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Reference is made to your kind letter dated November 12, 1935, in which you acknowledged my letter of November 7, 1935, addressed to [Redacted]

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I appreciate your writing me and wish to thank you for your commendatory reference to the accomplishments of the Bureau, as well as your generous offer of cooperation. If this Bureau can be of assistance to your organization at any time, please feel free to call upon me.

As of possible interest to you, I am forwarding, under another cover, a number of publications and am taking the liberty of placing [Redacted] and yours on our mailing list to receive future releases of this Bureau.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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- Mr. Baughman
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DIRECTOR

PHONE. BREKID, BOSTON HERALD AND BOSTON GLOBE TODAY'S ISSUES, ARE CARRYING STORIES TO THE EFFECT THAT AN ATTEMPT HAD BEEN MADE BY ALLEGED KIDNAPPERS TO LURE JOSEPH A. TOMASELLO, PROMINENT BOSTON CONTRACTOR, TO DETROIT WHERE HE WAS TO BE HELD FOR RANSOM. THE BOSTON POST CARRIES AN ARTICLE TO THE EFFECT THAT AN ATTEMPT HAD BEEN MADE TO LURE TOMASELLO TO DETROIT LAST JULY IN AN EFFORT TO SWINDLE HIM OUT OF \$250,000. UPON MAKING APPROPRIATE INQUIRY IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE KIDNAPING ALLEGATION IS ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT FOUNDATION. FRANK W. TOMASELLO, ASSISTANT U S ATTORNEY HERE, BROTHER OF ALLEGED VICTIM, ADVISES THAT THE SWINDLE IN QUESTION WAS ATTEMPTED IN JUNE OF 1934 BY WELL KNOWN CONFIDENCE MEN. IN THIS CONNECTION PLEASE REFER TO MY LETTER DATED 11-8-35 ADDRESSED TO THE DETROIT BUREAU OFFICE, CAPTIONED "BREKID" CONCERNING THE REQUEST CAPTAIN SHEEHAN OF THE BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT MADE OF THE DETROIT POLICE TO HOLD FOR EXTRADITION CASSIUS MCDONALD. THE SAME MOB RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SWINDLE OF JOHN CAPOBIANCO, CONTRACTOR, BRIGHTON, MASSACHUSETTS, REFERRED TO IN SAID LETTER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTEMPTED SWINDLE OF TOMASELLO.

Alvin Karpis

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Post Office Box 213
Saint Paul, Minnesota
November 15, 1935

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~~Mr. J. Edgar Hoover~~
~~Washington, D. C.~~

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

It is respectfully requested

that a cover be placed on the mail of G. W. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], 337 Walnut Street, Saint Paul, Minnesota,
for a period of thirty days.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Bureau ✓
cc Mr. E.J. Connelley, Chicago

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati** FILE NO. **9-55**

REPORT MADE AT Washington, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 11/12/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/26-31, 11/5-8/35	REPORT MADE BY A. G. BERENS AGB:JGM
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.1218, FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O.1236, FUGITIVE; ET AL, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

James White associated with a woman from Chicago who drove a Cord automobile while White was residing at the Weaver home. No connection established between this woman or any other visitors to the Weaver home and the Karpis gang. Pictures taken by James White at filling station operated by W. H. Thompson identified by White. White unable to identify photograph of G. W. Hout.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Bureau to Cincinnati Office dated October 24, 1935; letters from Chicago Office dated October 31, 1935, Oklahoma City Office dated October 28, 1935, and report of Special Agent A.G. Berens, dated at Washington, D. C., 10/21/35.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

James White, who is still employed at the Press Pharmacy, 14th and F Streets, N. W., was questioned relative to the appearance of a blonde girl who is alleged to have kept company with White while he lived at the William Weaver home near Daytona Beach, Florida. White stated that the blonde girl was introduced to him while he was at Gill's Saloon; that the two went fishing together several times thereafter but that they did not assume any unusual friendly relations. He advised that the woman

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was approximately 35 years old, weighed about 135 pounds, had brown hair and appeared to be of very fine character. He also stated that she drove an old Cord automobile, either a roadster or coupe; that she was in the vicinity of Daytona Beach and the Weaver home on a vacation; that her husband owns and operates a furniture business in Chicago. He did not know the address of this furniture establishment, nor did he recall the name of the woman. He also advised that upon one occasion he and the woman went to Weaver's house to cook crabs which they had caught. Upon this occasion Weaver was away from home and he is confident that Weaver does not know the woman. He expressed the opinion that the name of this woman could be obtained from the hotel register or from anyone in Gill's Saloon, adding that everyone in the latter establishment knew her. White was confident that this woman did not have any connection with or any part in the Bremer case and that she did not have any knowledge of the Karpis gang.

White also advised that he was confident that Weaver did not have any contacts of a criminal nature in that vicinity and he knew of no one who might have approached him at his home in connection with the Bremer case. He further stated in this regard that no suspicious persons ever contacted the home while he was there. White expressed the belief that the ransom money which Weaver was alleged to have had in his possession was changed to good money on various weekend trips which Weaver took away from his home. White did not know where Weaver went on these trips and is of the opinion that no one in that vicinity would have knowledge of such facts.

White advised that while he was at the Weaver home he had many girl friends who were tourists and local girls but that he felt certain that none of them had any connection with the Karpis gang or with any other criminal element. He was of the belief that Weaver was entirely out of contact with underworld characters; that the money which he had was changed at small stores and the like and that none of it reached the underworld for this purpose. To substantiate this position, White related that at the time the Barkers were killed in Florida Weaver expressed amazement that they were so close to their location.

Agent questioned White as to his knowledge of Myrtle Eaton's part in the kidnaping and also as to whether Myrtle Eaton was apprized of the fact that Weaver was wanted for kidnaping. This was done to establish any possible harboring charge which the government might bring against Myrtle Eaton. White expressed the belief in this regard that Myrtle Eaton had no knowledge of Weaver's activities in regard to the Bremer case. He added that he could not state this positively but

that his belief was based upon Weaver's "close-mouthed" attitude. He reflected, however, that it was entirely possible that she did have this knowledge because of the promiscuous placing of Identification Orders and because of the amounts of money which Weaver had to enable him to live in that fashion.

The picture of G. W. Hout, which was received from the Oklahoma City Office with reference letter dated October 28, 1935, was exhibited to James White. White advised that he had no recollection of having seen this individual and does not know him. He also stated, upon being informed of the prison record of Hout at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, that Hout was incarcerated there prior to White's prison sentence.

The photograph forwarded by the letter received from the Chicago Office dated October 31, 1935, in which letter it was stated that Mrs. Thompson advised she did not know the identity of some persons in the picture but that the third person reading from left to right is a Mr. Marsh, the fourth person Myrtle Eaton and the fifth person Mrs. Marsh, was exhibited to James White. James White stated that he took this picture at the filling station operated by Thompson; that the identity of the individual appearing on the extreme left of this photograph is a chauffeur who drove the car belonging to a Catholic Priest, namely Father Stanley. Father Stanley is the second person from the left and White advised that he is a Priest from Scranton, Pa. and is very well known in that community, being a public character such as Father Coughlin, of Royal Oak, Michigan. He was of the opinion that Father Stanley was a highly respected person and of course had no connection with the criminal element. He also advised that the first person appearing in the photograph, namely the chauffeur of Father Stanley, was connected in some way with religious practices and was probably a Brother in the Catholic Faith. White informed that the third person from the left appearing in the photograph is Mr. Clem Morris, who is referred to in the letter of reference, as Mr. Marsh. White stated that Clem Morris is a highly respected person; that he resides near Scranton, Pa. and is a good friend of Father Stanley; that he is a man approximately 70 years old, very short, about 5'4", weight about 160 pounds and a very generous and likeable individual. He also stated he was formerly a Sheriff in the community in which he resided near Scranton, Pa. and that anybody in that vicinity would know Clem Morris. White then stated that the fourth person from the left appearing in the picture was Myrtle Eaton and that the fifth person or the one on the extreme right was Mrs. Clem

Morris who was also a friend of Father Stanley and who came to know Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver by their vacation expedition into that part of Florida. White also advised that the automobile which appears immediately in back of the persons whose pictures were described above, is a Buick owned by Father Stanley and operated by his chauffeur and that the picture of the automobile appearing on the extreme right of the photograph is that of the Oldsmobile owned by William Weaver.

White was certain that none of the persons whose pictures appeared had any knowledge of Weaver's criminal activities or of the activities of any other criminal element. No lead is being suggested for the office of origin to interview any of these persons as same is being left to its discretion.

According to White, these persons came to Florida merely as vacationists and they had no other purpose in visiting the Weaver family.

White also advised that W. H. Thompson, who operated the filling station near the home of Weaver wanted to sell out to Weaver, who intended to have James White operate the station. James White operated the station for approximately two weeks "to try it out" and because of the insufficient income, he was not interested in following this occupation. He advised that he hung around the filling station quite often; that he would meet tourists in that manner and none of those he met appeared to have any particular connection with Weaver.

According to White, W. H. Thompson met the woman he described as a blonde girl and whose identity was more closely established in the beginning of this report through James White; that she and James White were traveling down the highway in the Cord automobile; that they passed Thompson and took him to his destination which was a very short distance away, namely the mail box where Thompson received his mail. White expressed the belief that this was the only time Thompson had ever come in contact with the person whom he describes as a blonde girl.

Post Office Box 515
Saint Paul, Minnesota
November 15, 1935

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Postmaster
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

It is respectfully requested
that a cover be placed on the mail of all of the
occupants of 254 Sherman Street
Kingston, for a period of thirty days.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Bureau
cc Mr. E.J. Connelley, Chicago

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Edward S. Bremer

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

November 13, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
Chicago, Illinois

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. D. Brown, dated at Chicago, Illinois, November 7, 1935, wherein it states that a photograph of William Elmer Meade was exhibited to an individual being interviewed.

The Cleveland office file does not contain a photograph of Meade and it is requested that this office be supplied with six copies of same.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland
Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-65**

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 11/14/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/12/35	REPORT MADE BY R. P. BURRUSS KPB:VTL
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218, et al; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1236 EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

After circularizing the nine Army Corps areas and arsenals, the War Department was unable to locate any record of the theft or loss of .45 caliber Colt revolver, model 1917, #259805.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. P. Burrusa, Washington, D. C., dated October 22, 1935.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Mr. E. L. Kahlert, Field Division, Ordnance Office, War Department, has advised that after circularizing the nine Army Corps areas and arsenals, the War Department was unable to locate any record indicating the theft or loss of .45 caliber Colt revolver, model 1917, #259805.

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REPORT MADE AT NEW ORLEANS, LA.	DATE WHEN MADE 11/13/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/9/35	REPORT MADE BY J. V. BLAKE
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.		CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPPING; HARBORING FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Colonel Bob Dalton, unreliable promoter of questionable oil drilling options, is reported to have information that Alvin Karpis is in Mexico. He claims to have information to that effect but refuses to give source of his information. No dependence can be placed in what he says.</p>			
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REFERENCE: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Report of Special Agent J. B. Dickerson, New York City, 11-2-35.</p>			
DETAILS: <u>AT MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI</u>			
<p>Colonel Bob Dalton is quite a well known character around Meridian, Mississippi, where he has resided for the past three or four years. He spends most of his time in the East and around Chicago. Chief of Detectives Harbour, of Meridian, is well acquainted with Dalton and says he is thoroughly unreliable and the biggest liar in the South. He has had two oil promotions between Meridian and Newton, Mississippi, neither of which has been more than just something for Dalton to use in selling stock. He boasts of his ability to go to the big rich fellows on Wall Street and unload his stock on them. He always puts on a "6-gallon hat", boots, etc., to make him appear thoroughly western when he calls on these persons. He usually walks in without knocking or ringing and explains that he was raised out where men are men and he doesn't know anything about door bells and glass doors, etc. He prides himself on his ability to take the money from the rich and also that he has never taken a cent from a working man. He boasts that he is personally acquainted with any prominent person that might be mentioned and whenever any high-powered crook is mentioned, he always claims a personal touch there, too. It was not surprising to Chief Harbour that the Colonel had</p>			
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boasted in New York that he was in possession of information about Karpis.

Colonel Bob Dalton, (whence the Colonel, no one knows), was the subject of an impersonation investigation by the New Orleans Office several months ago, having represented himself to the Postmaster at Clarksdale, Mississippi, as a Deputy U. S. Marshal and requested the Postmaster to see if he had some mail, this after closing time. On interview, Dalton denied having made such representations but said that he is a Deputy Sheriff in about six counties of Mississippi. Also, when interviewed at that time by this agent, he said that he would go to his personal friend, Jim Farley, and "get" that Postmaster's job for having reported the matter.

In company with Chief of Detectives Harbour, the writer went to Dalton's home, about a mile from Meridian, and interviewed him. The writer first approached him by saying that the Bureau had received information that he was well acquainted with Karpis and knew his present whereabouts. Dalton reddened and then started to say that he had made no such claim and knew nothing. The writer followed up with the statement that it was understood that he told certain persons in New York City that he had known Karpis well and that he had said that Karpis is at present in the Republic of Mexico. Dalton then said, yes, he had known Karpis all his life and that Karpis is at present in Mexico, but that he, Dalton, wants to go down there himself and bring him out and turn him over to the Department of Justice or turn him over to his very good friend, Chief of Detectives Harbour, to whom it would mean so much to have it said that he, Harbour, had captured him. Dalton does not want to go down there and assassinate Karpis and does not want to go down there and get killed himself so he will have to work it out to his own satisfaction, or, if the Department of Justice will pay the expenses of Dalton and the writer to go into Mexico to get Alvin, he will conduct the writer to that section where he is supposed to be and where Dalton will have contacts through whom he can go right to Karpis and get him. He is in the section of Guadalagara, Mansanio and Colima; somewhere in one of those places or in the section of country, covering about 500 miles, in which they are located. There are not more than a dozen white men in this section and every one of them is a fugitive criminal from the United States. It's a bad section, full of bad men, Mexicans and those criminals from the United States. Dalton thinks Karpis is at a seaport, ready to set sail any time someone is closing in on him, and that he will go to Rio de Janeiro, where he would go to a hotel that is all granite and marble, the finest there, but into which only criminals can come as it is operated by a criminal. "Karpis looks enough like a Mexican to be taken for one." He wears a .45 automatic in the small of his back where it is likely to be overlooked by anyone searching him. Karpis is very erect and for that reason is able to wear a gun that way without it being noticed. He is the only man the Colonel knew who could do that. The Colonel, (self-styled, so far as can be learned), says that he has known Karpis all of his, Karpis', life. Karpis got his schooling from Jess Literiel, formerly of Marlow, Oklahoma. Literiel was in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary with Karpis and was the brains that taught Karpis things. Literiel has gone straight now, studied law while in the pen and is now practicing law at Marlow, Oklahoma.

Dalton also related to the writer his intimacies with the great men of Mexico, the past and present President, and others, each of whom he calls by

first name. He is also a buddy of John Garner, Joe Murphy and Colonel Starling, Felix Garcia, Rodriguez, etc.

Dalton is convinced that the writer is his friend and he is willing to tell the writer the source of his information that Karpis is in Mexico, but only on the writer's solemn promise to him, Dalton, that the information will not be passed on to Washington as he knows there have been leaks from the Department of Justice and he doesn't want to be the cause of the assassination of the man who gave him the information. He indicated that the one who gave him the information had formerly been a convict, had gone straight for the past twenty years, like Dalton has, is married and has a family; that this fellow saw Karpis some time ago in the United States and that Karpis, in the United States, told this friend that he, Karpis, is hiding in Mexico. Dalton did not know what was the occasion for Karpis' trip back to the United States, but understood that he is surrounded with a bunch of men down there, including "that fellow from Walla Walla, Washington." Dalton was assured that any information secured by the writer would be kept in confidence by the Department but he shook his head and declined to give anything definite.

Dalton said that an attempt was made to assassinate him a few months ago and exhibited scars on his abdomen and legs, which looked like gun shot wounds. He explained that he was "sitting down when he should have been standing up", and would make no further explanation about it. The report got out here in Meridian several months ago that he had been pretty badly shot up by a Chicago posse following a bank stick-up, but no definite information could ever be secured nor could anything intelligible be obtained from him by persons in Meridian to whom he is supposed to be very friendly.

Dalton's wife was present part of the time he was being interviewed and she was asked what relation she was to Huey Long. She replied that her mother was the first cousin of Huey Long's mother. She appears to have caught the spirit of the Colonel's hot air. She calls him Colonel Dalton in the presence of others. On one occasion she had to call the police to come out and stop him from shooting holes through the ceiling of his bedroom.

It is realized that the above details have no real interest to this investigation but they are given in order that it might be better understood what character of man is claiming to know Alvin Karpis' whereabouts.

Dalton asked who, in New York, had said he told of knowing Karpis. He was told the Washington Office had just advised that information had been received to that effect. He then set himself to wondering whom he had told that to. No doubt he has told fabulous tales to many and does not remember to whom he told this particular one.

P E N D I N G

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

EAT:TAM

November 23, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
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- Chief Clerk
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- Mr. Joseph
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- Mr. Sullivan
- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

I thought you would appreciate the rather humorous report submitted by Special Agent J. V. Blake in the Alvin Karpis Case, which is attached hereto. The initial information concerning Dalton's alleged knowledge that Karpis was in Mexico was received in the Bureau in the form of a letter addressed to the Department by one Shea, a Departmental applicant, who stated that he heard Karpis was in Mexico. Shea was contacted by Bureau agents and informed that Colonel Bob Dalton of Meridian, Mississippi had told him Karpis was in Mexico and accordingly Dalton was interviewed, as indicated in the attached report.

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Respectfully,

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E. A. Tamm

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Salt Lake City, Utah
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Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; DR. JOSEPH
P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1233;
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases,
I.O. #1236; et al.
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL
FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of November 8, 1935,
in the above entitled case, in which the attention of the Salt
Lake City Bureau office is called to investigative action requested
in certain letters and reports.

Please find enclosed herewith copy of report of Special
Agent J. T. McLaughlin, dated at Salt Lake City August 15, 1935,
which reflects investigative action taken with reference to
locating John Ferrick; a copy of Agent McLaughlin's above mentioned
report was not furnished the Chicago office. The same is being
submitted now for your information and further investigation will
be conducted presently at Virginia City, Nevada.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc- Bureau
Cincinnati
E.J. Connelley, Chicago

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Edward J. Connelley

November 13, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JOHN F. ROLLAND,
CHIEF, DIVISION OF SUPPLIES AND PRINTING.

Confirming telephonic conversation had with the Chief Clerk's Office on November 12, 1935, concerning the Ford Sedan, motor No. 18-1190702, which is in the possession of our Jacksonville Office at this time, and which car you are endeavoring to transfer to some other Government Agency, or Department, please be advised that title to this car was secured by this Bureau from Gregory I. Codomo on January 22, 1935. This car was seized from the above mentioned party and he has refused to accept possession of the car.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

*See J. P. Robinson
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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
November 12, 1935

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases,
I. O. #1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with
aliases, I. O. #1232; ET AL.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives; Obstruc-
tion of Justice; National Firearms Act.

Dear Sir:

Reference is hereby made to letter from the Chicago Office to the Oklahoma City Office, dated November 5, 1935, letter from the Detroit Office to the Bureau, dated November 6, 1935, and Mr. Connelley's teletype to the Oklahoma City Office, dated November 9, 1935, in the above entitled case. (Bureau file 7-576.)

With reference to the report of Special Agent Paul Hansen, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated May 31, 1935 (not 1925), which contains an undeveloped lead to endeavor to locate a 1,600 acre ranch near Clinton and Taloga, Oklahoma, it is noted from the report of Agent Paul Hansen, dated September 7, 1935, pages 7 and 8, that an investigation regarding this matter has been made by Agent Welles, of this office. Further attention is being given this angle at this time and a report will be appropriately submitted.

With reference to letter from the Pittsburg Office, dated June 24, 1935, requesting investigation in the vicinity of Kansas and Spring Creek, Oklahoma, the report of Agent Paul Hansen, dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, July 8, 1935, page 2 contains a report of inquiries that were made in this matter to, I think, a logical and definite negative conclusion.

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With reference to the undeveloped lead set out in report of Agent S. L. Fortenberry, Detroit, Michigan, dated June 27, 1935, requesting that information be obtained concerning a man named Mel, who was formerly a close friend of Campbell, please be advised that the report of Special Agent Paul Hansen, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated August 2, 1935, on pages 6 and 7, describes the locating of this man named Mel, who is Milton O. Brooks, of Tulsa. This report further sets out a successful interview with Brooks at Tulsa. The report of Agent Hansen dated November 2, 1935, on page 4, relates that Brooks, who is incorrectly referred to as Melvin Brooks, has been arrested and is now in jail at Sedan, Kansas.

With reference to the undeveloped lead set out in the report of Special Agent in Charge E. P. Guinane, Denver, Colorado, dated July 28, 1935, requesting information as to the identity of the person who was arrested with Campbell, be ascertained from the Oklahoma City Police Department or the Tulsa Police Department, has not been investigated to date but will be handled in the very near future.

