoned the Jacksonville Office and talked with Mr. Alt concerning the above matter. Mr. Alt stated that he had been ill the night before and had not been at the office until this morning. He informed me that Mr. Connelley with Agents Cassidy, Jones, Sullivan, and Brown, together with a matron had taken the two prisoners and the baby to St. Paul by plane, leaving at 7:30 this morning. The party expected to arrive at St. Paul sometime this afternoon. Mr. Alt stated that several schedules had been tried and as no railroad reservations could be secured it was decided to use the plane although at a greater cost. Mr. Alt said that he would call the St. Paul Office and request that they meet Mr. Connelley's party with three cars about ten hours after the departure of the plane from Florida.

The Agents that were transferred from the Birmingham and Nashville Offices and were at that time in the Jacksonville Office would be permitted to return to their headquarters offices by the planes in which they had come. The Agents that were now searching the house were at Mr. Connelley's suggestion to be retained at Jacksonville for a complete check-up. Mr. Alt stated that he intended to go down to the place tomorrow or the next day, or even today if he felt well enough to check on the search that was being conducted by the Agents there. He stated that the house was being completely searched and plans were being made to dig up the yard as he thought there was a possibility that money might be buried there, particularly in view of the fact that they had found only \$1,002. After the completion of the search an investigation of the banks in the vicinity was planned. All deposits and safe deposits in the banks within a radius of twenty or thirty miles, which would include only the banks at Daytona Mr. Alt believed, were going to be checked. I inquired about the car that Weaver was supposed to have purchased and Mr. Alt said that Weaver had purchased it at Johnson City, Tennessee; that he believed he had paid cash for it, and that it was registered in his wife's name; that at Mr. Connelley's suggestion the car was being left down there.

Mr. Alt said that he would talk with Mr. Connelley at St. Paul later concerning what arrangements he intended to make concerning the chickens and other property at Weaver's place. The place was located quite a distance in the country and without protection everything would be stolen, but I agreed with Mr. Alt that we could not keep an Agent there to take care of the chickens.

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Telephone conversation: Mr. Tamm - Mr. Alt

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Mr. Alt informed me that neither of the prisoners would talk, that William Weaver admitted only his identity.

Mr. Alt stated that he would express the guns to the Bureau and keep me advised.

Respectfully,



E. A. Tamm.

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PHONE BREKID REFERENCE TELETYPE SAC CONNELLEY DATED AUG. 30 1935  
 RELATIVE BURNED CORPSE FOUND AT ONTARIOVILLE ILLINOIS. 32 CALIBRE  
 BULLET REMOVED FROM BODY TURNED OVER THIS OFFICE BY SHERIFF  
 WHEATON ILLINOIS AND FORWARDED TO BUREAU 9-1-35 FOR BALLISTICS  
 COMPARISON WITH SAME CALIBRE AUTOMATIC PISTOLS SERIALS 481720  
 AND 304899 RECOVERED FROM RUSSELL GIBSON APARTMENT IN CGO.  
 THESE GUNS SHIPPED TO BUREAU 9-2-35.

CLARA GIBSON ADVISES SHE LAST SAW HARRISON ON MORNING OF 1-5-35  
 SHE COULD THROW NO LIGHT ON WRIST WATCH OR EYE GLASSES IDENTIFICATION.  
 RUTH HEIDT DIVORCED WIFE OF HARRISON ADVISED HE POSSESSED WRIST  
 WATCH WITH YELLOW GOLD LINK BRACELET WHEN MARRIED TO HER IN DECEMBER  
 1931 AND STILL WORE SAME WHEN SHE SEPARATED FROM HIM IN 1932 THIS  
 BRACELET ANSWERS DESCRIPTION OF FRAGMENTARY PARTS BRACELET FOUND WITH  
 BURNED CORPSE. SHE ALSO ADVISED SHE LAST SAW HARRISON EITHER DAY  
 OR TWO DAYS AFTER NEW YEARS LAST AT GIBSONS APARTMENT THAT HE WORE  
 GLASSES ACCOUNT WEAK EYES. SHE COULD NO DESCRIBE GLASSES. SHE STATES  
 HARRISON WORE SUSPENDERS. METAL PARTS OF SUSPENDERS WERE FOUND ALONG  
 WITH CORPSE.

