

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**

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REPORT MADE AT Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE 3/5/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/5/34	REPORT MADE BY T. E. BILLINGS, ONE
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE MAR 8 1934 KIDNAPING
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: 2408 South Crawford Avenue, Chicago, the address given by E. V. Davis when registering a Chevrolet Sedan in Illinois in 1933, is a storage garage; Davis stored car at this garage for about one week in early part of 1933, during which time he secured 1933 license plates and had registration certificate mailed to this garage. Other mail received since that time, most of which was advertising which has been destroyed or returned to sender. Residence address of Davis unknown. Manager of garage could not identify pictures of suspects Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. Barker and Harry Campbell as being Davis. Description of Davis set out. Inquiry at public places in neighborhood failed to disclose information as to Davis.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Superficially conducted investigation</i></p>			
<p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. C. Coulter, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated 2/24/34.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: Agent called at the Hawthorn Post Office Branch, 3648 South Ogden Avenue, and ascertained that James Fialla, carrier covering 2408 South Crawford Avenue had left for the day and that there was no forwarding address on the books for E. V. Davis from 2408 South Crawford Avenue.</p> <p>Agent called at the above address and ascertained that it was a storage garage and a sign appearing on the front designated it as "Thomas Garage".</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>M. A. Quinn</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-1081	RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAR - 8 1934
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Agent called at a service station adjoining this garage and was informed by the manager that the garage was operated by a Mr. Walter Thomas; that he had been located there for a good many years, that he was reliable in every respect and that he believed that Mr. Thomas could be relied upon to give accurate information.

Mr. Walter Thomas advised Agent that early in 1933 E. V. Davis had stored his 1933 Chevrolet Sedan at his garage for about one week; that during that time Davis had secured 1933 license plates for this car and that a few days later his registration certificate was mailed to the garage. He stated that he had no records which would show the address of Davis, inasmuch as it was not his practice to secure the residence address of patrons when cars were stored for only a short period of time; that since that time numerous articles of mail had come to the garage addressed to Davis, most of which had been advertising and that it either had been destroyed or returned to the sender. Mr. Thomas stated further that no individuals had come to the garage with Davis and upon presenting pictures of the suspects Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. Barker and Harry Campbell, to him, he stated that none of them were a likeness of E. V. Davis, but that the picture of Arthur R. Barker resembled him in some respects.

Mr. Thomas described E. V. Davis as follows:

Age: 35 to 40 years
Height: 5 feet 6 or 7 inches
Weight: 160 pounds
Build: Stocky

Mr. Thomas stated that he had not seen Davis since the time he stored his car at his, Thomas's, garage, but that if he did see him in the future or if any mail came for him, that he would immediately telephone the Chicago Division Office, the telephone number and the number of this case being furnished to him.

Mr. Thomas stated further that Davis appeared to be of English descent and he doubted that he would have resided in the neighborhood of his garage, inasmuch as this was a Bohemian neighborhood.

James Fialla, 1431 Seventeenth Street, Postal carrier, covering 2408 Crawford Avenue, stated that he had never seen E. V. Davis but recalled delivering mail for him at "Thomas Garage" most of which had been returned to the sender; that, as he recalled, this mail had all

been advertising matter from automobile sales concerns, whose names he could not remember, and that there were no hotels, apartment houses or rooming houses in the neighborhood at which Davis might have lived. He gave Agent the names of managers of various public places in the vicinity, such as, saloons, service stations, stores, barber shops and dry cleaners, but discreet inquiry at all of these places failed to disclose any information as to where Davis might have lived. It will be noted that all persons contacted stated the territory was strictly Bohemian and that there were no American or Italian families residing in the neighborhood.

One of the saloons called at by Agent was formerly a "speak easy" which had operated for several years prior to "repeal". The manager stated that he recalled nearly everyone that had called at his place but he could recall no one by the name of Davis nor could he recognize any of the pictures of suspects, mentioned above, as being those of individuals calling at his place.

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Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

MR. Nathan	✓
MR. Tolson	✓
MR. Clegg	✓
MR. Glavin	✓
MR. Ladd	✓
MR. Nichols	✓
MR. Rosen	✓
MR. Tracy	✓
MR. Egan	✓
MR. Quinn	✓
MR. Lester	✓
MR. Locke	✓
MR. Rorer	✓

Personal and
Confidential.

February 26, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated February 23, 1934, and to my telephonic conversations of recent date, concerning one ~~James Smith~~, alias ~~James Smith~~, who indicated to me that he would be willing to associate with Frisco Dutch in St. Paul, for the purpose of obtaining information as to the Bremer Kidnaping.

For your information, as I informed you over the telephone, I had never seen this individual previous to his call at my office during the first part of last week. He stated that he had been a pickpocket and a thief for many years, and that he was now fifty years old. He stated that a few nights previous to his call here, some friends of his, who had been associated with him previously, had robbed him of quite a sum of money and that he had walked Wilson Avenue of Chicago for two hours with a shotgun, for the purpose of killing them. However, being unable to find them, he stated that he retired and before going to sleep decided that he had been in the racket too long and that he was going to reform entirely and would, under no circumstances, go back to stealing and pickpocketing. He stated that he wanted some kind of a job, did not ask for much money but merely asked for an opportunity to show whether he could produce anything of value to this Division. I then asked him what kind of information he had and he stated that he might be able to secure some from Frisco Dutch at St. Paul, Minnesota, inasmuch as he and Frisco Dutch used to hustle together, and he felt sure that if he went to St. Paul he could find out a great deal of information desired by this Division. I questioned him considerably on several occasions and determined, according to his statements, that he is known by Commissioner Allman, of the Chicago Police Department, and Officer Mike Grady.

I have not deemed it advisable to make any inquiry of any police in Chicago concerning the identity of this individual. He stated that he knew that the address of Frisco Dutch in St. Paul was 311 Hennepin Avenue, or Street. He states that he knows a man by the name of "Jew Moe". He states that he has received information that Dave Courtney, alias Creeley, who was recently sentenced to serve a term in a California prison, escaped and is now in St. Paul and he can locate him there. I informed him that he should inform Mr. Rorer if he were successful in locating Dave Courtney, in order that the California authorities might again receive custody of him.

Edward J. Bremer

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This individual could furnish no information which was subject to a check without disclosing the fact that he might inform this office of valuable information. I do believe, however, from the nature of his conversation, that he might be able to produce valuable results. His statements to me indicate that he has quite a knowledge of underworld characters and I am certainly of the opinion that the small amount of money involved is entirely justified and that he can be given amounts of money by Mr. Rorer in St. Paul, if the latter believes advisable. Prior to his departure from Chicago I obtained his ticket and his Pullman reservation. This involved \$14.39. I also gave him \$10.00 in cash and I was informed that he took the train on which his reservation was made on Saturday night, February the 24th.

I have informed Mr. Rorer by telephone of these facts and have suggested to him that he act with this informer as appears to him to be advisable after he arrives in St. Paul.

The real name of this informant is Nelson G. Breed and his Folsom, California, Penitentiary Number is 14164. For the benefit of Inspector Rorer, I am attaching to the St. Paul Office copy of this letter a copy of his fingerprint record, as was received from the Division.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC St. Paul (Enc.)

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U. S. Department of Justice

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

March 5, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

Reference is made to my letter of February 27, 1934, relative to the above entitled matter, transmitting Minnesota 1933 motor vehicle license plate No. B 327634. In connection therewith I am enclosing the fingerprints of Edward Pellan alias Edward B. Bell, the owner of 1929 Ford Roadster, motor No. A 514,721, the car for which the license plate in question was issued. The fingerprints are forwarded for elimination purposes in connection with the laboratory examination of the license plate.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Rorer
W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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March 13, 1934.

Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
203 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

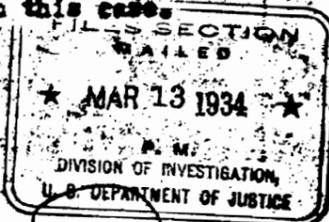
Reference is made to your letter of March 5, 1934, in connection with the case ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM - Kidnaping. The Minnesota 1933 motor vehicle license plate No. B 2E7654 submitted by you, has been examined at the Division for fingerprints, with negative results.

For assistance in connection with this investigation, five photographs of the license plate are being transmitted under separate cover, together with the original license plate, by registered mail. Laboratory report on the examination of this plate also is being forwarded under separate cover.

Search of the files of the Identification Unit of the fingerprints of Edward Pallen, disclosed the following criminal record:

Subject as Edwin Pallen, #25536, arrested P. D., Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 2, 1933, charge Petty Larceny - Shoplifting; 75-15 Work House, October 7, 1933.

In view of the fact that Pallen has a criminal record, his fingerprints will be compared with all the existing latent fingerprints in this case.



Very truly yours,

Director.

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P. O. Box 615,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 6, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir: RECEIVED

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file No. 7-30.

With reference to the above entitled case, recent information secured by this office is to the effect that there might be an attempt to dispose of the ransom money through the race track and gambling joints at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

It is requested that another contact be made with the banks and others furnished with the list of the money in this case with the request that they redouble their vigilance.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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

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Mr. CLEGG	_____
Mr. COWLEY	_____
Mr. EDWARDS	_____
Mr. EGAN	_____
Mr. QUINN	_____
Mr. LESTER	_____
CHIEF CLERK	_____
Mr. RORER	_____

March 6, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
O KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

No agent has been regularly assigned to remain with Victim BREMER since February 26, 1934. It is not believed advisable to assign an agent to him. However, Special Agent S. L. Fortenberry, at the request of Bremer, is sleeping at Bremer's home each night, but reports for duty each day at the office.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Rorer
W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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

March 6, 1934.

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

Dear Sir: Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

Within the next ten days, I expect to release the
Chevrolet coupe which was used by Walter Magee to transport
the ransom money and which car at that time was equipped with
Shell oil signs.

The owner and the insurance company are anxious
to obtain this car and its evidential possibilities have
apparently been exhausted. This car is now stored in a private
garage at Victim Bremer's home, where it is locked in the
garage.

Very truly yours,


W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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



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February 20, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

With reference to the kidnaping of Mr. Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, you are advised that information has been received that on the afternoon of the day that Mr. Bremer was released by the kidnapers there were found near Portage, Wisconsin, four cans, each of five gallon capacity, which had apparently been thrown to the side of the road. Mr. Bremer has advised that in the car in which he was placed on his return by the kidnapers there were some cans of this general description in which the kidnapers kept their reserve supply of gasoline and, although he was blindfolded, he recalls that at a point about half way between the place where he was held in custody and the place where he was released the kidnapers stopped their car and re-fueled it with the reserve supply of gasoline which had been kept in these cans.

The gasoline cans in question were forwarded to the Division at Washington and they were studied carefully in the Division's scientific laboratory and there has been a definite identification of a latent fingerprint found on one of these cans. This fingerprint is identical with a fingerprint of Arthur R. Barker.

Arthur R. Barker is a member and perhaps the leader of a notorious mob of gangsters consisting of Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and Volney Davis.

On the night the ransom money was paid by Mr. Walter Magee, in accordance with the plans outlined by the kidnapers Mr. Magee was to drive along a certain highway until he saw four red lights, after which he was to turn off this highway at the next road which turned to the left. A subsequent investigation by Special Agents of this Division resulted in the location of the four signal lights. They were transmitted to the Division and were carefully studied and as a result of subsequent investigation and marks of identification the identity of the manufacturer of these lights was established. Likewise, information was obtained as to the distribution of these flash lights and information was received this morning that these lights were sold at an F & W Store in St. Paul, Minnesota, on February 3, 1934 by a young-lady clerk. She was shown the photographs

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of the members of the Barker - Karpis gang and she has identified the photograph of Alvin Karpis as being the individual to whom these lights were sold. She described Karpis as having been dressed in something similar to a chauffeur's uniform, wearing a peculiarly shaped cap and hunting boots. This is similar to a description of one of the individuals who delivered a message from the kidnapers to one of the selected intermediaries in this kidnaping case.

The car which the kidnapers placed in front of a given address in St. Paul, and which according to instructions from the kidnapers was used by Walter Magee to deliver the ransom money, was found to contain a cap identical with the one described by the young lady clerk in the store in St. Paul.

It thus appears that the identity of the gang responsible for the kidnaping of Mr. Edward G. Bremer is rather definitely established and I desire to inform you of these developments, for your confidential information.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

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March 5, 1934.



Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith two copies each of five photographic views of the cap which was submitted to the laboratory in connection with the case entitled Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping.

The original cap has been turned over to the Washington Field office for investigation with a view to locating the manufacturer.

Very truly yours,

Director.

CC - Washington Field Office.

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P. O. Box #766,
Cincinnati, Ohio.



March 6, 1934

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

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases;
Arthur Barker, with aliases;
Unknown Subjects;
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim;
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

In reference to Division letter dated March 2nd, 1934, in the instant case, please be advised that copy of the anonymous letter dated February 13, 1934, which was mailed at Gentry, Arkansas, in this case, and which was furnished the Cincinnati Office under date of February 20, 1934, has been transmitted to the Oklahoma City Office for attention at Gentry, Arkansas.

Very truly yours,

N. B. Klein,
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

CC*Oklahoma City Office
Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul Office

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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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March 5, 1934

Mr. NATHAN	_____
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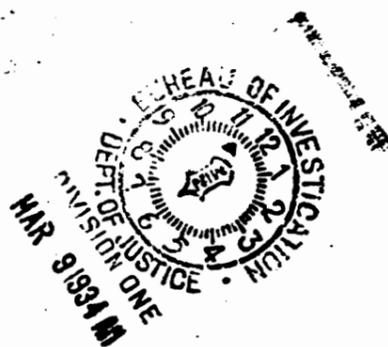
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

There is attached hereto an outlined tracing of a map showing the main highway between St. Paul and Chicago, with appropriate notations thereon, indicating where the four 5-gallon cans were located at Portage, where Bremer was released on February 7, 1934, and where the Buick car has been identified by a gas station attendant at the time the car was refueled.

It is interesting to note that Bremer in his statement has indicated that Portage, where the gas cans were recovered, is approximately one-half the distance between his hide-out and the point where he was released.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby
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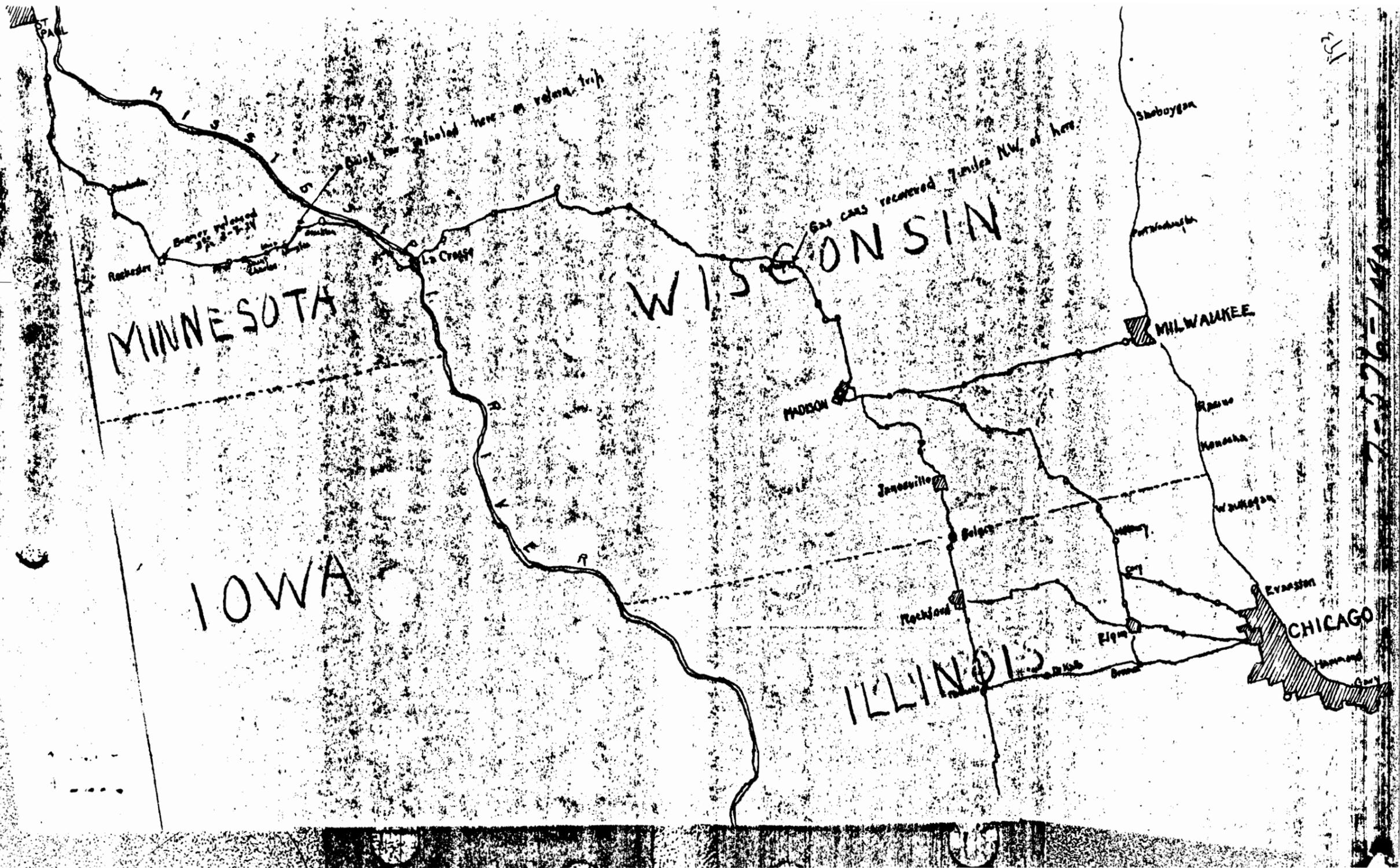
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Room 1408
 570 Lexington Avenue
 New York, N. Y.

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March 7, 1934.

Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,
 Division of Investigation,
 U. S. Department of Justice,
 P. O. Box No. 518,
 St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 23rd, in the matter of Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al., Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping, in which you set forth the names of newspaper distributors in this district receiving copies of St. Paul and Minneapolis papers.

O'Mara & Grubbe, 280 Madison Avenue, Manhattan, are not distributors. They are advertising agents for a number of newspapers, including St. Paul and Minneapolis papers. They receive no copies for distribution.

Hotelling News Agency is located in the Times Building, Manhattan. It does not have any Grand Central or 308 West 40th Street branch. All St. Paul and Minneapolis papers coming into New York City for resale are handled by this agency. Mr. Hotelling and his manager, Mr. Harge, were interviewed. It was learned that they receive for resale the following number of copies of the named newspapers:

Number of Papers Received	Name of Paper
4	Minneapolis Journal
2	Minneapolis Tribune
2	Minneapolis Star
2	St. Paul Daily News
2	St. Paul Pioneer Press
2	St. Paul Dispatch

All of the above papers are sold at the out-of-town news stand in front of the Times Building, Times Square. Out of the four copies of the Minneapolis Journal, one is sent to Libby's News Stand, in front of the Grand Central Station.

Libby's News Stand informed that they receive no St. Paul and Minneapolis papers except one copy of the Minneapolis Journal; that inasmuch as there was no sale for this paper they discontinued receiving

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the same a few days ago. They said that they sell a copy once every four or five days, and inasmuch as they cannot be returned they decided to discontinue carrying the paper. They said that no one individual had bought this paper, and they have no recollection as to the identity of the persons who have been purchasing this paper on the average of one every four or five days.

Hotelling's News Stand, outside the Times Building, where papers from all over the United States are sold, is operated by one Fowler. He informed that he sells a few St. Paul and Minneapolis papers daily, but so far as he recollects no one person has been buying these papers except a Jewish man, over 6 feet in height, who, about a month ago started to buy a St. Paul paper daily. This continued for about two weeks and suddenly he discontinued buying the St. Paul paper and purchased a St. Louis and Chicago paper. He said that this man used to come to the stand daily but discontinued coming about a week ago, and that the last day he came was a Sunday, at which time he noticed for the first time that he drove off in a Chevrolet car with New York plates; that he tried to secure the license number of the car but was unsuccessful in doing so. He could not describe this man other than advising that he was Jewish, of stocky build, and a little over 6 feet in height. He could not identify any of the photographs of the defendants in this case. He said he has no way of telling who the persons were who had been buying St. Paul and Minneapolis papers during the past month. However, he does specifically state that there have been few repeats. Arrangements were made with him whereby if any bell boy comes to the stand for a St. Paul and Minneapolis paper he will determine from which hotel he came and will notify Hotelling.

Should any hotel or news stand in New York City desire a St. Paul or Minneapolis paper, the same would have to be secured through Hotelling.

In going over the matter with Nerge, he said that he keeps no daily record as to the distribution of out-of-town papers to hotels, but does recall that in the past few months the Plymouth and President Hotels ordered and received two or three copies of either paper. These two hotels are typical Broadway hotels. He also said that around February 28th the Essex House ordered a St. Paul or Minneapolis paper, and that this order was in effect for quite a few days. Arrangements were made with Nerge whereby he will immediately notify this office in the event that any hotel or news stand puts in a call for a St. Paul or Minneapolis paper.

U. A. Rorer, Inspector

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At the Essex House, it was learned that Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Waltz, 1942 So. Irving Street, Minneapolis, checked in on February 12th; checked out on February 17th; in on February 19th; and out on February 21st. They received a Minneapolis paper each morning during their stay, as a matter of courtesy on the part of the hotel.

At the Essex House, it was learned that on February 26th, Jerome B. Goldberg and Ralph O. Aal, of 2633 Aldrich Avenue, South, Minneapolis, and 572 Lincoln Avenue, St. Paul, respective addresses, checked in. Aal checked out on March 1st and Goldberg checked out on March 3rd at 5:06 P.M. While they were at the hotel they occupied Room 1609. A check of the telephone calls made by these individuals disclosed that during their stay they called the following:

Hotel Wyndham, 42 West 35th Street.
Mrs. Edith Rogers, 401 East 35th Street.
Angie Amos Corp., 345 West 35th Street.
Robert Pearl Friend, 11 West 39th Street.
Edward W. Browning, 1860 Broadway, City.
Polly Cohen, 85 Central Park West.
Athletic Pharmacy, 28th St. & Seventh Ave.
Far Mart of America, 363 Seventh Ave.

Consideration of the above names leads to the belief that neither Goldberg nor Aal has any connections with New York City racketeers.

Miller Ross of Bridgeport, Connecticut is being contacted to determine what distribution he has of the St. Paul Pioneer Press and St. Paul Dispatch.

At Wilton, Connecticut, where Mrs. J. Wertz, mother of Winnie Williams, resides, inquiry is being made for the purpose of learning the whereabouts of Winnie Williams.

On March 5, 1934 a conference was had at the office of Captain McDermott. The following detectives from the below-named precincts, the same detectives who were employed in the Kansas City massacre case, were furnished with photographs of the five suspects in this case:

14th Precinct - Sheehan and Clancy.
18th " - Winberry and Meahan.

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80th Precinct - Dwyer and Clark.
86th " - Harris.

These detectives will make suitable inquiry of their informants and in the event any information is secured tending to show the location of any of the suspects this office will be immediately notified.

Again, this office has to advise that the confidential informant, mentioned in the Division letter of February 15th, has not as yet called at this office.

Referring to letter from this office, dated March 1st, it is suggested that this office be advised as soon as possible of the status of the mail fraud case pending against Dave Beran in the Western District of Wisconsin.

Receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of March 6th with respect to Dave Beran. You will note that the matter referred to was covered in my letter of March 3rd. However, it is suggested that you specifically advise whether you are desirous of having Beran openly interviewed.

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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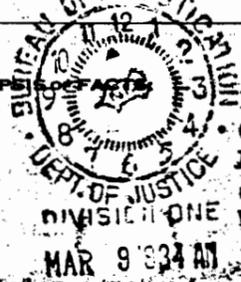
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ST. PAUL, MINN.

FILE NO. 7-33

REPORT MADE AT: DALLAS, TEXAS.	DATE WHEN MADE: 3-8-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3-3-34	REPORT MADE BY: F. S. DUNE
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al. Edward George Bremer (Victim).			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:



Harry Hull, ex-convict, former member of Barker Gang, now serving 15 years in Texas State Penitentiary, supplied information of gang's activities to H.B. Barr, Deputy Constable, Ft. Worth, Texas.

REFERENCE:

Letter from St. Paul Division Office, dated February 28, 1934, addressed to the Director.

DETAILS:

In conducting this investigation at Ft. Worth, Texas, the writer first learned the name of the prisoner referred to by H.B. Barr, Deputy Constable, from Mr. Barney Finn, Superintendent of the Identification Bureau, Ft. Worth Police Department. This prisoner's name is Harry Hull. The following criminal record appears in the files of the Ft. Worth Police Department:

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With this information the writer contacted H. B. Barr at the Constable's Office in Ft. Worth, Texas, exhibited Hull's criminal record, and Mr. Hull immediately related the facts under which he secured certain information from Hull and produced copies of letters he had written to William J. Meehan of the Minneapolis Police Department, together with a letter received by him from Supt. Meehan, dated March 23, 1933. Mr. Barr stated he had been anxiously waiting for a Government Official to visit him and offered every assistance that would aid the Government in apprehending the individuals responsible for the bank robberies and kidnapings which had occurred. He volunteered the delivery of the above correspondence to the writer, which he stated contained all the facts in detail secured from Hull.

The letter from Supt. Meehan, dated March 23, 1933, is in answer to a general inquiry made by Mr. Barr to determine whether Hull had given him authentic information. Supt. Meehan's letter states as follows:

"Referring to your letter of March 20th, regarding robbery of a bank, will state that on December 16, 1932 at about 2:45 P.M., the Third Northwestern Bank of this city was held up, and there were supposed to have been seven men in this robbery.

"While this was in progress two of our Police Officers responded to the call and both were shot and killed by these bandits. On December 18, 1932, Lawrence DeVol alias Leonard Barton #23902, was arrested for this robbery and plead guilty and sentenced to life imprisonment and is now in the State Penitentiary at Stillwater, Minnesota and the same date Lewis Owen, alias L. Hankins #25012 was also arrested and was tried and sentenced to life imprisonment and is now in the State Penitentiary at Stillwater, Minnesota. The same date, Clarence DeVol

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alias James Colton, #23801, was also arrested and is now in our County Jail waiting trial.

"I am sending you the picture of Edgar Medford our #24713. Will state for your information that #23801, #23801 and 24713 are three brothers. Their correct name is supposed to be Stone. All four of these men are from Kentucky and Missouri. Hankins broke jail in Paducah, Ky. last September while under Sentence of ten years in the State Penitentiary.

"Any information which you can give will be greatly appreciated and will state that there is a reward for the arrest and conviction of the seven men who participated in this robbery."

Mr. Barr stated upon receipt of the above letter he then questioned Hull in detail and under date of April 3, 1933, wrote the following letter to Superintendent Meehan:

"Yours of the 23/33 Received, and will say, the information that I have coincides with you except Clarence DeVol and Lewis Owens alias L. Hankins, the information I have is Lawrence DeVol caught 2 days after the crime in St Paul at 928 Grand St is Guilty and the Other Six are.

"Fred Barker, Leader of the Gang, did time at Granite Oklahoma and Lansing Kans. get Photo Doc Barker, Bro. Did time at McAlester Okla am sending you his Photo. he used the Machine Gun.

Jess Doyle did time at McAlester Okla & Lansing Kans. sending you his Photo

Bill Scott Did time at Lansing Kans out on parole

Verne Sankey Did time at Lansing Big scar on face, wanted in Denver Colo for kidnaping

Ray _____ the party forgot his name did time at Lansing and associated with Fred Barker you can get his full

name and Photo from Lansing Pen, and I am sure the people at your bank will identify those 7 as the ones that Robbed them. This party says he knows them all and they went to the apartment they had rented at the cor. of Cleveland and Marshall St. in St. Paul, and divided the money, each getting \$3200 each. he was there at the time, and he says the People thought they were using automatics But they had machine Guns. I

have this party arrested for hijacking and we shot him he is to be tried here the 12 of April. So, he gave me this information for they told him he knew to much and they were going to put him on the spot and Lawrence DeVoi gave him \$75.00 to leave there and he came down here and got in trouble. he has been in the Pen with them all and intended to all go to Canada but stopped in Minneapolis and pulled that deal. I will send details as he told me. Ans By return mail if you have anything for me to ask him before we send him to the Pen heres

"Will send each separate just as he wrote it."

That subsequent to writing the above letter there occurred so many bank robberies and kidnapings in the Twin Cities, Chicago, etc., that he again wrote to Supt. Meehan under date of January 23, 1934, as follows:

"I am writing you in regard to the kidnaping and other crimes in your city. Since last Dec. will say, I have information about the robbery of the Bank. The Third Northwestern Bank, on December 16th PM, when two police officers were killed, and the kidnaping of Boettcher Denver and some one at St. Paul, prior to the bank robbery, and this party told me in March last that this gang, had been in the Pen together at different times, and they were given out of State Parole - and they ganged together with the intention of going to Canada as rum runners, but stopped in St. Paul and rented an apartment on the cor. of Cleveland and Marshall St., on the 10th of Dec. 32. and robbed the Bank on the 16th Dec. in Minneapolis, went back across the river into St. Paul to the apartment and divided the money about \$300.00 each. This party says there were seven in the gang, and he stayed at the apartment while the robbery took place, and they came back and counted the money and left him out, they told this party to get out of the room and they then decided to put him on the spot, for he knew to much, and Lawrence DeVoi caught two days after the crime gave him \$75.00 and a suit of clothes and told him to beat it, and he came to Ft. Worth and hijacked a drug store and was shot and while I had him under guard at the hospital, he told me all the circumstances and the kidnapings that were to take place in the future, and it has so happened I notice from the papers, and I am confident if you can round them up you will have the ones that have caused all the trouble.

