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SEEN AT AURORA MISSOURI THIS MORNING CONTAINING INDIVIDUALS RESEMBLING

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W. A. Rorer
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
503-a U. S. Court House & P. O. Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah

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V. W. Peterson
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1021 Bankers' Building
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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D. M. Ladd,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

BREKID NINETEEN THIRTY ONE FORD CARRIOLET BEARING LICENSE PLATE SIX FOUR NINE FIVE
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

AR:MC
1:50 P. M.

January 15, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: Bremer Case.

Edw. R. Burruss

In compliance with your instructions concerning the telephone call received from Mr. McIntire at St. Paul, Minnesota, relative to the disposition of the \$68,000 which was sent by the Havana Agency of the Federal Reserve to the Treasury Department in Washington, D. C., on May 16, 1935, for mutilation and destruction, I immediately requested Mr. Hickey of the Washington Field Office to contact the Treasury Department and determine whether the information requested by the United States Attorney at St. Paul was available. Mr. Burruss who was dispatched to the Treasury Department to obtain this information advised me that the information was available. I requested Mr. Burruss to arrange for the production of the original records at St. Paul and to determine who the necessary persons are to be subpoenaed in this connection. I was advised by Mr. Burruss that the Superintendent of the National Bank Redemption Agency, of the office of the Treasurer of the United States, Mr. M. E. Slindee, would be able to produce the original advice of shipment of Federal Reserve notes on May 16, 1935, in the amount of \$68,000. This would show that the money was transmitted in 37 packages, that \$13,000 in \$10.00 notes, listed in package #12 of this shipment, was issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota. This office will also produce a receipt for the lower halves of this money which was received from the Destruction Committee and will also show a receipt for the upper halves, received from the Comptroller of the Currency.

The office of the Comptroller of the Currency, through Mr. L. G. Copeland, will produce a receipt from the Destruction Committee for the upper halves of this money.

The Destruction Committee, of the Division of Loans and Currency, of the Treasury Department, will produce records and testify as to the destruction of both halves of the notes.

On January 16, 1936, at 11:00 A. M., Mr. Burruss requested that a letter be directed to the Secretary of the Treasury asking

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the presence of the aforementioned persons so that they may have authority to depart from Washington for St. Paul. Mr. Burruss also requested that the time of their departure be indicated in this letter, inasmuch as he had completed arrangements with Mr. Slindes for the production of all records which will be required.

Respectfully,

A. Rosen

A. Rosen.

Addendum:

*This was done
and St. Paul was notified.
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420 Federal Building,
Dallas, Texas.

January 18, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Denver, Colorado.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

I am transcribing with tracing of
a letter received by Miss Golda Wilson, White
Deer, Texas, Box 611, with return address Ernest
Parker, Karrai, Colo. and postmarked Haze, ~~Jan~~
January 9.

Very truly yours,

F.J. BLAKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-9

REPORT MADE AT Indianapolis, Indiana	DATE WHEN MADE 1-16-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-7,8-36	REPORT MADE BY G. B. O'CONNELL
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, w.a., FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, w.a., FUGITIVE, I.O. 1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, w.a., I.O. 1232; ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mrs. Mary Adeline Morrison, 358 North Holmes Avenue, Indianapolis, is a widow age 73 years, and presumably a half sister of Mrs. Alta Morgan Robertson. Martha Imogene Robertson was born Indianapolis 7-21-08 -- parents Arthur F. and Alta F. Morgan Shafer. No further information developed as to history of Robertson women.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>Reference: Report of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hansen, Los Angeles, California, January 4, 1936 and letter Chicago Bureau Office to San Francisco Bureau Office dated January 4, 1936.</p> <p>Details: Upon receipt of reference report and letter, an examination was made of the Indianapolis City and Telephone Directories with the following results: The City Directories for 1933, 1934, and 1935 failed to list anyone by the name of M. A. Morrison. The 1935 City Directory listed one by the name of A. F. Shafer. The 1933 and 1934 City Directories listed only one whose name resembled A. F. Shafer, this listing being Anthony F. Shafer whose wife is Clara, they residing at 3012 Byram Avenue and Mr. Shafer's occupation being indicated as watchman. The 1933, 1934, and 1935 City Directories indicated that at 358 North Holmes Avenue there resided Donald Q. Tooley and his wife, Ruth E., and that Mr. Tooley was a detective sergeant on the Indianapolis police force.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>John A. Dowd</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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An examination of the current Indianapolis Telephone Directory listed no one by the names of M. A. Morrison or A. F. Shafer.

Agent contacted Mr. C. A. Shelby at Window No. 9, Indianapolis Post Office, who is in charge of the local mail directories, and through him it was ascertained through contact by Mr. Shelby with the carrier who serves 358 North Holmes Avenue, that he has delivered mail to that address designated for M. A. Morrison, the carrier advising Mr. Shelby that he was of the impression that this Morrison person was an in-law of the Tooley's who are the principal residents at that address. Mr. Shelby further stated that the carrier advised that he had been serving that vicinity for only the past seven or eight months, but that he does recall having served some mail to M. A. Morrison during that period, though he believes he has had none lately.

Miss Pauline Priddy in the office of the State Board of Health, State House Annex, Indianapolis, Indiana, located the birth record on Martha Imogene Shafer in Birth Certificate Book for the year 1908, Volume 92. The birth certificate was number 32205 and bore the register number 2650, and set out that this female child was born July 21, 1908 at 2308 Park Avenue, the father's name being indicated as Arthur F. Shafer, age 30, born in Illinois, and whose occupation is that of an attorney. The mother's maiden name was indicated as Alta F. Morgan, age 25, born in Indiana. The certificate further reflected the name of the attending physician to have been Francis O. Dorsey.

In view of it having been ascertained that M. A. Morrison resided with Donald Tooley, a detective sergeant on the Indianapolis police force, Frederick A. Simon, Chief of Detectives, Indianapolis Police Department, was contacted and stated that Tooley had been on the force for a number of years and had enjoyed ranking as high as that of lieutenant. Chief Simon regards Tooley as very reliable and said that Tooley is generally regarded throughout the Department with high esteem. Continuing, Chief Simon said that Sergeant Tooley is between forty and forty-two years of age, and that the latter's father was also a member of the Indianapolis police force, presently being stationed at the Union Trust Company, that he too is highly regarded, and that he has a long record of service on the police force. Chief Simon said that he did not know anyone by the name of M. A. Morrison said to reside with Sergeant Tooley, but said that the wife of Sergeant Tooley had previously been married and she has a daughter by her former marriage, and that the step-daughter of Sergeant Tooley also is presently married. However, the step-daughter's husband is said to have been out of work for a considerable length of time during the period of the depression; that during this era they resided at the Tooley's, during which time a youngster was born to Sergeant Tooley's step-daughter; that Sergeant Tooley was having a difficult time making ends meet in supporting his step-son and daughter along with his wife and maintaining his own home, but that he had finally succeeded in getting his son-in-law a position with some railroad, since which time the step-daughter and her husband have gone elsewhere to

establish their own home. Chief Simon said that he does not know the former name of the wife of Sergeant Tooley, nor does he know the married name of her daughter. Chief Simon concluded that aside from these two who resided with Sergeant Tooley only temporarily due to circumstances mentioned above, he knows of no one other than the Sergeant and his wife occupying the residence at 358 North Holmes Avenue. The nature of the inquiry concerning M. A. Morrison of the above mentioned Holmes Avenue address was not stated to Chief Simon and he was requested to refrain from any comment in this regard to Sergeant Tooley unless Agent should further contact him in the matter.

In an effort to ascertain some of the history of the Robertson women and perhaps which would also indicate something relative to the identity of M. A. Morrison, Agent telephonically contacted Thomas C. Batchelor, Secretary of the Indiana Bar Association, telephone number Riley 6677, who stated that there is no record of any present member of the Indiana Bar Association by the name of A. F. Shafer. Furthermore, Mr. Batchelor stated that all records of the Association date back only to 1930. He is sure that no one by the name of A. F. Shafer had been a member since that time, and further suggested that he has never heard of any Indianapolis attorney who might now be about 57 years of age by the name of A. F. Shafer.

Agent likewise telephonically communicated with William C. Kern, Secretary of the Indianapolis Bar Association at telephone number Talbott 4601 who stated that there is no present member of the Indianapolis Bar Association by the name of A. F. Shafer nor could Mr. Kern recall at any time ever having heard of an attorney practicing in Indianapolis who might now be about 57 years of age by the name of A. F. Shafer. Mr. Kern stated further with reference to the records of the Association that a membership list is not preserved from year to year, but that stencils are prepared on active members and arranged alphabetically, but after a member dies or drops his membership in the Indianapolis Bar Association, his stencil is merely removed and destroyed and that as a consequence there was no way in which it could be determined whether or not anyone named A. F. Shafer had previously at any time been a member of the Indianapolis Bar Association.

It was determined that Detective Sergeant Donald Q. Tooley could be contacted relative to ascertaining the identity of M. A. Morrison on the pretense that the Indianapolis Office was investigating an impersonation case with the following details referred to: that someone using the name M. A. Morrison had to numerous persons in Springfield and Van Wert, Ohio, and in Richmond, Newcastle, Marion, Fort Wayne, Elkhart, and Kokomo, Indiana, represented that he was a representative of the United States Veterans Hospital at Chillicothe, Ohio, and as such, this individual would as a rule contact an official of the American Legion in the respective towns and in some instances a prominent banker as well, usually succeeding in gaining the recommendation of those individuals, after which he would approach a number of citizens of the respective communities displaying the endorsements that he had thus received and representing himself as

a representative of the United States Veterans Hospital at Chillicothe, Ohio, selling various articles made by the veterans of that institution; that this M. A. Morrison in particular succeeded in obtaining orders for a clock which was set in a wooden frame which had been molded by hand by the veterans, the top bearing a design of an eagle; that he would display one of these clocks to the individuals he would contact and on his representation would collect the money for their purchase of one of these clocks, but that no deliveries were ever effected.

It was believed that on the above pretense Sergeant Tooley would have no reason to suspect this office's interest in M. A. Morrison other than that the name of the individual residing with him was identical with the name employed by the individual who was the subject of this office's impersonation investigation, and Sergeant Tooley was further advised that the subject of the impersonation case invariably represented to his contacts that his home was Indianapolis although his headquarters were at the hospital, and that it had been ascertained through the postal directories that an M. A. Morrison resided at his address.

Sergeant Donald Q. Tooley, when interviewed in the Indianapolis Bureau Office, stated that M. A. Morrison residing at his home was a woman whose correct name is Mary Adeline Morrison, and whose maiden name was Anderson; that she has been a widow for a number of years; and that he does not know her deceased husband's name. Sergeant Tooley stated that Mrs. Morrison is referred to by his wife and himself as Aunt Addie; that she is in fact a cousin of Mrs. Tooley; that she is 73 years of age, and due to her poor health she very seldom ventures out of the house. Mrs. Morrison is said to have been the mother of two sons, Claude and Earl, both of whom died during the same year at Indianapolis, Indiana which Sergeant Tooley said was about ten or twelve years ago. Shortly preceding the deaths of her sons, Mrs. Morrison's mother had died and shortly after the death of her sons, a half sister who was unmarried and whose name was Prudence Morgan also died. Sergeant Tooley stated that these deaths all coming in very close succession weighted her down in deep sorrow, and that she was very badly broken up. Sergeant Tooley said that he could not say definitely, but he believes that Mrs. Morrison's mother's name at the time of death was Morgan. With reference to further relatives of Mrs. Morrison, Sergeant Tooley said that she has a brother named R. J. (Jess) Anderson who resides at 209 Woodvale Avenue, Houston, Texas, and Mrs. Morrison is said to have stayed with him on occasions, but that of recent years, she claims that the climate of Texas does not agree with her, for which reason she has not visited him for some time. Mrs. Morrison also has a half brother named Frank Morgan who is presently residing at Greenfield, Indiana, and with whom she is said also to have spent some time. A sister-in-law of Mrs. Morrison is one Belle Kinsler, presently residing at Connersville, Indiana.

Continuing, Sergeant Tooley said that Mrs. Morrison, he believes, was born at Lebanon, Indiana, and that she has spent a considerable part of her life around Lebanon and Whitestown, Indiana, but that her principal residence for the past twenty-five years has been in Indianapolis where she has lived for

a time on Belfountain Street and subsequent thereto at the Landers Apartments, 1526 East Washington Street. Sergeant Tooley stated that he has been married to his wife, Ruth, for fourteen years, and that his acquaintanceship with Mrs. Morrison dates back to about fifteen years ago. He further stated that the name of his wife by her former marriage was Simpson, and that her maiden name was Dodson. Mrs. Morrison is said by Sergeant Tooley to have resided at his home for the past three years; that she has somewhat of an income which enables her to purchase her clothing; and that she helps around the home and prepares the meals.

In conclusion, Sergeant Tooley said he does not know of any other living relatives of Mrs. Morrison than those above recited.

It will be noted that Sergeant Tooley made no reference whatever to Mrs. Alta Morgan Robertson of Los Angeles, California, which may have been due to an oversight or it may be that Sergeant Tooley does not know her. However, in view of Mrs. Morrison being the half-sister of Frank Morgan of Greenfield, Indiana, and it being stated by Sergeant Tooley that the family name of Mrs. Morrison's mother was Morgan there seems to be a strong possibility that Mrs. Alta Morgan Robertson and Mrs. Morrison are half-sisters.

No further effort is being made at this time to develop information concerning the history of Martha Imogene Robertson since it is not known how long she may have been away from Indianapolis. If further investigation along that line is desired by the office of origin, the Indianapolis Office could undertake to check the records of the local public schools situated in the vicinity of the address at which it appears she was born and in this way possibly develop some history regarding her. However, the possibility is considered, too, that she may never have attended school in Indianapolis and it may be that since early childhood Los Angeles has been her residence.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO.

ATLA, FILE NO. 7-3

REPORT MADE AT: Atlanta, Georgia.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1-14-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1-6-36	REPORT MADE BY: PHILIP M. BREED
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. # 1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. # 1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. # 1232; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SUMMARY REPORT

Information incorporated in this report has been taken from the investigative reports previously prepared at the Atlanta Office which reflect information relative to the background, habits, friends, method of operating, places of residence and criminal activities of William Elmer Meade who is being sought by the Bureau for questioning in connection with the above captioned case.

Report of Special Agent A. Hale Watkins, Atlanta, Georgia, July 26, 1935, reflects that one T. M. Smith, 461 Pulliam Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia, advised that in his opinion Meade was identical with one George Brown of Caney, Oklahoma, that this Brown was convicted of Train Robbery in 1906 or 1907 at Caney, Oklahoma, at which time he served a sentence of seven years in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. Smith further advised that in 1913 Brown was released from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary and shortly thereafter shot and killed a constable by the name of Ben Pearson who had attempted to arrest Brown. After this shooting Brown escaped from Caney, Oklahoma, and has never been seen there since. Smith further stated that one Mrs. Minnie Rice who formerly lived in Caney, Oklahoma, had stated that Brown was an old "fiddle" player and had played at a great number of dances there prior to 1906. The description previously in possession of the Bureau of Meade did not fit the description of Brown as given by Smith. However, he stated that the picture of Meade did show a resemblance to Brown. In connection with this information given by Smith, it should be noted that subsequent investigation by the Oklahoma City Office did not bear out Smith's claims that Brown and Meade were identical.

The same report of Special Agent A. Hale Watkins reflected an interview with one Roy G. Booker, 1314 Rhodes-Haverty Building, Atlanta, Georgia, who stated that during 1925 at Miami, Florida, he had met one

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William E. Meade who appeared to be identical with the Meade sought in this case, at which time he and Meade had become quite friendly. Meade at this time was working as a manufacturer's Agent for several overall companies of Ohio, Meade having his offices in Columbus, Ohio. Booker stated that the period of a week or more during which he had contact with Meade, Meade was in possession of a great amount of money and stayed intoxicated a great deal of the time, buying expensive liquors and giving expensive parties. Meade claimed to have a wife and a twelve year old daughter living in Columbus, Ohio. Booker further stated that he had exchanged personal letters with Meade during 1934, Meade having written on stationery of the Raimon Laboratories, 70-86 West Chippewa Street, Buffalo, New York, the last of these letters being written by Meade on October 14, 1934. Meade was endeavoring at this time to interest Brooker in some sort of a stock development scheme. Booker further stated that in January, 1934, two Western Union telegrams were received by him from Meade at Tampa, Florida, requesting a loan of \$50.00.

In connection with the information given by Mr. Booker, it should be stated that William E. Meade, formerly attached to Raimon Laboratories, Buffalo, New York, was interviewed by an Agent of the Buffalo Office of this Bureau and did not appear to be the person sought in this case.

Reports of Special Agent A. Hale Watkins, Atlanta, Georgia, dated August 5, 1935 and July 26, 1935, reflect that inquiry was made at the Atlanta Biltmore and Henry Grady Hotels, Atlanta, Georgia, without gaining any further information relative to Meade.

Report of Special Agent E. F. Emrich, Atlanta, Georgia, September 30, 1935, set forth the substance of an interview with Mr.

Joseph O. Ewing, Attorney at law, Atlanta, Georgia, who has represented William E. Meade on several occasions in times past but claims that he has not seen or heard from him since about 1930 or 1931. Attorney Ewing stated that to the best of his recollection Meade and his wife were living in Atlanta, Georgia, in the year 1923; that at that time Mr. and Mrs. Meade were both arrested by the Atlanta Police Department on a charge of disorderly conduct and shop lifting. At that time Meade approached Attorney Ewing and through him it was arranged that Meade and his wife be released on bond but bond was subsequently forfeited. For this reason, Ewing stated he never had had an opportunity to represent Meade in any court. Sometime later, about 1930 or 1931, he met Meade in Chicago, Illinois, at which time Meade informed that he had just skipped out on a bond of \$10,000 returnable in Jacksonville, Florida, on a con game charge. Ewing subsequently approached a Federal Judge in Florida, whose name he believed to be Judge Stromm and asked whether or not he could get a suspended sentence for Meade. However, the Judge declined to do this primarily because Meade had forfeited his bond.

Report of Special Agent Robert C. Hendon, October 9, 1935, Atlanta, Georgia, reflected that Joseph Peter Dowling and E. M. "Jack" Lentz were interviewed by that Agent at Charleston, South Carolina, at which time they stated that they had an accidental contact with William E. Meade in Charleston, South Carolina in March, 1935, but stated that they had no information as to his present whereabouts. Dowling stated that at the time Meade had been going by the name of Miller. Lentz gave information along the same lines as Dowling, at which time Meade had questioned him concerning the possibility of operating a confidence game in Savannah, whereupon he gave Meade his address in Savannah and said that he would lock the situation over and would advise Meade if he would call him there. After Lentz' arrival in Savannah, Meade had called him from the Savannah Hotel. He had then gone to Meade's room and which he also occupied with Mrs. Meade whom Lentz described in conformity with the description contained in this file of Kate Meade. Lentz advised Meade against operating such a game in Savannah. Shortly thereafter he left there and has not seen or heard of him since nor has he any idea where Meade now is.

Report of Special Agent Philip M. Breed, dated January 14, 1936, reflects that certain information was obtained at the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, concerning the record of associates of one Leon Felix, alias H. C. Howard, who was indicted and sentenced for his participation with Meade in a swindle in Florida several years ago. Felix was discharged from the Atlanta Penitentiary by reason of expiration of sentence on November 29, 1935, and was reported to have gone to 814 South Hobart Avenue, Los Angeles, California, his alleged home. There is considerably more information relative to Felix in this report but as the Atlanta Office is not in possession of the entire file on this case, it is not known how much of this may be relevant to the matter now under investigation.

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FILE NO. 7-33

REPORT MADE AT DALLAS, TEXAS.	DATE WHEN MADE 1-15-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/7,8/36	REPORT MADE BY D.W. GLEASON.
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.	
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No information secured at Pampa, Texas, concerning R.R. Mackie, and no leads obtained from Postmaster there. Eula Bee Campbell, upon return from Tulsa, Oklahoma, advised she had not seen her daddy and had received no Christmas present from him at Tulsa through the mail or in any other manner. Postal co-operation at Pampa and White Deer, Texas, will be continued.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Reports Special Agent D.W. Gleason, Dallas, Texas, dated 12-17-35; and Special Agent C.O. Hurt, Dallas, Texas, dated 12-23-35.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>At PAMPA, TEXAS.</u></p> <p>David E. Cecil, Postmaster, advised Agent he had not obtained any information concerning R.R. Mackie which would explain his true identity or relationship to Mildred Campbell, and had received no leads concerning Mackie, Mildred Campbell, or Mrs. Gibson since the writer's last visit in Pampa. He informed Agent he has been watching the mail of all parties concerned at Pampa, and has been submitting tracings as a result of the mail covers to the Dallas Office just as soon as he makes them. Mr. Cecil had never heard of the surname, Mackie, in Pampa, prior to Agent's last visit, and subsequent to said visit, he has been unable to discreetly ascertain whether Mackie had lived in Pampa prior to the time his name entered this case.</p> <p>Mr. Cecil stated that during the Christmas Holidays, he paid</p>			
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special attention to any mail or packages received by Mrs. Gibson or Mildred Campbell; that he also requested the Pampa Express Agent, who is a good friend of his, to observe express carefully and to advise him before deliveries were made; that after Agent placed the mail covers on the last visit, he issued a written order to all of the postal clerks requiring them to initial the same, which order was that no letter or any communication was to be placed in the mail boxes of the parties concerned, until after he had examined the same; that despite the care he exercised, one of the clerks did place one letter in Mrs. Gibson's mail box, but he (Cecil), was close to Mrs. Gibson when she extracted the letter from the box, and in Mr. Cecil's opinion, the handwriting was different from that on any communication he has observed addressed to her since his active participation in this case.

