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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: J. J. BURNS, WILLIAM LOEHMAN, WILLIAM B. LOEHMAN, E. L. BURNS, ALVIN KARPIS, R. E. NELSON, EARL LYMAN BURNS - I. O. #1218. ARTHUR R. BARKER, aliases: "DOC" BARKER, CLAUD DALE, BOB BARKER, E. L. MURREY, H. J. HARVEY, A. S. HUNTER, DOCK BARKER, CLAUDE BARKER, ARTHUR BARKER, F. E. GORDON - I. O. #1219. FRED BARKER, aliases: F. G. BARD, TED MURPHY, J. DARRONS, E. E. DAVIS, J. E. BLACKBURN, T. C. BLACKBURN, A. S. HUNTER, J. EARL MATTERSON, J. STANLEY SMITH, FRED E. GORDON, BRADFORD, HARRY CAMPBELL, aliases: DAVE CAMPBELL, T. C. BLACKBURN, GEORGE L. MARTIN, GEORGE NELSON, VOLNEY DAVIS, aliases: "CURLEY" DAVIS, "COTTON" DAVIS, E. V. DAVIS, J. H. LOCKWOOD, S. E. LOCKWOOD, C. E. MOORE, WILLIAM WEAVER, aliases: P. O'DONNELL, PHOENIX DONALD, R. A. NELSON, T. J. NELSON, P. J. NELSON, BILL SCOTT, W. C. WEAVER. HARRY SAWYER, alias FRANK JAMES. GEORGE ZEIGLER, aliases: FRED GETZ, SHOTGUN ZIEGLER - (Deceased). MONTY CARTER. JAMES J. WILSON, aliases: JIMMIE WILSON, JAMES JACKSON, JAMES RYAN, DOCTOR JOSEPH P. MORAN. RUSSELL GIBSON, aliases: RUSTY GIBSON, SLIM GRAY, R. GRAY EVANS, I. O. #1215. OLIVER A. BERG, aliases: OLLIE BERG, "IZZY", MR. JONES, OLIVER BENNET, WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER, aliases: WILLIAM E. VIDLER, WILLIAMS. PHILIP J. DELANEY, aliases: PHILIP DELANEY, PHILLIP DELANEY, PHIL DELANEY, PHILLIP DELANEY. JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, aliases: J. J. McLAUGHLIN, "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN. JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, JR., aliases: JACK McLAUGHLIN, JIMMY McLAUGHLIN. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			
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SYNOPSIS: Statements of Paula Harmon, Gladys Sawyer, and Wynona Burdett implicate Subjects Karpis, Davis, Gibson, Weaver, Zeigler, Campbell, Arthur R. Barker, Fred Barker, in Hamm kidnapping. In Bremer kidnapping they implicate Subjects Fred Barker, Arthur R. Barker, Weaver, Campbell, Davis, Zeigler, Sawyer, and Carter. Also implicate Subjects Wilson, Berg and Gibson in changing of Bremer ransom money and state Dr. Moran and James Wilson changed fingerprints of Subjects Arthur R. Barker, Fred Barker, Karpis, Davis and Campbell. They are either unwilling or unable to state location of Bremer and Hamm "hideouts". Paula Harmon identified cottage at Long Lake, Illinois, where she lived with Fred Barker, Volney Davis and Edna Grace during July and August, 1933, but investigation to date has failed to locate "hideout". Subject Wilson, previous to apprehension above three women, stated he saw Subjects Dr. Moran, Gibson, Berg and McLaughlin, Sr., in Irving hotel room with large piles of money on bed one afternoon latter part of April, 1934; denied knowing members of gang and having seen Dr. Moran since 4/27/34. Safety deposit box of Kate Barker and Arthur R. Barker, Chicago, opened on 9/11/34; contained \$5506.00, none being ransom money. Confidential informant made contact with Fred Barker at Toledo, Ohio, 9/11/34 and with Arthur R. Barker and Gibson 9/14/34 at Chicago. Will again make contact on night of 9/21/34.

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REFERENCES: Report of Special Agent H. H. Reincke, Indianapolis, Indiana, dated 7/16/34; Report of Special Agent M. M. Bott, Los Angeles, California, dated 6/7/34; Report of Special Agent Roger L. Main, Jacksonville, Florida, dated 8/27/34; Report of Special Agent E. V. McCain, Denver, Colorado, dated 9/10/34; Reports of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, Illinois, dated 8/18/34 and 9/1/34.

DETAILS: The title of this report is being changed to include the names of persons mentioned as being implicated in the instant case in the statements furnished by Paula Harmon, Mrs. Gladys Sawyer, and Wynona Burdett; and also to include additional aliases of the previous Subjects.

Reference is made to Division letter directed to the Chicago Office, dated 9/8/34, which letter refers to the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, dated at Chicago, Illinois 9/1/34, in the instant case, advising that the Synopsis of the report informed that Volney Davis, as E. V. Davis, sold a Ford V-8 coupe to the Rime Motors, Inc., East Chicago, Indiana, on 2/12/34 for \$250.00; that the body of this report failed to record the details of this investigation.

The section dealing with this investigation of the report of Special Agent Brown, dated 9/1/34, had been prepared but was inadvertently omitted from the above report, and is being included in this report.

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent in Charge H. H. Reinecke, Indianapolis, Indiana, dated July 18, 1934, and in particular that part of the report requesting investigation be made at the Rimes Motors, Inc., 1901 Broadway, East Chicago, Indiana, in connection with a Ford Coupe, bearing motor No. 18-328420, which the Rimes Motors, Inc. had purchased from E. V. Davis of Toledo, Ohio. Reference is also made to the Director's telegram, dated August 23, 1934, in connection therewith.

In connection with this undeveloped lead, Special Agent T. F. Mullen called on Herbert Rimes, President of the Rimes Motors, Inc., 1901 Broadway, East Chicago, Indiana. Mr. Rimes is also a member of the Board of Works of East Chicago, Indiana.

Mr. Rimes was first interviewed on July 23, 1934 and has been interviewed several times since, the last time on August 23, 1934. He stated that on or about February 12, 1934 he received a telephone call from an individual who stated his name was Davis, the telephone call coming from a gambling house located over 3326 Michigan Avenue in Indiana Harbor, East Chicago, Indiana; that he was advised by this man over the telephone that he had a Ford automobile for sale and desired to have him, Rimes, look at it; that accordingly, he, Herbert Rimes, proceeded to this gambling house at 3326 Michigan Avenue, and a man who gave his name as E. V. Davis advised him that he had a Ford Coupe standing in front, bearing motor No. 18-328420 which he desired to sell; that Davis had a Certificate of Title from the State of Ohio for this car, and that after some conversation he, Rimes, bought the automobile in question from Davis for \$250.00; that accordingly, on February 14, 1934, or the day before he forwarded to Indianapolis the Ohio title and bill of sale for the purpose of securing an Indiana title thereto, which he received, and he later re-sold the car in question for \$377.00. He advised that Davis told him that the reason he sold the car was that he had recently received a new job and that he had no further use for the car.

Agent Mullen exhibited a photograph of Volney Davis to Mr. Rimes, and he immediately identified it as being a photograph of the man by the name of E. V. Davis of Toledo, Ohio, from whom he purchased the automobile in question.

This gambling house is owned by a man by the name of Peck Gardner and is managed by Ed O'Donnell, a former Chief of Police of East Chicago, Indiana. Mr. Rimes stated that it is almost impossible for a stranger to gain admission to this gambling house; further, that before

admission is granted, a very thorough search of all individuals is made to see that they have no firearms concealed about their person; that Mr. Rimes is personally acquainted with Peck Gardner and Ed. O'Donnell, advising agent that he quite often frequents this gambling house, sometimes on an average of once or twice a week, being also acquainted with practically all of the employees about this gambling house; that he felt sure that he could more readily obtain information at this gambling house than at the Police Department or any outsider, advising agent Mullen that he was positive that any stranger or outsider could obtain no information whatever. He agreed to make inquiries among the proprietor, manager and employees of this gambling house concerning Davis, his identity, possible connections or location at this time in Indiana Harbor. This he did on several occasions, and Mr. Rimes advised agent Mullen that everybody he has interviewed failed to recall either Davis or the incident wherein Davis sold the car in question to him, Rimes. Mr. Rimes, however, is continuing his inquiry at this gambling house from time to time and he has promised to notify agent Mullen or the Chicago Division office by telephone immediately should he obtain any information.

On August 22, 1934, Mr. Rimes advised agent Mullen that he had just a few days previous had an opportunity to talk to one or two of the employees about the institution whom he had not had an opportunity to interview previously, and they, like all the others, were unable to give him any information concerning Davis, his connections or location in Indiana Harbor or East Chicago, Indiana.

The following investigation was conducted and reported by Special Agent John L. Madala.

On May 2, 1934, this office made a raid on the apartment of Russell Gibson, alias "Slim" Gray, at 626 Waveland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Among the articles found in this apartment was a large postcard size kodak with several undeveloped pictures in it. These pictures were subsequently developed and one was found to be that of a Cadillac automobile bearing 1935 Illinois license plate No. 1-236-804. Another picture found displayed the above Cadillac car, together with two men who were subsequently identified as Louis Alterie and Oliver A. Berg, alias "Izzy", subject in this case. The above license was traced through the State Capitol at Springfield, Illinois, and was found to have been issued to Ermina Verain, 509 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, for a Cadillac motor No. 1001172. Inquiry by this office at 509 South Wabash Avenue disclosed that same is a large office building and thorough inquiry at that point revealed that no one there knew of any person by the name of Verain.

The Cadillac car, motor No. 1001172 was subsequently traced by the Detroit Division Office through the Cadillac Motor Car Company in Detroit, and it was found that this car is a 1930 model, 12 cylinder town sedan, black in color, with an ivory stripe, and is equipped with six wire wheels; that according to the Cadillac Company's records, this car was shipped on October 31, 1930 to the Madison Smith Cadillac Company of Little Rock, Arkansas. Investigation from this point revealed that this car was sold on April 17, 1931 to V. C. Miller of 921 Eastwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, who is identical with Vernon C. Miller, principal subject in the Kanoo case.

On June 16, 1934, the St. Paul, Omaha, Indianapolis, Oklahoma City, and Detroit Division offices were requested to make an immediate investigation at the Motor Vehicle Registration Departments in the states covered by said offices in an effort to ascertain whether this automobile is now registered in any one of those states. Subsequent reports from the above named offices indicated that the Cadillac car in question is not registered in any of the states in question.

It was recalled by this agent that last fall, during the Kansas City massacre investigation, the above Cadillac car was discovered by Special Agents J. J. Keating and John B. Madala in the rear of the Winter & Hirsch Finance Company, 1842 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. At that time it was learned that the above car was sold to the Southern Motor Sales Company, Chicago, Illinois, by Joseph Bergl on July 29, 1932, for \$1500.00; that the Southern Motor Sales Company sold same to Al Van Strook, alias Al Costello, who was shot and killed by unknown persons while riding in this car some time last fall. This car was financed by the Winter & Hirsch Finance Company, and upon Van Strook's death, the car was taken over by Winter & Hirsch for the reason that Al's wife, Dorothy Costello, failed to meet subsequent payments on the same.

With the foregoing information in mind, Agent Madala on August 14, 1934, called Mr. Abe Winter by telephone with reference to the above Cadillac car and he advised that same was sold by Dorothy Costello to Louis Alterie, who is at present the president of the Janitors Union in Chicago, Illinois. He further stated that this car was financed by the Gordon Motor Finance Company, 6347 South Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and that he released the car to Dorothy Costello after she paid him in full for what she owed on same. Mr. Winter could furnish no other information in this connection, but referred Agent to Mr. Wm. P. Kruse, one of his "pullers", for additional information, stating that his man had spent a great deal of time trying to locate this car for the above named finance company, as he had heard that Alterie is likewise delinquent in his payments on same.

On August 17, 1934, Mr. Wm. P. Kruse called at the Chicago Division office and advised Agent Madala that Mr. Winter had told him to come to the office and furnish any information in his possession in this connection that might be of value. He advised that he formerly was a deputy sheriff at Los Angeles, California, and that he has been employed by various finance companies as a "puller" and that his work consists of taking in cars of those people who had same financed and then defaulted in their payments on same. In connection with the above Cadillac automobile, Mr. Kruse advised that

this car is registered in the State of Illinois under registration number 572-085; that it is owned by Louis Alterie, who is head of the Janitors Union with offices on the second floor at 509 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. He further advised that this automobile is financed by the Gordon Finance Company, 6647 South Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and in view of the fact that Alterie is delinquent in his payments, he was employed by the Gordon Finance Company to "pull in" the car should he observe it on the street; that he had made at least twenty-five trips to the offices of the Janitors Union in an effort to see Alterie, but that each time he was advised that Alterie was out. He further stated that he has not seen the above Cadillac car in Chicago within the past month and that he has no idea where Alterie has the car stored, but is of the opinion that he still holds title to same. Kruse further stated that Thomas J. Burke, who is secretary of the Janitors Union, and maintains offices in the same office as Louis Alterie is an intimate friend of Alterie. Kruse also stated that Burke owns a Cadillac car which is identical in many respects to that of Alterie's car; that Burke's car is registered in Illinois under license No. 572-085.