Here are the names and part of the photos. He said Lawrence DeVol was caught 3 days after crime at 928 Grand Ave. Have Photo. Bill Scott did time at McAlester, Okla was but on parole was in St Paul 3 weeks after crime. Verne Sankey wanted for Denver Kidnaping and St. Paul is about 40 yrs old light hair 5' 11". Very neatly dressed. hangs out at Central Hotel, Kansas City Mo. associates with Carl Pearce, Arthur Youngberg and others. Ray Miller about 22 yrs old 6' 145# did time in Lansing Kans and associated with Fred Barker while in the Pen and outside. Doc Barker did time McAlester out on out of State parole (have Photo). Fred Barker he and Doc are Bro's. Fred did time at Granite Okla and Lansing Kans. Jess Doyle did time at McAlester and Lansing Kans. He wore the chauffers Cap. I have the photos of Fred Barker, he is the Leader of the Gang. Doc Barker, Bros of Fred - he used the Machine Gun. Jess Doyle wore the chauffers cap at the Northwestern Bank. Verne Sankey - No Photo 40 yrs old light hair 5' 11" 165#

Ray Miller - No Photo - 22 years old light hair 6' - 145#
Bill Scott - no Photo - did time at McAlester, was in St. Paul.
Lawrence DeVol - captured. This party said Lewis Owens alias L. Hankin and Clarence DeVol alias James Cotton, were in Lansing Kansas at the time of the hold up and are not guilty. I will give you details as he told me, All but DeVol who was captured and Verne Sankey were in Reno, Nevada in Jan. they go to Leavenworth Kans often their Headquarters. Jack Glynn once Chief of Police of Leavenworth, Kansas, knows plenty if he would talk. Fred Barker goes to see him every 2 or 3 weeks and probably some of the others, Watch Glynn's place. Also old man Barker's Place in Neosho Mo. They will finally meet there. the 3 men caught with DeVol are not guilty. That gang stayed at apartment, corner of Cleveland and Marshall in St. Paul suite #37 or 59. - After every crime they go to see Glynn at Leavenworth and he keeps them posted and they go then to Reno Nevada. Their reason for going to Reno was a big business man by the name of Graham is in with the Governor, etc., and it was their understanding that if caught while there the Governor would not let them go back. Graham will be easy found and if you can make them talk Glynn and Graham you can learn plenty, the Gang will see them every few days and from what all he has told me the most of the crimes up there in the last year can be put on them. Hoping this information will be of some benefit."

Mr. Barr stated further during the time Hull was in the City-County Hospital in Ft. Worth, Texas, he was kind to him and supplied him every want; that it was while Hull believed he was going to die that he told him there was certain information he wanted to give and Hull eventually gave him the details set out in the above letters; that some of the details he secured after Hull was on the road to recovery; that Hull delivered him some written notes containing certain information concerning these individuals, which original notes Mr. Barr delivered to the writer together with Hull's photograph, and are with the files in the Dallas Office.

The information contained in the above handwritten notes, are set out herein as follows:

"Fred Barker him and Doc are brothers Fred did time at Granite Okla and Lansing Kansas."

"Doc Barker, did time at McAlester, he is out on out of State Parole now."

"Jess Doyle did time at McAlester and Lansing Kansas, he wore shoffer's cap in holdup."

"Ray is all I know young about 6 feet tall weight 145 pounds about 22 years old did time in Lansing Kans and associated with Fred Barker while in penitentiary and outside."

"Bill Scott did time at McAlester is out on parole now. Went back to st Paul 3 weeks after crime."

"Verne, is all I know May be Verne Sankey wanted for Denver Kidnaping and st paul kidnaping is about 40 years old has light hair about 5 feet 11 inches weight 165 Very neatly well dressed last time I saw him was in Central Hotel Kansas City Mo. He was with Carl Pearce and Arthur Youngberg - in the kidnaping."

Mr. Barr stated he could not recall the names of any of the victims mentioned by Hull who were subjects of the gang's kidnaping plans but that he believes "Hamm" was mentioned by him, but that Hull can no doubt remember the names of the victims discussed by the gang who had plans laid out for bank robberies and kidnapings for the following twelve months; that Hull stated the gang had three machine guns at the time of the robbery of the Northwestern Bank, but only one was used and was in the hands of Fred Barker, who killed two police officers, Hull stating he learned this fact from the gang upon their return to the apartment; that he also learned from Hull, the gang has a lawyer (name unknown) located in St. Paul, who keeps them posted on the activities of the authorities; that they use a code in writing to this lawyer. Mr. Barr stated he does not know whether Hull knows the name of this

lawyer, but possibly might be able to assist in locating him; that Hull stated this gang always dressed well and lived at the best apartment houses.

Mr. Barr expressed the belief Hull would no doubt assist the Federal Authorities if approached for the reason they have sworn they would kill him; that in the event Hull refuses to talk, he is satisfied he can secure any information he may know and Mr. Barr is willing to proceed to the Texas State Penitentiary should his services be required.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

SAN ANTONIO OFFICE - to interview Harry Hull, now in the Texas State Penitentiary, whose original hand written notes are being enclosed herewith, to be returned when they have served their purpose.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minnesota**

FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE: 2-23-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2-20 to 27-34 Inclusive	REPORT MADE BY: W. J. METCALFE
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim		CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Investigation while Agent resided under pretext at rooming house, 745 South State Street, Chicago, operated by Frank Hayes, determined presence of clerk named Johnny Miller, who somewhat resembles picture of Fred Barker, but is not believed to be identical. Telegram received February 22, 1934 by Frank Hayes from Eddie LaRue requesting \$1000.00 to be sent him by telegraph. License plates of cars parked in rear of Hayes rooming house being checked, but information thus far does not disclose anything of apparent value in this investigation. Hayes extremely reticent, and claims very poor circumstances. Hayes rooming house occupied by about ten men, mostly working men, aged retired men and drunks. Frank Hayes spends days at rooming house, but goes home at night; resides at 2000 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

DETAILS:

In accordance with the instructions of Special Agent in Charge, M.H. Purvis, the reporting Agent took up residence at the rooming house operated by Frank Hayes, 745 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois on the night of February 20, 1934. It is noted that this establishment is a dirty and dilapidated rooming house located just

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outside of Chicago's loop district and in the heart of what is generally known as one of Chicago's "bum" sections. The character of the neighborhood may also be seen in the fact that a number of burlesque shows are situated along South State Street between the 600 and 900 blocks, and the persons who generally may be seen on this street are drunks, bums and poor working men.

The door leading to the rooming house at 745 South State Street states "Rooms by the Week". This appears in large white porcelain letters, and the number 745 appears on the transom of the door. It is a three story structure, the first or ground floor of which is occupied entirely by stores, there being a lunch room which is north of the entrance, and next to the lunch room is a beer tavern. The entrance referred to is the only front entrance by which the rooming house may be entered, and this is located at the southwest corner of the building. There is another door at the northwest corner, but this is not used, and is kept locked. At the rear of the building there are also two entrances, only one of which is used. These entrances are located at the extreme northeast and southeast corner of this building, and the southeast entrance is the one where the door is allowed to remain open during the day. This building does not stand separately, but is one of a row of buildings, which stand against each other without any spaces intervening. In the rear of the building is a parking lot over which hangs a small sign that says "Parking from 7 A.M. to 6 P.M." No price for parking is noted on this sign, and there is no reference as to the management of the parking lot. Very few automobiles may be seen in this parking lot at any time of the day, and usually there is no car there at night after about 9 P.M. At the end of this parking lot is the alley which runs between State Street and Wabash Avenue. Over this alley is standing the Elevated train structure. On entering the rooming house by the front entrance, there is a long stairways of about 20 steps, divided in the middle by another door. Both this middle door and the front door are opened by being pulled out. At the head of the stairs, slightly to the left is a small room containing a half dozen chairs, a table and a stove. This room is in the nature of a lobby, and is used by the occupants of the building for the purpose of spending their spare time. There is a corridor running from the head of the stairs directly east to the end of the building, at which point there is another long stairway leading to the southeast rear entrance. There is a corridor in the front of the building from the head of the stairs to the north end of the building, which runs into another corridor extending east to the northeast corner of the building. This north corridor has a stairway at the west and east sides, similar to the south corridor. The head of the stairs referred to, as also the lobby room, are on the second floor of the building. This second floor as also the third floor, has a number of individual rooms for occupancy by roomers, there being 32 rooms in all, according to Frank Hayes, who also said at the time Agent began his residence there, there were 21 vacant rooms.

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One other point of importance is the room which is situated at the front of the building, opposite the room in the extreme southwest corner on the second floor. This room is the room occupied by a young man, who gave his name to Agent as Johnny Miller, and who is the clerk for the premises, his duties being to take care of the building, collect the rents and keep the records. This room contains the register and other books pertaining to the management of the premises. It may be further noted that this room is always kept locked in the absence of both Frank Hayes and Johnny Miller, as also that this room is frequently occupied by Frank Hayes during the day when he goes into the room and usually stands there looking out of the front window.

Frank Hayes spends his days at this rooming house, arriving early in the morning about 7 or 8 o'clock and remaining there throughout the day until anywhere from 3 to 5 P.M., when he leaves and does not return until the following morning. It is supposed that he goes to his home at night, which is located at 2000 Indiana Avenue, as reflected by the Chicago file in the case of Vernon C. Miller, with aliases (deceased) et al, Obstruction of Justice; Chicago file No. 62-1649, which contains a number of reports prepared by Special Agent W. Carter Baum regarding investigation conducted at the residence of Frank Hayes.

On the night of February 20, 1934 at about 11 P.M. Agent obtained a room at the Hayes rooming house, at which time Frank Hayes was not present. Agent was assigned to a room by the clerk, who on the following day gave his name as Johnny Miller. Agent was not requested, nor was it necessary, to sign a register of any kind. Agent informed Johnny Miller that he was waiting the arrival of a friend in a few days. On the following morning Agent met Frank Hayes and engaged in conversation with him, at which time Hayes was given to understand that Agent had just arrived in Chicago from New York City, and Agent introduced himself under the name of James Montgomery. It was indicated to Hayes that Agent was engaged in criminal activities, and that Agent was very familiar with the fact that lawyers, who protected criminals demanded very large fees. Hayes remarked that he thought possibly Agent was waiting for somebody else to appear at the rooming house, which Agent told him was correct, whereupon Hayes remarked that two or three days previous, a man had been at the hotel looking for someone else, Hayes remarking "I just thought I'd let you know". Agent thanked him for this information, thereby indicating that the party who had called probably was Agent's friend, and nothing further was said at that time. Other conversations were had with Hayes at various times, and on various days, and Hayes came to understand that Agent did not care to engage in conversation with him unless Hayes and he were alone together.

Hayes was also told that Agent's friend had all of Agent's money, and consequently Agent was very anxious for his friend to make his appearance. This led to the discussion of finances, and Hayes made a long speech about how poor he was, how bad business had been in recent months, and how many bills he had to pay. He showed Agent a telephone bill of \$18.71, as a result of which the telephone service had been disconnected, light and gas bills that were unpaid, and Hayes also told Agent that the agent for the premises had called twice that month for his rent, without receiving it. On numerous other occasions Hayes remarked about the poor financial circumstances in which he was. Subsequently one morning Agent advised Hayes that he had been able to communicate with his friend, and that his friend was expected in a very few days, and accordingly Hayes desired to know if he could negotiate a loan from Agent in order to obtain coal for the rooming house, as the place was very cold, and he had been unable to obtain any fuel for lack of funds. Agent advanced a loan to Hayes, and on the same day Hayes purchased coal for the rooming house.

Agent inquired of Hayes where Hayes could be reached, other than at the rooming house in the event it was desired to communicate with him at another place, but Hayes replied that he could see no reason why such communication would be necessary, whereupon Agent reminded Hayes that his telephone had been disconnected, but Hayes advised that it was only temporary and that as soon as the first of the month came around, and he could collect some rent, he would have his telephone connected again.

On another occasion in an effort to obtain from Hayes the names of some people, or an address which might be investigated for further information and possible criminal connections, Agent asked Hayes if he knew of anybody who would be willing to support a fictitious alibi in the event of Agent being apprehended for some crime at some place other than Chicago, so that Agent would desire to claim that he was in Chicago at the time the crime was committed. This was discussed at some length, and Agent indicated that some \$2000.00 would be paid to the parties who would be willing to cooperate in this respect, and that Hayes himself would be taken care of for his trouble. Hayes appeared somewhat interested and said he would see Agent later and discuss it further. On the following day this conversation was renewed, at which time Hayes indicated that the proposition was too risky for him, and that he would not want to be involved in anything of that nature; that also he did not know of any persons who would be willing to support a fictitious alibi. He

suggested that contact be had with a man named Frank, who lived in the rooming house, Hayes stating that Frank had some friends out on the west side of Chicago, who were not in very good circumstances and might be interested in such a proposition. However, Agent advised Hayes that it was necessary to engage the services of somebody who could be entirely relied upon, and for that reason no one but Hayes would be satisfactory. Hayes wanted to know if Agent had accidentally come to his rooming house or had been directed there, to which Agent replied he had been directed to the rooming house by a friend of his, and when Hayes wanted to know if he knew this friend, Agent informed him that he did not know this friend, but that the friend knew someone who did know Hayes. Hayes wanted to know who the friend was, and Agent informed him that it was someone he had not seen for a long time, and when he asked his name, Agent said his name was George, at which point the conversation ended abruptly when other persons entered the room. Agent also informed Hayes that he understands from his friend that Hayes was well acquainted with a number of "big shots", which Hayes did not specifically deny, but remarked: "How should I know any big shots; they are all in jail, you read about them being picked up every day or so".

From the conversations had with Hayes, it appeared that while there is little question about his criminal connections, he is very reticent and unwilling to disclose any information, and that although it is believed he did not surmise the identity of Agent, he was being extremely cautious and unwilling to take any chance. It is doubtful if Hayes would be communicative with anyone other than some well known hoodlum or gangster whom he knew personally, and whose associations and connections he also knew.

It may also be noted that after the first night at this rooming house, Agent requested a different room, and on being assigned to a room in the rear of the place, Agent told Hayes that he did not want to be placed in a part of the building where he would be all alone, but that he wanted to be in a place where other persons were occupying adjoining rooms, Agent indicating that he enjoyed company now and then.

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On Thursday evening February 23, 1934 at about 5 P.M. in the absence of Frank Hayes, a telegram addressed to him was brought to the rooming house by a Western Union messenger. As soon as the messenger put in his appearance Johnny Miller left the room and talked to the messenger in confidence, whereupon the messenger left, and it was noted that Johnny returned to the lobby room without having the telegram with him. This information was communicated to the Chicago office, and investigation at Western Union disclosed that the message was a telegram from Eddie LaRue (signed Eddie Foley) at Tampa, Florida addressed to Frank Hayes, which read as follows:

"Need \$1000. right away send it by wire to me
care Joseph P. Leib Attorney Tampa Theatre
Building Tampa Florida"

This information was communicated by telegraph on February 25, 1934 to the Jacksonville office for appropriate investigation, and it has since been learned from the Jacksonville office that the money requested by Eddie LaRue was not sent to him by Frank Hayes.

Agent likewise engaged in conversations with the clerk, Johnny Miller, and it was learned from him that he has been in various parts of the country at different times, principally in Denver, Colorado, St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota and in New York City. It is not believed that Miller is the correct name of this clerk, because on one occasion Agent referred to him by his full name when speaking to Hayes, and Hayes did not know of whom Agent was speaking until Agent told him that he meant Johnny the clerk. It was noted that Johnny, both in general description and also in features resembled the description and photograph of Fred Barker, one of the suspects in this case.

On the last day that Agent stayed at the Hayes rooming house, an effort was made to obtain a fingerprint of Johnny Miller, by the use of an ash tray which was handed to him for inspection, but this proved unsuccessful owing to the fact that the rooming house on that morning was extremely cold, and consequently Johnny's hands were probably too cold to have sufficient moisture on his fingers to leave a good print on the article.

On the night of February 26, 1934, Special Agent W.A. Smith called on the reporting Agent at the rooming house, and was introduced to Johnny Miller for the purpose of observing him. Agent Smith also thought that Johnny Miller slightly resembled the picture of Fred Barker, but there is still considerable doubt on this point in the minds of both Agent Smith and the reporting Agent. One reason is that Agent learned from one of the aged residents of the rooming house, a man named William A. Coleman, that Johnny has been clerk at this rooming house every day since January 5, 1934. The scars and marks that are supposed to appear on the face of Fred Barker do not appear on the face of Johnny Miller when his face is observed in full light, but when his face is slightly shaded, there is the appearance of scars under his eyes. This may be a natural effect of light on his features, and again it may be that he had slight scars which have since disappeared. It was not possible to inspect the wrist of Johnny Miller for gun shot wounds, that are supposed to appear on the wrist of Fred Barker, for the reason that Johnny always wears either a black sweater or a blue shirt with the sleeves pulled down over his wrists. At no time are his wrists available for observation, as in all his daily activities whether taking care of the premises or playing cards, he always has his wrists covered.

Further investigation will be conducted at a later date to determine definitely whether or not Johnny Miller is identical with Fred Barker.

During the period that Agent resided at this rooming house a few automobiles were noted in the parking lot in the rear of the premises, and the license numbers and makes of cars were noted down and submitted to the Chicago office for investigation. Some of these have been checked and others are still in the process of being checked. These cars are as follows:

A Chrysler sedan bearing 1933 Illinois license plates 640930, which were issued to Sam Pidro, 7842 Dobson Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, bearing motor No. 508275, serial ZW-564E.

A Ford V-8 coach, bearing 1933 Illinois license plates 904439, which were issued to Dr. Frank Kidwell, 9147 South Jeffery Avenue for a Ford bearing motor No. A-3375149.

A Hupmobile sedan bearing 1933 Illinois license plates 703455 issued to William Travis, 737 South State Street, for a Hupmobile bearing motor No. 91079.

A Dodge sedan bearing 1934 Illinois license plates 337541 issued to Oscar Travis, 6409 Newgard Avenue, Chicago for a Dodge.

A Ford sedan, model A, bearing Illinois license plates (1934) No. 547597.

A Chevrolet sedan of maroon color bearing 1934 Illinois license plates 596899.

A 1934 Illinois license 923467, the make of car not being noted.

The last three mentioned license plates are still being checked.

It was further noted that the occupants of the rooming house operated by Hayes, are mostly old men, one or two working men and a couple of young men. Several of the occupants indulge heavily in intoxicants, and are drunk most of the time. All of the occupants are believed to be in poor circumstances. William A. Coleman previously mentioned in this report is a man about 80 years old, who appears to be a respectable citizen who has been forced to live in meagre circumstances through financial reverses.

One of the occupants of the above rooming house is a fat Jewish man by the name of Louis, who is a veteran of the Spanish American war, and who lives on his pension from the Government. There is a middle aged man named Charley, who works at the railroads at the Dearborn Street Station handling mail. There is also a very old man, probably 90 years old, with a long white beard, whose occupation and source of livelihood is unknown.

Agent spent most of his time during the day sitting in the lobby room where the other occupants of the rooming house, either sat around or read newspapers, or played cards. This same procedure took place at night until about midnight, when the lobby room was locked up for the night so that all occupants had to retire.

From the lobby room, it was possible to observe anyone who entered or left the premises, and while Agent observed all persons who came and went, none was noticed who resembled the suspects in this case other than Johnny Miller as mentioned above.

Agent left the premises in response to a telegram sent by the Chicago office by Special Agent K.R. McIntire, which was addressed to James Montgomery and signed "Mac", and stated - "Come and see me". Upon receipt of this wire, Agent informed Hayes of his intended departure, and Hayes expressed regret at losing his roomer, and asked him to keep in touch with him in order that he might return the loan that was made to him. Agent told him not to worry about it, and Hayes remarked "Oh, I want to pay it back. I am on the square and I always return favors". Agent indicated that he did not expect to return there for a considerable period of time.

The Chicago office is presently checking the records of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company in an effort to ascertain what long distance calls have been made from the rooming house of Frank Hayes, and this information will be reported when obtained.

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Chicago Office at CHICAGO, ILLINOIS will report the information obtained with reference to the 1934 Illinois license plates that are still being checked, and the result of investigation at the Telephone Company regarding long distance calls made from the rooming house of Frank Hayes.

This office will also take such further action as may be deemed advisable with reference to keeping Frank Hayes and his rooming house under surveillance, and determining whether Johnny Miller is identical with Fred Barker.

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SUITE 1 - FEDERAL BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
MARCH 7, 1934.



Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box No. 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ET AL
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to telegraphic request of Inspector W. A. Rorer, dated March 6, 1934, it was ascertained through the office of the State Motor Vehicular Commissioner, Topeka, Kansas, that 1934 Kansas License plates 16-786 were issued to Roff Stone, Vinland, Kansas, on a 1930 Tudor Ford Sedan bearing motor number 3485167.

I called Mr. Hagerman, Postmaster, at Vinland, Kansas, and after he advised me that Roff Stone was known to him and was of good reputation, Mr. Hagerman had Roff Stone call me back. Mr. Stone advised that the above described license plates were presently on his car; further stating that neither the license plates nor the car had been out of Douglas County Kansas during this year, Vinland being located in Douglas County.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR
ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

March 7, 1934

Mr. W. MAR 9 1934
Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
203 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al,
Unknown Subjects,
Edward George Bremer - Victim,
Kidnaping. Chicago File #7-82.

Special Agent R. D. Brown today made a thorough and detailed inquiry at the Northwest Airways in Chicago and ascertained that the afternoon plane from Chicago over this line to Rochester, Minnesota, leaves regularly at 4:30 p.m. which would have it arrive at Madison, Wisconsin, an hour and fifteen minutes later. However, on Saturday, January 27, 1934, which is the day preceding the Sunday upon which the Victim heard the few short blasts on the siren, this plane was delayed in leaving Chicago and did not leave until 4:45 p.m. The pilot travelled off his course considerably due to a strong northwest wind and flew to the vicinity of Rockford before turning north into Madison, Wisconsin, and arrived at Madison at six p.m. The pilot who made this particular trip advised that the ceiling was but one thousand feet and he was forced to fly considerably lower than this at times; that due to the strong, northwest wind he was sometimes as much as twenty miles off his course, which is a very unusual occurrence. He recalled that the following day this same wind was so strong that the 4:30 plane out of Chicago was unable to leave. It is possible that it was on this trip that the plane flew close to the hideout house. All of the pilots interviewed with reference to this advised that there is practically no flying other than by commercial air lines at this season of the year and it was highly improbable that any ship was in the air at approximately six p.m. on January 27 other than a regular air line plane. Pilots of the other air lines concurred in this belief.

In view of this it would seem logical to have a check of all towns on railroads, at least along the regular Northwest Air Line between Chicago and Madison, as well as along the route taken by this afternoon

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plane on Saturday, January 27, 1934, and subsequently to cover the other northwest airway lines which come into Chicago by way of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In view of this Agents Brown and Reinecke are going to cover these routes and there are enclosed herewith the three lists of towns to be covered along the three routes. Agent Brown will cover the list headed "Northwest to Madison" and Agent Reinecke the list headed "West to Rockford" and "North to Beloit and Madison". From Madison these agents will divide the work on the line to Chicago by way of Milwaukee. These agents will advise you of their movements in order that you may reach them at certain given points.

Any other leads along this route now in the Chicago Office are being given to these agents to cover simultaneously with their air line investigation.

It appears that the cover of the air lines, as contemplated, will take approximately one week.

It is noted that one or two of the towns on the enclosed list have previously been checked with reference to finding the hideout and of course it will be omitted at this time.

Very truly yours,

E. H. CURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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GC: Division

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minnesota,**

St. Paul

FILE NO. 7-50

REPORT MADE AT: St. Paul, Minn.	DATE WHEN MADE: 3-7-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2/21 to 28/34	REPORT MADE BY: R. O. Coulter
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.		CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="text-align: center;">Photographs exhibited to witnesses of kidnaping but same not identified. However, two still claim they believe they will be able to identify the subjects when they see them. Various photographs exhibited in vicinity of 828 Grand Avenue. However, none were identified by the women who resided there under the name of BERGSTROM.</p>			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent O.G. Hall, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated March 4, 1934.			
DETAILS: <p style="text-align: center;"><u>At St. Paul, Minnesota.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Photographs of VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases; FRED BARKER, with aliases; ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases; and HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases; as well as numerous other photographs were exhibited to MRS. FLORENCE MATHES, 1097 Goodrich Avenue; CHARLES ARTHUR BRUNS, 985 Summit Avenue; MISS LILLIAN L. DICKMAN, c/o Commercial State Bank; and to MARTIN THORNDEN, 1019 Edgcombe Road; and to MRS. I. C. BELANGER, 123 South Lexington Avenue.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All of these persons, after viewing these pictures, stated that they absolutely could not identify any of them as the persons they had seen or who had contacted them.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>		RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAR 9 - 1934	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: 3-Division 3-St. Paul		<p style="text-align: center;">7-576-1097</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MAR 9 1934 A M</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ROUTED TO: <i>[Signature]</i></p>	
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MISS L. DEMMER, 118 South Lexington Avenue, on viewing the above mentioned photographs, stated that there was a slight resemblance between the persons she saw on the northwest corner on the morning of January 17, 1934, and the photograph of VOLNEY DAVIS. She stated that she could not be absolutely positive either way and, while there appeared to be a general similarity between DAVIS and the person she saw, the person, as she recalled, was heavier than DAVIS and she absolutely would not say one way or the other until she saw the person, at which time, she believed she would be able to identify him.

MR. JOHN T. COONEY, 1665 Wellesley Street, or 514 Bremer Arcade, viewed photographs of the subjects in question and stated there appeared to be a slight similarity between the photographs of VOLNEY DAVIS and the person whom he saw standing at the side of the automobile on Edgcombe Road on the morning of January 17, 1934. He stated that he could not be positive and, while he hoped he would be in a position to identify the man should he see him again, he did not know that he could do that as it is brought home to him every day that he cannot remember faces. He stated that the reason he picked DAVIS' picture was that the chin appeared to be similar and that the man he saw appeared to be about 5'10"; weighed 150 pounds; was light complexioned; and had possibly blond hair. However, he had on a dark hat and a dark overcoat, as he recalled.

MRS. THOMAS B. CROSBY, 125 South Lexington Avenue, who has heretofore not been contacted, was located at her home during the afternoon of February 27, 1934, at which time she stated that she recalled leaving her apartment on the morning of January 17, 1934, at approximately 8:15 A.M., and while she saw a man standing on the northeast corner she could not further describe him than to say that he was a man and that she looked back at him inasmuch as he was standing there and no automobiles were approaching which would hinder him from crossing the street; that she further recalled, when she looked back, that she saw a man standing on the south side of Goodrich Avenue, towards the Lexington School. She stated that she had no idea what this man looked like, or the manner of his dress. She examined the photographs in question and advised that she did not recognize them as photographs of any persons she had seen around the corner of Lexington and Goodrich Avenues. MRS. CROSBY stated she would be glad to be of assistance in this case if it were possible, however, she possessed no information whatever.

MRS. CHARLOTTE GRANBERG, 1096 Goodrich Avenue, on interview, stated she slept late on the morning of January 17, 1934, and that she knew nothing of the kidnaping until approximately two days later when she read it in the paper. She looked at the photographs in question and stated that she could not identify them as those of persons seen in the vicinity.

The photographs of MRS. PAULA HARMON, DOROTHY SLAYMAN, and MYRTLE RATON, St. Paul Police #22402, were exhibited to the following persons with a view to determining whether one of these women was the one who resided at 628 Grand Avenue, under the name of BERGSTROM:

JOHN HENRY WALTER, Apt. 108 - 636 Grand Avenue;
MRS. J. OLSON, 628 Grand Avenue;
J. F. LOGARD, and clerks, at LOGARD'S DRUG STORE,
619 Grand Avenue;
MISS L. HOPP, 617 Grand Avenue, manager of the
National Tea Store;
MRS. THOMAS MALPINE, Apt. 108 - 628 Grand Avenue.

After viewing these photographs, all the persons in question stated that none resembled the woman who resided at 628 Grand Avenue. MR. LOGARD and MISS HOPP, as well as MRS. OLSON, stated that they would be able to identify the woman should they see her again and that they believed they could identify her photograph if same were exhibited.

The foregoing photographs were exhibited to CHARLES J. SCOTT, c/o Scott Transfer Company, 119 West 6th Street, who stated that none of them was the photograph of the BERGSTROM woman he had observed at 628 Grand Avenue.

Further investigation is being conducted in this case.

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Des Moines, Ia.
March 6, 1934.

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Mr. T. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: Alvin Karpis, with
aliases, et al.
George Bremer, victim
Kidnapping. I.C. File #7-57

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith several reports which you
forwarded to me some time ago for my perusal, and re-
quested that I return same when I had read them.



Very truly yours,

O. C. Dewey,
Special Agent.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
801 Title Guaranty Building,
St. Louis, Mo.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,
Victim. KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File 7-50

Dear Sir:

In response to my circular letter under date of February 24, 1934, copies of which are attached hereto, I am in receipt of a letter dated March 6, 1934, from Clare M. Ely, postmaster, Mineral, Illinois, in which he advises that the sounds which Bremer heard during the time he was held captive can be heard in Mineral, Illinois.

A letter has also been received from Dora M. Tellkamp, Acting postmaster, in which information is provided reflecting that a possibility exists that the sounds described in my circular letter may be heard in LaMoille, Illinois.

It is desired that you cause appropriate investigations to be conducted in the vicinity of Mineral, Illinois and LaMoille, Illinois, for the purpose of determining whether the hideout may have been located in said localities.

Very truly yours,

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W.A. RORER,
Inspector.

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

March 6, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
505-a U.S. Court House & Post Office Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.,
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim,
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Please trace ownership of 1933 Nevada license plates #1-283, observed on a Pontiac Sedan, and 1933 Nevada license plates #1-488, observed on a Buick Sedan. Obtain, if possible, description of owner and any other information pertaining to his occupation, associates, criminal record, if any, et cetera.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER, INSPECTOR.

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

March 7, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
515 News Building,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Please trace ownership of 1933 California
license plates #2-N-8661, observed on Graham-Paige Sedan. Ob-
tain, if possible, description of owner and any other informa-
tion pertaining to his occupation, associates, criminal record,
if any, et cetera.

Very truly yours,

W.A. ROBER, INSPECTOR.

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois
March 7, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
370 Lexington Ave., Room 1403,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;
et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.
KIDNAPING. Chicago File 7-82

It is observed that the Chief of Police at Elizabeth, N.J., on October 24, 1930, issued a Wanted Circular on WILLIAM WEISMAN, alias BILL WEIS, who was indicted for the killing of John C. Finello, a United States Prohibition Agent, while conducting a brewery raid in Elizabeth, N.J., during September, 1930.

Inasmuch as WEISMAN has been mentioned as a suspect in the above case, it is respectfully requested that you secure twelve copies of the best available photograph of the said party, furnishing six to this office and six to the Saint Paul Office immediately.

Very truly yours,

M. E. FURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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St. Paul.
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1900 Bankers Bldg.
Chicago, Illinois
March 7, 1934.



cc
Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;
et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.
KIDNAPING, Chicago File 7-82

You are advised that [redacted] called at this office on March 5, 1934, stating a woman by the name of "Helen", last name unknown, from whom he has obtained information in the past and who has, in the past, known a great many gangsters, returned from Saint Paul recently and said she had heard about [redacted] BILLY WEISMAN, alias BILLY WESTERMAN, in Saint Paul. She did not see that man, but [redacted] seemed to think WEISMAN might be in on the Bremer Kidnaping. Weisman is said also to have been a friend of Leo Turner, who is now serving a term in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas on a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act charge.

[redacted] also stated that one Morris Roisner might have been the "finger man" in the Bremer Case and that Roisner is probably in with the Police in Saint Paul. [redacted] had no additional information but was instructed to endeavor to obtain any information possible and furnish it to me.