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E.C. Rupp, Clerk, was spending his annual leave in Missouri at the time of Agent's visit, so that an interview was not had with him. However, Mr. Cecil assured Agent he had given all the information available on this case in Pampa at the present time.

At White Deer, Texas, Agent called upon Alice Pipes, Postmaster, to thank her for the results she furnished the Dallas Office in covering mail addressed to R.E. Gibson and Mrs. R.E. Gibson. On the day preceding Agent's visit she had used the last self-addressed envelope of the supply given to her by Agent, in sending a tracing to the Dallas Office.

Additional envelopes were given to her to be used in submitting tracings, and she expressed a willingness to continue to cooperate in this case.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

DALLAS OFFICE at Pampa, Texas - no immediate lead is set forth, but it is suggested that from time to time Agents visit Mr. Cecil, Postmaster, and either directly or through Mr. Cecil [REDACTED]

PENDING.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

E.T:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 16, 1936.

Time - 9:20 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Alvin Karpis.

Special Agent in Charge Richmond telephoned me from the Trenton Office and said that this morning, Charlie Madison, an Essex County Identification Officer, called the Resident Agent at Newark, New Jersey, and said that over the interstate teletype there came the following message: A taxi driver reported to the New York Police at 7:15 this morning that he had let out a person he believed to be Karpis and a blonde haired woman near the Hudson tubes in Newark; that this man had a scar over his left eye and scars on both sides of his face. This is the only information available on this situation at this time.

Mr. Richmond said that he called the New York Office, and that office is checking on any information the police may have on this situation at this time. Attempts are being made to find the cab driver who reported this in order that he might be interviewed.

Any additional information will be reported to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
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DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

HN:CSH

January 6, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

While in New York, Harry Katz, former Special Agent, conversed briefly with me while waiting to see you. He had also called upon me in Philadelphia previously. He wanted to submit the name of an individual known as the "Mile-a-Minute Kid", who he said was a con man in Cleveland, Ohio and probably interested in concealing Alvin Karpis.

Very truly yours,



H. Nathan.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
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*Harry and
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January 14, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

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

Dear Sir:

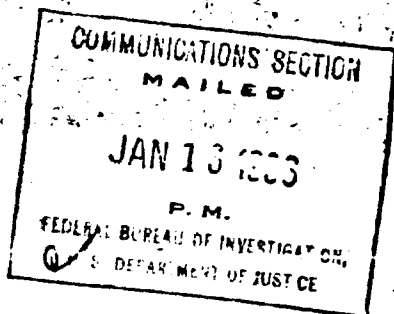
The Bureau is in receipt of information to the effect that an individual known as the "Mile-a-Minute Kid", who is believed to be a "hot" man in Cleveland, Ohio, may probably be concealing Alvin Karpis.

You are requested to determine the identity of this individual and conduct the necessary investigation in accordance with this information.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

CC - St. Paul ✓
E. J. Connelley ✓
Cincinnati ✓



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Transmit the following Teletype message to: BOSTON AND NEW YORK CITY.

FBI OKLAHOMA CITY

1-15-36

3: —

SAC, BOSTON,
SAC, NEW YORK CITY.

Edward J. O'Brien

PHONE. A BREKID CASE INFORMANT ADVISES ONE JIMMIE MOON, A STRANGER, HAS BEEN FREQUENTING SKIATOOK AND SPIRIT, OKLAHOMA FOR LAST WEEK OR MORE ENDEAVORING OBTAIN SOMEONE TO PROCURE TRAVELING BAG SHIPPED BY HIM FROM NEW YORK CITY TO A WESTERN OKLAHOMA TOWN CONTAINING LOOT FROM MAIL ROBBERY, MOON OFFERING TWENTY FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR THIS SERVICE. MOON STATES MAIL ROBBERY EFFECTED SOMETIME AGO IN VERMONT, PROBABLY NORTHERN PART OF STATE, AND THAT MOON'S EMPLOYER, NAME AND ADDRESS NOT GIVEN, WAS ARRESTED FOR INVESTIGATION IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. MOON CLAIMS ALSO ARRESTED, TAKEN TO NEW YORK CITY, BUT RELEASED ON HABEAS CORPUS PROCEEDINGS, BEING LATER REARRESTED BY NEW YORK CITY POLICE CHARGE CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS AND ON DAY OF TRIAL MINGLED WITH WITNESSES, AND FLED. MOON HAS NOT DEMANDED ANY MONEY IN SEEKING SOMEONE TO OBTAIN ALLEGED LOOT. JIMMIE MOON DESCRIBED AS AGE THIRTY FIVE, HEIGHT FIVE FEET SIX INCHES, WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE, BUILD MEDIUM, SHOULDERS HEAVY, LARGE HEAD, BROWN HAIR, EYES SHIFTY AND NERVOUS, MEDIUM DARK COMPLEXION. NEW YORK CITY AND BOSTON OFFICES REQUESTED TO CHECK INFORMATION CONCERNING MAIL ROBBERY AND ARRESTS OF MOON, ADVISING OKLAHOMA CITY BY TELETYPE. EXPEDITE.

END

BRANTLEY

cc - Bureau.

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Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

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W. J.

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

NASHVILLE TENNESSEE
JANUARY 15, 1936.

REPLY
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W. A. SMITH
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BLDG.
KANSAS CITY MISSOURI

0 BREKID NO LICENSE PLATE NUMBER SIX FOUR NINE FIVE NINE SEVEN
ISSUED IN TENNESSEE AT ANY TIME

Chgo. Govt. Rate; Off. Bus.
508 Medical Arts Bldg. RECORDED
CC Bureau
St. Paul
E. J. Connelly (Chicago)
5:15 PM

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1331 First National Bank Building,
El Paso, Texas.

January 14, 1936

Mr. H.J. Connelley,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID;
El Paso File 7-8.

In connection with the investigation recently conducted at Midland, Texas, concerning (Jack) Campbell, brother of Harry Campbell, I enclose herewith tracings of four letters received at the Midland, Texas, Post Office:

To: Mr. Joe Campbell,
c/o Texas Pacific Coal and Oil Co.,
Midland, Texas.

Return address: Mildred Walling, 318 S. Grand Ave., Gainesville, Texas.

To: Mrs. C.C. Campbell,
c/o Texas Pacific Coal and Oil Co.,
Midland, Texas.

Return card: Collect, Midland, Texas, Box 838.

To: Mr. C.C. Campbell, RECORDED
Midland, Texas. JAN 27 1936

Return card: Mrs. L. Campbell, 818 S. Rockford, Tulsa, Okla.
Mailed on some R.P.O. - illegible.

To: Mrs. C.C. Campbell,
c/o T & P Coal & Oil Co.,
Midland, Texas.

Postmarked Skiatook, Okla., January 4, 1936.

The tracings are forwarded for consideration and determination as to whether they should be investigated further at the several points of origin.

Very truly yours,

cc - Bureau - Cincinnati
Dallas - Oklahoma City
San Antonio.

RHC:ja
enc to Mr. Connelley.

R.H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
January 16, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. B. Matney, Detroit, Michigan, December 28, 1935, and the letter from the St. Paul office to the Chicago office, December 30, 1935, in connection with a search being made to locate Robert Carville Orniston, also known as Walter Raymond Armstrong, who may be identical with Dr. Joseph P. Moran, with aliases, I.O. #1232.

Although previous efforts were made to contact Thomas E. Jarrard, District Manager of the Dodge Motor Company, 1005 Fairfax Building, Kansas City, Missouri, he was not located for interview until January 8, 1936, he having been on a tour of the eastern states for the past several weeks.

Mr. Jarrard informed that he was employed as General Sales Manager for the Durant Motor Company, Lansing, Michigan, from 1922 to 1928, and during that time he traveled extensively and spent some time in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in connection with his work with the Durant Company. He related that he was also employed by the Dodge Motor Company in Minneapolis, Minnesota, from April to December, 1932. However, at no time during those periods does he recall having had a Robert Carville Orniston or Walter Raymond Armstrong in his employ in any capacity. He believed, however, that he had heard the name Orniston mentioned, but he could not recall in what connection. When shown a photograph of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, he stated that he believed that this photograph was the likeness of an individual whom he had met somewhere, although he could not recall this individual's name or in what manner he had met him.

Mr. Jarrard related that Richard H. Thornton, who is now employed as Secretary at the Lake Shore Athletic Club, Chicago, Illinois, who at one time was zone manager for the Durant Motor Company at Minneapolis, might

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possibly be acquainted with the name of Armstrong or Orniston, and he suggested that Mr. Thornton be contacted.

Mr. Jarrard also informed that George K. Belden, the present owner of the Minneapolis Baseball Club on 31st and Nicolett Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, might be of assistance in locating Armstrong, in that Belden was the Minneapolis dealer for Durant Motors for a number of years and was presumably well acquainted with all Durant employees in that vicinity.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH,
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul
Aberdeen
Cincinnati
Detroit
Cleveland

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CHARGE, GOVERNMENT RATE, TO FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
MILWAUKEE WISCONSIN
JANUARY 15 1936

W A SMITH
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BLDG
KANSAS CITY MISSOURI

BREKID WISCONSIN LICENSE PLATES SIX FOUR NINE FIVE NINE SEVEN NOT ISSUED
NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE NUMBERS RUN ONLY TO SIX ONE THREE THOUSAND THIS YEARS
PLATES RUN ONLY TO SIXTY THOUSAND NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE PLATES WERE WHITE
NUMERALS ON BLACK BACKGROUND

PETERSON

VMP:OW

CC Bureau

E. J. Connelley, Chicago
Cincinnati
Cleveland
St. Paul

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JANUARY 15, 1936

W A SMITH
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY MISSOURI

BREKID NINETEEN THIRTYSIX ILLINOIS LICENSE PLATES CONSIST
OF BLACK BACKGROUND WITH WHITE NUMERALS SAINT LOUIS
REQUESTED TO CHECK LICENSE PLATES MENTIONED URTTEL

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cc - Bureau
Cincinnati
St. Paul

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CHICAGO BUREAU OFFICE
(Name and address of Contributor)

Date April 27, 1935

Mr. J. E. Hoover,
Director, U. S. Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Following are the dispositions of cases on which
fingerprints have been mailed to the U. S. Bureau of Investiga-
tion:

Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
319190 1-875	Chicago, Ill. 4 JOHN R. MORAN	Dismissed.
	Police Depart- ment No. C-46457	inf previously petition
	Arrested 2/12/33.	1. 12/12/33

This form to be submitted to the U. S. Bureau of
Investigation to report dispositions of cases in which prints
were forwarded previously. Dispositions include such informa-
tion as advice relative to sentences imposed, fines, discharges
from custody, etc. Several cases may be listed on each sheet.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

(Official Title)
M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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FBI KANSAS CITY 1-10-36 11-40AM CST OVS

DIRECTOR

SAC CHICAGO

PHONE. BREKID. TWO MEN SAILED 1 5 HUDSON COACH MOTOR NUMBER 59987,

BEARING 1935 ILLINOIS LICENSE TAG 1-044-078 AT SEBURN MOTOR COMPANY

GARAGE, AURORA, MISSOURI, DECEMBER 30, 1935 STATING WOULD LEAVE CAR THERE

TEN DAYS OR TWO WEEKS. GARAGE ATTENDANTS STATE ONE MAN SOMEWHAT RESEMBLES

PROFILE PHOTOGRAPH OF KARPIS. CAR REPORTED STOLEN FROM B. E. JACQUES,

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS ON NOVEMBER 3. GARAGE NOW UNDER SURVEILLANCE BY BUREAU

AGENTS. FEW FRAGMENTARY LATENT PRINTS FOUND IN CAR. SINCLAIR ROAD MAP

BORE "FUSZNER BROTHERS 322 SOUTH KIRKWOOD". NO CITY GIVEN.

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Copy Mr. Tamm

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Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Joseph
Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

503 U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.
January 14, 1936.

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7-27.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: BREXID.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your circular letter of the
12th ultimo, this is to advise you that the Motor Vehicle
Registration Bureaus in Nevada and Utah, have no information
concerning Plymouth Sedan, Motor No. PJ322772.
have been placed.

Very truly yours,

W.A. RORER,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Bureau
cc - Connelley, Chicago.
cc - Cincinnati.

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*Edward G. Bremer
Imogene Robertson
E. J. Fitzgerald*

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F B I LOS ANGELES JANUARY 14, 1936. 10-15 AM AB

DIRECTOR

SAC CONNELLEY AT ST. PAUL

PHONE. BREKID. FITZGERALD AND PARTY RETURNED TO LOS ANGELES AT ABOUT

SEVEN PM JANUARY 13 TH. TRIP WAS IN CONNECTION WITH OIL DEALINGS AT

CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO AND NO SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES NOTED. FORMER

SURVEILLANCE SETUP AS TO FITZGERALD AND ROBERTSON WOMAN WILL BE CONTINUED

HERE AND YOU WILL BE ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS DAILY.

HANSON.

END

WASHINGTON OK FBI WASHINGTON, DC PCB
ST PAUL OK FBI ST. PAUL NM

DISCONNECT

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Joseph
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JAN 27 1936

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

TDQ:A

January 15, 1936

12:20 PM

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Suydam telephoned and stated he had just received information from Mr. Peak to the effect that Alvin Karpis had just escaped in a gun battle and wanted to know if we had any information on it. I advised him we did not and inquired if he knew the place where the battle was held and he stated that he did not. He later called back and stated that the battle took place near Aurora, Missouri, which information was furnished to Mr. Tamm.

Respectfully,

T. D. QUINN

Mr. Nathan	_____
Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Baughman	_____
Chief Clerk	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Coffey	_____
Mr. Edwards	_____
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REPORT MADE AT Atlanta, Georgia.	DATE WHEN MADE 1-14-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-4-36	REPORT MADE BY PHILIP M. BREED
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. # 1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. # 1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. # 1232; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Record and identification data on Leon Felix, alias H. C. Howard, obtained from United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia. Penitentiary records did not indicate any connection with Meade or correspondence with him while in Penitentiary from September 17, 1934 to November 29, 1935. Gave home address as 814 South Hobart Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent J. B. Dickerson, New York City, December 31, 1935.

DETAILS:

Through Mr. B. F. Bates, Record Clerk of the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, Agent obtained the following information concerning Leon Felix (true name) who was committed to that institution as H. C. Howard from Jacksonville, Florida, on September 17, 1934, to serve a sentence of eighteen months for Conspiracy to use the United States Mails to defraud. With his good time allowance, he was released from the institution on November 29, 1935, by reason of expiration of sentence. He was given transportation to Los Angeles, California and he gave his home as 814 South Hobart Avenue, Los Angeles, California, care Dorothy Felix, his wife. There was a notation on his record that his wife was in prison but it did not state the institution where she was or is confined nor any further details regarding her incarceration.

Besides the alias of H. C. Howard, his record reflected the following additional aliases: Robert Davis, Leon Davis, and Robert E. Daves. While at the Atlanta Penitentiary he corresponded with the follow-

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ing named persons:

Mrs. Dorothy Fisher, Wife, Post Office Box 54380, Tehachapi, California.

O. H. Mathews, 625 Liberty Street, Jacksonville, Florida.

Miss Ruth Hudson, Friend, 1426 West Minnehaha (?), St. Paul, Minnesota.

John Fuller, 84 Furnace (or Luman or Gurman - handwriting very illegible).

Mrs. Ray Hutson, Ed Whay (?) Building, Los Angeles, California.

Harry Golden, Los Angeles, California.

In addition to the above correspondents, there was a letter in his file which was not delivered to him, the Clerk stating that the prison rules forbade married prisoners from corresponding with other women not related to them. This was from one Genevieve Johnson, Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia, which was merely a friendly letter expressing regret that she was not permitted to see him when she had called at the institution the day previously and stating that she was on her way to St. Louis, Missouri.

Felix' registry number at the Atlanta Penitentiary is 44817.
The following criminal record was in his file:

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

His fingerprint classification as classified at the Atlanta Penitentiary is 32 I 0. His description is as follows, same being taken from the fingerprint card at the Atlanta Penitentiary:

Age	47 (Born June 6, 1887, in Louisiana)
Height	5' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	148
Build	Medium - low
Complexion	Florid
Eyes	Gray - brown
Hair	Dark brown
Scars	2" scar on neck, rear
Occupation	Race track book maker

A sample of Felix' handwriting (as H. C. Howard), together with his photograph were obtained and same are being forwarded to Mr. E. J. Connelley with copy of this report.

In the absence of complete reports on this case, no undeveloped leads are being set forth to interview Felix, same being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515
Saint Paul, Minnesota
January 16, 1936

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

Dear Sir:

Special Agent R. B. Donaldson arrived
in St. Paul, Minnesota at 7:30 A.M., today, in order
to appear as a witness in the trial of the Brekid
Case. He is residing at the Hotel Lowry, Cedar 6600.

Very truly yours,

C. W. Stein

C. W. STEIN
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

JANUARY 16, 1936

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

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JAN 27 1936

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

On December 30, 1935, a 1935 Hudson Coach bearing motor number 59987 was stored by two men at a garage at Aurora, Missouri. Subsequent investigation reflected that one of the men resembled the photograph of Alvin Karpis, Subject in the instant case, and another the photograph of Percy Geary, I.O. 1216.

A complete report relative to the investigation in that matter is being submitted by Special Agent M. C. Spear, of this office, under date of January 16, 1936.

In the above mentioned Hudson car was found a Sinclair Refining Company road map of the State of Missouri, upon one side of which was stamped "Fuszner Bros., 332 South Kirkwood Rd." The car was dusted for latent fingerprints and three fragmentary latent prints were lifted, the "lifts" being designated as 1, 1a and 2.

The above mentioned road map, together with three "lifted" prints and the known fingerprints of H. L. George, Harry Seburn and Oliver Seburn are being forwarded herewith for appropriate comparison of any latent fingerprints found on the map and the lifted prints with the known fingerprints of Alvin Karpis and Percy Geary. The three sets of fingerprints of George and the two Seburns are being transmitted for elimination purposes, as these individuals had opportunities of placing their fingerprints on the exhibits being submitted herewith.

It is also requested that the "lifts" of the three latent fingerprints, as well as any latent prints developed on the map, be checked against the single fingerprint file.

You are advised that the above mentioned Hudson car was stored in Seburn's Garage on December 30, 1935, and that the examination for latent prints resulting in the obtaining of the three "lifts" enclosed herewith was made on January 10, 1936.

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It is requested that the Kansas City Office and Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley be telegraphically advised if any of the latent fingerprints found on the exhibits being forwarded herewith are identified as those of Subject Alvin Karpis; in the event any of the prints are identified as those of Percy Geary the Kansas City and New York offices should be telegraphically advised.

Very truly yours



W. A. SMITH
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

MCS:os
Encls.

cc - E. J. Connelley, Chicago
cc - Cincinnati
cc - New York

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 15, 1936.

Time - 2:30 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Mr. Fisher of the Criminal Division telephoned me and said that he wanted the Bureau to know that he considered the work which Special Agent S. K. McKee ^{has} done in Cuba with reference to the Cuban witnesses in this matter of a very excellent character. He said that the situation was undoubtedly a very ticklish and a very hard one, and Mr. McKee appears to have been fully equal to the occasion in every respect. He said that if it hadn't been for Mr. McKee's work down there, we would never have gotten those witnesses to go to St. Paul.

I told Mr. Fisher that I was very glad to hear that the Department was pleased with the work which Mr. McKee and the others have done on this case, and told him that his commendation of the work of Mr. McKee in particular would be brought to your attention.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. JANUARY 17 1936 HAN:FL

Transmit the following message to: SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA

CRIMINAL RECORD MILTON LETTS ARRESTED POLICE WICHITA KANSAS NOVEMBER
NINETEEN THIRTY VAGRANCY POLICE COFFEYVILLE KANSAS FEBRUARY NINETEEN
THIRTYONE INVESTIGATION POLICE COFFEYVILLE KANSAS SEPTEMBER NINETEEN
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POLICE COFFEYVILLE KANSAS NOVEMBER LAST YEAR ROBBERY FIRST DEGREE SHERIFF
YATES CENTER KANSAS NOVEMBER LAST YEAR HOLDUP INVESTIGATION RELEASED
NOW WANTED BY BUREAU SUSPECTED PARTICIPATION MAIL TRAIN ROBBERY AT
GARRETTSVILLE OHIO NOVEMBER SEVEN LAST YEAR LOCATION DESIRED FOR QUESTIONING
REGARDING WHEREABOUTS ALVIN KARPIS AND HARRY CAMPBELL

HOOPER

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

RE MILTON LETTS, CRIMINAL RECORD. ARRESTED AS J. M. LETTS, SHERIFF,
YATES CENTER, KANSAS - NOVEMBER 7TH LAST YEAR, HOLDUP RELEASED

HOOVER

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
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JANUARY 16, 1936

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: ST. PAUL

BREXID. ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED HERE WITH TREASURY DEPARTMENT TO
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ORIGINAL RECORDS SHOWING DISPOSITION OF MONEY RECEIVED CONTAINED
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ENTIRE TRANSACTION WILL BE TRACED. M. E. SLINDEE, SUPERINTENDENT
OF NATIONAL BANK REDEMPTION AGENCY, L. J. COPELAND, CHIEF OF OFFICE
OF COMPTROLLER OF CURRENCY, AND JOHN P. MORAN, CHIEF OF DESTRUCTION
COMMITTEE, ALL OF TREASURY DEPARTMENT, WILL DEPART BY TRAIN FOR
ST. PAUL JANUARY 17, 1936 AND REPORT TO ST. PAUL OFFICE. YOU WILL
BE ADVISED OF ANY CHANGE IN THESE ARRANGEMENTS.