In view of Mr. Kruse making frequent trips to the office at 509 South Wabash Avenue, it was thought possible that he may have observed Oliver A. Berg, alias "Izzy", Russell Gibson, alias "Slim", and Doc Moran there, inasmuch as it appears that Alterie, Berg, and Gibson are closely related in view of the snapshot found in the latter's apartment by Division agents. In this connection photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang were exhibited to Mr. Kruse and he advised, after viewing same, that the photographs of Berg, Gibson, and Moran appeared very familiar to him, but he could not state definitely whether he had seen them at any time in Alterie's office, but stated that this is a possibility. He stated that he will continue to make trips to the union office at 509 South Wabash Avenue in an effort to locate Louis Alterie for payments on his car, and should he observe any of the above mentioned men there, he will immediately communicate with this office. Mr. Kruse displayed great interest and enthusiasm in this matter, and in view of this Agent furnished him with photographs of Berg, Gibson, and Moran, for the purpose of aiding him in making identification of these men should he observe them at any time.

On August 20, 1934, Mr. Kruse telephoned this office and advised Agent Madala that he had just learned that Alterie had re-registered the Cadillac car, motor No. 1001172 in the State of Illinois under license No. 1-228-399. Upon receipt of this information a wire was dispatched to the Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, and it was learned that 1934 license tags No. 1-228-399 were issued to Ermina Verain at 309 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on the above Cadillac car. He also stated that he had learned that Alterie's correct name is Verain and that his wife's first name is Ermina. Mr. Kruse further advised that he had also ascertained that Louis Alterie and Thomas Burke have an interest in a resort and gambling place at French Lake, Indiana, but could furnish no further information with respect to the exact location of this place.

Agent Madala recalled that during last fall Louis Alterie was arrested by the State's Attorney's office, Chicago, Illinois, on a vagrancy warrant and that he was brought to this office for questioning, at which time he was interviewed by Special Agent A. E. Lockerman. The following information was furnished to Agent Lockerman by Alterie at the time of the interview on October 31, 1935, at the Chicago Division Office. He stated that he was living at the Lincoln Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, under the name of Leland Verain, stating that Verain is his correct name, but that he has not used it except occasionally for the past thirty years; that he is President of the Theatrical Janitors Union and has occupied that position for a number of years. Alterie was questioned relative to the ranch that he formerly owned in Colorado and in describing the location of this ranch stated it is about 300 miles West of Denver, approximately 35 miles Northwest of Glenwood Springs, at what is known as Sweet Water Lake; that he originally purchased this ranch from one Paul Cregg, who lives at 1100 Logan Street, Denver, Colorado, and is the Western artist for the Denver Post; that he originally contracted to pay \$40,000.00 for the ranch and at the time had made a down payment of \$5,000.00 and gave a mortgage to Cregg on the ranch for \$35,000.00; that the mortgage was subsequently foreclosed, at which time he lost it, but for a time after he continued to live there and operated a dude ranch for Mr. Cregg. Alterie further stated that after leaving the above ranch he went to Denver, Colorado, where he lived at the Cosmopolitan Hotel under the name of L. L. Verain; that he lived

there for two or three months and then came to Chicago, where he stayed for possibly two weeks and then went back to Denver, Colorado; that he was there about two or three weeks, after which he went to the Sunset Dude Ranch, which is owned and operated by Mrs. Audrey Davidson, where she lives with two sons, Leslie and Stanley Glanson, (sons by a former marriage). Altairie advised that he lived there for seven or eight weeks and described this place as being two miles south of the ranch that he formerly owned, the location of which is stated above. He advised that he then went to Glenwood Springs, where he lived at the Denver Hotel as L. L. Verain for about two or three months; that he later moved to a residence building in Glenwood Springs, the address being unknown to him at that time. This office had information on hand at that time to the effect that on one occasion Altairie had killed a man while he was in a drunken condition and as a result of this he had been chased out of the State of Colorado, and was requested not to return for a period of three years.

With further reference to Louis Altairie, alias Verain, attention is invited to the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, Illinois, dated September 1, 1934, wherein it is reflected on page 28 that Oliver A. Berg, alias Izzy, advised that he accompanied Altairie in the latter's car to Frank Marendino's Moulin Rouge Tavern at Hannibal, Missouri, a few months back; that Berg advised that Altairie claimed to be a part owner of the Moulin Rouge Tavern and that he proceeded to Hannibal, Missouri, for the purpose of placing slot machines in Marendino's place. It should also be noted that Kenneth Tucker, who drove Russell Gibson's car from Hannibal, Missouri, to Chicago, Illinois, received instructions to park the same at 509 S. Wabash Avenue, where someone would take care of it, this address being the building in which Louis Altairie has his office; that subsequently four men, one of whom was Thomas Burke, Secretary of the Janitors Union, Chicago, Illinois, picked up Gibson's Ford car in July and stored same in a southside garage at the request of Burke.

As a point of interest, it will be stated that another photograph found in the apartment of Russell Gibson, 626 Waveland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, showed two women sitting on the front bumper of Altairie's Cadillac car. These women were subsequently identified by Oliver Berg as Clara Gibson, the wife of Slim, and Mrs. Verain, the wife of Louis Altairie.

The foregoing information is being set out herein for the purpose of showing the strong connection between Louis Alterie, Russell Gibson, and Oliver A. Berg, and in this connection Alterie should be kept in mind as a possible source of information in aiding to locate Slim Gray.

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. M. Bott, Los Angeles, Cal., June 7, 1934, a report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, August 18, 1934, pages 22 to 24 inclusive, and the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, September 1, 1934, pages 46 to 50 inclusive.

In furthering the investigation reported by Special Agent C. O. Hurt in reference report dated August 18, 1934, Postmaster F. R. Dalton, Assistant Postmaster John E. Fleming, at Aurora, Illinois, and Arthur C. Farr, the carrier, were interviewed by Agent John R. Welles on August 31, 1934, concerning persons living at 359 Galena Boulevard, Aurora, Illinois.

It was found that six persons lived at this address, or did live there up until about three weeks ago. They were: Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Walls; their son, about 14 years old; Mrs. Nancy E. Gibson, Miss Katherine Dalton; and Miss Esther Huetten.

Carrier Farr said that he had personally delivered mail to Mrs. Gibson and Mrs. Walls, as well as Miss Huetten, but that he had never seen Miss Dalton, although she has lived there for some time. He does not remember ever receiving any mail to be delivered to another man besides Mr. Walls at this address, except one letter, which came addressed to some man, whose name he could not remember, the week of August 25, 1934. This letter he left at the place and it was never returned.

Mr. Farr advised that the Walls, and people living at that house, get a great deal of air mail from California, he believed from Beverly Hills. They also get a great deal of mail from Kansas City, which has been reported previously as the former home of Mr. and Mrs. Walls and Mrs. Gibson. Mr. Farr said that at one time he tried to get Katherine Dalton to give him her previous address on a change of address card, this being the practice of the Aurora Post Office. Miss Dalton refused to give this address.

About a month ago, the 14 year old son of the Walls went to California. Mr. Farr did not know where in California. He was taken to Kansas City by automobile by his parents and used the train from there on. Mr. Farr seemed to think that both Mr. and Mrs. Walls and Mrs. Gibson left 359 Galena Avenue about three weeks ago. He has no idea where they went except he thought they might possibly have gone to California. It is suggested that these persons may, if they go to California, visit Ruby Mae Gibson, 1170 South Norton, Los Angeles, California, or if these people do not go there, that the Walls' 14 year old son may be there.

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According to Mr. Farr, Mrs. Walls is a daughter of Mrs. Gibson. The report of W. M. Bott, Los Angeles, Calif., tends to verify this statement.

A mail cover was placed on all mail addressed to 359 Galena

Mr. Farr described Mrs. Nancy E. Gibson as follows:

Age:	62 years
Height:	5'3"
Weight:	125 pounds
Hair:	Brown, with streaks of gray
Eyes:	Color unknown
Peculiarities:	Wears glasses, has sharp features, pointed nose and prominent cheek bones.

Mr. Farr described Mr. Walls as follows:

Age:	40 years
Height:	5'8"
Weight:	155 pounds
Hair:	light brown
Eyes:	Color unknown
Complexion:	Fair, smooth shaven
Peculiarities:	Does not wear glasses

With reference to the investigation conducted by Agent J. L. Madala at Marseilles, Illinois, as set out in reference report of September 1, 1934, Agent J. R. Welles on August 31 contacted Chief of Police A. G. Wirz at Aurora concerning the possibility of "Curly" Lewis, reported to be a close associate of "Slim" Gray, being in Aurora. Chief Wirz referred Agent to Lieutenant William M. Weis, who had at one time had Lewis in custody, and who at that same time arrested a person who later became an informant for Lieutenant Weis. Lieutenant Weis said that if Curly Lewis was in Aurora that he could certainly find out through this informant. The informant worked until September 5 for Lieutenant Weis but failed to locate Curly Lewis.

Agent then went to Ottawa, Illinois, where Sheriff E. J. Welter and Deputy Sheriff Richard Burse were questioned concerning their knowledge of the whereabouts of Curly Lewis. Both of these men said that they

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had not seen Curly Lewis or Dan Wise since they turned them over to the Aurora Police. Mr. Burse lives at Marseilles and said that it was his understanding that Curly Lewis no longer lives there, and that Dan Wise is working in a Citizens Conservation Camp in Idaho.

Agent then proceeded to Marseilles, Illinois, where he contacted Merchant Policeman B. L. Olson. In company with Officer Olson, Agent made under cover inquiries around the town seeking to locate Lewis or learn his whereabouts. In this manner it was learned that Lewis, after leaving Marseilles, at which time he has been identified as being a companion of Slim Gray, proceeded to Ottawa, Illinois, where he married a girl named Helen McNight. Shortly after this a child was born to Helen McNight and Lewis is understood to have "skipped the country". He is wanted, according to the information received, for desertion of wife and child, although this information was not verified by Sheriff Welter or Deputy Sheriff Burse at Ottawa. It was the understanding of this person that Lewis had fled to some small town in Kentucky, the name of which was not known.

On the records at the Sheriff's office in Ottawa, Lewis was shown to have been born at Campbellsville, Kentucky. It would seem quite possible that he has returned to this locality. It is also quite possible that when he went to Kentucky, Slim Gray went with him.

Officer Olson is seeking to obtain further information concerning the whereabouts of Lewis and will immediately give this office any information received.

A description of Forrest Lewis alias Curly Lewis is:

Age:	21 years at present
Height:	5'8 1/2"
Weight:	162 pounds
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Sandy, very curly, worn pompadour
Complexion:	Ruddy

A description of Daniel Wise is as follows:

Age:	23 years
Height:	5'11 1/2"
Weight:	142 pounds
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Sandy

The following investigation was conducted and reported by Special Agent John L. Madala.

Reference is made to the report of Roger L. Main, Jacksonville, Florida, dated August 27, 1934, wherein there is stated that Harry L. Hall, who resided at the Condado Hotel, San Juan, Porto Rico, from July 30, 1934, to August 16, 1934, left there on the latter date, leaving a forwarding address of 125 N. Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois. It will be remembered that Harry L. Hall is the person who telephoned Attorney Sam Friedman at Hannibal, Missouri, making arrangements to effect the release from the Hannibal, Missouri, Police Department of Russell Gibson's Ford V-8 Coupe, and with the further instructions that he turn this car over to Frank Marendino, who owns and operates the Moulin Rouge Tavern at Hannibal.

On August 9, 1934, Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli of St. Louis, Missouri, telephoned the Chicago Division Office and furnished a description of Harry L. Hall as obtained from the Chief of Police at Hannibal, Missouri:

Age: 40-45 yrs.
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 200 lbs., possibly a little more.
Build: Stout
Hair: Brown
Complexion: Dark, yellow Jewish complexion
Face: Round
Nose: Medium

On September 1st, 1934, Agent Madala proceeded to 125 North Dearborn Street and found this address to be that of a smoke shop owned by Edward Rittenberg, whose name appears on the front window. A check of the city telephone directory disclosed that the phone number of this address is Dearborn 6109 and further that Rittenberg resides at 4646 North Sealey Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. It was further observed by this agent that there is located in the rear of this smoke shop a small room which appears to be a gambling place. Agent C. G. Campbell had occasion to observe this rear room on the afternoon of September 1st, 1934, and described same as being about 8x10' in size, with a table and about ten chairs therein. There were also two telephones in this room which apparently are being used to receive results of horse races.