Concerning the Bureau letter, dated September 16, 1935, requesting that a photograph of a person known as "The Stuttering Kid" be displayed to a confidential informant [redacted] please be advised that the report of Agent Hansen, dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, November 2, 1935, on page 4, discloses that numerous efforts have been made to contact the informant [redacted] at Tulsa, but with only negative results. Other unsuccessful efforts have been made since the dictation of this report. He will be interviewed at the earliest possible date and a report on that matter will be appropriately submitted. b7c b7d

The request to interview Dr. Fred D. Sparks, Ponca City, Oklahoma, regarding a man said to resemble Karpis, as set out in Bureau letter, dated October 9, 1935, has been completed and is set out in the report of Agent Paul Hansen, dated at Oklahoma City, November 2, 1935, on pages 5 and 6.

Each of the above mentioned reports by Agent Hansen indicate that a copy was sent to the Chicago Office and if that office has not received a copy of each of these reports one will be furnished upon request.

With reference to Mr. Connelley's teletype to this office, dated November 9, 1935, and to the letter by the Detroit Office, to the Bureau, dated November 6, 1935, it appears that Mrs. Richard D. Wilson and Mildred Jones, sisters of Wynona Burdette, have great fears of Harry Campbell and Karpis calling on them. This would indicate

that they do not want them to come; that they are not looking for them for any definite reason and would not willingly do anything for either of them should they show up at either place. With respect, however, to Mr. Connelley's suggestion that the homes of these two sisters be immediately kept under surveillance, please be advised that Mildred Jones lives on the Gillespie oil lease, about three or three and one half miles northeast of Turley, Oklahoma. The house in which she lives is close by five other houses, located on this oil lease and occupied by oil workers. It appears that it would be an impossibility for a constant surveillance to be made of the house in which Mrs. Jones lives, without the whole community knowing about it. A set up of this description was made in the Jones home last May and kept for several days but it was impossible to do it without the neighbors knowing that officers were in her home and the news spread to the Tulsa Police Department as well as other officers in Oklahoma. Reports of Agent Hansen in this case contain an arrangement with Omer E. Harris, a close neighbor to Mrs. Jones, who is apparently intimately acquainted with her and with Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie, owners of this oil lease, to advise Agent Hansen or the Oklahoma City Office of any suspicious callers Mrs. Jones has. The Gillespies are reputable people and apparently have the confidence of Mrs. Jones, and it is believed that they can be relied upon completely. Mildred Jones has repeatedly promised Agent Hansen that she will cooperate by immediately transmitting any information she receives regarding Harry Campbell, and it is believed, from an observation of her actions in the past, that she is truthful in this regard and that she will supply Agent Hansen with any information she comes into possession of.

With respect to the home where Mrs. Richard D. Wilson lives, until recently she was living with her husband at Arondale, Oklahoma, which is located on what is known as "Section No. 8" and her husband is a pumper on that lease. This house is located in a remote section of the country and could not be successfully kept under constant surveillance for any length of time. Mr. Charlie Cox, who works for the same company as does Wilson, and his wife, Mrs. Cox, who are neighbors to the Wilson, have both agreed to cooperate with Agent Hansen and the Oklahoma City Office by supplying information they obtain from the Wilsons with respect to Harry Campbell or anything that affects him. It is noted from the letter referred to above by the Detroit Office to the Bureau that Mrs. Wilson is now living in Hominy, Oklahoma, which is a short distance from Arondale. Further investigation will be made in this respect at Hominy, Oklahoma, to establish some confidential informant who will be able to observe the Wilson home. In this connection, however, it is to be noted that both Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have, on numerous occasions, expressed their willingness to cooperate with

Agent Hansen by furnishing him any information they obtain regarding Campbell. As stated below, Mrs. Wilson will be interviewed by Agent Hansen in an effort to obtain how she came into the possession of the information that Harry Campbell has visited his home at Tulsa recently.

For sometime the Oklahoma City Office has had under consideration obtaining, in some way, a suitable surveillance, possibly the renting of a house near the home of Campbell's parents, in order that a constant surveillance might be made. I discussed this matter over the telephone with Mr. Tamm November 11, 1935, and he stated that an arrangement of this kind is desired by the Bureau. An effort will, accordingly, be made immediately to make this desired set up, particularly for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, so that Bureau agents may have the Campbell home under surveillance constantly over this holiday period.

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With reference to Mr. Connelley's teletype referred to above, about Campbell visiting his mother, regarding which no prior notice had been given than the letter from the Detroit Office, referred to above, it is to be noted from Agent Paul Hansen's report dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, September 7, 1935, on page 2, that information was obtained as to a visit Campbell is alleged to have made to his home, being driven to Tulsa by "a boy" whose name is, in all probability, Milt Letts. The Oklahoma City Office is making a concentrated effort to locate this Letts fellow to solicit his cooperation in locating these fugitives. As reported before by Agent Hansen, Mrs. Lona Smith, widow of J. Earl Smith, who was apparently killed by Harry Campbell and others, and who is bitter toward Campbell and desires his apprehension above all other things in the world, lives most of the time with her sister, Ruby Blackwell, at 820 South Rockford Street, in Tulsa, next door to the Campbell home. She and her sister have promised to maintain a close surveillance at their home. If Campbell has been home to see his mother twice since Wynona's arrival at the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, it was surely without the knowledge of these two informants. It is thought that Mrs. Smith, who is personally acquainted with Campbell, is a fortunate person to have living next door to the Campbells.

Agent Hansen will interview Mrs. Wilson at Hominy, Oklahoma, in the very near future and endeavor to obtain from her, without informing her of a knowledge of her conversation with Wynona, how she knows Harry has been to see his mother two different times since Wynona has been at Milan.

The reports made in this case by the Oklahoma City Office reflect that Agent Hansen has established confidential informants from the Kansas border south to Tulsa, Oklahoma, and vicinity. These informants are both reputable citizens and underworld characters and most of them are personally acquainted with Campbell and are persons that Campbell is likely to contact should he come to Oklahoma. Some of these informants are likewise personally acquainted with Karpis. Agent Hansen is devoting practically all of his time on this case in the Oklahoma City Office district and I feel that the case is being handled to the best interests of the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Cincinnati
Chicago (1 Mr. Connelley)
St. Paul
Detroit

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November 14, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEEMAN.

Please refer to a memorandum dated October 11, 1935, which was submitted to you, transmitting all of the available evidence in the possession of this Bureau against Nathaniel H. Heller who was indicted at Jacksonville, Florida on February 7, 1935.

After a perusal of the evidence contained in the above mentioned memorandum, I will be pleased to receive an expression of opinion from you as to your intentions with regard to the prosecution of Nathaniel H. Heller.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,

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Post Office Drawer 1487
Saint Louis, Missouri
November 14, 1935



Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Recently, while Special Agent E. A. Loughran of this office was at Eldorado, Illinois, discussing fingerprint work with the Chief of Police, Agent Loughran showed him the fingerprints on the first page of the new Identification Order Booklet, and in so doing the Chief saw the picture of Alvin Karpis. He immediately stated that he had seen that person during the past month; that there had been a collision between a new Ford V-8 Sedan, dark in color, with Illinois license plates, not noted, in which the only person occupying the car was the man identified as Karpis. He stated that there were two other local people in the other car and that the two cars had smashed fenders; that Karpis was very rough in his talk and though admitting that he was to blame stated that he was not going to pay for the damage; that the Chief had a feeling that he was plenty tough and for that reason was somewhat afraid to try and arrest him; that he even failed to take the license number and was unable to recall who the people were who were in the other car, although Agent Loughran closely questioned him in this regard. He recalled remarking to the other police officer afterwards that the man who was the stranger certainly looked like a convict and that he felt somewhat afraid of him. He did not seem to be sure where the accident had occurred but believed that it had originally happened at the intersection of Highways #1 and #14 on the edge of town. Chief Ritchey did not recognize the name of Karpis and was somewhat surprised when agent explained that he was the most sought after man in the United States by law enforcement authorities. Agent Loughran contacted the filling station attendants and the woman running a pullman food stand at the above intersection, but none of the persons interviewed recalled the particular accident nor were they able to identify the photograph of Karpis. Agent also presented the photograph to the officers of the local state bank in Eldorado, but they stated they had never seen anyone fitting his description.

Alvin Karpis

Apparently there is no further detailed information available at this time. The Chief simply thought he saw Karpis. This is submitted for your information.

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Very truly yours,

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cc Bureau
Chicago
St. Paul
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R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida

November 14, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 812,
Chicago, Illinois



Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

As a result of the cover placed on the mail
of Ada and Ruth Potts and Mrs. E. A. Mead at Sarasota, Florida,
the enclosed transmissions were received at the Jacksonville
office:

- (1) Letter addressed to Mrs. Ruth Potts,
St., Sarasota, Florida; postmarked Palmdale, Ill.
Nov. 7, 1935; return address of Mrs. E. A. Mead,
Route #1, Palmdale, Ill.
- (2) Letter addressed to Mrs. Lillian Mead, Sarasota,
Fla., Louise Apts. #6; postmarked Marion, Ohio,
Nov. 8, 1935; return address of Mrs. E. A. Mead,
Marion, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Bureau
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Ed. George Bremer

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U. S. Department of Justice

629 First National Bank Building,
Omaha, Nebraska.
November 11, 1935.

Mr. Nathan
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Personal and Confidential

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated October 31st, 1935, addressed to the St. Paul Bureau Office, copy of which was furnished the Omaha Bureau Office.

On November 7th, 1935, at the Nebraska State Penitentiary, Lincoln, Nebraska, Special Agent G. H. Wilson interviewed JESS DOYLE, Number 12369, who at first was reluctant to talk at all unless assured that anything that he might say would not in any manner be allowed to be placed in any newspaper, stating that in the past various things had been printed in the newspapers and attributed to him, which had no basis in fact. Doyle was assured by Agent Wilson that anything he might say in this interview would not be given publicity in the newspapers.

Doyle stated that it was erroneously claimed and believed that he had been, in the past, intimate and closely associated with all the associates and friends of the Barkers and of Karpis, but in reality his acquaintance with such of those that he did know, grew out of his intimate friendship and association with Fred Barker, from the time he was a very small boy.

Doyle maintains that he was not implicated with the Bremer kidnaping, having split away from the gang prior to that time. When questioned as to any known connections or higher-up contacts of the gang in St. Paul, Doyle stated, "I can tell you one thing, when they got an apartment in St. Paul they would put in one telephone and assign it to the man in the State Apprehension Bureau at the State Capitol, and that telephone was never used for anything except to receive calls from that man. On one occasion a call came to that apartment and no one was there to receive it, so it was switched to Harry Sawyer's place". When asked to explain the calls received over that telephone and whether they were tip-offs, Doyle stated that they were tip-off calls through that source. When asked who the man was in the Capitol, Doyle stated that he did

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not know, other than he was a large and heavy set man. When asked specifically if it were Tom Brown or Bill Crumbley to whom he referred, Doyle stated that he does not now recall those names.

Doyle claimed not to know Dr. Moran, although he at one time lived in Maywood, Illinois, and knew that Dr. Moran had an office there at the same time. Doyle stated that at one time he saw Kate Barker, Fred Barker and William Harrison together at the race tracks at Aurora, Illinois. When any reference was made to any member of this gang, Doyle would state that he certainly would not lose any sleep when he learned that either, or both, Karpis or Campbell had died, since he had personal reasons to desire that they no longer remain at large; that he knew in the past that they had made efforts to get him, Doyle, out of the way. When questioned further along this line, Doyle stated, for example, that while he, Doyle, was in the County Jail at Fairbury, Nebraska, on June 12th, 1935, waiting to be moved that same day to the State Penitentiary at Lincoln, Nebraska, for safekeeping, he observed, from out of the jail window, Alvin Karpis, alone, getting out of a Dodge Sedan and walking across the street in Fairbury, and that shortly thereafter he returned to the car and drove away. Doyle was emphatic in this statement, stating that he could tell Karpis' walk at a distance, since it was half-way between a fast walk and a "lope".

Doyle stated that at present he could not furnish any information as to the present location of either Karpis or Campbell, but that in the future such may be possible. At this point in the interview Doyle appeared confidential and stated that just prior to his arrest in February, 1935, he knew that the place of Al Sherwood, South Coffeyville (Kansas-Oklahoma Line) was not too hot and afforded the most logical and accessible contact for the various members of the gang; that at that time and at that place, he observed a letter in the hands of one of the boys, inviting them to come on down and just fish and hunt, and that plenty of liquor was available; that he, Doyle recognized the handwriting as that of Karpis (since Doyle declares that Karpis writes a left-handed scribe) and although he did not actually see the postmark, he was of the opinion that it was from a point in Oklahoma, about one-half day's drive from South Coffeyville. Doyle stated that he had previously furnished this information to Agent Hansen, of the Oklahoma City Office. Doyle offered the statement that in the event that a check was made of Al Sherwood's place and community, that it would be most inadvisable to make open inquiry, or to drive into that community in a Hudson automobile.

Doyle stated that it is a fact that Karpis does have contacts from coast to coast, and in his opinion some of the higher ups implicated in the Bremer kidnaping have not been apprehended. No further information was obtained from Doyle at this time. In the future, the Bureau will be advised of any additional information obtained from this source.

Very truly yours,



JOHN A. DOWD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Chicago (E. J. Connelley)
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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: RE: BREKID

Reference is made to the Bureau's letter of October 8, 1935 (7-576), transmitting copies of a letter dated September 22, 1935, purporting to have been written by one Dick Tate, in which Mr. Tate indicated that one Edgar Knowles, owner of the Park Filling Station at Tarpon Springs, Florida, may be harboring fugitives, and requesting that an appropriate discreet investigation be made to determine whether Knowles is presently harboring or assisting any fugitives in this case.

Please be advised that Special Agent F. F. Yearsley, Resident Agent at Tampa, Florida, has developed that one J. J. Gilchrist, 533 East Tarpon Avenue, Tarpon Springs, Florida, was the author of the aforementioned letter. By interviewing Gilchrist and his son, Murry Gilchrist, the latter being employed by Edgar Knowles, they both identified the photograph of A. D. Hunt, with aliases, a notorious character in Florida, as an associate of HUGH GANT, who is the subject of the case entitled HUGH GANT with aliases--FUGITIVE, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, with Birmingham as the office of origin, as the man they thought might possibly be Alvin Karpis. Agent Yearsley observed A. D. Hunt at the service station of Knowles during the night of November 12, 1935. The Gilchrists also identified Hugh Gant's photograph as that of a person who has in times past visited the Knowles filling station with A. D. Hunt.

The Hugh Gant case is presently receiving the vigorous attention of the Jacksonville office in efforts to effect his apprehension.

Very truly yours,

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R.A. Alt,
Special Agent

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri,

November 14, 1935.

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:

RE: BREKID

Please refer to the letter from the Kansas City office to the Bureau dated September 16, 1935, relative to the cover being maintained on the mail of Elmer Farmer, Register No. 47103, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. It will be noted that typewritten copies on numerous communications received and sent by Farmer have been transmitted to the Kansas City office by penitentiary officials, but to date no information of great value has been received.

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It is respectfully requested that the Bureau advise whether or not it is desired that the Kansas City office continue to procure typewritten copies of these communications.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Smith

W. A. SMITH
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases -
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1216, et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;
Kidnaping

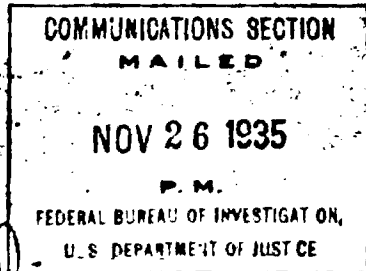
Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of November 14, 1935, please be informed that the Bureau desires the cover be maintained upon the mail of Elmer Farmer at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas until after the trial in the above entitled matter at St. Paul, Minnesota on January 6, 1936.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

CC - E. J. Connelley
Cincinnati
St. Paul



Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
722 Midland Savings Bldg.
Denver, Colo.
November 13, 1935

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Federal Bureau of Investigation,
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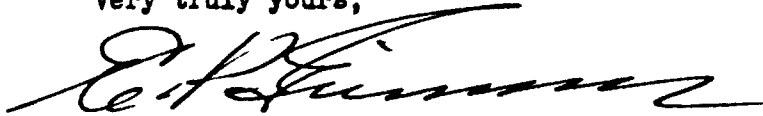
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Dear Sir: RE: BREKID

In accordance with Bureau letter of November 8, 1935, (7-576) I am transmitting herewith photograph of John Henry Foster alias William Elmer Meade, and other aliases, Denver Police Department #8390.

The information requested in Bureau letter of November 1, 1935, at the Colorado State Penitentiary, Canon City, Colorado, is being obtained and will be forwarded to the Bureau as soon as obtained.

Very truly yours,



E. P. GUINANE
Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR
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U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
November 8, 1935.

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- Mr. Lester
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- Mr. Schilder
- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Tracy

Time - 10:30 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Special Agent in Charge Alt telephoned Mr. Richmond from the Jacksonville Office and said that he wants to call to the attention of the Bureau an apparent conflict of instructions relative to the disposition of three confiscated automobiles which are being held by him, particularly as to the disposition of that automobile which belonged to Kate and Fred Barker at the time they were killed by Bureau Agents at Ocala, Florida.

Considerable correspondence has passed to and from the Bureau and the Kansas City Office, copies of which are in the possession of the Jacksonville Office, and between the Jacksonville Office and the Kansas City Office, and between the Kansas City Office and Mr. Frank Dixon, who is one of the co-administrators of the estate of Kate and Fred Barker, relative to the disposition of the automobile which is presently in the possession of the Jacksonville Office, and which is the property of the estate of Kate and Fred Barker. Mr. Alt pointed out that in all the correspondence up to November 1, 1935, the Bureau and the field offices have steadfastly maintained the position that the Bureau had absolutely no interest whatsoever in the confiscated automobiles, and that upon the presentation of due claim of ownership, the same would be released. To this end, the Jacksonville Office the other day received a letter from Mr. Frank Dixon, mentioned above, to the effect that pursuant to the attitude of the Bureau, he was sending his wife to Jacksonville to take possession of the Barker automobile and drive it back to Kansas City. Mr. Dixon in his letter explains that due to the press of business matters, neither he nor his attorney is unable to come to Jacksonville to get the car, and that the same should be turned over to Mrs. Dixon. This morning, Mrs. Dixon made her appearance at the Jacksonville Office, having in her possession a letter of introduction from Mr. Dixon, and also several letters which had been written to Mr. Dixon from the Kansas City Office stating that they could have the car. Mr. Alt said that there is no doubt in his mind but that the lady who came in the office this morning is as a matter of fact Mrs. Dixon. He continued that while he believes under the circumstances that this automobile should be turned over to her, he called attention to Bureau letter of November 1, 1935, which states in part that the Bureau was trying to make arrangements whereby the confiscated automobiles in the possession of the Jacksonville Office could be turned over to some other Governmental agency, and that the Jacksonville Office would be advised in due course. Mr. Alt pointed out that previous correspondence from the Bureau had instructed him to turn the Barker automobile as well as the other confiscated automobiles over to their legal owners. He wanted to know what he should do under the circumstances.

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Mr. Richmond in considering the correspondence relative to the matter, which Mr. Alt read to him, stated that when Mrs. Dixon calls for this automobile, a different set of circumstances from those contemplated in the correspondence arises. For instance, the correspondence states that the automobile may be turned over to Mr. Dixon or his representative, meaning, of course, his attorney. In view of this, Mr. Richmond said that the United States Attorney should be consulted to see if he wants the Bureau to release the automobile in question to the party who is calling for it, i.e. Mrs. Frank Dixon, and to see if the Bureau would be relieved of all responsibility which might be the outgrowth of such a transaction.

Mr. Richmond conferred with Mr. Glavin relative to the letter of November 1, 1935, mentioned above, and Mr. Glavin prepared a telegram to Mr. Alt instructing that the automobile in question should be turned over to Mrs. Dixon, provided the United States Attorney gives his official approval.

Respectfully,

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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri,
November 14, 1935.



Mr. F. C. Zerbst,
Warden, U. S. Penitentiary,
Leavenworth, Kansas.

Attention: Mr. E. E. Eckholst.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of the following letters you have forwarded to this office relative to the mail of Elmer Farmer, your number 47103:

Your letter dated November 4, 1935, enclosing copy of letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer postmarked Chicago, Illinois, November 2, 1935.

Your letter dated November 4, 1935, enclosing a letter from Elmer Farmer to Helen Conliff, postmarked Leavenworth, Kansas, November 3, 1935.

Your letter dated November 7, 1935, enclosing a copy of a letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer postmarked Chicago, Illinois, November 6, 1935.

Your letter dated November 12, 1935, enclosing a copy of a letter from Elmer Farmer to Helen Conliff dated November 9, 1935.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH
Special Agent in Charge

To Elmer Farmer's Bureau

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U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 1887
Charlotte, North Carolina

November 14, 1935

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

RE: BREKID
Bureau File #7-576

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Cincinnati Office letter addressed to the Bureau under date of November 12, 1935, advising that only tracings of the signature of C. E. Charles and Mr. and Mrs. William Meade at the Charleston Hotel, Charleston, South Carolina, have been secured.

If it is desired that photographic copies of these signatures be made by this office, please advise me.

Very truly yours,

G. H. Lowdon

G. H. Lowdon,
Special Agent in Charge

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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri,
November 14, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: B R E K I D

With further reference to your letter dated September 8, 1935, relative to a cover being maintained on the mail of Elmer Farmer, Register No. 47103, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, there are being transmitted herewith to the Bureau and to each of the field offices designated hereinbelow copies of the following correspondence:

Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer postmarked Chicago, Illinois, November 2, 1935.

Letter from Elmer Farmer to Helen Conliff dated November 3, 1935, at Leavenworth, Kansas.