It is observed that the Saint Paul Office already has photographs of Morris Roisner. An examination of the files in this office discloses we have no available photograph of Weisman but a letter is being directed to the New York Office, with a request that they immediately secure several photographs of Weisman and forward them to you and also to this office.

Very truly yours,

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M. H. MURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
P.O. Box 4807,
Jacksonville, Florida.

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ST. PAUL, MINN.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
UNKNOWN SUBJECT
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Please trace ownership of 1933 Florida license plates #10-7880, observed on an Auburn Coupe, and #10-873 observed on a dark green four-passenger coupe, make unknown. Obtain, if possible, description of owner and any other information pertaining to his occupation, associates, criminal record, if any, or others.

Very truly yours,

RLM:TC

W. A. ROYER, INSPECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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



March 7, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file No.7-30.

Please refer to the letter from the New York City office dated March 5, 1934, in the above entitled case, concerning information received from Mr. A. R. Burr, Special Agent in Charge, United States State Department, regarding Frank Sommer of St. Paul. Special Agent O. G. Hall, at my request, furnished the following information regarding Frank Sommer.

Frank W. Sommer is the operator of the National Police Detective Agency, 1026-E First National Bank Building, St. Paul. When John Glass was an agent here, he and Special Agent Hall working on the Keating-Holden case received information that Frank Sommer was very close to Leon Gleckman and had supplied him with body guards from his detective agency. In that connection, Keating and Holden, it was later learned, did act as Leon Gleckman's body guards but we never could connect their employment with Frank Sommer.

*Francis Keating
Thomas Holden*

Frank Sommer was once Operative in Charge of the United States Secret Service in St. Paul. Later, he was Police Chief of St. Paul, Minnesota. Some time later, he was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury in St. Paul, indictment No. 2541, with

Daniel P. Hogan,
Reuben D. Lilly,
George E. Blaul,

on January 25, 1927, for conspiring to rob the mails at South St. Paul, the robbery occurring on April 17, 1924, at which time one Moran and others stole \$35,000.00. Moran entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced. Before the Grand Jury, he told how Danny Hogan and Sommer had talked the robbery over with him in Danny Hogan's "joint". Danny Hogan was for years "boss" of the underworld in the Northwest. He was later killed.

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Later, Moran repudiated his confession implicating Hogan and Sommer. Agent Hall thinks Moran is in the Leavenworth Penitentiary. For full details concerning this case, the Department has a letter dated May 4, 1927, signed by John S. Pratt, Special Assistant Attorney General. The case was continued from time to time and finally dismissed.

Agent Hall has heard that Frank Sommer is a very close friend of Tom Brown, ex-Chief of Police of St. Paul, who is known to the Division, and that for minor hoodlums, Frank Sommer is Tom Brown's "stool pigeon"; also, that Frank Sommer is a go-between for bank robbers and the Burns Agency on "kick backs" of stolen securities. As Agent Hall recalls, it was rumored that on a certain bank job in which the Karpis-Barker gang participated, Sommer acted as the go-between for the restoration of stolen registered bonds.

Sommer has a poor reputation in St. Paul. During the recent election for mayor, it was rumored that one of the candidates was going to name Sommer for Police Chief and responsible persons told Agent Hall confidentially that they were bitterly opposed to such an appointment and were exerting their influence to prevent Ingerson's nomination solely for that reason. Unsolicited, Agent Hall was informed of this by two highly respectable people in St. Paul.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Rorer
W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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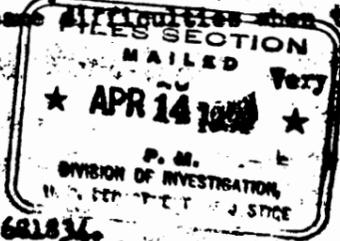
Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
Identification Order 1218,
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases,
Identification Order 1219, et al,
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim, KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to your letter dated March 7, 1934, wherein you set forth information concerning Frank W. Sommer, operator of the National Police Detective Agency, 1026-E First National Bank Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, who, with others, was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury in St. Paul on January 26, 1927, charged with conspiracy to rob the United States mails at South St. Paul, Minnesota, on April 17, 1924.

Your letter made reference to a letter dated May 4, 1927, signed by John S. Pratt, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, wherein full details concerning this case are set forth, but your letter does not indicate that the letter of Mr. Pratt is available to the St. Paul Office. There appears in the file entitled Daniel P. Hogan, et al, Subornation of Perjury, Division file 62-14440, a photostatic copy of a memorandum for Assistant Attorney General Lubring, dated May 4, 1927, signed by John S. Pratt, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, setting forth in considerable detail the difficulties which confronted the prosecution of Hogan and others under the indictment above referred to. A photostatic copy of this memorandum is transmitted herewith, so that the information contained therein can be borne in mind during the investigation of the above entitled case, in order that this Division will not be confronted with the same difficulties when this case is brought to trial.



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Director.

Division of Investigation
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P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

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February 8, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

In the above matter, there are being transmitted to the Division by parcel post, special delivery, three flash lights, and one light Master pocket lantern. In the same parcel there will be found a gray flannel shirt, a suit of underwear, and a pair of heavy stockings. These articles are transmitted for the purpose of determining whether or not any identification data, such as fingerprints, may be developed. These articles should be returned immediately to the St. Paul Office for the reason that they will be valuable in conducting investigations and making inquiry at various stores relative to the sale of these goods. The flashlights in particular are very important in that they are all equipped with filmolens, which is a red light, 3 inches in diameter. These lights were found at a place near where the pay-off was made and they constituted the signal for the pay-off man to take certain directions.

It is also requested, at this time, that the car seat which has previously been forwarded to the Division be returned to the St. Paul Office as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

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WERNER HANN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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ADDRESS REPLY TO
BUREAU OF STANDARDS

March 8, 1934

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

Subject: Typewriting.

Dear Sir:

This Bureau has made careful examination of check
submitted with your letter of March 2 and is of the opinion
that it was written on an L. C. Smith typewriter carrying
a special flight for the "No. 1" model.

The document will be delivered to your agent upon
request.

Respectfully,

Lyman J. Briggs, Director

Edward H. Bremer

M. J. [unclear]

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

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

Dear Sir:

Chief Special Agent T. E. Pratt, of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, forwarded to this office a letter from Special Agent G. H. Hobbs, of this railroad company, located at Omaha, Nebraska, dated March 2, 1934. Copies of this letter are transmitted, herewith. It is noted that the information contained therein may have some bearing on the Bremer and Lindbergh Kidnaping Cases.

Unless the Division instructs otherwise, the Kansas City Office is requested to interview Special Agent G. H. Hobbs, of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, at Omaha, Nebraska, for such information as he may be able to give, and conduct such further investigation as seems appropriate.

Very truly yours,
M. H. Purvis
M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Omaha, Nebr., March 2, 1934.

Mr. T. E. Pratt.

Referring to your personal letter of February 27th which was addressed to Messrs. Palmer, Mowry and myself with reference to information to locating a point where sirens, church bells, locomotive and train may be heard.

I have given this matter considerable thought and have not been able to locate a single place in southwestern Iowa or Nebraska which would fit in.

While talking with Mr. Lammert at Council Bluffs this morning he told me of a couple of Italians at Glenwood who had come to Glenwood last spring or early summer under very peculiar circumstances and seemed to have plenty of money and nothing to do. I suggested going to Glenwood and we did so, arriving there we interviewed Deputy Sheriff Cooney who gave us the following information and which may be of great value.

Joe and Frank Bangarnio and two women presumed to be the wives came to Glenwood in May or June last year, they came to Glenwood with a note from someone in Council Bluffs and met Mr. Haney the Mayor, they stated that they wanted to buy a place as they were paying 14.00 a day in Council Bluffs, the mayor told them he could help them out, while talking Frank displayed a valuable watch which he stated had cost him \$1000.00 and that if the mayor found a place that suited them he would make him a present of the watch, they found a place and sure enough he gave the watch to the mayor, the mayor had it appraised and the jeweler stated that the watch had cost at least \$500.00 and the chain included. The place which they picked was bought, they paid down \$2000.00 and paid out \$1,800.00 for repairs and then came to Omaha and bought \$2,800.00 worth of furniture, making a total of \$6,600 which they paid in cash and they apparently had plenty of other money, when they arrived they had a Lincoln sedan and an Oldsmobile sedan, they sold the Lincoln and the brother Frank left with the Oldsmobile, the brother Joe that is now there has a 1931 Deluxe Buick, painted black. The women left last August and have not been back. These people had New Jersey numbers on their car and came from Englewood, New Jersey near where Lindbergh lives.

We were also informed that Joe recently sold the place including the furniture as it stood in the house for \$5,500.00 and was just waiting for settlement before leaving. We were also informed that these men wore expensive clothing and that each of them had a special pocket in the front of the trousers for a gun or possibly dope.

Deputy Sheriff Cooney thinks they are gamblers or dope peddlers, he stated that they would go away and be gone several days then come back. I think this is worth investigation, there a gun or possibly to carry dope as that is

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what Mr. Cooney thought their business might be. He stated that they would be around town and then leave and be gone several days and then come back and always had plenty of money and were free spenders.

We did not talk to the Sheriff and did not tell Mr. Cooney why we were questioning him, he thinks it is just curiosity on our part and we let him think so. I do not understand why this situation has not been investigated.

(Signed) G. H. Hobbs

CC Mr. C. C. Palmer

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



Signature

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March 7, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file #7-30.

With reference to Division letter dated February 27, 1934, addressed to me concerning the matter of Edward G. Bremer having previously been subpoenaed to testify before the Grand Jury proceedings against Leon Gleckman in connection with income tax inquiries, I am attaching hereto a memorandum submitted to me by Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Rorer
W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 3, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO INSPECTOR ROHRER:

Re; ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.,
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim,
KIDNAPING,
St. Paul File No. 7-50.

St. Paul, Minn.

As per your request, reference is had to Director's letter addressed to you under date of February 28, 1934, concerning certain information which received publicity, among them being the wall paper, serial numbers on the bank notes, and with reference to an unidentified man and woman who fled from an apartment in St. Paul, all I can say with reference to these matters is the fact that I am positive that none of this information was obtained from any employee in the St. Paul Division Office and I, personally, have never made any statement about this case to any representative of any newspaper, or anyone else, outside of the Division.

St. Paul, Minn.

It is my belief that the reference to the wall paper was obtained in an interview by the press with the Victim in the case; that the bank notes, serials, undoubtedly, was assumed by the press to be a fact, having been a practice well known to the public and the press in previous kidnaping cases. As to the parties leaving the apartment, I know that this information did not come from this office. However, it is possible that, after the police and agents from this office had made inquiry at the apartment house and nearby premises someone may have made a remark relative thereto and the paper heard about it.

With reference to Director's letter of February 27, 1934, as to the racketeer business in the Commercial State Bank, I have no information to this effect other than hearsay. I heard it said that BREMER was an unwilling witness against GLECKMAN, but the United States Attorney for this district has no information relative thereto for the reason that MR. MORRISON, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, who handled the case has all records and data relative to that case. I recall that, at one time, Mr. Nathan and myself interviewed ADOLPH BREMER, father of the Victim, and mention was made, in effect, that it was understood that EDWARD was about to be a Government witness in the GLECKMAN trial, to which MR. BREMER replied that EDWARD had fixed that up with the Government and it was not necessary for him to appear.

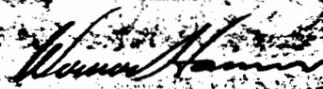
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I did not look into the allegations of numerous racketeers doing business at the Commercial Bank for the reason that it was not advisable to make any inquiry at the bank as long as the Victim had not been returned and, a few days thereafter, I was no longer to work on this case.

Very truly yours,



WEINER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Division

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

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Saint Louis, Missouri

March 7, 1934



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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent M. B. Rhodes, dated at Chicago, Illinois, March 2, 1934, in the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al, Edward G. Bremer, Victim, Kidnaping.

It will be noted from this report that inquiry is desired relative to the identity of "Big Homer." In this connection attention is directed to the report of Special Agent R. L. Shivers, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, February 23, 1934, in the case entitled Edward Doll, with aliases, I. O. #1214, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. In this report Ed Doll advises that he was well acquainted with one Big Homer Wilson, and he furnishes the additional aliases for Big Homer Wilson as being Big Jim, Charlie Potatoes, Charlie Stone and Big Moose.

As a matter of interest in connection with the aliases of Charlie Potatoes, your attention is directed to the report of Special Agent R. E. Peterson, dated at Birmingham, Alabama, October 6, 1933, in the case entitled George Kelly Barnes, with aliases, et al, Charles F. Urschel, Victim, Kidnaping, and particularly to page eight of this report where there is set forth a telegram addressed to J. C. Tichener, signed Lons. It will be noted that this telegram, intended for George Kelly Barnes, having been sent to him by Langford Ramsey, starts with "Dear Cholly." When Langford Ramsey was questioned by Inspector Rorer and the writer at Memphis, Tennessee, he advised that he had often called Machine Gun Kelly "Charlie Potatoes," and for that reason had so addressed this telegram.

In view of the use of this unusual alias, it is suggested that possibly George Kelly Barnes may be acquainted with Big Homer Wilson, and may be in a position to furnish some information concerning his identity.

Very truly yours,

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ED. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation
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MR. TOLSON.....
MR. CLEGG.....
MR. COWLEY.....
MR. EDWARDS.....
MR. EGAN.....
MR. QUINN.....
MR. LESTER.....
MR. LOCKE.....
MR. RORER.....

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I called Acting Special Agent in Charge Spear of the Kansas City office and requested that he have Agent Nichols report to Mr. Purvis in Chicago as soon as possible. Agent Spear stated Nichols was in Iowa at the present time but he could be released without difficulty of his present assignment and he would have him report to Mr. Purvis as soon as possible, advising both the Division and Mr. Purvis when that would be.

I advised Mr. Purvis of this fact, requesting that he keep the Division advised as to the developments on the telephone taps and also the information obtained from the informant.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. Cowley.

Watch this carefully.
J. E. H.

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P. O. Box 818,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 8, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
318 Hayes Building,
San Francisco, California.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al;
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM.
KIDNAPING
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Dear Sir:

On March 2, 1934, one Theodore Kidder of Minneapolis, Minnesota, was murdered by five men. The Sheriff's Office of Hennepin County, at Minneapolis, has asked the St. Paul Division office for its assistance in securing certain information with regard to the above murder, which might have some bearing on the instant case.

The car used by these five men who are alleged to have committed the murder bore California license number 6-H-478, and was issued to one James Rogers of 154 Eastwood Drive, San Francisco, California, for a 1934 Hudson sedan, motor number 300. The Sheriff's Office at Minneapolis has asked the Division's assistance in ascertaining the identity of James Rogers of the above given address, and in determining whether the above car was stolen in San Francisco or not.

The San Francisco Division office is requested to furnish the St. Paul Division office with above information.

Very truly yours,

W. A. ROEHL,
Inspector.

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March 8, 1934.

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Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Dear Sir:

In connection with the investigation being conducted by your office in an attempt to identify the gasoline cans in the case entitled Alvin Karpis, et al, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping, there are transmitted herewith both to your office and the Chicago office six copies of enlarged photographs showing the two different designs imprinted on the top of these cans.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Mr. W. A. Rora,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

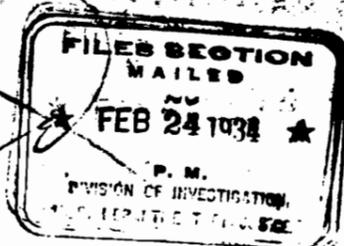
Reference is made to your telegram of February 21, 1934, concerning the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, KIDNAPING OF EDWARD G. BREMER. It is observed that upon receipt of information from the Division on February 11, 1934, one Special Agent was assigned to make investigations in Minneapolis and St. Paul stores in an effort to locate the place where the flashlights used in the Bremer kidnaping case were purchased. It appears that the investigation was successful in locating the saleslady who sold these flashlights and in obtaining valuable information from her, on February 20, 1934.

In view of the importance of this lead, as well as the size of the combined cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis, it appears that certainly more than one Agent should have been detailed to make these inquiries. This would have resulted in obtaining the information at a much earlier date, and the Division desires that you obtain from the St. Paul Office information as to why this lead was not followed out more vigorously than the facts indicate.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.



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REPORT MADE AT: Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 3-7-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2-20-26-34	REPORT MADE BY: H. E. Hollis
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

List of correspondents of Volney Davis, Arthur (Doc) Barker, and Harry Campbell secured from State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla. Investigation at Tulsa and Sapulpa, Okla. fails to locate any of correspondents. Malissa Bevan, Tulsa, is well acquainted with Harry Campbell, Glen Roy Wright, Fred Barker and Doc Barker. Mrs. Bevan signed bond of Campbell and Wright at Tulsa on burglary charge, 1932, and has been sued on bond. She advises will cooperate with Government. Dorothy Slaman, former wife of Alvin Karpis, reported residing Chicago, Illinois, 900 block Buena Terrace. Johan Armour, former sweetheart of Fred Barker, not now at Commerce, Oklahoma, and efforts being made to determine her location.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Missouri, February 20, 1934.

DETAILS:

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Following are the correspondents of Volney Davis, Arthur (Doc) Barker, and Harry Campbell during their confinement in the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma:

Volney Davis:

Jaquer P. Reese - friend, Sapulpa, Oklahoma;
Mrs. Rodney E. Davis, mother, 1019 1/2 South Rockford St., Tulsa, Okla.

DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Hugh Brantley</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-1116	RECORDED AND INDEXED MAR 10 1934
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Miss Mabel Van Nest - friend, Box 1858, Tulsa, Oklahoma;
Mrs. Mabel Hunt - sister, Los Angeles, California;
Mrs. Beulah Porter - sister, 1610 East 6th St., Tulsa, Okla.;
Mrs. Bertha Williams - sister, 717 South Lanston St., Tulsa, Okla.;
Lucille Kidd - friend, Tulsa, Oklahoma;
Mrs. M. Gates, friend, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma;
Miss Helen Davis - sister, Tulsa, Oklahoma;
Blanche Crowell - friend, Sapulpa, Oklahoma;
John Williams - friend, Tulsa, Oklahoma;
Lula Johnson - friend, Leavenworth, Kansas;
Charles Page - friend, Sand Springs, Oklahoma;
Elmer Morrison - friend, Tulsa, Oklahoma;
Birdie G. Williams, sister, Chickasha, Oklahoma;
W. B. Williams - Judge, Riverside, California;
Ruby Lumberson - sister, 12156 North Det., Tulsa, Okla.;
Irene Davis - sister, 10 East 26th Street, and 3206 North
Hudson, Tulsa and Oklahoma City, Okla., respectively;
Henry C. Wood - friend, 1010 Lime Street, Sapulpa, Okla.;
Matt Stanley - friend, Kansas City, Missouri;
Blanche Platt - friend, Sapulpa, Oklahoma;
Mrs. C. Moore - sister, Mart, Texas;
Arthur Tucker - friend, Reichert, Oklahoma;
Mr. E. C. Graham - friend, 14 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, Mo.;
Manie Brockman - sister, Tulsa, Oklahoma;
Rostia Baldwin - friend, Goldin, Oklahoma;
J. E. Schofield - friend, Moberly, Missouri;
Mrs. C. W. Rhodes - friend, Route #11, East 51st Street, Tulsa, Okla.;
George McGee - friend, Coffeyville, Kansas;
Morris Crabtree - friend, Tulsa, Oklahoma;
Jannette Burnside - friend, Tulsa, Oklahoma;
Elmer Morrison - friend, Box 514, Granite, Oklahoma.

Arthur (Doc) Barker:

G. E. Barker - father, 401 North Cincinnati Ave., Tulsa, Oklahoma;
Mrs. G. E. Barker - mother, 401 North Cincinnati, Tulsa, Okla.;
Lloyd Barker - brother, Leavenworth, Kansas;
C. M. Hubbard - friend, 1724 West 21st St., Oklahoma City, Okla.;
Letter received from Box 181, Ponca City, Oklahoma;
Mrs. Edna Barker - wife, Lindsey, Oklahoma, Star Route;
Mary Hart - niece, Barton, Kentucky;
Fred Barker - brother, Tulsa, Oklahoma;
J. C. Marsh - friend, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma;
Frank Barker - brother, Granite, Oklahoma;
Jennie Branson - sister, Route #1, Box 69, Madill, Okla.;
Burt Barker - brother, Muskogee, Oklahoma;
G. R. Porter - friend, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Harry Campbell:

- Pearson Strickland - friend, 533 South Lansing, Tulsa, Okla;
- Mrs. Billie Campbell - wife, Tulsa, Oklahoma;
- Bessie Brizenline - friend, Tulsa, Oklahoma;
- Evylin Boswell - friend, Lawton, Oklahoma;
- Bus Campbell - brother, 618 S. Rockford, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

This information was secured by Special Agent G. H. Franklin of the Oklahoma City office from the Record Clerk and Postmaster at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

With reference to Luther James, who is listed as the attorney for Volney Davis, at Tulsa, Oklahoma, it was ascertained that Mr. James died several years ago.

A list of the Tulsa correspondents of Davis, Campbell and Arthur Barker was submitted to Post Office Inspector George Hill, who caused the Postal records to be searched; however, none of these correspondents is now listed in the Postal records or late city directories of Tulsa, Oklahoma. It was ascertained, however, by Mr. Hill that mail addressed to Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Barker, 401 North Cincinnati, Tulsa, Oklahoma, was being delivered at that address. Special Agent T. M. Birch of the Oklahoma City office

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Special Agent M. Sorola of the Oklahoma City office made investigation at Sapulpa, Oklahoma relative to the listed correspondents of Volney Davis; however, none of these correspondents could be located at this time in Sapulpa.

It will be noted that Blanche Crowell, who was one of the correspondents of Volney Davis, is now Blanche Platt. She is the daughter of Ollie Platt and is now living at 10th & Cheyenne, Tulsa, Oklahoma. She has previously been interviewed and claimed not to know the present whereabouts of Volney Davis.

Special Agent M. Sorola also interviewed Jack Bonham, investigator for the office of the County Attorney, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Mr. Bonham stated that Carol Hamilton, who is now Carol Tankersley, presently resides at 102 South Broadway, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and that she recently married Seth Tankersley.

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Carol Tankersley is well educated;

however, care must be used in dealing with her and it is reported that she will deal with but one person. Relative to Carol Tankersley, at Tulsa, Oklahoma Agent T. M. Birch ascertained from Mr. George Hill, Post Office Inspector, that she is the former wife of Herman Barker, now deceased. Carol Tankersley is known to Inspector Hill and he has stated that in the event it is desired to contact her, he would accompany an Agent at the time of the interview due to the fact that she would undoubtedly feel reluctant in furnishing information to a stranger. Mr. Hill expressed the opinion that should she know anything regarding the whereabouts of Fred and Arthur Barker, she would tell him, Mr. Hill.

Mr. Hill also stated that one C. F. Gowdy, an attorney, formerly residing in Tulsa, Oklahoma, but at the present time living in Oklahoma City, had aided Volney Davis at the time Davis secured his leave of absence from the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, and that Gowdy is the type of lawyer that Davis would contact continuously and he is inclined to believe that Gowdy knows the present location of Davis.

Special Agent K. D. Deaderick of the Oklahoma City office made investigation at Madill, Oklahoma relative to Jennie Branson, who is listed as a correspondent of Arthur (Doc) Barker. Her address is given as Route 1, Box 69, Madill. Louis Hern, Assistant Postmaster at Madill, advised Agent Deaderick that he has been in Madill practically all of his life and never heard of Jennie Branson.

Special Agent A. E. Farland of the Kansas City Division office submitted a memorandum under date of February 15, 1934 in connection with the case of Vernon C. Miller, deceased, et al. - Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, and information is set out in this memorandum obtained by Agent Farland at Tulsa, Oklahoma relative to the associates of Fred and Arthur Barker, Alvin Karpis and other suspects in this case. Among the associates mentioned are Terry and Earl Whinnery. Captain George Stewart, Detectives Earl Gardner and Earl Porter of the Tulsa, Oklahoma Police Department have no definite information as to the present whereabouts of these individuals.

In the memorandum of Agent Farland information is set out that Dorothy Slaman, ex-wife of Alvin Karpis, is now living in Chicago, Illinois. Agent J. J. Perkins of the Oklahoma City office interviewed one Tom Antone, who is presently confined in the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, and Antone advised that Dorothy Slaman is his niece. Antone further stated that Billie Evans, his wife, is now confined in jail at Vinita, Oklahoma and that Billie Evans had been corresponding with Dorothy Slaman and would undoubtedly be in a position to furnish her address.

Billie Evans was interviewed at the County Jail, Vinita, Oklahoma, by this Agent. She is being held there on a charge of forgery. Billie Evans stated that she is not, and never has been, married to Tom Antone and further that she has never corresponded with Dorothy Slaman. Billie Evans first met Tom Antone at a prison road camp 23 miles north of Sallisaw in September, 1933 and on or about November 29, 1933 Antone came to the home of the parents of Billie Evans at

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Chicotah, Oklahoma and asked her to accompany him to Chicago. Billie Evans stated that after she had settled her case at Vinita, she could be located at 726 South 2nd Street, Halesburg, Oklahoma, and that her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Centry, are now located at that address. Billie Evans further stated that she left Chicotah with Antone and proceeded to Chicago, Illinois; that immediately upon their arrival in Chicago, which was about December 2, 1933, they went to the Westmoor Apartments at 2710 West Jackson Boulevard, and lived there as Mr. and Mrs. Ed McDowell. Billie Evans explained that she thought this was the correct name of Antone as he had informed her at their first meeting that his name was McDowell, but that he used the name of Antone while he was confined in the Penitentiary. After remaining at the Westmoor Apartments for three days, she and Antone moved to a furnished house at 8100 Jeffrey Avenue in Chicago. Antone is supposed to have rented this house himself; however, Billie Evans was not present when he did rent it and she does not know what name he used when renting the place. They remained at 8100 Jeffrey approximately three weeks and then left Chicago and when they arrived at Sapulpa, Oklahoma on January 2, 1934, Billie Evans left Antone and she has not seen him since. Billie Evans stated that during the time she and Antone lived at the Westmoor Apartments, Dorothy Slaman visited them there on at least two occasions and when they moved to 8100 Jeffrey, Dorothy Slaman visited them there several times. It was ascertained from Mrs. Evans that she accompanied Antone to the apartment of Dorothy Slaman in Chicago and that this apartment is located in the 900 block on Buena Terrace. Dorothy Slaman lives at this apartment with a girl known only as Kay, which is presumed to be her given name. The Slaman woman advised Billie Evans that she was employed at the Eastman Kodak Company in Chicago. According to Billie Evans, Tom Antone only talked to Dorothy Slaman about family affairs in her presence, however, they held many private conversations, the nature of which Mrs. Evans does not know. The photograph of Alvin Karpis was exhibited to Billie Evans and photographs of other suspects in this case, however, she could not identify any of them; in fact, she stated that there were no men or women, except Dorothy Slaman, who visited Antone during the time they were in Chicago. The information relative to the location of Dorothy Slaman was furnished the Chicago Division office by Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley on February 24, 1934.

Further information set out in the memorandum of Agent Farland above mentioned is to the effect that Mrs. Frederick Barker, alias Johan Armour, wife of Fred Barker, is now living with her mother, Earnestine Akins, in Commerce, Oklahoma. In this connection, it should be stated that Sheriff Dee F. Watters, Miami, Oklahoma, has for sometime past been endeavoring to locate Fred Barker, Harry Campbell and Glen Roy Wright. Campbell and Wright are suspected of having murdered an employee of the Barton, Robinson Convoy Company at Picher, Oklahoma about one year ago. In connection with the efforts of Sheriff Watters, he has sought the assistance of June Walker. Walker is a subject in the pending National Motor Vehicle Theft Act case of Virgil Hopkins, et al., which is now pending in the Northern District of Oklahoma. Walker has promised Sheriff Watters that he will endeavor to locate Fred Barker through Johan Armour, with whom he is well acquainted. This Agent is also acquainted with June Walker and he has been con-

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tacted by Agent relative to locating Barker. At the request of Sheriff Watters and this Agent, June Walker went to Commerce, Oklahoma for the purpose of visiting the Armour woman, however, he found that she was not at Commerce. June Walker talked with Mrs. Akins, who advised him that Johan had recently married a man from Maine, but did not furnish his name. After Mrs. Akins made this statement, she laughed. Walker believes that in the course of a few days he will be able to secure from Mrs. Akins information relative to the present location of Johan Armour. Walker is of the opinion that Johan Armour and Fred Barker are still on friendly terms.

This Agent has learned that one George Martin, a guard for the United States Marshal at Tulsa, Oklahoma, has been associating with Johan Armour. This information was obtained from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] as requested that any information furnished by him be treated strictly confidential. [REDACTED] advised Agent that George Martin made several trips to Commerce, Oklahoma a few weeks ago and has also called Johan on the phone numerous times. [REDACTED] is in almost daily contact with Martin and is endeavoring to secure information from Martin regarding Johan Armour. This angle is being followed further and vigorous investigation is being made to locate Johan Armour.

Harold Wright, a brother of Glen Roy Wright, is employed by the Tulsa World Publishing Company at Tulsa, Oklahoma. Louis Wright, another brother of Glen Roy Wright, resides at 722 North Cheyenne, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Special Agent T. M. Birch interviewed Mr. L. W. McFetridge, circulation manager of the Tulsa World. Mr. McFetridge advised that Harold Wright, who is known as "Fat" Wright, has been employed by the Tulsa World for approximately five years, having started in as a newsboy and gradually worked his way up until at the present time he is a trusted truck driver in the circulation department. Mr. McFetridge stated that he had known for some time that Harold Wright was contacting his brother, Glen Roy Wright on the run from Tulsa to Siloam Springs, Arkansas and because of this fact, Mr. McFetridge transferred Harold Wright to the run from Tulsa to Bartlesville, Oklahoma; that he now has reason to believe that Harold Wright is still contacting Glen Roy Wright and bringing messages and clothing from Wright to his mother at 722 North Cheyenne. Mr. McFetridge has considered the advisability of discharging Harold but finally concluded that should he discharge him, it would only be a short time until Harold was in the Penitentiary. Mr. McFetridge is of the opinion that through Harold Wright, Glen Roy Wright can be apprehended. However, this could not be done by following Harold Wright on his drive between Tulsa and Bartlesville inasmuch as the territory covered by Harold Wright is very sparsely settled and his run begins at Tulsa about 2:00 A.M. Mr. McFetridge stated that should the Division so desire, he would furnish an Agent designated by the Division with one of the automobiles bearing the name of the Tulsa World and this Agent could work in the territory covered on the run of Harold Wright, ostensibly for the purpose of soliciting subscriptions to the Tulsa World. This phase of the investigation is being followed further by the Oklahoma City Division office.

In the reference report mention is made of William Wood of the American Bankers Association. It was ascertained that William Wood is Mr. G. W. Wood, associated with the William J. Burns International Detective Agency at Tulsa, Oklahoma. Mr. Wood has no recent information regarding any of the suspects in this case.