On September 1st, 1934, this agent interviewed Mr. J. J. Ryle, carrier at the Main Post Office, Adams and Clark Streets,

Chicago, Illinois. Previous contact at the Post Office indicated that Mr. Ryle was the regular carrier on the route which included 125 North Dearborn Street, Chicago. Agent Madala exhibited to Mr. Ryle various photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang and he readily selected the photos of Dr. Joseph P. Moran and Russell Gibson, alias "Slim" Gray, and partially identified the photograph of Jimmy Wilson as persons he had seen loafing in the smoke shop at the above address. He advised that he does not know these persons' names nor does he know whether they receive any mail there; that he is positive that he has seen "Slim" Gray in the front part of the store during the last week in August, 1934; that at the time he noticed him he was sitting on the bench next to the phone booth. With reference to Dr. Moran and Jimmy Wilson, Mr. Ryle stated that he does not recall at this time when he had seen them last, but he is almost positive that it was within the past two months. He further indicated that he does not know Harry L. Hall personally, nor would he know him if he saw him, and therefore is unable to connect him with those persons herein referred to. He stated, however, that Harry Hall receives mail at 125 North Dearborn Street and that he has delivered a letter addressed to him at the above address on the morning of September 1st, 1934; that this letter was postmarked San Juan, Porto Rico. He further stated, in this connection, that about the middle of August, 1934, he recalled receiving two letters for Hall at the above address, one of which was postmarked Porto Rico, or Cuba, and when he endeavored to deliver them at the above address, Rittenberg told him that Hall had not been around for some time and in view of this he would not accept them; that he returned them on the same date to the respective senders, the names and addresses of which he could not recall. According to Ryle, Rittenberg informed him on the following day that Hall had been in the store and asked for his mail and when Rittenberg told him that he had refused to accept them in view of his long absence, Hall became very much vexed, stating that hereafter he, Rittenberg, should accept all his mail until he received instructions from him to the contrary.

Ryle further stated that numerous persons receive mail at 125 North Dearborn Street and mentioned the names of Doc Evans and Gray as two of them. However, he could not connect these names with the above named Subjects. Mr. Ryle could furnish no other information along this line but promised faithfully that should he again observe "Slim" Gray, Dr. Moran, or Jimmy Wilson at the above place he will immediately communicate with this office.

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In view of the above it was deemed advisable that surveillance be maintained at 125 North Dearborn Street for "Slim" Gray and Dr. Moran for the purpose of taking them into custody. Accordingly, Special Agents C. G. Campbell and John L. Madala covered this address from 9 to 6 p.m. on September 1st and 4th, 1934. Surveillance was continued from September 5 to 8, 1934, by Special Agents Campbell and A. G. Schuss, at which time this surveillance was discontinued in view of the pressure of other official work in this case. During this period of surveillance no persons resembling Subjects Moran and Gibson were seen entering or leaving the above address.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. G. Campbell on August 30, 1934, with reference to the relatives of Alvin Karpis with aliases, subject of I. O. 1218.

Agent called at 2842 North Francisco Street, Chicago, Illinois, the address of the parents of subject Karpis, Mr. and Mrs. John Karpavicz, who reside at this address in the basement. Mr. Karpavicz is employed by the rental agents of this building in the capacity of janitor.

Agent contacted Mrs. Karpavicz under the pretense of renting an apartment, but was unable to observe anything which would indicate subject Karpis was on the premises. In the same building there also resides Mr. and Mrs. P.H. Newbold, Mrs. Newbold's first name being Emily, who is a sister of subject Karpis. Agents of the Chicago Division office have from time to time covered the address of 2842 North Francisco Street, with a view to determining whether or not subject Alvin Karpis visits his parents, with negative results to date.

With reference to Mrs. Robert (Clara) Venute, sister of subject Alvin Karpis, shown on I. O. 1218 as residing at 1829 West Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois, Agent found that there is no such address. Upon inquiry at 1827 West Erie, the residence of Mr. Latoni and wife, and also at 1831 West Erie Street, residence of a family by the name of Munsen, Agent was informed by these parties that the name of Venute was not familiar to them and they knew of no one by that name in this locality.

On August 30, 1934, a mail cover was placed on all mail of Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz and Mr. and Mrs. Newbold for a period of thirty days. To date this cover has not been productive of any helpful results.

A letter was received from the Uptown State Bank, 1050 Wilson Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, dated September 11, 1934, signed by H. F. Wuehrmann, President, requesting that that bank be relieved of the responsibility of holding the \$900.00 of Bremer ransom money received by that bank from subject Vidler on April 17, 1934. Special Agent D. P. Sullivan contacted Mr. Wuehrmann, at which time he stated he would be glad to hold the \$900 until further advised by the Division of Investigation.

On September 2, 1934, a Mr. J. M. Von Warden of the Finance Protective Bureau, 430 Diversey Parkway, called the Chicago Division office and advised that the Larry O'Bourke Finance Company, 945 Washington Boulevard had placed in his hands the matter of recovery of a Pontiac sedan, motor No. 935155, serial No. 815227, property of Dr. Joseph P. Moran. Mr. Von Warden advised the serial number of this car is 815227, and that it is a 1933 model Pontiac sedan, black in color with five black wire wheels. He was unable to furnish the 1934 Illinois license number issued to Dr. Moran for this car. He also advised that he would very much appreciate any information the Division might give him with reference to the location of this car and in turn he would promptly telephone the Chicago Division office should he learn the whereabouts of Dr. Moran or this automobile.

On September 3, 1934, Mr. Van Warden called the Chicago Division office, advising that he had seen a Pontiac sedan of the exact description of the car belonging to Dr. Moran on West Sheldon Street, between Madison and Washington streets. He stated the license number on this car was 1934 Illinois 562-205.

Through the Chicago Police Department this number was checked and it was found that the number had been issued to one Lawrence Pearson at 2807 Warren Avenue. This address was found to be a rooming house. Special Agent Campbell learned that this license plate was issued to a Ford sedan motor No. A3657431. Special Agent Campbell interviewed Lawrence Pearson and found that he is a Chicago police officer; that he formerly owned a Ford model A sedan, but has recently purchased a Pontiac and has been using his Ford plates on this car. The motor number of the Pontiac, now the property of Lawrence Pearson, was checked with that of the Pontiac sedan belonging to Dr. Moran, and the two cars are not the same.

On September 8, 1934, Special Agents J. L. Madala, J. R. Welles and A. T. Deere proceeded to Joliet, Illinois, where they made arrangements to re-interview Oliver A. Berg. The interview took place in an office adjoining the Warden's office and the Agents were able to question Berg for a period of two hours. However, he refused to make any statements other than those already made by him, which are set out in the report of Special Agent E. D. Brown dated September 1, 1934, at Chicago. At the time of this interview the only information in possession of Agents with reference to Berg's connection with this case was the admission of John J. McLaughlin, Sr., who stated he had received the ransom money disposed of by him from a man named Izzy, with a

description which fits that of Berg, and a man named Slim, with a description which fits that of Russell Gibson with aliases, at the Irving Hotel. There was also information at this time to the effect that James Wilson, Dr. Joseph P. Moran's assistant, had informed that he had seen a large amount of money lying on the bed in room 210 of the Irving Hotel, at which time the same was being counted by John J. McLaughlin, Sr., in the presence of Berg and Russell Gibson. However, he refused to make any admissions to the effect that he was connected in any way with the Bremer ransom money. He will be again interviewed at a later date upon the conclusion of interviews with Wynona Burdett, Paula Harmon and Mrs. Gladys Sawyer.

A letter was received from the Division dated September 10, 1934, to which was attached a laboratory report with reference to the examination of .38 Smith and Wesson revolver No. 334010 and .38 Colt revolver #327183, found in Berg's room when arrested. The laboratory report states that two latent fingerprints of a fragmentary nature were developed on the guns; that these fragments failed to afford sufficient detail to permit reaching a positive conclusion, but that it is the opinion of the examiner that these prints are probably identical with those of the right thumb and right ring finger of Oliver A. Berg. The examiner further advised that test shots were fired with both of these revolvers and no identification or comparison was found with bullets in the laboratory's file. The revolvers are being held in the Technical Laboratory Division at the Seat of Government.

On September 3, 1934, Special Agent J. R. Welles proceeded to Joliet, Illinois, and turned over to Warden Frank D. Whipp the following property taken from Oliver A. Berg when arrested:

- \$137.00 in money
- One belt or tie clamp marked Hotel Edison, New York;
- One Illinois watch, with white-gold case, #3826159,
and one watch chain resembling a white gold material,
and charm with a setting resembling a diamond;
- One Yale key, #A-195;
- One knife attached to chain;
- One black bag
- One comb
- One pair goggles
- One handkerchief
- One tie clasp.

A receipt was obtained from Warden Whipp for this property. The report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, dated September 1, 1934, shows that the money above mentioned found in Berg's possession when he was

arrested was compared with ransom notes in the Bremer, Hamm and Lindbergh kidnaping cases without results.

On Saturday, September 8, 1934, Mrs. M. Benzli, Assistant Manager of the apartment house located at 826 Waveland Avenue, where Russell Gibson with aliases and Clara Gibson with aliases resided previous to May 1, 1934, telephonically advised the Chicago Division office that Russell Gibson, whom she knew as Roy Gray, had broken into his apartment on the night before and obtained clothing belonging to himself and wife.

Mrs. Benzli was immediately interviewed by Special Agent R. L. Jones. She advised that the first she heard of the apartment rented by the Grays being broken into was about 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, September 8, 1934; that shortly thereafter she telephoned the Chicago Division office; that the janitor Philip Rothas furnished her that information shortly before her call.

Mr. Otto Schroeder, owner of the apartment building, advised Special Agent Jones that he was standing in front of the apartment building about 11:00 P.M. on the night of Friday, September 7, 1934, when a tall slender man, about 36 years of age, tried to give him \$5.00 for him to give the janitor of the building to fix a window; that this man advised that he failed to have his key with him and it was necessary for him to enter the apartment through the transom, which he had damaged in so doing. Mr. Schroeder advised that he did not recognize the man as being Russell Gibson alias Roy Gray and he told the man to see the janitor.

Special Agent Jones then examined the apartment, which is apartment 11, and found that the transom of the rear door had recently been repaired after having been pried off, but the glass was broken; that one small square of glass in the rear door was broken out and that the door showed marks where someone had been trying to pry it open, but that the door and transom had already been repaired.

Philip Rothas was then brought to the Chicago Division office where he was questioned by Special Agents Jones and R. D. Brown. He advised that he is 46 years of age and was born in Hungary, entering the United States at New York in 1907, and that he was naturalized at Chicago, Illinois, in 1921. He also stated that he spent two and one-half years in the penitentiary at Massachusetts in 1926 on a State charge of white slavery.

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Rothas advised he has been janitor of the apartment at 626 Waveland Avenue for the past two years; that he has seen the persons residing in apartment 11 on only a few occasions since they moved into this apartment on or about January 1, 1934. He further advised that he recalls that Special Agents of the Chicago Division office had informed him some time during the early part of May that Gibson alias Gray was wanted by the Government, and that he was a fugitive from justice; that about two or three weeks ago Mrs. Benzli confidentially told him that should any Federal Agent question him further concerning the Grays he should say that he had not seen them and had no information concerning them, and that he took from this remark that possibly the Government no longer wanted to apprehend Gray. He then stated that about 11:00 P.M. on Friday night, September 7, 1934, Gray knocked on the door of his apartment located in the basement of this apartment house and stated that he was Mr. Gray of apartment 11 and had forgotten his keys and had entered the rear door through the transom, which he had damaged slightly, and gave him five one dollar bills for his trouble in repairing same. He advised that he had not seen Gray previous to that time since the early part of May, 1934. At this time he advised that Mrs. Benzli had been receiving monthly rental payments since the Grays had left the apartment. Mrs. Benzli was then interviewed and stated that she had received, each month, the amount of \$30.00 for the rental of apartment 11 from Mrs. Gray; that the letters always contained \$30.00 in cash and were mailed from various department stores in Chicago. She produced one letter from Mrs. Gray written on the stationery of Mandel Brothers department store, Chicago, dated August 31, 1934, in which Mrs. Gray states:

"Enclosed please find \$30.00 for the rent of my apartment for one month."

Mrs. Benzli was unable to offer a satisfactory explanation to Agent Jones for her failure to advise the Chicago Division office of the receipt of these payments.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. E. Brown, Chicago, dated 8/18/34, page two, wherein it is noted that Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis Note for \$5.00, No. 100642927, part of the Bremer ransom money was deposited by the Public Service Company of Illinois in the Lake Villa Trust & Savings Bank, Lake Villa, Ill., on May 7, 1934.

Agent J. R. Welles ascertained that all records of the Public Service Company are kept at Northbrook, Illinois, and are under the supervision of Mr. L. E. Pierson, Service Manager. Agent contacted Mr. Pierson and he was very anxious to cooperate with the Division. Mr. Pierson had Mr. G. A. Granzer in charge of accounts, work with Agent in trying to determine what persons made payments in cash, in the Lake Villa district, which were deposited on May 7th. It was found that Mr. B. J. Anderson is the collector for the district and Mr. B. J. Hooper is the Agent. Both of these men collect accounts and payments are also received at the Public Service Lake Villa office. Mr. Anderson mingles his collections with those of Hooper and the office and deposits them as one sum. Records show that \$300.26 was deposited May 7th of which \$161.24 was cash collected by Anderson and \$90.16 cash collected by Hooper. The remainder was checks. The only record kept by collectors is by number. There were in the neighborhood of 75 numbers listed as making payment on May 7th. It is not known whether this was actually the money deposited or not as both Mr. Hooper and Mr. Anderson occasionally commingle their personal funds with collections. It is the opinion of Mr. Granzer that it would take several days to get the names and addresses of the 75 making payment, and that it would not then be definite that one of this 75 had paid with the bill in question.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. V. McCain, Denver, Colorado, dated 9/10/34, which requests the details of the surrender of James J. Wilson, associate of Dr. Joseph P. Moran at Denver, Colorado, on September 4, 1934.