Letter from Elmer Farmer to Blanche Brabant dated November 3, 1935, Leavenworth, Kansas.

Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer postmarked Chicago, Illinois, November 6, 1935.

Letter to Helen Conliff from Elmer Farmer dated November 9, 1935, Leavenworth, Kansas.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Smith

W. A. SMITH
Special Agent in Charge.

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Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer #47103
Postmarked: Chicago, Ill. November 2, 1935

Thursday afternoon

Dearest Elmer:-

I thought I would write a letter to you as my last letter was rather short so here goes.

How are you getting along?

I guess you will receive my letter just about the same time you received Nick's. He has been wanting to write to you so finally he did last night. Suppose he told you he was not well, He is just about the same, you know he does not know he has cancer.

Have not been doing much of anything to tell you about. I went to Hammond with my aunt the other night. I guess I told you about it but anyway my cousin is going to see what he can do about getting me a pass to get in to see you. You know he is a good lawyer and I should have had him for you instead of Fischer. I think he can help me a little, I dont know though. He is working for the city and is a judge out there and besides he is a lawyer so heres hoping he can do me some good.

I never did hear from Sullivan in St. Paul, the least he could have done was to answer my letter.

I called Lil today and she is up in Wisconsin. You know she called here for me while I was down town last Monday looking for a job and she was supposed to call back but did not so when I called today, her sister said she had wanted me to go to Wisconsin with her, nice?

Well, honey, are you working? I hope so, then you can have some privileges. Expect to go to work Monday and I certainly am glad. Martha and I were downtown yesterday, she took me to the show; we went to see that Grant Kenworth who is appearing at the Oriental this week. He was very good. I am glad he got a break, he needed one. Does Jim write to you regularly? I never hear from them out there. Well, dearest, I guest this is about all for this time, news is a little scarce. When you write tell me if I can send you candy direct from the store. Be sure you let me know when you write because I will be in the loop when I am working and can get some of Mrs. Snyders candy for you. I hope you are well and also send a little message to Nick when you write to me so I can tell him, he will like that, so write soon with best love.

Helen Conliff
4143 West End Avenue
Chicago, Illinois.

Letter written by Elmer Farmer, #47103, to Helen Conliff.

Leavenworth Kansas Nov. 5, 1935.

Dear Helen

Received your two letters this week also was glad to hear from you, so you are still looking for work. I seem to be in the same boat down here just cant get a job. I hope to have better luck this coming week and be placed to work some where that sure is to bad about Mick I hope he get better soon but if its like you say then I dont see how he can. I suppose May feels bad about it. so scotty is still in there with you. I didnt think May would want him to leave there as she always liked him also Nick. I didnt here from Chub. Blanche writes to me every week and tells me about him as he comes over to see her each week. I dont think you better write up to Sullivan any more at least not now he wouldnt do any thing untill after this next trial anyway and if things dont turn out alright for him then you better not write to him for some time. I couldnt help him no way in this trial and told him so. he was shure I could and said that why he had me brought back up there. I told him I didnt know those people and Harold told him the same thing. so we were both on our way back here the next day. I didnt take the stand in my own trial so why should I take it now. I cant do myself any good and might make it worse for some one else. so ill tell you mick was getting along alright where he is at. I suppose she goes to see him now. tell lil to say hello to him for me. I think thats the best thing for Chub to do is sell the boxes to those people out there. then he cant get in to any trouble about them. I was having plenty trouble last year with them and dont think I would of keep running them much longer the way things were. its much easier to take them away from Chub then me so if he knows what good for him he better get out of that kind of game before its to late. I made plenty of money but had to pay most all of it out, so didnt have anything left in the long run. I know if I ever get out of here I wont bother with any more boxes. if Im not to old I will get some kind of work to do and if I to old I can go to the old folks home. I might be some good to my self at fifty but if they keep me longer then that its the old folks home for me then. Its some colder down here today also raining all day. it wont be long now untill winter is here. Well this is about all for this week. Best regards to all.

Elmer Farmer

Letter written by Elmer Farmer #47103 to Blanche Brabant

Leavenworth Kansas Nov 3, 1935

Dear Blanche

Received your letter on Friday night also the ten dollars in it. I had plenty of money last month as I had four dollars left when I came back from St Paul and you sent me five more so that was plenty for last month. all I can spend it ten each month. I dont spend it all for tobacco most of it I spend for fruit and candy also papers and magazines. you can only buy five cent bars of candy they come twenty for in a box they sell for one dollar a box so I get about two boxes of thoes each month. you cant send me any clothes down here as all the clothes if furnished by the government for us. I didnt get placed to work this week as the warden was not here so hope he gets back this coming week and puts me to work. Its raining here today and is getting colder but it wont be long now untill winter is here. so chub weighs 210 lbs. now. I hope I never get to weight that much he better look out for him self as peopl with that much fat dont last long. I excicise every day at least for one hour and I think its doing me good. thats what chub should do every day and he would feel much better. I eat three meals every day and feel fine also sleep good at night, thats some thing new for me as I was up most of the night when I was out. so you and Gifford take a walk each night. I think that will do you good as I dont think you go out much. I will let you know when I think some thing can be done in my case. then you can write to Mc Heeken about it. I think he will get things fixes up for him self up in St. Paul as I read the St. Paul paper every day and he seems to be alright up there now. so if he is later on there he can ar range things up there to have my time cut, he told me when I was up there he could do much more for me after I was down here for a while. so he was paid plenty for the little he did so far. now when the proper time comes let him get me out. I dont suppose Gifford ever did get to talk to Reed. if you could get some one to talk to him he might do some thing. he is right down there where the right people are and if I get my time cut it will have to be done in Washington so that why I thought it would be nice if some one could talk to him for me. the sooner thay get this case all cleaned up the better it will be for me, then I can start to have my time cut, that case in St Paul wont come up untill Jan 15-1936
Best regards to you and Gifford

Elmer Farmer

Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, #47103,
Postmarked, Chicago, Ill. Nov. 6, 1935.

Tuesday afternoon.

Dearest Elmer:

Just received your nice letter so thought I would answer it immediately. I was sitting waiting for the mailman. I guess we are in the same boat looking for a job, but I was down to Fields yesterday and I filed my application and am to go back tomorrow morning so here's hoping I go to work soon. I also went to the Fair and the Boston Store and filed an application so really should go to work soon. Honey, you did not mention receiving a letter from Nick, didn't you receive it?

You know what my aunt is like as far as feeling bad about Nick, one day she does and the next day she does not. Ray was here to see him last night and he was asking all about you and said to say hello to you. I guess we do not rate very high with Sullivan. I will not write again for a while. I hope you did the right thing up there. You know best I suppose, but

I guess you did have a lot of trouble with those old boxes and a lot of expense too., but I do think you could have gone along a lot better than Jim but of course I would think that I hope you do get out when you are fifty years old. That certainly seems like a long time for you to be there for not doing anything at all but be a good fellow, it all seems so unfair, when that Monte will get a small sentence I bet. I hope honey when you get out that you will be able to go along in a restaurant or a hotel and I am sure that I will be able to help you and be with you again, that is if you would want me to. You know I am not so certain about my rating with you, but you won't ever go to an Old Folks home if I know anything about it, so don't feel blue honey. We had a lot of rain here and it has been quite chilly and Mc Garrity at Fields was telling me that is why I was not put right to work on account of the weather business is rather slow. Lil called me up last week when I was down town and wanted me to go to Wisconsin with her. It would have been nice but I don't know if I would like to go like that. Irene was in Saturday night with Jacobson's daughter, I suppose you remember her, she is a little bit goofy. We went downtown to the show and that girl really does get in your hair. Irene is going to move over there and stay with my mother.

She is supposed to come in tonight and get some of her clothes, and if she does I think I will ride back with her and come home later tonight. I guess you and I are "orphans," we are both away from there but I hope when you get out of there things will be different for both of us, don't you? I will tell Lil to say hello to Mike for you when I hear from her. I suppose you read in the paper about the man who was stabbed at Stateville, well, that is where Mike is at so I suppose they will take some of his privileges away from him as well as the other men. Well honey, how do you feel? I hope you are well. Have you changed any at all? Are you thinner or stouter and any grayer? Tell me when you

write. I am thinner and have let my hair grow a little longer so that it is done up in a row of curls in the back and thats about the only change in me. I was over to see the Priest last night and he asked about you, so I do not know whether you will like it or not. I suggested he write to you, is that all right? It cannot hurt you to hear from him and it surely will look very well for you if a Priest is writing to you. I explained about you not being able to answer his letters.

I should I would be able to see you before Christmas or Christmas anyway but evidently I wont be able to. I think about you a whole lot and I hope I will get to see you soon, so until I do keep your chin up.

Would you like to have me write to Washington again about some work for you? Let me know when you write again. I hope I will be able to tell you I am working the next time, I write to you.

Well dearest, I guess this is about all for today and I will write tomorrow if I go to Bensenville and tell you all about it, so until I hear from you will close with lots of love

Helen Conliff
4143 West End Ave
Chicago, Ill

Scottie is still here and is sleeping along side of me on the floor.

Letter to Helen Conliff written by Elmer Farmer
#47103

Leavenworth Kansas Nov. 9, 1935

Dear Helen:-

Received your two letters also one from Nick. was sure glad to hear from him and hope he gets better soon. he told me all about how he is feeling in it, also that he could not eat, and he didn't know just how it would turn out. I sure feel sorry for him and hope he get better real soon. I sent Harold Nick's regards also told him how he was feeling, he said he hope Nick would get alright soon also sends his regards.

I am not working yet and dont think I will very soon, the Government agents were here again to see me Friday and will be back again some time this coming week. there were from Kansas City and as long as they keep coming to see me I wont be placed to work. I told them I had nothing to say and didnt want them coming to see me, but they told me there was no law against calling on me so what else can I do. I may be up in St. Paul again, but I dont see how they can do it with hurting there case. I dont know any one in the case up there so what good would I do them. I hope you have better luck than I do about getting work. Your cousin might be able to help me down here if he knew anyone in Washington. yo u might ask him about it. you cant send me anything down here now onley on Xmas and dont know just what you can send then but will let you know later on. so Ray was over to see Nick. I bet Nick liked that as he thinks quite a lot of him how is he getting along? give him my regards. I havent changed any since I left St Paul just about the same it will be ten months the 16th of this month that I have been locked up and was only out in the sun shine about seven times and then onley for about one hour and half. so you see how its been for me. I am in my cell twenty three hours each day except when I go to meals and that takes about twenty five minutes for each meal. I read most of the time and when I am not reading I sleep so thats the way I pass the time away. the priest can write to me here and when I here from him will let you know. about you writing to any one now for me I dont think it would do any good so let it go for the time being. I hope you are working the next time I here from you then things will be much better for you. also that Nick is much better. May sure has her hands full now but hope things turn out alright. so scotty is there yet and in good standing. Well I will say good by for now best regards to all.

Elmer Farmer 47103

November 20, 1935

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Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 812,
Chicago, Illinois.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of the Kansas City Office dated November 14, 1935, transmitting copies of letters exchanged between Helen Conliff and Elmer Farmer.

Particular reference is made to the letter of Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, postmarked at Chicago, Illinois, on November 6, 1935, which letter was written on Tuesday afternoon. It is noted therein that Helen Conliff used the following language: "Ray was here to see him (meaning Rich) last night and he was asking all about you and said to say hello to you." The Bureau desires to know whether there is any possibility that the Ray mentioned above is identical with Alvin Karpis, who on many occasions uses the alias Ray. In the same letter the following language is observed: "Irene was in Saturday night with Jacobson's daughter, I suppose you remember her, she is a little bit goofy."

In view of the close relationship between Helen Conliff and Irene Dorrey, it is believed that Helen Conliff should be thoroughly interviewed with regard to the two matters mentioned above which are called to your attention.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

John Edgar Hoover

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO** CHICAGO FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE 11/14/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/12/35	REPORT MADE BY J. L. MADALA JIM:RP
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; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.		CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

CONFIDENTIAL
INQUIRY.

Irene Dorsey, common law wife of Fred Goetz, alias George Ziegler, now deceased, claims she does not know of Tom Brown and Bill Crumbley, Police Officers in St. Paul, Minn., being implicated in this case. She denies knowing them personally or having any information whatever that would connect Tom Brown and Bill Crumbley or Harry Sawyer with the instant case. Information as obtained from files of several major cases investigated by the Bureau set out herein which definitely establishes collusion between Harry Sawyer and Jack Pfeiffer of St. Paul and members of the St. Paul Police Dept., which made it safe for the Barker-Karpis mob to live and operate in that city.

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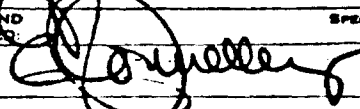
REFERENCE:

Copy of personal and confidential letter to Special Agent in Charge H. E. Anderson, St. Paul, Minnesota, from the Bureau dated October 31, 1935.

DETAILS:

AT WILLINGTON, ILLINOIS.

Irene Dorsey, common law wife of Fred Goetz, alias George Ziegler, who was killed in gangland fashion in March, 1934, was

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interviewed by Special Agent T. F. Mullen and the writer at her place of business in Wilmington, Illinois, for any information she could supply regarding the activities of Harry Sawyer, Tom Brown and Bill Crumbley in connection with this kidnaping case. Irene Dorsey advised that she and Fred Goetz at no time ever lived in St. Paul, Minnesota, that they frequently made trips to that city during the years 1931 to 1933 and on these occasions they always remained in hotels. She stated that she was only casually acquainted with Harry Sawyer, having met him for the first time in St. Paul, Minnesota, in either 1931 or 1932; that the last time she saw Harry Sawyer was in Chicago, Illinois, during September of 1933 at which time he and his wife, Gladys, visited the World's Fair and also visited them at their home on several occasions.

Irene Dorsey advised that she is not acquainted with Tom Brown or Bill Crumbley and that to her recollection Fred Goetz had never mentioned them in his conversations with her; that she knows of no information which would indicate that these two individuals were in any way connected with Harry Sawyer, nor has she any knowledge whatever of Harry Sawyer being implicated in the instant case in any manner.

Miss Dorsey advised that the information as set out in the report of Special Agent J. L. Madala, dated at Chicago, Illinois, October 30, 1934, is her entire knowledge of the activities of the Barker-Karpis gang and of the instant case.

For the information of the Bureau and other offices who were requested to develop information relative to this matter, there is reflected in the files of this Office considerable evidence which clearly indicates that Harry Sawyer and Jack Pfeiffer had connections with the St. Paul Police Department which situation made it safe for the Barker-Karpis gang as well as the Dillinger mob to live and operate in St. Paul without any interference by the St. Paul Police Department. This information which is being set out hereinafter was gathered from the files in the Chicago Office of several important cases which the Bureau has investigated in the past.

The first information obtained which indicated that Harry Sawyer had connections with the St. Paul Police Department is contained in the report of Special Agent W. F. Seery, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated September 14, 1931, in the case entitled,

FRANK NASH, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1166 - ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER. In this report there is recorded that Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni and Agent Seery were confidentially informed by an Officer of the St. Paul Police Department that it had been well established that Harry Sawyer and Leon Gleckman, the two outstanding leaders of the St. Paul underworld "stood in with the heads of the St. Paul Police Department" and that no real assistance could be expected from that Department in the apprehension of an associate or henchman of Gleckman or Sawyer. The identity of this informant was furnished to the Bureau under personal and confidential letter and is not known to this office. An examination of the files in this case fails to reflect any further information from this informant concerning the above allegation and it is possible that this individual can furnish further information which might be of value in connection with the investigation now under way.

In the report of Special Agent O. G. Hall, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated March 7, 1934 in the instant case, it will be noted that several members of the Barker-Karpis gang lived at 1280 and 1290 Grand Avenue in St. Paul during the latter part of February and the first part of March, 1933. An investigation at this address revealed that Mr. P. J. Parnell, located at 1299 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, was the custodian of these two buildings. According to the above mentioned report Mr. Parnell, upon being interviewed, advised that the building located at 1290 Grand Avenue is owned by Mr. W. Westfall, an attorney, located in the Guardian Building, and that the adjoining apartment building, 1280 Grand Avenue, is owned by the Hamlin University; that Mr. Coy O. Hardwick was employed by Mr. Westfall as an outside man to check on his properties and to recommend any necessary repairs, but that he had nothing to do with the rentals. Mr. Parnell further advised that it was customary for him and his wife to handle all rentals and collections in these buildings, and that they have always exercised great care in selecting tenants for same, renting only to those persons showing satisfactory references. Mr. Parnell further stated that Hardwick had never attempted to rent any of the apartments prior to the renting of apartment #106, 1290 Grand Avenue, and apartments #102 and #302, 1280 Grand Avenue, and to the best of his recollection had not rented any since that time. Parnell advised that around the middle of February, 1933, Hardwick came to him and informed that he, Hardwick, had a brother-in-law, Ray Steger, who was

in with a bunch of rounders from down south and that two or three of the vacant apartments could be rented to this bunch; Parnell stated that he was not very anxious to allow Hardwick to do any of the renting, but Hardwick finally prevailed upon him to permit him to do so and assured that everything would be satisfactory; that on February 18, 1933, or thereabouts, Hardwick came to him and stated that he had rented apartment #106, 1290 Grand Avenue and requested him to put it in shape immediately since it would be occupied at once by Mr. C. E. Moore who would be joined in a few days by his elderly mother who was supposed to be enroute from California; that he and his wife prepared the apartment for occupancy the same day, but no one showed up until a few days prior to March 1, 1933, at which time he observed several men moved into the apartment; that the day after these men moved in he questioned Charlie Miller, janitor, with reference to the occupants and Miller informed him that two men moved in, one of whom gave the name C. E. Moore, but that no woman was with them. He stated that he subsequently saw many strange cars with foreign license tags come to the apartment and this aroused his suspicions and he began checking on the cars of visitors coming to the apartment.

Mr. Parnell further related that a few days after the men had moved to apartment #106, 1290 Grand Avenue, Mr. Hardwick came to him and told him to get two more apartments ready for 5 o'clock the same day, specifying apartments #102 and #305, 1280 Grand Avenue. Mr. Hardwick seemed to be quite excited and Mr. Parnell informed him that he had rented apartment #305, which was already occupied, so Hardwick immediately substituted apartment #302. Parnell stated that he inquired of Hardwick whether the prospective tenants had examined the apartment in question to which he replied that he had driven the prospective tenants past the building and they said the apartments would be all right, and that they knew what the apartments were like on the inside because they had previously visited a friend who lived in the building at one time. Parnell stated that he requested Hardwick to give him the names of the prospective tenants and Hardwick told him that he did not know their names at that time, but that the apartments were being rented in the name of J. J. Burns, who would occupy apartment #302; that this man was in the land business and would have considerable visitors coming in and out due to the fact that he had some land matters to take up with members of the State Legislature.

Mr. Parnell further advised according to the above mentioned report that on the night of March 3 or 4, 1933, at about 10 p.m., he and his wife were returning home from a basketball game and passed the alley which runs in the rear of 1280 and 1290 Grand Avenue and observed several automobiles in the alley and considerable moving in and out and back and forth between the buildings; that he observed several men in cars around the neighborhood who appeared to be placed as lookouts. He stated that he recognized some of the cars and men as being those who had visited the above three apartments and immediately surmised that something was wrong and that the gang was preparing to make their getaway. He stated that he immediately went to his quarters and telephoned Lieutenant Talbott, with whom he had already spoken about his suspicions of the gang, and Lieutenant Talbott arranged to have a squad car sent out immediately. Parnell stated that while waiting for the arrival of the Police he proceeded to 1290 Grand Avenue and se- creted himself in the laundry room where he watched the operations of the gang; that during these operations he accidentally pushed against a door which squeaked and one of the men in the group wheeled about hurriedly, displaying a large shiny revolver, but he, Parnell, kept motionless for a brief time and the man turned around and continued on down the hall. Mr. Parnell stated that the photograph of Arthur R. Barker bore a very striking resemblance to the person he saw with the gun.

Mr. Parnell further stated that shortly there- after, six detectives, whose names he could not furnish, came to his apartment in answer to the call made to Lieutenant Talbott; that the gang was still in the process of moving when these officers arrived; that they made no move to stop them, but merely seated themselves comfortably in his apartment. One of the offi- cers exhibited a photograph to Mr. and Mrs. Parnell, which they partially identified as being that of one of the persons seen by them entering the apartments in question. The officer ex- plained to Mr. Parnell that he need not worry about this fellow; that he had a nice wife and daughter and ran a place on Nabasha Avenue where the officers went to drink and were treated fine. Parnell further stated that the Police officers spent consid- erable time in his apartment this particular evening while these people were moving out and when he prevailed upon them to get busy and do something the officers merely looked at one another and winked; that they finally left his apartment after the gang had left and went over to the apartments previously mentioned;

that either the same night or the following morning the Police patrol drove up and took considerable clothing and bedding from the apartment, but left the gang's silverware and dishes, which were subsequently called for by a drayman on April 26, 1933, and turned over to the drayman by him; that the drayman presented a pencil note addressed to Mr. Hardwick and signed by J. J. Burns, C. E. Moore and S. E. Lockwood.

It was the belief of Mr. Parnell that the black suitcases removed from the apartments on the night in question were delivered to the Hollyhocks Inn, though he could not furnish anything definite concerning this. He also stated that he had heard from some source which he was unable to recall that this same gang moved to 1035 or 1055 Roberts Street in West St. Paul, Minnesota; that the owner of this property or the man who managed the same became aware of the identity of this gang and was given a good position at the State Capitol in St. Paul to remain silent.

Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Parnell could definitely identify occupants of any of the apartments, but stated they observed the group moving freely from one apartment to another and it was not possible to determine just which of the apartments the various members did in fact occupy. They stated that to the best of their knowledge, apartment #106, 1290 Grand Avenue, was rented to C. E. Moore and was occupied by two men, although a woman about 35 or 40 years of age and a girl about 14 years of age were seen coming out of this apartment; that apartment #302, 1280 Grand Avenue was occupied by J. J. Burns and son, and apartment #102, 1280 Grand Avenue, was being occupied by Lockwood.

Numerous photographs were exhibited to Mr. and Mrs. Parnell and they advised that the photographs of Harry B. Olson, St. Paul Police Dept. #22611, Vernon C. Miller, Arthur R. Barker, Alvin Karpis and Volney Davis bore striking resemblances to persons observed by them as going in and out of the three apartments in question.

Mr. Coy O. Hardwick, above-mentioned, was interviewed and after telling several conflicting stories concerning his part in the renting of the above mentioned apartments, he finally admitted that his brother-in-law, Ray Steger, came to him prior to March 1, 1933, and inquired if he, Hardwick, had a vacant house which could be rented to a certain party; that Hardwick informed Steger that he had no such vacancy, whereupon Steger talked with him about vacant apartments. Although Mr.

Hardwick would not state definitely that Steger recommended these people to him he, however, left the impression with the interviewing Agents that such was the case and that Steger prevailed upon him to rent the apartments to these people. According to Hardwick, Steger had previously been employed as a bartender for Danny Hogan, now deceased.

With reference to Danny Hogan, the report of Special Agent O. C. Dewey, Omaha, Nebraska, dated March 15, 1935, reflects that this individual was, up to the time of his death in 1927, the underworld boss in St. Paul, Minnesota; that after Harry Sawyer's trouble in Nebraska in 1925, he moved to St. Paul, Minnesota, and became associated with Hogan, who was later killed when a bomb was attached to the starter of his car. It is said that Harry Sawyer subsequently assumed Hogan's position in that city.

The report of Special Agent Hall mentioned above further reflects that Ray Steger, who was then employed as a personnel investigator for the Minnesota Highway Department, attached to the office of the Attorney General, advised upon interview that he did not know anything concerning the persons who occupied apartments at 1280 and 1290 Grand Avenue. He also denied that he had anything to do with the renting of these apartments or had any conversations with Hardwick relative thereto. Steger did admit, however, that he worked for J. J. Kohn, located at 9th and Wabasha Streets, St. Paul, Minnesota, during the period 1927 to 1933, and also as a bartender for two years for the late Danny Hogan.

The identity of J. J. Kohn and the nature of his business is not reflected in the files of this Office, but it will be noted that the address of this individual is within a short distance from the place previously operated by Harry Sawyer.

Lieutenant Talbott, St. Paul Police Department, was interviewed and he advised that he definitely recalled the telephone call which he received from the Parnells with reference to the occupants of the apartments on Grand Avenue; that he was off duty when the call came, but that he immediately telephoned Lieutenant Mondike, who was on the night desk and requested him to immediately send a squad to Parnell's place, instructing him how to get there through an alley without being seen by the occupants under suspicion. Lieutenant Talbott advised that Parnell informed him that the people were apparently

making a getaway and that he prepared a statement of facts at the time for filing in the office, however, Lieutenant Talbott was unable to locate his written report covering this matter. Lieutenant Talbott did not recall the names of the officers who responded to his alarm, but expressed the belief that detective Louis Schultz was one of the officers.

Interview was also had with Inspector of Detectives Charles Tierney who stated that there was every indication that there had been a tip off in this case. He explained that the matter occurred just shortly after he assumed his present office and that no doubt it was some officer in the group who was not in favor of the then present administration and was responsible for what had happened. Inspector Tierney stated that he was unable to determine just what officers answered the call and had no idea as to the identity of the people who were occupying the apartments under suspicion. Inspector Tierney could not locate the written report of Lieutenant Talbott nor could he locate any report made by the officers who responded to the call. The only thing which Inspector Tierney was able to locate touching on the matter was a report of Officers McMahon and McGinnis, dated March 4, 1935, which disclosed that these two officers reported for duty at 8 a.m. and conducted the investigation at 1280 and 1290 Grand Avenue, apartments #102 and #302.

As evidence which definitely substantiates the participation of Harry Sawyer and certain members of the St. Paul Police Department in the activities of the Barker-Karpis mob, attention is directed to the statement made by Jess Doyle which is contained in the report of Special Agent H. P. Shanahan, Kansas City, Missouri, dated February 21, 1935. With reference to the above related matter, it will be noted that according to Doyle the Barker-Karpis gang left Reno, Nevada, around the first part of 1933 and went direct to St. Paul, Minnesota, where Fred Barker, "Doc" Barker and he rented an apartment on Grand Avenue, the exact address, unknown; that Earl Christman and his wife, Helen Ferguson, also came to St. Paul at this time and rented an apartment on Marshall Avenue near Cleveland Street; that Volney Davis, "Doc" Barker and Kate Barker left Reno, Nevada, two days later. Doyle further advised that on or about the third day while in St. Paul at this time, he came home alone one evening and observed Gladys Sawyer, the wife of Harry Sawyer, sitting in an automobile parked in front of the building. She intercepted him

him and asked where Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis were and when he replied that he did not know, she stated that he had better look them up as the Police were contemplating raiding their apartment in the morning. According to Doyle, he went downtown to look for Fred and Alvin, but could not find any one of the gang. He stated that when he returned Gladys Sawyer was still in front of the building and she informed him at this time that Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis had been there and had moved out; that they would meet him, Doyle, at her husband's place on Wabasha Street. Doyle stated that when he arrived at Harry Sawyer's place, Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis were there and they told him that they had seen Volney Davis, "Doc" Barker and Mother Barker, and that they were on their way to Chicago, Illinois. He stated that the three of them, meaning Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis and himself, left for Chicago that night in Fred Barker's Chrysler Sedan.

It is possible that Helen Ferguson could furnish valuable information relative to the tip off of the contemplated raid mentioned above.

Another incident which clearly indicates that Crumbley and others of the St. Paul Police Department made it safe for the Barker-Karpis mob to remain in St. Paul, Minnesota, is reflected in the report of Special Agent J. D. Glass, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated November 1, 1932, in the case entitled, FRANK NASH, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1166. - ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER. In this report information is set out to the effect that about three months prior to April 25, 1932, Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker and Kate Barker, together with her husband, George Anderson, lived in a house at 1031 South Roberts Street, West St. Paul, Minnesota. The woman who rented them this house resided nearby at 1035 South Roberts Street and she became suspicious of these people and noticed that Karpis and Barker would, when leaving the house or returning to it, each carry a violin case. She told her son, Nick Hannegrath, who resides with her, of her suspicions and he closely observed these people. Shortly thereafter on April 25, 1932, Nick Hannegrath noticed the photographs of Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker in a Detective magazine, which stated that these two men were wanted for the murder of the Sheriff at West Plains, Missouri. He readily recognized the pictures in the magazine as likenesses of the two men living in his mother's house. About 1 a.m. on April 25, 1932, Hannegrath reported the matter to Chief of Police Dahill and Police Inspector James Crumbley of the St. Paul Police Department. Fred

Barker, Alvin Karpis, Kate Barker and George Anderson were at that time asleep in the house at 1051 South Roberts Street. The St. Paul Police Department for some unknown reason delayed going to the house to apprehend these people until about 8 a.m. that morning; that at about 7 a.m. Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis and their companions had packed their belongings and left the house.

On April 28, 1932, Mayor Mahoney, St. Paul, in his campaign made a speech in which he said the St. Paul Police Department had tipped off Barker and Karpis so that they could make their escape.

In further connection with this matter, attention is invited to report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Missouri, dated July 3, 1933, in the case entitled, VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, Deceased; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases - Fugitive, I. O. 1194; et al. CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER (FRANK NASH). It will be noted that J. Glenn Harrison, Assistant Editor of the St. Paul Dispatch, Pioneer Press, advised that he had received information from a confidential source that about five weeks ago three men and a woman rented the house at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, from a man and his wife who had moved to a lake; that their actions were very suspicious, and when brought to his attention he reported the matter at 11:30 p.m. on June 19, 1933, to Chief of Police Thomas Dahill and on the following morning to County Attorney, Mike Kinkead, St. Paul, however, he did not believe that the Police had made any investigation in the matter. In connection with the above, the owners of the premises at 204 Vernon Avenue subsequently positively identified the photograph of Paula Harmon as the woman who rented the house and stayed there during the entire time that the house was occupied.

At the time of Paula Harmon's detention in the Chicago Bureau Office for questioning, she furnished the following information relative to the above matter.

She stated that after Fred Barker was released from the hospital where he underwent an appendicitis operation she rented a house at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota; that Fred Barker and Arthur Barker lived with her at this address. She further stated that they were visited while living at this place by Fred Goetz, alias George Ziegler, Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis, William Weaver, Russell Gibson and Frank Nash. She stated that on the date William Hamm was kidnaped in St. Paul, Minnesota,

she noticed that Arthur Barker was missing from 204 Vernon Avenue and did not return at any time thereafter, to this address, and neither did Alvin Karpis call at her home during the period from June 15 to June 19, 1933. She stated that about midnight June 19, 1933, Jack Pfeiffer called at the house and told her she had better move; that Jack Pfeiffer assisted her in moving their belongings out of 204 Vernon Avenue and took her to a cottage on White Bear Lake where she spent the night along. Jack Pfeiffer subsequently made some comment to the effect that the newspapers carried an article describing a woman who had moved out of 204 Vernon Avenue.

It will be noted that Paula Harmon, according to the latest information concerning her is still confined in the Texas Hospital for the Insane at Rusk, Texas.

To show that the Dillinger mob operated with the protection of the St. Paul Police Department, attention is invited to the report of Special Agent W. R. Ramsey, Jr., San Francisco, California, dated January 22, 1935, in the Dillinger case, particularly to the statement obtained from Joseph Raymond Negri, alias "Fatso" Negri, a close associate of Lester Joseph Gillis, alias "Baby Face" Nelson, and John Paul Chase. In this connection Negri stated that while they (Gillis, Chase and Negri) were staying at the Mount Grant Lodge at Walker Lake, Nevada, they learned over the radio that Homer Van Meter had been killed; that they drove into Fallon, Nevada, and obtained a newspaper which Negri believed was a San Francisco paper. The names of the officers who killed Van Meter were set out in this newspaper. According to Negri when Gillis and Chase read these names, they remarked, "The -----, he is the fellow that we paid a thousand dollars. Perhaps he was in a spot where he had to go along." Negri conjectured from this conversation that Dillinger, Gillis and Chase and Van Meter, had paid this officer a thousand dollars for giving them a tip that their car or cars had been spotted and were being watched, although he was not definite as to this.

With reference to the killing of Homer Van Meter, it was noted in the report of Special Agent D. L. Nicholson, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated August 28, 1934, also in the Dillinger case, that Chief of Police Cullen, Detective Tom Brown and Detective Thomas McMahon and Jeff Dittrich were in the party that killed Van Meter.

There is also interesting information relative to this matter contained in the letter to the Bureau dated April 15, 1934, from Inspector H. H. Clegg at St. Paul, Minnesota. In this letter there is recorded the statement obtained from Bessie Green in which she advised among other things that she was informed by Homer Van Meter that on the day of the shooting at Lexington Avenue, March 31, 1934, and about ten or fifteen minutes before the shooting, John Hamilton together with Pat Cherrington and Opal Long had departed from Dillinger's apartment and drove away expecting to be gone but a short time; that Hamilton and these two girls subsequently returned to within one block of the apartment and upon seeing the excitement about the building they hurriedly departed from the vicinity. According to Bessie Green, Van Meter further advised her that Hamilton and the girls then drove to St. Paul, Minnesota, to Pat Reilly's home, but he was absent, after which they drove to McComick's restaurant where someone took them away in a Ford Sedan. She stated that it was her information that Harry Sawyer was in the restaurant at the time and that he furnished the car or had instructed someone to procure a car for this getaway; that Hamilton and the two girls drove to "some one's place in the country" which Harry Sawyer knew about and it is the belief of Bessie Green that this place was Harry Sawyer's farm. She stated that Sawyer's farm was raided on Saturday night of that week, but that prior thereto an individual by the name of McMullen of the St. Paul Police Department tipped off Harry Sawyer that the raid was about to be conducted, whereupon he escaped the trap and word was sent to Hamilton and the two girls in sufficient time for them to make a getaway.

In connection with the above incident it will be noted in the report of Special Agent D. L. Nicholson, dated July 16, 1934 at St. Paul, Minnesota, that Pat Cherrington, sweetheart of John Hamilton, furnished the following information to Special Agent G. J. Gross and this Agent, while she was awaiting sentence in the Dade County Jail, Madison, Wisconsin:

With reference to the shooting in St. Paul on March 31, 1934, Miss Cherrington advised that she and Hamilton had been in the apartment which Dillinger and Evelyn Frechette occupied; that she and Hamilton had accompanied Dillinger and Evelyn Frechette to a movie house on two or three occasions near by this apartment, and explained that she just happened to be away from the apartment at the time Dillinger made his

escape. She went on to state that subsequent to the above mentioned shooting she and her sister, Opal Long, together with John Hamilton went to Detroit, Michigan, where they contacted Homer Van Meter, who took them to Harry Sawyer's cottage near St. Paul, Minnesota, where they remained four days; that they received a tip that the place was to be raided and left about 6 o'clock in the evening and returned to St. Paul, Minnesota, where they met Tommy Carroll and "Baby Face" Nelson and remained overnight in St. Paul.

It is possible that Pat Cherrington can furnish more detailed information with reference to the tip off mentioned above.

The following undeveloped leads were dictated by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The ST. PAUL BUREAU OFFICE. With the idea in mind of developing any prior association of Harry Sawyer with the Police of St. Paul, which it is believed represented the usefulness of Sawyer to the mob, that is in keeping them advised of the Police activities and also as to furnishing them with places of concealment and bases of operation, particularly during the period Bremer was held, the following investigation should be conducted:

This information will probably definitely indicate the association of certain individuals of the St. Paul Police Department with Harry Sawyer and others, but should be carried out very discreetly in order not to create any impression that an inquiry is being made of the Police Department's activities and should be ostensibly for the purpose of getting the background of Harry Sawyer, and which information of course will be of value to us and can be used in the trial of this individual on January 6, 1936. The files of the St. Paul Office should be reviewed together with any confidential information submitted to determine any possible leads, however, such review should not delay the immediate necessary inquiry in this in order that it will be ready for use before January 6, 1936. The confidential informant referred to on pages two and three, a Police Officer,

if still reliable should be contacted for the present general setup and any knowledge he may have of the activities of Harry Sawyer and his associates.

In connection with Coy O. Hardwick and Ray Steger, brother-in-law of Hardwick, the latter being indicated as an investigator for the Minnesota State Highway Department under the office of the Attorney General, in the renting of apartment #106, at 1290 Grand Avenue and Apartments #102 and #302 at 1280 Grand Avenue, by the members of the Karpis-Barker gang in February and March, 1933, further inquiry should be made particularly of Charlie Miller, the janitor at 1290 Grand Avenue, as well as Hardwick for any information which identifies the members of this gang as being at this address and particularly as to whether or not Harry Sawyer appeared there at any time or whether Mrs. Gladys Sawyer appeared there. It is noted that reference is made to the fact that the gang apparently rented a place at 1035 or 1055 Roberts Street, West St. Paul, where supposedly the manager became aware of their identity and in order to keep him quiet thereafter, he was given a position in the State Capitol. It is believed that this may refer to Nick Hannegrath, 1035 South Roberts Street, West St. Paul, and the incident wherein he reported to the Police on April 25, 1932 the location of the Karpis-Barker gang at 1031 South Roberts Street, West St. Paul and inquiry should be made to see whether or not Hannegrath was ever approached particularly by James Crumley as to taking a Government position, it being indicated that Crumley is now with the State Identification Division of Minnesota, possibly Hannegrath might be willing to disclose any conversations he has since had with Crumley as to his, Hannegrath's, knowledge of the apparent disregard of the information as to the location of the gang at this address.

Reference is made to Officers McMahon and McGinnis, the former possibly being one and the same as the present Detective Thomas McMahon, who reported they conducted investigation at 1280 and 1290 Grand Avenue as to apartments #102 and #302, and these officers should be approached without disclosing the purpose of the inquiry to determine if possible who the other officers were participating in this, as possibly an honest officer may be in the group who will advise us what occurred and whether there was a tip off and whether or not Harry Sawyer had any part in the picture. These officers might be induced to make such identifications themselves particularly if Sawyer and other members of the mob who were at this address at the time in question.

The CLEVELAND BUREAU OFFICE. Helen Ferguson, Toledo, Ohio, should be contacted without definitely disclosing to her the purpose of the inquiry and she should be questioned as to her being at the address on Grand Avenue, St. Paul, during February and March, 1933, with Earl Christman, and effort should be made to ascertain if Harry Sawyer was involved at any time and whether or not the Police tipped them off to get out of this location.

The DETROIT BUREAU OFFICE. Interview should be had with Pat Cherrington as to her prior statements as to this and particularly as to any information she has as to whether or not the Police warned them to get out; also as to any knowledge she may have as to the association of Sawyer with any of the gangs at St. Paul.

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Post Office Box 515
Saint Paul, Minnesota

November 14, 1935.

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Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

The mail cover on Isabelle (Call name) Route 1, Box 44, Mankato, Minnesota, has been receiving mail from the persons, firms and places listed below. The Postmaster at Mankato furnishes mailings from these letters, but only not furnish addresses of the return retained are samples of handwriting. Social Agent M. Kirkland on the Postmaster at Mankato, Minnesota, and requested him to furnish complete mailings of the address and the return address and to supply the mailings promptly to this office. Agent Kirkland also examined the mail of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Heusenfeldt, Route 1, Box 44, Mankato, Minnesota, and this is the same address as the above.

The Postmaster at St. Peter, Minnesota, was also requested to place a thirty day cover on all mail of O.R. Anderson who receives his mail on a Rural Route out of St. Peter, Minnesota. This office has requested the Postmaster at St. Paul to place covers on the mail of O. R. Heusenfeldt, 337 Walnut Street, St. Paul, and on all mail received by occupants of 254 Sherman Street, St. Paul, this latter address being the residence of James F. Miner at whose place Belle Horn always visits when in St. Paul.

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10-9-35 from Mrs. C. J. Hendrup, 217 Baraboga Ave., St. Paul,
 Minn.; to Isabelle Bora
 10-12-35 from ? to Miss Ruth Anderson, Mankato, Minn. (statement)
 10-18-35 from Farmers [unclear] Co., [unclear], Minn.; to
 Isabelle Bora
 10-18-35 from Mildred Karlson, 709 [unclear]
 [unclear]
 10-19-35 from V. Phillips, [unclear]
 10-19-35 from 907 [unclear], Los Angeles
 Isabelle Bora
 10-23-35 from North Star Co-operative Dairy
 St. Peter, Minn.; to Isabelle Bora
 10-24-35 from Box 99, Pontiac, Ill.; to [unclear]
 11-1-35 from Neil Heiler, [unclear], Mankato,
 (statement)
 11-1-35 from Mutual Auto Ins. Co., [unclear]
 Bora (statement)
 11-1-35 from Schwisbert Hardware, Mankato, Minn.; [unclear]
 (statement)
 11-1-35 from Mrs. [unclear], 516 So. Mountain
 Mont.; to Miss Isabelle Bora
 11-4-35 from P.O. Box 887, Mankato, Minn.; to Mrs. Isabelle Bora
 (statement)
 11-4-35 from Elveth W. Spensberg, P.M., [unclear] Chapter,
 No. 500 (150) C. F. S., Brookston, N.J.; to Miss Isabelle
 Bora
 11-6-35 from 133 Washington St., [unclear], Ill.; to Mrs. Belle Bora

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 the letter postmarked October 17, 1935, which bore return
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versed in the details of this case may have [redacted] the
identity of that letter writer, it is being left to him to
request any additional investigation he desires.

The attention of [redacted] [redacted]
the letter postmarked October 19, 1935, at Phillipsburg, Missouri,
the return address not being shown; to the letter
November 1, 1935, which bore the return address
Muesenberg, 516 So. Mountain St., Butte.

Very truly yours,

E. L. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
November 15, 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:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I.O. 1218, et al
Edward George Bremer - Victim
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated October 19, 1935, (7-576) to Durnan Cummins, City Marshal, Ava, Missouri, with which were transmitted photographs of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, a fugitive in the above entitled case.

On November 9, 1935, at Ava, Missouri, City Marshal Cummins advised Special Agent V. W. Gillen that he wanted this photograph because there had recently moved into the community a doctor whom he thought might be Dr. Moran. However, since he saw the photograph of Dr. Moran he was sure that he was not the doctor at Ava, Missouri. Not only was there no facial resemblance, but the doctor who had recently come to Ava was about sixty years old, whereas Dr. Moran is much younger.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Smith

W. A. SMITH,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - St. Paul
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U. S. Department of Justice
1021 Bankers Building
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November 14, 1935

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

Handwritten:
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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O.#1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O.#1236, ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.
KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIRE-ARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter dated November 6, 1935, relative to the above entitled matter.