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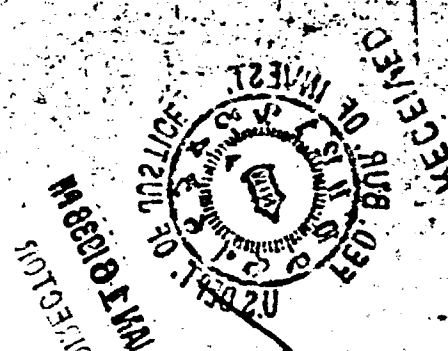
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

Jax FILE NO. 7-24

REPORT MADE AT Jacksonville, Fla.	DATE WHEN MADE 1-17-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-14-36	REPORT MADE BY B. F. Fitzsimons
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: David L. Shackelford presently residing at Miami, Florida, where he is engaged in used car business and also operates the Ford agency at Homestead, Florida. Although he has no criminal record he is considered a persistent law violator, particularly in automobile transactions, and of poor character.			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, Jacksonville, Florida, December 26, 1935.			
DETAILS AT MIAMI, FLORIDA: Through discreet and confidential inquiry of Captain Frank Mitchell, Automobile Theft Bureau, Police Department, Miami, Florida, it was ascertained that David L. Shackelford has been in Miami for the past fifteen years and has been continuously engaged in the automobile business, both in Miami and Havana, Cuba. For about three years prior to 1926, Shackelford was the authorized Ford and Lincoln Dealer at Miami, then having his place of business at the corner of Northeast Thirty Ninth Street and Second Avenue. But, because of his alleged shady transactions, he lost his agency in Miami, after which he is said to have carried on in the automobile business as an independent dealer. In his dealings with Shackelford, Captain Mitchell stated that he has consistently found Shackelford to be dishonest, particularly in the matter of registering automobiles and purchasing cars that were stolen or			
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were obtained by Shackelford through the medium of defective titles. However, sufficient evidence has never been obtainable to warrant the arrest of Shackelford, although he has been questioned by Police on numerous occasions.

Captain Mitchell further stated that Shackelford has no regard for law enforcement and has openly asserted himself in that respect. He is of poor character and reputation and is usually associated with individuals of the underworld or those possessed of criminal tendencies, nevertheless, he maintains his home at 246 Northeast Twentieth Terrace, in a reputable and exclusive residential section and is apparently financially well-to-do. Captain Mitchell stated that he is not aware of any local political connections which Shackelford may have.

At the present time, according to Captain Mitchell, Shackelford has the Ford agency at Homestead, Florida, and also operates the Palm Motor Sales Company, 1895 Northeast Second Avenue, Miami, a used car concern.

Agent personally examined the records of the Bureau of Identification, Miami Police Department, but found no record of Shackelford's arrest.

It may be stated that the Biltmore Apartments, 512 Ocean Drive, Miami Beach, in which Shackelford is said to have an interest, are located in a section inhabited by underworld characters, exclusively of the Jewish race.

Because of the necessity for discretion and confidence in this investigation, as suggested in the report of reference, no further inquiries were made at Miami at this time. Such additional investigation as may be desired will be conducted upon receipt of appropriate instructions from the office of origin or Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley.

The following description of Shackelford was obtained from Captain Frank Mitchell:

Name	David L. Shackelford
Age	55-60
Height	5'8"
Weight	175 pounds
Build	Stout
Complexion	Ruddy
Color of hair	Dark brown
Color of eyes	Unknown

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Condition of teeth
Marital status

Good

Married. Wife: Theresa Shackel-

ford.

Residence

246 Northeast Twentieth Terrace,
Miami, Florida.

Occupation

Automobile dealer

Peculiarities

Dress, average, rather un-
kempt appearance.

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P. O. Box 64
Buffalo, New York

January 17, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 14, 1936 directed to the Chicago office requesting certain field offices to forward copies of reports submitted with respect to the above matter which your office does not possess.

In accordance therewith I am enclosing one copy each of the following files.

Report of Special Agent J. D. Cunningham, Buffalo, N.Y. dated 3/6/35.

Report of Special Agent S. V. Hardy, Buffalo, N.Y. dated 8/30/34.

Very truly yours,

B. K. SACKETT
Special Agent in Charge

0 *Edward J. Connelley*
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- E. J. Connelley

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Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

January 17th, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Re: BREXID

Reference is made to your letter of January 14th, 1936, requesting the submission of certain reports in the above entitled matter.

Your attention is specifically directed to letter of May 3rd, 1935, from this Office to your Office, submitting certain reports to you and to the ultimate paragraph thereof where it is stated that no extra copies of the report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, dated March 12th, 1935, and the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, dated April 12th, 1935, are available in the Chicago files, and suggesting that these reports be forwarded to your Office by the St. Paul Office.

Very truly yours,

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D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

cc - Bureau
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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
508 Medical Arts Building,
Nashville, Tennessee,
January 17, 1936.

TNS:KF

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

Dear Sir:

Confirming telegram of this
date, please be advised that I returned to
Nashville at 11 a.m., January 17, 1936, from
St. Paul, Minnesota, where I was a necessary
witness in the Brekid case.

Very truly yours,

T. N. Stapleton
T. N. STAPLETON
Special Agent in Charge

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Form No. 8

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

Cleveland

REPORT MADE AT: Cleveland, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE: 1/16/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1/16/36	REPORT MADE BY: C. E. SMITH CES/EJB
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. #1232, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

SUMMARY REPORT

Synopsis of Facts:

Summary report of information relative to
WILLIAM ELMER MEAD as is reflected in file
of Cleveland Bureau office.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau letter dated 12/19/35; report of
Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Ill.,
dated 1/6/36.

DETAILS:

Desk officer William F. Keller of the Lima, Ohio
Police Department stated that he had left the department
shortly after 1929 and returned four years later and only
had his memory and a page of notes to depend upon. However,
it was his recollection that William E. Meade, known then
as J. W. Longworth, had in company with Charles Lancaster,
J. D. Stager and Charles O. Leamington, become acquainted
with one W. T. Hamilton in Florida and as a result of that
acquaintance induced victim Hamilton to meet them in Lima
and purchase shares of stock of "The Huichihuyan Oil &
Gas Company of San Luis, Potosi, Mexico."

The Lima Police Department records were searched
by Officer Keller and the only record found relative to
Meade was a wanted notice issued by the United States
Marshal at Jacksonville, Florida, on July 2, 1934 bearing
case #34837-E.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. M. O'Farrell</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-9090 BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION JAN 20 A.M. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ROUTED TO: <i>ONE</i> STAT. SECT. <i>FILE</i>	RECORDED AND INDEXED: JAN 20 1936 CHECKED OFF: JAN 27 1936 JACKETED:
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Miss Agnes Dimond, Deputy Clerk of Municipal Court, was interviewed and a copy of a warrant based upon a complaint sworn to by W. T. Hamilton on July 5, 1929 is herein set forth:

"The State of Ohio, Allen County)
 "The City of Lima,) ss CRIMINAL COURT

TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE, Greeting:

"WHEREAS, Complaint has been made before me, Judge of the Criminal Court of said Municipal Corporation, upon the oath of W. T. Hamilton; that J. W. Longworth, alias William E. Mead, alias "Christ Kid" did, on or about the 5th day of July A. D., 1929, in the City of Lima, in said Allen County, unlawfully and knowingly did falsely pretend with intent to defraud to one W. T. Hamilton that he was the owner of sixty thousand (60,000) shares of the stock of The Huichihuayan Oil & Gas Company of San Luis Potosi, Mexico, and that he obtained said stock while he was in the railroad contracting business in Wyoming and that said stock was inherited by him from his father and that said stock had been purchased by his father for Ten Dollars (\$10) per share, by which false pretenses the said J. W. Longworth then and there unlawfully did obtain from the said W. T. Hamilton the sum of \$30,000 (Thirty Thousand Dollars) in cash the personal property of the said W. T. Hamilton with intent then and there to cheat and defraud the said W. T. Hamilton out of the same; whereas, in truth and in fact he did not obtain said stock from his father and that said stock was not worth Ten Dollars (\$10) per share, and the said J. W. Longworth at the time he so falsely pretended as aforesaid well knew the false pretenses to be false; that the said false pretenses were false in fact and induced the said W. T. Hamilton to part with his said property.

"These are, therefore, to command you to take the said J. W. Longworth, alias, William E. Mead, alias "Christ Kid", if he be found in your County, or if he shall have fled, that you pursue after him in any other county within this state, and him take and safely keep so that you have his body forthwith before me, or some other magistrate having competent jurisdiction, to answer said complaint, and be further dealt with according to law.

"Given under my hand and seal, this 13th day of July A. D., 1929.

SEAL

NEIL R. POLING, Judge

WILMA CORDIER, Clerk."

This warrant has never been withdrawn and is in force and effect.

Officer Keller stated that his notes revealed that Mead had arrived in Lima, Ohio on June 24, 1929 and left on July 5, 1929, and had resided at 1315 W. Market Street, during the time he was in town.

Continuing, Officer Keller advised that on March 23, 1932 the Cincinnati Inquirer had carried an article relative to the apprehension of the following named individuals: Mark Fisher, age 49; Fred Reardon, age 40; Yellow Kid Weil; James Mill, age 24; Robert Fisher, age 26; George Spigham, alias Smith, age 62; Edward Fay, age 37; and Bernard Anderson, Marion, Indiana, and it was Keller's recollection that Spighman was Mead.

Keller further advised that Post Office Inspector J. F. Cordrey had also investigated the case at the time and offered for Agent's inspection numerous copies of letters and memorandums made by Mr. Cordrey at the time. As Agent was permitted to take the file to his hotel room to review same, it will be well to state here that Mr. Cordrey was later interviewed by Agent and repeated substantially the same story as Mr. Keller, advising however, that all of his correspondence on the matter had been destroyed as there appeared to be no violation of the postal laws.

Mr. Cordrey intimated that both Officer Keller and himself felt at the time that Mead had an "in" somewhere in the police department and in view of the above facts Agent did not disclose to Mr. Cordrey that he had reviewed any of his letters or memorandums.

The following information set forth was obtained from a review of the letters and memorandums in Officer Keller's possession.

On July 19, 1929, Post Office Inspector J. F. Cordrey wrote to the Inspector in Charge at Cincinnati, Ohio, and advised in substance that Sergeant William Keller of the Lima Police informed him that a Mr. Hamilton of Dayton, Ohio, had been fleeced of \$30,000 by a group of men operating a confidence game in Lima, Ohio, based upon fake Mexican oil stock.

According to Keller, the gang consisting of three men, namely William E. Mead, George Sterns, and Charles Long, inveigled Hamilton to come to Lima, Ohio, where Hamilton and Mead paid Long \$30,000 each while Sterns acted as attorney for both.

The last two paragraphs of this letter are quoted:

"It is understood that the men are out of Chicago, Illinois, and are known to police officials there. Warrants for their arrest have been furnished Chicago police, but the police department here are unable to get any action.

"It is thought that the Chief of Police here is personally acquainted with the men, or that he knew of their presence in Lima, and that they were protected while here. Sergeant Keller will greatly appreciate any information that might be available through me, of the persons."

Victim Hamilton advised Mr. Cordrey by letter on September 25, 1929 that it was his understanding that Charles Long, alias Leamington, had or was residing at 325 Maderia Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida, with a woman who posed as his wife and accompanied the letter with a photograph of Long and the woman. Mr. Cordrey transmitted this information to the Postmaster at Miami, Florida, requesting an investigation.

On March 17, 1930, Mr. O. W. Pittman, Postmaster at Miami, Florida, advised Inspector Cordrey that Mrs. Long had been identified as Mrs. Edith Marco, daughter of Mrs. Anna Duhl, who had rented the house at 325 Madeira Avenue from a Mr. Kettman of 315 Madeira Avenue. A search of the Miami Police Department records revealed that in 1928 Mrs. Edith Marco had been detained for investigation in connection with the robbery of the Lamar Bank, Lamar, Colorado, as she was in communication with two of the accomplices of that robbery.

The Postmaster at Miami, Florida, secured several tracings from the mail received by Mrs. Duhl, who later moved to 23 N. W. E. River Drive and it was noted that letters were received by Mrs. Duhl from the Fireproof Warehouse Transfer Company, 1018-1034 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio, and John E. Wethers Transfer & Storage Company, 1000-12 N. E. Miami, Florida, as well as the Secor Hotel, 1212 Broadway, Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio.

The following description of Mead is set forth and was obtained from various letters and wanted notices on file at the Lima Police Department and from Officer Keller's notes:

Name	-	William E. Mead
Alias	-	William E. Meade
"	-	J. W. Longworth
"	-	J. W. Reed
"	-	John Henry Foster
"	-	J. W. Parker
"	-	Christ Kid
"	-	E. E. Laird
"	-	Edward E. Gaynor
Age	-	60 (1934)
Height	-	5'8 1/8" to 5'11"
Weight	-	140 to 160 lbs.
Color of hair	-	Dark chestnut and thin
Color of eyes	-	Medium blue
Complexion	-	Florid
Peculiarities	-	Mouth distorted by wound, looks like a hairlip.
Race	-	White
Nativity	-	American, supposedly born in Iowa.
Marital status	-	Married, wife Katherine, alias Marie, alias Kate Schmitt.
Relatives	-	In Portland, Oregon and San Francisco, California, no names mentioned.
Residence	-	1928 to 1934 - 1833 Fargo Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.
Criminal Record	-	Obtained from Wanted Notice issued by USM at Jacksonville: Convictions: San Quentin, Cal., 1896; Canon City, Colo., 1923; London England, 1930.
		Obtained from Officer Keller's notes: Chicago, Illinois #8390.
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Associates

CHARLES LANCASTER - no information as to criminal record.

J. D. STAGER, alias WILLIAM DORRY, alias GEORGE STERNS, alias GEORGE STEARNS, alias JOHN J. CUMINGS, alias GRAHAM SMITH, alias GEORGE STEINHART, alias GEORGE PHILLIP CONRAD. As GEORGE PHILLIP CONRAD - arrested 9/2/25 at Memphis, Tenn, Memphis PD #8348, FPC $\frac{9}{1a}$ $\frac{Ua}{U}$ $\frac{8}{10}$

CHARLES O. LONG, alias CHARLES O. LEAMINGTON, alias EARL LUERMAN, Chicago PD #C-6436, FPC $\frac{1}{1}$ $\frac{A}{aa}$ $\frac{12}{12}$

EDITH MARCO, alias MRS. CHARLES O. LEAMINGTON, no record.

MRS. ANNA DUEL, no record, residence 1930 - 25 N. W. N. River Drive, Miami, Florida.

Officer Keller stated that he had heard that restitution had been made to victim Hamilton, however, he had no evidence to substantiate the rumor. He also advised that all he had ever heard about Charles Lancaster was that he operated a beer joint in Chicago.

It is noted that in the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, dated January 6, 1936, the Chicago Police Department advised that subject Mead had been returned to Lima, Ohio and had later jumped a \$30,000 bond at that place. Desk Officer Don Miller of the Lima Police Department telephonically advised that their records did not disclose, nor could he personally recall, that WILLIAM KIMER MEAD had ever been apprehended or returned to the Lima, Ohio Police Department.

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

January 17, 1936.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREXID

Reference is made to the long distance telephone conversation had with you by Special Agent E. J. Wynn of this office on January 16, 1936, concerning the identification of THOMAS J. SHAW, Akron, Ohio Police Department No. 26337, as being identical with MILTON LETT, informant of the Oklahoma City office.

You will recall, as set out in the report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, dated December 18, 1935, that reference is made to the robbery of the mail train at Garrettsville, Ohio on November 7, 1935, and that as a suspect in this particular robbery the post office inspectors secured information linking Thomas J. Shaw, Akron Police Department #26337, who was arrested at Akron, Ohio on October 19, 1935, but released without any serious prosecution, with the said robbery. It appears that the investigation conducted by the post office inspectors developed the information that this individual purchased a 1935 Plymouth sedan, which car was used in the job, and information concerning this car was furnished to all field offices by letter from the Cleveland office, dated December 12, 1935, that the respective offices place wanted notices against this car.

The Bureau, by letter dated January 13, 1936 (7-576) furnished the criminal record of said Thomas J. Shaw, FBI #1008739, pursuant to request made of the Bureau by letter from the Cleveland office dated January 4, 1936. It is noted that the criminal record reflects that Thomas J. Shaw is identical with Milton Lett, the aforementioned informant of the Oklahoma City office.

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Special Agent E. J. Dowd contacted Post Office Inspector S. J. Hettrick, Cleveland, Ohio, on January 17, 1936 and Mr. Hettrick advised Agent Dowd that the Akron, Ohio Police Department called him.

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Edward J. Connelley

7-576-9091

INVESTIGATION

on the afternoon of January 16, 1936, advising that they had just received the criminal record of Thomas J. Shaw, who was arrested by them on October 19, 1935, their number 26337, from the Bureau, and it is presumed that the Akron Police Department received this information as a result of the letter sent to the Bureau by the Cleveland office dated January 4, 1936. According to Post Office Inspector Hettrick, at the time he was making his investigation in the Garrettsville robbery and at the time he secured the photograph from the Akron Police Department, that department advised him that they had been advised by the Bureau that the arrested person had no previous criminal record and from this it would appear that when the Akron Police Department, on January 16, 1936, received the record from the Bureau they immediately contacted Post Office Inspector Hettrick by telephone.

As you were advised in long distance telephone conversation, Post Office Inspector Hettrick is now making active effort to locate and apprehend Milton Lett, who is now positively identified as being identical with Thomas J. Shaw. It would appear from the criminal record that this individual was not in fact involved in the Garrettsville, Ohio mail-train robbery, which occurred on November 7, 1935, inasmuch as the criminal record reflects an arrest by the Coffeyville, Kansas Police Department on November 6, 1935 and an arrest by the Sheriff at Yates Center, Kansas on November 7, 1935. However, in this respect, the post office inspectors feel that he has knowledge of the case inasmuch as the automobile which he purchased for cash, described in the report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, dated December 18, 1935, was the car actually used in the robbery.

Special Agent C. E. Smith contacted confidential informant at the Harvard Club and exhibited the photograph of Milton Lett, alias Thomas J. Shaw, to him. He immediately identified it as a man known to him as "Willie" from New Orleans, stating, however, that it was his impression that the man was from Missouri rather than from New Orleans. The informant was unable to state what had given him the impression that Willie was from Missouri. The confidential informant further stated that he first recalls observing Lett at the Harvard Club about April or May of 1935, where he frequently shilled at the black-jack and crap tables. In so far as informant can recall, Lett disappeared from the Harvard Club for a period of approximately two months and then later returned, stating that he had visited his parents on a farm in New Orleans. Continuing, the confidential informant stated that Lett operated a black colored, two-door Ford sedan with Ohio license plates on same. During the time he was engaged as shiller and crap man at the Club he was very friendly with one "Smoky" Sharkey, who in turn was very close to Shimmey Patton. Lett was also friendly with Tony Amersbach

It will be recalled here that the name of Phillip Amersbach was found on a piece of paper in the apartment at 7009 Franklin Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, at the time that apartment was raided by Agents of the Bureau in September, 1934. The confidential informant further stated that he had observed Lett on several occasions having conferences with Art Hebebrand, each conference being held away from the rest of the persons in the Club. The confidential informant was unable to state where Lett resided when in Cleveland, but had the impression that he had heard he was a cousin of "Smoky" Sharkey and probably resided with him. According to the confidential informant, Lett disappeared some time ago and he has not seen him since.

It is to be noted that the letters emanating from Cleveland, Ohio to Mrs. Maggie Lett coincide in dates with the approximate periods that Lett was in Cleveland, Ohio, namely, May 6th, June 3rd, July 29th, August 5th, and October 7th, 1935. It would appear, therefore, that there is a strong possibility that the letters were sent by Milton Lett to his mother, Mrs. Maggie Lett, Wann, Oklahoma.

The Akron, Ohio Police Department photograph #26337, is being forwarded to the Chicago office with the request that a suitable number of photographs be furnished to interested offices.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

RJY/KJB

CC - Bureau ✓
- Cincinnati
- Chicago
- St. Paul
- Oklahoma City
- Kansas City

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

January 17, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: BROWNE

There is being transmitted herewith photograph of one
THOMAS J. SHAW, alias Carl Baker, Akron, Ohio Police Department #26387.

It has been ascertained through a check of this man's finger-
prints that he is identical with one MILTON LATT, informant of the
Oklahoma City office. From information obtained, this individual pur-
chased the automobile which was used in the mail train robbery at
Garrettsville, Ohio on November 7, 1935, and is also wanted at the
present time by the Bureau for questioning in connection with the
above captioned case.

It is requested that sufficient copies of this photograph
be made and two each transmitted to all offices receiving copies of
this letter, and that the Cleveland office be furnished with six
copies of the same.

Very truly yours,

CEW/EJB
Enclosure

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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- Kansas City
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-39

REPORT MADE AT: PITTSBURGH, PA.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1-18-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1-15 & 16-36	REPORT MADE BY: B. MILLER
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

SUMMARY REPORT

In accordance with suggestion contained in Bureau letter dated December 19, 1935, a review was made of the Pittsburgh file in this matter but no information was therein found in addition to that contained in Summary Reports submitted by the Chicago, New Orleans, and Detroit Offices and carbon copy of letter dated at New York City, January 14, 1936 to the Bureau, concerning WILLIAM ELMER MEAD.

A review was also made of all cases in the Pittsburgh Office where the name of Mead and his aliases appear as principal of the investigation but it was found that the said Pittsburgh files do not refer to the William Elmer Mead sought by the Bureau in connection with this case.