James J. Wilson was accompanied by Special Agent in Charge Jay C. Newman from Denver, Colorado, to Chicago, Illinois, arriving in Chicago on the morning of September 6, 1934.

Wilson was interviewed by Special Agents R. D. Brown and J. L. Madala and furnished the following signed sworn statement to Special Agent R. D. Brown:

"STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF COOK

"I, JAMES J. WILSON, make the following signed statement to R. D. Brown, whom I know to be a Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. I am making this statement in the offices of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Room 1900 Bankers Building, Chicago, Illinois, of my own free will and accord and I desire to state that I have not been intimidated or offered any promises whatsoever for the statement which I am making.

I was born in Spring Valley, Illinois on November 8, 1907. My father's name is James N. Wilson, who is by occupation a mining engineer. He resides in Spring Valley, Illinois with my mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson, and my sister, Elizabeth Wilson. I was graduated from the Spring Valley, Illinois High School in 1927 and obtained employment at the Western Clock Company, LaSalle, Illinois, in 1927, where I was employed until 1931 as a chemist. I was married to Lucille Lindenmeyer of Peru, Illinois in 1930. Mrs. Wilson and I moved to Chicago, Illinois during the latter part of 1931. We first lived with her aunt, Mrs. Paschell on the west side of Chicago. I became separated from my wife during the latter part of 1931. I then resided for approximately two months at my uncle's house, James Barrowman, 5555 Gidding Street, Chicago, Illinois. It was while residing with my uncle, James Barrowman, that I first met Dr. Joseph P. Moran in Chicago. Dr. Moran's brother married my mother's sister. I met Dr. Moran on this occasion at a party at which time I explained to him that I wished to study medicine and that I had no employment at the time. Dr. Moran suggested that I come to live with him and assist him in his office. This was either in February or March of 1934. I moved to Dr. Moran's room at the Westlake Hotel in Maywood, Illinois. Dr. Moran's office was then located in the Teamsters and Chauffeurs Union Building on Main Street, Maywood, Illinois. Dr. Moran had a very good practice and represented in his professional capacity members of the before mentioned union.

"Mr. James Farmer was Secretary of the Union at that time and Thomas (Father Tom) McFadden was business agent for this union. Miss Elizabeth Tracey was Dr. Moran's fiancée and is a niece of McFadden.

"I resided with Dr. Moran in Maywood, Illinois and assisted him in his office until July, 1933, when through some disagreement with Farmer, Dr. Moran left Maywood. I noted while at Maywood that several well-known Chicago hoodlums frequented the Teamsters and Chauffeurs Union Building and Dr. Moran's office.

"Upon leaving Maywood Dr. Moran opened an office at 4861 Irving Park Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois and we obtained a room at the Irving Hotel, 4849 Irving Park Boulevard, which is adjacent to the building in which Dr. Moran's office was located.

"I have been shown a photograph of Russell Gibson and I identify this man as being an individual known to me as "Slim" Evans, whom I first met during the early part of January, 1934 when this individual came to Dr. Moran's office, 4861 Irving Park Boulevard for syphilis treatments. About a month after Slim Evans, whom I now know to be Russell Gibson, first came to Dr. Moran's office, a man started to visit Dr. Moran professionally by the name of "Ollie" Berg. I have been shown a photograph of John J. (Boss) McLaughlin. This photograph is an exact likeness of the man whom I know as "Boss" McLaughlin, who first started coming to Dr. Moran's office for professional treatment some time during March, 1934.

"Ollie" Berg was first treated by Dr. Moran for an itch which he had developed and also neuralgia. Boss McLaughlin was being treated for diabetes. I noted that Ollie Berg appeared to be well acquainted with Dr. Moran, and Dr. Moran once told me that he served time in the Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois with Ollie Berg. I do not know whether or not Slim Evans (Russell Gibson) and Dr. Moran were acquainted before Evans first started coming to the office. However, I understand that Boss McLaughlin and Dr. Moran were friends and that Boss McLaughlin assisted Dr. Moran in securing his license to practice medicine after the same had been revoked as a result of serving a sentence in the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois for the crime of abortion. I also understand that Louis Alterie, head of the Theatre Janitors Union, 606 South Wabash Avenue had something to do with assisting Dr. Moran in having his license returned.

"I noticed that Slim Evans called at Dr. Moran's office to be treated four or five times a week; that Ollie Berg received treat-

ments irregularly, his trips being much less frequent than those of Slim Evans. Boss McLaughlin when he first started his treatment, came to the office only occasionally.

"I became quite well acquainted with both Slim Evans and Ollie Berg due to their frequent visits to Dr. Moran's office and due to their friendship with Dr. Moran. They often came over to the Irving Hotel and spent considerable time in Dr. Moran's room, which I occupied jointly with Dr. Moran. I occasionally visited Ollie Berg's home at 5248 Winthrop Avenue and Dr. Moran usually accompanied me.

"Some time in March, 1934, I went to call on my wife, Lucille Wilson for the first time since we had separated. She was then employed at the Madison-Keeler Food Shop, 4200 West Madison Street. I did not see her again until August, 1934, neither did I correspond with her during this period.

"I got the impression that Ollie Berg was a dangerous criminal from his actions and from the fact that he usually carried a gun; at least he appeared to be carrying a gun from the bulge in his pocket. I have never seen Slim Evans armed with a gun, but know that he had two automobiles, one a 1934 V-8 coupe (Ford) and the other a 1932 model Buick sedan. I do not believe that Ollie Berg ever loaned Dr. Moran any money. Dr. Moran had a very good practice and was never in need of money, to my knowledge, although he was slow in paying his bills. I knew that Dr. Moran and Elizabeth Tracey intended to be married. It is my impression that Dr. Moran must have given Elizabeth Tracey approximately \$2,000 for this purpose. The reason that Dr. Moran turned this money over to Miss Tracey is that he was often intoxicated and he did not want to spend it or lose it while in this condition.

"About the middle of April, 1934, I noticed that Boss McLaughlin, Slim Evans (Russell Gibson) and Ollie Berg either visited the room occupied by Dr. Moran and myself at the Irving Hotel, Dr. Moran's office, or called these places daily. In other words their visits and calls were much more frequent than they had been previous to this period. I also noticed that Dr. Moran was intoxicated to a greater extent from the period starting about April 15th to April 27th, 1934, and that he spent the greater part of his time in his hotel room. It was necessary for me to remain in his office and take care of his patients from early in the morning until late at night.

"Approximately a week previous to April 27, 1934, at about 3:30 or 4 P.M., I called the room occupied generally by Dr. Moran and

myself at the Irving Hotel by telephone and there was no answer. Dr. Moran and I occupied room 210 regularly, but occasionally we would rent room 211 which was next to room 210. Either Dr. Moran or myself would occupy this room when the other was entertaining friends in room 210. When I was unable to receive a response to my telephone call to room 210, I proceeded to the Irving Hotel from Dr. Moran's office and asked the bellboy where Dr. Moran was, and he replied that he had just taken some beer up to Dr. Moran in room 211. I went to room 211 and knocked on the door and Dr. Moran asked who was there. I told him it was Jimmie. He then opened the door and I stood at the doorway and delivered to him a message from the Martha Washington Hospital with reference to one of his patients. Dr. Moran had a bottle of beer in his hand and was partially intoxicated. From the open door I could see into the room and standing by the bed I saw J. J. (Boss) McLaughlin, Ollie Berg and Slim Evans (Russell Gibson). Boss McLaughlin was in the center and Evans and Ollie Berg were on either side of him. I looked on the bed and there was a very large stack of money. I had never seen so much money at one time. I do not know the amount, but it must have been several thousands of dollars. When Dr. Moran opened the door Boss McLaughlin said, "Close that door." I looked on the dresser in the room and I saw a regular size brief case and on top of it was a newspaper, which was in such condition that it could have been used as a wrapper. I had never seen Boss McLaughlin carry a brief case in the room previous to that time. I noticed that Boss McLaughlin was counting this money, which I saw on the bed, and that Ollie Berg and Slim Evans were watching him. I heard Ollie Berg make the statement to Boss McLaughlin, "How much more do you want?" I delivered my message to Dr. Moran and then he told me I should return to the office. The door was then closed and I returned to Dr. Moran's office.

"On either the following night or the night after that I was in Dr. Moran's office, keeping his office open, Ollie Berg called me by telephone and advised me that he was over at the room, indicating the Irving Hotel and wanted me to come over there for a bottle of beer with him. He called twice before I was able to get away from the office. Upon arriving at room 210 at the Irving Hotel I found Ollie Berg in that room. About one-half hour after my arrival, Boss McLaughlin called at the room and Ollie Berg gave him a package wrapped with newspaper, which was approximately 8 inches long and five inches wide. Ollie Berg made this statement to Boss McLaughlin, "I think it's all there", and made some statement to the effect that it was not necessary for Boss McLaughlin to "count it."

"I never saw any other transactions concerning money between Dr. Moran, Boss McLaughlin, Slim Evans (Russell Gibson) or Ollie Berg.

"The above related two incidents gave me the idea that Ollie Berg and Slim Evans were delivering to Boss McLaughlin money which had

been secured in a bank robbery. I never had any conversation with Ollie Berg or Slim Evans or Boss McLaughlin with reference to the above related incidents. I have never heard any conversation between the above mentioned individuals which would indicate to me that any of them were wanted by the law.

"When I returned to my room at the Irving Hotel that night, after the afternoon I saw the large stack of money on the bed in room 211, I asked Dr. Moran, 'What's going on here?' Dr. Moran was intoxicated at the time and made this statement, 'Never mind, I am making some money and you won't have to worry about going to school.' I questioned him further and he said, 'Don't have none trouble', indicating I was not to question him further. I have never had any other conversation with regard to the money with Dr. Moran.

"On Friday, April 27, 1934, during the afternoon, Chicago newspapers came out with a story of the arrest of Boss McLaughlin in connection with the changing of Bremer ransom money in Chicago. That night Dr. Moran told me, after referring to the newspaper article about Boss McLaughlin, 'This is the blowoff.' He further stated that he would have to leave town and that he would go his way and I should go mine. He was intoxicated at this time. I then packed my belongings and decided to go to Toledo, Ohio where I have an aunt. Dr. Moran and I left the Irving Hotel in Dr. Moran's car and I drove the car as far as Milwaukee and Diversey Avenues, where I got out of the car and left Dr. Moran. I boarded a South Shore bus for Gary, Indiana, where I changed busses and proceeded to Toledo, Ohio. I obtained a room at the Algeo Hotel in Toledo, where I registered under the name of James Jackson. On April 29, 1934 I rented an apartment in the building known as the Jarvis Apartments in Toledo, Ohio under the name of James Jackson. I remained for approximately two weeks, during which period I visited my aunt, Mrs. M. J. Foreman, who resides at 4209 Carden Park Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. On May 15, 1934 I rented an apartment at 1765 or 1825 Collingwood Avenue, under the name of James Jackson or James Ryan (I am unable to recall). I remained at this apartment for one month. I then obtained a room on June 15, 1934 at a rooming house on the corner of Detroit and Cherry Streets, under the name of James Jackson or James Ryan, where I remained for approximately three weeks. I had no employment while in Toledo, Ohio.

"When leaving Chicago I had about \$300 which I had saved while working for Dr. Moran, which I intended to use in going to medical school. I spent nearly all of this money in Toledo. I then returned to Chicago, Illinois some time during the early part of July and secured a room from Mrs. Armin Kuhn, 5248 North Winthrop Avenue. Mrs. Kuhn is Ollie Berg's sister and manages the apartment house at that location.

I visited Ollie Berg on that date at that address. He inquired as to Dr. Moran's whereabouts and I told him I did not know, but would like to get in touch with him myself. He then told me that he had not been in touch with Dr. Moran and did not know where he could be located. I remained at 5248 North Winthrop Avenue approximately five days and then moved to 33 North Laverne Street, where I resided with my wife and her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Mattimore. Shortly after I arrived at 33 North Laverne Street my wife told me that two Government agents had inquired of her as to my whereabouts. She then attempted to induce me to turn myself in and get this matter cleared up. I told her I would in a short time, but preferred that Dr. Moran be apprehended before I turn myself in as I believed he would give the correct details as to the transactions with reference to the Bremer ransom money, which took place at the Irving Hotel. I remained at 33 North Laverne Street for approximately a week or ten days and then proceeded to Spring Valley, Illinois where I visited my mother, Mrs. James Wilson, 117 W. Cleveland Street. I remained in Spring Valley, Illinois for a short time and then proceeded to Bureau, Illinois where I secured a ticket on the Rock Island Railroad for Des Moines, Iowa. I changed trains at Des Moines, Iowa and proceeded to Denver, Colorado, arriving there approximately two weeks ago. I lived at the Argonaut and the Shirley Savoy Hotels. I also visited Dr. Moran's niece, Aline Dickenson, who resides at the Alhambra Apartments. I also made three trips to the summer lodge of Dr. Moran's sister, Mrs. Anne LaChappel. Mrs. LaChappel did not tell me that Government agents had called on her attempting to secure information concerning me.

"On September 4, 1934, I called up the office of the Division of Investigation at Denver, Colorado and turned myself in to Mr. J. C. Newman, Special Agent in Charge. I voluntarily accompanied Mr. Newman from Denver, Colorado to Chicago, Illinois, leaving the same date and arriving in Chicago, Illinois on September 6, 1934.