On November 7, 1935, Special Agent Albert Franz of this office interviewed Captain Leo Kinney of the Madison, Wisconsin Police Department relative to the robbery of Nelson's Jewelry Store at Madison, Wisconsin on May 23, 1935, and the connection of Volney Davis relative thereto. Captain Kinney stated that a Mr. D. MacIntyre, Attorney at Law, Madison, Wisconsin is trying to prove that Volney Davis was the individual who really robbed Nelson's Jewelry Store on May 23, 1935.

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MacIntyre represents one Richard Graham, who was arrested with Sam Johnson in connection with the robbery of the Nelson's Jewelry Store. He is also said to have been to the newspapers with his story, and Agent Franz did not deem it advisable to interview MacIntyre feeling that MacIntyre might make something of the inquiry of Agent Franz which might harm the State's case against Graham.

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At 120 East Wilson Street, Madison, Wisconsin, Agent Franz interviewed Mr. Arthur A. Frautschi, who maintains a high class undertaking establishment. Mr. Frautschi stated that he did not see the man who was supposed to be Volney Davis, but that the apartment rented to a man and woman who gave the names of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Jordan was actually rented through Mr. Frautschi's secretary, John H. Schantz.

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Mr. Frautschi, however, exhibited a photograph of a baby which he found in the apartment after Mr. and Mrs. Jordan did not return. The photograph was made by the Pyke Studio, 116 1/2 South Adams Street, Peoria, Illinois.

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Inquiry at this studio relative to the identity and whereabouts of the Jordans disclosed that they were unknown.

A card of Dr. Walter B. Whipple of 119 South Adams Street, Peoria, Illinois was also found in the apartment of the Jordans, and he too denied knowing the Jordans.

Mr. Schantz informed Agent Franz that on May 24, 1935, the Jordans rented the apartment at \$45.00 per month from him, paying \$7.00 down at that time, and paying \$22.50 additional on June 1, 1935. On June 8, 1935, they advised Mr. Schantz that they were going away for the weekend, but they never returned. He further informed that at the time the Jordans rented the apartment from him, they brought some cheap dishes and groceries, which they left behind.

Agent Franz also interviewed Norbert Reining and Lloyd Miline, of the same address, and they together with Mr. Schantz gave the following descriptions of Mr. and Mrs. Jordan:

NAME:	MR. G. L. JORDAN	MRS. G. L. JORDAN
AGE:	28 or 29 years	20 to 25 years
HEIGHT:	5' 8"	5' 6"
WEIGHT:	155 lbs.	115 lbs.
HAIR:	Black, straight	Black
COMPLEXION:	Dark	Dark
BUILD:	Broad shoulders	
SPEECH:	Southern accent	
OCCUPATION:	Claimed to be a resort owner	

Had a Ford V-8 Coupe
with Georgia plates

All the persons interviewed at 126 East Wilson Street, Madison, Wisconsin advised Agent Franz that the Madison, Wisconsin Police Department exhibited a photograph of Volney Davis to them, but that he in no way resembled Mr. Jordan, who resided at that address. The pocket identification orders were exhibited to these individuals, but they were unable to find anyone therein who resembled Mr. Jordan.

Subsequent to the inquiry made by Agent Franz on November 7, 1935, Special Agent J. L. Madala of the Chicago Office conducted investigation in Madison, and it is presumed the results of his investigation will be reported by the Chicago Office.

Very truly yours,

V. W. Peterson

V. W. PETERSON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC:Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Paul.

Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
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AIR MAIL

November 14, 1935.

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

In re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

With reference to Bureau letter of November 8, 1935, file number 7-576, as to the possibility that the Treasury Department might be able to print two or three hundred thousand dollars of a particular type of money which could later be identified by some marking or characteristic after it had been used in the paying of ransom in a kidnaping case, the following observations are set up both for and against the promotion of such an idea.

In my opinion the foremost and most important consideration in this situation is that it is very doubtful whether or not the Bureau could in safety, both from a legal standpoint and the possibility of future unfavorable criticism should any project fail in consummation, be so definitely and conclusively identified with the matter of the actual payment of the ransom money in a kidnaping case. It is realized of course that we possibly might at a safe distance at such a time make suggestions to the persons arranging to pay such a ransom, which of course has been the procedure in the past. This situation, however, is one which in the future particularly, requires very definite and diplomatic handling as to just how far we should have an interest, if any, in the payment of the ransom, particularly as to a case of this kind. Making available through the Treasury Department money which could be identified, and by reason of which definite identification, would definitely identify our association with the project to the public, that is, there would be no question as to the fact that we had had definite knowledge and understanding as to the payment of this ransom, and that this information would be generally furnished to banks who would be asked to look out for the money by reason that we had used money previously prepared for this purpose. With the above observations in mind it is not believed that there is much to be considered in the way of opinions for and against the use of the method indicated in reference letter.

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Edwards
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Foxworth
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Joseph
- Mr. Keith
- Mr. Lester
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Nease
- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

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However, the following additional observations are set out, based upon the assumption that my first observations would be disregarded, and the plan carried into action.

One possible reason for not having a large amount of this money made up in this manner would be that a definite arrangement for marking of this kind having been arrived at, it is not believed that it would be safe thereafter to use this, except in one identical case. The information as to this being given generally to the banks, if not to any others, would undoubtedly result in it becoming known to the public the method by which we are detecting these bills, and of course any subsequent ransoms paid would be examined by the kidnapers for not only the indicated marking, but any other concealed marking if a number of markings were employed, and provided they found the money delivered in this manner we would not only lose the ransom money, but might possibly endanger the life of the victim still being held, and prevent the release of the victim. As I stated, we might use this as to only one kidnaping, and it would be effective and the victim would be released before it was known that they had been given marked money of this type.

There would also be presented the situation of a special issue of money, which by reason of such special designation, would have certain additional value among collectors of different types of money, and if this were a small ransom, it might make the bills used to pay such ransom of sufficient value to cause certain individuals to withhold the information from us that they had one of such bills, for the possibility that they might at a later date cash in on its added value. There is no question but what these would have an added value to persons who collect rare or old coins or currency.

There are a number of arguments in favor of such procedure, that is, the issue of special money for the payment of ransom, which would materially enhance the possibility of apprehending kidnapers or passers of this money. It is believed that it is practically an impossibility for the ordinary teller in a large bank to make any adequate check of bills by the numbers, and if a certain identifying mark were all that it was necessary to look for, a teller could immediately detect one of these bills if handed to him without any ransom list being available to him. It is believed however, that if identifying marks were placed upon these bills, it still would be necessary to maintain a list of the

serial numbers, for use as evidence in the case, particularly if the only bills found had the identifying mark removed from them, inasmuch as while this would be a circumstance indicating that it was one of the ransom bills, it is not believed it would be conclusive unless we had more identifying information.

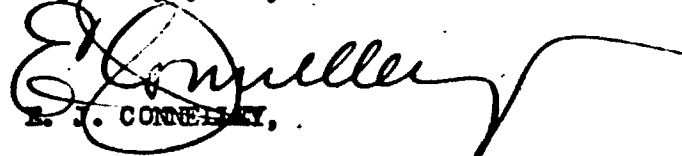
If such plan were carried out, it would be necessary to make some identifying mark on the bills which would not be readily detected, and the adding of a prefix or suffix letter to the serial number it is believed would be such as to make it readily detectable to anyone observing same. The change should be made as to a regular bill in general circulation, and this possibly could be arranged by some change in the scroll, in such a place that it could not be readily removed by mutilation. As to the Federal Reserve notes, as to which a supply would have to be made up for twelve different districts, possibly the addition of the letter A after the words "series of 1928 B" would be possible without this readily being detected, in preference to placing such a designation before or after the serial number. It is not believed that the addition of an "A" after the "B", or before the "B" in connection with the words "Series of 1928 B" would be readily detected, but would be such a mark as would be very definitely called to the attention of anyone handling this bill, immediately it was observed. It is not believed that any bills have been prepared which would indicate the series as other than series of 1928, or other date year, with other than a single letter following it, or without a letter, and the placing of two letters after this would undoubtedly definitely identify either the notes of the Federal Reserve banks or the National currency. This would be a very simple change in the bills, and could of course be followed as to any and all bills which were to be arranged in this manner. It is not believed that a definitely different type of bill would be possible without serious possibility of the ransom being rejected. It is very possible that a kidnaper will designate a definite type of bill to be received, and of course to be readily available we would have to have groups prepared in this manner as to all types issued by either the Treasury Department as National currency, or for the Federal Reserve banks.

Another suggestion which has been brought to my attention is that of having stamped across the bill in large letters "ransom" or some similar word, in an invisible ink which could not be seen and which

due to the pigment of the special ink used could be brought out by reading same through a colored glass, which of course would require each bank to equip itself with such a reading glass, and therefore it should be a color and type of glass readily obtainable. However the possibility and feasibility of this is something which it is suggested that the Laboratory of the Technical division work out, if such a plan were to be put in operation. This system, if possible, would probably be preferable to having the Treasury Department have anything to do with the issuance of the money, and could probably be carried out by an expert in connection with any group of money assembled. This of course has the same limitations as indicated above as to the changing of the bill, that is, that it would only be absolutely practicable as to the payment of one ransom, although possibly a series of colors might be worked out which could be detected only by the use of a certain color glass, and a certain type of glass as used in the first instance having been exposed, the kidnapers might overlook the fact that the second set of money was so marked in the same manner.

A general observation is that if and when the Treasury Department would issue any such money this should be an operation carried on between the bank of the party who was paying the ransom, and the Treasury Department, that is, the bank for a suitable exchange of currency, would receive a like amount of currency from the Treasury Department, and the bank of course then would have to arrange for the furnishing of this money to the party who was to pay same, and this would necessarily remove us somewhat from the scene of the operation, if this general plan were carried out.

Very truly yours,


E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Cincinnati

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515
Saint Paul, Minnesota
November 16, 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: RE: BREKID

Mr. Edward A. Evans, President of the Evans Fingerprint Supply Company, Chicago, Illinois, called at this office on November 15, 1935 stating that he desired to interview Cassius McDonald, inasmuch as he had been intimately acquainted with him in the past. He further stated that his wife, who died about a week ago, was a very close friend of Mrs. McDonald, and that the latter had requested that he talk to McDonald in the Ramsey County Jail here in an effort to learn the details of the charges against him, stating that he had kept her in complete ignorance of them.

Mr. Evans also advised that he had viewed the indictment against McDonald, which is in the possession of Mr. Barnard, McDonald's Detroit lawyer, and was much impressed by the details of it. Judging from its definiteness Evans stated he believed the Government had a very good case against McDonald, and that his sole purpose in interviewing him would be to persuade him to make a full disclosure of his actions to the Government and enter a plea of guilty in the hope of expecting leniency from the court. Evans advised that for the past four years he has not been acquainted with McDonald's activities, and would not be surprised if he had engaged in somewhat shady enterprises.

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For his own background Mr. Evans stated that from 1901 to 1905 he was the Superintendent of Identification at Washington, D. C., which was later absorbed by this Bureau, that his father is Inspector Emmett Evans of the Chicago Police Department.

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This request for interview was communicated to United States Attorney George F. Sullivan, who approved of same provided Special Agent Clinton Stein could be present. Accordingly, Agent Stein and Mr. Evans proceeded to the Ramsey County Jail, where Evans talked to McDonald. McDonald's first statement was that the Government was accusing him of participating in the conspiracy to kidnap Edward Bremer, but that he could prove that he was talking to the "American Ambassador" in Cuba in the latter's home at the time that Mr. Bremer was kidnaped. Evans explained to McDonald that he was not charged with the actual kidnaping but with assisting in the exchange of ransom money. This explanation seemed to clarify McDonald's mind.

Evans also advised him that he would be foolish to attempt to make bond at this time and to spend a lot of money to retain a lawyer, inasmuch as the Government would never have indicted him unless they had a strong case against him. Evans further advised him that it would be to his best interests to consider his activities in this case thoroughly, with the view in mind of making a full disclosure to the Government in the hope of receiving mercy from the court. McDonald advised that he would consider this matter thoroughly and would later communicate with Mr. Evans or this office as to the decision he has reached.

United States Attorney George F. Sullivan was advised of the outcome of this interview.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen
H. E. ANDERSEN *H. E.*
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Cincinnati
cc Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago

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U. S. Department of Justice
POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

November 16, 1935.

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

In re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of November 11, 1935 file 7-576, as to the statements made by Mrs. Walter (Georgette) Marsh, the former wife of Gus Winkeler, particularly as to her ability to learn from Lillian Holden, Chicago, the address or location of Charles J. Fitzgerald.

In my opinion Mrs. Walter Marsh does not possess as much intimate definite detail as to the supposed mob previously associated with her former husband Gus Winkeler as she would have one believe, and it is believed that her knowledge is based principally on the fact that she knows these parties by name, and it is not believed that she would be accepted under conditions which would make her particularly valuable to us, to any mob still located in Chicago.

The above observations are further indicated by the fact that there has appeared in the December issue of Famous Detective Cases, a detective story magazine issued by the McFadden Publications, Inc., the story previously promoted by Mrs. Winkeler as to her life with Gus Winkeler, and the first installment of this story appears in the issue above referred to, on page 4, entitled "I'm on the spot - facing death" - "Public Enemy's Widow tells all, by Mrs. Gus Winkeler". This first part of her story follows closely the story which has previously been made available to the Bureau, copy of which was furnished some time in the past.

In view of the alleged exposures set out in this story, and the possibility of what further disclosures she is supposed to make in the future, it is doubtful whether she would be acceptable to anyone who would be in a position to have any information of value to us in this or any other case. There is also the possibility that she might, by making

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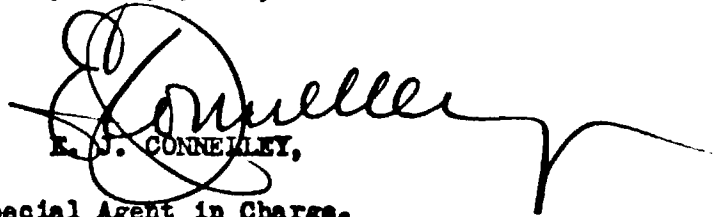
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direct inquiry of certain people, definitely interfere with the investigation being made to locate the subjects in this case.

However, as to the possibility of her getting any information from Lillian Holden, which in my opinion is a rather doubtful possibility, it is not believed that any harm would be done by having her communicate with this woman or visit with her, in accordance with the suggestion set out in the last paragraph of Bureau letter of November 11, 1935.

Very truly yours,


E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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November 16, 1935.

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

In re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of November 6, 1935, file 7-576, as to a requested interview with Robert Delaney, brother of Dolores Delaney, living at Chicago at the present time at 6045 Kimbark Avenue, with the hope that possibly he could disclose to us information which would assist in the location of Alvin Karpis.

It is not believed that an interview of this individual is warranted at this time, by reason of the fact that his mother Mrs. Delaney has been in Chicago and together with Robert Delaney has been in close touch with the parents of Alvin Karpis; in fact she has visited with and stayed overnight at the home of John Karpavicz, 2842 North Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, which information was learned in connection with our present telephone tap and surveillance upon Karpavicz. If an interview is to be had with Robert Delaney it is believed that this should be at a later date, consistent with developments in connection with our surveillance of the senior Karpavicz. We have this in mind, and also the possibility of interviewing Mrs. Delaney, the mother of Dolores Delaney at a later date, provided our present operations do not result in obtaining information.

Also in connection with Bureau letter of November 13, 1935 as to considering the possibility of having

visit at Chicago as an informant and contact the John Karpavicz family, further consideration is being given to this. However, this also is believed to be a matter which should be considered for its possibilities when our surveillance of John Karpavicz has been in effect for a longer period of time.

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Of course, it is doubtful whether this family, judging by their very careful actions in the past, would give any information of this kind to this woman. It is not believed however that any particular harm would be done by having her contact them, as they are of course thoroughly aware of the definite efforts being made to apprehend Karpis, and when I go over the set-up in Oklahoma City as to the efforts being made to cause the apprehension of Harry Campbell should he appear in that vicinity in the near future, I will arrange with S.A.C. Brantley for the possibility of having this woman act for us in the manner indicated.

Very truly yours,


E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
NOVEMBER 15, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. E. Farland are proceeding tomorrow to Coffeyville, Kansas and the vicinity for the purpose of covering various leads which have developed in the BREWER kidnaping case. In the course of their investigation they contemplate proceeding into the territory of the Oklahoma City office, near the Kansas state line, and undoubtedly will conduct some investigation in South Coffeyville, Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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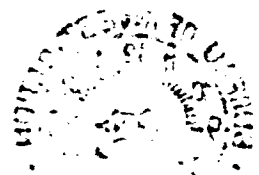
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November 18, 1935

Mr. William H. McCarthy, Postmaster,
San Francisco, California.

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

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation being
conducted by this office, will you please furnish this office,
for a period of 30 days, tracings of all first class mail
delivered to Mrs. C. A. (Wary) Baxter, 1457 Polk Street,
San Francisco. Kindly refer to our file 7-33.

Your cooperation and assistance in this matter will
be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Jay C. Newman
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. J. A. Johnston, Warden,
United States Penitentiary,
Alcatraz Island, California.

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Dear Sir:

In accordance with departmental regulations,
will you kindly permit the bearer, Mr. W. R. Ramsey,
a Special Agent of this office, to interview Volney
Davis, an inmate of your institution.

Very truly yours,

JAY C. NEWMAN
Special Agent in Charge

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Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; Et Al.
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Post Office Box 818

Chicago, Illinois

November 14th, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

As requested in your letter of November 13th, 1935, I am forwarding herewith six copies of the photograph of William E. Meade for your assistance in carrying out the lead contained in the report of Special Agent R. B. Brown, dated at Chicago, Illinois, November 7th, 1935.

Very truly yours,

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D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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William E. Meade

P. O. Box #709,
Portland, Oregon,

November 14, 1935.

T. Hedlund,
Postmaster,
Portland, Oregon.

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

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation
of this office it is requested that a thirty
copy list of all first class mail addresses
following addresses:

It is requested that
appearing on the envelopes of mail
be submitted the day the

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter,

I am

Very truly yours,

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Cincinnati

C. C. SPEARS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

Cleveland FILE NO. 7-1

REPORT MADE AT Cleveland, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE 11/16/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/4-8/35	REPORT MADE BY C. E. SMITH EJB
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, et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;">b7c b7d</p> Efforts to secure copy of telegram sent from Silver Grill unsuccessful to date [REDACTED] [REDACTED] has no information. [REDACTED] not located. Photostatic copy of sworn statement of ownership executed by Weaver obtained. Photostatic copy of bills of sale executed by Weaver and Jay Carter obtained and forwarded to Bureau for handwriting examination. Detective Manson advised that he believed Owen Green, Toledo detective, could secure photograph of some of the subjects of this case standing beside the boat of Ted Angus. Telephone Gates Mills 364 listed to George Stanbridge, who bears good reputation.			
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REFERENCE:	Report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 7/27/35.		
DETAILS:	<u>AT CLEVELAND, OHIO</u>		
Mr. E. J. Pfeiffer, Assistant Manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company has been repeatedly contacted by Agent for the purpose of securing a copy of the telegram sent from the Silver Grill on June 22, 1935. However, Agent has been unable to secure same to date of this report. Mr. Pfeiffer has promised Agent that he would locate the telegram for Agent			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. J. Moran</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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and have it available for inspection at an early date.

Special Agent J. L. Willard later contacted Mr. Pfeiffer and he stated that the records for three states had been checked but he was unable to find the telegram in question.

AT TOLEDO, OHIO

[redacted] was interviewed and advised that he had heard nothing since Agent's last visit, however, he had been handicapped to a certain extent because of a bartenders' strike and had been unable to get away for any length of time, but expected to visit the Casino Club very shortly and would advise Agent upon the next contact. b7c b7d

During the time Agent was in Toledo, numerous attempts were made to contact [redacted] however, Agent was unable to locate him. According to [redacted] had been invited to a party and she had not seen him since and did not know his present whereabouts.

Detective Harry Manson of the Lucas County Prosecutor's office was interviewed and advised that he had not received any additional information relative to Louis Levi and his activities.

During the interview Detective Manson stated that he recalled one of the city detectives remarking some time ago that he could secure a photograph of some of the subjects of this case standing beside the motor boat of Ted Angus at the Bay View Golf Course. Manson was of the opinion that the detective was Owen Green, however, he was not sure. Agent questioned Manson about Green and he stated that Green was straight and could be trusted if approached in the proper way.

Through the assistance of Prosecutor Frazier Reams, Agent secured a photostatic copy of the bill of sale executed by Weaver, using the alias of J. A. Orhood, to Jay Carter on July 24, 1934. In view of the fact that the bill of sale was written in longhand the same will be transmitted to the Technical Laboratory with a request that the writing be analyzed and compared with the known specimens of various subjects' handwriting now on file at the Laboratory.

Information relative to the above automobile transfers is set forth in the report of this Agent dated at Cleveland, Ohio, November 4, 1935.

AT GATES MILLS, OHIO

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Cleveland, Ohio, July 27, 1935, wherein it is stated that a check of the toll calls from the Silver Grill, West 28th and Detroit Streets, revealed that number 364 at Gates Mills was called.

A search of the telephone directory revealed that number 364 is listed to George H. Stanbridge, Berkshire Road.

Mr. Ralph Jacobs, postmaster, upon interview advised that Mr. Stanbridge is one of the old time residents of the village and insofar as he knew he bore an excellent reputation, and that due to Mr. Stanbridge's age he was now retired and living with his son-in-law, J. Bolsom. Mr. Jacobs stated that his clerk could probably give Agent more information about Stanbridge as he had known him for several years.