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Mrs. Betty Mann, proprietress of the Phoenix Hotel, West Tulsa, Oklahoma, was interviewed on recommendation of Deputy Sheriff E. H. Haverfield of Nowata, Oklahoma. According to Deputy Sheriff Haverfield, Betty Mann [redacted] Phoenix Hotel

is frequented by underworld characters. Betty Mann [redacted] Mrs. Mann was interviewed by Agent, however, no information of value was secured. She stated that she knows Fred Barker, Arthur Barker, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell and Glen Roy Wright chiefly by reputation. Betty Mann stated that she is on friendly terms with one Joe Williams, presently confined in the County Jail, Tulsa, Oklahoma, having recently been indicted on a charge of violating the Harrison Narcotic Act. Williams, according to Mrs. Mann, is acquainted with all of the suspects in this investigation. She is of the opinion that, if Williams were out of jail, he could be of valuable assistance in locating the Barkers, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and Glen Roy Wright. Mrs. Mann arranged for an interview by Agent with Joe Williams, in that she sent word to him that this Agent would contact him and for him to furnish such information as he had. Mrs. Mann [redacted]

Joe Williams was interviewed at the County Jail, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and he stated that he was confined in the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma during the time that Arthur Barker and Volney Davis were there. He is also acquainted with Fred Barker, Harry Campbell and Glen Roy Wright, but has no information regarding them at the present time and offered no suggestions as to the manner in which they could be located except through a contact with Kang Hall at Seminole, Oklahoma.

Detective Earl Gardner of the Tulsa Police Department suggested that Agent interview Mrs. Malissa Bevan, 1433 East 2nd Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, who, according to Detective Gardner, is well acquainted with Harry Campbell. Mrs. Bevan was interviewed and she stated that she is well acquainted with all members of the family of Harry Campbell and is also acquainted with Glen Roy Wright and the Barkers. Mrs. Bevan and her mother are the sureties on the bonds of Harry Campbell and Glen Roy Wright in connection with the burglary case pending against these men in the State Court at Tulsa, Oklahoma. The bonds have been forfeited and Mrs. Bevan and her mother have been sued on the bonds and judgment secured. For this reason Mrs. Bevan is anxious to locate Campbell and Wright. However, it was necessary for Agent to assure Mrs. Bevan that any information furnished by her would be treated in the strictest confidence. She stated that she has already received threats against her life should she make any effort to cooperate with the officers in locating Campbell and Wright. However, she stated that she will cooperate to the fullest extent with the Division and it is believed that she will be an excellent source of information. She

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agreed to do anything asked by the Division. Mrs. Bevan is positive that Harry Campbell and Wright are making frequent trips to Tulsa and that Laura Campbell, the sister of Harry Campbell, contacts him from time to time. Laura Campbell and the rest of the Campbell family reside at 224 South Rockford, according to Mrs. Bevan. It was ascertained from Mrs. Bevan that the Campbell family is in extremely poor circumstances financially. During January, 1934 Laura Campbell made a trip to St. Louis, Missouri for the purpose of having an operation, but she returned on the advice of the physicians consulted in St. Louis without having the operation. On February 23, 1934 Mrs. Bevan advised that she had learned through a friend that Laura Campbell is now preparing to go to the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minnesota for an operation. This information was furnished to the friend of Mrs. Bevan by Edith Campbell, a sister of Laura Campbell and Harry Campbell. It is the information of Mrs. Bevan that Laura Campbell has all of her clothes packed and plans to leave for Rochester sometime around March 1st. Laura Campbell herself, does not have sufficient money to pay the railroad fare to Rochester and unquestionably the expense of the trip and medical treatment will be taken care of by Harry Campbell. Laura Campbell is the favorite sister of Harry and Mrs. Bevan believes that in the event she enters a hospital, Harry Campbell will keep in close touch with her. This matter is being followed further at Tulsa.

Mrs. Bevan also stated that she had recently been advised by one of her informants that Volney Davis was reported to be in Kansas City, Missouri and employed by the Water Department in some capacity, possibly driving a truck. Mrs. Bevan also received the information that Davis was taking care of his mother, with whom he was living in Kansas City, and that he was trying to go straight. Information regarding the possible location of Volney Davis was furnished the Kansas City Division office by Special Agent in Charge Brantley.

All leads in connection with this case in the Oklahoma City district are receiving appropriate investigative attention at this time.

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March 5, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Mr. Brantley, S.A.C., Oklahoma City advised over the telephone that Mr. Clegg requested that he call him at the expiration of two weeks in regard to the Barker-Karpis gang. Mr. Brantley stated that his informant advised him that he has been up in the country and this is a pretty smart outfit. This informant states he has been right in their alleged hide-out and they are not coming in. It is probable that Campbell and Rice may come in but Barker and Karpis will not. Mr. Brantley believes this informant is telling the truth.

Respectfully,

S. B. Cowley.

*edwin R. Zimmerman advised Brantley
on 2-12-34 that Barker
is in the country*

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Division of Investigation
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Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter of March 1, 1934, with reference to the investigation being conducted of latent prints in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis, et al, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping.

A fragmentary print developed on the membership card of E. G. Bremer in the St. Paul Chapter of the American Institute of Banking has been found to be identical with the fingerprints of the victim.

A fragmentary print on the envelope flap bearing the notation "Wickerham 2-5400(?)" has been identified with the left little fingerprint of the victim.

Fifteen latent prints on the letter beginning "My dear Pa: This week has been" have been found to be those of the victim. There remain on this letter two impressions of the palm.

No latent prints of value were developed on the following items:

- Flap torn from sealed envelope (no markings).
- Three cellophane envelopes marked "Layman's Ever Fire Flints".
- Membership card No. 457963, The American Legion, issued to E. G. Bremer.
- Complimentary season tickets, numbers 46, 47, and 50 of Twin City Classic Bowling League.
- Membership card of E. G. Bremer in Lafayette Club.
- Two blank checks of Commercial State Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Two fragmentary prints were developed on the neck of the broken bottle reported thrown through the door of Dr. Hippert and which has not previously been reported upon.

One fragmentary print was developed on the business card of Carl L. W. Emsalen.

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Mr. W. A. Rorer.

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The fingerprints of Reuben Grossman and Frank Grossman, Robert H. Roche, and Harry W. Hibner of Portage, Wisconsin, have been compared with all latent prints developed on the gasoline cans and funnel with negative results.

In addition to the list of reported associates of Alvin Karpis set forth in Division letter of March 1, the names of the following individuals have been added:

Myrtle Eaton, #177 St. Ref., Dwight, Illinois.
Doc Eaton, our file 25198.
Clarence Sparger, our file 163543.
George Neff, our file 23877.
Harry Sawyer, our file 421335.
Morris Roisner, our file 325039.
Robert Schmidt, our file 86633.
"Go About" Riley, our file 401868.
Maurice Weiner, our file 390135.
Ray Miller, No. 4 S.P., Lansing, Kansas.
Richard F. Salatas, our file 138950.
Ed Davis, our file 281040.
John Arthur Winters, #34026, P.D., St. Louis, Missouri.
Viola Dea Carroll, our file 531535.
Dorothy Fralle, our file 590104.
Jess Doyle, our file 99402.
Charles J. Fitzgerald, our file 95780.

Comparisons have been made between the fingerprints of all of the above named persons and all the latent prints developed in connection with this case and no identifications have been effected.

The fingerprint experts of the Division are completing the comparisons of fingerprints of other named suspects who have been referred to previous to the identification of the Karpis gang in this case and you will be advised of the results.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,
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Mr. E. A. Rorer, Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 818,
Saint Paul, Minnesota

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;
et al. Unknown Subjects.
Edward George Bremer, Victim
KIDNAPING: Chicago File 7-82

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter to this office,
dated March 5, 1934, in which you request investigation at
the store of J. Laing & Sons, at Waukesha, Wisconsin, which
store is reported to have sold the shirts involved in the
investigation of this case.

You are advised that complete investigation at
said store was made at the time investigation was made at
the store of Friedman Brothers, but it was definitely ascer-
tained that a shirt sold approximately one month ago to an
unknown individual, was not identical with the shirt in
question. A report will come forward on this matter in the
very near future.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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

March 8, 1934.



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

MAR 10 1934

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

Reference is made to Division's letter dated March 5, 1934, enclosing copies of letters received by the Attorney General from Mrs. H. D. Steele, 114-1/2 North Third Street, Tomahawk, Wisconsin. This is to advise that the letter which Mrs. Steele wrote to Edward G. Bremer was turned over to the St. Paul Division office; and the investigation concerning the information set out by Mrs. Steele has been conducted and the report of same is now being typed and copies forwarded to the Division.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Rorer
W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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P. O. Box 1276
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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al.
Edward George Bremer - Victim,
Kidnaping.

Referring to my letter to the Dallas office of
even date, a copy of which is attached hereto, please be
advised that the name of the confidential informant mention-
ed therein is [REDACTED]

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Very truly yours,

Wright Brantley
Wright Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al,
Edward George Bremer - Victim,
Kidnaping.

Please refer to my letter to the St. Paul office of recent date, a copy of which was furnished you, which recited that inquiry had been made in the vicinity of Madill, Oklahoma in an effort to locate a hideout of certain suspects in this case, or other outlaws, which inquiry was predicated upon information furnished by a certain alleged informant in your district. It was indicated in this letter that possibly arrangements would be effected to have this informant come into the Oklahoma City district for the purpose of furnishing information which would lead to the location of this alleged hideout.

You will recall that you informed me on March 3d that the informant would be in Oklahoma City on Sunday, March 4th, and would contact me.

This informant did contact me on March 4th. He was at the Kingkade Hotel, where I interviewed him. When first I saw him I thought he was intoxicated, but it later developed that he was under the influence of drugs. He admitted that he is a drug addict. He knew none of the suspects in this case, according to his statement. The place mentioned by him as being the hideout is the home of Ernest Lynn, a notorious character, dealing principally in counterfeit money, but who probably would hide or harbor criminals. The home of Ernest Lynn is known to this office, Sheriff Fred Hunt at Tishomingo, and Sheriff F. E. Splawn of Madill, and they are confident there are no outlaws hanging around his place now. Both of these Sheriffs are reliable. They keep a pretty close watch on Lynn and his

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activities. The informant said that he at one time lived in [redacted] and vicinity, but not in recent years; that sometime shortly before Christmas, 1933, he was at the home of Ernest Lynn and saw two men there, whom he did not know, and whom he "thought might be hot." He said he knew "Pretty Boy" Floyd, or at least had seen him once, about four years ago.

This informant wanted to remain here for several days and go down in the vicinity of Madill and other places in Oklahoma, wanted an advance of funds, and the use of a car. I, of course, refused to accede to any of his demands in this respect save that I furnished him enough money to get back to Texas. Before he left here he was in a decidedly nervous condition, told me he was sick and that he absolutely had to see a doctor. I asked him why he had to see a doctor and, of course, his reply was that he had to have morphine. I did not consider this informant reliable and he had no information which was not already in possession of this office and, for which reason, I declined to have anything further to do with him. You, of course, were apprised of this telephonically. The Division will be furnished under separate cover the name of this informant.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Division
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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al.
Edward George Bremer - Victim,
Kidnaping.

Reference is made to a letter dated March 5, 1934 from the Kansas City office to the Division setting forth the names of

George Brock	Tom Hill
Harold (Fat) Wright	Goldie Johnson
Jim Clark	Homer Good.

The letter in question relates to the matter of obtaining fingerprint and identification data concerning the aforesaid individuals.

Please be advised that Goldie Johnson is the common-law wife of Jim Clark, former subject of Division Identification Order No. 1192. Goldie Johnson, as Buelah Clark, was arrested by the Oklahoma City Police Department, January 5, 1934, Oklahoma City P.D. #15582. She is described as follows:

Age	21
Height	5' 1"
Weight	106 lbs.
Color	White
Hair	Auburn
Eyes	Hazel
Complexion	Medium fair
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An examination of the files of this office fails to disclose any reference to the fact that Tom Hill has been fingerprinted in this district, but it is indicated that he has served a term in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas for violation of the National Prohibition Act, having been sentenced from the Northern District of Oklahoma. The Kansas City office should, therefore, make appropriate inquiry of the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth.

Further inquiries will be made at Tulsa in an effort to obtain information as to any criminal records of Homer Good and Harold (Fat) Wright.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-St. Paul
Kansas City
Chicago

P. O. Box 1278
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
March 7, 1934



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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al.
Edward George Bremer - Victim,
Kidnaping.

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Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul
Chicago
Kansas City

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P. O. Box 815,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 7, 1934.

Mr. O. C. Dewey,
Special Agent,
Kirkwood Hotel,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
et al; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD G. BREWER - Victim
Kidnaping
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Dear Sir:

Herewith are being transmitted the originals

Very truly yours,

W. A. BOKER,
Inspector.

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



March 9, 1934 5:34 AM

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1808,
New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file No. 7-30.

Reference is made to your letter dated March 1, 1934, outlining certain investigation performed at the Sing Sing Prison relative to one Dave Berman, and also to the telegram from this office dated March 5, 1934, wherein additional investigation was requested.

In accordance with the telegram of reference, it is requested that an exhaustive investigation be made at the Sing Sing Prison to determine whether Dave Berman received information by letter or otherwise prior to the instant kidnaping to the effect that a major crime was to be committed in St. Paul, Minnesota. It is also requested that the source of information to the effect that Berman's mail should be watched for information in connection with this case be ascertained.

The letter of reference dated March 1, 1934, sets out a record of outgoing mail written by Dave Berman from January 6, 1934, to February 5, 1934. It is requested that a more complete record be obtained and that the record of outgoing mail for a period of six months prior to January 6, 1934, be obtained, if possible.

Very truly yours,

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735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

March 9, 1934

[Redacted]

Philadelphia, Pa. ALVIN KARPIS, et al.
Re: EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, it is appreciated if you will place a cover for [redacted] on the [redacted] by Mr. Alan [redacted] Philadelphia, Pa., and forward tracing [redacted]

Thanking you for this and past favors, I am.

Very truly yours,

R.G. Harvey,
Special Agent in Charge.

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P.S. In replying please refer to our File #7-45.

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Chicago, Illinois,
March 9, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. RORER:

RE: BREMER KIDNAPING

On March 8rd, 1934, the Fair Company, Wausau, Wisconsin, was contacted in an effort to determine if they recalled any particular sale of the type of underwear worn by the victim upon his return. No particular sale could be recalled by any of the clerks selling underwear. Photographs were exhibited to all the clerks and some of them think they have seen Thomas Carroll but could not be sure. There are no sales records by item from which this particular underwear sale could be determined.

At Helling and Groff, Walter Groff and Clem Helling were interviewed with reference to shirt sales but neither of them could recall the sale of this particular shirt. Clarence Paulson, a clerk, sold such a shirt about six weeks ago, size 15 1/2, to a short man. He examined the photographs and said that Thomas Carroll appeared similar to this individual or that maybe the photograph of Alvin Karpis was similar. They have no sales records indicating the particular items sold from which any particular shirt sale could be determined.

Seim Brothers at Wausau, Wisconsin, were contacted with reference to shirts. All three sales people stated they could recall no sale of this particular shirt at this time and their sales slips do not describe the item which is sold with any particularity.

At Stevens Point, all sales people in the store of F. Pasternacki were interviewed with reference to the sale of this type of underwear. They say they sell a great deal. Photographs of suspects were shown without results.

Mr. Pasternacki stated that some time ago a large man wearing high type lace boots and a buckskin coat, was in but he does not recall what was sold to him. This store has caps of the type found in the payoff car but no sales of this particular cap could be recalled with any particularity.

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Ed Razner, Stevens Point, Wisconsin, was contacted with reference to sales of this type of shirt. He stated that he had had none of this type in stock for one year.

At Madison, Wisconsin, the Fair Store, 1203 Williamson Street, was contacted with reference to the underwear listed as having been purchased by Ed Shover. They stated that Shover had been out of the store for about a year; that they sold lots of this underwear and particularly within the last month or two to many of their customers at a big sale; that they would have no way of recollecting any particular sale. This is a neighborhood department store.

Gay Brothers, 2314 Monroe Street, Madison, Wisconsin, were contacted with reference to the underwear, also without results. This is a very small neighborhood novelty store.

The Hub, 22 W. Mifflin, Madison, Wisconsin, was contacted with reference to the shirt. It was found that they also have the life size underwear of the type in which we are interested. With reference to the sale of this type of underwear, however, no clerk had any particular recollection. With reference to the shirt, Joe Ripp made a sale thereof some time ago, as he remembered it, and that this sale also included a tie and some underwear. The sales tickets were gone through and it was found that on January 18, 1934, Ripp made the following sales to an individual, all reflected on one ticket.

1 Shirt	\$2.50
1 Shirt	1.55
1 Tie	.55
4 Shirts and Shorts	1.55
1 Glove	1.00
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	\$7.50

The shirt listed hereon, according to Ripp, is quite likely the one he recalls as having sold, it being the \$2.50 shirt. He says that two men were in when this sale was made; that one was wearing a grey hat with a wide brim, had a skinny face, was 35 to 42 years old, and slightly tall. Ripp was shown photographs of suspects and said that this individual could have been Volney, Davis or Harry Campbell, but there was nothing even semi-positive in Ripp's identification of these individuals.

The other individual who was present at the time this sale

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was made, wore a brown hat, dark blue boucle overcoat, was short,
being 5'8 or 9" tall, weight about 170 pounds.

H. J. Kelsenberg, a clerk, also recalls this sale because
as he said the man with the wide brim, grey hat, was "goofy looking".
He agreed with Mr. Ripp that one of these individuals might have been
Volney, Davis, or Harry Campbell. Both clerks stated they might recog-
nize these men again if they saw them in person.

The George Brothers Store at Beloit Wisconsin, was contacted
on March 5, 1934, and they have no recollection of any particular sale
of the type of shirt in which we are interested. They have two stores
in Beloit, one of which also handles the underwear, but this store says
they sell a great deal of this underwear and could in no manner recall
any particular sale.

J. C. Nelson, who is listed as one of the sellers of the
underwear, was found to have operated a small suburban store which
went out of business on January 15, 1934.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. REINECKE,
Special Agent.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, N. Y.

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March 10, 1934

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
Edward G. Bremer, Jr. - Victim.
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

With further reference to the distribution of lists of ransom notes in kidnaping cases, you are advised that 6,000 copies of the lists in the Bremer case have been furnished to the Law Department, Western Union Telegraph Company, New York, for distribution to the offices of that company throughout the country.

It is noted that the original estimate of 4,500 copies was subsequently increased by officials of that company.

Very truly yours,

F. X. Fay
F. X. FAY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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NIGHT LETTER	WEEK END LETTER

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F. X. Fay, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice
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301 Title Guaranty Building,
St. Louis, Missouri.

March 7, 1934.

Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 815,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
Edward George Bremer - Victim.
KIDNAPING.



Reference is made to wire from the Chicago Division Office, dated March 5, 1934, and also to long distance telephone call from Special Agent Gross from the St. Paul Division office, requesting that it be ascertained, through the State Fire Marshal at Springfield, Ill., if any fires had occurred in towns in Illinois between January 15th and February 10th of this year, paying particular attention to the date of January 28th, 1934 and also particular attention to the District north of an imaginary line drawn between Rock Island and Kankakee, Illinois.

On March 6, 1934 Special Agent D. W. Maher of this office made a check of the records of the Fire Marshal, Sherman V. Coultes, Springfield, Ill., and ascertained the number of fire that occurred in Illinois, north of Springfield, exclusive of Cook County, the result of which investigation is indicated in memorandum attached hereto.

Please be advised that Agent Maher was informed at the Fire Marshal's office at Springfield that the records relating to fires that had occurred during the time mentioned in Cook County, Ill. are now in possession of the Fire Marshal at Chicago, Illinois.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge

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LIST OF FIRES WHICH OCCURRED IN ILLINOIS,
 NORTH OF SPRINGFIELD, EXCLUSIVE OF COOK COUNTY,
 from January 15, 1934 to February 10, 1934,
 inclusive.

DATE	PLACE	COUNTY	KIND OF FIRE
1-29	Galena	Joe Daviss	Dwelling
1-30	"	"	Theatre
2-3	"	"	Dwelling
2-9	Stockton	"	"
1-21	Davis Township	Stephenson	Barn
1-19	Freeport	"	Dwelling
1-28	"	"	"
1-29	"	"	"
1-30	"	"	Garage
2-3	"	"	Dwelling
1-20	Village of German Valley	"	Dwelling
2-3	Village of Lena	"	"
2-8	"	"	"
1-28	Silver Creek Township	"	"
2-3	Pecatonica Township	Winnebago	Hog house
1-15	Rockford	"	Store
1-16	"	"	Dwelling
1-17	"	"	Automobile
1-19	"	"	Dwelling
1-19	"	"	Store
1-20	"	"	Dwelling
1-20	"	"	"
1-21	"	"	Store
1-23	"	"	Dwelling
1-24	"	"	"
1-27	"	"	"
1-29-	"	"	Garage
1-29	"	"	Dwelling
1-29	"	"	"
1-30	"	"	"
1-30	"	"	Apartment
2-1	"	"	Dwelling
2-2	"	"	"
2-4	"	"	"
2-4	"	"	"
2-9	"	"	"
2-9	"	"	Store
2-9	"	"	Dwelling
2-9	"	"	Garage

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2-10	Rockford	Winnebago	Dwelling
2-10	"	"	"
2-3	Township of Rockford	"	Automobile
1-31	Rockton	"	Dwelling
2-9	"	"	"
2-8	Seward Township	"	"
2-4	Caledonia Township	Boons	Dwelling
1-20	Alden Township	McHenry	Dwelling
1-18	Chemung Township	"	"
2-6	Crystal Lake	"	"
1-21	Fox River Grove	"	Grass & poles
1-23	Harvard	"	Dwelling
1-27	"	"	"
1-29	"	"	"
1-30	"	"	"
1-30	"	"	"
2-8	Grafton Township	"	Hay stacks
2-1	McHenry	"	School
1-23	Richmond Township	"	Dwelling
1-19	Seneca Township	"	Barn
1-25	"	"	"
1-18	Antioch	Lake	Summer cottage
1-21	"	"	Chicken coop
1-30	"	"	Dwelling
1-31	"	"	"
2-9	Beerfield	"	"
1-31	Highland Park	"	"
2-8	"	"	Rooming House
1-15	Highwood	"	Garage
1-30	"	"	Dwelling
1-23	Liberty Bell	"	Barn
1-25	"	"	Dwelling
1-20	Lake Villa	"	"
2-1	Long Grove	"	Barn & shed
1-19	Waukegan	"	Dwelling
1-23	"	"	Store
1-25	"	"	Dwelling
1-27	"	"	Automobile
1-28	"	"	Dwelling
1-29	"	"	"
1-29	"	"	Office
1-19	Zion	"	Dwelling
1-30	"	"	"
1-28	"	"	"
1-28	"	"	R.R. platform

1-28	Lanark	Carroll	Dwelling
2-3	"	"	"
1-29	Mt. Carroll	"	"
1-16	Savannah	"	"
1-16	"	"	"
2-3	"	"	"
2-10	Dement Township	Ogle	Dwelling
1-16	Oregon	"	Shop & Dwg.
1-23	Rochelle	"	Pool hall
2-2	White Rock Township	"	Dwelling
2-1	Afton Township	DeKalb	School
2-4	Cortland Township	"	Dwelling
1-27	DeKalb	"	"
2-6	"	"	Store
2-10	"	"	Dwelling
1-29	Genoa	"	Automobile
1-17	Kingston Township	"	Dwelling
2-2	Sandwich	"	"
2-7	"	"	"
2-9	"	"	"
2-2	South Grove Township	"	"
1-29	Sycamore	"	Store & Apt.
1-29	"	"	Dwelling
2-2	"	"	"
2-4	"	"	"
2-5	"	"	"
2-8	"	"	"
1-17	Aurora	Kane	Dwelling
1-19	"	"	"
1-19	"	"	"
1-20	"	"	Automobile
1-20	"	"	"
1-20	"	"	Dwelling
1-24	"	"	"
1-25	"	"	Apt. Bldg.
1-26	"	"	Hospital
1-26	"	"	Dwg. & Store
1-26	"	"	Dwelling
1-28	"	"	Apt. Bldg.
1-28	"	"	Dwelling
1-29	"	"	"
1-29	"	"	"
1-29	"	"	"
1-29	"	"	"

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	Aurora	Kans	Filling Station
1-30	"	"	Dwelling
1-30	"	"	Store
1-30	"	"	Automobile
1-31	"	"	Dwelling
2-1	"	"	"
2-2	"	"	"
2-3	"	"	"
2-4	"	"	"
2-4	"	"	Flat
2-7	"	"	Dwelling
2-7	"	"	"
2-8	"	"	Flat
2-9	"	"	Auto
2-9	"	"	Dwelling
2-10	"	"	Auto
2-10	"	"	Store & Flat
2-10	"	"	Auto
2-10	"	"	Apt. Bldg.
1-30	Batavia	"	Dwelling
2-8	"	"	"
2-10	"	"	"
1-30	Carpentersville	"	"
1-16	Elgin	"	"
1-16	"	"	"
1-17	"	"	"
1-25	"	"	Barn
1-27	"	"	Dwelling
1-28	"	"	"
1-28	"	"	"
1-29	"	"	"
1-29	"	"	"
1-29	"	"	"
1-30	"	"	Apt. Bldg.
1-30	"	"	Dwelling
1-31	"	"	"
2-2	"	"	"
2-3	"	"	Feed store
2-3	"	"	Store house
2-4	"	"	Dwelling
2-5	"	"	"
2-5	"	"	Apt.
2-5	"	"	Dwelling
2-7	"	"	"
2-7	"	"	"
2-8	"	"	"
2-8	"	"	"

2-18	Elgin	Kane	Dwelling
2-10	"	"	Auto
1-18	Geneva	"	Dwelling
1-19	"	"	Factory
1-19	"	"	Dwelling
2-10	"	"	"
2-9	Hampshire	"	"
1-29	Eastland Township	"	"
1-19	Addison Township	DuPage	Garage
1-19	"	"	Dwelling
1-18	Downer's Grove	"	Store
1-19	"	"	Dwelling
1-28	Hinsdale	"	Filling Station
1-30	"	"	Garage
2-1	"	"	Dwelling
2-4	"	"	"
1-31	Lisle	"	"
1-28	Naperville	"	Library
1-29	"	"	Dwelling
2-2	"	"	"
1-17	Winfield	"	"
1-29	Black Hawk Township	Rock Island	Dwelling
2-4	"	"	"
2-10	Drury Township	"	"
1-27	E. Moline	"	"
1-28	"	"	"
2-2	"	"	"
2-6	"	"	"
2-8	"	"	Filling Station
1-15	Rock Island	"	Dwelling
1-25	"	"	"
1-28	"	"	"
1-28	"	"	"
1-28	"	"	"
1-29	"	"	Store
1-29	"	"	Dwelling
1-29	"	"	"
1-29	"	"	"
1-31	"	"	Barn
1-31	"	"	"
2-1	"	"	Dwelling
2-1	"	"	College Dormitory
2-8	"	"	Dwelling
2-8	"	"	Truck
2-9	"	"	Restaurant

2-9	Rock Island	Rock Island	Garage
2-9	Exuma Township	"	Dwelling
1-26	Albany	Whiteside	Dwelling
1-29	"	"	"
1-26	Clyde Township	"	"
1-27	Geneseo	"	"
1-27	"	"	"
1-27	"	"	"
1-27	"	"	Garage
2-6	Hahneman Township	"	Dwelling
1-24	Prophetstown	"	"
1-30	"	"	"
1-14	Rock Falls	"	"
1-31	"	"	"
2-1	"	"	"
2-3	"	"	"
2-6	"	"	"
1-24	Sterling	"	"
1-29	"	"	"
1-29	"	"	"
1-30	"	"	"
2-2	"	"	"
2-5	"	"	"
2-8	"	"	"
2-8	"	"	"
2-9	"	"	"
2-9	"	"	"
2-2	Tampico Township	"	"
2-3	Ashton	Lee	Dwelling
2-5	Brooklyn Township	"	"
1018	Dixon	"	"
1-19	"	"	"
1-23	"	"	"
1-23	"	"	"
1-29	"	"	"
2-1	"	"	"
2-4	"	"	"
2-4	"	"	"
2-4	"	"	"
2-5	"	"	"
2-9	Dixon Township	"	Shed
1-23	Galva	Henry	Dwelling
1-21	"	"	"
2-3	"	"	"
2-9	"	"	"

2-9	Galva	Henry	Auto
2-10	"	"	Dwelling
1-23	Geneseo	"	"
1-29	"	"	"
1-29	"	"	"
2-2	"	"	"
1-16	Kewanee	"	Roadhouse
1-23	"	"	Dwelling
1-23	"	"	"
1-28	"	"	"
1-28	"	"	"
1-30	"	"	"
2-5	"	"	"
2-7	"	"	"
2-7	"	"	"
2-8	"	"	"
2-9	"	"	"
1-30	Lynn Township	"	"
1-30	Woodhall	"	"
2-6	Yorktown Township	"	Granary
1-25	Depue	Bureau	Dwelling
1-29	Dover	"	"
2-9	Greenville Township	"	School
1-19	Ladd	"	Dwelling
1-19	LaMoille Township	"	School
2-7	Princeton	"	Dwelling
2-10	"	"	"
1-15	Sheffield	"	"
1-20	"	"	Barn
2-3	"	"	Dwelling
1-15	Spring Valley	"	"
1-30	"	"	Auto
1-24	Wyanet	"	"
1-26	"	"	Dwelling
1-17	Bruce Township	LaSalle	Dwelling
1-16	LaSalle	"	Auto
1-28	"	"	"
2-1	"	"	Dwelling
2-3	"	"	"
2-10	"	"	"
2-10	"	"	Store
2-10	"	"	"
1-18	Mendota	"	Dwelling
1-26	"	"	Lunch Stand
1-31	"	"	Dwelling
2-5	"	"	"
2-8	"	"	"

1-31	Oglesby	LaSalle	Dwelling
1-29	Ottawa	"	Garage
1-29	"	"	Auto
1-31	"	"	Dwelling
2-1	"	"	"
2-3	"	"	"
2-3	"	"	"
2-18	Peru	"	"
1-18	"	"	"
1-31	"	"	"
2-10	"	"	"
2-8	Streator	"	"
2-8	"	"	"
2-8	"	"	"
2-9	"	"	Auto
2-10	"	"	Dwelling
2-10	"	"	Lunch room
1-17	Utica Township	"	Dwelling
1-17	Bristol	Kendall	Dwelling
1-30	Plano	"	"