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-SAC CONNELLEY AND AGENTS MCKEE AND BROWN STATE HARRISON WORE METAL RIMMED GLASSES OF OCTOGON SHAPE DECEMBER 15 LAST WHEN SEEN IN LOBBY HOTEL MORRISON WITH PATRICIA LONQUEST AND MILDRED KUHLMAN. PATRICIA LONQUEST STATES SHE WAS IN COMPANY HARRISON ON SEVERAL OCCASSIONS DURING EARLY DECEMBER LAST AND KNOWS HE WORE WRIST WATCH BUT UNABLE TO DESCRIBE WATCH BRACELET OR STRAP. STATES SHE LAST SAW HARRISON AT MORRISON HOTEL DURING MIDDLE DECEMBER. STATES SHE WAS TOLD BY MILDRED KUHLMAN THAT HARRISON WOULD TELEPHONE HER ON SATURDAY PRIOR SHOOTING AT GIBSON APARTMENT BUT THAT SHE DID NOT RECEIVE THIS CALL. THIS DATE WAS 1-5-35. EXAMINATION OF LOG COVERING TAP ON LONQUEST TELEPHONE INDICATES SHE WAS EXPECTING CALL FROM HARRISON AS SHE STATES LOG ALSO SHOWS CALL WAS NOT RECEIVED.

~~EDITH BARRY~~ EDITH BARRY PERSONALLY CONTACTED INFORMANT AT HIS CHICAGO OFFICE THIS MORNING STATING SHE WAS RETURNING TO TOLEDO BY PLANE. SHE STATE NOTHING COULD BE DONE ABOUT OPERATIONS FOR TWO WEEKS AS CONTACT PARTY WAS IN EUROPE AND WOULD NOT RETURN FOR THAT PERIOD. SHE FURNISHED NO INFORMATION RE IDENTITY CONTACT PARTY. SHE GAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO DRIVE TO TOLEDO IN TWO WEEKS WITH TOOLS AND ENROUTE TO STOP AT ELKHART INDIANA FOR DEFINITE INSTRUCTIONS BY TELEPHONE. INFORMANT ADVISES HE BELIEVES BARRY SINCERE AND THAT HE INTENDS TO PROCEED

TOLEDO ON SEPTEMBER 17 UNLESS INSTRUCTIONS ALTERED. HE ALSO STATES HE BELIEVES BARRY MADE VISIT THIS MORNING TO OBSERVE HIS PRESENT ATTITUDE STATING CONVERSATION MADE HIM THINK THE BOYS HAD SENT HER AND THAT SHE HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE BOYS. SHE STATED KARPIS ~~IS~~ ~~IS~~ ANXIOUS TO SEE HIS BABY. INFORMANT BELIEVES BARRY WILL CONTACT HIM FURTHER BEFORE EXPIRATION OF TWO WEEK PERIOD. BARRY INDICATED IN CONVERSATION THAT THE BOYS ARE TRAVELLING IN AND OUT OF ST. PAUL. INFORMANTS ATTITUDE ON COOPERATION STILL APPARENTLY GOOD.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
508 Medical Arts Bldg.  
Nashville, Tennessee.  
September 3, 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.

Dear Sir:

Special Agents R. E. Peterson, E. C.  
Dorris, M. W. Meekins and J. B. Fitzgerald left Nash-  
ville at 10:40 A. M. August 31, 1935, for Jacksonville,  
Florida.

Very truly yours,

*T. N. Stapleton*

T. N. STAPLETON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc. Jacksonville

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September 3, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker first became acquainted with one another while they were serving terms in the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas. Karpis was incarcerated therein on May 19, 1930 to serve the remainder of a sentence of ten years on the charge of burglary, second degree, on which charge he had first been sentenced to serve in the State Industrial Reformatory at Hutchinson, Kansas on February 25, 1926. Karpis and Barker were released at approximately the same time from the Kansas State Penitentiary and took up residence in a fashionable apartment house district known as the Country Club Plaza in Kansas City, Missouri. From this point, they, together with members of the Keating-Holden-Nash gang committed several depredations in the vicinity of Kansas City, Missouri. On July 7, 1932, Keating and Holden were arrested by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on a golf course in Kansas City, Missouri, whereupon Fred Barker, "Ma" Barker and Alvin Karpis immediately fled to a rendezvous in St. Paul, Minnesota. It was at this rendezvous in St. Paul where they were later joined by "Doc" Barker, who had recently been released from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, where he had been serving a life sentence on the charge of murder.