The Pittsburgh files do indicate that within the past two years one DR. G. C. KREIBLER, 1206 Clark Building, Pittsburgh, now deceased, was defrauded of the amount of \$50,000; JOHN HARRY COOK of Youngwood, Pennsylvania was defrauded of \$22,000; BERNARD B. BYCKERS, Clarksburg, West Virginia, was defrauded in the amount of \$5,000; ELI SZEP, 2442 Casper Street Detroit, Michigan, was defrauded in the amount of \$2,700 by confidence men who used the same scheme employed by Mead and referred to in the Summary Report submitted by the Chicago Office.

The descriptions of the confidence men who defrauded the persons herein mentioned, however, do not answer the description of William Elmer Mead.

Inquiries were made at the Identification Division of the Pittsburgh Police Department concerning Mead but no information could be obtained. Mead, according to police records at Pittsburgh, evidently never operated within the Western District of Pennsylvania.

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1331 First National Bank Building

El Paso, Texas

January 16, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Re: BREKID
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Dear Sir:

Reference is had to letter from Chicago office to the Special Agent in Charge, Salt Lake City, January 8, 1936, referring to possible location of Harp in Las Vegas, Nevada, or Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Reference is further had to letter of Special Agent in Charge C. W. Stein, St. Paul, January 13, to the Special Agent in Charge, Salt Lake, in the latter of which it appears it has been quite definitely established by interview with Dolores Delaney that the Las Vegas referred to is in Nevada instead of New Mexico.

Furthermore, I am quite sure there is no night club or gambling house in Las Vegas, New Mexico, and in the light of present information it is deemed unnecessary to make check at Las Vegas, New Mexico, and same will be held in abeyance until specific instructions are received.

Very truly yours,

R. A. COLVIN
Special Agent in Charge.

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DOMESTIC	FOREIGN
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE CABLE
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NIGHT LETTER	WEEK-END CABLE LETTER
SWP RADIOGRAM	RADIOGRAM

Patrons should check class of service desired, otherwise message will be transmitted in a full-rate communication.

Postal Telegraph

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

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W.A. SMITH,
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING,
KANSAS CITY, MO. *64 9-5 917*

Salt Lake City, Utah.
January 15, 1936.

BREKID LICENSE PLATE SIX FOUR NINE FIVE NINE SEVEN WHITE NUMERALS ON
BLACK BACKGROUND NOT ISSUED IN UTAH STOP LICENSE NUMBERS DO NOT EXCEED
TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND IN UTAH.

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cc - Bureau ✓
cc - Connelley, Chicago.
cc - Cincinnati.

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Edward J. Bremer

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

January 17th, 1936

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

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

Reference is made to my letter of January 6th, 1936,
requesting authority to continue the employment of
confidential informant Tony/Vaitkus for an additional
thirty-day period.

This authority has not as yet been received and it
is requested that the Bureau telegraphically advise
whether such employment should be continued, it being
noted that the previous authority for the employment
of this informant expired on January 7th, 1936.

Very truly yours,

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D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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Acting
Chief
E.A.T.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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JANUARY 20, 1936

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.
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Transmit the following message to:

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BREKID. AUTHORITY GRANTED EMPLOY TONY VAITKUS AS CONFIDENTIAL
INFORMANT FOR ADDITIONAL THIRTY DAY PERIOD.

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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri.
January 17, 1936.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE:

BREKID

On January 16, 1936, a mail tracing was received from
the postmaster at Topeka, Kansas, on a letter addressed to Mrs. A.
Groons, 1234 North Monroe, Topeka, Kansas. The return address on
this letter, which was postmarked St. Paul, Minnesota, 1936, 9:30
P.M., is John Karpavicz, General Delivery, St. Paul.

This information is being furnished as it is not known
at the Kansas City office whether John Karpavicz is in St. Paul to
attend the trial.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul
Cincinnati
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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
JANUARY 27, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

RE: BREXID

Reference is made to your letter dated January 10, 1936, wherein you advise that you are desirous of establishing a contact at the Hollander Hotel, at Cleveland, Ohio, and in that connection you are desirous of knowing the reliability of Mr. R. F. Marsh, the present manager of that hotel, who came to Cleveland from Kansas City.

Mr. Thomas B. Bash, Jackson County Sheriff at Kansas City, Missouri, who has cooperated very closely with this office and this Bureau throughout his administration, was contacted in view of the fact that Sheriff Bash maintains a downtown residence at the Hotel Kansas Citian, Mr. Marsh having formerly been the manager of that hotel. Sheriff Bash stated he has known Mr. Marsh for a number of years; that he cannot speak too highly of Mr. Marsh as he is a man of good reputation and always has cooperated with Sheriff Bash. Sheriff Bash remarked that Mr. Marsh often took the initiative to call matters to the attention of Sheriff Bash which were of interest to the Sheriff in his official duties; further adding that on one occasion the Sheriff had told Mr. Marsh of some undesirable people residing at his hotel and Mr. Marsh immediately took steps to make these people leave. Sheriff Bash reiterated that Mr. Marsh was "A-one", and he felt sure that Mr. Marsh would cooperate sincerely with this Bureau.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

WAS:cc

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St. Paul
E. J. Connelley, Chicago
Chicago

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629 First National Bank Building,
Omaha, Nebraska
January 16, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:-

Agreeable with the request in your letter of
January 14, 1936, to the Special Agent in Charge of the Chicago
Office, there are being enclosed, one copy each of the reports
of Special Agent O. C. Dewey, Omaha, Nebraska, March 15, 1935
and December 24, 1934.

Very truly yours,

M. A. ALT,
Special Agent in Charge

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Cincinnati
Chicago (Connelley)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

CONFERENCE CALL TO:

FBI BOSTON 1-15-36 6-55 PM JLB

SAC NEW YORK CITY

SAC OKLAHOMA CITY

PHONE. BREKID RE JIMMIE MOON. J. J. BRESLIN, CHIEF POSTAL INSPECTOR

FOR NEW ENGLAND, ADVISES THAT HIS RECORDS DO NOT DISCLOSE ANY MAIL

ROBBERIES PERPETRATED IN VERMONT. FURTHER ADVISES THAT LARGEST

BURGLARY IN VERMONT OCCURRED IN NINETEEN HUNDRED TWENTY TWO AT WHITE

RIVER JUNCTION WHEN NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS IN CASH AND THREE THOUSAND

IN LIBERTY BONDS WERE TAKEN. BONDS HAVE NOT YET APPEARED BUT BRESLIN

DOES NOT THINK THEY WOULD BE WORTH TWENTY FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AS THEY

ARE STILL CONSIDERED "HOT". BRESLIN HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF MOON NOR OF

MOON'S EMPLOYER.

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Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER

DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 15, 1936.

Time - 12:50 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Special Agent K. R. McIntire telephoned me from St. Paul and said that they have run up against a snag in connection with the trial of the above case in St. Paul, the situation being as follows: In connection with the ransom money which was picked up in Havana, Cuba, there was \$12,760 of this money segregated at the Federal Reserve Agency of the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank in Havana, Cuba. This amount of money was a portion of a shipment of about \$68,000 which was sent by the Havana Agency to the Treasury Department in Washington, D. C., on May 28, 1935 for mutilation and destruction. It was sent to the Treasury Department in Washington under a cover letter written by Mr. H. C. Frazer, who is manager of the Havana Agency of the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank in Havana. Mr. Frazer forwarded this money to the Treasury Department in Washington under what is known as "Advice of Shipment of Federal Reserve Notes". This is known as Treasury Department Form 6338RA. This money was not money which was drawn or issued by the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank; as a matter of fact, it is described as moneys or currency other than that which was drawn or issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Georgia. Of the shipment above mentioned of \$68,000, approximately \$13,000 was issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota. The bank in Havana, Cuba which transmitted this money is not able to send \$12,760; they must send either \$12,000 or \$13,000. \$12,760 of that \$13,000 which was issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis is ransom money. The entire \$13,000 is in ten-dollar bills.

Now, what the United States Attorney wants is to have some person from the Treasury Department produce the original of what is known as "Advice of Shipment of Federal Reserve Notes", which "advice" lists the denominations of the money and also the names of the banks issuing the same. The U. S. Attorney wants this person from the Treasury Department to appear in person in court and produce and testify to the same. The money in question was sent in 37 individual packages, according to the information, and the U. S. Attorney would like to have someone from Washington to produce or testify to the fact that such moneys were as a matter of fact received in these 37 packages. The U. S. Attorney also wants a representative of the Treasury Department who can testify from his own personal knowledge that the shipment of \$68,000 mentioned above was received in Washington and destroyed. The U. S. Attorney wants these witnesses forthwith.

I told Mr. McIntire we would take care of this at once.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

JAN 29 1936

7-576-9100X
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Edw. G. Bremer & Bank Notes
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **7-30. KPL.**

REPORT MADE AT BOSTON, MASS.	DATE WHEN MADE 1-17-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-15-36	REPORT MADE BY E. J. CHAYFITZ.
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:

Chief Postal Inspector, Breslin, Boston, Mass. states no mail robberies in Vermont. Further advises has no knowledge of Moon nor Moon's employer. Dolly J. Carter employed as maid for past 8 years to P. Gregg Bemis' family, 70 Codman Road, Brookline, Mass. Dolly is aunt of Melba Coker through Melba's mother. She is also aunt of Edna Carter; is devoted to these two persons and sends money frequently. Further information ascertained as to Dolly's relatives. 1935 Plymouth Sedan, motor PJ 322772 not registered in States of Rhode Island, Mass. or Vermont. Flash cards placed. Impossible to check same through registries of Maine and New Hampshire.

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REFERENCE:

Teletype message from Oklahoma City Office, dated 1-15-36.
Letter from SAC, Oklahoma City, dated 1-10-36, addressed to E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, copy to Boston.
Letter from SAC, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 12-12-35.

DETAILS:

With reference to the teletype message from the Oklahoma City Office, requesting information regarding Jimmie Moon and a United States mail robbery supposedly committed sometime ago, in the northern part of Vermont, Agent E. J. Chayfitz contacted J. J. Breslin, Chief

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Postal Inspector for New England. Mr. Breslin advised that he has been in charge of this district for a great number of years and that he does not recall any mail robberies being committed in Vermont. He stated that his records show that there have been only a few crimes against the United States mail in Vermont, and that these were burglaries. He said that the largest of these burglaries occurred in 1922, at White River Junction, Vermont, when \$900. in cash and \$3,000 in Liberty Bonds were taken. No traces have ever been found of these Liberty Bonds but Mr. Breslin was of the opinion that no one would be willing to pay \$2500 to obtain these Bonds as they are still considered "hot goods".

Chief Breslin further stated that he had no knowledge of any one by the name of Jimmie Moon, nor of any individual set forth in the reference teletype, nor of any crime against the United States Post Office wherein an employer of a suspect was arrested for investigation in connection therewith.

Being unaware of the fact, as stated in the reference teletype, that Moon had not asked for any money in seeking some one to obtain the alleged loot, Chief Breslin suggested that the whole affair bore characteristics similar to the well known "Spanish swindle".

A teletype incorporating the above facts was immediately dispatched to the interested offices.

In accordance with reference letter dated January 10, 1936, from Oklahoma City Office, Agent Plunkett of this office contacted Hugh J. McCall, Money Order Clerk at the Tremont Street Station Post Office, Boston, Massachusetts. Mr. McCall showed this Agent the original request for the instant money order #457434, in the amount of \$30.00, issued January 3, 1936 to Miss Melba L. Coker, Nowata, Oklahoma. The request showed that the remitter, Dolly J. Carter, resides at 70 Codman Road, Brookline, Massachusetts, instead of "care of Cadman Road, Boston", as stated in reference letter. Mr. McCall stated that this person calls every week or ten days and sends small amounts by money order.

Mr. Conley, Superintendent of the Brookline Post Office advised Agent Plunkett that Dolly Carter is a maid in the home of F. Gregg Bemis at 70 Codman Road, Brookline.

The Boston City Directory shows that Mr. Bemis is Vice President and Treasurer of the Bemis Bag Industries at 40 Central Avenue, Boston, Mass., a reputable business house in this city.

Accordingly Mr. Bemis was contacted by Agent Plunkett and he stated that he had hired Dolly Carter as a maid in 1927 when he was living in St. Louis, Missouri, and that with the exception of one year (about 1930) Dolly has been living with them ever since. He stated that she is a steady and reliable woman and apparently very devoted to her nieces, to whom she sends practically all her earnings. Mr. Bemis found it necessary to contact his wife in order to obtain information as to Dolly's relatives. He informed Agent Plunkett that, without disclosing the reason therefor, he has now obtained from his wife, the following information as to Dolly J. Carter's relatives:

Dolly's parents reside at Bois D'Arc, Missouri. Her father works on the railroad in that vicinity and her mother apparently is part Indian. As far as is known Dolly apparently had one sister and one brother. The sister married a man named Coker and subsequently died leaving a daughter, Melba. Melba at one time resided at Kansas City; on another occasion had tuberculosis, and is presently engaged to marry some man in Santa Fe.

Dolly's brother had a daughter named Edna Carter, who is now married and lives on a farm with her husband near the home of her grandparents in Bois D'Arc.

Mr. Bemis was not informed of the reasons for Agent's questioning, but was only assured that Dolly was in no trouble with this Bureau. He gave his assurance that he would treat the inquiry as strictly confidential, not even mentioning the same to his wife.

No leads are being set out in connection with these relatives of Dolly Carter since apparently they are not related to the Coker family. Further action in this connection is left to the discretion of the office of origin or the Oklahoma City Office.

With reference to the letter of the Cleveland, Ohio Office, dated December 12, 1935, addressed to all field offices, concerning the 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor #PJ 322772, this will report that the Motor Vehicle Registries in the States of Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Vermont have advised that this car has not been registered in those States, but that a flash card is now on file so that the Boston Bureau Office will be notified in the event registration is attempted. The States of Maine and New Hampshire do not carry registrations through index of motor numbers, so that it is impossible to ascertain whether a car has been registered, with the owner's name, and impossible to place a flash card against a motor number.

P E N D I N G.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-27

REPORT MADE AT Salt Lake City, Utah	DATE WHEN MADE 1-14-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-11-36	REPORT MADE BY VAL C. ZIMMER OS
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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 OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
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EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

William Shaw, with wife and mother-in-law, operated Stratford Hotel, Salt Lake City, 1931 and 1932; presently managing Broadway Hotel, Salt Lake City. Bob Lynch, owner of Stratford, advises Shaw formerly indicted Florida on mail fraud charge over ten years ago; advised Shaw has reputation of being contact man for confidence men over country and absolutely uncooperative.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. B. Dickerson, New York City, 12-31-35.

DETAILS: **AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH**

An examination of Salt Lake City directory failed to reflect a listing for William A. Shaw; however, agent remembered that in connection with investigation being made in the Weynap case, certain information was obtained concerning one William Shaw, which information was set forth in the report of this agent dated at Salt Lake City, September 7, 1935, in report in the Weynap case.

Information concerning Shaw was received as the result of inquiry being made at the Stratford Hotel concerning certain individuals believed to

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have been acquainted with Dainard who stayed at the Stratford Hotel. Agent, as set forth in above mentioned report, contacted Bob Lynch, manager of the Stratford Hotel. Mr. Lynch was personally known to Special Agent (A) C. W. Duggan and also to this agent, and is a law-abiding citizen of good character and well regarded in the community; he also is well informed concerning certain activities of confidence men who had previously congregated at the Stratford Hotel.

Mr. Lynch advised that during 1931 he had leased the Stratford Hotel to a Mrs. Camp, who formerly lived at Ogden, Utah, and who had a very excellent reputation. According to Lynch, the reputation of Mrs. Camp was such that he did not require any security from her at the time she leased the hotel from him. At the time such lease was made, Mrs. Camp had with her a daughter, Mrs. Shaw, who was married to one William Shaw. Lynch advised that William Shaw did very little work and depended upon his wife and mother-in-law to support him, and spent most of his time around pool halls and gambling places. Lynch further stated that Shaw had been indicted on a Federal charge for using the mails to defraud in Florida over ten years ago, and that it was his understanding that Shaw had not been convicted on that charge, although he had gone to Florida in answer to the same.

Through inability of Mrs. Camp to successfully operate the Stratford she relinquished the same to Mr. Lynch in 1932, who took over the active management of the Stratford. He stated that an undesirable class of guests came to the hotel, which he believed was the result of William Shaw having assisted his mother-in-law in the operation of the same, and that Mr. Lynch made it known to such individuals that they were not welcome there, as a result of which such clientele ceased to pay visits to the Stratford. However, shortly after he took over the management of the hotel from Mrs. Camp, Lynch advised that a man and woman came to the Stratford Hotel and registered, at which time the woman raised an objection to staying in the Stratford, saying that it was not good enough. Lynch said he particularly remembered this incident because of the manner in which the man quietly and definitely informed her that it was a good, clean hotel, and that they would remain there for the night. This man also asked Lynch whether Bill Shaw was yet connected with the Stratford. Lynch also remembered that a maid working in the hotel at that time, who had also worked there during the regime of Mrs. Camp and the Shaws, made a remark to him that the man who had just registered was Mr. Shaw's boss from the east. From other information which Lynch had acquired, he stated it was his understanding that Shaw was a confidence man and worked under the direction of some person, name unknown, either around St. Paul or Chicago. He also advised that it was current rumor that Shaw was used as a contact man for all the confidence men who might pass through Salt Lake City, and that he usually had information concerning the location and addresses of his confederates engaged in the confidence business.

Mr. Lynch advised agent that he did not know whether he could identify a photograph of the individual who came to the Stratford Hotel with his wife, but that he recalled this man was about fifty years of age or older and well dressed, with a quiet and confident air, wore glasses, was of medium or slender build. He could not furnish any description of the wife. Agent exhibited a full-length photograph of William Mead to Mr. Lynch and he stated he could not identify the man by features but that the general physical build appeared to coincide with that of the man who registered at his hotel.

Mr. Lynch also stated that William Shaw's wife had been a secretary at one time to U. S. District Judge Tillman D. Johnson; that she was well educated and a very smart woman, but that after having married Shaw she apparently had turned her talents toward crookedness. He stated it was his opinion that it would be absolutely useless to interview Shaw or his wife concerning the location of any of their confederates, inasmuch as they would not divulge any such information. He stated Mrs. Camp is over eighty years of age and undoubtedly did not know the identity of the Shaws' confederates or the activities of the Shaws, and probably was only aware of the fact that her daughter had married a man who was no good.

As set forth in the above mentioned report of this agent in the Weynap case, discreet inquiries were made at the Broadway Hotel, 222 West 3rd South, Salt Lake City, at which time agent talked with William Shaw under pretext of being an acquaintance of one Jack O'Neil, who had stayed at the Stratford Hotel at the time Shaw operated the same. At the time of such interview Shaw furnished no information of value.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

Cincinnati office: Inasmuch as report of reference asked for the location of Shaw, is respectfully requested to advise whether, in view of information secured concerning Shaw, it is desired that a direct interview be had with him.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-33-

REPORT MADE AT DALLAS, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 1/16/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/3,4/36	REPORT MADE BY C. O. HURT
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; NATL. FIREARMS ACT
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Lucy Lee Mann, age 15, well known at Decatur, Texas, and is not believed to have any information in this case. Superintendent of Mails, Wichita Falls, has no information of value; must have registry number to trace delivery of registered mail in his district. O. E. Whisnand, County Highway Officer, Electra, Texas, will cooperate in this case but has no information at this time. Cover placed on mail of Chloë Bush at Wichita Falls, Texas.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter from SAC E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, dated 12-23-35, and letter from Cleveland Office dated 12-20-35.</p> <p>DETAILS: This report is submitted for the purpose of reflecting the names of persons corresponding with Mrs. Howard McNeel. It will be noted that Mrs. McNeel is a sister of Harry Campbell. A mail cover was placed on Mrs. McNeel's mail by the Dallas Office on 1-10-36. This mail cover reflects that Mrs. McNeel resides at Box 374, Decatur, Texas, and Chloë Bush, 1201 Texas, that these two persons are the only persons in the Dallas District who are corresponding with Mrs. McNeel.</p> <p>On January 3, 1936, the writer proceeded to Decatur, Texas, where Lela Mann, Postmistress, was interviewed. It should be stated that Lela Mann and Lucy Lee Mann are not related. Lela Mann stated that she had known Lucy Lee Mann all her life; that Lucy Lee Mann is a young girl about fifteen years old, and has been away from Decatur, Texas, only twice in her life; that for the last two sum-</p>			
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mers Lucy Lee Mann has visited her mother, Mrs. George Lewis, Iowa Park, Texas; that Lucy Lee Mann's mother, Amy Lewis, was formerly Amy Mann and lived at Decatur, Texas, until about six years ago when she married George Lewis and moved to Iowa Park, Texas. Mrs. Lela Mann stated that in her opinion, Lucy Lee Mann is not real bright; that no one would trust her with any secrets that they would not want everybody to know.

Grady Woodruff, a reputable attorney at Decatur, Texas, who has assisted the Dallas Bureau Office in a prior case, stated that he has known the Mann family for several years; that Cander Mann, father of Amy Mann, raised a large family of girls and boys, and that the children have a bad reputation around Decatur though none of the family has been in serious trouble. He stated that Amy Mann has given birth to two or three illegitimate children, including Lucy Lee Mann; that several years ago George Lewis was City Marshal at Decatur, and deserted his family, married Amy Mann, and moved to Iowa Park, Texas, where he has since been residing on a farm; that when Lewis and Amy Mann were married they left the children of Amy Mann with her father, Cander Mann, at Decatur; that Lucy Lee Mann and the other children visit their mother at Iowa Park, Texas, during the summer months.