Mr. H. A. Emery, post office clerk, was contacted and he stated that he had become acquainted with Stanbridge about forty years ago, when he, Emery, was a motorman on the interurban railway and Stanbridge was a stage carpenter, commuting between Cleveland and the village. Mr. Emery advised that in his opinion Mr. Stanbridge, who was now retired, bore an excellent reputation and resided with his son-in-law, J. Bolsom.

Continuing, Mr. Emery advised that the son-in-law J. Bolsom was employed by a furniture near the down-town area of Cleveland. However, he was unable to state the name of the furniture company, nor the capacity in which Bolsom was employed. Mr. Emery advised that insofar as he knew, Bolsom also bore a good reputation.

AT HURON, OHIO

Repeated attempts have been made by Agent to interview Mrs. Fred W. Wilgrube, as requested in Bureau letter dated September 19, 1935. However, Agent has been unsuccessful to date. Efforts to contact Mrs. Wilgrube will be continued and every effort made to complete this investigation at an early date.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The CLEVELAND OFFICE will maintain contact with its informants at Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio.

At Toledo, Ohio will contact Detective Owan Green and ascertain the name of the individual who possesses a photograph of subjects of this case standing beside the boat of Ted Angus, and if it is deemed advisable endeavor to secure same.

- PENDING -

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

ATTENTION - TECHNICAL LABORATORY

November 15, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: HRKID

Attached hereto is photostatic copy of sworn statement of ownership executed by William Weaver, using the alias of J. A. Orhood. Said sworn statement was filed on May 14, 1934 with the Clerk of Court of Common Pleas, Lucas County, Toledo, Ohio. It is respectfully requested that the Technical Laboratory, examine the signature "J. A. Orhood" appearing on said sworn statement and compare same with the known specimens of the signature of William Weaver.

Also attached is bill of sale executed by Jay Carter, transferring title of a Chevrolet coupe to the Robison Chevrolet, Inc., Toledo, Ohio. It is requested that the Technical Laboratory compare the signature of Jay Carter, appearing on same, with the known specimens of signatures of William Weaver and Theodore Angus, Toledo Police #9617. The signature of Angus appears on the fingerprint card transmitted to the Bureau by the Toledo Police Department, exact date not known.

It is also requested that the signature "Jay Carter" appearing on the bill of sale be compared with the signature of H. Berry appearing on the bill of sale executed by J. A. Orhood, transferring title of a Chevrolet coupe to Jay Carter. This bill of sale is also attached. It is also requested that the signature of Jay Carter be compared with the specimens of the signature of Myrtle Eaton. It is requested that the handwriting appearing on the bill of sale executed by J. A. Orhood to Jay Carter be compared with the known specimens of the handwriting of William Weaver. If possible, a comparison should be made of the signature of Blair Caldwell appearing on said bill of sale as a witness and notary, with the writing appearing on said bill of sale.

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In view of the fact that Agent was able to obtain only one copy of each bill of sale and sworn statement of ownership, it is requested that the Cleveland office be furnished with four copies each of the bills of sale and sworn statement of ownership in order that one copy may be retained in the Bureau file in this case.

Very truly yours,

J.P. MacFarland
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J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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- Chicago
- St. Paul
- E. J. Connelley

Laboratory Report

Case: Brekid

Number: 7-576-8064

- Specimens: 7-576-8064 A. Photostatic copy of Sworn Statement of Owner No. 362714.
 " B. Photostatic copy of Bill of ~~XXX~~ Sale for Used Motor Vehicle No. 362714, filed July 31, 1934.
 " C. Photostatic copy of Bill of Sale for Used Motor Vehicle No. 362714, filed July 27, 1934.

Examination requested by: Cleveland Office

Date received: 11-23-35 hmc

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

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Examination by: Appel

cc- St. Paul
 Cincinnati
 Chicago
 Mr. Connelley at Chicago

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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Washington, D. C.

November 15, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS

In compliance with the request of Mr. McIntire, I am transmitting herewith ten copies of the photograph as appearing in the files of the Identification Division of George Philip Conrad, our file #FBI-5095.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder

L. C. Schilder.

Edward G. Bremer

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT		CINCINNATI.	FILE NO. 7-37-	
REPORT MADE AT KANSAS CITY.	DATE WHEN MADE 11-15-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11-8,12-1935	REPORT MADE BY A. J. NORSTROM ebg	
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE I. O. #1218, ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Billie Fitch alias Billie Joe Palmeri, interviewed, but no information of value concerning Harry Campbell received. Interviews with Thomas Kelley, Ralph Parr and James Myers, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, unproductive of information of possible value in this case.</p>				
REFERENCE: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Letter from the Chicago office to the Kansas City office dated November 4, 1935; letter from the Kansas City office to the Oklahoma City office dated August 29, 1935; letter from S. A. C. E. J. Connelley, Chicago, to the Kansas City office dated September 27, 1935.</p>				
DETAILS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Through Detective Don Teeters, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, assigned to the Narcotic Bureau, Treasury Department, Billie Fitch, alias Billie Malanzo, alias Billie Joe Palmeri, was located at 1324 East 11th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd floor, where she and her alleged husband, Ray Palmeri, are running a house of prostitution.</p>				
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>W. A. Smith</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		
COPIES DESTROYED 848 MAR 25 1965 THIS REPORT 2-Bureau 2-Cincinnati 1-S.A.C Connelley, Chicago 1-Chicago 1-St. Paul 1-Oklahoma City. 2-Kansas City		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES		
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Billie Fitch was interviewed by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and D. M. Brightman, and, although several hours were spent with her, no information of great value was obtained. She advised that although at one time she had associated with Harry Campbell for a period of about a year at Tulsa, Oklahoma, she had not seen or heard from him since five years ago when she left Tulsa to take up her residence at Kansas City, Missouri. Since her departure from Tulsa, however, she informed, that she had made frequent visits to Tulsa and South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, and had corresponded with Campbell's mother at regular intervals up until a year ago when she began to live with Ray Palmeri, who is a local narcotic peddler, who formerly resided at Bridgeport, Conn. She informed that since her association with Palmeri, Campbell's mother has had nothing to do with her, and that no efforts between them have been made to correspond since that time; that at no time, however, during their correspondence, did Mrs. Campbell ever inform her of Campbell's whereabouts, nor had she ever made an effort to inquire about him or attempt to contact him, and that she is no longer interested in him. She believes however that if Mrs. Campbell were aware of her son's whereabouts, she would not divulge the same to anyone, and that it would be worse than useless for her to endeavor to ascertain that information through inquiry of Mrs. Campbell.

When questioned concerning possible associates and contacts of Campbell, she was at a loss to furnish any, stating that since her departure from Tulsa, she had had no contacts with anyone there other than her sister. At the time she associated with Campbell, she said, Glen Le Roy Wright was extremely friendly with Campbell and although she was a schoolmate of Volney Davis and Fred and Arthur Barker she did not recall that Campbell had anything to do with them during the period that she associated with him, stating that she believes Davis and the Barkers were incarcerated during that period. She further informed that she was positive that Campbell would not endeavor to contact her at Kansas City as she had broken all ties with him a number of years ago and as her present husband was of a jealous disposition and would resent such attention, she would make no effort to help them in the event Campbell or his friends did contact her. She was informed that the Bureau would pay \$1,000.00 for information

leading to Campbell's arrest and, although she believed she could be of no possible value to the Bureau, she agreed to immediately notify the Kansas City office in the event that she has any information of value to report concerning Campbell or Karpis.

She was further advised that if she contemplated a trip to South Coffeyville or Tulsa in the near future, she should advise the Kansas City office, so that appropriate plans could be made for her to secure information of value concerning Campbell. However, she did not express a willingness to do so, but she will again be contacted in the every near future in an attempt to enlist her cooperation and to secure information of value from her.

Relative to the letter from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, to the Kansas City Bureau office, dated September 27, 1935, advising that John C. Prendergast, Chief of the Uniformed Officers of the Chicago Police Department, had advised that he had been informed that Thomas Kelley, Register No. 45350, Ralph Parr, Register No. 45351 and James Myers, Register No. 45352, now confined in the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, had passed some of the Bremer ransom money, Special Agent A. J. Norstrom and J. B. Brown interviewed the above named parties at the Missouri State Penitentiary, but were unable to secure any information of value.

James Myers when interviewed advised that for a number of years prior to repeal of the National Prohibition Act he had lived in St. Charles, Minnesota, and had engaged in the manufacture and distribution of illicit alcohol in the vicinity of Ottawa and Minneapolis, Minnesota. In November of 1931 he was sentenced to three years in the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, for violation of the National Prohibition Act and was released from that institution in November of 1933. He disclaimed any acquaintanceship or knowledge of various Subjects in the Bremer case, although he admitted having had extensive dealings with numerous bootleggers in Minneapolis, including Tom Skelly, a brother of Cliff Skelly, convicted for his part in passing some of the Urschel ransom money. Myers advised that he was not personally acquainted with Cliff Skelly, although they had been incarcerated at the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth at the same time. Myers further advised that in October of 1934 he was sentenced to serve ten years in the Missouri State Penitentiary with Parr and Kelley (or Kelly) for the burglary of a grocery store at Marysville, Missouri. (probably Maryville). He stated that his acquaintanceship with Parr and Kelley dated to the night prior to the burglary when they had met in a Kansas City saloon and having

become intoxicated were proceeding to Parr's home at Clarinda, Iowa, stopping enroute at Maryville, Missouri; that they broke into a grocery store and while in the process of burglarizing this store they were arrested by an armed posse. Myers stated that neither Farr nor Kelley had ever mentioned any of the Subjects in the Bremer case to him and that he doubted that either of them had any acquaintanceship in either St. Paul or Chicago.

Ralph Farr was also interviewed and denied any knowledge or acquaintanceship with the various persons connected with the Bremer case. He stated that although he had been to Chicago on one occasion his activities had been confined solely to the neighborhood of Clarinda, Iowa. He further advised that he had served a two year sentence in the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act and had met Kelley at that institution when he was also serving a term for another violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. Farr stated that he has no acquaintanceship with anything or anybody concerning this case and was at a loss to account for the fact that his name had been suggested as a possible possessor of some of the ransom money.

When Kelley was interviewed he refused to make any statement whatsoever other than to state he had nothing to say to anyone, and that he was not implicated in any way as far as the instant investigation was concerned relative to his having passed some of the Bremer ransom money. He also denied any acquaintanceship or knowledge of various persons in this case. It is to be noted that Kelley is the Subject in the case entitled GERALD H. DAVIS, with aliases, et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, K.C. File 26-4609. He has been interviewed on numerous occasions for information concerning that case and at no time has been willing to divulge any information whatsoever.

From Warden J. M. Sanders the following list of relatives of the aforementioned three individuals was obtained:

RALPH PARR:

Mrs. Nettie Parr, 615 East Garfield, Clarinda, Iowa.

JAMES MYERS:

Mrs. Edrie Myers, Route 3, Sheridan, Missouri.

THOMAS KELLEY - or Kelly: (Detainer filed by U.S. Atty., Kansas City, Mo.)

Wife - Mrs. Marie Kelly, 1019 Linwood Blvd., Kansas City, Mo.

With further reference to James Myers, it was noted that a detainer had been filed by the Pardon Executive, Department of Justice, Bureau of Prisons, Washington, D.C., and a warrant is now held for his arrest by the U. S. Marshal's office at Kansas City, Missouri.

Agent Brown requested that Warden Sanders place a cover on all mail received and sent by the aforementioned three persons at the penitentiary and in the event any is received that is thought to be of value same will be immediately transmitted to the Chicago office for their information.

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

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PHONE. BREKID. SURVEILLANCE JOHN KARPVICZ DEVELOPES CONTACT WITH QUESTIONABLE LITHUANIAN FAMILY 3236 WEST 110TH STREET, ONE STEVE LETUCKS, WHICH IS BEING COVERED. PERSONS IN NEIGHBORHOOD IDENTIFY PICTURE KARPIS AS PERSON THEY HAVE SEEN AROUND BUT UNABLE ASSOCIATE HIM WITH ANY PLACE OR CIRCUMSTANCE WHICH MAKES IDENTIFICATION OF DOUBTFUL VALUE, HOWEVER, CHECKING NEIGHBORHOOD AND ADDRESS CAREFULLY AS SENIOR KARPVICZ RETURNED FROM ADDRESS WITH TOYS FOR BABY. CONVERSATION INFORMANT [REDACTED] WITH SYNDICATE HOODLUM INDICATES POSSIBILITY SYNDICATE HAS KNOWLEDGE ACTIVITY KARPIS BY REFERENCE KARPIS SUPPOSED AFFECTION FOR BABY.

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POST OFFICE BOX 612
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

November 15, 1935.

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

In re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated November 1, 1935
(file 7-576) to the Jacksonville Bureau office, in which it was re-
quested that a disposition sheet be forwarded showing the disposition
of the arrests set out in this letter, in the Chicago Bureau office
district, as to William Elmer Meade with aliases.

In compliance with this request there is attached here-
to the disposition sheet in question.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Connelley
E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

JIM:JMS

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DISPOSITION SHEET

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Edw. H. Pennington

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Mr. A. J. Hoover.
Electric Bureau,
Washington
D.C.

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November 22, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith photostatic copies of an anonymous communication, dated at Oelwein, Iowa on November 15, 1935 relative to one Lyle Palmer who, the writer alleges, has been engaged in numerous bank robberies and other criminal activities.

Copies of this communication are being forwarded to you for your information and whatever investigative attention is deemed appropriate.

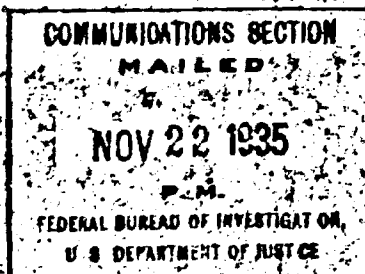
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Encl. #583463

CC - Chicago

Encl. (photostatic copy of anonymous letter,
as stated above)



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
November 15, 1935

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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.

Please refer to my letter of September 17, 1935 in this matter (Bureau file #7-576) and your letters of September 30, 1935 and November 7, 1935 relative to Joseph T. Miller of Tulsa, Oklahoma, representative of the Federal Laboratories.

You are advised that my attention was brought to the alleged activities of Joseph T. Miller by Lieutenant Robert Houston of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation. Houston's remarks concerning Miller were more or less vague, indefinite, and no basic data or first-hand information were furnished by him as to Miller's activities. It was apparent from Houston's remarks to me that his information was obtained from some of his confidential informants.

I know Miller personally, and have seen him several times. In addition to his activities as a representative of the Federal Laboratories, he is a "private investigator", insurance adjustor, and according to his own statements to me has done some work for some mining companies in northern Oklahoma within the last several months, in order to break some strikes and effect the cessation of said labor disorders. He bragged to me about how much he was being paid per day for his services, how long it took him to bring about the desired results, but that he was successful, and that the mining companies who employed him were entirely satisfied with his services. In this connection I have heard rumors to the effect that Miller in his activity in connection with the labor disorders, and perhaps in other matters, has been deceitful.

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Houston in his conversation with me concerning Miller

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stated that Miller, as a representative of the Federal Laboratories, within the last few years sold a Thompson submachine gun to the City of Ada for the use of its Police Department, and when Joe Neal, the Chief of Police who was holding office when this gun was purchased, went out of office he took with him the submachine gun; that Miller subsequently recovered it, and was alleged to have sold it to some out-laws, not naming any suspect to whom he was supposed to have sold the weapon. I had Special Agent R. N. Butterworth of this office make inquiry at Ada concerning this machine gun, and Chief of Police Somer Jones informed Agent Butterworth that Neal did take the submachine gun when he left the Police Department, but that it has since been recovered, and is now in the possession of the Ada Police Department. It was personally examined by Special Agent Butterworth, and is found to bear #3276, model of 1921 Thompson submachine gun.

In my conversations with Houston concerning Miller I asked him whether he had any information to the effect that Miller is supposed to have had any traffic with members of the Barker-Karpis mob within the last few years, and he stated that he did not, but that he "believed possibly that he has had". He was unable to furnish anything tangible, or any specific leads, as is indicated above.

I interviewed Carol Tankersley, widow of Herman Barker, deceased brother of Fred and Doc Barker, and she informs me that she knows Joseph T. Miller, has known him for many years, and that she considers him unreliable, not dependable, a liar, a fence for stolen property, and not worthy of the confidence of anyone who is endeavoring to enforce the law. She stated that her knowledge of and experiences with Joseph T. Miller date back several years. She stated that when she and Herman Barker were married, and during the activities of the members of the mob, she recalls that one evening she and Herman were at the house of Miller in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where Herman had taken her to discuss with Miller a "business proposition", apparently fencing some stolen stuff; that some police officers came by, knocked on the door, which was opened by Miller, and these officers asked Miller if he had seen Herman Barker, to which Miller replied that he had not; and that Herman Barker was at that moment hiding behind the door within a few feet of Miller. She stated that she knows Miller personally, but has had no direct dealings with him herself with respect to stolen goods or other unlawful activities, but that she has heard that he has fenced stolen stuff, and the foregoing statement of hers, if true, and I believe it is, will be corroborative of what she has heard. The Tankersley woman mentioned that Miller had been employed by some mining companies in northern Oklahoma during the past several months in connection with some labor disorders, and it is generally believed that he was possibly as active in fomenting these disorders as he was in quelling them, for

the reason that he was paid a large sum for his work in connection therewith by the mining companies to break the strike.

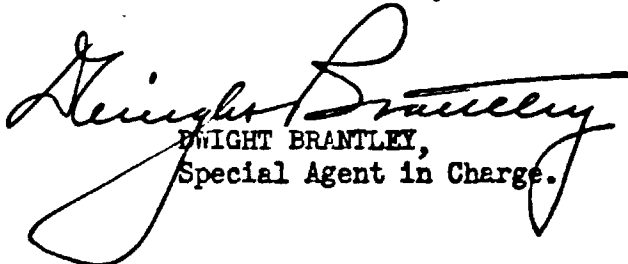
Carol Tankersley told me that she does not know that Miller ever sold any of the Barkers any weapons of any kind, and that she is pretty certain that he never sold them any Thompson submachine gun while she was running with the mob, which was, of course, prior to the death of Herman Barker. She stated that she had heard a sister of Al Purdy, now in the penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, make a remark to the effect that Miller may have supplied Al Purdy with some weapons, but not machine guns, several years ago, but as to definite information concerning this she has none; that she does not believe Purdy's sister or Purdy himself would reveal information concerning Miller, and she, under no circumstances, would like for either of these persons to be approached concerning this for the reason that they are both outlaws at heart, and possibly would suspect her of revealing the information, which would destroy her usefulness as an informant.

Miller is a personable sort of an individual, knows most of the peace officers in Oklahoma, goes to all the peace officers conventions, frequently contacts the officers, and I am informed is generally liked. He is the type of individual who goes about bragging of his friendship and acquaintance with this, that and the other person, usually naming some individual in a more or less responsible official position, as an intimate friend of his. I am somewhat inclined to share the views expressed by Lieutenant Houston and Carol Tankersley that Miller is possibly unreliable, and would not be the least backward in going in to a shady deal in fencing some stolen stuff that could be readily disposed of, if the remuneration therefor were sufficiently attractive. I likewise am inclined to think that he possibly would sell outlaws guns, if he could do so without it becoming known to officialdom. In support of my opinion, as expressed, that Miller would possibly handle stolen stuff, I recall a conversation some months ago with him, which was of very short duration, concerning the possible recovery of some of the jewelry that was stolen in the robbery of the Benjamin Goldberg jewelry store in Tulsa last spring, and concerning which the Oklahoma City office has a file under the National Stolen Property Act. It is my recollection that Miller stated that he believed that Goldberg would want him to assist in the recovery of some of the jewelry, and that he believed that with his contacts and his experience that he could possibly produce some results. I asked him whether he had any definite information concerning the location of any of the jewelry, and of course, he informed me that he did not have. I told him that I should like very much to see Goldberg recover all of his property, but that this Bureau is perhaps a bit more eager to obtain evidence concerning fences for stolen stuff than it is for the actual thieves, and that I would do my best

to see that whoever was found in possession of the property was prosecuted vigorously, and I should like to receive any information of this character coming to his attention. Miller very shortly discontinued the conversation concerning the Goldberg matter.

The foregoing constitutes the extent of my information concerning Miller, as developed by the several inquiries I have made concerning him and his activities.

Very truly yours,


Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Cincinnati
St. Paul
Chicago
Connelley (Chicago)

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Post Office Drawer #1457,
St. Louis, Missouri,
November 16, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases-FUGITIVE,
I.C./1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with
aliases, I.C./1232; HARRY CAMPBELL,
with aliases, I.C. #1236; et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.
KIDNAPING; HARBORING AN OBT USE OF
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the New York Office to
the Bureau, dated October 29, 1935, in connection with the above entitled
matter, wherein it is stated in the first paragraph on Page 3 that the
advisability of interviewing John Contos is being left to the discretion
of the Office of Origin.

This Office has ascertained that Contos presently resides
in the Monticello Apartments, 4535 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri,
Telephone - Forest 6627, and maintains an office at 1502 Market Street,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Please advise me whether you desire that Contos be inter-
viewed at this time.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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REPORT MADE AT Kansas City, Missouri.	DATE WHEN MADE 11-16-1935	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11-9 to 15-35	REPORT MADE BY M. C. SPEAR etc.
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I O #1218, ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Informants of the Kansas City office indicate that Karpis and Campbell may be coming in and out of Kansas City and may presently be associated with the remnants of the former "Irish" O'Malley gang; information being to the effect that these members plan a bank robbery in Missouri in the near future.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom, Kansas City, Missouri, November 15, 1935.