"Before leaving Chicago, Illinois for Denver, Colorado, I called on Miss Elizabeth Tracey, Dr. Moran's fiancée and told her I was badly in need of money and I believed I deserved some of the money she had been saving for Dr. Moran. She agreed with me and gave me a \$500.00 bill. I was supposed to have returned \$200.00 of this money to her, which I have not done. When I talked with Miss Tracey I asked her as to where Dr. Moran could be located and she informed me that she did not know, and indicated that she did not care to hear from him because of the annoyance he had caused her.

"My purpose in going to Denver, Colorado was to attempt to locate Dr. Moran whom I thought possibly might be visiting his sister,

Mrs. Anne LaCahppel. However, he was not in Denver or Tabernash, Colorado, the home of Mrs. LaCahppel, and Mrs. LaCahppel said she had not heard from him and did not know his whereabouts.

"I wish to state that I have read this statement and the same is true to the best of my knowledge. I also wish to state that I will be willing at any time to appear in Federal court if the same becomes necessary to testify as to the above related facts.

(signed) "James J. Wilson

"Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of September, A. D. 1934.

"Helen Dunkel
Notary Public."

This statement is being retained in the Chicago Division Office for the present time and Wilson will again be interviewed.

The statements of Paula Harmon and Winona Burdett, appearing in this report show that Wilson was associated with Dr. Joseph P. Moran at Toledo, Ohio during the late Spring and Summer of this year, at which time they associated with and changed the fingerprints of members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

On the night of September 7, 1934, Wilson was released from the Chicago Division Office after promising that he would make every attempt to assist the Division in locating Dr. Joseph P. Moran. He stated that he expected to go to Spring Valley, Illinois, for a visit with his parents and would keep in touch with the Chicago Division Office relative to his efforts to locate Dr. Moran. To date he has not communicated with this Office. Steps will be taken to cause his apprehension and he will be returned to this Office for re-questioning. Wilson was photographed and fingerprinted upon his arrival at the Chicago Division Office on September 6, 1934, and his fingerprints were submitted to the Division on the same date. Two photographs of James J. Wilson are being submitted to the Division with copies of this report and one copy to the Detroit Division Office.

On Friday, September 7, 1934, Special Agent D. P. Sullivan telephonically communicated with the manager of the Orlando Hotel, where, during the summer of 1933, Katherine Barker and Arthur R. (Doc) Barker resided as Mr. F. E. Gordon and mother. Special Agent Sullivan was advised that a letter had recently been received by Mrs. F. E. Gordon at that hotel.

Special Agent R. D. Brown, who resides near the Orlando Hotel, on the evening of September 7th, called at the Orlando Hotel and found that the letter which was dated September 2nd, was from the Woodlawn Safety Deposit Company, 1180 East 63rd Street, Chicago, Ill., and addressed to Mrs. F. E. Gordon.

On September 8, 1934, Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and W. O. Ryan proceeded to the Woodlawn Safety Deposit Company at 1180 East 63rd Street, and interviewed Vice President J. W. Watson, whose home address is 6907 Paxton Avenue, Chicago. Mr. Watson produced the original contract for safety deposit box #5179, listed under contract #10951, showing that Mrs. F. E. Gordon on July 26, 1933, rented box #5179, giving her address as the Orlando Hotel, her birth place as Kansas City, Missouri, her occupation as housewife, and her mother's maiden name as Rose Williams. She listed as co-renter of this box Ray Gordon, same address, giving his birth place as Oklahoma and his occupation as salesman. The signatures on the contract card were compared with specimens of the handwriting of Katherine Barker, mother of Arthur R. (Doc) Barker and Fred Barker, and there appears to be no question but that the signatures are the same. The signature of Ray Gordon also appearing on this contract was compared with the signature of Arthur R. (Doc) Barker, and the same appears to be identical. Records of this deposit company show that box #5179 was first rented on July 26, 1933, and that during the year, 1933, it was visited by Mrs. F. E. Gordon on 7/27/33, 8/23/33, 9/5/33, 9/11/33, 9/20/33, 9/25/33, 11/18/33, 11/29/33, and 12/16/33. In the year 1934 this box was entered on 2/9/34 by Mrs. F. E. Gordon, and again on 7/31/34. The entrance receipts failed to show that Ray Gordon (Arthur R. (Doc) Barker) ever entered the box himself. The contract, for this box, was renewed personally by Mrs. F. E. Gordon on 7/5/34 and the receipt for the payment of \$6.00 by Mrs. F. E. Gordon was mailed to the Orlando Hotel.

Tracings of the writing appearing on the contract cards were obtained by Special Agent Sullivan and are being retained in the Chicago Division office file.

On the same date Special Agent R. D. Brown discussed the matter of obtaining a search warrant to open and examine the contents of

box #5179 with Assistant United States Attorney Leo Hassenauer. This interview took place at about noon on Saturday, September 8, 1934. Mr. Hassenauer advised that should Agent be able to induce the officials of the Woodlawn Safety Deposit Box Company to enter this box without the use of a search warrant, the same should be done. However, he stated, if this could not be arranged, he would consider the matter of obtaining a search warrant. At this time he stated that he would keep the matter entirely confidential and that a warrant probably could be issued without any publicity whatsoever.

On Monday, September 10, 1934, Special Agent J. H. Welles again discussed this matter with Assistant United States Attorney Hassenauer, after it had been learned from the officials of this deposit company that the box could not be entered without a warrant. Special Agent Welles advised Mr. Hassenauer of the urgency of the matter and the necessity of keeping it entirely confidential. Mr. Hassenauer referred Special Agent Welles to Assistant United States Attorney Hall, who handled the matter of obtaining the search warrant, through United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker. The search warrant was finally obtained during the afternoon of September 10, 1934, but not in time to enter the box. Special Agent Welles impressed upon Mr. Hall and United States Commissioner Walker the necessity of keeping the matter in confidence. The search warrant was not issued until 5:30 P.M. on that date and Special Agent Welles returned to the Chicago Division office with the warrant, where it was kept until the following morning. Special Agent Welles then contacted United States Marshal William C. McDonnell, and advised him of his possession of the instant search warrant and informed him of the necessity of keeping the matter confidential. Mr. McDonnell advised that a deputy United States Marshal would be at the Woodlawn Safety Deposit Box Company at 9:00 A.M. the following morning, September 11th. On the morning of September 11th, Deputy United States Marshal J. J. Kane arrived at the Woodlawn Safety Deposit Box Company, and was advised by Special Agent Welles and Special Agents Sullivan and Ryan that the matter should be kept in strictest confidence. The officials of the bank also agreed to make no mention concerning the matter.

Box #5179 was then drilled by an employee of the Woodlawn Safety Deposit Box Company, and the following money and papers were found therein:

Contract #10951 - Woodlawn Safety Deposit Company, dated July 26, 1933, covering rental of Box #5179 to Mrs. F. E. Gordon for one year from 7/26/33 to 7/26/34.

8 plain white linen envelopes, the contents of which are described as follows:

Envelope #1 - unsealed, empty containing the following writing on the front "Private / Mother".

Envelope #2 - unsealed, containing the word "Mother" written on the front and containing \$6.00 in currency in the following denominations: 2 Two Dollar bills - U. S. Treasury notes #A46072857A and #A46073968A; 2 One Dollar bills - U. S. Treasury notes #X11553935 and #Z50715953B.

Envelope #3 - sealed, containing \$500.00 in currency in \$100.00 denominations, the bills containing the following numbers:
Crocker First National Bank of San Francisco, California # A001423A
Bank of America National Trust & Savings Association of San Francisco, California #E001472A
Bank of Italy National Trust & Savings Association of San Francisco, California #E001774A
Federal Reserve Bank of New York, N. Y. #E00143802A
Federal Reserve Note #L00793938A.

Envelope #4 - sealed, containing \$1,000.00 in currency in \$100.00 denominations, the bills containing the following numbers:
Federal Reserve Notes : L00001256*; L00346295A; L00058057A;
L00637289A; L00754013A; L00741617A;
L00788309A; L00790331A; L00815005A;
L00866810A.

Envelope #5 - Sealed, containing \$1,000.00 in currency in \$100.00 denominations, the bills containing the following numbers:
Bank of Italy National Trust & Savings Association of San Francisco, California #E001663A
Bank of America National Trust & Savings Association of San Francisco, California #E001438A
Federal Reserve Notes #E001433A
#E000437A
#D003947A
#L00307452A
#L00811980A
#L00167661A
#L00089783A
#00066430A

Federal Reserve Notes

Envelope #6, sealed, containing \$1,000.00 in currency in \$100.00 denominations, the bills containing the following numbers:

Federal Reserve Notes: #100254474A; #100018934A; 100016615A
100336583A; 100286994A; 100040684A
100224283A; 100234278A; 100339420A

Crocker First National Bank of San Francisco, California #A000852A

Envelope #7, sealed, containing \$1,000.00 in currency in \$100.00 denominations, the bills containing the following numbers:

Federal Reserve Notes: #100478425A; #100342076A; #100653455A
100547033A; 100377965A; 100856659A
100856658A; 100614921A; 100640655A
G00064709A.

Envelope #8, sealed, containing \$1,000.00 in currency in \$100.00 denominations, the bills containing the following numbers:

Federal Reserve Notes: #100179802A; #100096404A; #100627838A
100885220A; 100244133A; 100249991A
100733383A; 100007110A; 100196822A
100062059A.

Total of currency found in box - \$5,506.00."

The box was opened in the presence of Deputy United States Marshal J. J. Kehe, Special Agents W. G. Ryan, J. R. Welles and D. P. Sullivan, also Henry G. Blake and Harvey J. Keenan, officers of the above mentioned Safety Deposit Company. A statement showing the contents of the box, the numbers of the currency and the signatures of those present when the box was opened was obtained and is being retained in the Chicago Division office file. Messrs. Blake and Keenan then arranged to have a new lock installed in the safety deposit box, but advised that the keys in possession of the renters of the box would not fit the new lock; that the original keys possessed by the renters are the only keys which would open the former lock. They then made arrangements for the installation of a buzzer system whereby Agents could await the arrival of Mrs. F. E. Gordon or Ray Gordon in an adjoining room, and would be notified immediately when they appeared to make request to enter their box. Special Agents Ryan and Sullivan remained at the bank that day.

The late edition of the Chicago Herald and Examiner of Tuesday, September 11th carried an article under the heading "Agents Balked In Bremer Clue". The article went on to state that Agents found

\$5,506 in a safety deposit box which they drilled open, after finding it was held by the mother of Arthur R. Barker, kidnaper, and they were forced to admit that it was not part of the \$200,000 ransom paid by Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker. The article further stated that serial numbers of the bills were being checked against loot in the various other kidnappings and robberies.

The appearance of this article in the Chicago Herald and Examiner and a similar article in the Chicago Daily Tribune has probably informed members of the Barker-Karpis gang that the box has been entered. However, two Agents have continued to keep a surveillance at the Wood-lawn Safety Deposit Company up to the time of the writing of this report.

A copy of the search warrant used in entering the instant box is to be retained in the Chicago Division office file.

It is of particular interest to this investigation to note that the box was rented on July 26, 1933, five days after \$100,000 was paid to kidnapers of William Hamm, Jr., St. Paul, Minnesota, brewer. It is also interesting to note that the box was entered by Mrs. Barker on February 9, 1934, three days after the release of victim Bremer. It is further interesting to note that four of the \$100 bills contained in one of the envelopes found in this box were on the Bank of America National Trust and Savings Association, San Francisco, California, and one \$100 bill on the Bank of Italy National Trust and Savings Association of San Francisco, and also that one \$100 bill is on the Crocker First National Bank of San Francisco. The appearance of these bills indicates that possibly part of the Bremer ransom money was exchanged in California.

The Detroit Division office will submit a report covering the apprehension of Paula Harmon, Wynona Burdett and Mrs. Gladys Sawyer at Cleveland, Ohio, by the Cleveland Police Department. These three women were released by the Cleveland Police Department and volunteered to accompany Agents from Cleveland, Ohio, to Chicago, Illinois, by airplane, arriving in Chicago at 4:00 P.M. on Sunday, September 9, 1934. They were immediately brought to the Chicago Division office, where they were questioned from September 9, 1934, to Friday, September 14, 1934, when they were released and took up their residence in apartment #3-A at 4121 Sheridan Road, Chicago, where they are living at the present time. It is believed that Paula Harmon and Mrs. Gladys Sawyer can furnish further information with reference to the Bremer kidnapping case and the Kansas City massacre.

Mrs. Gladys Sawyer furnished a signed statement to Special Agent R. C. Suran, which is not quite as complete as the statement appearing in this report. However, when called upon to sign the statement prepared for her from information furnished by her on Saturday, September 15, 1934, she refused to do so until Paula Harmon had signed a statement made by her. The results of the questioning of Paula Harmon were prepared in statement form and submitted to her for her signature on the same date, but she also refused to sign the same unless her immediate release were guaranteed. She was not given this assurance due to the fact that it is believed that she can furnish further valuable information with reference to the three before mentioned cases, and, therefore, the statement is still unsigned. The questioning of these three women will be continued and the results of same promptly reported to the Division. The statements furnished by these three women have all been submitted to the Division under separate covers. The statements furnished by Paula Harmon, Wynona Burdett and Mrs. Gladys Sawyer, to date, are as follows:

Chicago, Illinois,
September 12, 1934.