O. E. Whisnand, Wichita County Highway Patrolman, was interviewed at Electra, Texas, and stated that he knows George Lewis and his wife; that they live about sixteen miles southeast of Electra, Texas, on the Iowa Park, Texas, Mail Route, and until recently they lived near the Howard McNeel family; that he remembers during the summer of 1934 that Mrs. Lewis's daughter from some other town visited her; that Howard McNeel has a boy about the age of Mrs. Lewis's daughter; that it is his opinion that the McNeel boy and Mrs. Lewis's daughter went together while the daughter was visiting her mother; that the McNeel family recently moved about a mile from where they formerly lived, and are now living neighbors to some of his, Whisnand's, best friends; that he will know everybody who visits the McNeel family. He stated that he visits this community about three times each week, and will keep in close contact with his friend living near the McNeel family, and will advise the Dallas Office if any strange car or people appear at the McNeel home.

C. K. Johnson, Superintendent of Mails, Wichita Falls, Texas, stated that the only record he keeps of registered mail is the registry number and the office of origin; that Wichita Falls, Texas, Post Office is a distributing point for numerous small towns in the Wichita Falls community, and that mail is routed from Wichita Falls. He stated that if the writer could furnish him the registry number, he could advise in what section the mail was routed; that a large part of the registered mail is re-routed by the Railway Mail cars after it leaves Wichita Falls Post Office. Mr. Johnson also stated that Chloe Bush, 1907 Holliday Street, Wichita Falls, Texas, does not have a Post Office box; that she receives her mail through the Post Office Carrier. Mr. Johnson examined his Post Office directory, which revealed that O. E. Bush and Mildred Bush, husband and wife, have lived at 1907 Holliday Street since October 30, 1935; that

he has no record of a Chloe Bush at this address, but that his carrier delivers mail for a Chloe Bush at the O. E. Bush home. Mr. Johnson stated that O. E. Bush works for the Wichita Mill and Elevator Company; that Gene Berry is the General Manager of this Company and a personal friend of his. Mr. Johnson contacted Mr. Berry who advised that O. E. Bush has worked for him for the past two years; that Mildred Bush formerly worked for the Northwestern Produce Company, Wichita Falls, Texas; that it was his opinion that both O. E. and Mildred Bush are reliable; that he does not know of any children of the Bush family.

Mr. Johnson and Agent interviewed T. P. Norwood, City Mail Carrier for 1907 Holliday Street, who advised that he recalls delivering mail to Chloe Bush at 1907 Holliday Street on one or two occasions; that he never sees anyone around the Bush home; that it is his opinion that both Mr. and Mrs. Bush work. Mr. Johnson instructed Mr. Norwood to ascertain the identity of Chloe Bush, if any more mail appears for her at this address, and to make a note of any visitor or strange automobile at this address, and report same to him.

Mr. Johnson stated that he will keep notes on mail or anything else he can learn about this address for the next thirty days, and will save these notes, if any, until an agent calls. Mr. Johnson was requested to forward tracings of mail received in the vicinity of Toledo, Cleveland, Ohio, to the Dallas Office, and was advised that an agent would call to see him relative to other mail received for Chloe Bush from the Wichita Falls vicinity.

C. O. Burrus, Postmaster, Iowa Park, Texas, stated that he and the rural carrier are keeping close watch on the Howard McNeel mail; that he is forwarding tracings of everything they receive to the Dallas Office; that he is also keeping the carrier advised if anything is received about the McNeel family where they live, and has cautioned him not to ask questions that might arouse suspicion.

Mr. Burrus also informed Agent that he will soon retire as Postmaster and will notify the Dallas Office when he does.

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REPORT MADE AT EL PASO, Texas.	DATE WHEN MADE 1-15-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/6 to 12/36	REPORT MADE BY R.H. Colvin jrn
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases-FUGITIVE, IO 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, IO 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, IO 1236; et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING - HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Agents at El Paso Office assisted Agents from Los Angeles in surveillance of Charles J. Fitzgerald, alias J. C. Foster, at El Paso and Carlsbad, N.M., January 8 to 12 inclusive. Fitzgerald and companions kept under constant surveillance, telephone and telegraph messages covered, resulting in no suspicious contacts. Mail tracings received on C.G. Campbell, Midland, Texas, transmitted to SAC Connelley.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Conference teletype message from Los Angeles Office to Bureau, Phoenix, and El Paso, 1/6/36; and conference teletype from El Paso Office to Bureau, Los Angeles, and SAC Connelley, St. Paul, 1/9/36.</p>			
DETAILS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">AT EL PASO, Texas:-</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Upon receipt of the first teletype of reference advising that Charles J. Fitzgerald was expected to arrive at El Paso on January 8th accompanied by T.G. Haley, Imogene Robertson, and possibly Catherine Packard, Agent proceeded to the Hilton Hotel at El Paso where arrangements were made with Mr. Don R. Burger, Manager of said Hotel, to select in advance rooms to which the party would be assigned upon arrival and that the room adjacent thereto should be reserved for use of Agents covering this party. Accordingly rooms 919 and 915 were set apart for the two girls and for Fitzgerald while room 917, between these two rooms, was reserved for the use of Bureau Agents.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Inasmuch as the arrangements were that the party was to go to Carlsbad, N.M. and vicinity ostensibly to visit an oil well in that section in which</p>			
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Fitzgerald was interested, Agent M.C. Falkner was despatched to Carlsbad to ascertain the exact location and route to the property in question. At Carlsbad and vicinity Agent Falkner made the following investigation:

Agent interviewed E.B. Harrison, President of the Carlsbad National Bank, who was not given the details behind the inquiry and who promised that the inquiry would be held confidential. Harrison stated that Haley is a rather frequent visitor to Carlsbad, where he is interested in the development of oil fields; that he knows nothing further about Haley and knows Foster and Imogene Robertson only through correspondence with them in regard to their affiliations with Haley in connection with an oil well being drilled about twenty miles south of Carlsbad. Mr. Harrison produced his records which reflect the following: b7c

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Mr. Harrison further stated that all the papers in connection with this matter are in proper order and apparently pertain only to what is indicated, namely the drilling and development of an oil property; that the well is now being drilled under the supervision of William Leonard, a well known and responsible local oil man (note: This would seem to explain [REDACTED])

With reference to the above named John C. Archer, the records in Mr. Harrison's office disclose that this person is connected with Archer Blow Pipe and Incinerator Corporation, 704 Compton Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. Harrison was unable to advise as to the exact location of the oil well in question, but did know that it is about 25 miles south of Carlsbad, N.M. in the neighborhood of Black River Village.

Under pretext of being a Mr. Warren of El Paso in search of the George Penland Ranch near the Black River Village, Agent interviewed Mr. Dowling, of the above named real estate firm, to whom Agent stated that Penland had only recently arrived in Eddy County and had advised that his place was just south of where the Haley well was being drilled. Mr. Dowling then pointed out on the map the location of the Haley well and stated there were several ranches beyond this well, but he did not know who owned them.

Through the information obtained Agent located the well in question, but owing to the number of small, dim roads after the main highway is left, it is impossible to describe the location of this well; however, Agent prepared a plat from speedometer readings indicating exactly the route from Carlsbad to the oil well. Copy of this plat was subsequently furnished to Special Agent F.H. Wright, Los Angeles Office, and additional copy is on file at the El Paso Bureau Office.

AT EL PASO, Texas:-

The following investigation was made by Agents Colvin and Falkner on 11/8/36:

Having received a telegram from Agent Wright at Deming, N.M., advising that the parties would arrive in two cars about 9 p.m. that night, arrangements were completed with Mr. Don R. Burger, Manager of the Hilton Hotel, for rooming the Fitzgerald party as related hereinbefore.

At 7:50 p.m. Agents, from a position on the street near the Hilton Hotel, observed Imogene Robertson and Catherine Packard drive to the entrance of the Hilton Hotel in a Terraplane Sedan, California license 5X-9201. They were immediately assigned, by previous arrangement, to room 919. About the time that they procured their room Agents Wright and Leckie appeared and a short time later Agents observed Fitzgerald and Haley arrive at the entrance of the Hilton Hotel in a Pontiac Sedan, California license 8 S 5275. The members of the party registered at the hotel under their own names with the exception of Fitzgerald who used his present alias of J.C. Foster.

Immediately the party had been roomed Agents Colvin and Falkner entered Room 917 with the contact dictaphone, where attempts were made to listen in on the conversation in room 915, assigned to Fitzgerald; but owing to the extreme thickness of the walls, not all of the conversation could be heard; however, it was ascertained that the girls first came into Fitzgerald's room followed shortly by Haley who had been registered into room 905. They held a general conversation and about 9:30 decided to go to Juarez, Mexico, by taxicab, for dinner. They were tailed out of the hotel by Agent Falkner who secured the taxi cab number and proceeded to Juarez where they were located in the Lobby #2 Cabaret, all seated at the same table.

Agent Falkner was joined shortly by Agent Colvin and the party was kept under surveillance until 1:30 a.m. They had no contacts with anyone and spent the time eating, drinking and dancing, except that Fitzgerald, apparently on account of his crippled leg, was unable to dance. Fitzgerald bought a considerable quantity of wine during the evening. Upon departure from the Lobby #2 about 1:30 a.m., they proceeded in a taxicab to the Venice Cabaret on South El Paso Street, El Paso, Texas, to which

place they were followed by Agent Falkner, and where they continued their previous activities until 2:30 a.m., and then walked from there the three blocks to the Hilton Hotel. They were not seen to contact or speak to anyone during the entire evening.

Arrangements were made with the hotel that this office would be immediately notified by telephone in the event either of the two cars used by the party was called for. The observation is here made that as soon as the party had left the hotel on the evening of the eighth for Juarez, two Agents from the Los Angeles office moved into room 917 and remained there continuously during the occupancy of the adjoining rooms by Fitzgerald and party. On January 9th a Bureau car was kept available at all times to follow either of the two cars when it was learned that either had been called for. However, later it was decided to send Agent Falkner on to Carlsbad in advance of the party in order that they might not observe him or think that he was following them. He therefore arrived at Carlsbad in advance of the party and reports that at about 8:55 p.m. the people in question arrived at the La Caverna Hotel there, registering under the same names as used at El Paso.

Fitzgerald was assigned to room 318, Haley to room 312, and the women to room 319. Owing to the fact that Carlsbad is a very small town and to the further fact that Haley is a constant patron of La Caverna Hotel, it was decided it would be inadvisable to solicit cooperation of the hotel management for fear that the matter would not be kept confidential. The two cars driven by the party were stored at the Sears Garage, across the street from the La Caverna Hotel. Agent Falkner, from within his room, was able to hear considerable talking done by the party. They spoke principally of oil wells and liquor, and nothing was heard which would have any bearing on this investigation.

Fitzgerald and party had been followed to Carlsbad by Agents Wright and Bugas in a Bureau car, previous arrangements having been made for them to stop at the Crawford Hotel and not to take any part in the surveillance for fear of disclosure or exciting the suspicions of Fitzgerald, who was thought to have possibly observed them enroute from Los Angeles to El Paso.

On 1/10/36 Agent Falkner observed Fitzgerald and Haley in the latter's car in front of the Sears garage. They proceeded north on Highway 285 to Artesia, N.M. where they stopped in front of the Artesia Hotel and Haley got out of the car and entered either the hotel or the office of the Pecos Valley Gas and Oil Company in the same building. Fitzgerald remained in the car and ten minutes later Haley returned and they proceeded east on the Artesia-Lovington highway for a distance of five miles, where they turned sharply to the right on a one-way trail over the plain. It was not practical to follow further as from the nature of the country a car could not proceed very far and in this connection Agent had been advised by Agent Wright that his instructions were that the surveillance was to be very discreet. Therefore, the following was discontinued at this point for the moment.

It will be stated that when Haley and Fitzgerald left the hotel, the former had several large maps in his hand which were later seen in the car.

Agent Falkner waited at a point one mile down the highway and then proceeded to Artesia where he waited until 12:30 p.m., at which time Haley and Fitzgerald had

not appeared, but discreet inquiry disclosed that a person driving out the road in question could reach the Artesia-Carlsbad highway without returning to Artesia. Agent returned to Carlsbad at 1:30 p.m. and at approximately 4 p.m. Fitzgerald and Haley entered the hotel and went to Haley's room. A few minutes later the two women went to that room. The door being left open, their conversation was easily overheard. They were drinking and talking about oil wells, particularly with reference to a new one beyond Artesia, which is probably the property Fitzgerald and Haley had gone to look at when at Artesia. Haley was heard to call someone over the telephone and invite that person to bring his girl friend to a dinner party that evening at 7 p.m., Haley mentioning that his friend "Foster" and the two women would leave Carlsbad the following morning.

Agents Wright and Bugas were kept informed of the developments, it being further ascertained that the dinner party was to be held in the private dining room of La Caverna Hotel. Agents Wright, Bugas and Falkner observed the party in progress. The man and woman whom Haley had invited to the party did not resemble any of the subjects in this case and from later conversation in the Haley room, it appears these individuals were doubtless local citizens, the man being interested with Haley in local oil developments. The parties returned to their rooms at about midnight on 1/10/36.

On 1/11/36 Haley was overheard to tell Fitzgerald that they would have to hurry and get their bags packed. Agents Wright and Bugas were immediately notified and preparations made to tail them. At 9 a.m. on 1/11/36 Imogene Robertson left the hotel and proceeded to the Carlsbad National Bank, returning in about thirty minutes; then Haley, Fitzgerald and the two girls proceeded to the office of Dowling and Moody, remaining only a few minutes, proceeding thence to a bar room near the bank, returning shortly to the hotel. At approximately 11:30 a.m. the party left the hotel, placed their bags in the two cars in question, and left Carlsbad, going south on Highway 62 (the El Paso road). Haley and Fitzgerald were in the Pontiac and the women in the Essex. They were followed by Agent Falkner to a point four miles south of Carlsbad, Agents Wright and Bugas following in a second car. Agent Falkner then returned to Carlsbad, Agents Wright and Bugas following the party towards El Paso.

At 2:30 p.m. Agent Falkner, while on other business in Carlsbad, observed Haley in his Pontiac parked in front of Sears Garage accompanied by three strange men. This party drove to the Dowling and Moody offices and then back to the garage where the three men left Haley and got into a black 1936 Ford Sedan, New Mexico license 33-749. These men appeared to be typical oil field workers.

That evening, upon arrival at El Paso of Agents Wright and Bugas, they reported that after the two cars had proceeded a few miles from Carlsbad, Fitzgerald got into the car with the women and Haley had turned back and did not apparently intend to go on to El Paso with them.

On the afternoon of the 11th, upon ascertaining that the party would again arrive at the Hilton Hotel, arrangements were again made with the management that Fitzgerald would be assigned to Room 902, which has a connecting door with room 901 which was reserved for Agents. This connecting door ^{is a} very thin wood panel and subsequent experience disclosed that by use of the contact microphone practically every word said in

room 902 could be heard by Agents in the adjoining room. Agent Leckie was stationed in this room, 901, and remained there with the microphone and was later joined by Agent Wright.

Inasmuch as Agents Whitson and Bugas felt that they had become "hot" by being on this surveillance so long, Agents Colvin and Myerson, who had just arrived in El Paso on special assignment, agreed to conduct surveillance outside of the hotel during the evening of the 11th.

Shortly before 7 p.m. we were advised from the hotel that Fitzgerald had called for a taxicab, the number of which was secured, and it was ascertained that they had gone to the Tivoli cabaret in Juarez, to which point they were followed by Agents Colvin and Myerson and were found seated at a table on the dance floor. They had ordered dinner and were drinking considerably. In order to appear inconspicuous, it had been arranged that Stenographer Mrs. Williams and her husband would join Agents and assist in the surveillance. Fitzgerald and the girls remained quietly eating and drinking at this place until about 11:30 p.m., the only break in the party being when the two girls got up and went to the "City of Paris" apparently to purchase a quantity of perfumes and other articles. They returned directly to their table in the cabaret.

At 11:30 p.m. they suddenly departed and were seen to enter a yellow cab, driving directly across the international bridge. They were followed by Agents Colvin and Myerson, but not closely enough to observe where they left the cab which, however, was immediately picked up and from the driver it was ascertained he had let them down at the Hilton Hotel. Agent Leckie, on watch in room 901, was advised by telephone and later reported that they had gone to bed.

During this entire evening Fitzgerald, Imogene Robertson and Catherine Packard appeared very subdued and quite apparently were not feeling very lively after their big party at Carlsbad. It may be observed that during the whole of their stay in El Paso they were not seen to contact or address any person other than hotel employees, taxi drivers, and cabaret employees.

At the Lobby #2 cabaret in Juarez, Agent is closely acquainted with Keno Wilson, floor manager, who has always cooperated fully with this Bureau and whom Agent took into his confidence, to the extent of telling him that we were merely observing the movements of the old man for the purpose of ascertaining whom he might contact in Juarez. Keno, the next day, reported to Agent that none of the party had contacted or spoken to anyone else.

On the morning of January 12th, the El Paso office was advised by the Hilton Hotel that the car of Imogene Robertson had been ordered for 8:30. Agent proceeded to the hotel and observed Fitzgerald and the two girls having their breakfast in the coffee shop, and exactly at 8:30 they entered Imogene Robertson's Terraplane Sedan and departed. Agents Wright and Leckie had already started to Lordsburg, N.M., where they intended waiting to observe whether the party took the road via Phoenix or via Tucson, we having been previously advised by the Los Angeles Office that Imogene Robertson had phoned her home that they would come back by Tucson. It will be noted that the hotel had reported that Fitzgerald (Foster) had made one call to Exposition

1271, Los Angeles, at 2:40 a.m. on the 9th; that Imogene Robertson had also placed a call.

It was arranged that Agents Bugas and Whitson should follow the Terraplane out of El Paso in order to be definitely sure that they had departed on the highway towards Los Angeles.

At about noon on January 12 Agent Wright phoned from Lordsburg that the party was just pulling into that place.

As a matter for future reference it may be stated that the management of the Hilton Hotel cooperated most fully and confidentially in this matter and furnished rooms for the Agents for observation purposes for two nights, and refused to accept any reimbursement therefor.

In connection with the investigation at Midland, Texas, with respect to G. G. (Jack) Campbell, brother of Harry Campbell, and as a result of mail covers placed at that point, tracings on four letters have been received and the information concerning them transmitted to SAC E. J. Connelley at El Paso, Texas, and copies thereof to the Bureau, Dallas, San Antonio, Cincinnati, and New York offices.

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EL PASO OFFICE:-

Will continue with mail cover on C.D. Campbell at Midland, Texas.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SAC Kansas City and Mr. E. J. Connelley at Chicago.

BREKID ONE PORTION OF LATENT PALM PRINT DEVELOPED ON ROAD MAP SUBMITTED BY KANSAS CITY OFFICE UNDER DATE OF SIXTEENTH INSTANT BUT NO PALM PRINTS OF ALVIN KARPIS OR PERCY GEARY ON FILE IN BUREAU FOR COMPARISON. LATENT PRINTS ON THREE LIFTS SUBMITTED ARE TOO FRAGMENTARY TO BE OF VALUE FOR IDENTIFICATION.

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

Dear Sir:

With further reference to Bureau letter dated September 8, 1935, relative to a cover being maintained on the mail of Elmer Farmer, Register #47103, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, there are transmitted herewith and to each of the offices designated below copies of the following correspondence:

Letter from Elmer Farmer to Blanche Brabant,
dated at Leavenworth, Kansas, January 9, 1936;

Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, post-
marked St. Paul, Minnesota, January 12, 1936.
(Special delivery - Air Mail), and

Letter from Blanche Brabant to Elmer Farmer,
postmarked Chicago, Illinois, January 14, 1936.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Smith
W. A. SMITH
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Letter written by Elmer Farmer #47103 to Blanche Brabant

Leavenworth, Kansas,
Jan. 9, 1936

Dear Blanche.

I received your letter tonight and was glad to hear from you. I see in the paper you are having snow and cold weather up there, its about the same down here now. Its nice and warm whear I am as I am not working so dont get out side. I dont mind it much now any way as I dont like the cold weather. so you heard from McMeeken and he cant do anything about it also Sullivan, I dont think it would do any good for you to write to Bates, so the best thing to do now is waite and see what thay are going to do with me, as I dont think thay can keep me locked up like this much longer. It was about the same in here New Years day as Christams we all went to the show. that trial is on in St Paul now so when its over then that will be the last one so I know thay will do some thing with me then about work here or transferd me some place else. Its nice about Franzen asking about me also the others but thay cant send me anything and I dont know of anything thay could do to help me. so Gifford goes over to Bensen-ville I suppose thing are about the same around there. I hope Gifford gets some kind of work before long now, as I know Chub will never have much to give you. If some one would onley buy the place down there you could get half of it and that would help some. Its about time for the light to go out now so will have to close. I will mail this letter to you on my way to breakfast in the morning best wishes to you and Gifford.

Elmer Farmer

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Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, #47103. Special Delivery - Air Mail - postmarked St. Paul, Minn. Jan. 12-1936.

Hotel Lowry, St. Paul, Minn. Saturday Morn.

Dear Elmer:

Surprised to hear from me, I suppose and from St. Paul, but nevertheless I am here and certainly hate it as usual. I told you in my previous letter that I thought I would be subpoenaed up here. I was. I was told to be here on January 6th and then Mr. Sullivan sent me a wire and told me to come up on the 9th. You, of course, remember my uncle who lived on the south side in Chicago (if not him you do remember my cousin who had all the children, her father) anyway he dropped dead Tuesday night, so I had to get special permission to stay over for the funeral and promise to come up here Thursday. Montie certainly put me in the middle and it seems sort of mean to me as after all I do not think I deserve it. You can imagine just how scared to death I really am up here and I feel Elmer if you wire up here and would consent to help the Government they would let me go home and not make me take the stand. Please consent to coming up here and doing what you can. You know you can help the Government in this trial? I am positive it would help you a great deal if you would consent to help them and if you would come up here and try and do what ever you could to help them, they would send you to another place and you would be able to get to work and go along and perhaps get out sooner than you will this way.