DETAILS:

On Saturday, November 9, 1935, while at the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, Agent A. L. Farland overheard a conversation between two detectives to the effect that Karpis and Campbell were in or around Kansas City, Missouri. The conversation also reflected that Maurice Denning and two racketeers from St. Louis were in this mob. One of the St. Louis racketeers, a stout, heavy-set man, was supposed to be the one that had shot and fatally wounded Vivian Chase.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: *W. A. Smith* SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Shortly after this conversation between these men Special Agent Farland called at the Kansas City, Kansas, Police Department where information was obtained from a confidential source (the name of this informant will be furnished at a later date), that Karpis, Campbell and their mob had been in and around Kansas City, Missouri, for the past two or three weeks. Karpis was reported to have plenty of ready cash; that Campbell had come here with him and there was also a man who is known as "Pineapple" Jackson, his true name being unknown at this time, with them, and they were about to go into the cleaners racket. There was also a short heavy set man who is known as "Cowboy," true name not being known at this time.

This mob has three automobiles, a Studebaker Sedan, tan color, new; a Buick Sedan, color blue or black, new; and a new Ford Coupe, painted black, the Ford being used to do their running around the city. An effort will be made to obtain the license numbers of these cars. Recently Karpis was reported to have left for some place in the North, leaving Campbell here. He was reported to be about to make a trip to Oklahoma.

The informant who furnished this information to Agent Farland's confidential informant claims that he will make an effort to have these parties meet in some certain place and would then furnish the information to the confidential informant in Kansas City, Missouri. Arrangements are being made at this time to have the informant call at room of Special Agent A. E. Farland in the Schuyler Hotel, and if this can be accomplished, arrangements will be made to secure the adjoining room where the conversation can be overheard.

The following information was dictated by Special Agents D. M. Brightman and V. I. Parry as result of investigation by them in this case; the same having been previously dictated in memorandum form by those Agents:

On November 12, 1935, informant #3 called the Kansas City Bureau Office and requested that Special Agent D. M. Brightman contact him within the next two days as he had some information he wanted to furnish. Accordingly, on November 13, 1935, Special Agents D. M. Brightman and V. I. Parry contacted informant #3 at St. Joseph, Missouri, at which time informant #3 stated he knew the Bureau wanted Karpis but was not sure about Campbell. Informant then stated that both these men were in Kansas City and that his information was that they had joined up with the Sparger, Langdon and Doyle crowd and were presently meeting in the

apartment of Blackie Doyle in Kansas City, this apartment being located in the neighborhood of 35th and Woodlawn. He stated that he was sure this information was correct and felt, when questioned about the expenditure of any money for maintaining a plant in this neighborhood, that such money would be well spent. His further information was that both Karpis and Campbell were broke and had joined up with this mob with a view to staging some crime that would get them some money.

Informant #3 was advised at this time of the amount the Bureau would pay for information furnished to the Bureau alone regarding information leading to the apprehension of Karpis and Campbell and said that he would immediately take steps to secure more definite information, and arrangements were made so that Agents would be immediately advised.

Upon returning to the Kansas City Bureau office a telephone call was awaiting and informant #2 asked Special Agent D. M. Brightman to meet her at the Grand Avenue Garage, Kansas City, Missouri. Accordingly, Special Agent D. M. Brightman contacted the informant at the Grand Avenue Garage and she advised that she was the party who had given the information to informant #3.

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Informant stated that she had been playing around with this crowd for some time since [REDACTED] and that they had the utmost confidence in her, and that she ascertained from Sparger and Langdon that at the present time they were staying with Blackie Doyle who was still unable to join them in their escapades as he was shot in the shoulder in St. Joseph, Missouri, and was recuperating; that his arm was in a very bad condition at the present time and that a doctor, whom she thinks is a Mexican doctor who had formerly attended both Blackie and Jess Doyle and Edna Murray and who has the reputation of attending any wanted man, is probably attending Doyle.

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[REDACTED]

This contact told Sparger and Langdon, in the informant's presence, that the bank at most any time would have around \$20,000.00, but both Subjects later explained that they wanted more money because it was to be split five ways, that is, with Campbell, Karpis, and Blackie Doyle; that it would take five men to pull this stick-up; and that they would need more than \$4,000.00 apiece out of it. Informant stated that she was sure they would ask her to go with them the next trip they took to further case the bank as they need a woman along, as it would not attract so much attention when they sit in the car looking the bank over.

[REDACTED]

At all times during the conversation between Langdon and Sparger, they brought up the names of Karpis and Campbell and stated that Karpis and Campbell were in and out of Kansas City quite often and at times they would all meet at Blackie Doyle's. From the conversation, informant thinks that Karpis and Campbell are out of money, which she thinks accounts for their contacting additional men to pull a big job. She further stated that in the conversation between these two men, they stated that Karpis had lost his machine gun and was now on the lookout for more guns.

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Since losing the car in which Vivian Chase was killed they were in need of a new automobile and thought they could go to Nebraska and steal two new cars off the floor from some showroom which would not be as hot as cars stolen in this vicinity.

[REDACTED]

Informant then accompanied Special Agent D. M. Brightman to the Kansas City Bureau office, at which place she was further interviewed by Special Agents M. C. Spear, V. I. Farry and D. M. Brightman,

and at this time she gave substantially the same version but stated to Agents that she was sure that she would come to Kansas City within the next day or two and positively locate the hideout of Blackie Doyle; also, that when the Canton (?) bank was robbed, Sparger, Karpis, Langdon, Campbell and an unknown man were to go to Richer, Oklahoma, as that was the closest good hideout they had; also, that she herself may be invited to go with them the night the bank is to be robbed, and possibly other places, but at this time she had not decided whether it would be best or whether her life would be endangered if she were to go.

She advised she would keep in close communication with the Kansas City Office and would inform this office of any contact which was to be made by any of the above mentioned parties.

It is to be noted that the informants who are referred to by number in that part of this report which was submitted by Special Agents Brightman and Farry have been previously named in a recent communication from the Kansas City office to the Bureau in the case entitled: MRS. GEORGE CHASE, with aliases, I. O. No. 1199 (deceased) Lloyd Doyle, with aliases, I. O. No. 1208-A, et al; August Luer-Victim, Kidnaping. For the information of those offices receiving copies of this report who did not receive a copy of the letter in question setting out their names it may be noted that

Attention is also called to the fact that while Informant No. 2, who talked to Agents Brightman and Farry indicated that the place of the contemplated bank robbery was Canton, Missouri, it is thought that probably the place is Holden, Missouri, in view of the indication by this informant that the place in question was somewhere in the vicinity of Warrensburg, Missouri, and was but a short distance from Kansas City, Missouri.

Further appropriate investigation is being made relative to the above information received, and proper steps are being taken by the Kansas City office in an endeavor to ascertain the bank which the individuals mentioned above may have in mind in order that that bank may be appropriately warned and notified to be on its guard for such a robbery.

It is noted that the modus operandi contemplated by the above named individuals in the proposed bank robbery at Canton (or possibly Holden), Missouri, is practically identical with the modus operandi used by "Irish" O'Malley and his gang in the robbery of the bank at Okemah, Oklahoma, which is carried under a case entitled: "Dewey Gilmore, with aliases, et al, Okemah National Bank, Okemah, Oklahoma; Bank Robbery;" this modus operandi also being identical with that in the attempted robbery of a State bank at Blythedale, Missouri. The modus operandi in both of these robberies was that the robbers entered the bank at night preceding the robbery through the ceiling or top of the building and waited in the bank for the arrival of employees the following morning at which time the robbery and attempted robbery, respectively, took place. Information concerning the Blythedale attempted robbery will be found in the case entitled: Martin John Langdon, alias John Langan, alias Martin Rogan; Clarence Sparger; Charles Arbogast; Lee Fletcher, (Deceased), National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, particularly in the report of Special Agent A. E. Farland dated at Kansas City, Missouri, September 21, 1935.

Referring to letter from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley to the Kansas City office dated at Chicago, Illinois, November 12, 1935, requesting investigation at Wichita, Kansas, to ascertain the location of Milton Letts, Special Agents A. E. Farland and A. J. Norstrom made investigation at that point within the last couple of days, but were unable to locate this individual. Agents Farland and Norstrom are making further investigation in this case in the southeastern portion of Kansas and the southwestern portion of Missouri, and details concerning their inquiries to locate Letts will be submitted by them in a report on a later date.

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November 30, 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:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. C. Spear, dated at Kansas City, Missouri November 16, 1935, on Page 3 of which it is shown that informant No. 2 of the Kansas City office has advised that Elsie Doyle, a subject in the Luer kidnaping case, has been shot in the shoulder and that he is probably being attended by a Mexican doctor who formerly attended both Elsie and Jess Doyle and Edna Murray.

In this connection the Bureau desires that you immediately cause an interview to be had with Edna Murray at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri. It is, accordingly, requested that a copy of the reference report be furnished to the Omaha office with the request that Jess Doyle be appropriately interviewed concerning the identity of the doctor who is now alleged to be attending Elsie Doyle.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON ✓

RE: Identification of the Body of
William J. Harrison

I am transmitting herewith an interesting case write-up concerning the identification of the body of William J. Harrison, together with a photograph of the scene of the building in which Harrison's body was supposedly burned, together with a photostatic copy of the jeweler's account book containing descriptive data of Harrison's watch which ultimately led to his positive identification.

Authority is requested for the publication of one hundred copies of this interesting case write-up, together with a dozen copies of the attached photostat of a jeweler's account book, and the attached photograph.

Respectfully,

R. E. Joseph
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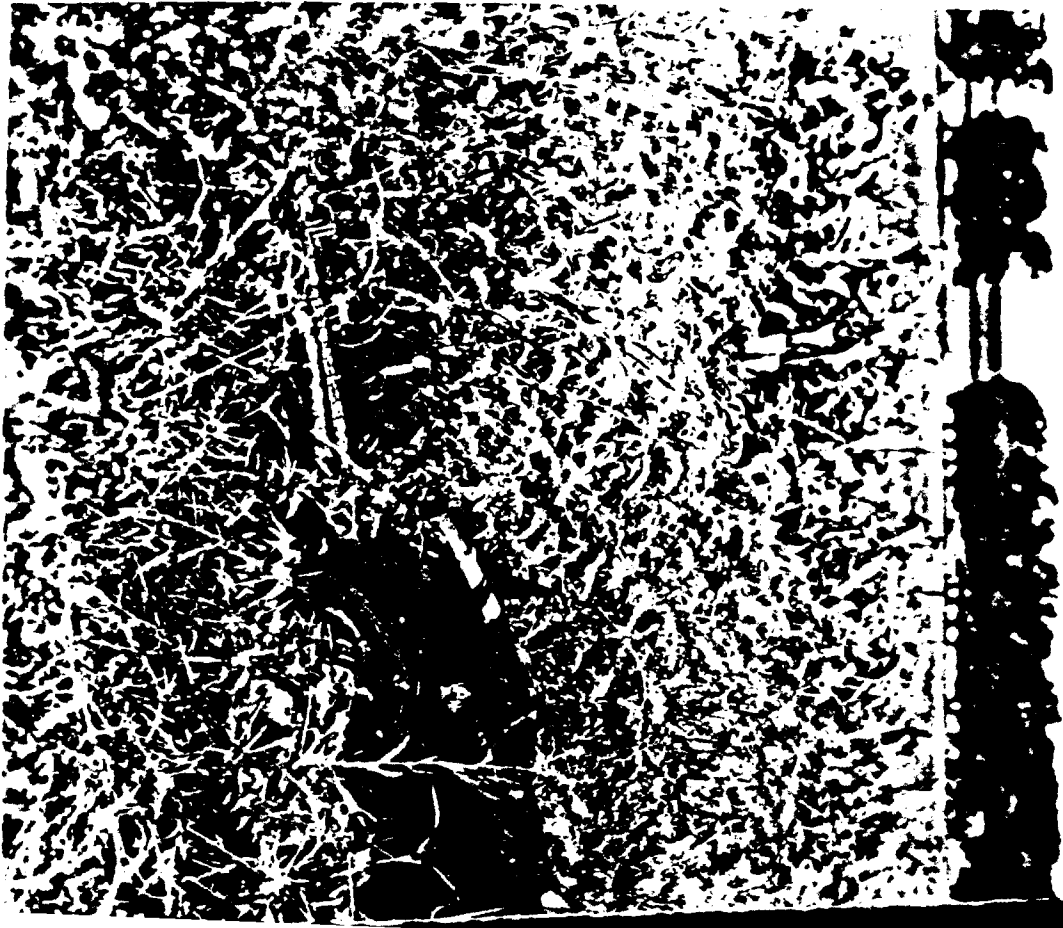
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October 30, 1935.

Identification of the Body of
William J. Harrison

William J. Harrison was born in St. Louis, Missouri, September 27, 1900. He spent the major portion of his adolescent years in St. Louis. In about 1926 he went to Calumet City, Illinois, where he operated numerous "Speak-easies" and dispensed alcoholic beverages during the prohibition era. He became associated with the Capone syndicate of Chicago and fraternized with persons of such notoriety as Gus Winkler, Big Homer Wilson and "Killer" Burke. Fred Goetz, alias George Zeigler was one of the leading Capone henchmen, and spent much of his leisure in pleasant golf games with Harrison who was a golf professional.

Harrison became acquainted with members of the Barker-Karpis gang through Fred Goetz. Harrison had become a man of wide experience in his travels, and, as a result of his underworld activities was able to furnish to members of the Barker-Karpis group, some of their most valued contacts, and without whom many of their sinister designs would not have been consummated.

When plans were being formulated in Chicago and St. Paul, for the abduction of Mr. Edward George Bremer, arrangements had to be made for the removal of the women members of the gang from St. Paul, and finding them apartments which would serve as a safe rendezvous for their gangster companions. This task fell to Harrison, who lodged the women in pleasant apartments on Chicago's South Side, which were operated by a "right guy". During Mr. Bremer's twenty-two days of confinement in the Bensenville, Illinois, hideout, Harrison served as an outside "contact man" for the gang, thus insuring its continued safety during the abduction period. Harrison, despite his precarious undertakings, was a man of wit and humor, and served as the "court jester" or "court fool" to the amusement of his gangster affiliates.

Temporarily, after the release of Mr. Bremer, the gang quit Chicago, Harrison providing safe refuge, entertainment and invaluable contacts elsewhere. When it appeared to the gang, however, that the "heat was off", certain members returned to Chicago, using Harrison to rent apartments, thus allaying suspicions which might have arisen had the more notorious members of the gang secured the apartments themselves.

Harrison was trusted, and even his garrulous nature had not, up to this time, given rise to doubt on the part of his companions. Unwittingly, however, he communicated to other associates of the gang who were not in the "inner circle", certain information which, it was felt, should not have been divulged.

Using a ruse, Harrison, on the night of January 5, 1935, was lured by his companions to an abandoned barn in the vicinity of Ontarioville, Illinois. When he entered the barn in the hope of effecting his mission he was shot to death by several of his erstwhile associates. His body was then soaked in gasoline, placed in an appropriate position and the barn was set on fire. The structure was completely demolished. On the following day, January 6, 1935, the charred outline of an apparently unidentifiable body of a human being was observed, lying in the smoldering embers. Only a torso remained.

The Sheriff's Office at Wheaton, Illinois, was notified immediately, and the body was removed by the Du Page County coroner to an undertaking parlor at Roselle, Illinois. An x-ray examination of the body disclosed it to be that of a male individual. The x-ray also disclosed the location of a bullet which was found embedded in the lower part of the right shoulder of the corpse. A ballistics examination of this bullet reflected that it had been fired from a .32 calibre automatic pistol.

A search for identifying items left at the scene of the crime disclosed an Elgin wrist watch and gold link wrist bracelet lying beside the body. There was also found what remained of a pair of octagon shaped eye glasses. In addition thereto there was found an empty five gallon gasoline can and a crank for a Model A Ford automobile.

Investigation by the Wheaton, Illinois, Sheriff's Office at the Elgin Watch Company, Elgin, Illinois, reflected that the watch had been assembled in 1928 and had been sold on February 15, 1929. There were no records, however, disclosing the identity of the firm to which the watch had been sold. The watch is described as grade 428, model 6-0, movement 32,166,666, chrome nickel plated case #0,211,913. All jobbers handling Elgin watches were circularized by the Wheaton, Illinois, Sheriff's Office in an effort to trace the watch, but without results. The Sheriff's Office also caused this watch to be submitted to scientific analysis. The examination disclosed a jeweler's repair number C-633 which had been scratched on the inside of the case. Pertinent information concerning the watch and the repair numbers were published by the Sheriff's Office, during the month of June 1935 in a magazine issued by the Jewelers' Association, in an effort to effect an identification, but without results.

Meanwhile the investigation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation had been progressing in an effort to locate and apprehend the remaining fugitives who were responsible for Mr. Bremer's abduction, including William J. Harrison. Information was uncovered from time to time to the effect that Harrison had been murdered by members of his own gang. These whisperings of the underworld became quite current. Investigation loaned credence to the report. Special Agents learned from sources intimately associated with Harrison that he had worn, prior to his death, a wrist watch which had been fastened to his wrist by a gold link bracelet. This bracelet was found beside the corpse. It had also been definitely determined that Harrison, immediately prior to his death, was wearing rim glasses of an octagon shape. Remnants of such glasses were found beside his body. It was ascertained that Harrison was last seen by certain members of the gang on the morning of January 5, 1935. It was also learned that Harrison had an appointment to meet a certain woman companion of the gang on the night of January 5, 1935. This appointment was not kept, and Harrison was never seen thereafter.

During the last days of August, 1935, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation ascertained definitely that Harrison had been murdered by certain of his companions, and that his body had been burned in an old barn to prevent identification. Immediately thereafter the location of this barn was learned, and certain material facts were disclosed which clarified the circumstances surrounding the murder of the unidentified man. Exhaustive inquiry covering a period of more than one and one-half years had disclosed the habits, the contacts and the places where William J. Harrison had lived and operated. Agents secured from the Sheriff's Office at Wheaton, Illinois, pertinent data concerning the wrist watch which had been found near the corpse. Systematic inquiry in the vicinity of Hammond, Indiana, and Calumet City, Illinois, where Harrison had "held forth" during his more favored years of hoodlumism, disclosed that on August 21, 1933, Harrison had had a wrist watch repaired by a jeweler friend in Hammond, Indiana. The jeweler had scratched his repair number C-633 on the inside of the case, and on his charge slip had referred familiarly to his friend and patron as Billie Harrison. The watch repaired was an Elgin wrist watch, which according to the jeweler's records bore movement number 32,166,666, nickel case #0,211,813. It had needed a new mainspring. That was the watch found beside the murdered and burned body of Harrison.

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio**

FILE NO. **7-27**

REPORT MADE AT: Salt Lake City, Utah	DATE WHEN MADE: 11-18-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 11-10-35	REPORT MADE BY: VAL C. ZEDNER
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, w.a., FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, w.a., I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, w.a., FUGITIVE, I.O. 1236; ET AL;		CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.	
Edward George Bremer - Victim.			
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: \$5 and \$10 bills received Walker Bank and Trust Co., Salt Lake City, on branch Federal Reserve Bank, Minneapolis, Minn. 8-19-35 checked, but not listed as ransom bills in instant case. No information secured at St. George, Utah, concerning identity woman who mailed letter from St. George, Utah, to Beaumont Apts., Kansas City.			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, 6-10-35.			
DETAILS: AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH A review of the file in the Salt Lake City Bureau office indicates that information contained in memorandum from Special Agent J. T. McLaughlin on August 20, 1935, to Acting Special Agent in Charge Louis D. Wine, was never reported. The memorandum submitted by Agent McLaughlin is as follows:			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>W.A. Ramm</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-8073	RECORDED AND INDEXED: NOV 18 1935
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Mr. S. S. Cartwright, Walker Bank and Trust Company, called the Salt Lake City office on the morning of August 19, 1935, about 11 A.M., and advised that he had several Federal Reserve notes on the 9th District, Minneapolis, Minnesota, branch of the Federal Reserve System; that there were some fives, tens and twenties, and possibly was some of the Bremer Kidnaping money.

The writer checked forty \$5.00 bills, four \$10.00 bills and eight \$20.00 bills, and found that they were not listed in the Bremer Kidnaping list.

The writer interviewed Mr. Hatch, teller No. 15 of the Walker Bank, and he advised that about 11 o'clock this morning, a woman described as:

Age.	35
Height	5 ft. 6 in.
Weight	180 lbs.
Hair	Medium brown
Build	Medium
Bound face.	
Neatly dressed.	
Lower teeth very small with gold fillings	

came to the bank with \$400.00 in bills of fives, tens and twenties, and that he noticed that they were all on either the Chicago or the Minneapolis banks, and accordingly notified S. S. Cartwright of the bank to have the bills checked. He stated that he believed the woman possibly was a "Madam" and she impressed him as being such a person. He further stated she asked to have the money changed in large denominations, and he gave her three \$100.00 bills and two \$50.00 bills. She asked the teller if he had any \$1,000.00 bills, and he said "no" but that he could get them from the Federal Reserve Branch. She said she might come back later in the day for a \$1,000.00 bill, which indicated that she had more money in her possession.