1-30	Coal City	Grundy	Dwelling
1-15	Joliet	Mill	Store
1-15	"	"	"
1-17	"	"	Dwelling
1-20	"	"	"
1-24	"	"	Store & Dwg.
1-24	"	"	Dwelling
1-25	"	"	"
1-25	"	"	"
1-28	"	"	"
1-28	"	"	"
1-28	"	"	"
1-29	"	"	"
1-29	"	"	"
1-29	"	"	"
1-30	"	"	Auto
1-30	"	"	Pet shop
1-30	"	"	Restaurant and Dwelling
2-3	"	"	Dwelling
2-4	"	"	Hotel
2-4	"	"	Rooming house
2-6	"	"	Dwelling

2-9	Joliet	Will	Garage
2-9	"	"	Dwelling
2-10	"	"	Rooming house
2-10	"	"	Dwelling
1-28	Lockport	"	Auto
1-29	"	"	Dwelling
1-29	"	"	"
1-29	"	"	Hall
2-1	Lockport Township	"	Dwelling
1-20	Mokena	"	"
2-9	"	"	"
1-18	Pectone	"	Storage
2-6	Troy Township	"	Dwg., Milk
			House & Shed
1-28	Wilmington	"	Dwelling
1-30	Wilton Township	"	"
1-25	Bradley	Kankakee	Dwelling
2-8	"	"	"
1-15	Kankakee	"	"
1-18	"	"	"
1-21	"	"	"
1-24	"	"	Hotel
1-25	"	"	Dwelling
1-26	"	"	"
1-26	"	"	"
1-27	"	"	"
1-28	"	"	"
1-29	"	"	"
1-29	"	"	"
1-30	"	"	"
1-30	"	"	"
1-30	"	"	"
1-31	"	"	"
2-2	"	"	"
2-7	"	"	Auto
2-8	"	"	"
2-8	"	"	Dwelling
2-9	"	"	"
2-9	"	"	"
2-10	"	"	Store
2-10	"	"	"
2-10	"	"	"
2-10	"	"	"
2-10	"	"	Dwelling
2-10	"	"	"
1-25	Momence	"	"
1-29	"	"	"

2-10	Bourbonnais	Kankakee	Dwelling
1-19	Dwight	Livingston	Dwelling
1-25	"	"	"
2-10	Fairbury	"	Play House
1-30	Odell	"	Dwelling
2-2	"	"	Garage
1-19	Pontiac	"	"
2-2	"	"	"
2-8	"	"	"
2-4	Sauvemin	"	"
2-9	Standard	Putnam	Dwelling
1-20	Henry	Marshall	"
1-21	"	"	"
2-1	Richland Township	"	"
1-17	Toluca	"	"
1-16	Wenona	"	"
1-30	"	"	"
2-9	Toules	Stark	Dwelling
2-9	West Jersey Township	"	"
1-16	Aledo	Mercer	Dwelling
1-22	"	"	Dwg. & Store
1-19	Mercer Township	"	Dwelling
2-4	"	"	"
2-3	New Boston Township	"	"
1-29	Abingdon	Knox	Dwelling
2-5	"	"	"
2-5	"	"	"
2-5	"	"	"
2-8	"	"	"
2-8	Chestnut Township	"	"
1-15	Galesburg	"	"
1-19	"	"	"
1-23	"	"	"
1-23	"	"	"
1-25	"	"	Apt. Bldg.
1-25	"	"	Dwelling
1-25	"	"	"
1-28	"	"	"

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1-29	Galesburg	Knox	Dwelling
1-29	"	"	"
1-31	"	"	"
2-3	"	"	Auto
2-4	"	"	Dwelling
2-9	"	"	Office Bldg.
1-31	Knox Township	"	Dwelling
1-26	Berwick Township	Warren	Dwelling
1-19	Monmouth	"	"
1-21	"	"	"
1-29	"	"	"
1-29	"	"	Store & Apt.
1-16	Oquawka	Henderson	Dwelling
1-20	Stronghurst	"	Chicken House
2-8	Terre Haute Township	"	Dwelling
1-28	Appanoose Township	Hancock	Dwelling
2-2	"	"	"
1-30	Augusta	"	Corn crib
1-16	Dallas City	"	Dwelling
1-17	"	"	"
1-29	"	"	"
1-29	Hamilton	"	"
2-7	Harmony Township	"	Dwg. & Store
1-28	LaHarpe	"	Dwelling
1-30	"	"	"
2-9	"	"	"
1-26	Nauvoo	"	"
1-29	"	"	"
1-24	Warsaw	"	Pumping Station
2-5	"	"	Dwelling
2-4	"	"	"
1-27	Clayton	Adams	Shed
1-27	"	"	Dwelling
2-7	Censord Township	"	"
1-24	Gilmer Township	"	"
1-29	Malrose Township	"	"
1-25	North East Township	"	"
2-2	"	"	"
1-16	Quincy	"	"
1-17	"	"	"

Number	Township	Street	Structure
1-18	Quincy	Adams	Dwelling
1-23	"	"	"
1-24	"	"	Store
1-24	"	"	Dwelling
1-25	"	"	"
1-25	"	"	"
1-25	"	"	Shed
1-26	"	"	Dwelling
1-27	"	"	"
1-28	"	"	"
1-28	"	"	Store
1-29	"	"	Dwelling
1-29	"	"	Foundry
1-29	"	"	Dwelling
1-29	"	"	"
1-29	"	"	"
1-30	"	"	Auto
1-20	"	"	Dwelling
1-30	"	"	"
1-30	"	"	Office
1-30	"	"	Dwelling
1-31	"	"	"
2-1	"	"	Barn
2-1	"	"	Auto
2-2	"	"	"
2-2	"	"	Fence
2-2	"	"	Dwelling
2-3	"	"	"
2-3	"	"	"
2-3	"	"	Brewery
2-3	"	"	Dwelling
2-6	"	"	Shed
2-7	"	"	Dwelling
2-7	"	"	"
2-8	"	"	Rooming House
2-8	"	"	Dwelling
2-8	"	"	"
2-9	"	"	Auto
2-9	"	"	Dwelling
2-10	Ursa Township	"	"
2-6	"	"	Dwelling
1-12	Barry Cincinnati Township	Pike	"
1-27	"	"	"
2-3	Buckhorn Township	Brown	Dwelling
2-9	"	"	School
2-3	Versailles Township	"	Dwelling

1-17	Bainbridge Township	Schuyler	Auto
1-23	Littleton Township	"	Dwelling
1-29	Bushnell	McDonough	Dwelling
1-30	"	"	Factory
1-23	Chalmers Township	"	Dwelling
1-23	Eldorado Township	"	"
1-19	Macomb	"	"
1-19	"	"	Garage
2-2	"	"	Dwelling
2-8	"	"	Store & Offices
2-9	"	"	Dwelling
2-9	"	"	"
2-9	"	"	"
1-17	Sciota Township	"	"
1-18	Canton	Fulton	Dwelling
1-24	"	"	"
1-29	"	"	"
1-29	"	"	"
1-30	"	"	Auto
2-6	"	"	Dwelling
2-8	"	"	"
2-9	"	"	Sanitarium
2-8	Farmer's Township	"	Dwelling
2-10	Kerton Township	"	"
2-10	Lewistown	"	Store
2-1	Lewistown Township	"	Dwelling
2-3	London Mills	"	"
2-3	"	"	"
2-1	Astoria	"	"
1-17	Bartonville	Peoria	Dwelling
2-10	"	"	"
1-30	Brimfield	"	Auto
2-8	"	"	Dwelling
2-1	Brimfield Township	"	"
1-15	Dunlap Township	"	Barn
2-1	Chillicothe	"	Beer Parlor
2-10	"	"	Shack
2-7	Elmwood	"	Dwelling
1-17	Jubilee Township	"	"
1-30	"	"	"
1-17	Peoria	"	"
1-17	"	"	"
1-17	"	"	"
1-17	"	"	Auto

2-6	Delavan	Tazewell	Dwelling
1-18	East Peoria	"	Garage
1-20	"	"	Dwelling
1-25	"	"	Store
1-30	"	"	Auto
2-6	"	"	Dwelling
2-9	"	"	"
2-9	"	"	Auto
1-25	Groveland Township	"	Dwelling
1-30	"	"	"
1-20	Mackinaw	"	"
1-30	"	"	"
1-28	Morton	"	"
2-2	South Pekin	"	"
2-5	"	"	"
1-30	Havana	Mason	Rooming House
2-2	"	"	Dwelling
1-17	Lynchburg Township	"	"
1-25	"	"	"
1-30	"	"	"
2-4	"	"	"
1-17	Mason City	"	"
2-8	"	"	"
2-1	Quiver Township	"	"
2-19	Salt Creek Township	"	"
1-28	San Jose	"	"
1-17	Beardstown	Cass	Dwelling
1-23	"	"	"
2-9	"	"	"
2-9	"	"	"
2-9	"	"	"
1-24	Virginia	"	"
1-25	"	"	"
1-29	"	"	"
1-31	Athens	Manard	Dwelling
1-31	Petersburg	"	"
2-2	"	"	"
2-4	"	"	"
2-4	"	"	"
1-28	Tallula	"	"
1-29	"	"	"
1-19	Chapin	Morgan	Dwelling
1-19	Jacksonville	"	"

1-24	Jacksonville	Morgan	Factory
1-25	"	"	Dwelling
1-25	"	"	"
1-27	"	"	"
1-29	"	"	"
2-9	"	"	"
2-9	"	"	"
1-31	Winchester	Scott	Dwelling
2-2	"	"	"
2-9	"	"	"
1-15	Auburn	Sangamon	Dwelling
2-4	"	"	"
2-5	Buffalo	"	"
1-17	Maxwell	"	Grain Elevator
1-16	Springfield	"	Dwelling
1-17	"	"	"
1-19	"	"	Office & Apts.
1-22	"	"	Dwelling
1-22	"	"	Auto
1-27	"	"	Dwelling
1-27	"	"	Garage
1-27	"	"	Shed
1-28	"	"	Auto
1-28	"	"	Dwelling
1-28	"	"	"
1-28	"	"	Auto
1-29	"	"	Store
1-29	"	"	Dwelling
1-29	"	"	"
1-29	"	"	"
1-29	"	"	Apt. Bldg.
1-29	"	"	Photo studio
1-30	"	"	Dwelling
1-30	"	"	"
1-31	"	"	"
1-31	"	"	"
1-31	"	"	Auto
2-2	"	"	Dwelling
2-2	"	"	"
2-2	"	"	Store
2-2	"	"	Auto
2-3	"	"	Dwelling
2-3	"	"	Auto
2-4	"	"	Apt. Bldg.
2-4	"	"	Auto

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2-4	Springfield	Bangamon	Mushroom
2-5	"	"	Nursery
2-5	"	"	Garage
2-8	"	"	Dwelling
2-10	"	"	"
2-10	"	"	Auto
2-10	"	"	Dwelling
1-28	Chester Township	Logan	Dwelling
2-3	East Lincoln Township	"	Tool House
2-8	Elkhart Township	"	Dwelling
2-8	"	"	Smoke House
1-30	Lincoln	"	Dwelling
2-7	"	"	"
2-8	"	"	"
2-9	"	"	"
1-18	Mt. Pulaski	"	Store
1-30	"	"	Dwelling
1-30	"	"	"
2-3	Prairie Creek Town- ship	"	Garage
1-28	Sheridan Township	"	Dwelling
1-17	West Lincoln Township	"	"
1-15	Bloomington	"	Dwelling
1-22	"	"	"
1-29	"	"	Auto
1-17	Blue Mound Township	"	Dwelling
2-9	LeRoy	"	"
1-26	Lexington	"	"
1-29	Normal	"	Auto
1-31	"	"	Dwelling
2-2	"	"	"
2-4	"	"	Slaughter House
2-5	Shirley	"	Dwelling
1-15	Clinton	DeWitt	Dwelling
1-16	"	"	"
1-17	"	"	"
1-20	"	"	Bulk oil plant
1-30	"	"	Dwelling
1-20	Blue Mound	Macon	Dwelling
1-15	Decatur	"	"
1-16	"	"	"

1-19	Decatur	Massa	Dwelling
1-25	"	"	"
1-26	"	"	"
1-27	"	"	Auto
1-27	"	"	Dwelling
1-28	"	"	Auto
1-29	"	"	Dwelling
1-29	"	"	"
1-31	"	"	"
1-31	"	"	"
2-6	"	"	Garage
2-9	"	"	Dwelling
2-9	"	"	"
2-9	"	"	"
2-10	"	"	"
1-31	Assumption	Christian	Dwelling
2-2	"	"	Garage
1-25	Buckhart Township	"	Dwelling
1-26	Morrisonville	"	"
1-26	"	"	"
1-30	"	"	"
2-5	"	"	"
2-9	"	"	Auto
2-9	"	"	Dwelling
1-17	Pana	"	"
1-28	"	"	"
1-29	"	"	"
1-29	"	"	"
2-1	"	"	"
2-5	"	"	"
1-16	Taylorville	"	Store
1-20	"	"	Dwelling
1-26	"	"	"
1-29	"	"	"
1-29	"	"	"
2-2	"	"	"
1-26	Monticello	Platt	Dwelling
1-29	"	"	"
2-7	"	"	"
1-29	Elliott	Ford	Dwelling
1-29	Drummer Township	"	"
2-2	Gibson City	"	Store
2-4	Piper City	"	Cab Shop

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1-28	Beaverville	Iroquois	Dwelling
1-29	Loda	"	"
2-5	"	"	"
1-29	Lovejoy Township	"	Shed
1-29	"	"	Dwelling
1-31	Milford	"	"
1-29	Watsoka	"	"
1-29	"	"	"
2-8	Sheldon Township	"	"
1-18	Catlin	Vermilion	Dwelling
1-16	Danville	"	"
1-16	"	"	"
1-17	"	"	"
1-18	"	"	"
1-19	"	"	Restaurant
1-20	"	"	Dwelling
1-21	"	"	Rooming
1-25	"	"	Dwelling
1-28	"	"	Garage
1-29	"	"	Auto
1-30	"	"	Shed
2-1	"	"	Office Bldg.
2-1	"	"	Apt. Bldg.
2-2	"	"	Dwelling
2-2	"	"	"
2-3	"	"	"
2-3	"	"	Barber Shop
2-3	"	"	Dwelling
2-3	"	"	"
2-3	"	"	"
2-3	"	"	"
2-9	"	"	Rooming house
2-9	"	"	Dwelling
2-9	"	"	"
2-9	"	"	"
2-9	"	"	"
2-10	"	"	Apt.
1-31	Fairmount	"	Dwelling
2-9	"	"	"
1-29	Georgetown	"	Hotel
1-29	"	"	Store
2-8	"	"	Dwelling
2-8	"	"	"
2-9	"	"	Office

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2-8	Jamaica	Vermilion	Dwelling
1-29	McKendree Township	"	School
2-1	Newell Township	"	"
1-28	Pilot Township	"	Dwelling
1-20	Sidell	"	"
2-9	"	"	"
1-16	Nestville	"	School
1-17	Champaign	Champaign	Dwelling
1-17	"	"	"
1-18	"	"	"
1-18	"	"	Garage
1-20	"	"	Dwelling
1-21	"	"	"
1-28	"	"	"
1-28	"	"	"
1-29	"	"	"
1-29	"	"	"
1-29	"	"	"
1-29	"	"	"
1-30	"	"	"
1-30	"	"	"
2-5	"	"	"
2-5	"	"	"
2-9	"	"	"
2-9	"	"	"
2-9	"	"	"
2-9	"	"	"
2-10	"	"	"
2-8	East Bend	"	Barn
1-29	Fisher	"	Dwelling
2-3	"	"	"
2-3	"	"	"
2-5	Newcomb Township	"	"
1-25	Somer Township	"	Auto
1-15	Urbana	"	Dwelling
1-20	"	"	Auto
1-21	"	"	Dwelling
1-22	"	"	"
1-23	"	"	"
1-25	"	"	Auto
1-28	"	"	Dwelling
1-28	"	"	"
1-28	"	"	"
2-2	"	"	"
2-8	"	"	"
2-9	"	"	"
2-9	"	"	Sorority House

2-2	Arcola	Douglas	Dwelling
2-9	"	"	"
2-3	Arthur	"	"
2-9	"	"	"
2-10	"	"	Factory
1-16	Hindsboro	"	Dwelling
2-5	Newman	"	"
1-31	Tuscola	"	Garage
2-9	"	"	Dwelling
1-18	Hume	Edgar	Dwelling
1-21	Hunter Township	"	"
1-19	Paris	"	"
1-20	"	"	"
1-28	"	"	"
1-30	"	"	"
1-30	"	"	"
1-31	"	"	"
1-31	"	"	"
2-4	"	"	State Armory
2-4	"	"	Dwelling
2-7	"	"	"
2-7	"	"	"
2-9	"	"	"
2-9	"	"	"
1-29	Metcalf	"	"
1-29	"	"	"
1-29	Stratton Township	"	"
2-8	Symes Township	"	"

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

March 8, 1934.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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Mr. Arthur A. Boie,
Conservation Warden,
Marinette, Wisconsin.

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

Dear Sir:

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 28, 1934, in response to my communication under date of February 24th. You may rest assured that the courtesy and cooperation which you have shown in this matter is deeply appreciated.

In the event it is deemed advisable to conduct investigation at Marinette, Wisconsin, at a later date, Special Agents of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, may solicit your cooperation as you have so kindly offered in your letter.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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Division of Investigation

**U. S. Department of Justice
318 Hewes Building
San Francisco, California.**

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REV:IS
Refer file
#7-33.

March 5, 1934



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

Dear Sir: Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
 EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.
 ○ Kidnaping.

In harmony with Division letter dated February 24, 1934, in the above captioned matter, please be advised that Page 18 has been corrected in our files, as per instructions.

Very truly yours,

R. E. Vetterli

R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIVISION: THIS CIRCULAR LETTER SENT TO FIRE CHIEFS IN WISCONSIN, ILLINOIS,
AND IOWA IN COUNTIES COVERED BY CHICAGO, ST. LOUIS, KANSAS CITY,
AND ST. PAUL DIVISION OFFICES.

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

U.S. Department of Justice

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

March 6, 1934.

Dear Chief:

It will be appreciated if you will advise this office whether there was a fire in your city on Sunday, January 28, 1934.

If there was a fire on that date, please advise whether a fire siren was sounded.

A self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, is enclosed and your prompt reply will be gratefully received.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Rorer

W.A. RORER, INSPECTOR.

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Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box #515,
Saint Paul, Minnesota

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;
et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
Edward George Bremer, Victim.
KIDNAPING. Chicago File 7-82

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Salt Lake City Office to this office, dated February 21, 1934, copy of which was furnished the Saint Paul Office, regarding inquiries concerning a 1928 Nash automobile, bearing 1933 Illinois license No. 923-467.

It is observed that proper investigation has been made by this office and a letter showing the results of the inquiries was sent to the Butte Office under date of February 24, 1934 in the case entitled "Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, deceased; Richard Tallman Galatas, with aliases, fugitive, I.O.#1201; Charles Arthur Floyd, with aliases, I.O.#1194 - et al --- Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash).

A copy of the above referred to letter is being forwarded herewith to the Saint Paul and Salt Lake City Offices and to the Division, under the above entitled case, in view of the fact that such copies were not furnished the Saint Paul and Salt Lake City Offices at the time this letter was written.

Very truly yours,

M. E. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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Salt Lake City

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C O P Y

1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois
March 8, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 1583,
Butte, Montana

Dear Sir:-

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases,
Deceased; RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS,
with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1201;
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases,
I.O.#1194 --- et al.
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor
to deliver Federal Prisoner Frank
Nash.)

Reference is hereby made to your telegram directed to
this office under date of February 21, 1934, concerning license
plates issued to Paul Sahlstrom, Camp Elmwood, Rockford, Illinois,
for a Durant automobile, motor number 111460.

On February 21, 1934, Special Agent Arthur McLawhon of
this office, proceeded to Rockford, Illinois, where he made a search
of the City Directory and ascertained that there was no one listed
therein by the name of Paul Sahlstrom. It was noted there were only
two Sahlstroms listed in the directory as living in Rockford, namely,
Simon Sahlstrom, at 2232 10th Avenue and Gustav B. Sahlstrom, at
1811 8th Avenue.

At the Post Office in Rockford, Agent McLawhon was in-
formed that they knew of no street or suburb of Rockford, which was
known as Camp Elmwood.

Agent McLawhon made inquiry at the Rockford Police De-
partment and was informed there they had no record of a Durant Sedan
having been stolen from their city. They did not know the location
of Camp Elmwood, nor were they familiar with anyone by the name of
Paul Sahlstrom in that city.

Agent McLawhon interviewed Gustav B. Sahlstrom at his
home on Eighth Avenue and was informed he did not know of anyone in
Rockford by the name of Paul Sahlstrom, nor did he know anything of
the location of Camp Elmwood.

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Mr. Simon Sahlstrom was interviewed at his home on Tenth Avenue and he advised he knew no one by the name of Paul Sahlstrom; however, he was quite positive Camp Elmwood is a summer camp of a Swedish Lodge, called The Vega Lodge, with headquarters at 13th Avenue and 9th Street in Rockford, Illinois.

A clerk at the headquarters of the lodge mentioned advised Agent McLawhon that Camp Elmwood is a summer camp operated for the members of the Vega Lodge only and is located on a river about fourteen miles from Rockford, but that the place was closed up during the winter months and no one was living there at this time. The clerk advised he was a member of long standing in the lodge and knew all of the members thereof, but he was positive there was no such member as Paul Sahlstrom, nor had there been such a member in recent years. He was equally as sure there had been no one by the name of Paul Sahlstrom at Camp Elmwood for the past several years.

Agent McLawhon returned to the Post Office and questioned the Assistant Postmaster as to whether their rural delivery reached the place known as Camp Elmwood. The Assistant Postmaster recalled that this place was on their rural delivery route No. 1. Agent requested that inquiry be made of the clerk in charge of said route to ascertain if anyone by the name of Paul Sahlstrom had been receiving mail at Camp Elmwood and it was ascertained this name was unknown to the clerk and carrier.

Very truly yours,

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CC:Division
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M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge



511 Harley-Wright Bldg.,
Washington, D. C.

March 3, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM,
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to a letter directed by the Charlotte office to this office under date of February 24, 1934, in the above entitled case, a copy of which was forwarded to your office, with the suggestion that further investigation be made at 5404 Wayne Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. A review of this reference letter and the information upon which the request was predicated, suggests that further investigation is necessary.

Very truly yours,

WALTER M. BLACK, Assistant
Special Agent in Charge.

CC: ELB
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CC: Division
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,
1900 Bankers Building,

CHARGE

Chicago, Illinois, March 8, 1934

MAR 10 1934 PM

E. E. CONROY,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Suite "L", Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri

BRKID ATTENTION AGENT ANDERSON FOLLOWING WIRE RECEIVED FROM SALT LAKE CITY
QUOTE BRKID ARTHUR JOHNSON ALIAS RED PRICE INMATE COLORADO STATE
PENITENTIARY STATES UNABLE IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH UNKNOWN WOMAN RECEIVED
HERE WITH YOUR LETTER MARCH THIRD STOP JOHNSON STATES PHOTOGRAPH IS NOT
PHOTOGRAPH OF GINGER STOP JOHNSON STATES GUS STEVENS AND GUS STONE ARE
IDENTICAL BUT STATES STEVENS NEVER ARRESTED TO HIS KNOWLEDGE UNQUOTE

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1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

March 8, 1934.

Mr. W. MARSHALL
Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box #315,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated February 20, 1934, in connection with the Bremer Kidnaping Case, the penultimate paragraph of which calls attention to Page 8 of the report of Special Agent W. C. Jamison, dated February 22, 1934, showing a list of the names of the stores purchasing the shirts in the State of Illinois, out of Chicago and also not in Cook County.

Your attention is invited to Page 8, wherein the following firms are listed in Illinois, which are not in Chicago and which are also not in Cook County:

- Durkin & Durkin, Saukage, Illinois.
- Howard Henry, Harvard, Illinois.
- Roberts Brothers, 823 East Washington, Springfield, Illinois.

For your information these are all of the firms which the firm of Cluett & Peabody have dealt with in this connection, and the information is set forth on Page 8. In the event you have something else in mind, I should be pleased to be advised.

Very truly yours,

W. H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

MRP/RMS
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CC Division.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

From: UNIT #1 Room 418

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- Director
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- Personnel Files Section
- Equipment Section
- Chief Clerk's Office
- Unit Five
 - Identification Unit
 - Statistical Section
 - Technical Laboratory
- Mr. Baughman
- Mr. Cowley
- Mr. Little
- Mr. Newby
- Mr. Stapleton
- Mr. Stein
- Miss Gandy
- Miss Finnell
- Washington Field Office
- Stenographic Pool
- Secretary
- Correct
- Re-write
- Re-date
- See Me

*Return to me
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*Guinane: Can you locate records on
Clark and Mr. Kay - mentioned on
page 34? RMV*

H. H. CLEGG

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Date 3/2 1934

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To: _____

Mr. Edwards _____

Mr. Schilder _____

Asst. Chief _____

Assembly _____

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minnesota.**

St. Paul FILE NO. **7-30**

REPORT MADE AT: St. Paul, Minn.	DATE WHEN MADE: 3-7-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/1 to 7/34	REPORT MADE BY: O. G. Hall
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING 104053

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Arrangements made to have St. Paul office notified when HARRY CAMPBELL'S sister registers at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota. PAULA HARMON positively identified as woman residing with BARKERS and KARPIS at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, June, 1933. Diamond deal of MAGEE and victim apparently has no connection with kidnaping. Possible previous residence of subjects in St. Paul investigated. License plate found in pay-off car abandoned by ED BELL on street in Minneapolis. Various possible methods of locating hideout being vigorously followed.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent O. G. Hall dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, 3-3-34.

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The following investigation was conducted by the several agents assigned especially to this case:

On March 3, 1934, Special Agent W.C. Ryan performed the following investigation at Rochester, Minnesota:

Reference is made to the letter from the Oklahoma City Office dated February 28, 1934, in which it is stated that Melissa Bevan, Tulsa, Oklahoma, informs that Laura Campbell, 825 S. Rockford, Tulsa, Oklahoma, sister of Harry Campbell and of whom he is very fond, contemplates coming to the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, about March 1, 1934, for a surgical operation.

With reference thereto, Agent contacted Mr. E. H. SCHLITGUS, assistant personnel director in charge of registrations, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota. MR. SCHLITGUS personally checked the records of appointments and registrations of the clinic and advised that no one by the name of LAURA CAMPBELL has registered at, or made an appointment for treatment in the clinic. He also searched the geographical file and advised that no one has registered from Tulsa since 1933 nor has anyone from that place asked for an appointment. The only LAURA CAMPBELL on file there is one who registered from Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1926.

MR. SCHLITGUS advised that patients who come to the clinic for treatment ordinarily stay at rooming houses or hotels in Rochester; that most of them receive their mail through the registration desk at the clinic or through general delivery at the Post Office. Patients confined to rooms in the clinic receive their mail at the registration desk.

At the request of Agent, Mr. SCHLITGUS placed a notice in the registration file to notify this office immediately in the event MISS CAMPBELL registers or asks for an appointment there. But he advised that it is a rule of the clinic to carry these notices for only ten days. He stated that in the event it is desired to extend this notice for an additional ten days, it will be done upon receipt of a letter to that effect at the expiration of the present notice. In case it is desired that this notice be extended, a letter should be addressed to:

MR. E. H. SCHLITGUS, assistant personnel director,
Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota.

to that effect.

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MR. SCHLITGUS was also asked concerning the information obtained from patients and the manner of payment. He advised that very few questions are asked; that they principally obtain the home address of the patient and the local address while under treatment. He said that no payments are asked in advance and none is ordinarily accepted unless the patient has some special reason for doing so. He was requested by Agent, in the event MISS CAMPBELL comes for treatment and offers to pay any amount of money, to hold this money until an Agent of this office has had an opportunity to inspect it. He advised that he would be glad to do this.

In the event LAURA CAMPBELL might already have come to Rochester, and might be receiving mail there, Agent contacted Postmaster D.L. WILLIAMS, who advised that there is no record of this party now receiving mail by general delivery or otherwise.

The letter referred to in the above memorandum will be directed to the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minnesota, requesting that the STOP ORDER be renewed.

Special Agent W.F. Wood conducted the following investigation:

Reference is made to the report of Inspector W.A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minnesota, 2-20-34, which reports that Victim BREMER advised that on 1-16-34 he signed a note for one of the kidnapers who treated him rather roughly and that on a subsequent date, not later than 1-28-34, he complained that he would not sign any more notes for this person of rough tactics; that he was then advised that he would not be called upon to do so any more as "that person and another man had gone to St. Paul, where they had been picked up by the police in a barber shop". In a previous interview, Victim BREMER reported being told that this party, above referred to, had gone to the wrong barber shop. It is quite certain that they probably referred to the pick-up of VERNE BANKEY in Chicago.

A.J. GOODROW, complaint man in the Bureau of Records, St. Paul Police Department, produced all of their arrest cards between 1-16-34 and 1-28-34 but examination of them failed to show arrest of anyone or two persons in a barber shop.

Inspector C.J. Tierney, advised that it would be difficult to check for such a record and turned agent over to John Tierney, superintendent of the identification division of the St. Paul Police Department, who referred agent to O. PETERSON, who advised that he would make a note of the information desired in the Day Book and have the same read off to all squads

of the St. Paul Police at roll call in the next twenty-four hours, which day book will request information as to any arrest made in any barber shop in St. Paul during the above mentioned period.

The following day, Officer Peterson of the St. Paul Police Department advised that all police had been requested to furnish any information concerning a barber shop arrest; that one officer reported that he had been called to a colored barber shop to quite a fight between one of the colored barber employees and his employer.

Special Agent W.F. Wood conducted the following investigation:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent O.G. Hall, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated 7-27-33, entitled VERNON G. MILLER, deceased, with aliases, et al; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - ATTEMPT TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER FRANK NASH, and particularly to that portion where mention is made of the investigation at the residence of the McLARENS at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, which premises were rented to parties giving the name of MR. and MRS. J. STANLEY SMITH.

Various snapshots of PAULA HARMON, associates of KARPIS and the BARKER boys, were exhibited to MRS. F.M. FULLERTON, who readily identified the photograph of PAULA HARMON, taken in January, 1932, after an accident which somewhat deformed her face, as being the woman living at 204 Vernon Avenue, under the name of MRS. J. STANLEY SMITH. MRS. FULLERTON pointed out that she has seen PAULA, whom she knew as MRS. SMITH, affect the identical pose to be found in the above mentioned photograph and added that it appeared to be a peculiarity of MRS. SMITH, as she has talked to her for half an hour at a time and during this entire time has seen MRS. SMITH hold her hair, as shown in the photograph. It is to be noted that a second snapshot taken before the accident shows PAULA HARMON holding her hair in an exactly similar manner.