I am sure if you were here they would let me go home and I wish you would. I would be able to see you again too and I would like to. Well anyway you think it over, after all why should you try and protect anyone. None did that for you. Montie even told he lived at our house. Mr. McMeekin called me and said he would see me this afternoon. There isnt any court until Tuesday. I guess I will be goofy by that time. Please try and get up here so I can see you again and I am sure they will let me go home if you do.

Did Blanche tell you about Jim? You know how he is always fooling with a gun whenever he has a few drinks? Well, that is just what he was doing New Years Day and the gun went off and he shot himself in the leg. Last reports of him I had were that he was in the hospital getting along nicely. I received your letter before I left Thursday and was glad to hear from you. I suppose you are still receiving the paper from up here. Edna Murray was on the stand yesterday so you see Elmer they are all doing just whatever they can do to help the Government. Why won't you? I heard Jimmie Wilson was transferred to Lewisburg, Pennsylvania and is taking a Pre-Medical course there. Who is Charlie Cook whom you mentioned in your letter? I really cannot place him so when you write again tell me more about him. Herman Baucke was up here but left the day I arrived. I wonder if he sprinted away from the Court House the way he did the last time he was up here? There are fourteen Cubans here that I did not see as yet and also seven negroes from Florida.

The man who brought you up here from Leavenworth was talking to me yesterday and asked me how you were getting along and said he hoped you would come up here and try and help yourself. You know Elmer, they really know everything but they would feel better if you were here I guess.

The judge's name is Norday "a solem old person". Well I guess this is just about all for this time. I will write to you tomorrow again and tell you just how everything is.

My apologies for the change in the paper, but I am completely out of the other and knowing you won't mind thought I would finish up on this. You know Elmer, in all sincerity I hope you will come up here and try and help yourself, if you dont, Reid nor no one else can help you if the Government blocks it and thats just what they will do I am afraid and after all why should you spend a lot of unnecessary time in jail if you can help yourself?

You really will regret it. I think if you do not come up here as really Elmer it is your last chance to help yourself and I do think the Government would show you some consideration and see that you would be more comfortable at some other place and you could go to work.

That man that asked me about you told me you were not in very nice quarters. Well Elmer, I hope you will do this favor for me and come up so that I can leave without receiving a lot of publicity and I know will make me lose my job and you know how hard it was for me to get the job in the first place.

No one told me to write to you and if they did I would not just to please them. But it would mean a lot to me if you come up here just so I could go home.

You know just what my aunt said about me coming up here. I will be lucky if I have any home or job if I take the stand and thats just what they will make me do unless you come up here. Honestly Elmer, I am sick, I am so scared and worried about the whole mess. Hoping that you will do this for me and that I see you up here soon.

Helen Conliff
Lowry Hotel
St. Paul, Minnesota.

COPY

Letter from Blanche Brabant to Elmer Farmer, #47103, Postmarked: Chicago, Ill. Jan. 14, 1936.

Monday, Jan. 13, 1936

Dear Elmer:

I received your letter today and was very glad to hear from you. It's too bad you have to be kept inside all this time and can't get some work to do, but may be they will give you some work as there must be lots of men leaving. McKeeen doesn't seem to be able to do anything at all, too bad you ever had him.

Things are going along here alright. Gifford expects to get some work soon. We are going into Chicago to-morrow. It's much warmer here. I haven't seen Chub since before Christmas but he will be coming over one of these days.

I think it would be best to keep the place on account of the large lot you have there. I thought we could build a larger place when you come back, if the business is good. I can talk to you about this when I see you.

Gifford made a wren house today, it's very nice, painted white, he'll put it on the north side of the garage and see if the wrens will make a home in it next summer.

It's now 7:30 PM, we play checkers, I generally get beat, and listen to the radio. We are all well and hope you feel alright too. Gifford sends best regards.

Lovingly your sister

Blanche Brabant
275 Geneva Ave.,
Elmhurst, Ill.

Princeton

Kentucky.
Jan 16. 1936.

Mr J. Edgar Hoover

27451

Dear Sir.

A In the regard of Alvin Karpis.
I am sure he was at Princeton.
Ky. in Nov. from 10 To the 15. I work
in a Beer Garden Here. I Was looking
Over the line up and saw his Picture.
I could recognise him Every Where.

I also see that he got away.
from the Officer in Aurora MO.
I am ready To Render my Service
in any way. I am 32 yrs old.
am 6 ft Tall Weigh 170 lbs.

I am yours Truly Truly
Wallace Heaton

Princeton Kentucky

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Mr. Wallace Henton,
Princeton, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of January 18, 1936 concerning your observations in connection with the case involving the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, please be advised that I have referred a copy of your communication to Mr. O. C. Dewey, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 709 Marks Building, Louisville, Kentucky, who will have an Agent call upon you with reference to this case.

With reference to your offer to render assistance to this Bureau, please be advised that applicants for the position of Special Agent must be between the ages of twenty-five and thirty-five years, a graduate of a recognized law or accounting school, or have had extensive investigative or law enforcement experience. If you possess these qualifications, your application will be placed on file for consideration in the event it is possible to utilize your services at some future date.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Louisville

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

(Copy of letter of 1-18-36)
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FILE NO. 7-5

REPORT MADE AT Denver, Colorado	DATE WHEN MADE 1-14-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-3, 6, 8, 10-36	REPORT MADE BY L. G. HEALEY
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 FIRE-ARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:		C. B. Venkinson, former correspondent of W. E. Mead, not known at Thermopolis, Wyo., and whereabouts unknown. Evidence that W. E. Mead was present in Casper, Wyo., about 2 years, but present whereabouts unknown.	
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent L. G. Healey, Denver, Colo., 1-2-36.			
DETAILS:			
AT CASPER, WYOMING.			
<p>Captain Will Miller of the Casper Police Department, who has been most cooperative with the Denver Office in other matters, advised Agent that William E. Mead, who was reputed to be a "big shot" confidence man, had been in Casper about two years ago but that his present whereabouts was unknown. Mr. Miller further stated that Meade had been associated with B. J. McCafferty, who also was known in Casper as a gambler and confidence man. Miller stated that he had no other information concerning Mead but advised that should Mead appear in Casper, he would notify the Denver Office.</p> <p>Sheriff Jack Allen was unable to offer any additional information but stated that Mead had gone on a hunting trip about two years ago with Roy "Wrinkles" Williamson, who formerly lived in Casper but who is now living with his brother in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. Reference report.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. P. Brown</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <i>Feb.</i>	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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has already set out a lead to the Little Rock Office to have William-son interviewed, and copies of this report are being transmitted for their information.

Louis Turner, assistant manager of the Gladstone Hotel, and the operator of the gaming rooms there, was shown pictures of William E. Mead with aliases, but Turner stated that he was unable to recall the man.

Thomas Kirkmeyer, operator of the Rialto Pool Hall and gaming rooms connected therewith, was also shown pictures of Mead, but he stated that he had never seen Mead in Casper.

Thomas Neighbors, owner of the Grand Central Bar and gaming rooms, who had been previously interviewed by Agent, advised Agent, after being shown pictures of Mead, that the latter was not known to him.

B. J. McCafferty was out of town and not available for interview.

AT THERMOPOLIS, WYOMING.

Nate Hilt, Manager of the Emery Hotel and formerly manager during 1934 of the Crystal Rooms, a night club operated in conjunction with the Gladstone Hotel, was unable to recognize pictures of Mead, although stating that he was vaguely familiar.

Efforts to locate a C. B. Jenkinson, who was a correspondent of Mead while he was incarcerated in Canon City, Colorado, in 1923, have been unsuccessful.

George Cole and Lee Mathers, Town Marshals at that period, advised that Jenkinson was unknown and Jim Hatfield, Chief of Police at that period, also stated that he never knew any Jenkinson of Thermopolis.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE DENVER OFFICE: At Casper, Wyoming, will interview B. J. McCafferty, alleged associate of W. E. Mead, and himself a confidence man, relative to Mead's whereabouts. McCafferty may be located at the Arcade Bar or the Gladstone Hotel.

At Denver, Colorado, at 4822 Perry, or Colorado Springs, Colorado, as set out in the report of Special Agent A. R. Gere, Denver, Colorado, January 10, 1936, will interview Elmer Hager as to the source of the information received by him that Dr. Moran had joined the Cuban Army in Cuba about two years ago and was being

sought by a "G-man" for violation of the narcotic laws.

At Casper, Wyoming, as indicated in the report of Special Agent L. G. Healey, Denver, Colorado, dated November 15, 1935, will keep in touch with Captain William Miller and Sheriff R. Jack Allen as to developments or further information in instant case. Unless an examination of the file reveals that Mr. M. Welsh, 1238 South Chestnut Street, Casper, Wyoming, has already been interviewed in instant case, will interview him concerning Subject Campbell.

At Denver, Colorado, as indicated in the report of Special Agent R. H. Groff, Denver, Colorado, dated January 5, 1936, will ascertain at the Little Earhardt Hotel, 1940 Broadway, the Hotel Van, 1544 Welton Street, whether the present whereabouts of Subject William E. Mead or his alleged wife, Kate Mead, is known, and at the Police Department will ascertain whether Kate Mead alias "Blondie Kate" alias "California Kate" was ever fingerprinted or photographed; at the United States Marshal's office will determine what disposition was made of Mead. If he made bond, will interview bondsman and obtain all other data which may aid in locating him.

At Denver, Colorado, and at Cheyenne, Wyoming, as indicated in the report of Special Agent R. H. Groff, Denver, Colorado, dated January 5, 1936, will cause a search to be made in the Motor Vehicle Bureaus of the States of Colorado and Wyoming in an endeavor to ascertain if Subject Campbell, using the aliases G. R. Benton, George Benton, and Mary Worth has applied for a driver's or chauffeur's license, or has registered an automobile within these states, pursuant to instructions contained in letter from the Cleveland Office dated December 16, 1935.

At Canon City, Colorado, as indicated in the report of Special Agent R. H. Groff, Denver, Colorado, dated January 5, 1936, will exhibit photographs of Elmer G. Stone and Bert F. Knudtson to Arthur Johnson alias "Red Johnson" who is serving a life sentence for murder at the Colorado State Penitentiary at Canon City, Colorado, who previously gave considerable information as to Gus Stone, and who should be able to identify him, in accordance with letter from the Chicago Office dated December 26, 1935, and letter from the Omaha Office enclosing the above photographs, dated December 27, 1935.

In accordance with Bureau letter of December 19, 1935, will submit a summary report to all interested offices not later than January 20, 1936, in order that a thorough understanding can be had of Mead's background, habits, contacts, friends, and method of operation.

At Colorado Springs, Colorado, pursuant to

instructions in Chicago Office letter dated December 27, 1935, will contact R. C. Rayburn, 1216 West Pikes Peak Avenue, on the possibility that such person might be the contact through which Charles J. Fitzgerald is communicating with Karpis and Campbell, and considerable discreet inquiry should be made to determine the identity, responsibility, etc., of R. C. Rayburn, referred to. It is to be realized, of course, that this person may have no connection whatsoever in this case.

At Karval, Colorado, in accordance with Dallas letter dated December 28, 1935, which town is located approximately 60 miles east of Colorado Springs, Colorado, prompt inquiry should be made to ascertain the identity of A. T. Parker.

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REPORT ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

REPORT MADE AT: Butte, Montana	DATE WHEN MADE: 1/17/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1/13/36	REPORT MADE BY: E. T. Gray
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.

SUMMARY REPORT

SYNOPSIS:

*Summary report of information in the Butte files relative to the activities of William Elmer Mead in the Butte district.

REFERENCE:

Bureau letter dated December 19, 1935.

DETAILS:

It was first ascertained that Mead was known to be acquainted in this district on May 5, 1934, when Dr. Frank J. Bell, dentist, Room 412, Electric Building, Billings, Montana, advised that he had known William Elmer Mead for the past twelve years. Dr. Bell advised that he owns a cabin in the Madison Valley not far from the Hebgen Dam in the vicinity of Cliff Lake, Montana, and that Mead and his wife had rented a cabin in close proximity to that of Dr. Bell's during a month or two for each summer. The Doctor had no reason to cast any suspicions on Mead until he received a clipping from the "Minneapolis Journal," dated May 1, 1934, from his son showing photographs of Mead in company with other suspects and subjects of this case. At this time Dr. Bell advised that within the month previous to this he had received a letter from Mead from Chicago, Illinois, advising that he (Mead) would be out to see him during that summer, which would be 1934. This was the last definite word or connection that Dr. Bell has received from Mead. The Doctor advised that Mead had become quite intimate with one Morris Staggers, a bootlegger who lived in the vicinity of Cliff Lake, Montana.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>D.H. Dickason</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-9109 BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION JAN 20 A.M. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ROUTED TO: <i>ONE</i> STAT. SECT. <i>RA</i> FILE	RECORDED AND INDEXED: JAN 21 1936 CHECKED OFF: JAN 23 1936 JACKETED:
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Dr. Bell communicated with the Butte office from time to time and furnished the following information:

That Mrs. Mead has a sister in Portland, Oregon, named "Schmitt" whom he knew to have lived, in 1931, at 288 East Broadway, and a sister named "Barter" whom he knew to live, in 1931, at 1440 Boston Avenue, Portland, Oregon. He did not know the first name of either of these two people. The Doctor advised that Mrs. Mead visited her sisters quite often during the time that the Doctor and Mrs. Bell had been acquainted with them. Dr. Bell advised that the Meads had once lived on a ranch near Portland, Oregon.

In a conversation with Morris Stagers in May, 1934, Stagers had mentioned to the Doctor that he knew Mead was in trouble, and that if Mead came to that part of the country he (Stagers) would hide him out.

In a communication received at the Butte office on August 14, 1934, Dr. Bell advised that Stagers had been away from Cliff Lake during the early spring, and that upon his return he found a letter that had been mailed to him (Stagers) from Mead, dated April 10, 1934, at Chicago, in which Mead advised Stagers that he "is in bad with the Federal people and has to get out of Chicago" and asking Stagers in the letter if he could not come out and hide at his place until fall, or go back up into the mountains where they were hunting on a pack trip two years previously, having Stagers bring supplies to him. In this communication Mead advised that there would be another fellow with him but mentioned no names. The Doctor advised that the letter was authentic inasmuch as he (Dr. Bell) knew Mead's handwriting and his misspelling very well. He requested Stagers to answer at once. However, there was a delay of nearly two weeks in receiving the letter and although Stagers immediately responded, no further word had been received from Mead. Dr. Bell advised that Stagers had not heard from Mead since that time.

In a note dated December 28, 1935, Dr. Bell advised that he had written to Stagers twice this last fall, but has received no reply. He advised that he wrote to some people in the vicinity of Cliff Lake whom he knew, and these people advised him (Dr. Bell) that when Stagers returned from the term served at Camp Lewis for violation of liquor laws he had with him a new wife, and Stagers is presently thought to be somewhere in Idaho, having moved from the vicinity of Cliff Lake.

A sample of handwriting in the form of the signature "W. E. Mead" was transmitted to the Chicago office in January, 1935, from Butte, which is contained on a letter written by Mead to Dr. Bell's son. It is noted on this communication that Dr. Bell referred to Mead as "The Christian Kid," which nickname of Mead's Dr. Bell learned during his association with Mead at Cliff Lake.

Special Agent in Charge D. H. Dickason, Butte, had interviewed Dr. Frank J. Bell, dentist in the Electric Building, Billings, Montana, on December 30, 1935, and

upon his return to Butte the request from the Bureau to secure additional information in regard to Mead was on the desk. He immediately wrote Dr. Bell, who is the person best acquainted with Mead in Montana, and asked him to give all the information possible about this man, and received the following letter from Dr. Bell which is self-explanatory:

"Dear Mr. Dickason

"I thought I would get a reply to your letter today at the office but I did not get time to do so.

"I do not know as I can give you any additional information of any value regarding our friend the Christian Kid. I wrote you I thought he would be in the south or some place where it was warm. He told me many times he just could not stand the cold. He was not very strong physically and I can easily believe the cold did not suit him. I know he always left Chicago about November and went down to Florida or over to Cuba. It may be just a bum hunch but if I was starting out on my own hook to look for him I think I would look in the southwest, probably New Mexico, Arizona, or Texas. He had been in Florida a lot and it would seem to me he would avoid it now, for he must know quite a lot of people there whom he would not want to meet. I think you told me he had jumped bail there for using the mails to defraud.

"To my knowledge he had never been down in the southwest country I speak of. Another point, he is just a nut on hunting & fishing - especially fishing and I can easily think he might hunt up some out of the way place where he was close to a trout stream. He and Mrs. Mead were great campers and always carried a fine camp outfit in their big Lincoln car (seven passenger car). It is part of his camp equipment that he left at my place - including a good sized portable Victrola, camp cooking utensils, ect. that were more or less bulky. He always brot out with him a shotgun & a rifle - a 30-30 Winchester. He was a very good shot. I never saw him use or have any small arms. I used to think it was rather strange but when ever they went into Yellowstone Park for a few days they never went to a hotel but always camped. I realize now that he may have been afraid of meeting some one he did not want to see.

"I gave you at one time the addresses of some of her relatives, so I have nothing more in information of that kind. I can not think of anything that would be of much value, unless it would be that he is holed up at some more or less out of the way place where he can be out in the open - maybe it is because he had put in several years behind the bars, but I never saw anyone who loved the outdoors and all that went with it like he did.

"If I can help in any way I will be very glad to do so.

"Sincerely
(Signed) Frank J. Bell

"He did not have as many bad habits as I have - he did not drink - about

one drink was all he would take. He would smoke an occasional cigarette. He would not gamble - except maybe a penny ante game sometimes in the evening when a gang would get around my fireplace - Mrs. Mead would not take anything but a very small drink, just to be sociable if we were having a little drink before a meal."

On January 6, 1936, Special Agent in Charge Dickason telephoned Dr. Frank J. Bell at Billings, Montana, and ascertained from him that the articles mentioned in his letter belonging to Mead are still stored in his cabin on the Madison River in Montana; also, that they were stored there in the Fall of 1933 and that Mead has never asked for them since that time, although he wrote the Doctor a letter in 1934 mentioning them, but after this matter came up he has not communicated with Dr. Bell in any way. The Doctor will notify the Butte office immediately upon any information being received by him in regard to Mead or these goods.

On January 10, 1936, Special Agent in Charge Dickason, while in Billings on other matters, again interviewed Dr. Bell, who advised that there is in his cabin belonging to Mead, one coffee grinder, one pair hip boots, some coffee and beans (this is in addition to the Victrola mentioned before). Dr. Bell advised that at first the Meads left a camp stove but before leaving, returned, and got it, putting it in their car.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

The BUTTE OFFICE will keep in touch with Dr. Bell for any further developments regarding Mead's presence in Montana and the present location of Staggers.

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Ed. George Bremer

Transmit the following Teletype message to: CONNELLEY AT ST PAUL

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CBG.

SAC CONNELLEY

PHONE. BREKID. NO IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS TODAY. TELETYPE LAST NIGHT

SENT BY MISTAKE TO YOU AT CHICAGO ADVISING THAT FITZGERALD AND SAME

PARTY PLANNING ANOTHER TRIP WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS TO CARLSBAD IN

CONNECTION OIL DEALS. FITZGERALD POSSIBLY TO TRAVEL BY AIRPLANE

AND ROBERTSON WOMAN AND CHARLOTTE PACKARD BY AUTOMOBILE. AN AGENT

WILL ACCOMPANY FITZGERALD AND TWO AGENTS IN AUTOMOBILE WILL KEEP

GIRLS UNDER SURVEILLANCE.

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Warden F. G. Zertst,
U. S. Penitentiary,
Leavenworth, Kansas.

ATTENTION: E. H. Eckhardt.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of the following
letters you have forwarded to this office relative to
the mail of Elmer Farmer, #47103:

Letter from Elmer Farmer to Blanche Brabant,
dated January 9, 1936;

Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer,
dated January 12, 1936; and

Letter from Blanche Brabant to Elmer Farmer,
dated January 14, 1936.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases -
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Post Office Drawer "V" Plaza Station,
St. Louis, Missouri
January 17, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

At 9:05 P.M. January 15, 1936 this office received a teletype message from the Chicago Office requesting that the listing on 1936 Illinois automobile license plates #649597, which presumably had been seen on a 1931 model Ford Cabriolet, be procured and transmitted to your office and to ascertain whether these plates had been stolen.

This office immediately ascertained by telephone through Special Agent V. J. Wolfe at Springfield, Illinois that no Illinois plates for the year 1936 in the 600,000 series had been issued owing to the fact that the paint on the plates in that series was defective and all of such plates are being re-painted. It was also ascertained by Agent Wolfe that 1935 Illinois plates #649597 were issued to Robert B. Jones, 1125 Holley Court, Oak Park, Illinois for a LaSalle automobile motor #218634.

Immediately upon receipt of the foregoing information, same was telephonically communicated to the Kansas City Office. For your information, the 1936 Illinois plates bear white numerals on a black background, however, as stated in the foregoing, no 1936 plates from the 600,000 series have been issued to date by the state of Illinois. For your further information, the 1935 Illinois plates bore blue numerals on a white background.