Harry Campbell first became acquainted with Fred and "Doc" Barker through Terry and Earl Whinrey, of Tulsa, Oklahoma. The Whinrey brothers are related to Wynona Burdett through marriage. In the fall of 1933 Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdett met Fred Barker, "Doc" Barker and William J. Harrison at the Savoy Hotel in Hammond, Indiana, from which point the said party, with the exception of Harrison, drove to St. Paul, Minnesota, where they joined Alvin Karpis, "Ma" Barker and Volney Davis. After two or three days sojourn in St. Paul, the said party motored to Reno, Nevada, where they are known to have had very good contacts with William J. Graham and James McKay, who are the underworld lords of Reno and vicinity. The said Karpis-Barker gang remained in Reno from approximately October 1, 1933 until December 5, 1933, when they again returned to St. Paul, Minnesota. During the time this gang remained in Reno, Nevada, they kept in very close association with one another and associated with no persons other than the members of their own gang. During his stay in Reno, Karpis was accompanied by his paramour, Dolores Delaney, while Fred Barker was accompanied by his paramour, Paula Harmon. This was apparently the first continuous association between Wynona Burdett, Harry Campbell and other members of the Karpis-Barker gang. From this time thence forward, Campbell has been in constant association with members of the Karpis-Barker gang. Instead of returning to St. Paul, Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney took up residence on the south side of Chicago, Illinois. From this point Karpis made

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frequent trips to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he usually met members of the gang at the apartment operated by William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton. It was in Myrtle Eaton's apartment that the plans for Bremer's abduction were made. Fred Barker and Paula Harmon had taken an apartment in St. Paul in close proximity to an apartment occupied by Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdett. By prearrangement, one day before Bremer's abduction, Wynona Burdett was authorized to prepare a chicken. It is noted that Bremer was served with a chicken sandwich during the trip from the point of his abduction to the hide-out house. On the specific authority of Harry Campbell and Fred Barker, Wynona Burdett, Paula Harmon, Myrtle Eaton and Edna Murray proceeded from St. Paul, Minnesota on or about January 17, 1934 and took lodging in apartments on Chicago's South Side, with the assistance of William J. Harrison. On January 17, 1934, two automobiles were used in the abduction of Bremer at the intersection of Lexington and Goodrich Avenues in St. Paul, Minnesota. Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis actively participated in the abduction and assisted in transferring Bremer from the car in which he was abducted to a car belonging to the gang. Immediately thereafter, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell acted as guards in driving Bremer to the hide-out house in Bensenville, Illinois. Karpis and Campbell remained as guards over Bremer in the hide-out house from the night of January 17, 1934 to February 7, 1934, when Bremer was released at Rochester, Minnesota. They also actively participated in returning Bremer to Rochester, Minnesota.

After the payment of the ransom, Campbell and Karpis took up residence in Toledo, Ohio, Cleveland, Ohio and Sandusky, Ohio during the summer of 1934. As a result of the apprehension of Mrs. Harry Sawyer, Wynona Burdett and Paula Harmon in Cleveland, Ohio on or about September 9, 1934, Karpis, Campbell and Fred Barker fled to Florida, where they took residence at the El Comodore Hotel operated by Joseph Adams. Karpis and Campbell, with their women, Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdett, remained in Florida, spending much of their time in Miami and also in Habana, Cuba, until January 16, 1935, when Special Agents of this Bureau killed "Ma" Barker and Fred Barker while they were resisting arrest at Oklawaha, Florida. Karpis and Campbell and the said women then fled to the Danmore Hotel in Atlantic City, New Jersey, where they remained a few days until they were aroused during the night by officers of the Atlantic City Police Department. A gun battle then took place. Karpis and Campbell thereupon made their escape, leaving Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdett behind them. Since that time, no information has been forthcoming as to the location of Karpis and Campbell, although there have been several indications pointing to a continued association between Karpis and Campbell.

Respectfully,

K.R. McIntire



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U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

September 2, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to my letter dated September 1st, 1935 with which was transmitted a .32 calibre bullet which was removed from the body of an unidentified man found in a burned barn in Ontarioville, Illinois on January 6th, 1935 and with the request that a ballistic examination be made of this bullet with test bullets fired from guns of same calibre found in the apartment of Russell Gibson at 3920 Pine Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

An examination of the files in this case indicate that these guns which bear serials numbers 481720 and 304899 have apparently never been forwarded to the Bureau for technical examination for the reason that it was expected that they would be used as evidence in the trial of Arthur "Doc" Barker et al at St. Paul, Minnesota. These guns were introduced as evidence during this trial and after the termination of same they were returned to the Chicago Bureau Office for future evidentiary uses.