Mr. Hatch stated that he would communicate with the Salt Lake Bureau office in the event the woman returned to the bank.

A memorandum submitted by Special Agent (A) C. S. Duggan to Acting Special Agent in Charge Louis D. Wine, dated August 20, 1935, with reference to investigation conducted at St. George, Utah, as requested in report of reference, has never been reported, and accordingly is being submitted hereinafter as follows:

"At St. George, Utah, on August 9, 1935, Sheriff John E. Cotton, and Postmaster William Brooks, were interviewed regarding the identity of the woman who mailed a letter from St. George to the Beaumont Apartments, Kansas City, Mo. Both stated that they had no knowledge as to the identity of this woman, and knew of no woman who was a resident of St. George, Utah, who had been in Kansas City, Mo. within the past two years.

"The register of the Liberty Hotel, St. George, Utah, was furnished to agent for his inspection. No registration could be found which would in any way indicate that subject Volney Davis had registered there at any time within the past year.

"Mr. G. W. Hale, manager, and Charlie Andrews, clerk, were questioned regarding subjects. Photographs were displayed to them but they stated that they were unable to furnish any information, and could make no identification of photographs."

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

Salt Lake City office: At Reno, Nevada, will conduct appropriate investigation as requested in report of Special Agent W. J. McNulty, New York, 8-23-35.

At Virginia City, Nevada, will conduct further investigation in accordance with report of Special Agent V. E. Griss, San Francisco, 7-5-35, for the purpose of locating John Ferriak.

At Carson City, Nevada, will ascertain whether J. F. Stratton is available for interview, as requested in report of Special Agent J. T. McLaughlin, Salt Lake City, dated 9-11-35.

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FILE NO. **7-30** **EPL**

REPORT MADE AT Boston, Mass.	DATE WHEN MADE 11-15-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/20/35 10/31/35 11/1 and 11/2/35	REPORT MADE BY P. M. PLUNKETT.
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TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, w.as., FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, w.as., I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, w.as., I.O. 1236; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, w.as., I.O. 1239, et al., EDWARD BREMER - Victim.	CHARACTER OF CASE Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives; Obstruction of Justice; National Firearms Act.
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: R. L. Finn, gambler, on interview states he is identical with J. J. Ward; operated house in Centerville, Mass., where Gondorf, Upshaw and Farrell often came; denies being acquainted with Meade. Fred P. Farrell, Fred Gondorf, J. E. Hayes and Geo. Farry all interviewed; admit knowing Meade; deny knowledge of his present whereabouts, and refused cooperation with Bureau in attempts to locate him. George Kennedy and James Barker reputed to have returned to Florida. Frankie Duris, former bootlegger, denies knowing Meade and refuses to discuss whereabouts of other confidence men. Further efforts being made to locate Meade's contacts at Boston.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent P. M. Plunkett at Boston, Mass., dated October 22, 1935.
Report of Special Agent Wm. J. McNulty, New York City, dated October 3, 1935.
Report of Special Agent P. M. Plunkett, Boston, Mass., dated August 8, 1935.

DETAILS: This Agent interviewed Robert Finn at his home on James Street, Brookline, Massachusetts. Mr. Finn readily admitted that he was the man who ran the house on Craigville Beach Road in Centerville, Mass., and that it was run as a gambling establishment. He stated that he used the name J. J. Ward.

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while operating there. He gave the names of the parties who had been his employees there, as James Warman, his assistant; Eddie Betts, a colored man; Bessie Smith, a colored cook; Mr. and Mrs. Walsh, housekeepers, and Freddie Freed, as a part-time operator. He refused to divulge the names of the persons who stayed at his house, but would admit or deny when asked concerning particular individuals. He admitted that Farrell, Gondorf and Upshaw had been there, at various times, when asked by this Agent. He denied emphatically, however, that William Elmer Meade was there, and denied that he had ever seen the latter individual.

Mr. Finn is aware that some of his patrons are confidence men, but states that he allows them to gamble at his places as long as he does not know them to be fugitives from justice. He says that he has been operating gambling establishments in Boston all of his life, and intends to continue to do so. He states further that he cannot operate if fugitives from justice come to his place, and that he has always tried to keep them out. He expressed a desire to help in the capture of Meade, and states that if this Bureau will guard his confidence, he will transmit to this office any information he may pick up relative to Meade. His private telephone number, which he gave to this Agent, is Longwood 6224.

Mr. Finn explained his reluctance to talk of his other customers, on the ground that since he does not know them to be wanted and because many of his customers are respectable business men, he cannot afford to talk about them since it would ruin him. However, he states that he would have no scruples about telling of Meade's whereabouts, if he knew them.

This Agent called at the Personal Book Shop at 95 St. James Avenue, Boston, in an attempt to learn the whereabouts of Fred P. Farrell. Miss Clark, Secretary, after conversation with the attendants at the Brookline Branch, stated that Mrs. Farrell had been in that Branch a few days before and had mentioned that she was now residing at the Myles Standish Hotel, in Boston.

At the Myles Standish Hotel this Agent contacted Mr. James Wilson, Assistant Manager. The registration in Farrell's handwriting, stated that he registered on August 28, 1935 and had been given Suite 906. He gave his previous address as Craigville Beach Road, Hyannis, Mass.

Mr. Wilson interviewed an elevator boy whom he stated could identify Farrell. This boy said that Farrell was there frequently with a party

in room 514, named Graham. The boy identified at once, the picture of Fred Gondorf as being identical with Fred Graham. Graham on checking in had given his former residence as 370 Riverside Drive, New York City.

This Agent was furnished with a list of telephone calls made by these individuals, and Mr. Wilson assured that all mail would be traced. A check of the telephone numbers called, revealed calls made to George Kennedy at 1401 Beacon Street, J. E. Hayes, 1434 Beacon Street, Brookline, and George L. Farry at 1948 Commonwealth Avenue, Brighton, Mass. Many calls had been made to the Fenagat Hotel on Beacon Street, and at this place later investigation revealed the presence of James Barker, who is apparently "the Englishman" mentioned in the anonymous communication, as set out in the last report of reference.

At the Boston Police Headquarters this Agent was unable to find any record of Kennedy, Hayes or Farry. The records of Gondorf and Farrell have been set out previously.

At a conference with Special Agent in Charge, C. B. McEgan it was felt that in view of the apparent temporary nature of the stay of these individuals, they should be interviewed in the near future. Accordingly a teletype message was sent to the Bureau on October 21, 1938, advising of the presence of these men, and requesting information as to whether they were wanted. The Bureau replied by telegram on the same date and stated that Farrell and Gondorf are apparently not wanted.

Accompanied by Special Agent T. E. Myers, this Agent interviewed Farrell at his room at the Myles Standish Hotel. Farrell readily admitted his profession as a confidence man and stated that he knew William Elmer Meade but had not seen him in years. He believed the last time was in Miami, Florida in 1933. Farrell stated that he and his friends had no use for Meade and would "hot foot" it out of town if they knew Meade to be there, since they knew the latter individual to be "hot". He stated that the consensus of opinion in confidence circles was that Meade was a fool to run away from a rap which they believed he could beat. The further opinion is that Meade is not the type to mix in a kidnaping, and his acquaintances are all very much surprised to read of his connection with this case.

Farrell emphatically denied that he was the Fred mentioned in the wire to Callahan, stating that he would not cross the street to help Meade because he knew him so slightly. He explained that in his business no money could be made by mixing up with fugitives from justice, because the nature of his business required him to be always in the open.

Among his own crowd, he stated, it is sort of the code that whenever a warrant has been issued for one of its members, he surrenders himself and try to beat the rap with legal skill. He stated that Boston is his home town but that he does not operate here, but would give no further history of himself. He was informed by this Agent that his name was definitely linked with that of Meade and that he would be kept under the eye of this Bureau until Meade's apprehension. He stated that, of course, he was sorry to hear this and that it might seriously interfere with his operations, but that under no consideration would he ever try to obtain any information concerning Meade, or should he obtain any, would he turn it over to this Bureau. He stated that this was not a defiance of the Bureau but was simply a statement of a code that had been his all his life. As reason for this he gave that he and his friends had to depend on other members of their profession in keeping their secrets, and that he had nothing but the greatest detestation for a stool pigeon. He stated that he would not attempt to fool this Bureau by any statement that he would be of assistance when it should be quite obvious that he would not be. As consequences were pointed out to him he, in most polite terms, continued to state that no matter what happened to him or his family, he would never violate the code of his profession. He stated that although it would apparently make no difference to this Agent, he could quite truthfully say that he had no idea where Meade is at the present time, nor as to how he could locate him. He absolutely refused to discuss the whereabouts or connections of any other person in his profession, or, in fact, any name mentioned to him. He claimed that he did not know that Meade had been in Boston last summer until he read of Meade's capture at Northampton.

The same evening this Agent interviewed Fred Gondorf with substantially the same results as had been obtained from Farrell. Gondorf admitted that he had known Meade for thirty years, originally in Denver when that city had been the gathering place of the confidence men. He stated, however, that his connection with Meade had grown less and less in later years, and that he has not seen him since one time in Chicago in 1933 when they met in the lobby of a hotel. Gondorf stated that he had had his medicine for wrangling with the United States Government at one time, and that he, Gondorf, is now very careful not to infringe on Federal laws. He was equally polite in his statements to this Agent, that if he had any information concerning Meade he would not turn it over, giving the same reason as had Farrell. He added that Meade travelled with a different crowd than theirs and was regarded generally as having become something of a fool for spending his time in trying to evade the law and fleeing over the country from a charge

that he, Gondorf, believes could be beaten. He also stated that it was a written rule in the profession that one did not ask questions of other members not in his own set, so that he, as a matter of fact, had no knowledge of who Meade's present connections might be. He also expressed his incredulity that Meade would be foolish enough to be involved in the Bremer case, and received the statements of this Agent with polite but firm refusal to ever give any information regarding a member of his profession. The day following this interview this Agent was informed that Gondorf had left the Nyles Standish Hotel with his wife, stating to the clerk, that he was going East.

Subsequently J. E. Hayes was interviewed at his apartment at 1454 Beacon Street, and George Farry at his apartment at 1949 Commonwealth Avenue. The interviews with these men were substantially the same as were those with Farrell and Gondorf. Farry denied that he had ever known Meade and Hayes stated that he had only seen him once. They were also informed, as had been the others, that being known by this Bureau to be friendly with Meade, they would be constantly bothered by Bureau Agents and that in all probability any plans they might have for future operations might be seriously endangered. However, each of them stated his regret that any such thing might come about, and admitted that it might be very hard on them, but still stated that they had been in the business too long and were too old to change or deviate from a rule against any steel pigeon activity, which had been an integral part of their whole life. They readily admitted that it would be to their advantage to have Meade caught, since it would remove this unwanted pressure from the Bureau, but they firmly and politely stated that they would never be a means thereof. Each of them also stated that they held high regard for the Department of Justice and would not be foolish enough to try and tell this Agent that they would assist in the search when he, as well as they, knew that they would not.

At the Regent Apartments at 1401 Beacon Street it was discovered that Kennedy had given up his apartment and moved the day that this Agent had interviewed Farrell and Gondorf. The Manager, Mr. A. E. Doucette gave this Agent the names of J. E. Hayes and James Barker, who had been frequent callers on Kennedy in his apartment, and Mr. Doucette stated that Kennedy was apparently from Miami, Florida.

At the Fenagete Hotel it was discovered that James Barker had checked out on the same day as had Kennedy. However, inquiry at the hotel revealed that he was somewhat friendly while there.

with one T. E. Cary. Upon interview Cary stated that he was in Boston attempting to recover from asthma, from which he was obviously suffering. He stated that he had met Barker occasionally at that hotel, sometime before, but knew nothing whatever concerning him. Cary finally admitted, however, that he was a gambler himself but refused to discuss his affairs any further.

At the desk of the Fensgate Hotel Earl Bronk, Clerk, stated that his records showed that Barker had been there on two occasions, the first being from April 29th to June 21, 1935, and subsequently, from August 28th until his last departure. Each time he had given his previous residence as the Brady Apartments at Miami, Florida. In the interval between these two dates he is reputed to have gone to Europe. His wife had resided with him at the Fensgate Hotel.

It may be noted here that all of these men paid cash in payment of rent.

Subsequently this Agent interviewed a Frankie Duris in his apartment at the Westminster Hotel. Duris had been previously ascertained to have been a long time resident of Boston and a former bootlegger. When interviewed he admitted his former activities and stated that he is friendly with the confidence men previously contacted by this Agent but has never been one of them himself. He stated that they had discussed the visit of this Agent to them in his, Duris', presence, and that they had all agreed that they did not believe Meade was guilty of any connection with the Bremer kidnaping, since such activities were so foreign to his makeup. Duris also said that this crowd was superior to Meade and had nothing to do with him, and that from their conversation he was certain they did not know where he was. He was equally certain that if they had any information they would not turn it over to the law under any circumstances. As for himself, Duris stated that he shared their opinion in this matter. He stated that while he did not know Meade, nor had he any information concerning him, he would make no attempt to discover any or to give it to the Bureau. He refused to discuss the whereabouts of Barker or Kennedy or Odell, or anything in connection with their business.

It may also be noted here that the only hint dropped by any of the persons interviewed, was that Meade's friends were probably those who worked with him at the time of the swindle for which he was last indicted. In this connection it is thought advisable

to contact Inspector Graham of the Post Office Department at New York City, and ascertain, if known, whose Meade's confederates were at the time of the swindle for which he was indicted.

There is being set out below the description of Hayes, Kennedy, Barker and Farrell, together with what information is known of them. The descriptions of Farrell and Gendorf have been set out in previous reports.

DESCRIPTIONS:

Name	- George D. Kennedy
Last residence	- 1401 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.
Age	- 58 years
Nationality	- American
Marital status	- Married
Height	- 5' 10"
Weight	- 212 pounds
Build	- Stocky
Hair	- Scanty, gray turning white.
Complexion	- Florida.
Glasses	- Metal framed.
Clean shaven	
Peculiarities	- Neat dresser

Mr. Kennedy's wife's name is unknown but she has a sister, Hazel Harley, who lived with them on Beacon Street. His wife is described as follows:

Age	- 52 years
Height	- 5' 8"
Weight	- 140 pounds
Complexion	- Medium

Mr. Kennedy owned a large sedan automobile equipped with Florida license plates, thought to be a Buick.

 He was supposed to have been staying in Boston for reasons of his health.

Name - James Barker
Age - 48 years
Height - 5' 11"
Weight - 180 pounds
Hair - Gray, straight.
Marital status - Married
Does not wear glasses.
Peculiarities - Has decided English accent; very gentlemanly; reputed to have stomach trouble.

Mr. Barker's wife is described as follows:

Age - 30 years
Height - 5' 7"
Weight - 160 pounds
Complexion - light
Hair - light
Peculiarities - Looks Swedish and talks with slight Swedish accent.

Barker drives a Cadillac car with Florida license plates.

Name - J. E. Hayes (Jay E. Hayes)
Age - 45 to 50
Last address - 1454 Beacon St., Brookline, Mass.
Marital status - Married.
Nationality - American
Height - 5' 10"
Weight - 190 pounds
Build - Medium
Hair - Black with grayish tinge.
Eyes - Blue
Wears small mustache.
Peculiarities - Small mouth; carries glasses on black ribbon.

Name - George L. Farry
Last address - 1948 Commonwealth Ave., Brighton, Mass.
Nationality - American.
Marital status - Married.
Wife's name - Lola
Age - 45 to 50 years
Height - 5' 8"
Weight - 170 pounds
Build - Heavy
Eyes - Blue
Complexion - Light
Hair - Black and gray.

It is noted here that mail [redacted] indicates that Fred Gondorf received a package at the [redacted] Hotel, from William Hanlon, 217 Maple Street, Holyoke, Massachusetts. He also received a letter, [redacted] from George S. Hoag, East of Lake, Wisconsin.

[redacted] received a letter at 1454 Beacon Street, Brookline, Mass. [redacted] 324 Fourth Ave., East, Great Falls, Mass.

Gondorf also received a letter from Mrs. L. E. Metten, 254 West 74th Street, New York City.

Among the telephone calls obtained from the hotels are the following names which may be deemed important in future investigation:

Calls from Fred P. Farrell, at the Myles Standish Hotel:

Samuel Selesnick, 150 Pleasant St., Brookline, Mass.
A. W. Chesterton & Co., 64 India St., Boston, Mass.
Wm. H. Davis, 1402 Beacon St., Brookline, Mass.
George Zoff, 39 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Brookline, Mass.
Wm. Fitzgerald, 8 Lincoln Rd., Brookline, Mass.

Calls from Fred Graham, at the Myles Standish Hotel:

Daniel F. Duris, 411 or 417 Common Street
(Telephones - Belmont 4266)
Frank S. Jacobi, 12 Hartford St., Dorchester, Mass.

Calls from James Barker, at the Fenagate Hotel:

Rose A. Panzone, 8 Myrtle Street, (2d floor rear)
Boston, Mass.
Mrs. A. Malloy, 819 Commonwealth Ave., Newton, Mass.
Edward L. Dunn, 120 Tremont St., Boston, Mass.

Other numbers called by these persons included telephone calls to each other and to various stores and shops in Boston. They are not being set out herein but are being retained in the file for possible future reference.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

JACKSONVILLE OFFICE, at Miami, Florida will attempt to locate and interview George Kennedy and James Barker who are supposed to be residents of that city.

BUTTE OFFICE, at Great Falls, Montana, will determine the identity of Mrs. H. S. Green at 334-4th Avenue West, and confer with Mrs. J. E. Hayes.

NEW YORK OFFICE will confer again with Inspector Graham of the Post Office Department relative to the developments of this case, and obtain from him the name of Meade's confederates in the swindle on which that department has indicted Meade.

MILWAUKEE OFFICE, at Land O' Lakes, Wisconsin will determine the identity of Gus B. Rose, corresponding with Fred Graham, alias Fred Gondorf, and interview him relative to the whereabouts of William E. Meade.

BOSTON OFFICE, from the information contained in this report, will continue attempts to locate contacts of Meade in Boston.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

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November 13, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: CASSIUS McDONALD

Reference is made to my telephonic conversation with you this morning, at which time I suggested that it might prove desirable to permit the St. Paul office to give certain information to the press at a propitious moment concerning Cassius McDonald.

The only information available in the file regarding the recent charges brought against Cassius McDonald in Boston, Massachusetts is to the effect that on November 7, 1933 the Boston Police Department wired the Detroit police asking that a hold be placed upon Cassius McDonald since he was wanted in Boston for the larceny of \$30,000. It was accordingly explained to the Boston police that McDonald was being held by the Government and that a warrant must necessarily be lodged with the United States Marshal at St. Paul, Minnesota.

The Bureau has received a copy of a letter, directed by the Boston office to the Detroit office, dated November 8, 1935, which discloses that McDonald and three others have been identified as the parties who on June 1, 1934 by means of an old pay-off swindle, took \$30,000 in cash from John Capobianco, a contractor at 129 Chiswick Road, Brighton, Massachusetts. The other parties to the swindle are John Poefield alias John Mack alias John McNamara; John Nobile alias Fallo alias Allen alias Costello. The third party to the swindle is Charles Phillips alias Al Caplan. The fourth person is John Patterson. Mr. Capobianco, upon interview by a Bureau Agent, stated that he is almost positive that the picture of Cassius McDonald is that of John Patterson.

Mr. Capobianco and his attorney, Philip Adams of Boston, are presently considering a trip to St. Paul for the purpose of identifying McDonald, since the Boston police have indicated that they are not obtaining a warrant until Capobianco is positive of his identification of McDonald. It is suggested that if a positive identification is made of McDonald, it might be advisable to permit the St. Paul office to furnish this information to the press.

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A review of the press items discloses that only one brief dispatch appeared in the St. Paul papers and is quoted herewith as follows:

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"FACES NEW CHARGE

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Troubles keep piling up for Cassius McDonald, reputedly wealthy Detroit sportsman who is charged with passing \$72,000 of the Bremer kidnap ransom.

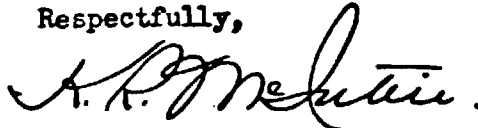
Word was received here today that the Michigan politician is wanted in Boston on a warrant charging him with a \$30,000 larceny.

In the meantime McDonald is in the federal detention home at Milan, Mich., and has until Saturday to raise \$25,000 bond or be moved immediately to St. Paul.

McDonald along with Harry Sawyer and William Weaver, now in Ramsey county jail as Bremer kidnap suspects, are to go on trial here Jan. 6, 1936."

This appeared in the St. Paul Daily News on November 7, 1935.

Respectfully,



K. R. McIntire.

St. Paul Daily News
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Post Office Box 812
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November 18th, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

In accordance with Bureau instructions and in line with your letter of October 30th, 1935, in the above entitled matter, I am forwarding herewith by registered, insured mail, the \$1,145.40, as well as a Scheaffer Pen and Pencil Set (green), two pocket combs, two bill folders, 1 pocket knife, two black shoe laces and 1 brown shoe lace, which were found in the possession of Volney Davis at the time he was apprehended.

There is being attached to this letter a list of the serial numbers and denominations of the bills comprising the above sum of money.

It is suggested that in disposing of same your Office arrange to obtain appropriate receipts and furnish the Bureau as well as this Office with copies of said receipts.

Very truly yours,

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D. M. LADD, FBI, INVESTIGATION
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