I, Wynona Burdett, age 20, make the following voluntary sworn statement to Special Agent John L. Madala, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, without any threats or promises having been made to me.

I have known Harry Campbell for approximately three and one-half years, having met him at Tulsa, Oklahoma, through Mark Whinnery, who is the husband of my sister, Ruth. Harry Campbell at that time was very friendly and was running around with Terry and Earl Whinnery, brothers of Mark. Terry and Earl both were police officers in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and as far as I know, they are still working in Tulsa in that capacity. Mark at the present time receives a Government disability pension and spends most of his time in gambling places in Tulsa. I was living with Ruth and Mark Whinnery at the time I met Harry Campbell and began going out with him shortly afterwards. At the age of 18 I married Eldon Stanbrough of Bixby, Oklahoma and after living with Eldon for about five months, we separated and shortly thereafter I began to live with Harry Campbell. During the early part of April, 1932, Harry and I rented an apartment on South Boston Street in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and we had lived here only a short while when Harry was arrested in Tulsa on a burglary charge. Jimmie Lawson, who is at present serving time in the penitentiary at Oklahoma, was living at this South Boston Street address with us during the time we were there. This was the first time I had met Lawson.

Shortly after Harry's arrest and release on bond in Tulsa, Harry, Lawson and a man known to me as Glenn Leroy Wright, left Tulsa for parts unknown, and I proceeded to Arondale, Oklahoma and lived there with my sister, Esther, who is now Mrs. Richard Wilson. I remained with Esther for only two weeks, whereupon I went to the home of my sister, Ruth, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at which place I again met Jimmie Lawson, who was then keeping company with Ruth. Jimmie told me when he saw me at this place that Harry Campbell wanted me to proceed to Joplin, Missouri and meet him there, and as pre-arranged, I met Jimmie Lawson in Coffeyville, Kansas, the following night and then proceeded with him to Joplin, Missouri, where we met Harry. We stayed at "Dutch" and "Shorty's" Place on a farm outside of Joplin, where Glenn Leroy Wright, Jimmie Lawson, Harry Campbell and I lived together for three months. Harry and I subsequently left Glenn and Jimmie in Joplin and we proceeded to Hot Springs, Arkansas, at which place we remained for three weeks, taking hot baths every day.

From Hot Springs Harry Campbell drove me to the home of my sister, Mildred Jones, who lives at Gillespie Camp near Sperry, Oklahoma. Harry left me here, stating that he was going away on business. He remained away for approximately one month, after which time he returned with Glenn Wright, and the three of us then drove to Casper, Wyoming, where we spent the Christmas holidays. We remained in this city for approximately three months and then proceeded back to Arondale, Oklahoma, where Harry left me at Esther's home, and he and Glenn left immediately for Ponca City, Oklahoma, stating that he was going there on business. He remained away for at least a month, when he drove to Arondale, Oklahoma, picked me up and returned to Ponca City, where we lived at the home of a couple who are known to me only as Blanche and Charley. Jewell and Gene Johnson, Glenn Wright and another couple known to me as "Speedy" and Ruth also lived at this address with us. We stayed in Ponca City continuously up until the day following Gene Johnson's death at Siloam Springs, Arkansas, at which place he was shot and killed by police officers while they were conducting a raid on the farm on which he was living. It is my belief that Wright was also shot at this time and it is my impression that he was wounded in the leg.

From Ponca City, "Speedy" and Ruth, Harry and I drove to Mannford, Oklahoma, and stayed at a farm which is owned by a man whom the boys referred to as the "Old Bachelor", and which is located immediately outside of Mannford. A few days later Glenn Wright met us at Mannford, Oklahoma and at this time he related to us the details of the shooting at Siloam Springs.

I remained in Mannford, Oklahoma only one night, when Harry sent me to the home of his parents on South Rockford Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, to learn how everything was going on up there. Upon my arrival there I found a letter addressed to Harry from Freddie, whom I later learned is Fred Barker. I brought this letter to Campbell in Mannford, Oklahoma the following day.

On that day Harry and I left "Speedy" and Ruth and Glenn at "Old Bachelor's Farm" and the two of us proceeded to Wichita Falls, Texas, and stayed at the home of Howard McNeil, who is Harry's brother-in-law, he being married to Harry's sister. To my recollection Harry remained at this place for only two days when he drove to Chicago, Illinois and left me with his sister, instructing me to stay there until he sent for me.

At this time Harry remained in Chicago for approximately a month and because of his long absence, I decided to return to Arondale, Oklahoma and stay with my sister. However, on the day I was preparing to leave, I received a telegram from Harry, instructing me to proceed to Chicago and then to Hammond, Indiana, where he was to meet me at the Savoy Hotel. I left Wichita Falls on the following morning by plane and upon arriving at the airport in Chicago, I immediately hired a cab and proceeded to Hammond. I met Harry at the Savoy Hotel and also met, for the first time, a man whom Harry introduced as Willie Harrison. Incidentally, I wish to state that the telegram I received in Wichita Falls just prior to this date was signed "Willie Harrison", and my first impression was that Harry was going under the name of Harrison in Hammond. In view of this I checked into the Savoy Hotel as Mrs. Harrison, and I judge this date to be around September 28 or 29, 1933. Willie Harrison, I understand, is a Chicago man and during 1933 he operated speakeasies in Hammond, Indiana, and Chicago and Calumet City, Illinois; the exact locations I do not know as I have never been in any of them at any time. Harry and I remained at this hotel for three days and the day following my arrival in Hammond, Harry introduced me to Fred and "Doc" Barker, whom I first knew as the "Two Shorties".

The next day, which was September 30, 1933, "Doc" and Freddie Barker, Harry and I left Hammond, Indiana, and proceeded to St. Paul, Minnesota, in two cars. "Doc" and Freddie were driving a large 1933 model black-colored Buick Sedan with a built in trunk in the rear and fender wells, and Harry and I drove in Freddie's or "Doc"'s Ford V-8 four-door sedan because at that time Harry did not possess a car.

We arrived in St. Paul on the night of September 30, 1933, and Harry, "Doc" and I went to live with Myrtle Eaton and Bill Weaver, who were living together in an apartment in St. Paul. Freddie went to live with his girl friend, Paula Harmon, who also maintained an apartment in St. Paul. We remained in this town for only three days when Freddie, Paula, "Doc", Harry and I started for Reno, Nevada, in the above two described automobiles. It took us three days to make this trip and we stayed at tourist camps overnight along the route.

We arrived in Reno, Nevada on October 6, 1933, and Harry and I rented a furnished apartment at 234 West Liberty Street under the name of George L. Martin. Freddie and Paula also registered at this address.

under the name of T. C. Blackburn, they living in the front of the first floor and we living in the rear. "Doc" Barker, I believe, lived alone in some hotel uptown about a block off Main Street.

About three weeks after we arrived in Reno, "Doc", Freddie and Harry left Reno dressed in hunting togs, taking two shotguns and their pistols with them. Harry told me at this time that they were going on a hunting trip up in the mountains, and that they would be back late that evening. However, they remained away for three days and when they returned Harry advised me that they had had no luck at hunting but did see some deer. Around this time I met Ray Karpis and his wife, Dolores, for the first time through Paula Harmon, who introduced me to them while we were at the bath houses which are located five miles outside of Reno. Ray and Dolores were also living in Nevada during this time, and Ray was driving a large blue Auburn sedan with a canvas top.

Shortly after I met Ray and Dolores, Harry and I one day started uptown for some chop suey, and as we were preparing to leave the apartment Harry stooped over to pick up something, and while in this motion his pistol, which he always carries between his belt and waist, accidentally discharged and a bullet penetrated his flesh at a point immediately below the groin on his right leg. Fred and Paula apparently heard the shot and immediately rushed into the room to see what had happened. Fred then went out to get a doctor, whose name I do not know, and he returned shortly afterwards and dressed the wound. This doctor treated Harry about four times over a period of seven days, and then Ray, Fred and "Doc" finished treating him. Harry was laid up in bed for about ten days, and after he got up, he had to walk around with the help of a cane.

Shortly afterwards Ray and Dolores left Reno and then shortly thereafter Fred and Harry also departed, Harry telling me at this time that they were going away on business but in this connection did not state where or what kind of business. They were gone for about five days, and when they returned, I subsequently overheard Dolores tell Paula what a good time they had down there and that they had seen Harry and Freddie. However, she did not indicate what place or point she was talking about.

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While Fred and Harry were away at this time I met Edna Grace, better known to me as "Rabbit" through Paula for the first time. That evening I met Volney Davis alias "Curly" Davis for the first time, also through Paula. I learned that Edna and Volney had just arrived in Reno and that they were going to live in town. They rented an apartment about three and one-half blocks from our place, where I believe they lived alone. Volney at this time was driving a new Ford V-8 coupe.

On Thanksgiving Day the entire mob went to a club outside of Reno, Nevada, for Thanksgiving Day dinner, and as I recall the boys did not meet anyone there that they knew. We also went to the Bank Club, a gambling place in Reno, while in town. I do not know who owns or operates this club nor do I have any information concerning same.

On or about December 1, 1933, Harry, Fred and "Doc" again left Reno and Harry told me that they were going to Mexico on business. During the time they were gone, I stayed in my apartment for a while and then went to live with Paula. The boys were gone at this time for about two weeks and when they returned they had a considerable amount of money. In fact, I know Harry did as he was about "broke" before he left.

About four days later the entire mob left Reno, Nevada, and proceeded towards St. Paul. We stopped at a tourist camp at the edge of Salt Lake City that night, and on the next day we drove direct to St. Paul, arriving there late at night. At this time Harry was still driving "Doc's" Ford Sedan, as we had not purchased a new car as yet.

Upon arriving in St. Paul, we drove to Harry Sawyer's Farm, which is located some distance from St. Paul, and there I met Harry and Gladys Sawyer for the first time. Harry Sawyer wanted us to go to his saloon on Kabasha Street, but instead the four of us, that is, Freddie, Paula, Harry and I went cabaretting at the Hollyhocks Inn, St. Paul, leaving Harry and Gladys Sawyer at the farm. Here I met Jack Pfeiffer for the first time. That night a man whom I believe is an employee of Pfeiffer, directed Harry and me to a hotel, the name of which I do not recall, which is located in the business district of St. Paul, and we checked in at this place under an assumed name, which I do not recall.

The following morning the same man who had directed us to the hotel the night before appeared at the hotel and brought us back to the Hollyhocks Inn in his car. I do not know where Paula and Freddie had stayed that night, but we met them again at the Hollyhocks Inn the following day.

Later that afternoon Freddie and Paula rented an apartment on Summit Avenue, and Harry and I moved into an apartment hotel located on Wabasha Street near town. Volney, Edna, Bill and Myrtle were also living in St. Paul at this time in different apartments but I do not know their locations. "Doc" Barker for a while lived with Volney and Edna, and it is possible that he subsequently lived with Bill and Myrtle.

On Christmas Eve, 1933, Harry and I went to Fred and Paula's apartment and spent the evening there, and on the following day, which was Christmas, they went to the home of Gladys and Harry Sawyer for dinner, and Harry, Volney, Edna, "Doc" and I went to the Hollyhocks Inn for dinner.

On New Year's Eve Harry and I went to the apartment of Volney and Edna, where we spent the night.

On January 13, 1934, the date of my birthday, Harry and I went over to Fred and Paula's and had a birthday dinner there. It was at this time that I first met a man known to me as George, and whom I positively identify as Fred Goetz, alias "Shotgun" Ziegler, a photograph of whom has been shown to me. George was considered a member of the mob and lived in St. Paul during this time, the exact address of which I do not know. However, it is my belief that he lived with Dolores and Ray, as Ray and George were very close friends.

About two or three days after my birthday, Harry and I drove to Fred and Paula's in "Doc" Barker's 1933 Chevrolet Sedan, which Harry had in his possession for about a week, and upon arriving there we met "Doc". Shortly after, Freddie and "Doc" Barker and Harry left the house and drove away in Freddie's Buick automobile, leaving the Chevrolet Sedan with Edna, who at that time was living with Paula. Harry told me that he would be out of town for some time and suggested that I move in with Paula and Edna until he returned. When he left me that morning, he promised that he would return the same evening. However, he did not do so, but he did return the following evening, at which time he obtained a fried chicken which Freddie had instructed Paula to prepare, stating he would send someone for it. Harry remained in the apartment for only an hour at that time, and when he left he indicated that he was going to take the chicken to Bill and Myrtle's apartment. When he left me that night, he said that he would probably be back in a day or two, but he did not return and I did not see Harry again until I arrived in Chicago a few weeks later. Freddie, however, returned to St. Paul a week or ten days after the boys had left and instructed Paula, Edna and I, who were living together in Paula's apartment, as heretofore stated, to proceed to Chicago and obtain an apartment there, and that the boys would get in touch with us through Willie Harrison. Paula and I left St. Paul on the following day in "Doc's" Chevrolet Sedan which he had left behind and proceeded to Chicago, arriving there on or about January 25, 1934. When we departed from St. Paul, Edna remained behind, as it was arranged for Volney Davis to drive her from St. Paul to Chicago. However, Volney evidently could not make the trip and in this connection he sent Fred Goetz to St. Paul, and he accompanied Edna to Chicago in Volney's Ford Coupe. Edna and Goetz passed us on the road to Chicago, and upon the arrival of Paula and myself in the city, I immediately called Willie

Harrison by telephone, advising him that we had arrived and inquired as to where Edna had checked in. I recall calling a Hammond exchange number but do not remember the digits. Willie gave us the address where Edna was staying, and Paula and I went to that vicinity immediately but had difficulty in finding the house. Harrison, however, observed us at 63rd and University and he took us to an apartment off of 63rd Street on University Avenue near the intersection, this apartment being the second building south of the grocery store immediately off of 63rd Street. Willie informed us at that time that he was friendly with the manager and that he was considered a "right guy." Edna, I believe, was living there under the name of Davis or Davies and Paula and I were supposed to be her cousins on a visit in Chicago. I did not see Fred Goetz upon our arrival at this apartment and I am unable to state where he had gone after he left Edna. Willie came to see us almost every day while we were living at this place but he never mentioned or indicated where the other boys were during this time.