I am now forwarding herewith the pistols in question together with two loaded and two unloaded clips in order that the ballistic tests requested in letter of reference can be made and it is desired that the guns and clips be returned to this office immediately after they have served their purpose.

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Very truly yours,

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D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

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Transmit the following message to:

YOUR LETTER SEPTEMBER SECOND BREKID EVIDENCE 32 CALIBER BULLET SUBMITTED  
FIVE LANDS AND GROOVES RIGHT TWIST COULD NOT HAVE BEEN FIRED FROM EITHER  
OF COLT GUNS SUBMITTED WHICH HAVE SIX LANDS AND GROOVES LEFT TWIST STOP  
FURTHER CHECK OF EVIDENCE BULLET NOW BEING MADE WITH VARIOUS KNOWN AND  
UNKNOWN SPECIMENS IN OUR FILE AS WELL AS SIMILAR SEARCH OF TEST BULLETS  
FROM THE COLT GUNS AND YOU WILL BE FURTHER ADVISED STOP COLT GUNS BEING  
RETURNED UNDER SEPARATE COVER IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR REQUEST

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Room 1403  
370 Lexington Avenue  
New York City

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September 3, 1935

Mr. Albert Goldman,  
Postmaster,  
General Post Office,  
Ninth Avenue at 33rd Street,  
New York, N. Y.

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

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation  
being conducted by this office, it is requested that you  
keep a mail cover for a period of thirty days on all first-  
class mail addressed to

Andrew Guarente  
Apartment 1M  
2808 - 35th Street  
Astoria, L.I., N.Y.

In forwarding tracings to this office, kindly  
refer to N.Y. File #7-120.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc: Bureau

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
AUGUST 31, 1935.



Special Agent in Charge,  
Washington, D. C.

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

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the letter addressed to the Oklahoma City Office from this Office dated August 24, 1935, concerning James White, a paroled convict from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, endeavor to locate James White for the purpose of securing from him the exact location of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton at the present time.

According to the information secured from Volney Davis, White visited Weaver for a period of two weeks at a farm, presumably in Mississippi. Weaver corresponds with White using the name Bill Dooley, and extended an invitation through White to one Al Sherwood, who is employed at Tom Hill's place at South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, to visit him on this farm, which invitation was not accepted.

Davis has suggested that White be informed that Al Sherwood has given this information concerning him, thus averting suspicion as to the source of this information.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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

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ONE KRM

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

August 31, 1935.

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:

James White, referred to in the letter from the Kansas City Office dated August 24, 1935 was located through his brother F. M. White, a Detective attached to the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C. James White, since his release from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in 1931, where he was confined on a charge of murder, has been employed by the People's Drug Stores and elsewhere in Washington, D. C., except for the period between December 26, 1934 and about June 1, 1935 when he was in the States of Florida, Tennessee and Oklahoma. It is understood that White was granted an unconditional pardon by Governor Murray of Oklahoma in connection with the murder charge referred to. Since White apparently has given information which will lead to the apprehension of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton, only the substance of his verbal statement will be set out.

James White stated that while confined to the Oklahoma State Penitentiary he called with one P. O. Donald, better known as Docley; that Donald was released about one month prior to his being granted a pardon; that he and Donald communicated irregularly with each other by mail; that Donald would write to him from various sections of the United States; that finally Donald persuaded him to visit with him at Fort Orange, Florida; that he left Washington, D. C. on December 26, 1934 after Donald had sent him \$20 in currency and found that Donald was living near Fort Orange, Florida under the name of J. W. OSBORNE; that Osborne's wife JANE OSBORNE lived there with him and they ran a poultry farm. James White stated that he assisted Osborne with the work about the house and he frequently went fishing and had an easy time; that the so-called Osborne at no time told him he was a fugitive from justice and he thought that since being released from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary Osborne had "gone straight", White made no attempt to

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explain why the person he formerly had known as Donald had changed his name to Osborne.