These same snapshots, above mentioned, were exhibited to MRS. JAMES P. McLAREN, who readily picked out the same snapshot of PAULA HARMON as picked by MRS. FULLERTON advising that it was a picture of the woman to whom she rented the house. It is noted that this photograph was taken after the accident which somewhat altered her features. MRS. McLAREN also stated that on the little finger, left hand, of PAULA HARMON, with which she is holding her hair, appears a ring with the same general appearance as the one she wore when she rented PAULA her house. It is noted that the ring is described as being one with a large diamond in the center, surrounded by eight or ten small ones.

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Mr. Nathan of the Division, on February 23, 1934, submitted the following memorandum:

Mr. Kahn, editor of the St. Paul Daily News, called me on the telephone at the St. Paul Hotel on the afternoon of February 22, 1934. He asked to see me and I saw him in the editorial rooms of the paper.

He desired to convey further information in the matter of the Euclid Hotel, and the "Big Shot" from Pittsburgh, and the uncut diamond matters, which were the subject of my memorandum of February 7, 1934, and Agent Hotesteen's memorandum of February 11, 1934.

He reiterated that the manager of the Euclid Hotel, or the owner, was one, GEORGE BOWLIN. This spelling is a trifle different from that previously shown. He states that the "Big Shot from Pittsburgh" borrowed \$100,00 of BOWLIN. He had previously stated that he had "run up a bill" of \$100,00. KAHN added that the Pittsburgh man was recommended to BOWLIN by WALTER MAGEE; further, that MAGEE had taken \$70,000.00 worth of diamonds to New York and purchased construction equipment with them.

He stated that DAVE SHEPARD, president of the Empire National Bank of St. Paul is the source, or one of the sources, of this source of this story and that SHEPARD told it to HARRY MUNDY, a local contractor who is prominent and wealthy. He said that SHEPARD could be interviewed concerning it, although the source of the information should not be given him.

EDWARD G. BREMER and MUNDY are said to be pals.

Regarding previous reports that the Victim in this case and WALTER MAGEE may have been involved in a diamond deal involving approximately \$70,000.00, Special Agent S. L. Fortenberry conducted the following investigation:

St. Paul, Minnesota.
March 1, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. ROBER:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file No. 7-50.

Reference is made to the memoranda of Assistant Director Nathan dated February 7 and February 23, 1934, and to the memorandum of Special Agent E. N. Notesteen dated February 11th.

MR. DAVE SHEPHERD, President of the Empire National Bank of St. Paul was interviewed relative to the passing of diamonds in St. Paul which were stolen in Pittsburgh. MR. SHEPHERD informed agent that he had heard that a person came into St. Paul and registered at the Windsor Hotel and possessed diamonds valued at approximately \$70,000 and that he attempted to sell part of these diamonds to GEORGE BOLIN, at one time owner of the Windsor Hotel, but that BOLIN refused to take them and in turn the man from Pittsburgh, known as "The Big Shot from Pittsburgh" took the diamonds to the Commercial State Bank, St. Paul, and his information was that he did not receive the diamonds back from the Commercial State Bank and that he did not receive any money on them. Anyway, MR. BOLIN told someone that the person referred to as "The Big Shot from Pittsburgh" left owing him \$100, and that after leaving St. Paul, "The Big Shot" wrote him a letter from Ogden, Utah, stating that ED BREMER messed him up on the diamond deal but that he would get even with him. SHEPHERD was unable to give the date on which the diamonds came into St. Paul and was not positive that the above mentioned transaction took place.

SHEPHERD then called MR. MAT SMYTHE, who works for the city and has offices in Room 1245 at the Court House; and MR. SMYTHE came to the bank and said that he had heard of the diamond deal and was sure that someone brought some diamonds into St. Paul from Pittsburgh and stopped at the Windsor Hotel; and that Policeman ED MURNANE had told GEORGE BOLIN that the insurance agents were after "The Big Shot from Pittsburgh" relative to the diamond deal and that he had better get out of town. The other information given out by SMYTHE is practically the same as given by SHEPHERD.

SMYTHE then in company with agent went to see KAHN, editor of the St. Paul Daily News, and KAHN informed agent of practically the same details as are given in the memorandum of MR. NATHAN, February 23, 1934. However, he called JOHN LANE to his office, who operates a dance hall in St. Paul, and LANE stated that he was a very good friend of GEORGE BOLIN and that he would find out from him whether the diamond transaction was handled through him.

Later in the day, agent contacted LANE after he had talked to BOLIN. He stated that BOLIN said there were some diamonds that came into St. Paul from Pittsburgh and that the GORILLA KID was the man who brought them. However, BOLIN would not give any further information as to the disposition of the diamonds, neither would he verify the report that he was "tipped off" by police officials in St. Paul.

It was the general information given by SHEPHERD, KAHN, and SMYTHE that WALTER MAGEE took the said diamonds from the Commercial State Bank and traded them for road equipment.

Agent contacted WALTER MAGEE and asked him about the diamonds and he stated that he did at one time trade some diamonds for road equipment and he had his secretary get his contract which showed that he traded approximately \$5,000 worth of diamonds in 1928 for road equipment. He stated that the diamonds were received from ADOLPH BREMER for the purpose of securing the equipment. MAGEE stated that at that time he was unable to raise the money to purchase the equipment. He further stated that he was positive that the Commercial State Bank had never received any diamonds of that large amount, otherwise he would have some knowledge of it since he is a Director in the bank and that ED BREMER usually discussed transactions of that size with him.

Further investigation revealed the fact that the said GEORGE BOLIN has not operated the Windsor Hotel for the last eight or nine months and that he is at present Inspector of Hotels for the State. This transaction, as stated by MR. KAHN, has taken place within the last three or four months. Consequently, it appears that there is no foundation for the rumor since BOLIN has not been in charge of the hotel for the last eight or nine months.

MAGEE very willingly permitted agents to search his file on the road equipment which he had purchased for the last four or five years and there is no indication of his ever having used any diamonds with the exception of those mentioned above. MAGEE stated that he felt sure that he could find out positively whether any diamonds had been handled by GEORGE BOLIN through the Governor and other State officials and in the event he found out that BOLIN did have any diamonds, he would immediately inform agent.

EDWARD G. BREMER, President, Commercial State Bank, said that it is not the custom of his bank to loan money on diamonds and that he had never loaned money on diamonds without first having them appraised by a jeweler and his agreeing to pay them the amount of the loan in case the payment of the loan was not made by the person borrowing the money.

When questioned relative to the diamond deal of the "Big Shot from Pittsburgh", he stated that the largest amount ever loaned by his bank on a diamond was \$2,000 loaned to a person by the name of MARTIN, who lives in St. Paul; and so far as he remembers, no other loan of any amount was ever made on diamonds by his bank; and if the Department wished further information as to loans made by his bank on diamonds, he would be glad to supply them direct. He further stated that he had never heard of the diamond deal above mentioned and also verified the report that WALTER MAGEE at one time bought some road equipment with diamonds, which verified the report of MAGEE.

Very truly yours,

S. L. FORTENEERRY,
Special Agent.

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Special Agent J.E. Brennan submitted the following memorandum in connection with the investigation to locate the typewriter used in preparing the ransom notes used in this case:

Re: Typewriters.

In connection with the investigation of the above matter, the following concerns were visited:

Minneapolis

- L.C. Smith & Corona Typewriter Co., 223 S. 4th Street;
- Typewriter Clearing Association, 112 S. 4th Street;
- Typewriter Exchange, 304 S. 4th Street;
- Typewriter Supply & Service Co., 322 Hennepin Ave.;
- Underwood-Elliott Fisher Co., 523-2nd Ave. S.;
- Woodstock Typewriter Co., 216 S. 4th Street;
- American Typewriter Rental & Sales Corp., 236 S. 4th Street;
- Remington-Rand Inc., 516 N.W. Bank Building;
- Royal Typewriter Co., 216 So. 5th Street;
- Minneapolis Typewriter Exchange, 210 S. 4th Street;
- Minnesota Typewriter Exchange, 217 S. 5th Street;
- Typewriter Clearing Association, 324-14th Ave. S.E.;
- Typewriter Clearing & Rebuilding Co., 304 Hennepin Ave.;
- Typewriter Maintenance Co., 220 S. 4th Street.

St. Paul, Minnesota.

Miller-Bryant Pierce Co., 156 E. 6th Street;
Mittag & Volger Inc. (Downey Typ. Co.), 95 E. 5th Street;
Panama Carbon, 1st Natl. Bank Building;
Paramount Ink Co., 510 Prior Avenue;
Underwood-Elliott, 354 Cedar Street;
Office Equipment, 139 East 5th Street;
Pioneer Co., 387 Minnesota Street;
Acme Ribbon & Ink, 510 Prior Avenue;
Ault & Wiborg, 127 East 9th Street;
Columbia Carbon Co., 2295 University Ave.;
L. C. Smith & Corona, 350 Cedar Street;
F. W. Jackson, 336 Robert Street;
Kee Lox Manufacturing Co., 82 East 4th Street;
McClain & Hedman, 135 East 5th Street;
Remington Rand, 210-1st Natl. Bank Arcade;
Royal Typewriter Co., 325 Cedar Street;
Rental Agency, 134 West 6th Street.

The above is a list of various concerns who would buy, sell, or repair Corona portable typewriters. Many of these concerns maintain no permanent repair records on machines other than sold by them, while those that do, with the exception noted below, have no record of the type of machine as described in the laboratory report. At none of the repair shops was there found such a machine now in for repair.

At the L. C. Smith & Corona Co., with offices at Minneapolis and St. Paul, it was ascertained that billing for both stores is out of the Minneapolis office. Filing is in alphabetical order according to name of customer, without regard to type of machine. Repair slips for the past eight months, consisting of about 500 in number, were examined but only two were found on the type of machine described. Corona portable #341674-3 was taken in for repair on 1-19-34 from R. B. Whitacre & Co., Inc., 205 Robert Street, St. Paul, bill \$1.50; upon delivery, was signed for by A. GRIPP. This company deals in boilers, pumps, and machinery supplies and they are engineers in the installation of such equipment. A. GRIPP, who signed for the machine, is ARLINE GRIPP, a stenographer in the employ of the company.

The other machine #658647-3, has been described in memorandum of Special Agent O. G. Hall, heretofore.

The machine in question has a three bank rather than a standard keyboard; according to the various dealers interviewed, has little or no trade-in value and there is very little call for repair work on machines of this type.

Photographs of suspects were displayed but no identifications were obtained.

Mr. Burke of the Alcoholic Beverage Unit, Post Office Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, furnished this office with information that certain persons, who had case, resided at 1290 Grand Avenue, had left that address very mysteriously and he reported this to this office as of possible interest.

The following investigation was made by Special Agents R. L. Nalls, R. C. Coulter, and O. G. Hall:

Reference is made to memorandum of Special Agent R. L. Nalls, dated February 15, 1934, in the above entitled case.

MR. F. J. PARNELL, 1299 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, was interviewed and advised that the apartment building located at 1290 Grand Avenue is owned by MR. W. WESTFALL, an attorney, located in the Guardian Building, and that the adjoining apartment building, 1280 Grand Avenue, is owned by the Hamline University; that MR. WESTFALL was formerly Secretary of the Hamline University and supervised both of these properties; that MR. COY O. HARDWICK is employed by MR. WESTFALL as an outside man to check on his properties and to recommend necessary repairs but has nothing to do with rentals though, while MR. WESTFALL was Secretary of Hamline University, it was customary for MR. HARDWICK to obtain from MR. and MRS. PARNELL any money collected by them for rents from both 1290 and 1280 Grand Avenue. MR. PARNELL explained that he is custodian of the apartment buildings located at 1280 and 1290 Grand Avenue and other buildings in the immediate vicinity and his wife serves in the capacity of resident manager; that it has always been customary for him and his wife to handle all rentals and collections; that they have always exercised great care in selecting tenants for the buildings, renting only to those persons showing satisfactory references. MR. PARNELL further stated that HARDWICK had never attempted to rent any of the apartments prior to the renting of apartment 106, 1290 Grand Avenue and apartments 108 and 308, 1280 Grand Avenue and to the best of his knowledge has not rented any since; that around the middle of February, 1933, HARDWICK came to him and informed him that he, HARDWICK, had a brother-in-law, RAY STEGER, who was in with a bunch of rounders from down south and that two or three of the vacant apartments could be rented to this bunch; that he, PARNELL, was not very anxious to allow HARDWICK to do any of the renting but HARDWICK finally prevailed upon him to permit him to do so and assured him that everything would be satisfactory; that on February 18, 1933, or thereabouts, HARDWICK came to him, gave him \$60.00 for one

months' rent in advance, and told him that he had rented apartment 106, 1290 Grand Avenue and requested him to put it in shape immediately since it would be occupied at once by MR. C. E. MOORE, who would be joined in a few days by his elderly mother, who was enroute from California; that he and his wife prepared the apartment for occupancy the same day but no one showed up until just a few days prior to March 1, 1933, at which time several fellows moved in but no old lady came; that the day after the men moved into apartment 106, 1290 Grand Avenue, he questioned CHARLIE MILLER, janitor, with reference to the occupants and MILLER informed him that two men moved in, one of whom gave the name C. E. MOORE but that no woman came in; that a day or two passed and still no woman came and this fact, together with the fact that he saw strange cars, with foreign license tags, coming to the apartment aroused his suspicion so he decided to check on the cars and visitors coming to the apartment and solicited the aid of Miller, the janitor; that CHARLIE MILLER informed him that GOY O. HARDWICK and RAY STEGER, who is known to MILLER, came to the apartment together and he, MILLER, took HARDWICK and STEGER to apartment 106 and they looked it over just before it was rented to C. E. MOORE. Agent verified this through interview with CHARLIE MILLER.

MR. PARNELL further related that just a few days after the men moved into apartment 106, 1290 Grand Avenue, MR. HARDWICK came to him and his wife and told them to get two more apartments ready for five o'clock the same day, specifying apartments 102 and 305, 1280 Grand Avenue; that HARDWICK seemed to be quite excited and MRS. PARNELL informed him that he had rented apartment 305 which was already occupied so he immediately substituted apartment 302; that he inquired of HARDWICK whether the prospective tenants had examined the apartments and he told them that he had driven the prospective tenants by the building and they said the apartments would be all right and that they knew what the apartments were like on the inside because they had previously visited a friend who lived in the building at one time; that he requested HARDWICK to give him the names of the prospective tenants and he told him he did not know their names at that time but that the apartments were being rented in the name of J. J. BURNS, who would occupy apartment 302, 1280 Grand Avenue, and explained that this man was in the land business and would have quite a few men coming in and out due to the fact that he had some land matters to take up with members of the State Legislature; that this struck him as rather strange since the session of the Legislature had only a few days to run.

MR. PARNELL also stated that when these people moved into the two apartment buildings there was nothing said by MR. HARDWICK to indicate that all were acquainted with one another; that the night when the people moved into apartment 302 there was some misunderstanding as to just what was supposed to be furnished with the apartment; (the apartment furnishes no bedding, dishes, or silverware); that the people, apparently, brought

no bedding so they immediately went to apartment 106, 1290 Grand Avenue and were observed by CHARLIE MILLER, the janitor, carrying sheets, comforters, pillows, etc., from 106, 1290 to 302, 1290; that the occupants of the three apartments mentioned visited back and forth considerably from the very start and he became more suspicious of them than ever; that he, accordingly, went to HARDWICK and told him that he wished that he would furnish him with satisfactory references for these people and HARDWICK asked him what more he wanted; that they had mentioned SENATOR NORDIN, or MORAIN, of Duluth, Minnesota, as a reference.

MR. PARNELL further advised that on the night of March 3 or 4, 1933, at about 10:00 P.M., he and his wife were returning home from a basketball game and passed the alley which runs in the rear of 1280 and 1290 Grand Avenue and observed several automobiles in the alley and considerable moving in and out and back and forth between the buildings; that, upon closer observation, he noticed that a number of black suit-cases were being brought from the buildings and were being placed in the cars; also, that he observed other men and cars around the neighborhood who appeared to be placed as look-outs; that he recognized some of the cars and men as being those visiting the above three mentioned apartments and immediately surmised that something was up and that the gang was preparing to make their get-away so he immediately went to his quarters, across the street at 1299 Grand Avenue, and telephoned Lieutenant Talbott, with whom he had already spoken about his suspicion of the gang, at his home, and Lieutenant Talbott arranged to have a squad car sent out; that, while waiting the arrival of the police, he went over to 1290 Grand Avenue and secreted himself in the laundry room and watched the operations of the gang and observed that men were carrying black suit-cases from apartment 106, which were being placed in the cars parked in the alley; that during these operations he accidentally pushed against a door which squeaked and one of the men in the group, who was just a short ways down the hall from him, wheeled around hurriedly and displayed a large shiny revolver but he, PARNELL, kept motionless for a time and the man turned around and continued on down the hall; that when the first opportunity presented itself he, PARNELL, slipped out of the apartment and crossed over the street into his own apartment. MR. PARNELL, when shown a photograph of ARTHUR R. BARKER, stated that the same bears a very striking resemblance to the person he saw with the gun.

According to MR. PARNELL, six detectives, whose names he could not furnish, came to his apartment in answer to the call and the gang was still in the process of moving out when they arrived but the officers made no move to stop them but merely seated themselves comfortably in his apartment. One of the officers exhibited a photograph of MR. and MRS. PARNELL which they partially identified as being that of one of the persons seen by them entering the apartments in question. The officer explained to MR. PARNELL that he

need not worry about this fellow; that this fellow had a nice wife and daughter and ran a place on Wabasha Street where the officers went to drink and were treated fine. Photograph of HARRY B. OLSON, alias HARRY COOPER alias WILBERT L. SCHEPERS, St. Paul Police Department #22611, was obtained from the St. Paul Police and shown to both MR. and MRS. PARNELL who stated that they believed it was a photograph similar to the one shown to them though the one seen by them was on what appeared to be a postcard. MRS. PARNELL stated that the police officers spent considerable time in her apartment this particular evening while these people were moving out and when she prevailed upon them to get busy and do something the officers merely looked at one another and winked; that they finally left her apartment after the gang had left and went over to the apartments across the street; that either the same night, or the following morning the police patrol drove up and took quite a bit of clothing and some bedding from the apartment but left behind the gang's silverware and dishes which goods was called for by a drayman on April 26, 1933, and turned over to the drayman by her; that the drayman presented a pencil note addressed to MR. HARDWICK and signed by J. J. BURNS, C. B. MOORE and S. E. LOCKWOOD. MR. PARNELL noted the license number (X52-452) on the old 1½ ton Ford truck which called for the goods.

The writer, in referring to the report of Special Agent R. C. COULTER, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated February 24, 1934, noted that CHARLES J. SCOTT, 1011 North Chattsworth Street, telephone Humboldt 1013, who has an office at 119 West 6th Street, stated he was sure he had moved the BERGSTROMS on several occasions. It was thought that perhaps it was this man who called for the goods which was left behind by the persons who occupied the apartments at 1280 and 1290 Grand Avenue and the photographs of the men and women which will be set forth subsequently in this memorandum were exhibited to MR. SCOTT but he was unable to identify any of the photographs as being those of MR. or MRS. BERGSTROM or any other persons known to him.

Through the State Motor Vehicle License Bureau, it was ascertained that 1933 license plates X52-452 were issued to F. J. ANSTETT, Route #1, Robbinsdale, Minnesota, for a 1929, one and one-half ton Ford truck. MR. F. J. ANSTETT was interviewed and advised that he purchased the Ford Truck, bearing license number in question, from the Anderson Motor Company, 1201 East Lake Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 28, 1933. The records of the ANDERSON MOTOR COMPANY were examined and disclose that the truck described was taken in on June 30, 1933, from A. G. DANIELSON, 3724-25th Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minnesota, who traded the truck in as part payment on a 1927 Chrysler Brougham. The writer has called in person at 3724 on four different occasions and has made at least five telephone calls but has not, as yet, been able to reach A. G. DANIELSON, for interview. A continued effort will be made to reach MR. DANIELSON at which time he will be questioned with reference

to the place where he moved the goods from the Grand Avenue address - as above mentioned, and photographs will be exhibited to him for possible identification of suspects in this case. MR. DANIELSON'S telephone number is Dupont 2550.

It is the belief of MR. PARNELL that the black suitcases removed from the apartments on the night of the get-away were delivered to the Hollywood, or Hollyhocks, located under the Mendota Bridge, though he could not furnish any definite proof as to this. He also stated that he had heard from some source, unable to recall, that this same gang moved to 1035 or 1055 Robert Street in West St. Paul; also, that the owner of this property, or the man who looked after the property became aware of the identity of the members of the gang and was given a good position at the State Capitol in St. Paul to remain silent; further, that a man, supposed to be ANDERSON, who drove a dark red or maroon colored Chevrolet, or Pontiac, and visited the apartments on Grand Avenue, was found murdered near Webster, Wisconsin.

Neither Mr. and Mrs. PARNELL, nor CHARLIE MILLER, could definitely identify occupants of any of the apartments but stated they observed the group moving freely from one apartment to another and it was not possible to determine just which of the apartments the various members did, in fact, occupy. MRS. PARNELL commented that the toilet articles and shaving sets left behind in each of the apartments were identical. The best set-up obtainable is that apartment 106 - 1290 Grand Avenue was rented to C.E. MOORE, which apartment was occupied by two men, though a woman about 35 or 40 years of age and a girl about 14 were seen coming out of this apartment; that apartment 302 - 1280 Grand Avenue was occupied by J.J. BURNS and son and apartment 102 - 1280 Grand Avenue was occupied by Lockwood.

MRS. PARNELL advised that a postcard reading, "Dear Sister - How are you getting along?", showing return address of Mrs. C.E. Long, 3707 Penn Ave., N., Minneapolis, Minnesota, was found in Lockwood's apartment 102 - 1280 Grand Ave., after they moved. The card was addressed to MRS. J.H. LOCKWOOD. MRS. PARNELL advised the police of this and does not know what became of the card. The Minneapolis City Directory lists MRS. C.M. LONG at 3707 Penn Avenue North. The writer interviewed MRS. C.M. LONG, who stated that she has no sister having the name LOCKWOOD; that she has one sister, VIOLA VURPILLAT, only, who lives with her mother; that she has never at any time corresponded with anyone who resided on Grand Avenue, St. Paul, and is not acquainted with any people having this name. MRS. LONG further stated that some inquiry was made of her concerning the same incident about a year ago. It is quite possible that either the police or postal authority made a check.

Descriptions of occupants of apartments 106 - 1290 Grand Avenue, and apartments 102 and 302, 1290 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, as obtained from Mr. and Mrs. PARNELL and CHARLIE MILLER, are as follows;

Name: J. J. BURNS
Age: 55-60
Height: Quite tall
Hair: Gray, heavy in back
Eyes: Unknown
Complexion: Light
Build: Slender

UNKNOWN PERSON (Either son of J. J. BURNS, or LOCKWOOD)
Age: 25-29
Height: 5'5"
Weight: 135-140
Build: Small
Hair: Dark
Complexion: Dark
Peculiarities: Limp slightly - has spring or brace in heel left shoe.
Eyes: Unknown

Name: C. E. MOORE
Age: 35-37
Height: 5'3" or 4"
Weight: 120-125
Build: Short, slight
Hair: Dark
Complexion: Medium
Eyes: Unknown
Apparel: Wore light grey or tan hat pulled well down over one eye.
Drove Graham-Paige Sedan at times.

UNKNOWN PERSON (Might have been Lockwood)

Age: 35-40
 Weight: 130 - 135
 Height: Around 5'10"
 Build: Very slender
 Peculiarities: Nervous actions
 Complexion: Very peculiar color - had appearance of dope fiend.
 Hair: Dark
 Complexion: Fair
 Eyes: Sunken
 Apparel: Wore black overcoat and dark gray suit; slouch hat - dark.

UNKNOWN WOMAN

Age: 35-40
 Height: 5'6" or 7"
 Weight: 140-145
 Hair: Hennaed and bobbed
 Eyes: Hazel
 Complexion: Fair
 Apparel: Good dresser - wore small brown hat with veil, brown dress, brown shoes, and brown beaver coat.
 Was accompanied by young girl who appeared to be about 14 years of age. Moved quickly and had snappy walk.

No description of LOCKWOOD was obtainable.

The following listed photographs were exhibited to MR. and MRS. PARNELL, CHARLIE MILLER and CHARLES J. SCOTT:

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| VERNE MILLER | St. Paul File No. 62-888 |
| VOLNEY DAVIS | St. Paul File No. 7-30 |
| FRED BARKER | " " " " |
| ALVIN KARPIS | " " " " |
| ARTHUR R. BARKER | " " " " |
| HARRY CAMPBELL | " " " " |
| THOMAS CARROLL | " " " " |
| JAMES LAWSON | " " " " |

(LIST OF PHOTOGRAPHS CONTINUED):

HARRY B. OLSON	St. Paul PD #22611
ABE LEWIS	St. Paul PD #23721
MRS. KATE BARKER	St. Paul File 7-30
MARY CRAWFORD	St. Paul File 68-688
MRS. C. P. HARMON	St. Paul File 7-30
VIVIAN MATHEWS	St. Paul File 68-688

After carefully examining the pictures, both Mr. and Mrs. PARNELL stated that a man resembling the photograph of HARRY B. OLSON visited the apartments of this gang. MR. PARNELL and CHARLIE WHITE both stated they observed a man bearing a striking resemblance to the photograph of VERNE MILLER going in and out of apartment 106 - 1290 Grand Avenue as well as another man who bore a striking resemblance to photographs of ARTHUR R. BARKER. CHARLIE WHITE further stated that the man he saw going into apartment 302 - 1280 Grand Avenue bore a striking resemblance to the photograph of ALVIN KARPIS, particularly about the eyes; also, that man who was on lookout the night when the gang moved out closely resembles the photograph of VOLNEY DAVIS.

MR. PARNELL and CHARLIE MILLER observed the following cars coming to the apartments during period same were occupied by this gang and persons seen in the cars visited one or the other of the apartments mentioned.

1933 Florida license #10-7860 - Light tan four passenger Auburn Coupe. (Mr. Parnell picks photographs of Verne Miller and Arthur R. Barker, stating that the same bear a striking resemblance to the men he saw come out of apartment 106 - 1290 Grand Avenue and enter this car.)

1933 Nevada license #1-283 - Dark blue or black Pontiac Sedan.

1933 California license #2-H-8661 - Graham-Paige Sedan. (Mr. Parnell states he saw the man who occupied 106 - 1290 Grand Ave., driving this car. Picks photograph of Arthur R. Barker as bearing strong resemblance to this man.)

1933 Minnesota license #B12-543 - Large 1932 Chrysler Sedan.

This license was issued to J. H. LOCKWOOD, 1598 Dayton Avenue, St. Paul, for Chrysler Coupe, five passenger, 1932 Model, Motor #CH 2237, Serial #7901185. The 1932 registration was B133358 in the name of R. GORDON, 2062 Marshall Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, who purchased same from HOLT MOTOR COMPANY, December 6, 1932, and the car was transferred from GORDON to J. H. or J. N. LOCKWOOD, January 19, 1933, at 1598 Dayton Avenue, 328

St. Paul, Minnesota. The car has not been registered as yet for 1934. Tracing of R. GORDON'S signature obtained and attached. J. W. McGANN, janitor, 1598 Dayton Avenue, advised no one by the name of LOCKWOOD, or any other name, had lived at that address within the past two years, who owned a Chrysler. It is possible that the Holt Motor Company may be able to identify R. GORDON.

1932 Nevada license #1-488-52 - 1932 Buick Sedan

This license was issued to R. E. DAVIS, Anderson Hotel for a late 1932 Buick, motor #2797868.

1932 Minnesota license #462-222 - dark blue or black Chevrolet Sedan.

This license was issued for a 1932 Chevrolet Coupe, motor #33310333, serial 21BA 0939741. Car was purchased from Midway Chevrolet Company, September 30, 1932, by Einar Aarnott, 1549 N. Albert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, and was sold back to the Midway Chevrolet Company, October 10, 1932, and on the same date was sold to R. A. WINTERS, 475 Wabasha Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

1932 Minnesota license #362-222 - dark blue or black Chevrolet Sedan.

This license was issued for a Chrysler 26 Sedan, motor #58474, serial #35243, listed to Mrs. Violet Tindell, 15 Wilkins Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

1933 Minnesota license #12-877 - dark blue or black Chevrolet Sedan.

This license was issued for a 1932 Chevrolet Sedan, motor #3351052, serial #21BA 0938919. Car was sold to C. W. DAVIS, St. Francis Hotel and was sold by DAVIS to the Midway Chevrolet Company, March 27, 1933, and on the same date by the Midway Chevrolet Company to Adolph Johnson, 54-15th Avenue, N. E., North St. Paul, Minnesota. Car has not been registered in 1934. 1932 registration B225924 under name of C. W. DAVIS and tracing of this signature is attached to this memorandum.

1933 Florida license #10-785 - four passenger coupe, dark green, looked somewhat similar to an Auburn.

Further check will be made on these automobiles in

order to determine whether any of them were ever in possession of any of the suspects in this case.

MR. PARNELL stated he had heard in an indirect way that the gang, while staying in the Grand Avenue apartments, kept their cars in a garage located in the rear of a pool hall located at Snelling and Selby Avenues some distance from the apartments. Investigation in the vicinity of Snelling and Selby Avenues failed to reveal any garage located in the rear of a pool hall so the writer made inquiry of all garages in the immediate vicinity. Inquiry was made at the garage of PETERSON and Son, 164 North Snelling Avenue, O. R. MUNGER GARAGE, 289 North Snelling Avenue and the H. E. DRAKE AUTO SERVICES, 1555 North Snelling Avenue, with negative results. MR. O. R. MUNGER advised that he had been in his present location only since September, 1933, and that prior to his occupancy the garage was operated by one, LOUIS GOLDBERG, a young Jewish lad. MR. MUNGER stated that the garage did not bear a very good reputation when he took it over and that it is quite possible GOLDBERG stored the cars. While conducting investigation at these garages, agent also made inquiries with reference to the filmolens and cans but results were likewise negative.