Very truly yours,

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JAY C. NEWMAN,

Special Agent in Charge. A. M.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-5 10**

REPORT MADE AT ATLANTA, GA.	DATE WHEN MADE 1/14/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/7/36	REPORT MADE BY W. M. BOTT
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. # 1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, FUGITIVE, # 1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE I. O. # 1232; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

The records of the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., were examined and the aliases, description, photograph, criminal record, correspondents, visitors, associates, and other pertinent data concerning James F. O'Neill, no. 38719, secured.

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REFERENCE:

Letter from the Cleveland Office, dated January 4, 1936.

DETAILS:

The records of the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., disclose the following information concerning James F. O'Neill, no. 38719, with aliases, James Connors, James Connors, James O'Neil, Tip O'Neill, James Francis O'Neill, James Miland, James Moore, who was received at the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta on June 16, 1931, from Dayton, Ohio, under sentence to serve five years and to pay a fine of \$1,000 for holding up the post office at Steubenville, Ohio. On June 16, 1931, O'Neill was sentenced by the U. S. District Court of New Jersey to serve a sentence of five years to run concurrently with the five year sentence imposed by the U. S. District Court at Dayton, Ohio. The New Jersey sentence which O'Neill received resulted from the burglarizing of the post office at Asbury Park, New Jersey. O'Neill was discharged from the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta by expiration of sentence on April 22, 1935.

The records of the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, disclose that O'Neill's accomplices in the Steubenville post office robbery were Frank Grabowsky, E. M. Stewart, E.C. Webb, and Benson Groves and that his accomplices on the Asbury Park post office burglary were Benjamin Grayson, Leo Laurie, Thomas

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*Reilly, E. M. Stewart and Frank Grabowsky.

The records of the U. S. Penitentiary disclose the following description of James F. O'Neill:

Age	52 yrs. (born Dec. 25, 1883)
Height	5' 5 3/4"
Weight	145 lbs.
Build	Medium
Complexion	Ruddy
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Dark brown, streaked with grey
Birthplace	Ohio
Residence	1495 W. 116 St., Cleveland, Ohio
Marital Status	Married; wife, Mrs. Marie O'Neill, 11835 Lake Ave., Apt. 4, Lakewood, O. Wife has two children.
Fingerprint	9 U 10 12
Classification	17 U 010 17

The records of the Penitentiary also disclose that the following persons visited O'Neill during his incarceration at the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta:

NAME	ADDRESS	RELATION
G. J. Hayes	2709 Collingwood, Toledo, O.	Friend
Mr. & Mrs. E.F. Hertz	1436-1440 W. 25th St., Cleveland, O.	Friends
E. E. Ehlers	Dep. U. S. Marshal, Cincinnati, O.	Friend
A. J. Kelly	1544 East 71 St., Cleveland, O.	Friend
Charles Hardy	1544 E. 71 St., Cleveland, O.	Friend
P. C. Hanlon	1381 W. 186 St., Cleveland, O.	Friend
William Hawley	1381 W. 186 St., Cleveland, O.	Friend
Mr. & Mrs. F.A. O'Neill	11402 Detroit Ave., Cleveland, O.	Brother
P. J. Fallon	1381 W. 116 St., Cleveland, O.	Friend
F. A. Handler	E. 107 St. & Euclid Ave., Cleveland, O.	Friend
S. Y. Spiegel	E. 107 St. & Euclid Ave., Cleveland, O.	Friend
P. H. Creswell	P. O. Bldg., Cincinnati, O.	U. S. Marshal

The records of incoming mail received by O'Neill during his incarceration list the following correspondents:

Mary	Cleveland, Ohio	Pal
Murreen	Cleveland, Ohio	Friend
Patrick	Cleveland, Ohio	Cousin
Bob	Washington, D. C.	Pal
Parson McGinty	Cleveland, Ohio	Friend
Jack Cavanaugh	Columbus, Ohio	Friend
Fern	Cortez, Florida	Friend
Tommy McGinty	406 United Bank Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio	Friend
Richard Butler	New York City	Friend

NAME	ADDRESS	RELATION
Paul Horton	Cleveland, Ohio	Friend
Patrick Fallon	Cleveland, Ohio	Friend
Eagan and Murphy	Cleveland, Ohio	Friends
James	Cleveland, Ohio	Cousin
Frank	Savannah, Georgia	Brother
D. M. O'Neill	11601 Detroit, Cleveland, Ohio	Attorney
John Egan	Dayton, Ohio	Friends
Pat and Paul	Atlanta, Georgia	Friend
J. Coveney	Morris, N. Y.	
Thomas A. Lenhan	Washington, D. C.	
Frances Z. Cohen	New York, N. Y.	
Peg	2341 E. 73 St., Chicago, Ill	
Margaret	Chicago, Ill	
Parson McGinty	420 Carter Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio	
Charlie	Cleveland, Ohio	
Mrs. Marie O'Neill	11835 Lake, Lakewood, Ohio	

During his imprisonment in the Atlanta Penitentiary O'Neill addressed mail to the following individuals:

Jack Egan	Dayton, Ohio	Friend
C. B. Reich	Cleveland, Ohio	Friend
James A. Patton	Cleveland, Ohio, 2527 Detroit Ave.	Friend
J. Parson McGinty	408 United Bank Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio	Friend
Geo. E. O'Neill	11601 Detroit Ave., Cleveland, Ohio	Friend
Art Heberbrand	3909 W. 158 St., Columbus, Ohio	
Billy Fergus	10117 Clifton Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio	
Hon. R. J. Butler	New York City, N. Y.	
Geo. E. O'Neill	2156 Northland Ave., Lakewood, Ohio	
Margaret Meehan	2403 C. 72 St., Chicago, Ill.	
Mrs. Dorothy M. O'Neill	2156 Northland Ave., Lakewood, Ohio	
Margaret Meehan	2341 E. 73 St., Chicago, Ill	
Mrs. Marie O'Neill	11835 Lake Ave., Lakewood, Ohio	

The records of the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta contain the following criminal record of O'Neill:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The records show that O'Neill was represented by Mr. John E. Egan, Attorney, 12th floor, Third National Bldg., Dayton, Ohio, while O'Neill was incarcerated at Atlanta and that Egan attempted to secure O'Neill's transfer to a Federal penal institution in Pennsylvania.

The prison officials at the Atlanta Penitentiary advised that the inmates of that institution regard O'Neill as the "cleverest safe blower" in this country today.

Nine photographs of O'Neill have been secured from the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, six of which are being attached to the Cleveland Bureau Office's copies of this report and one each to the St. Paul, Chicago and Cincinnati Bureau Offices' copies of instant report.

PENDING

Post Office Box 515
Saint Paul, Minnesota
January 18, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Sir:

REKID

Reference is made to the investigation that is being conducted with a view to locating WILLIAM LEAD for questioning in connection with the above mentioned case.

Your attention is invited to the report submitted by Special Agent R. D. Brown, Jacksonville, Florida, February 25, 1935, on page 28 of which it is indicated that the records of the Presidente Hotel in Havana, Cuba, reflected that Cassius McDonald and William Day had stopped at that place from January 20, 1934 until March 1st of that year, when William Day departed leaving his forwarding address as 236 North 22nd Street, care of Mrs. Pitt, Miami, Florida.

William Day, according to recent information obtained by Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson in Los Angeles, California, from a city detective named Robertson, who has assisted the post office inspectors on confidence cases, is a notorious confidence man who was arrested in Los Angeles sometime ago, subsequently being convicted in U. S. District Court at Rochester, New York and at this time is reported to be serving a sentence in the U. S. Penal Institution, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

The above is being called to your attention since you are conducting an investigation concerning LEAD in Miami and possibly the above address will be of assistance to you in that connection.

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Copies of this letter are being designated for the Philadelphia Office and it is suggested that it make a check at the Lewisburg Penitentiary to determine if DAY's mail records indicate that he is in communication with LEAD or with some of LEAD's known contacts.

Very truly yours,

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cc Bureau; 2-Philadelphia. C. N. FT. IN
Cincinnati; Chicago; New York. Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO.

FILE NO. 7-33

REPORT MADE AT San Francisco, Cal.	DATE WHEN MADE 1/15/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/9,10/36	REPORT MADE BY F. C. Dorwart--YET
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 FIRE-ARMS ACT.
SUMMARY REPORT			
<p>In accordance with request contained in Bureau letter dated 12/19/35 that a summary report, containing all pertinent data with reference to William Elmer Mead, be submitted for the information of interested offices, a review of the San Francisco files reveals that no investigation with reference to Mead, under that name or any of his known aliases, was ever conducted by this office prior to the report of Special Agent W. R. Ramsey, San Francisco, California, dated 11/21/35, at which time the family of C. A. Baxter, 2239 - 45th Avenue, San Francisco, California, was interviewed.</p> <p>Mrs. C. A. Baxter is the sister of Kate Schmitt Mead, wife of William Elmer Mead, and both she and Mr. Baxter, as well as their three children, Mary, Ann, and Charles, were very cooperative in furnishing any information they had concerning Mead, or his wife.</p> <p>Since the pertinent information resulting from interviews with the Baxter family has been thoroughly covered in the summary report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated 1/6/36, it is not considered necessary to repeat same in this summary report.</p> <p>Investigation by the Portland Bureau Office, as reflected by the report of Special Agent T. M. Clifford, Portland, Oregon, dated 12/31/35, indicated that Mr. J. J. Parker, a former bartender of Billy Lyons, believed that Billy Lyons might be able to give information concerning Mead, since he believed that Lyons was well</p>			
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acquainted with Mead.

Billy Lyons was subsequently interviewed, as reflected in the report of Special Agent F. C. Dorwart, San Francisco, California, dated 1/14/36, at which time he advised that he had known Mead by the name of "Christ Kid", as well as Mead, but that he hasn't seen nor heard from Mead for many years, and is not acquainted with Mead's present location.

Mr. Lyons was very cooperative, however, and advised that he would communicate with the San Francisco Bureau Office in the event he received information concerning Mead.

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Post Office Box 515
Saint Paul, Minnesota

January 19, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

John Karpavicz, Chicago, father of Subject Karpis, who has been at St. Paul attending the present trial, was allowed to see Dolores Delaney on Saturday, January 18, 1936; and thereafter, after checking out of the Spalding Hotel, proceeded via his Ford Coupe automobile enroute to Chicago at about 3:00 p.m., and should arrive there Sunday night or Monday, January 20, 1936. We have been in close touch with his activities while here and for this reason no surveillance was had of him on the return trip to Chicago, for the reason that he might become unduly suspicious, he being difficult to follow as he becomes lost frequently in his travel and drives very slowly. In contemplation of the expected setup we are to arrange in the apartment house where he, John Karpavicz, lives, I do not wish to do anything to particularly arouse him at this time.

Agent Suran should be released shortly and I will have him proceed to Chicago at once to endeavor to arrange the planned new setup above referred to.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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PHONE BREKID EDWARD GIZZIE, TAXI DRIVER, NEW YORK CITY, REPORTED TO NYPD THIS MORNING THAT HE HAD CARRIED A PASSENGER TO HUDSON TUBES STATION ON CORTLAND STREET, WHO RESEMBLED KARPIS. UPON INTERVIEW BY BUREAU AGENT AND AFTER VIEWING PHOTOGRAPH OF KARPIS, GIZZIE STATED DEFINITELY THAT PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF PASSENGER DID NOT FIT THAT OF KARPIS.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 13, 1936.

Time - 5:10 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Alvin Karpis.

Special Agent in Charge Magee of the New Orleans Office telephoned Mr. Thompson to report to the Bureau the fact that the Agents of that office are working on a lead on Karpis at Gulfport, Mississippi. He said that today he received a telegram from a filling station operator in Gulfport, Mississippi, reporting the presence of a person in that vicinity who the operator thought to be Karpis. Mr. Magee said that he sent Agents Blake and Neal of his office right over there, and they are due to arrive in a couple of hours.

Mr. Magee said that the purpose of the inquiry at this time is to make a preliminary survey to see if there is any basis in fact for this belief on the part of the filling station operator; that if there is, the Agents will report back to him, Magee, so that an appropriate raiding party may be made up.

Any developments in this situation will be promptly reported to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
January 16, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON.

Mr. Suydam telephoned and stated that the reporters for the Associated Press desired information concerning the members of the Karpis-Baker Gang since January 1, 1935 - that is what members were apprehended since that time, together with the names of those still at large, and any additional facts available.

I informed Mr. Suydam, after talking with the Director, that this was out of line with the present policy of the Bureau concerning the furnishing of information relative to cases under investigation by the Bureau.

Respectfully,

T. D. Quinn.

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420 Federal Building,
Dallas, Texas.

January 18, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of January 14, 1936, addressed to the Chicago Bureau Office, copy of which is indicated for the Dallas Office: There is being attached hereto a copy of the report of Special Agent F.S. Dunn, dated at Dallas, 12-21-34.

Very Truly yours,

F.J. BLAKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

January 20, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, w.a. FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1218, et al.,
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Harold B. McBride, No. 5143 D. C. Reformatory, Lorton, Virginia, when recently interviewed by Special Agent R. E. Newby, advised that an individual named Van Reagan, formerly of St. Paul, Minnesota, is now operating a night club in New Orleans, Louisiana, where members of the Barker-Karpis gang will be found in the event that they are located in that section of the country. It is suggested that the night club of Van Reagan be located and an effort be made to develop confidential contacts in the club so as to be immediately furnished with information in the event any members of the Barker-Karpis gang make their appearance there. McBride was arrested at New Orleans, Louisiana on August 29, 1935, and returned to the District of Columbia where he received a sentence of from one to five years for violation of Section 47 of the United States Penal Code. At the time of McBride's arrest, your office communicated with the Bureau for the purpose of ascertaining the identity of McBride and his possible connection with the above entitled case.

McBride also stated that in his opinion, Lillian Holden, wife of Thomas L. Holden, who is now serving a sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, will be found contacting members of the Barker-Karpis gang and its associates, in Chicago. It is suggested that effort be made to determine what contacts Lillian Holden is now making in Chicago, with a view to possibly developing information which might be of assistance in locating subjects Karpis and Campbell.

Very truly yours,

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J. M. KRITH,
Special Agent in Charge.

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The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

In connection with the conversation had by Mr. R. P. Burruss of this Bureau with Mr. M. E. Glindes of your Department relative to the production of the necessary records required by the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, concerning the case involving the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, it is respectfully requested that Mr. M. E. Glindes, Superintendent of the National Bank Redemption Agency, Mr. L. G. Copeland, Chief of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and Mr. John F. Moran, Chief of the Destruction Committee; all of your Department, be directed to proceed to St. Paul, Minnesota, on Friday, January 17, 1936. They should bring with them all original documents pertaining to the transaction which was discussed by Mr. Burruss with your Mr. Glindes.

Due to the exigencies which have arisen in this case and the inability of the United States Attorney at St. Paul to serve upon you the proper subpoena duces tecum, arrangements have been made with the United States Attorney at St. Paul to have served upon the aforementioned persons the appropriate subpoenas covering the production of all original records contained in the files of your Department.

I wish to express my deepest appreciation for the courtesies you have extended in this matter.

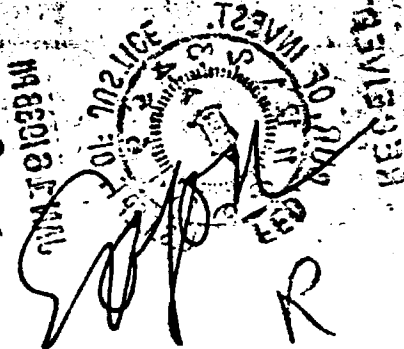
Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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cc St. Paul P. M.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
Cincinnati
Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago



P.O. Drawer 567
San Francisco, California.

January 16, 1936.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir: Attention: Mr. W. S. Wanda,
Superintendent of Mails.

Re: Your File #58909-U.

Replying to your letter of December 22, 1935,
I wish to advise you that it will be no longer necessary
to continue the mail cover placed on the
mail of MRS. C. A. (MARY) BAXTER,
Street, and now located at 2230 [redacted] Street.

I am taking this opportunity to express
my sincere appreciation of the splendid cooperation ex-
tended by your office in matters of this nature.

Very truly yours,

JAY C. NEWMAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

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REPORT MADE AT San Francisco, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE 1/14/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/2-10/36	REPORT MADE BY F. C. DORNART - FB
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TITLE **ALVIN KARPIS, With Aliases - FUGITIVE,
I. O. 1218; ET AL.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim**

CHARACTER OF CASE
**KIDNAPING
HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF
JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT**

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No record of registration Plymouth Sedan, Motor #PJ 322772 in California. "Billy" Lyons admits former acquaintance of William Elmer Meade, denies knowledge of present whereabouts. Melville McLaren and "Lilly" Hesser, acquaintances of Imogene Robertson, apparently reputable persons. "Peggy" C. Daniels admits acquaintance with Belle Born, but denies knowing or ever meeting other members Barker-Karpis gang. Registration of 1934 LaSalle Coupe, Motor #2102869 obtained together with operator's license, description of registered owner. C. J. Murphy, Mrs. E. J. Murphy and "mother" registered William Taylor Hotel, San Francisco during 1934.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent W. T. Gray, Butte, Montana, December 16, 1935;
Letter from S.A.C. J. P. MacFarland, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, December 12, 1935, to all Field Offices;
Report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated December 26, 1935;
Report of Special Agent T. M. Clifford, Portland, Oregon, December 31, 1935;
Letter from S.A.C. E. J. Connelley, dated at Chicago, Illinois, January 4, 1936.

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DETAILS:At San Francisco, California.

Concerning the lead to the San Francisco Bureau Office contained in reference report of Special Agent W. T. Gray, Butte, Montana, dated December 16, 1935, in which it is requested that Archie Kirkpatrick, policeman, Eureka, California, be interviewed concerning his knowledge of police officers who might be assisting subject Karpis, reference is made to report of Special Agent W. R. Ramsey, dated at San Francisco, California, December 21, 1935, in which this information is incorporated.

Exchange of communications with Miss Ruth Assalena, National Automobile Theft Bureau, located at the California Division of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento, California, reveals that no registration has thus far been made of 1935 Plymouth Four Door Sedan, Motor #PJ 322772, Serial #2619857, 1935 Ohio License #LU 671. It was also ascertained that there was no record of any registration or operator's license in the name of Thomas J. Shaw or Carl Baker. Stop notices, however, have been placed concerning this matter and this office will be immediately notified in the event attempt is made to register either the car or secure registration by the above named individuals.

With reference to the report of Special Agent T. M. Clifford, Portland, Oregon, dated December 31, 1935, in which it is noted that J. J. Parker advised that he believed "Billy" Lyons, San Francisco, California, was well acquainted with William Elmer Meade, it may be stated that "Billy" Lyons is a well known character in the vicinity of the Hall of Justice in San Francisco, having operated a saloon and bail bond business in that vicinity for many years.

It was recalled by Agent W. R. Ramsey, of this office, that "Billy" Lyons was a well known bail bond broker and operator of a saloon in the vicinity of the Hall of Justice in San Francisco, and that Mr. Lyons had been interviewed in connection with investigations in other matters in this district, and in this instance it was therefore deemed advisable to interview him.

At the request of this agent, "Billy" Lyons called at the San Francisco Bureau Office, at which time he advised that he would be glad to assist the Bureau in any manner in which he was able to do so. Mr. Lyons was shown various pictures of William Elmer Meade, at which time he immediately identified same as being that of the individual also known to him as the "Christ Kid." He stated that he (Lyons) had operated a saloon and bail bond business at

72 Eddy Street, San Francisco from about 1908 until 1912, following which this business was moved to the vicinity of the Hall of Justice Building, Washington and Kearny Streets where he has been engaged in the above business since that time. He stated that it was while engaged in the business at 72 Eddy Street that he first became acquainted with Meade, but that his contact with him was merely from having seen Meade in that vicinity and in his place of business. He stated that the last time which he recalls seeing Meade was eighteen or twenty years ago, at which time he understood that Meade was living in Portland, Oregon and had a girl friend at that place. In recent years, however, Mr. Lyons advised that he has indirectly heard that Meade was living in Chicago and that he was now considered well fixed financially and owned property at that place. He was unable to state from what source this information had come, but indicated that it was just a matter of conversation carried on in his saloon.

Mr. Lyons further stated that he knew of no contacts which Meade might have in San Francisco and firmly believed that if he were to return to this vicinity, that he, himself, would be one of the first men whom Meade might contact. He advised that in case he should receive any information whatsoever concerning Meade, that he would immediately communicate with this office.

Concerning Melvin McLaren, 701 California West Life Building, San Francisco, California, and Lillian Hesser, 1000 California Street, San Francisco, referred to in reference letter of Special Agent in Charge, E. J. Connelley, the following investigation was conducted by this agent:

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[REDACTED] It was ascertained that the correct name of Melvin McLaren is Melville McLaren, age 32, single. Agent ascertained that the present address of Mr. McLaren is the MacClair Apartments, 62 Oaks Boulevard, San Leandro, California, and that he is presently engaged in the automobile business as an authorized Ford Dealer in partnership with one J. W. Dickie, which business is located at 901 East 14th Street, San Leandro, California. Information

received from the above source indicates that he has been engaged in this latter enterprise since July, 1934, and that prior to that time he was engaged as a salesman for the Western States Life Insurance Company of San Francisco and that at times he has been connected with the National Thrift Company and the Central Supply Company of San Francisco as salesman. McLaren's mother is noted to be Mrs. Margaret McLaren, 547 Vine Street, San Jose, California, at which place McLaren formerly resided and where he has been known since 1921.