James White stated that both Mr. and Mrs. Osborne drink intoxicating liquors very heavily but never become intoxicated; that Osborne frequents Gill's Saloon on Atlantic Avenue in Daytona Beach, Florida. He stated that sometime in the early Spring of 1935 Osborne left Port Orange, Florida and was gone about eight days; that sometime later he took another trip and was gone four or five days; that on one of these trips, he does not know which, Osborne returned with a new 1935 Oldsmobile "6" Sedan, pale green in color and that it bears Florida license plates; that when he went away he drove a Chevrolet Sedan, the color of which he does not recall. He stated that Osborne now weighs about 200 lbs., dresses very shabbily, wears spectacles of clear glass; that his hair is brown, bald in front; that Osborne always has with him a small brown zipper bag about 10" square in which he carries at all times one 3.80 automatic pistol; that in addition he has two 3.80 automatic pistols in his bedroom, also one .45 caliber automatic pistol with an extra clip which White estimates would hold 16 to 20 cartridges. He also has one shotgun. He did not know if it was a pump or automatic. He states that Osborne has a small spotted Bull pup which is exceedingly bowlegged; that Osborne devotes most of his time to caring for his chickens; that he usually goes to bed about 8 p.m. and arises about 6 a.m.

As to Jane Osborne, he stated she weighs approximately 150 lbs., dresses neatly; that her hair is black and medium long. He identified the photograph of Myrtle Eaton as closely resembling Jane Osborne, (photograph bearing #5305). The photograph referred to was furnished the Washington Field Office by the Bureau. In addition he identified the photograph of William Weaver, in which Weaver wears a dark bow tie and a striped suit, as closely resembling Osborne except that he is more baldheaded in front and at present is much heavier. White stated that Mrs. Osborne frequents the moving picture theaters in Daytona Beach; that she and Osborne appear to be very congenial and that he believes they still reside at the house on the East side of U. S. Route #1 or Dixie Highway at a point approximately two miles South of Port Orange, Florida. A rough map was prepared with the descriptive data furnished by White, a copy of which is being transmitted with a copy of this letter to the Cincinnati, Chicago, Kansas City and Jacksonville Offices and the Bureau. It would appear from the sketch as drawn that the house of Osborne can be kept under surveillance without difficulty.



The photographs of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton above referred to are being forwarded to the Jacksonville Office since White states they closely resemble these two individuals.

James White states that late in April, 1935 he left Port Orange, Florida and proceeded to Coffeyville, Oklahoma where he visited L. Sherwood, employed at Tom Hill's place; that he and Sherwood and Weaver were cellmates at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. He denied having made any statement whatever to Sherwood concerning Osborne or Weaver and denied that he had made any statement about seeing Weaver and Myrtle Eaton in Mississippi and about the good cooking of Myrtle Eaton.

James White advised that Osborne or Weaver on the occasion of one of the trips away from Port Orange, Florida visited Troy White, his brother, R.F.D. Johnson City, Tennessee on which occasion Mrs. Osborne accompanied him. He further stated that Osborne or Weaver, prior to that time, contacted his sister Mrs. Verna Barnett, wife of Robert Barnett at Johnson City, Tennessee.

A complete detailed statement has not as yet been obtained from James White. He is being held in the Detention Room in the Department of Justice Building at Washington, D. C., upon Bureau instructions. His brother F. M. White has cooperated to the fullest and was instrumental in obtaining from James White the information above outlined.

A description of James White as obtained by personal observation is as follows:

Age	29 years
Height	5'8"
Weight	135 lbs.
Build	Medium
Complexion	Medium
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Black, pompadour, wavy.
Occupation	Cigar clerk
Marital status	Single
Criminal record	Received 4/25/25, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, #15052 for life sentence for murder. Paroled in 1931 and later given unconditional pardon.
Photo. and fingerprints	Okla, S.P., #15052,

No further record is available at the Identification Unit of this Bureau and he claims no other.

James White stated he always communicated with Osborne in the name of P. O. Donald, Mammoth Springs, Arkansas; that the letters he received from Osborne or Donald were contained in a small envelope and mailed at various points throughout the country; that these letters from Osborne were very brief and to the point; that they contained no reference whatever to his activities and simply were friendly communications. He stated that to the best of his information the house referred to near Port Orange, Florida was purchased by Osborne during the summer of 1934.

The submission of this information is being expedited in order that same may be available to the Jacksonville and other interested offices. Mr. E. J. Connelley was twice contacted through the Chicago Office during the night of August 30, 1935 and the substance of the information outlined above was given him.

The attached map does not indicate the fact that the highway passing in front of Osborne's home is in a cut, the bank on the side toward Osborne's home, i.e. East side being 3½ ft. high.