We were living at this place for about four days when Volney and Fred Barker came there together, but neither of them stayed over night. It is my belief that they merely came to see how we were getting along, and after being with us for only a short while, they left us for parts unknown.

About two or three days later Fred Barker and Fred Goetz came to the apartment and they likewise did not stay over night, and it seemed to me that they also merely came to see how we were getting along. The two Freddie's remained only a short time and left, but I do not know where.

On the following day "Doc" Barker came to see us, at which time he was alone but he, too, did not stay over night. He indicated to us at this time that it would not be long before all the boys would be back.

About three or four days later Volney Davis and Harry Campbell drove to the apartment and this was the first time I had seen Harry since January 16, 1934, when he left me in St. Paul. I asked Harry at that time where he had been all this while, but he did not state, making the remark that he was just fooling around. Volney and Harry stayed with Edna and I for two nights at this apartment at 63rd and University, and on the third day Willie Harrison came

to the apartment and the three of us, that is, Harry, Willie and I left Chicago by bus and proceeded to Toledo, Ohio. Edna and Volney, I believe, remained in Chicago.

I wish to state at this time that Paula checked out of our apartment which Edna and I occupied immediately after Freddie Barker's and Fred Goetz' visit there, and I believe that she rented a furnished apartment nearby, but I do not know the location, and I have no idea where it might be as I had never visited there. This was the last time I saw Freddie or any of the other boys except Volney and Harry, of course, until the boys came to Toledo, Ohio a few months later. I further wish to state that I did not see Goetz again after we left Chicago, and I had heard nothing concerning him until the time he was killed in Chicago, at which time I overheard the boys discussing his death among themselves.

Upon our arrival in Toledo, Harry Campbell, Willie Harrison and I registered at the Algeo Hotel under the name, I believe, George L. Martin, although I am not positive. Harry and Willie did the registering.

We stayed at this hotel for only two days and Harry and I then rented an apartment at the Jarvis Apartments in Toledo, Ohio under the name of George Nelson. Willie did not live with us at this place and it is my belief that he subsequently returned to Chicago.

About three weeks after our arrival in Toledo, Ohio, Freddie, Ray and "Doc" visited us at the Jarvis Apartments but they did not stay very long. I do not know whether these boys were living in Toledo at that time nor have I any idea where they were living.

We remained at the Jarvis Apartments for two months, after which we rented an unfurnished two-story frame house at 2831 - 131st Street near Willow Beach immediately outside of Toledo. It was at this time that Harry and I purchased our furniture at Toledo for the purpose of furnishing our place. When we first moved to this address, Willie Harrison lived with us for only a short while. After he left, "Doc" moved in but he did not stay there very much at that time, although he kept his clothes there.

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On or about April 10, 1934, after we were living at 2831 131st Street in Toledo, Ohio, for about three weeks, Freddie Barker and Volney Davis brought four men to our house, whom I later knew as "Slim", "Ollie", "Doc" and Jimmie. I have viewed several photographs which have been shown to me, and I positively identify the photograph of Russell Gibson alias "Slim" Gray as the man I knew as "Slim"; Oliver A. Berg as the man known to me as "Ollie"; Dr. Joseph P. Moran as "Doc" and Jimmie Wilson as "Jimmie". I wish to state at this point that this was the first time I had ever seen or met any of the above-mentioned persons. I noticed that day that Fred Barker had his fingers bandaged but I did not pay any particular attention to it at this time. That night Harry suggested that I prepare dinner for everyone there, which I did. After I finished with the dishes, Harry and Fred suggested that I go to Paula and attend a theatre with her, indicating that they desired to be alone. Jimmie helped me with the dishes that night, and after I finished, I drove in my Ford Coupe to Paula's apartment. When I entered her apartment, I observed Ray Karpis lying in the bedroom, apparently sick, and I further noticed that he had his fingers bandaged. Dolores was not with Ray in Toledo at this time as Ray was staying with Fred and Paula alone.

Paula and I attended a theatre that night and returned to her apartment. Shortly afterwards Freddie came in and I asked him whether I could go home, and he said "Yes." I returned home along, and when I reached the apartment everyone had gone except Jimmie, Harry, "Doc" Barker and Curly Davis, all of whom stayed over night with us.

To my recollection on the following day "Ollie" left Toledo and "Slim" and Clara, his wife, obtained an apartment of their own in town and "Doc" Moran, I believe, lived with "Slim." Jimmie at this time continued to live with us.

A few days later "Doc" Moran, Ray Karpis and Fred Barker came to our place again. At this time Harry Campbell, Volney Davis and "Doc" Barker were still living with us. Harry and Fred again suggested that I go to stay with Paula, which I did. I stayed with her for two days and two nights, and when I returned to my apartment, I noticed that Volney Davis and "Doc" Barker also had their fingers bandaged, and from this I gathered the impression that "Doc" Moran had operated on their fingers in an effort to alter their fingerprints, as he had previously done to Ray Karpis and Fred Barker. This was

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later confirmed as I had heard the boys discussing among themselves the fact that "Doc" Moran had not done a very good job on their fingers.

A few days after Volney and "Doc" had their fingers worked upon, Dr. Moran performed the same operation on Harry Campbell's fingers. I later learned from Harry that he had paid Dr. Moran \$300.00 for this operation, and in this connection I do not know, nor have I heard from any of the other boys what they paid Dr. Moran for the work which he had done on their fingers. After Dr. Moran finished these operations, Jimmie was employed by the boys more or less to treat their fingers until they became completely healed. During this period Jimmie Wilson usually stayed at our house but he also stayed on various occasions at the apartment of Freddie and Paula. While Jimmie Wilson was with us he almost daily went out with "Doc" Barker cabaretting with him, taking with them local girls.

With further reference to "Slim", "Ollie", and "Doc" Moran, I desire to state that they traveled in and out of Toledo frequently over a period of about six weeks, that is, from April 10, 1934 until the time I first went to the hospital, which I believe was around the middle of May. When "Slim", "Ollie" and "Doc" Moran were in Toledo, they would usually come to our place and sometimes Moran would stay with us for a while. "Ollie" usually lived with "Slim" and his wife in their apartment, the exact location of which I do not know.

I wish to state that I saw "Slim", "Ollie" and "Doc" Moran for the last time on or about May 15, 1934, at which time I was forced to go to the hospital to be operated on for female trouble. Jimmie Wilson took me to the St. Vincent Hospital in Toledo, and I was operated on at this institution by Drs. Douglas and Wall. I was confined in the hospital for nine days at this time, and Jimmie stayed with me constantly every day during this period.

After I left the hospital, I returned to our home at 2831 151st Street, where Jimmie, "Doc" Barker and I, together with Harry, lived up until the time Harry and I departed from Toledo for Sandusky, Ohio. Harry kept Jimmie Wilson at the house during the time I was discharged from the hospital up until we left for Sandusky, so that he could give me any necessary medical attention.

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I wish to state at this point that after Harry and I left the Jarvis Apartments, I believe Freddie and Ray came back to Toledo and Ray and Dolores moved into the Jarvis Apartments about three days after we left there for 2831 - 131st Street, they occupying the same apartment we previously had. I saw Ray and Dolores at Paula's on Summit Avenue the day before they moved into these apartments, and this was the last time I saw either of them up until the time we subsequently met them in Cleveland during the latter part of August.

I saw Volney Davis, Edna, Bill Weaver and Myrtle off and on in Toledo, Ohio, usually at the Casino Club, which is owned and operated by Ted Angus, who is very friendly with the boys. I wish to state that I had previously met Ted and Ruth Angus, his wife, while we were living at the Jarvis Apartments, at which time they visited us with some of the boys.

Bill, Myrtle, Volney and Edna left Toledo during the latter part of May, 1934, and they rented and moved into a cottage on Lake Erie, which is located approximately eight miles from Sandusky, Ohio.

On June 24, 1934, Harry and I left Toledo, Ohio for Sandusky and proceeded to the cottage where Myrtle and Bill, Volney and Edna, and Freddie and Paula were living together. This cottage is located on Lake Erie about eight miles from Sandusky, just on the other side of Rye Beach. It is described as a one-story frame house, white in color, shingled, gabled roof, with flowers and shrubbery around it. The eight of us lived at this cottage for about five days, after which Harry and I rented a two-story cottage about two blocks from the above-mentioned one. We lived at this place for only one week, at which time I was forced to return to the hospital for further medical aid, and on July 6, 1934 Harry drove me in our Ford Coupe to Toledo, Ohio.

We first went to the Casino Club, had a few drinks, after which Harry took me to the St. Vincent Hospital. This time I was confined for fourteen days, during which period Jimmie Wilson and "Doc" Barker, Paula Harmon, Edna Grace, Ruth, Mandelya and Bert Angus, and Harry Campbell came to see me on various occasions. I was discharged from the hospital on or about July 20, 1934, at which time Jimmie Wilson, "Doc" Barker and Harry came there and drove me away. We then went to the Casino Club to have a few drinks, and upon leaving there Jimmie

bade me goodbye, stating that he was leaving town and that he probably would not see me any more. This was the last time I have seen Jimmie.

At this time Harry, "Doc" and I proceeded to the lake at Sandusky, where "Doc" stayed with us overnight. On the following day, he left us, stating that he was going to drive Jimmie to Chicago and that he would see us again in a few days. Shortly thereafter, Harry drove to Toledo alone and made arrangements there to move our furniture from the house in which we had previously lived at 2831 - 151st Street, and had same stored in Toledo, Ohio. Harry subsequently returned to the cottage where I was staying, and a few days later "Doc" Barker returned from Chicago, after which he continued to live with us at the lake.

On August 21, 1934, Harry, "Doc" and I moved to Cleveland and rented an unfurnished apartment at 7009 Franklin Boulevard. We took our furniture out of storage in Toledo before leaving Sandusky and upon our arrival in Cleveland we furnished our apartment at the above address. "Doc" Barker, Harry and I lived at this place until the time I was arrested with Gladys Sawyer and Paula Harmon in Cleveland.

Freddie Barker and Paula were also living in Cleveland when we arrived there on August 21, 1934, and Gladys and Harry Sawyer were staying with them in an apartment at 4419 - 171st Street. Alvin Karpis and Dolores were also living in Cleveland prior to our arrival there, and I believe Willie Harrison was staying with them, although I am not positive.

I saw Harry Campbell, Freddie and "Doc" Barker for the last time on the morning of September 4, at which time I was arrested in Cleveland, and I positively do not know where any of the boys are at the present time.

I wish to state that I do not know anything concerning the Bremer kidnaping, and disclaim that Harry Campbell or any of the girls or boys had ever discussed or mentioned it to me, and the only occurrence that ever made me suspicious that the boys might have been in-

plicated in this case was that one day prior to Bremer's release, while we were in Chicago, I observed Volney Davis point out to Edna the headlines of a local newspaper carrying an account of this kidnaping, after which he laid it aside without any further comment. I subsequently noticed what he had referred to and this made me suspicious that the boys had done the job, although I at no time ever heard anything subsequently which would in any way confirm this belief.

With reference to Edna Grace, Volney Davis' girl friend, I desire to advise that she often boasted of the "time" she had done at various penitentiaries, and she further stated that she had at one time escaped from one of these prisons. Edna has a sixteen-year old boy named Preston, but I do not know his present whereabouts. Edna also has a sister named Doris, who is supposed to be the wife of one Jess, last name unknown.

Relative to the Ford V-8 Sedan which Harry and I left in the garage in the rear of the house at 7009 Franklin Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio, I wish to state that Harry Campbell purchased this car in Toledo sometime during April or May of this year. I do not know where he purchased it, nor under what name he registered same in Ohio.

I further wish to advise that I have never met the mother of Freddie and "Doc" Barker, but I had often heard her name mentioned among the boys and girls we were living with. I understand that she is very jealous of her sons and that in this connection she does not approve of them keeping company with any girls.

I have read the foregoing statement, which consists of fourteen pages, and I swear that same is true in every detail and respect to the best of my knowledge.

Chicago, Illinois
September 15, 1934.

I, MRS. GLADYS RITA SAWYER, do make the following sworn statement to Special Agents R. C. Coulter and R. C. Suran of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, of my own free will, without any threat or promises being made to me.