LIEUTENANT TALBOTT, St. Paul Police Department, was interviewed and stated that he has known MR. FRANK PARNELL for the past six years and considers him to be truthful; that he became acquainted with PARNELL when he, TALBOTT, was working on the apartment house detail and PARNELL gave him a tip-off which resulted in the capture of a very troublesome apartment house thief; that since this occasion, from time to time, he has frequently visited PARNELL. Lieutenant Talbott definitely recalls the telephone call which he received from the PARNELLS with reference to the occupants of the apartments on Grand Avenue and stated that previous to the telephone call, PARNELL had told him of his suspicions about the people; that he was off duty when the call came, which was during the first part of March, 1933, and he immediately telephoned Lieutenant Mondike who was on the night desk and requested him to send a squad out to PARNELL'S place and instructed MONDIKE just how the officers could get to PARNELL'S place through an alley just off of Grand Avenue on Syndicate without being seen by the occupants of the apartments across the street; that PARNELL told him that the people were apparently making their getaway and had previously furnished him with the numbers of the strange cars which had been coming to the apartments; that he prepared a statement of facts at the time for filing in the office. Lieutenant Talbott endeavored to locate his written report covering this matter in the Record Room but was not successful. Lieutenant Talbott could not recall the names of the officers who responded to the call, nor could he state what photograph was exhibited to Mr. and Mrs. PARNELL, but expressed the belief that Detective LOUIE SCHULTZ was with the officers. At

agent's request, Lieutenant Talbott telephoned Detective Louie Schultz, who stated that he did respond to the call and informed Lieutenant Talbott that the picture of HARRY COOPER was the one shown to Mr. and Mrs. PARNELL; that the officers did not want to pick him up that night because they had something else on him and did not want to flush it. In this connection, Lieutenant Talbott stated that this man's correct name is WILBERT L. SCHEPERS, alias HARRY B. OLSON, alias HARRY COOPER; that this man was arrested July 7, 1933, as a suspect in the holdup of the Wildwood Amusement Park near St. Paul, Minnesota, which occurred July 5, 1933; that he was identified by five persons and on July 14, 1933, was released on bond of \$20,000.00 which bond he skipped and was later picked up in Minneapolis on a burglary charge and is now serving time in the Stillwater Penitentiary on this charge. Description of this man is as follows:

Name:	WALTER L. SCHEPERS alias HARRY COOPER alias HARRY B. OLSON, St. Paul PD#22611.
Age:	29 years (March, 1931)
Height:	5'8-1/8"
Weight:	175
Eyes:	Gray-blue
Hair:	Black
Complexion:	Medium
Build:	Muscular
F.P.C. #	1 A 14 18 U 14

Photograph of this man was obtained from Lieutenant Talbott and exhibited to Mr. and Mrs. PARNELL as herein related previously.

Inspector of Detectives Charles Tierney was contacted and stated that there is every indication that there was a tip-off in this case. He explained that the matter occurred just shortly after he took over his present office and that no doubt there was some officer in the group who was not in favor of the present administration and was responsible for what had happened. Inspector Tierney stated he was unable to determine just what officers answered the call and had no idea as to the identity of the people who were occupying the apartments. After an extensive search, Inspector Tierney advised that he was unable to locate the written report of Lieutenant Talbott nor could he locate any report made by the officers who responded to the call. The only thing which Inspector Tierney could locate, touching on the matter, was the report of Officers T. McMahon and McGinnis, dated March 4, 1933, which report discloses that these two officers reported for duty at 8:00 A.M., and conducted investigation at 1280 and 1290 Grand Avenue, Apart-

ments 102 and 302. Their report reads as follows:

"Apartment 102 - 1290 Grand - out during the night, 1290 - between 3 or 4 in morning. Apartment 102 - 1290 left steamer trunk and one grip."

Inspector Tierney turned over to the writer one large bundle and a cardboard box containing clothes and sundry articles which he advised were removed from the steamer trunk and grip mentioned in report of Officers T. McMahon and McGinnis. This clothing and other articles has been gone over carefully but, as yet, has produced nothing of value in establishing the identity of the persons who occupied the apartments at 1290 and 1290 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

MR. COY HARDWICK, 1351 Portland Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, was interviewed at his residence by Agents Nalls and Hall. He advised that in 1924 he and his family, including his two daughters, BEULAH and FERN, were in Hollywood, California, arriving there late in the fall. The families stayed in Hollywood until after June, 1925, the two girls going to high school. In Hollywood, they resided at about 1545 Gordon Avenue. Across the street resided a Moore family, in which family there were two sons. Some time prior to February, 1933, he received from Mr. Moore a letter in which MR. MOORE inquired of HARDWICK if he knew of any apartments that could be rented as MOORE'S mother and brother were going to reside in St. Paul, while one of their brothers was in the hospital in Rochester, Minnesota. About a month later, he received a telephone call from a party giving the name of MOORE and asked MR. HARDWICK if he had any vacant apartments. MR. HARDWICK made an appointment with him and on the evening of February 17, 1933, he met MOORE in front of the apartment house at 1290 Grand Avenue. He states MOORE was not one of the men he met on the West Coast. He states that MOORE was not driving a car and that it was about 8:00 P.M. As he recalls, it was dark. He states that he and MOORE went to the entrance of the apartment house where MOORE asked him what the rental would be, this being before they looked at the apartment, and HARDWICK replied \$60.00 per month. He states that MOORE, without further inquiry, paid him \$60.00. They, then, looked at the apartment. He described MOORE as being 30 years of age, very small, of slender build, and with a slight limp in the right foot. He states that a few days later he received a telephone call from a person giving the name of S. E. LOCKWOOD, this person stating that a friend of his had rented an apartment from HARDWICK and inquired if HARDWICK had any other vacancies. HARDWICK claims he rented this man apartment 102 at 1290 Grand Avenue, at a rental of \$62.50, his records showing that the rent was paid on the 28th of February, 1933.

At the same time, a woman telephoned MR. HARDWICK and mentioned that she had a friend who had an apartment and without seeing these people, he rented apartment 302 to J. J. BURNS at a rental of \$60.00 per month at 1290 Grand Avenue. MRS. BURNS, when talking to MR. HARDWICK over the telephone, stated: "I'll have my husband call you". And the following noon, MR. BURNS did call and when HARDWICK asked him where he was employed, he stated: "I was sent here from the East with my concern", and that he had a friend with him, the friend, as HARDWICK understood it, being LOCKWOOD.

As to why the above three persons left, as related previously, a telephone call had come to the police department, St. Paul, complaining that there was a disturbance and requesting that a squad car come to 1290 Grand Avenue, which is CHARLIE MILLER'S house. When the squad car arrived there, CHARLIE MILLER knew nothing of it and the policemen were sent to PARNELL'S place across the street. By the time the policemen got around to investigate the complaint, the occupants of the above three apartments had left. Later, a patrol wagon came and took their belongings away. The belongings were taken from the apartment after March 31, 1933.

MR. HARDWICK admitted that these were the only apartments he had ever rented; that it was not his business to rent apartments but that it was the business of MR. and MRS. PARNELL, or MR. WESTPHAL. Regarding the MOORES, in California, HARDWICK states he thought they were musicians because they used to carry a musical instrument case as he left the house. He recalls that he asked J. J. BURNS for a reference to which MR. BURNS replied that he would give any MR. HARDWICK wanted. One reference he submitted was Senator Morine of Duluth, a State Senator. About an hour later, a person giving the name of Senator Morine telephoned and recommended BURNS but when asked regarding LOCKWOOD stated he did not know him. HARDWICK states that the next day he became suspicious and called Senator Morine in St. Paul and, on hearing Senator Morine answer, he realized that he had not talked to Morine on the previous day. Some time after the above three persons left, as the result of the visit by the police, a truckman delivered a note for the property abandoned. HARDWICK thinks that MR. FINCKE has this note.

HARDWICK was questioned very closely regarding this transaction and he became more and more involved regarding the whole matter. He finally admitted he has a brother-in-law named RAY STEEGER, employed under JOE POIRER, an assistant attorney general under Governor Olson, in charge of personnel of the State Highway Department. He stated that STEEGER had been a bar tender for DANNY HOGAN, deceased, St. Paul underworld character, and HARDWICK then attempted to create the impression that possibly STEEGER was the one who had mentioned these rentals.

On the following day, HARDWICK was invited to the Division Office where he was asked regarding his previous occupation. He stated that during 1924 and 1925 he was a building contractor and had nothing whatever to do with renting apartments. He was then confronted with the fact that the alleged person, MOORE, had written to him in 1933 requesting an apartment and that when, in 1924 and 1925, he knew MOORE and the last time he had seen him he had nothing to do with apartments. HARDWICK, previously, admitted he could not explain this discrepancy and furthermore could offer no explanation. He stated that STEEGER had no way of ever finding out that he had met any persons named MOORE in Hollywood and then stated that some time before he had rented the apartments at 1280 and 1290 Grand Avenue, STEEGER had come to him inquiring if HARDWICK had a vacant house, which could be rented to a certain party. On being informed that HARDWICK had no such vacancy, he talked of vacant apartments. HARDWICK, before leaving the office, was told that his story was not believed. He was informed that he could expect a call in the future for a more satisfactory explanation.

The following additional investigation was conducted by Special Agent R.L. NALIS:

A.G. DANIELSON, 3724-25th Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota, when interviewed, admitted that he formerly owned a one and one-half ton Ford truck which he traded to the Anderson Motor Company, 1201 East Lake Street, Minneapolis, on June 30, 1933. Mr. Danielson could not recall the license number on the car, when traded by him, nor could he locate any papers showing the number. He emphatically denied that he had ever moved anything from 1280 to 1290 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, during April, 1933, or any other time. MR. DANIELSON suggested, however, that a young man by the name of WILLIAMSON was in his employ during April, 1933, and had full access to the Ford truck in question and on numerous occasions took the truck to his home and kept it over night. MR. DANIELSON could not furnish the full name, or address, of WILLIAMSON but advised he lived with his uncle near 16th Avenue Northeast and Johnson Street, Minneapolis, in a house having a red fence around it. Inquiry was made of postman, carrier #322, who delivers mail in this section, and he advised that a young fellow by name of WILLIAMSON was residing at 1722 Johnson Street Northeast. At this address, interview was had with MRS. KENNETH WILLIAMS, not WILLIAMSON, who stated she was separated from her husband who was formerly employed by A.G. DANIELSON and that her husband could probably be located at the home of his parents, 1850 Fillmore Street, Northeast, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

KENNETH WILLIAMS, when interviewed, admitted his employment with A.G. DANIELSON but denied that he had ever moved anything from 1280 or 1290 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, during April, 1933, or any other time.

KENNETH WILLIAMS suggested that possibly WILLIAM SLETTEN, who formerly worked for A.G.DANIELSON, did the hauling and volunteered to accompany the writer and Agent Coulter to SLETTEN'S home, which is on a farm located at France and Penn Avenues, just outside of the Minneapolis City limits.

WILLIAM SLETTEN and his brother were contacted but denied they had ever moved anything from 1280 or 1290 Grand Avenue, or any other place in St.Paul.

WILLIAM SLETTEN suggested that M.E.ANDERSON, 3211-14th Avenue, Minneapolis, a former employee of A.G.DANIELSON, might have done the moving. M.E.ANDERSON was interviewed but denied that he had ever used DANIELSON'S truck to move anything from any point in St.Paul at any time.

Photographs of suspects in this case were exhibited to KENNETH WILLIAMS, the SLETTEN brothers, and M.E.ANDERSON but none could identify same as being those of persons known to or seen by them.

RAY STEEGER appeared at the St.Paul Division Office by request on morning of March 5, 1934. He advised that he is employed as personnel investigator for the Minnesota Highway Department attached to the office of the Attorney General; that he is related to COY O.HARDWICK by marriage, being his brother-in-law, and has in the past done some carpenter work for MR.HARDWICK on apartments in which HARDWICK is interested. He further stated that he was born and reared in St.Louis, Missouri, and came to St.Paul, about twenty-five years ago where he has since resided. Efforts to ascertain just what nature of work he has pursued since coming to St.Paul proved unsatisfactory. He was either unable or unwilling to give names of his former employers, place where, and where, employed. He, however, did state that he worked for J.J.KOHN, 9th and Wabasha Street, St.Paul, during period 1927-1933 and as a bartender for two years for the late DANNY HOGAN, noted St.Paul underworld character, who was murdered in St.Paul about 1927.

RAY STEEGER denied knowing anything concerning the persons who occupied apartments 1280 and 1290 Grand Avenue; also, denied that he had anything to do with the renting of these apartments to these people or had any conversation with COY HARDWICK relative to obtaining tenants for the vacant apartments. He admitted that he might have examined Apartment 106, 1290 Grand Avenue, with COY HARDWICK but stated if he did so it was for the purpose of looking it over for possible needed repairs. MR.STEEGER advised he had talked this matter over with COY O.HARDWICK before calling at the St.Paul Division Office.

The following memorandum by Sp.Agt. T.G.Melvin refers to the license plate found in the pay-off car. This license plate had previously been traced to EDWARD B. BELL as indicated in previous reports:

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St. Paul, Minnesota.
March 5, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

Ref: St. Paul file No. 7-30.

With reference to page 71 of the report of Special Agent J. E. Brennan dated February 17, 1934, at St. Paul, Minnesota, the writer interviewed MR. HARRY F. KENNEDY, President of the Kennedy Chevrolet Company, 600 South 7th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota, who advised that 1929 Ford Roadster, motor No. A 514721 was purchased from the Kennedy Chevrolet Company on July 21, 1933, for \$110.00 cash. He advised that he did not see the individual who purchased the car and referred agent to MR. OLIVER L. O'BRIEN, Sales Manager.

MR. O'BRIEN advised the writer that he had O.K'd the purchase of the car and had talked to that individual for approximately five minutes. The photographs of HARRY CAMPBELL, FRED BARKER, VOLNEY DAVIS, ALVIN KARPIS, ARTHUR R. BARKER, BENNIE EDWARD LARSON, and P. C. RATTENNE were exhibited to MR. O'BRIEN; and after examining all the photographs for some minutes, he selected the photographs of ALVIN KARPIS and ARTHUR R. BARKER as being the individual who possibly purchased the car. He stated that more definite information could possibly be secured from MR. J. L. VACHON, who was a salesman with the company at that time and handled the deal.

MR. VACHON resides at 1824 Elliott Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and is employed as an attendant at the Standard Oil Filling Station on the corner of Portland and Lake, Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he was interviewed by the writer. Out of the group of photographs above referred to, which were exhibited to MR. VACHON, he selected the photograph of ALVIN KARPIS as possibly being the individual who purchased the car. He advised that he was not positive, however, as to the identification as the whole deal took only about fifteen minutes to consummate.

EDWARD B. BELL, the purchaser of the car, gave as his address 114-1/2 South 5th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota; and at this address, which is the Alton Hotel, a cheap rooming house, agent interviewed IDA LOSETH, formerly known as IDA REIDY. The photographs of ALVIN KARPIS, ARTHUR R. BARKER, BENNIE EDWARD LARSON, P. C. RATTENNE, HARRY CAMPBELL, FRED BARKER, and VOLNEY DAVIS were also exhibited to her and she advised that the photograph of ALVIN KARPIS appeared to be that of EDWARD B. BELL, who resided at her hotel in July, 1933. She advised, however, that she is not positive as to the identification as she had not observed BELL very closely.

The original "Used Car Order Blank" signed by EDWARD B. BELL was secured from the Kennedy Chevrolet Company for possible use in developing latent fingerprints.

The fingerprints of MR. H. F. KENNEDY, OLIVER L. O'BRIEN, and MISS ELISE BARTHOLEMEW of the Kennedy Chevrolet Company, 600 South 7th Street, as well as the fingerprints of MR. J. L. VACHON, 1824 Elliott Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota, were secured for elimination purposes as these four individuals had handled the original "Used Car Order Blank" signed by BELL at the Kennedy Chevrolet Company.

At the office of the Secretary of State, Motor Vehicle Division, agent ascertained that 1929 Ford Roadster motor No. 514721 was registered for the year 1934 in the name of EDWARD B. BELL, license number being B 28304, his address is given as 1518 Third Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota, the plates being secured on January 6, 1934. This address is the Woonsocket Hotel.

Special Agent R. C. Coulter and the writer called at this address and were advised by MR. G. R. MCCRACKEN, the proprietor of the Woonsocket Hotel, that EDWARD B. BELL was unknown there. Agents noted, however, that the Ford Roadster in question, carrying license plates B 28304, was in the rear of the Woonsocket Hotel and an examination of a letter found in the car indicated that the same was owned by EDWARD PALLAN.

Inquiry at the Woonsocket Hotel disclosed that EDWARD PALLAN resides in the Woonsocket Hotel Annex at 212 Fifteenth Street East, Apartment 149.

A cover was maintained on the car by Special Agent Coulter and the writer and when EDWARD PALLAN alias EDWARD B. BELL and one JAMES LEROY BELL entered the car, they were requested to accompany Special Agent Coulter and the writer to the St. Paul office. It was ascertained by Special Agent Coulter that JAMES LEROY BELL is employed as a solicitor for Capper's Publication and resides at 1015 East 15th Street, Apartment No. 21. He advised Special Agent Coulter that he had known EDWARD PALLAN alias EDWARD B. BELL for about three weeks but did not know his name. He displayed credentials indicating that he was employed in the manner indicated by him.

Relative to EDWARD PALLAN alias EDWARD B. BELL, he stated that he was born at Stevens Point, Wisconsin, July 4, 1906, being christened EDWARD PALLAN; that when he was a child, he was adopted by FRED BELL, who resides at Harshwe, Wisconsin, and that after living with BELL for a few years, he returned to his mother's home and resumed the name of EDWARD PALLAN. He stated that he is a C.W.A. worker employed on the project at 58th Street and Fremont Avenue in Minneapolis where he is engaged with others in cutting a street through; that he is employed three days a week and receives \$4.12½ per day; that he is living with one DORIS CLEMENT at the Woonsocket Hotel Annex.

Relative to the 1933 Minnesota license plate B 527634 found in the rear compartment of the Chevrolet Coupe furnished to WALTER MAGEE by the kidnapers to be used in the delivery of the ransom money, EDWARD PALLAN advised that he had purchased his 1934 license plates early in January, 1934, and had taken the 1933 plates off the Ford Roadster in question, which was parked across the street from his residence on 15th Street East; that after removing the plates, he had placed them on the curb stone near the car and had never seen them again; that he did not recall seeing anyone in the vicinity at the time he removed the plates and knows nothing further relative to them.

The fingerprints of EDWARD PALLAN were taken and are being transmitted to the Division.

The description of EDWARD PALLAN alias EDWARD B. BELL is as follows:

Age - 28 years
Height - 5 feet 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches
Weight - 125 pounds
Build - Slender
Complexion - Dark
Hair - Dark
Eyes - Brown

The fingerprints of MR. H. F. KENNEDY, OLIVER L. O'BRIEN, MISS ELISE BARTHOLEMEW, and J. L. VACHON, above referred to, together with the original "Used Car Order Blank" are being retained in the St. Paul file in this case.

Very truly yours,

T. G. MELVIN,
Special Agent.

TGM:HVS
3 - Division
9 - St. Paul

The following memorandum by Special Agent D. L. Nicholson concerns an investigation made in the neighborhood of WALTER MAGEE'S (the pay-off man) office:

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St. Paul, Minnesota.
March 6, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

Re: St. Paul file No. 7-50.

Reference is made to the memorandum of this agent dated February 28, 1934, covering investigations in the vicinity of WALTER MAGEE'S office, 118 West Central Avenue.

Special Agent Fortenberry discussed this matter with WALTER MAGEE, who advised that the club over his office is still being operated although he was unable to furnish the name of the proprietor of this club.

At this place, agent interviewed M. McGUIRE, who advised that he is the operator of the speakeasy on the second floor of the building at 118 West Central Avenue and directly over WALTER MAGEE'S office. McGUIRE stated that this speakeasy is operated as an illegal speakeasy and that no one with the exception of his friends or persons known to him are admitted; that the speakeasy usually remains open until an early hour in the morning and does not open during the day until 1:00 or 1:30 p.m., as there is no business for such an establishment during the early morning hours.

He further stated that on the morning of January 17, 1934, when the first ransom note was left at this address, this speakeasy was not open and that no individuals could have been in or around it.

The photographs of the KARPIS-BARKER mob were exhibited to McGUIRE who stated that they are all wholly unknown to him and that he is positive that none of them have ever been in the speakeasy operated by him.

D. L. NICHOLSON,
Special Agent.

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St. Paul, Minnesota.
March 2, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

Re: St. Paul file 7-30.

Reference is made to the letter from the Kansas City office in this case dated February 10, 1934. Inquiry was made at Sioux City, Iowa, February 28th and March 1, 1934. JOHN DONALD DILLON is well known to the police department and others. He is at present operating a beer parlor known as the Red Front located at 1409 Dace Street and resides at 1410 Dace Street, almost directly across the street from the Red Front. The Red Front is a dilapidated looking building and is one of several such low one-story old buildings located on the north side of the street. JOHN DILLON has resided at the above address since at least 1922 and possibly before that. His residence is a small brown house, frame, possibly three small rooms upstairs and about four downstairs. The house is surrounded by a fence. The house has a basement as two, small one-foot high windows can be seen from the street. No entrance to the basement is visible from the outside of the house. This house is located about 40 feet from the center of the street which at that point is traversed every few minutes by street cars, large and small, and they make considerable noise in passing the house as well as in turning a corner a block west and in crossing railroad tracks about a block east.

Two blocks west of the Red Front, also on Dace Street, there are three dirty-looking houses, there being no driveway into these places. They are located about six feet from the sidewalk and they do not appear to have any basements. The doors were open on two of these when agent passed by and the inside, as far as could be seen of each house, is in very poor and dirty condition. These houses are also located in the first block west of where the street car tracks coming from the north turn east, the street cars at this turn having just come across the railroad viaduct north of Dace Street. At the end of the second block west of the Red Front is a beer parlor, cafe and dine-and-dance place, all combined, which is operated by JAMES "BUCK" DILLON. There are no basement windows in this place indicating that it is not furnished, if there is a basement. This is a two-story building, modern, and the upper floor appears to be furnished. This building is of brick and of recent construction. The first floor as above stated, is used for dining and dancing. On two visits to this place and vicinity at night, and once in the day, there was someone around at all times and particularly at night there is much noise, music and dancing. Agent was advised by the police officers that this place has been operated in similar manner practically since the return of beer. In the block west of this building there is a large warehouse covering the whole block, and starting in the second block west, which would be the fourth block from the Red Front, there is nothing but railroad tracks, no buildings, for about six blocks.

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It was learned that EMMET DILLON, another brother, assists JOHN DILLON in the Red Front and stays with him. ANNA MAY DILLON, known as the favorite sister of JOHN, is now married to a man by the name of WALTERS and they are said to now live with MARGARET DILLON, who is the aged mother of all these DILLONS. The home of MRS. MARGARET DILLON is located on Grand Avenue, which is just one block north of Dace Street, and is about the middle of the block, which block corresponds with the second block west of the Red Front on Dace Street. This house is a small, white, frame, two-story house with no basement. It is about 150 feet west of where the viaduct crosses the railroad tracks, the viaduct on its south slope cutting off this street. Street cars can be heard very plainly at this point at all hours of the day and most of the night. This house is also located only about half a block south of the railroad tracks where trains of the C. & N.W., the C.St.P.M.&O., the C.M.St.P.&P., the Gr. N. and Illinois Central continually pass and switch day and night. From these houses on Dace Street, and also on Grand Avenue, it is possible to hear the sirens at the packing plants but these blow numerous times in the morning and also at noon.

In addition to the above DILLONS, there is a MARY DILLON, sister, who works in Sioux City and is said to seldom visit with the others.

JOHN DILLON is described as follows: Age, 42 years; height, 5 feet 11-3/8 inches; weight, 196 pounds; hair, brown; gray eyes; medium complexion; residence, 1410 Dace Street, Sioux City, Iowa; occupation, bartender.

JOHN DILLON has been arrested by the police in Sioux City and has the following record as obtained from the Division: As No. 2389 arrested PD Sioux City, Iowa, 2-8-22; charge, fugitive, holdup. As J. DILLON, No. 7122, received Minnesota State Prison, Stillwater, from Hennepin County, May 20, 1922, robbery second degree, 5 years. As JOHN DILLON, No. 1618, arrested Sheriff's office Sioux City, Iowa, date not given, V.N.P.A., 60 days County Jail, prints received October 31, 1930. There is notation on this record as follows: "5-5-15, sentence 5 years Anamosa, assisting prisoner to escape. A photograph was secured from the police department and is attached to copies of this report for the St. Paul Division office. This is a 1922 photograph. The Sheriff's office may have a more recent picture but no inquiry was made there due to the publicity given agent's last appearance there with reference to this case.

CLAUDE BLEDSOE and ERNEST SMITH, detectives, assisted agent in this inquiry and know DILLON well. It was these officers who picked up DILLON for the Minnesota authorities when he received the prison sentence. Detective SMITH stated that DILLON at that time was connected with one LOUIE VENICK, not now in Sioux City but reported to have reformed; IKE SHERMAN, who runs the Congress Beer Parlor on Nebraska Street in Sioux City, who the police state is continually at his place of business and evidently staying within the law and has severed any close connections he might have had in the past with the hoodlum element; ELMER DINGMAN, reported to be still in Ft. Madison penitentiary

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as he got 40 to 70 years for bank robbery; and MICKEY and TOM BRENSO, both now dead. All of these were involved in the robbery of a road house at Minneapolis in 1922.

The above two police officers, BLEDSOE and SMITH, are considered very reliable, and efficient, but they were given only the information considered necessary to the inquiry, namely that DILLON was reported from an anonymous source as being one party who might have supplied a hideout for the kidnapers. These officers work often with HARRY COOPER, Secret Service Agent, when he is in Sioux City, but it did not appear that COOPER had been to Sioux City recently and had not given them any information concerning the information he was supposed to have secured from JOHN "SLIM" KELLY. These officers knew of places owned by DILLON and assisted agent in checking on them as well as the places above mentioned. They advised that DILLON would not be above supplying a hideout and they have always kept him under surveillance but have never found him in any trouble other than his liquor operations for the past many years. These officers occasionally visit DILLON'S place. Upon viewing the photographs of the KARPIS and BARKER gang, they could not recall ever seeing any of these parties there or in Sioux City.

DILLON owns a large frame house located at 2434 East 5th Street, which is at the end of the street and practically on the bank of the Floyd River. This place was made into a night club and was called the "Woodlawn Club". The doors were found to be padlocked and a "for rent" sign placed on the house. This place has a very large basement built up five or six feet above the ground with an entrance from the rear. The house is about a block and a half east of U. S. Highway No. 75 and about a half mile east of the railroad tracks. It is not believed that a church bell can be heard here but a siren at the Omaha Railway Shops blows in the morning. These officers stated that they knew the people who had rented this place and who had been put out about the first of the year. These parties, JULIA HATLAND and her husband, well known to these officers, were located where they are now living about one-half block from this house and on 5th Street. They stated that they had been ejected by JOHN DILLON on January 4, 1934, for non-payment of rent (two months) and that they had lots of furniture and goods still stored in the basement of this place but that it had been padlocked from January 4th to date. JULIA HATLAND stated that she had talked to some of the neighbors and they had seen no one go in this place since the 4th of January. MRS. HATLAND stated that the basement in this house has a dirt floor, and the walls are cement and rock, and the basement is not furnished. On the main floor and also on the second floor, in the northeast corner of the house, are two small rooms but they were never used as bedrooms, being too small. The other rooms are large.

Having learned that DILLON was supposed to own a house located east of the "Monument" in southeast part of the city, this house was located and it is situated near a new road grade being built, and is about a quarter of a mile from the Missouri River, east, the main line of the G. St. P. M. & O. Railway being located between this house and the river. This house can be approached only after a sharp turn and by going up a very steep but short hill. There was no one home at the time of this inquiry, but from observation it was seen that this place does not have water works nor electric lights. It is isolated from the rest of the city and there is no house within four or five blocks, this house sitting down behind a large bluff.

Another house which DILLON is reported to own is a house on Vine Street, referred to often as the JOE HANLON house as HANLON used to live there. Upon observation, it was found that this house is very small, one-story, and the whole thing is not more than 12 feet wide by about 16 feet long. There is no railroad nearby and no main highway is situated near, but a street about three blocks away has quite a bit of traffic. Across the street from this small house is a large frame house sitting on a small bluff up from the street (Vine Street). Bootleggers in years past used to frequent the place and were arrested many times by the police. The house can only be reached by either coming down or going up a very steep incline. There appears to be no outside entrance to the basement of this house. Neighborhood inquiry established the fact that there has been no unusual activity there recently. The name of the people there at present was not known to the party of whom the inquiry was made but it was stated that the man appeared to be a laborer in the packing plant as he seemed to go that way to work.

Another small house located on South Division Street, also on the south side of the city and isolated from any other buildings, was inspected as it was at first thought also to belong to DILLON. The woman living at this place was known to the officers as ANNA UDELL, a police character formerly, but now married. This is also a very small house, one story with a basement, practically as large as the one floor. There are no electric lights in this house nor city water. It is very small and poorly furnished. The basement is used only to store things and is not furnished. The house is not more than 20 feet square. This woman stated that DILLON did not own this house. b7c

With reference to PRETTY BOY FLOYD, Officers BLEDSOE and SMITH stated that they had a tip last fall that FLOYD was in Sioux City and got this from MR. LEWIS of the Lewis System. They were unable to verify this as they did not know where to make inquiry other than general. They are of the opinion that DILLON would be more likely to hide out a criminal as he has once been in prison, than he is to engage in a kidnaping. They intend to keep a close watch of DILLON'S place in the future.

R. T. NOONAN
Special Agent.

RIN:EVS

On March 5, 1934, Special Agent W. C. Ryan submitted the two following memorandums:

MEMORANDUM FOR ST. PAUL FILE NUMBER 7-30.

While Agent was in Faribault, Minnesota, Chief of Police Albert Hanson advised that, about a week after the release of BREMER, MATT WEIRES, a C. W. A. worker and a resident of Faribault, informed him that on the morning of Tuesday, February 6, 1934, at about 7 A.M. he saw two cars, one a large, dark sedan, and the other a coupe, parked near the Modern Cafe in Faribault, Minnesota. Chief Hanson said that WEIRES advised him that he recognized one of these men as "WHITEY" CLARK, a hi-jacker from Chicago, and another of the men as JACK MCKAY, an associate of CLARK's from Philadelphia. Chief Hanson further stated that WEIRES was some years ago mixed up in a box car robbery. He advised that inasmuch as this was immediately prior to the payment of the BREMER ransom, he immediately sent Detective Otto Hubin to St. Paul, Minnesota, with the information to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and to the Police Department at St. Paul. Chief Hanson said that a Mr. Connolly of the Apprehension Bureau came to Faribault the following day and interviewed WEIRES and that at the conclusion of the interview Connolly stated that he would turn the information over to the Federal Government.

Thinking that possibly Connolly may not have turned over the information, Agent interviewed MATT WEIRES in the presence of Detective Otto Hubin. WEIRES advised that on Tuesday morning, February 6, 1934, he drove his car to the Modern Cafe in Faribault to pick up several fellow C. W. A. workers; that as he drove up he noticed a large, black sedan parked on Second Street, across from the Modern Cafe; that there was one man in the car and three men came out of the cafe and walked over and got in the sedan. He said that he also noticed a coupe parked on Main Street, around the corner from the sedan and that three men got out of the coupe and walked over into the Modern Cafe. WEIRES stated that he recognized one of the men in the sedan as FRANK "WHITEY" CLARK of Chicago and that one of the men in the coupe looked like JACK MCKAY or MACKAY of Philadelphia, a pal of CLARK's. He said that he did not see any signs of recognition between the men in the coupe and those in the sedan and was not so sure of his recognition of MCKAY.