White, when located, was employed at the Press Pharmacy, National Press Building, 14th and F Streets, N. W., and resided at the Park Lane Apartments. He had planned to move to the home of his brother F. M. White, 304 F Street, N. W., apartment 31, telephone Metropolitan 0974 today.

Subsequent to the dictation of this letter, White informed that Osborne at about 8 o'clock each morning goes out the back door wearing only his pajamas and apparently is unarmed. He walks to the poultry yard.

Very truly yours,

*J. M. Keith*  
J. M. KEITH, J.M.H.  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Jacksonville  
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1. Osborne Home - 2 miles from Port Orange, Fla.,  
X Port Orange, Fla.,

cream stucco-

green trimmed

6 room - one story

bungalow; black

composition

shingle roof.

2. Garage

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3. Two story stone  
house - red tile  
roof.

XXX - Trees.

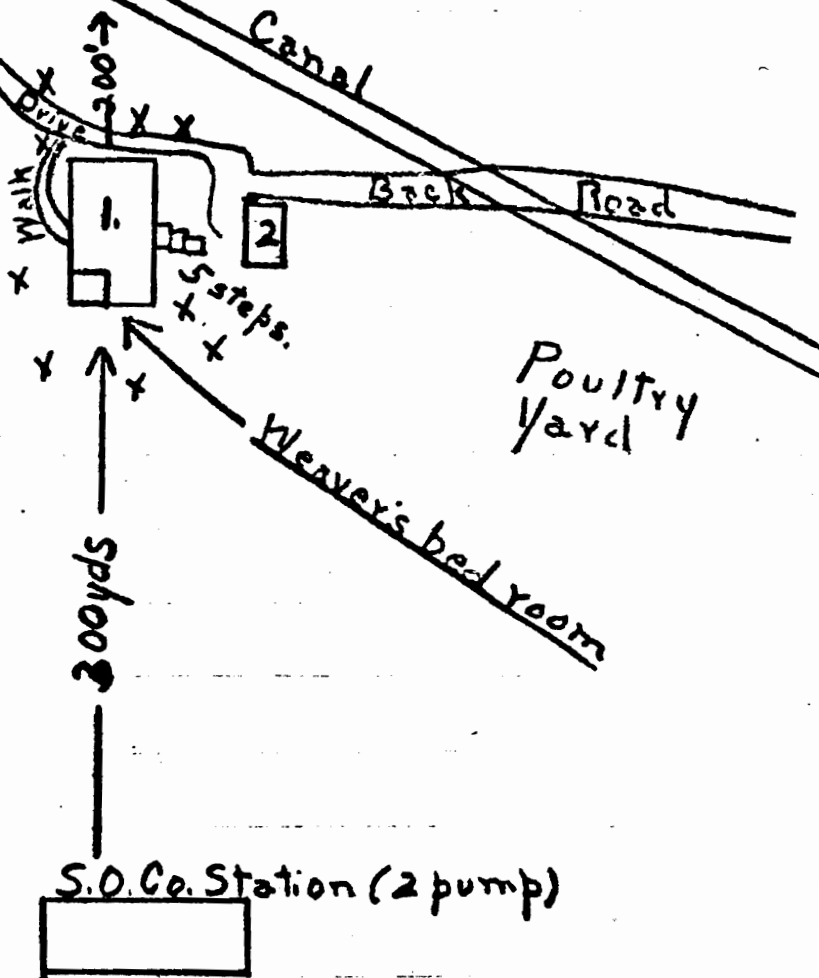
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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
August 30, 1935

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

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

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith a letter  
received at your institution by Miss Dolores Delaney  
from her brother, Robert Delaney, 6045 Kimbark Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

The contents of this letter have been  
carefully scrutinized by this office and appear to  
contain no information of value.

Very truly yours

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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ME [Signature]



P. O. Box #766  
Cincinnati, Ohio

August 29, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE  
I. C. #1218 et al.,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith for the Chicago and St. Paul offices, one copy of the report of Special Agent F. M. Ames dated at Pittsburgh, Pa., August 28, 1935, in the above entitled matter.

For the information of the Pittsburgh Office, copies of all reports in this matter should be furnished to the Chicago and St. Paul Offices.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Bureau  
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Pittsburgh

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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri  
August 31, 1935.

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to the letter from the Bureau to the Kansas City office dated June 4, 1935, in the above captioned matter, a copy of which was furnished your office to the effect that funds were being supplied to a prisoner in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary from some point in Arkansas, and that investigation at the penitentiary had failed to establish the identity of this prisoner.