At the California Western States Life Insurance Company, agent interviewed Mr. L. H. Ziehn, Assistant Cashier, who advised that he was well acquainted with Melville McLaren since the latter was employed as District Manager and salesman for that company for approximately two years, from 1932 to 1934. Mr. Ziehn advised that he considers McLaren's character and reputation above reproach and knows of nothing which would reflect adversely on either. He stated that he believed that McLaren earned in the neighborhood of \$500.00 per month while connected with that company and that the only reason for his leaving was due to the fact that the contract under which he was employed was a special contract for a two year period only.

Mr. Ziehn also stated that he was well acquainted with McLaren's present partner, Mr. J. W. Dickie, since the latter's father is also an executive of the California Western States Life Insurance Company. He stated that he sees both of these individuals quite frequently and is of the impression that both are doing very well in the automobile business in San Leandro, California. It was not deemed advisable to interview Melville McLaren at this time as regards any acquaintanceship he might have with Imogene Robertson, or her mother, Alta Morgan Robertson, in view of the surveillance now being conducted by the Los Angeles Office, of Charles J. Fitzgerald and the two Robertson women.

Concerning Lillian Hesser, 1900 California St., San Francisco, California, investigation discloses that the above address is that of the Pacific Union Club, one of the most exclusive men's club in San Francisco. At the above named club, agent interviewed the manager, Mr. F. A. Humphrey, who advised that no person by the name of Lillian Hesser is presently known to him, nor has anyone by that name ever been employed at that club, since all of the employees are of long standing and well known.

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It was further noted that the San Francisco City Directory for 1934 and 1935 carries no such name. It was noted, however, that one "Lilly" Hesser, 1960 Octavia Street, San Francisco, has been carried in the above directory.

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she is a woman between the ages of fifty five and sixty and that she has been residing at the above address on Octavia Street for some time. It was noted, however, that she has formerly resided at the St. Francis Hotel and the Palace Hotel and at 1613 Lyons Street, both of the above mentioned hotels being two of the highest class hotels in San Francisco. "Lilly" Hesser is reported

[REDACTED] as being very well fixed financially, owning valuable real estate in the city of San Francisco from which she derives a substantial income. When interviewed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] concerning her financial standing, Miss Hesser refused all information regarding her personal affairs and advised that she had no gainful occupation. Agent was advised [REDACTED]

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It also appearing that this was apparently a reputable person, it was not deemed advisable to interview her for the same reason as set out above concerning Melville McLaren and for the further reason that it could not be definitely established whether "Lilly" Hesser was the same party referred to as Lillian Hesser.

With reference to Miss Peggy Daniels mentioned in the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated December 26, 1935, as being an acquaintance of Belle Born, paramour of Charles J. Fitzgerald, the following investigation was conducted:

T. J. Greenlaw, postal carrier, who covers 450 Jones Street, the apartment house in which Peggy Daniels resides, advised that since delivery to that apartment house is a bulk delivery in which all mail to that address is delivered directly to the manager of the apartment house, he has had no occasion to observe the mail for any of the occupants and was unable to recall anyone

by the name of Peggy Daniels presently residing at that place.

The telephone directory and the city directory, however, list Peggy Daniels as residing at 450 Jones Street.

At 450 Jones Street, which was ascertained to be the address of the Abbey Apartments, agent discreetly interviewed Mr. D. Price, Assistant Manager, inquiries indicating that D. Price could be relied upon, who advised that Peggy Daniels had resided at that apartment house for approximately two years and that he had always considered her a first class tenant and knows of nothing that would reflect adversely on her character or reputation. He was unable, however, to state whom her associates or companies might be, inasmuch as they do not pay particular attention to individuals who might visit in the various apartments so long as they conduct themselves in an orderly manner. He stated that it was his understanding that Peggy Daniels was employed as a beauty parlor operator and book-keeper at Hale Bros. Department Store in San Francisco, California.

At Hale Bros. Department Store, agent discreetly interviewed Miss M. Pilster, Personnel Manager, who advised that Miss Daniels had been employed in the beauty shop since July 30, 1934, but that inasmuch as the beauty parlor in this department store was a concession, of the Paris Style Novelty Company, she believed that Mrs. L. Clough, West Coast Manager for the Paris Style Novelty Company, would be able to give more complete information.

Upon interview with Mrs. L. Clough, at Hale Bros. Department Store, agent was advised that Miss Daniels was considered by her to be one of her best employees and that because of her integrity and initiative she was also employed as a book-keeper for the beauty shop, in addition to that of her work as a beauty operator.

Mrs. Clough advised that she knew of no instance which would reflect adversely on the character or reputation of Miss Daniels and that she appeared to be a rather refined girl, very industrious and hard working. Regarding Miss Daniels' associates, Mrs. Clough stated that she only knew her to keep company with one man for the past year, whom she had heard Miss Daniels refer to as

Ray Waddell, inasmuch as she has noted that Mr. Waddell always meets Miss Daniels at 5.30 P.M. when Miss Daniels finishes her work at Hale Bros.

Mrs. Clough stated that it was her understanding that Mr. Waddell was engaged in some kind of law enforcement work, inasmuch as her conversation with Peggy Daniels would lead her to so believe. The exact nature of this work, however, she was unable to state.

Mr. Waddell has been an employee of the A. J. Kane Detective Agency, San Francisco, for approximately ten years, at which place his record is noted as being good. It was indicated, however, that Waddell has been divorced and that both he and his former wife were considered rather irresponsible.

Information was received that Waddell operated in Alameda County, California, from time to time in connection with his work for the Kane Detective Agency. Inquiry was therefore made by Lieutenant Oscar Johnson, of the Oakland, California, District Attorney's Office, who ascertained that Waddell had operated in Alameda County in connection with work in the prohibition era on several different occasions and that he believed that he (Waddell) could be relied upon, he (Johnson) having no information of a derogatory nature regarding him.

Inasmuch as it was indicated that Waddell was engaged in quasi law enforcement work, it was deemed advisable to discreetly interview Mr. Waddell prior to contacting Peggy Daniels, whereupon an interview was arranged with him at the San Francisco Bureau Office. Having discussed his activities during the past ten years in private detective work and his dealings with members of the underworld and having been assured by Mr. Waddell of his complete cooperation in any matter in which he might be of assistance to the Bureau, Mr. Waddell was advised that it was the desire of this Bureau to interview his girl friend known as Peggy Daniels. Mr. Waddell admitted that he was presently residing as man and wife with Peggy Daniels at 450 Jones Street and further advised that he had known Miss Daniels for a period of approximately one and a half years. He stated that he has been residing at her address since approximately January, 1935, but that to his knowledge she had never associated with anyone nor corresponded with anyone.

by the name of Isabelle or Belle Born. He stated that he firmly believed that Miss Daniels would gladly cooperate in any way that she could in furnishing information to this Bureau concerning her acquaintances and it was accordingly arranged whereby an interview would be had with Miss Daniels.

Miss Daniels was interviewed at her apartment, 450 Jones Street, at which time she advised that her father was Antone Danielson, 1008 Larkin Street, San Francisco, and that her mother was Mrs. L. Petersen, 104 North Broad Street, Mankato, Minnesota. She stated that she had met Isabelle Born, also known to her as Belle Born, or Billie Born, at Fairmont, Minnesota in about 1919 while she, Peggy, was still a girl of about sixteen years of age. She stated that subsequently she, Peggy, had operated a beauty shop at 4th Avenue South and Lake Streets, Minneapolis, Minnesota between the years 1923 and 1928, at which time she again renewed her acquaintance with Belle Born. It was Peggy's understanding that at this time Belle had divorced her husband, known to Peggy as Major Born at Louisville, Kentucky and that during 1923 to 1928, Belle was living with persons known to her as "Jack" and "Blanche", the last names of whom she could not recall. Peggy stated that she had come to San Diego, California, in October, 1928 and that from that date until July, 1930, she had operated and worked in beauty shops in San Diego, Long Beach, Santa Rosa, Stockton and Santa Cruz, California. Upon her arrival in San Francisco, she stated that she was employed as an instructor at the California Beauty School, 908 Market Street for approximately four years until July, 1934, when she was employed as a beauty operator at Hale Bros. Department Store, where she is presently employed.

The first time that Peggy recalls seeing Belle Born in San Francisco was some time during 1931 when she saw her for a very short time on one evening. The next meeting she had with Belle Born was in the spring of 1934, when Belle and a rather middle aged man called for her at Hale Bros. during the luncheon hour and took her for about a one hour's ride. She stated that she did not know this man's name, but that the car which he was driving was a large dark colored Buick Sedan and she recalls that she admired the beauty of it because it was

really a very fine automobile. She noted that this man remained in the car all the time and she had very little conversation with him. She does not recall whether he had crutches or a cane in the car, but described him as being rather thin and bony, with very grey hair. She stated that on this visit to San Francisco by Belle Born, this meeting was the only one had with her, but she recalls that Belle Born stated that she intended to drive to Butte, Montana to see her sister and that she was making this trip with a Mr. Murphy and his old maid sister. Peggy was unable to recall whether or not the name of the man driving the Buick car was Murphy. She was also unable to state where Belle Born was residing on the occasion of this visit in San Francisco.

The next occasion on which Peggy Daniels recalled that Belle Born was in San Francisco, was on or about November 9, 1934. She stated that on this occasion, Belle Born had called her on the telephone and had asked for an appointment to receive a permanent wave. Miss Daniels' records indicate that this permanent wave was given to Belle Born on November 10, 1934. On this occasion, Miss Daniels recalls that Belle Born stated that she was traveling as a companion to an older lady who was going to Honolulu and that during their stay in town, they had roomed at the William Taylor Hotel. Peggy states that she did not see this older woman referred to by Belle as "Mama" and stated that she had never heard the older woman referred to by any other name but "Mama." A day or so following the receipt of the permanent wave, Peggy advised that Belle Born called her and asked her to accompany her to the railroad station which she (Peggy) did, at which time Belle Born advised her that she was going to Reno, Nevada. Peggy Daniels recalls that the last time that she has ever seen Belle Born was just shortly before Christmas in 1934 which was just shortly after the above referred to visit and Peggy was surprised that Belle had returned to San Francisco so soon. Upon Belle's return to San Francisco on this occasion she advised that she had been in Los Angeles and on this occasion she was accompanied by a young man known to Peggy only as "Micky" whom she understood to be a night club entertainer from Wilmington or San Pedro, California. She described this man as being much younger than Belle Born, possibly thirty years old, well dressed, dark hair, dark eyes, rather heavy build. It was Peggy's understanding that "Micky" and Belle were stopping at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel and were rooming together, but she was unable to state

positively whether this was a fact. Concerning the last name of "Micky", Peggy stated that she cannot recall that name, but believes it might have been "O'Neill." Peggy stated that on the occasion of this visit Belle and Micky and she (Peggy) and her boy friend, had attended the Redwood Village Tavern at 120 Mason Street and she recalls that this was on a Friday night in the first part of December, 1934. She stated that Belle was paying all the expenses and spending money very freely. Peggy stated that this was the only time that she had ever accompanied Belle to this tavern, but that she, Peggy, used to visit this tavern quite frequently. She recalls that following this visit to the Redwood Village, Belle advised her that she, Belle and Micky had spent practically the entire following night which would be Saturday night at the Redwood Tavern. Belle also advised her that they, Belle and Micky, had spent Sunday night at this tavern until 8.00 P.M. when Micky was taken to the train to return to Los Angeles, after which Belle returned to this tavern and spent the remainder of the evening in the company of Jack Silva, the doorman at that place. On the following Monday night, Peggy stated that Belle called her and stated that she was leaving town and wished Peggy to accompany her to the ferry, since she was taking a train from Oakland, California, to Butte, Montana. This was the second occasion which Peggy recalls that Belle had stated that she was going to Butte, Montana to visit her sister. Peggy recalls that while at the ferry building, Belle sent a telegram to her sister in Butte, Montana advising her of her coming and that this telegram was addressed to "Mae", the last name of which she could not recall. She stated, however, that it was her understanding that this sister operated or managed a hotel or apartment house in Butte, Montana. This was the last time that Peggy could recall that she had ever seen Belle Born. She stated that she very seldom hears from Belle, but that she usually receives a Christmas card and she recalls that usually these cards have been mailed from Waukegan, Illinois. The last card, however, received at Christmas, 1935, was mailed from Menkote, Minnesota and bore the return address, Route 1, Box 44. This Christmas card and envelope were given to Agent for additional specimens of the handwriting of Belle Born. Two photographs of Belle Born taken

in Los Angeles, California, were also given to agent, and Miss Daniels advised that both of these pictures, together with that picture already in the possession of the Bureau, were all very good likenesses of Belle Bern.

The above mentioned two photographs given to agent by Miss Daniels are being forwarded to the Chicago Office for their information, along with copies of this report.

The Christmas card addressed to Miss Peggy Daniels, 480 Jones Street, San Francisco, California, is being retained in the San Francisco Bureau file in this case.

Concerning the Redwood Village Tavern, 120 Mason Street, San Francisco, California, agent was advised by Mr. Ray Waddell, paramour of Peggy Daniels, that he is quite well acquainted with this place and that he considers it a rather "hot" spot and hang out for racketeers and gangs of the underworld. He stated that the Redwood Village is operated by one "Art" whose last name he cannot recall, but he knows this man to be an ex-vaudeville man formerly employed as master of ceremonies at Coffee Dan's, a former notorious tavern in San Francisco which is now out of business. Concerning Jack Silva, Mr. Waddell stated that he does not believe this man has a criminal record but has always considered him as a small time hoodlum. Both Mr. Waddell and Peggy Daniels advised agent that they would make discreet inquiries at the Redwood Village for any information which Jack Silva or anyone else at that place might have concerning Belle Bern and any of her associates and stated that they believed that this information could be secured without arousing the least suspicions, since both of them have frequently visited this tavern.

At the Western Union Telegraph Office, agent interviewed the manager, Mr. A. E. Littler, for the purpose of ascertaining to whom the telegram was addressed by Belle Bern to "Mae" at Butte, Montana during the early part of December, 1934. Agent was advised by Mr. Littler, however, that all records are destroyed by that company after they have been retained for one year.

At the William Taylor Hotel, San Francisco, agent made a thorough search of the records of that hotel concerning the registration of Belle Bern under her name, or any of her known aliases, and it was immediately ascertained that Belle Bern had resided at that hotel as Mrs. C. J. Murphy. It was also ascertained that C. J. Murphy had registered at this hotel, and a comparison of the handwriting on the registration card indicated that same was identical with the signature of C. J. Fitzgerald.

For the information of the file, the following registrations, together with telephone numbers called and the location of these telephone calls, as ascertained from Special Agent T. P. Mackie, of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, are being set out herewith:

C. J. Murphy - Chicago, Illinois, Registered 4/8/34, Card #6023, Room #710, registered continuously from 4/8/34 until 4/23/34 inclusive. Telephones from this room were noted as being on 4/9/34 - Elbridge 9746 - W. H. West, 22 Seminoles Avenue. (Telephone discontinued in 1934). On 4/9/34 - Kearny 3747 - Dr. Judson Sale, 490 Post Street, San Francisco. On 4/11/34 - Douglas 1212 Southern Pacific Railroad Company, 65 Market Street, San Francisco.

Mrs. C. J. Murphy (handwriting of C. J. Murphy) Chicago, Illinois, registered 4/11/34, Card #6120, Room #710, registered from 4/11/34 to 4/12/34 - No telephone calls.

C. J. Murphy, Chicago, Illinois, Registered 7/9/34, Card #8759, Room #1014, registered continuously from 7/9/34 to 7/14/34 inclusive. Telephone calls from this room noted as being on 7/11/34 - Kearny 3747 - Dr. Judson Sale. On 7/12/34 - Prospect 1,000 - Hertz Drivervself; (two other telephone calls charged, but no record of number called). On 7/13/34 - Douglas 1940 - United Air Lines, two calls; Hertz Drivervself, Prospect 1,000.

C. J. Murphy, Chicago, Illinois, Registered 8/1/34, Card #9610, Room #1009, (later moved to Room 618 for the reason as noted below, that Mrs. C. J. Murphy and "Mother" registered in Room 619 on 8/4/34) Registered from 8/1/34 to 8/5/34 inclusive. Telephone calls, 8/1/34 - Kearny 3747 - Dr. Judson Sale. 8/2/34 - Valencia 9722 - Bank Buffet, 3286 - 22nd Street, San Francisco. 8/2/34 - Kearny 3747, Dr. Judson Sale. It will be noted that the above mentioned Bank Buffet is the saloon operated by Johnny Moyle, at which place "Bonas" Tombini and "Soap" Moreno mentioned in the case entitled "John Dillinger, With Aliases, Et Al. NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE, ETC. San Francisco File #26-2333" were formerly employed as bartenders.

Mrs. C. J. Murphy and "Mother" (Obviously the handwriting of C. J. Murphy) Chicago, Illinois, registered 8/4/34, Room 619, Card #9738, registered from 8/4/34 to 8/18/34 inclusive. No telephone calls.

Mrs. C. J. Murphy (apparently the handwriting of Belle Born) Los Angeles, California, Registered 10/19/34, Room #1017, Card #3523, Registered from 10/19/34 to 10/23/34 inclusive. No telephone calls.

Mrs. C. J. Murphy (apparently the handwriting of Belle Born) Los Angeles, California, registered 11/7/34, Card Number 5984, Room Number 616. Registered from 11/7/34 to 11/21/34. Telephone calls being, On 11/10/34 - Sutter 5050, King George Hotel, 334 Mason Street, San Francisco, Prospect 4805; Peggy Daniels, 450 Jones Street, San Francisco.

Concerning the registration as noted above of Mrs. C. J. Murphy and "Mother", reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. J. Birthright, San Francisco, California, dated 2/13/35, in which it is noted that the eyeglasses found by Bureau agents at the house at Oklawaha, Florida, occupied by Fred and

Kate Barker, were prescribed for Mrs. Clara Brown, who gave her residence at that time as being the William Taylor Hotel at San Francisco, California. This report further indicates that these glasses were prescribed by a Dr. C. H. Hensford, Medico-Dental Building, San Francisco, and that on the various visits to the office of this doctor, Mrs. Clara Brown was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. B. Murphy. It will be noted also that the visits made were between August 7, 1934 and August 16, 1934. The prescription for these glasses was filled by the Jenkel Davidson Optical Company, 525 Butler Building, San Francisco, California, and it is noted that various employees immediately identified the picture of Kate Barker as being that of Mrs. Clara Brown, to whom glasses were sold. It appears that the picture of Belle Born was never exhibited to Dr. Hensford or the employees of the Jenkel Davidson Optical Company, but that a picture of Pauline King alias Pauline Bentz, a sister of the Bentz Brothers was shown to these individuals but they were unable to identify that picture as being the person known to them as Mrs. B. Murphy. It is believed, however, that from the dates on which Belle Born and "Mother" are known to have registered at the William Taylor Hotel and the dates on which the above glasses were purchased, that the indication is that Belle Born and Kate Barker are the parties who registered at the William Taylor Hotel as Mrs. C. J. Murphy and "Mother". In this connection it may be stated that Mr. Victor Lewis and Mr. Bryant Thompson, clerks at the William Taylor Hotel, positively identified the pictures of Belle Born as being that of the woman known to them as Mrs. C. J. Murphy. They were unable, however, to identify the picture of Kate Barker as being that of the elderly woman who had registered on one occasion with Mrs. C. J. Murphy.

Further effort will be made, through the Jenkel Davidson Optical Company and Dr. Hensford to definitely establish the identity of the parties known to them as Mrs. B. Murphy and Mrs. Clara Brown.

Upon receipt of reference telegram from the Salt Lake City Bureau Office, agent was telephonically advised by Miss Ruth Assalena, National Automobile Theft Bureau, located at the State of California Division of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento.

California, that 1934 La Salle Coupe, Motor #2102868, 1935 California License 5 W 259, was registered to one W. Van Deusen, 1617 So. Flower Street, Los Angeles, California, and that the legal owner was shown as the Standard Discount Corporation, 1031 South Broadway Street, Los Angeles, California. Miss Ascalena further advised that California Operator's License #D-374333 was issued on April 11, 1935, to Walter Van Deusen, 5640 Santa Monica Boulevard, Hollywood, California, who was described as follows:

Age	34 (born 12/25/00)
Height	5' 8" tall
Weight	125 pounds
Eyes	blue
Hair	brown
Marital Status	Married

The above information was furnished the Salt Lake City Office by teletype on January 7, 1936.

At 490 Post Street, San Francisco, California, agent interviewed Dr. Judson Sale who, it was recalled, had previously been interviewed by agents of this Bureau concerning any information he might have had concerning C. J. Fitzgerald, since it had previously been established that Dr. Sale was the surgeon who cared for C. J. Murphy alias C. J. Fitzgerald during his stay at the Vallejo General Hospital, Vallejo, California. Dr. Sale advised that he had never received any information concerning the party known to him as C. J. Murphy and further that no other individuals had ever been referred to him by C. J. Murphy and he knew of no other associates of this patient in San Francisco or elsewhere. Dr. Sale, however, stated that he would immediately communicate with this office in case he ever received any information concerning this individual.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE LOS ANGELES BUREAU OFFICE at Wilmington, California, and San Pedro, California, will attempt to locate the night club entertainer known as "Micky" with the possible surname of O'Neil who, according to Peggy Daniels, is an acquaintance of Belle Born and might possibly know of the other associates of Belle Born.

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE at San Francisco, California, at the Jenkel Davidson Optical Company, 525 Butler Building, and at the office of Dr. G. W. Hosford, Medico-Dental Building, will exhibit the pictures of Kate Barker and Belle Born to those parties, for the purpose of identifying Belle Born as the Mrs. B. Murphy who accompanied Kate Barker at the time the above referred to eye glasses were purchased.

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