WEIRES said that he first met CLARK and MCKAY about 7 years ago at Lannon, Wisconsin, where they worked together in Frank Scheider's quarry; that CLARK told him he was from Chicago, Illinois, and had been in the bootlegging business there as well as having engaged in several store robberies with a gang. He said that MCKAY claimed to be a druggist from Philadelphia and told him that his wife conducts a drug store there. WEIRES

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advised that CLARK robbed a cigar stand at Lannon while they were working there; that this was before McKAY came to work or knew CLARK. He further advised that the following winter, he, CLARK and McKAY went to Rhinelander, Wisconsin, where they worked for the Thunder Lake Saw Mill; that while at Rhinelander, CLARK broke into Sandy Brown's store and stole some coats, shoes and other articles; that CLARK left shortly after this and did not show up again. WEIRES said that when he returned to Lannon the following year a fellow at the camp told him that CLARK went around with a pretty tough gang in Chicago and that he had heard that CLARK and McKAY had held up a man near Milwaukee or Racine, Wisconsin, and were arrested for it. With further reference to CLARK, he stated that CLARK said that he was doing well in the liquor business in Chicago until Capone closed him up.

WEIRES said that the last time he saw these men was seven years ago; that neither appeared to have any more money than they earned at their jobs; that CLARK, to his knowledge, was only a petty thief and that the only trouble he had heard of McKAY being in was that he was told he held up a man near Milwaukee or Racine with CLARK.

He said that when he saw these men he wondered what they were doing in this part of the country at this time of the year and that since the BREYER ransom was paid around the time he saw them he thought he had better report the matter.

He said that at the time he saw the cars the coupe was facing south and the sedan east; he said he did not see the cars leave. He described the men in the sedan as being all heavily built, being big men, between the ages of thirty-five and forty years. He could not recall the make of the car but said he was sure it did not have a V type radiator front. The men in the coupe he described as being between thirty-five and forty years of age, tall, and of slender build. He viewed the pictures of KARPIS, FRED and DOC BARKER, DAVIS, CAMPBELL, TED and ED BENTZ, FRISCO DUTCH and T. CARROLL and he stated that none of them resembled any of the men he saw in the cars.

He described CLARK and McKAY as follows:

Name	FRANK "WHITEY" CLARK	JACK McKAY (or MACKAY)
Age	46 years	40 years
Height	5 feet, 11 inches	5 feet, 8 inches
Weight	175 to 180 pounds	140 to 150 pounds
Build	Medium	Slender
Hair	Light	Dark
Complexion	Light	Dark
Residence	Chicago, Illinois	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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At the Modern Lunch, Main and Second Streets, Faribault, Minnesota, Agent ascertained that Gust KOUTAVAS, the proprietor, is on duty during the early morning hours. MR. KOUTAVAS, upon interview, stated that he is the only party who waits on customers around the hours of 7:00 A.M. and that he has worked at this hour for the past several years. He could not recall the incident of the six strange men coming to his restaurant and upon viewing photographs of KARPIS and the other suspects he stated that none of them resemble any persons he recalls seeing.

MEMORANDUM FOR ST. PAUL FILE NUMBER 7-50.

Agent, this day, March 5, 1934, interviewed GUSTAVE MUELLER, Mueller Clothing Company, Windom, Minnesota, whose store is listed among those selling Gluett Peabody & Company, Inc., K2419-Park C., shirts and also selling Carson, Pirie, Scott & Company, Life Size, underwear, Style 5318.

MR. MUELLER advised that the only Park C shirt ever handled by his store is marked K7629; that he has never handled style K2419. The style of shirt handled by MR. MUELLER is much lighter in color than the shirt in question.

With reference to the underwear, MR. MUELLER advised that he has not had any of this particular brand in stock for nearly a year; that he had ordered some of this underwear in July, 1933, but has never received it, being sent another brand instead.

MR. MUELLER's store does not handle the brand of socks as worn by MR. BREMER upon his return.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. RYAN,
Special Agent.

WCR:RWM

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St. Paul, Minnesota.
March 6, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

Re: St. Paul file No. 7-50.

Under date of February 21, 1934, a letter was directed to the Director signed by MRS. ROY OSTBY, 523 Morgan Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, advising that from the back of her home on an alley which is known as Two and One-Half Street, she had observed a house being occupied by someone during the month of January to February 6th; further, that during all that time, no one had been seen coming out of the house but heavy smoke had been seen coming from the chimney; that the house was delapidated looking and the windows were all closed up with tar paper, or similar material.

Accompanied by Detectives H. C. LINDHOLM and JOHN FINLAYSON of the Minneapolis Police Department, agent visited the premises and interviewed MRS. ARLIE KNAPPEN, 526 Newton Avenue, Minneapolis, who stated that the house in question is owned by her grandfather, JOHN CARLSON FREEM, and is occupied by one CHRIS ELLERTSON, a paper hanger who has been living in the house since October, 1933. MRS. KNAPPEN stated that ELLERTSON is a man of good reputation although in poor circumstances at the present time because of lack of work. According to MRS. KNAPPEN, ELLERTSON is unable to pay for windows which have been broken in the house and for this reason has the same nailed up with tar paper, rugs, and linoleum.

MRS. ROY OSTBY, on interview, advised that she noticed the suspicious circumstances surrounding the house and for this reason reported same.

Respectfully submitted,

T. G. MELVIN,
Special Agent.

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3 - Division
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St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 6, 1934.

MEMORANDUM;

Re: St. Paul file No. 7-30.

Mr. GEORGE KRUEGER, whose wife is employed as a stenographer by Attorney THOMAS NEWMAN, informed Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni that in his opinion, MORRIS GOLDBERG might possibly be connected with this case. In view of this fact, the following investigation has been conducted in an effort to locate fingerprints of MORRIS GOLDBERG:

At the St. Paul Police Department, agent contacted MR. JOHN TIERNEY of the Criminal Identification Division who after searching the records in his possession advised that he had no criminal record of MORRIS GOLDBERG under his name or the following aliases: SAM MILLER, MORRIS MEYER, H. G. SAINT, and G. R. SAINT.

RAY HARRINGTON of the Minneapolis Police Department, after searching the records of the Identification Unit of that department advised that he had no criminal record of MORRIS GOLDBERG under his name or known aliases.

In an effort to locate a military record of GOLDBERG in order that his fingerprints may be obtained from this source, agent contacted MISS MARY HALL of the Adjutant General's office of the State of Minnesota where all military records of individuals in this State are kept. After searching the records, she advised that she had no record of MORRIS GOLDBERG'S ever having served in any of the armed forces of the United States.

Assistant United States Attorney JOSEPH FINLEY, who is active in American Legion affairs, was contacted and he advised that he is quite positive that MORRIS GOLDBERG is not a member of any American Legion Post in this vicinity. MR. FINLEY, however, caused a search to be made of the American Legion records and advised that no record of MORRIS GOLDBERG could be found.

D. L. NICHOLSON,
Special Agent.

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3 - Division
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St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 6, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

Re: St. Paul file No. 7-50.

With regard to the matter of fishing for perch and regulations pertaining thereto in the States of Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Illinois, the following has been ascertained from a study of the Game & Fish Laws now available in this office pertaining to these States:

WISCONSIN

It appears that fishing through the ice between January 1st and the following 30th day of April is prohibited in the State except in Lake Koshkonong and the following counties:

Bayfield
Calumet
Crawford
Dane
Forrest
Oneida
Lincoln
Outagamie
Vilas
Waupaca
Winnebago
Waushara,

the Mississippi River and tributary lakes, bayous, sloughs, etc; Lake Winnebago in Fond du Lac; Lemon River in Juneau County; Lake Wausau and Eau Claire River in Marathon County; Twin Lakes and Pike Lake in Polk County; the Chippewa River from the southern limit of Jim Falls, Wisconsin, to the mouth of said river, including the sloughs and bayous thereof and Beef Slough and Half-moon Lake in Eau Claire County; and from January 1st to the succeeding first day of March in Delavan Lake, Geneva Lake, and Turtle Lake in Walworth County; and in Pelican Lake in Oneida County.

This data is compiled from page 68 of the laws relating to conservation for the State of Wisconsin.

In addition to the above, it may be stated that temporary provision was made for fishing with not more than three lines in a number of additional counties and lakes not listed above but such fishing is unlawful after January first of any year.

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I have marked in red a Wisconsin map to show the areas where perch may be taken through the ice and otherwise during the winter months.

MINNESOTA

In the Minnesota Fish & Game Laws pamphlet, under the species of fish known as perch, mention is made only of yellow perch. In Section 5568 of this law (page 52 of the pamphlet) it states that such fish may be taken by angling and thereafter possessed from May 15th to the following February 1st. It therefore appears that perch may be lawfully caught through the ice, or otherwise, throughout the entire State between May 15th and February 1st.

ILLINOIS

The fish and game regulations applying to this State indicate that that there is no prohibition against catching white perch except during the period April 30th to the following June 1st. This is shown in paragraph B of Section C of the Fish & Game Laws (page 74). With reference to pike perch, the law states that this fish may be taken at any time except March 1st to the following April 30th. This is set forth in paragraph 11, Section E of the Fish & Game Law booklet.

There appears to be no prohibition on fishing through the ice or in open water for yellow perch, white perch, or pike perch during any of the winter months in the entire State of Illinois.

R. B. DONALDSON,
Special Agent.

RED:HVS
3 - Division
9 - St. Paul

St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 6, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

In accordance with special instructions from Inspector W. A. Rorer, agent made the following investigation at Des Moines, Iowa, for the purpose of determining whether or not the Filmolens used by the kidnapers in this case were in fact purchased in that city.

Through prior arrangement made with MR. GEORGE DERSE, General Manager, Western Auto Supply Company stores, Twin Cities, a telegram was directed to the General Sales Manager for all Western Auto Supply Company stores at Kansas City, Missouri, requesting that all sales slips for January and February for the Des Moines, Iowa, store be forwarded immediately to the Des Moines store.

MR. K. N. NICKOLSON, Manager of the Des Moines store at 927 Locust Street, was interviewed by agent on the morning of March 3, 1934, and he advised that the sales slips in question had not yet arrived.

Pending the receipt of these slips, agent visited the Sears & Roebuck Company store at Des Moines and through MR. McADAMS, Manager of the Electrical Equipment & Automobile Supplies Department, ascertained that the Sears & Roebuck store had never carried the beam light known as the "Lightmaster". It was also learned that the Sears Roebuck & Company stores do not carry the "Filmolens".

Further investigation at the following automobile accessories establishments in Des Moines developed that the Western Auto Supply Company is the only concern in that locality handling the Filmolens:

American Supply Company
J. C. Penny Company
Krege
Montgomery Ward & Co.
Murrays
Harring Wissler
Capitol Auto Parts

Agent again contacted MR. NICKOLSON at the Western Auto Supply Company store and ascertained from his stock sheets the following: On December 28th, 1933, no Filmolens in stock. On December 29, 1933, received 24 from the St. Paul Western Auto Supply Company store. One Filmolens sold between December 28 and January 12. On January 25, 1934, 19 of the original 24 received from St. Paul were still in stock. On February 8th, 15 were in stock. On February 21st, 2 were in stock.

The following clerks in this store were interviewed and photographs of ALVIN KARPIS, the BARKER brothers, VOLNEY DAVIS, and HARRY CAMPBELL were exhibited to them. None of these employees had any particular recollection concerning the suspects:

George Hamn
K. Jones
J. Price
L. Meier
L. McKinney
Victor Stuart
W. Paulson
W. P. Patterson
F. Peace
D. Alexander
O. Myers

Approximately 4,000 sales slips arrived about noon on March 3, 1934, and were personally examined by this agent, and reflected sales as follows:

Jan. 8	-	1	Filmolens	sold
Jan. 14	-	1	"	"
Jan. 17	-	2	"	"
Jan. 24	-	1	"	"
Feb. 3	-	1	"	"
Feb. 6	-	1	"	"

The above figures indicate that there was no purchase of any considerable amount of Filmolens during the period in interest. In other words, between the 28th of December, 1933, and February 6, 1934, seven Filmolens were sold and all sales except on the one occasion were for one unit only.

As before stated, none of the employees had any recollection concerning these sales.

Relative to the information furnished to Special Agent D. C. Dewey by one of the employees of the Des Moines Western Auto Supply Company that some customer had made inquiry concerning the possibility of cutting down the lenses in question so that they might be smaller in size, MR. J. PRICE was interviewed particularly and he advised that about January 27th, to the best of his recollection, a man inquired of him as to whether or not a smaller lens was carried in stock and how the 3-3/8 inch lens might be cut down to a smaller size. MR. PRICE advised the customer that if he desired to purchase some of the lenses and cut them down, a pair of tin shears might be used and it could be done right at the store. This customer, it is noted, however, purchased none of the lenses and did not purchase a pair of tin shears.

From the photographs, MR. PRICE was unable to identify any of the suspects as the customer who had made this inquiry. MR. PRICE stated that he had no clear recollection as to what the man looked like but that he was dressed in a regular business suit and did not wear boots or other equipment peculiar to bus or taxi drivers. MR. PRICE further stated that it was his opinion that this customer was accompanied by a very small man who took no part in the conversation, and he was unable to give any description of either of these men other than as above.

Conference was again had with MR. NICKOLSON and he was advised by agent that a shortage appeared in the University Avenue store in St. Paul and that through records and sales slips in the Twin Cities, the Western Auto Supply Company had been unable to account for eleven Filmolens which disappeared from the University Avenue store between January 15th and February 10th. MR. NICKOLSON agreed with MR. DERSE, Manager of the Twin Cities stores, in the assumption that the eleven Filmolens had been stolen from the Western Auto Supply Company store in St. Paul. In view of the fact that the company's records in this locality can not account for this loss, it is quite positive that the suspects may have in fact stolen these eleven Filmolens at the store indicated.

MR. NICKOLSON further advised that no other establishment in Des Moines handles Filmolens.

Very truly yours,

E. N. NOTESTEN,
Special Agent.

ENN:HVS
3 - Division
9 - St. Paul

St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 7, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO INSPECTOR RORER:

Re: BREKID
St. Paul File No. 7-30

Reports from auxiliary offices indicated that underwear similar to that given to the kidnap victim at the time he was released had been sold by the manufacturer to M. & C. NEWBURG, La Crosse, Wisconsin, and that shirts of the type given to the kidnap victim at the same time had been sold to P. NEWBURG CLOTHING COMPANY, also of La Crosse, Wisconsin. Agent interviewed ED NEWBURG of the P. NEWBURG CLOTHING COMPANY, at La Crosse, on 2-27-34, and he stated that his company handles the CLUETT and PEABODY shirt mentioned but that his sales records do not describe the articles sufficiently to determine what sales of any particular item were made. All clerks were contacted by MR. NEWBURG and this Agent and two of them recalled sales, recently, of that type of shirt but know they were to local parties. One clerk recalls that a bellboy by the name of EVANS, from the LINKER HOTEL, called a few weeks ago and asked for such a shirt but did not make a purchase.

MR. NEWBURG stated that his company does not handle the socks, nor underwear in question.

MATT NEWBURG, of the M. & C. NEWBURG COMPANY of La Crosse, Wisconsin, was also interviewed. This is an entirely separate and distinct clothing store and caters primarily to the poor class of trade, whereas, the PETER NEWBURG COMPANY has a higher class of merchandise. This company went out of business January 10, 1934, in a voluntary liquidation. Prior to this date, for approximately thirty or forty days, a large sale was held and big crowds attended and many suits of the underwear described were sold by this store, but in view of the large number of sales, none of the clerks would remember any particular individual who purchased such underwear, nor are their sales records sufficiently descriptive to reflect the dates and the numbers of the sales, nor the individuals to whom sales were made. This company does not handle the socks and shirts in question.

On 2-28-34, Agent called at the LINKER HOTEL and inquired for a bellboy named EVANS. The clerk stated that his name was EVANS but there was no bellboy of such a name, although he was frequently confused with EARL DAVIS, a bellboy. EVANS stated he had not been in the P. NEWBURG

COMPANY STORE for over a year. EARL DAVIS was interviewed and he stated that about two weeks ago, while in his bellboy uniform, although wearing an overcoat, he went into the P. NEWBURG store looking for a tan shirt for himself but that they did not have what he wanted so he did not make a purchase.

Very truly yours,

HHR:TC
3-Div.
9-St. Paul

H. H. REINECKE, SPECIAL AGENT.

St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 7, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO INSPECTOR ROER:

Re: BREKID
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

While at La Crosse, Wisconsin, on 2-27-34, Agent made casual inquiries of the Captain of Police, as well as others, as to whether or not there was any suburb of La Crosse, Wisconsin, or adjacent town, wherein a siren was sounded only in the morning.

It developed that numerous communities in that vicinity have a siren but, in addition to being sounded in the morning, it is also heard at noon and at night.

Very truly yours,

HHR:TC

H. H. REINECKE, SPECIAL AGENT.

3-Div.
9-St. Paul

St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 7, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO INSPECTOR ROBER:

Re: BREKID,
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

In connection with the third paragraph on page 66 of the report of Special Agent J.E. Brennan, dated February 17, 1934, relating the fact that a woman, operating a rooming house at Rochester, Minnesota, had had an unusual occurrence with reference to a man's renting a room on the evening of February 6, 1934, this is to advise that, through Chief of Police Claude, at Rochester, Minnesota, I determined that this lady was MARY HINES, 18-3rd Avenue Southeast.

I interviewed MARY HINES on February 25, 1934, and also her sister, MRS. CATHARINE KENNEDY, and she stated that about 8:00 P.M., on the evening of February 6, 1934, an elderly gentleman, over fifty years of age, came to her house and rented a room. He had an old leather suitcase, a laundry box, and a large tin box. She rented him a room for the night at a charge of 50¢. He left shortly after renting the room, taking his tin grip with him, and again returned to the house about 11:00 P.M. Around 2:00 o'clock on the morning of February 7, 1934, they heard him moving around in his room and MISS HINES went out in the hall and saw this gentleman there completely dressed with overcoat and white canvass gloves. She asked him what he was doing and he said he was going to the bathroom. He returned to his room but they heard him go out about 4:00 o'clock in the morning and return just before daylight, about 5:00 A.M. He was wearing a dark gray mixed overcoat but was not particularly well dressed. They described this gentleman as being light complexioned, about 6 feet tall, weighing about 180 pounds. This gentleman was in and out of the house all day February 7, 1934, and left about 8:00 P.M., on that date. They did not see him enter a car nor did they see any automobile drive up in which they thought he might have driven away.

Despite the fact that this man did not answer the description of any of the suspects, Agent exhibited the photographs of all suspects in this case to both MRS. KENNEDY and MISS HINES, and they quickly stated that none of these photographs bore any resemblance to the man above described.

It will be noted, from the above, that this gentleman rented the room on the evening of February 6, 1934, prior to the ransom

payoff and at that time had his suitcase, laundry box, and the tin box, with him. It does not appear that this set of circumstances has any bearing on this case.

The ladies interviewed recalled the date by reason of the fact that it was supposed to be the night before BREMER was released.

Very truly yours,

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H.H. REINECKE, SPECIAL AGENT.

3-Division
9-St. Paul

St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 7, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO INSPECTOR RORER:

Re: BREKID
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Reference is had to the fourth paragraph, page 65, of the report of Special Agent J. E. Brennan, dated 2-17-34, wherein mention is made of information in the possession of DR. M. F. EUSTERMAN, a dentist at Rochester, Minnesota.

Agent interviewed DR. EUSTERMAN at his residence, 524-14th Avenue Southwest, Rochester, Minnesota, on 2-25-34. He related that prior to the HAMM kidnaping he did some dental work for some Chicago men, whose names were ROBERT F. FULLER and MESSRS. INSLAND and PETERSON. He stated that these men drove a Studebaker car with an Indiana license and that FULLER usually stopped at the REITER APARTMENTS at Rochester, Minnesota, when in town and the others stopped at the MARTIN HOTEL in Rochester. He gathered that there was something unusual about these gentlemen and, in his conversation with them, ascertained that they were engaged in some criminal activity. It appears that the first dental work he did was for MR. FULLER and that he referred the others to him. A short time prior to the HAMM kidnaping, DR. EUSTERMAN was in the Lowry Hotel in St. Paul, sitting in the lobby and he noticed two of these gentlemen enter, although he does not recall which two it was, at this time. He did not pretend to recognize them and closed his eyes as though sleeping. He heard them walk up to him and say, "The doctor is asleep, let's not bother him", and they, then, sat down near him and he heard them making the statement that, "There was 100 grand in the job. Its only 140 miles away and on pavement all the way". After this, HAMM was kidnaped and he thought there might be some connection and then he made the statement that the La Crosse Police might know something by reason of the fact that La Crosse is about 140 miles from St. Paul and the road is entirely paved.

Agent exhibited the photographs of all suspects in the BREMER case to DR. EUSTERMAN, who stated that none of them came anywhere near resembling the individuals to whom he referred. He said the suspects were all too young and the men to whom he had reference were approximately 45 years old and much larger.

He stated that these gentlemen gave their address as Norwood Hotel, in Chicago, Illinois, and he believes that they frequented the Lac du Flambeau Resort in Wisconsin, occasionally in the summertime.

The above facts are what DR. EUSTERMAN had in mind in making his statement to the Chief of Police in the report of reference, although he denies making any statement at the Chamber of Commerce meeting that he could solve the BREMER case if permitted to do so.

Chief Claude, at Rochester, Minnesota, states that he knows DR. EUSTERMAN quite well and he has a well known reputation in Rochester, Minnesota, for being a very boastful and unreliable person in his talk and statements. He is always intimating that he has political connections and has mysterious knowledge of criminals when, in fact, there is no truth in his statements at all.

In view of the descriptions and lack of identification by DR. EUSTERMAN of any of the suspects in this case, it does not appear that there is any connection whatever between the facts related by DR. EUSTERMAN and this case.

Very truly yours,

HHR:TC
3-Div
9-St. Paul

H. H. REINECKE, SPECIAL AGENT.

St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 7, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO INSPECTOR RORER:

Re: BREKID
St. Paul File No. 7-30

Reference is had to letter from A.A. (JACK) MURPHY, Kellogg, Minnesota, dated 2-12-34, indicating that there is a likely place which could be used in the BREMER, or HAMM, kidnappings, about two miles from Kellogg, Minnesota.

On 2-28-34, Agent interviewed A.A. MURPHY at Kellogg, Minnesota. He is a former Prohibition Agent, having worked at Spencer, Iowa, and is now residing with his parents-in-law at Kellogg. He says that for some time there have been rumors floating about Kellogg, which is a very small community, that a man had worked on a farm in that vicinity several years ago and had then gone to Chicago, Illinois, where it is reported he associated with the Capone gang and shortly thereafter came back and built a very large house off the main highway out in the country near Kellogg, which was used as a place for entertaining Chicago hoodlums, but that no one had openly lived in the house for about two years. MR. MURPHY stated that he had never personally seen this place but considered that, from the rumors and descriptions, that it would have made an ideal hideout in a kidnaping case and that this is what prompted his letter.

Agent, accompanied by Mr. Murphy, drove to this place which is two or three miles southwest of Kellogg. It is situated about a mile or two off the main highway near the crest of the hills overlooking the Mississippi River. It is a very large and modern frame house and the only buildings are a four-car garage and a sizeable chicken house. The place is entirely deserted and the house is locked, and the shades drawn, although it was possible to determine that, apparently, all of the furniture is still therein. This place is, of course, situated away from any city noises and it would be impossible to hear any sirens, bell ringing, trains, busses, et cetera.

Agent interviewed JOE FREKSE, whose residence is on the main highway, where the side road comes out from the above described house, and whose farm home is nearest to the house described. He stated that about ten years ago, a young man by the name of JAMES MORRISON, the son of a wealthy Chicago business man, worked on a nearby farm. He studied a great

while on this farm and in the fall came to MR. FREESE and asked if he could rent a room and spend the winter there. However, this procedure did not go through and RORRISON returned to Chicago. He came back in a year or two and bought 560 acres of farm land adjacent to MR. FREESE'S farm and built a large home, the the buildings above described, thereon. It was RORRISON'S intention to build additional farm buildings and probably to operate a modern farm but the economic depression prevented him from proceeding. MR. FREESE stated that RORRISON is a fine, honest, young man, who comes of a good wealthy family in Chicago, and that RORRISON is now in Chicago in the brokerage business, the farm home above described having been unoccupied since about April of 1932.

MR. FREESE stated that there was nothing to the rumors that RORRISON was an associate of the CAPONE gang, was a bootlegger, or involved in any criminal activities, as he is merely a son of a well-to-do family who desired to spend a year or so, both for health and recreation, on a farm and then liked it so much that he acquired some land with the intention of constructing modern farm buildings.

Very truly yours,

H. H. REINECKE, SPECIAL AGENT.

HHR:TC
3-Div.
9-St. Paul

February 22, 1934,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

MEMORANDUM FOR ST. PAUL FILE 7-30.

While at the offices of the St. Paul Dispatch and Pioneer Press on February 22, 1934, securing the list of news stand dealers, MR. GEORGE E. ECKERSTROM, Country Circulation Manager, handed me the two attached postal cards, stating that it was a hunch of his that the individual requesting these papers might have had some interest in the BREMER case. (I had made no mention to MR. ECKERSTROM that the list I desired was in connection with the BREMER case).

MR. ECKERSTROM called attention to the fact that on the card postmarked February 13, 1934, the writer signs his first name as CYLNER while on the card postmarked February 19, 1934, he signs his first name as YLNER.

I made no comment to MR. ECKERSTROM with reference to these cards, but accepted them for consideration or filing.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. REINECKE,
Special Agent.

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3 - Division
9 - St. Paul

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St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 7, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO INSPECTOR ROBERI

Re: BREKID
St. Paul File No. 7-50

Reference is had to my memorandum of 2-2-34 referring to the two postal cards received by the St. Paul Pioneer Press from MR. CYMER FYLLING, 209 Rock Avenue, Viroqua, Wisconsin.

Agent called on the Postmaster at Viroqua, Wisconsin, on 2-23-34 and he stated that he knew no one in Viroqua by that name. From his records, he ascertained that the following individuals are receiving mail at the residence address, 209 South Rock Street, there being no 209 North Rock Street:

WILHELMINA HAMMER
LAURA and CALMAR and CLIFFORD and ALEXANDER and
MORRIS and HAROLD and ERNEST HAMMER.

He stated that WILHELMINA is the mother; that LAURA, ALEXANDER, and HAROLD, are away from home and that CALMAR is a young man about 21 years old.

The Postmaster stated that MR. HAMMER was a former Lutheran Minister in Viroqua, and is now dead, and that the family is considered a reliable and respectable family in Viroqua. The Postmaster recalls very recently some newspapers came for this address for the name, CYMER FYLLING.

Agent interviewed CARL CURTIS, the mail carrier, who delivers mail at 209 South Rock Street, and he stated that he has been delivering quite a few papers at this address for CYMER FYLLING and that this is probably for CALMAR HAMMER, whose middle name, or at least the middle name of his father, was FYLLING. He stated that CALMAR is considered very odd, does not associate with other young men, and is a great reader and that quite likely CALMAR is the one who wrote for the papers in question although the use of a different combination and spelling of his name was probably due to his oddness. MR. CURTIS stated that the HAMMER family is considered very reliable and honest in Viroqua and would not knowingly engage in any even slightly criminal activities. He noted nothing unusual there in the past month or two.

Agent personally drove about the vicinity of 200 South
Rock Street for the purpose of examining the house and premises. There
is no such basement entrance as described by Victim BREMER, as applicable
to his hideout, and the residence is near no main highway used by buses
or a railroad station.

Viroqua has a siren which is sounded at 7:00 A.M.,
12:00 noon, and 6:00 P.M., every day except Sunday. There is no German
Lutheran church there and there is no Saturday afternoon church bell.
There are five protestant churches and one catholic church.

In view of the information set out above, it did not
appear pertinent to interview CALMAN HAMMER as the facts quite clearly
have no bearing on the instant case.

Very truly yours,

HHR:TC
3-Div
9-St. Paul

H.H. HEINECKE, SPECIAL AGENT.

St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 6, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

Re: St. Paul File No. 7-30.

I am submitting the following information for whatever consideration, if any, may be deemed advisable. During the past fall, the Chicago office received information to the effect that BASIL BANGHART, with aliases, and "ICE WAGON" CONNORS, with aliases, left Detroit for Lake Okauchee, Wisconsin, in a Hudson Sedan. The writer proceeded to Lake Okauchee, Wisconsin, at that time and conducted a complete investigation for the purpose of attempting to locate the Hudson Sedan and the fugitives but no definite information could be developed at that time.

A comparatively short time ago, Assistant United States Attorney E. J. KOELZER of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, advised that one of the most prominent attorneys in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, proffered information which he considered valuable with reference to an alleged hideout of gangsters.

This attorney was interviewed and a complete memorandum containing all the information which he provided was submitted by the writer to Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis, Chicago. This confidential informant, who stated he did not care to have his name mentioned in any connection with the matter, stated that he received information to the effect that approximately the time that FACTOR was kidnaped last summer, some gangsters presented themselves at CHARLIE O'BRIEN'S place, which is situated in or near Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, and that CHARLIE O'BRIEN afforded refuge for these gangsters who were attempting to keep themselves concealed during the period that law enforcement officers were concentrating efforts to locate them. Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, is situated three miles from Lake Okauchee and it appears that there is a slight possibility that the information that CHARLIE O'BRIEN'S place has afforded a refuge for gangsters may be well founded and that BANGHART and CONNORS actually did proceed from Detroit to CHARLIE O'BRIEN'S place in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, instead of to Lake Okauchee, according to information originally obtained.

As previously indicated, a memorandum relative to the alleged hideout at CHARLIE O'BRIEN'S place was submitted by the writer to Special Agent in Charge M. H. PURVIS quite some time ago.

In the event you deem the above information worthy of consideration, it is suggested that investigation might well be conducted at Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, for the purpose of determining whether or not the hideout is the

instant case may be located in that vicinity.

For your additional information it may be stated that several communications have been received in response to our circular letter, from Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, indicating that the sounds heard by Bremer can not be heard in Oconomowoc. However, a letter from the Postmaster at Okauchee, Wisconsin, under date of March 3, 1934, states that inhabitants of Okauchee, Wisconsin, are able to hear the Oconomowoc siren at the Carnation Milk Plant or the electric plant, which blows every morning at 6:55 and again at 7:00 a.m., and also at 12:00 noon. This letter, however, states that no church bell is rung on a Saturday afternoon.

Oconomowoc is approximately 60 miles from Portage, Wisconsin.

According to a copy of a letter from the Chicago office to the Birmingham office it appears that a strong possibility exists that the underwear which the kidnapers purchased for BREMER was obtained in Waukesha, Wisconsin. For your additional information, please be advised that Oconomowoc is situated in the same county in which Waukesha, Wisconsin, is situated.

Very truly yours,

V. W. PETERSON,
Special Agent.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

Chicago Office

The Chicago office will conduct investigation at points indicated in memorandum of Special Agent V. W. Peterson quoted next above.

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