For your information, Volney Davis during a recent interview at the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, advised that he and William Weaver had made an effort to secure the release of one Sam Coker, a cousin to a person named Wick, and who is now incarcerated in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. They endeavored to secure the cooperation of Sid White, but were unsuccessful; Davis also advised that he is not aware whether Coker is receiving aid from Weaver in the form of payments of money at the present time or not.

It is thought that, if the same has not been done already, inquiries should be made concerning Coker at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary to determine if he is receiving aid in some form from Weaver, who is alleged by Davis to be residing in the State of Mississippi.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONROY  
Special Agent in Charge

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Chicago-St. Paul.  
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MARCH 10, 1925

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Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
1900 Bankers Bldg., Chicago.

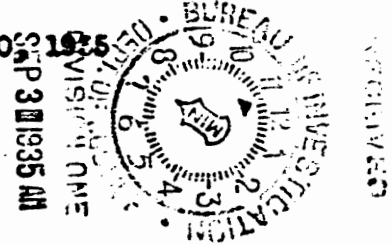
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OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 7-1488

Chicago, Ill., August 30, 1935

D. L. Nicholson,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
907 Federal Bldg.,  
Detroit, Mich.



Rekid provided Agent Muzzey is not doing anything for you at Sault Ste. Marie it will be satisfactory for him to return to Detroit and will not be needed for the present any further on this matter

*George Bremer*

Connelley

CC bureau ✓

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
AUGUST 29, 1935



Special Agent in Charge,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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

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Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter dated August 9, 1935, advising that Bobbie Lee Turner suggested that Billie Fitch be interviewed relative to any information that she might have concerning Harry Campbell, this is to advise that inquiries by Special Agent Norstrom of this office of Mickey Ash, 1410 Holmes Street, Kansas City, Mo., revealed that Billie Fitch is presently living with an Italian named Ray Palmeri and is using the name of Billie Palmeri.

Mickey Ash has in the past given information to this office concerning Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and is considered a reliable informant. She advised that Palmeri is a narcotic peddler and Billie Fitch is a user of narcotics and recently was arrested for possession of narcotics, according to her information, and served a short sentence at the Kansas City Work Farm. She advised that Billie Fitch is practicing prostitution at 608 E. 14th Street, Kansas City, Mo., and lives at 1409 Cherry Street, although she had not been seen in the vicinity for a week prior to the time of Agent Norstrom's visit.

At the Identification Bureau of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, a copy of a photograph of Billie Joe Palmeri, Kansas City P. D. #23651, was obtained and is being retained in the Kansas City file. Her arrest record reveals that she was arrested on 7-23-35 at Leeds, Missouri by Detective Teeters of the Department, who is assigned to the Narcotic Bureau of the Treasury Department at Kansas City; and was discharged by the North Side Court on 7-24-35. She is described as follows:

Age	28
Height	5' 6 1/2"
Weight	117 lbs.
Build	Slender
Hair	Dark blond
Eyes	Blue
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Agent A. E. Farland, with the assistance of Detective Teeters, made inquiries in the vicinity of 14th and Charlotte Streets for Billie Joe Palmeri, without success. Detective Teeters advised that his department desires to question her with respect to some recent sales of narcotics made by her, and that several efforts had been made to locate her without success during the week of the Agent's visit. He advised that he would apprehend her in the near future and would advise the Kansas City Office so that an opportunity would be had to question her.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Bureau ✓  
Cincinnati  
Chicago  
Denver

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Post Office Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
August 29, 1935

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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:

With reference to your letter dated August 24, 1935, there are transmitted herewith three copies of the photograph of James White, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, No. 15052. A similar number of photographs are being transmitted to the offices receiving a copy of this letter.

The Record Clerk at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary advises that James White, No. 15052 was received at that institution on April 25, 1925 from Oklahoma County for the crime of murder under a life sentence, was paroled August 5, 1931 for twelve months and was granted a permanent parole on September 19, 1932.

The Chaplain Slip at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary reflects that at the time of his incarceration there on April 25, 1925 James White was nineteen years of age and was a native of Tennessee. He was convicted as a result of the death of Moody Jackson, at Oklahoma City, a negro. He gave as his residence addresses 105 1/2 West California Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and General Delivery, Johnson City, Tennessee. He stated that his mother, Alice White, and his father, James L. White, both reside in Johnson City, Tennessee. He has two sisters and six brothers, Dan S., Frank Ed, Troy B., C. W., F. F., and R. G. White, and Tishia and Verda White, all of Johnson City, Tennessee. He gave his occupation as a waiter, his religion as Methodist, and gave as the reason he considered the cause of his downfall "got snitched on". This is all the information available in the files of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary relating to this individual.

Very truly yours,

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cc Bureau, St. Paul,  
Chicago, Cincinnati,  
Washington Field.

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida

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

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September 3, 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.

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Dear Sir:

This is to advise that this morning Florian Wood, chief reporter for the Jacksonville Journal, the evening newspaper here, called at this office wanting to know why, when he previously called on the telephone, his paper was not supplied with the information that William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton, arrested in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case, were in custody and to be taken to St. Paul, Minnesota, and why, after these persons landed at St. Paul, the news of their apprehension and removal was given to the press at that point, which made newspaper representatives in Jacksonville look like a bunch of dumbbells, and, for this reason, he had been severely criticized by his paper.

I informed Mr. Wood of the Bureau's policy in connection with publicity, after which he said he and officials of his paper simply could not understand this policy. He appeared very angry and in leaving stated that in the past before he would write a story for his paper in which the activities of Bureau Agents were involved he would always request advice from this office before printing same to ascertain whether it would interfere with or defeat the purpose of the investigation, but that in the future he did not give a damn for the Attorney General, the Director or the Bureau; that he intended to write everything that came to his attention concerning the Bureau's activities, whether approved or disapproved.

As I have stated to the Bureau previously, relations with the Jacksonville Journal and the Florida Times-Union, both of Jacksonville, have been most cordial at all times. I am quite certain that the Florida Times-Union will not assume the same attitude as is apparently being taken presently by the Jacksonville Journal.

Very truly yours,

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R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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September 17, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

- Mr. Tolson.....
- Mr. Boardman.....
- 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.....

Relative to the attached letter addressed to the Bureau under date of September 3, 1935 by Special Agent in Charge Alt, concerning the antagonistic attitude displayed towards the Bureau by Florian Wood, Chief Reporter for the Jacksonville Journal, I believe that it would be well for the Bureau to address a letter to Mr. Wood, outlining the rules of necessity upon which the Bureau's policy of issuing releases in situations of this kind is predicated. I believe that if the reasons for the Bureau's procedure in cases of this kind were properly brought to the attention of press representatives, a better understanding would result. I suggest in this case a letter from the Bureau, because I am confident that Mr. Alt would not be able to properly convince an antagonistic newspaper man of the logical position assumed by the Bureau.

Respectfully,

*[Signature]*  
E. A. Tamm

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Mr. Tolson:

Please try your hands at this.

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September 25, 1935.

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Mr. Florian Wood,  
Jacksonville Journal,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I have been advised by the Special Agent in Charge of the Jacksonville Office of this Bureau of your conference with him on September 9 concerning information relative to the arrest in Florida of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton, and I wanted to advise you of the policy which governs the giving out of information to press representatives with respect to the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Under the rules of the Department of Justice, all information pertaining to the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation must be given to the press through the office of the Attorney General or the Special Assistant to the Attorney General designated to handle press contacts. In the Weaver matter, it was quite essential that no information be disclosed to the public concerning the apprehension of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton until such time as they were received at St. Paul, Minnesota. I am sure you will appreciate the necessity for this precaution, in view of the dangerous character of these criminals.

Upon arrival of Bureau representatives at St. Paul with these criminals, their identity was noted and consequently it was impossible to withhold information from the press concerning the arrest of these persons in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case. There was no formal announcement to the press at St. Paul concerning this matter, but there was of course an admission on the part of representatives of this Bureau relative to the arrest when newspaper representatives recognized the persons who were in custody, and there was also a confirmation of the arrest from Washington.

I feel sure that upon reflection of this explanation you will understand why it is not possible for representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation throughout the country to furnish information to press representatives, as such action would be in direct conflict with the instructions issued by the Attorney General. I wanted to write to you concerning this matter in some detail, in order that you might feel that there was no desire on the part of Mr. Alt to act any differently toward you in this matter than it is necessary for him to act toward all press representatives when inquiries are made of him pertaining to current investigative matters of which he may have knowledge.

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F. M.  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
cc - Mr. Alt, Jacksonville.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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