I have been married to Harry Sawyer for eleven years and we have made our home in St. Paul, Minnesota all during our married life. We have no children but have in our custody a five-year old child, Francine Fahghnam, whom we have taken care of since January 21, 1933. My present address is Dayton Bluff Station, Route #4, St. Paul, Minnesota. I have never known my husband, Harry Sawyer, to be in any other business except bootlegging in St. Paul, Minnesota.

During the past twelve years he has operated saloons at various times at 545 Wabasha Avenue, 543 Wabasha Avenue, and 541 Wabasha Avenue, all in St. Paul, Minnesota. The buildings located at the above addresses are owned by the Schmidt Brewing Company in which the Adolph Bremer family have a financial interest.

My husband, Harry J. Sawyer, prior to, during 1933, and thereafter operated a place at 543 Wabasha Street in St. Paul.

I do not recall the dates, but I recall during the time publicity was being given to the Hamm Kidnaping that Fred Barker, Paula Harmon, and Alvin Karpis were living at 204 Vernon Avenue in St. Paul. I heard this through conversation with various people, and on one occasion I took her to the house in my car, but I did not go in and that is the only occasion I was ever by there. The first I heard of their being gone was when I read in the paper that 204 Vernon Avenue had been raided.

The night prior to the morning the officers and Frank Nash were killed in Kansas City, Missouri, I was at my husband's place of business, 543 Wabasha Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, about midnight. I fix the time at about midnight because I had just come from the last show at the Paramount Theatre, which show was closed at about 11:30 P. M. I attended this theatre by myself. I do not know where Harry Sawyer was at that time.

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Thanksgiving, two years ago, Harry and I spent Thanksgiving with George Zeigler and his wife, or woman, Irene Zeigler at their lodge near Hayward, Wisconsin. We spent about two days there. I met Zeigler in St. Paul at the Hollyhocks at a big party including Jack Pfeiffer, Vi Nordquist, Harry and myself in addition to Zeigler and Irene.

I personally have known Edward George Bremer for about eight years. The acquaintance has been of a business nature and I have done business with the Commercial State Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota, of which Edward George Bremer is an officer for the past eight years. The financial transactions I have had with the Commercial State Bank have been in my name although, Harry Sawyer, my husband has had a joint interest in the said transactions.

Harry Sawyer has known Edward George Bremer for a number of years.

I was in St. Paul, Minnesota in January, 1934, at which time considerable publicity was being given to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, mentioned above, at which time I had no idea as to the identity of the persons responsible for this kidnaping. I also recall that early in February, 1934 Mr. Bremer was released by his captors and considerable publicity was given to this.

Several days after the press carried the news of the release of Edward George Bremer, my husband, Harry Sawyer, stated to me "The boys got along pretty good." At this time I pressed him further as to what he meant and he said "Freddy and Ray" and I know he referred to Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis, whom I had personally known for over a year, as these individuals were the only persons I knew who associated with Harry Sawyer by the names of Freddy and Ray. I took it for granted that he referred to the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer although he did not so state. Harry Sawyer did not go into full details about the case, but from time to time within the next four or five months I obtained the information from Harry Sawyer that in addition to Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis the other persons who assisted in the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer were George Zeigler, who I have subsequently learned was identical with the late Fred Goetz; Arthur Barker, alias "Doc" Barker, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell and Bill Weaver. I had met all of these individuals named at my husband's place of business on Wabasha Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota from time to time prior to January, 1934.

As I entered the back door of my husband's place of business I heard the telephone ring. There were several individuals in Harry's saloon at the time, the identity of whom I do not recall. One of these persons answered the telephone and called to me and asked if Harry was with me and I replied in the negative. This individual stated that Kansas City was calling for Harry. When this person ascertained that Harry was not present he advised the caller from Kansas City and there was no further conversation. Pat Reilley was a partner of Harry's at that time, but I do not know if he was present when the call came in from Kansas City. Later when the papers announced the massacre at Kansas City, Harry and I concluded that it had been Verne Miller calling from Kansas City in connection with the apprehension of Frank Nash.

Shortly thereafter I was in the presence of my husband, Harry Sawyer, and Jack Pfeiffer at which time Harry and Jack were engaged in a conversation and I overheard Jack state that a call had also been received at the Hollyhocks Inn at St. Paul, of which Pfeiffer is a proprietor. I do not know who answered the telephone at the Hollyhocks as Jack did not state.

At the time school was out in May or June of 1933, Vi Mathias came to St. Paul with her daughter, Betty, and as I recall I met her at Harry's place. She said she had been to Brainerd, Minnesota to get her child. That is the last time I have seen her. I have not seen Verne Miller since several months prior to the occasion of Vi's visit.

A few days before the shooting in Kansas City, Frank and Frances, accompanied by Frances' little girl came by the farm and visited with me for a few minutes. Frances said they were on their way to Chicago. I did not know for sure who Frank was until after he was killed. I knew Frank about six months longer than I did Frances, but I do not remember just how long I knew them, but it was possibly a year. Frank was referred to usually as Frank or Mr. Jelly. I have seen Frank and Verne Miller together around my husband's place, and they were good friends.

I understood that Verne Miller, Vi Mathias, Paula and Charles Harmon and Frank Nash lived in the same apartment building out on Lexington Avenue or Grand Avenue, or somewhere in that vicinity in St. Paul sometime during the year 1931. After that, which was sometime in the summer of 1932, Harry and I visited Verne and Vi at the Lake Geneva Hotel in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. They moved into a two-story cottage

quite a ways from the lake and we remained in Lake Geneva only a few days and went back home. I understood the cottage was rented from two old maids and I recall there was a furnace in the basement and the cottage was clear around the lake from the hotels.

From what I have heard, Doc Stacey and Herb Farmer were "fall guys" in the Kansas City shooting. They had nothing to do with it.

I met Doc Stacey during the football season during 1932 at the place I understood he operated around Chicago some place. I met Herb Farmer about 1932 in St. Paul. As I recall, I was in the place when he came in and asked for Frank. I later learned who he was - I don't think I was ever introduced to him.

It is generally understood that Verne Miller was in the Kansas City killing, but from conversation I have heard, it seems that all his friends were accounted for at that time and it is a mystery to me who was with him, as Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis were busy in the Hamm Kidnaping and I'm sure they were not in Kansas City.

About two years ago I met a man at my husband's place in St. Paul who was known as Gus. He was a short, chunky fellow and swarthy. That is all I can tell you except I judge he was between fifty and fifty-five years old. I may be wrong as to his age as I am not a good judge of ages. He was around there with Frank, I think. Also, I believe he was from around Calumet City. About a year ago I heard he was dead but did not get any further details and do not know if he was supposed to have been killed. Gus was friendly with Verne Miller but Verne didn't like the way Gus talked, so vulgar.

A couple of years ago I heard that Fred Barker and the boys had a cottage at White Bear Lake, Minnesota. About that time they were running around with a woman named Helen and a man named Earl. I heard later he was dead but I do not know how he was killed.

I have heard the name Homer but I do not recall the circumstances. I don't recall the name "Big Homer." I know no one named Charles J. Fitzgerald or "Old Fitz", and know of no such individual associating with Jack Lavenport in St. Paul.

It was a month or more after the release of Edward George Bremer that Harry Sawyer, admitted to me, he was the "finger man". I mean that it was Harry Sawyer who pointed out Edward George Bremer to one or more members of the gang and identified him as the prospective kidnap victim.

The ransom money which I understand was \$200,000.00 was paid to one or more members of the persons who were in on the kidnaping. I do not know which member or members of the above named gang collected the ransom money from the representative of the Bremer family.

The \$200,000.00 ransom was to be divided eight ways, the eighth individual supposed to share was a man named to me only as "Monty." I do not know what part "Monty" took in the abduction of Edward George Bremer, but he was an associate of some member of the gang. "Monty" was to receive a percentage the amount of which is unknown to me.

I do not know where Mr. Bremer was held and any statements made in this regard would only be my own opinion, formed mostly from the statements appearing in the press, supposed to have emanated from Mr. Bremer and I would conclude he was held in Chicago, Illinois, or vicinity.

Within the last month, prior to making this statement, Harry Sawyer told me that the Bremer ransom money had not, in its entirety, been exchanged for unmarked money. I do not know how much Harry Sawyer was to receive of the ransom money, but he told me that he has only received a small part of his share.

I know of no persons by the names of John "Boss" McLaughlin, John McLaughlin, Jr., Russell Gibson, alias "Slim" Gray, alias "Slim" Evans, Dr. Joseph P. Moran, Jimmie Wilson or Ollie Berg and have received no information which would connect these individuals with the Bremer abduction.

Harry Sawyer has told me there would not be an entire division of the ransom money collected from the Bremer family until the entire amount had been exchanged for unmarked money with the exception of the amounts, unknown to me, which have already been exchanged and the share of the ransom which has already been given to Volney Davis and Bill Weaver who have ceased to closely associate with the other members of the gang.

I desire to state that it is my understanding, derived from conversations I have had with my husband, Harry Sawyer, that with the exception perhaps of Bill Weaver and the individual known as "Monty" whom I have never seen, the kidnapers of Edward George Bremer were the kidnapers of William Hamm, Jr. of St. Paul, Minnesota. Harry Sawyer has denied to me that he was in any way connected with the kidnaping of Mr. Hamm.

The above facts as I have stated them were obtained by me from time to time from my husband, Harry Sawyer, as the other members of the gang have never in my presence discussed either the Hamm or Bremer kidnapings.

Harry Sawyer obtained information that the U. S. Department of Justice was seeking him for questioning in connection with the Bremer case so Harry and myself, accompanied by Francine Vaughn, left St. Paul, Minnesota shortly after the 1st of April, 1934 in our Plymouth Coupe and drove to Fremont, Nebraska where the Plymouth Coupe was traded in for a Plymouth Coach which latter car had been secured at Lincoln, Nebraska by Ray Sandlovich, my husband's brother, who resides in Lincoln, Nebraska. I think the coupe was registered in Minnesota under the name of Frank James, but I know the coach was registered under the name of Frank James in the state of Nebraska. We were only in Fremont a few minutes. We proceeded in the coach arriving at Las Vegas, Nevada shortly after the middle of April, 1934. We stopped at various tourist camps between St. Paul, Minnesota and Las Vegas, Nevada.

Enroute to Las Vegas, Harry and myself stopped at Reno, Nevada where Harry went into some gambling joint and inquired for either Fred Barker or Alvin Karpis, but the person or persons of whom the inquiries were made did not know the boys. We were in Reno just long enough for Harry to make the referred to inquiries.

At Las Vegas we first stopped at the Boulder Hotel under the name of Mr. and Mrs. Frank James and later began living at various tourists camps in the vicinity of Las Vegas. Harry Sawyer at first thought he would open a saloon or gambling place in Las Vegas but later changed his mind.

About the middle of May, 1934, I returned to St. Paul, Minnesota by train to see my doctor, who is Dr. Harry Hall, 1878 Jefferson Street, which house located at that address is my property.

I had been in St. Paul about two days when I met Jack Pfeiffer, who operates the Hollyhocks Inn, St. Paul, Minnesota. I inquired of Pfeiffer if he had seen any of the boys, meaning the persons who abducted Mr. Bremer, he replied in the negative. I then gave him an address of a party near Sioux City, Iowa to give to any of them who came to St. Paul. Harry Sawyer and myself had stopped and made previous arrangements with friends of ours who are guilty of no wrong doings and whose names I do not care to reveal, to have them forward any mail they might receive to Las Vegas, Nevada.

I saw none of the gang in St. Paul during the time I was there which was approximately ten days. I then left St. Paul by train and went to Omaha, Nebraska where I completed the trip to Las Vegas via airplane, the name of the line was either the American Airways or the United Airways.

I had been back in Las Vegas with my husband about two weeks when we received a letter from Alvin Karpis from Cleveland, Ohio, stating "drop a line, c/o General Delivery and come on back." I do not remember the name I used in addressing the letter to him, but I did write and advised him we were leaving immediately. I do not know who secured the address from Pfeiffer.

Harry Sawyer had sold his car and we left Las Vegas by train shortly after the receipt of the letter and proceeded to Cleveland, Ohio via Chicago. After our arrival in Cleveland, we expected to be met by some member of the gang but no one was there to meet us and going to the Post Office we found that Alvin Karpis had not called for the letter I had written him from Las Vegas, Nevada. We then went to the Cleveland Hotel and registered as Mr. and Mrs. Frank James. I wrote Karpis another letter and two or three days later Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney came to the Cleveland Hotel and met us. We then went with them out on Fleming Street, where they were living, but do not recall under what name. I do not remember the exact address of this house, but I believe it was in the middle of the 4900 block. This was about the middle of June, 1934.

We stayed there about two weeks at the end of which time I had to return to St. Paul where I underwent a major operation at Midway Hospital. I was confined in the hospital under my correct name from July 9th to July 25th, 1934. During my confinement in the hospital, Paula Harmon came from Cleveland, Ohio to St. Paul for a one-day visit.

Fred Barker drove me in his car from Cleveland, Ohio to Chicago where we visited one day with Mrs. Katherine Barker, mother of Fred, at an apartment on the south side of Chicago, the address of which I do not know.

I returned to Cleveland, Ohio about August 1, 1934 and went directly to 10515 Parkhurst Drive, where Fred Barker and Paula Harmon were living together in an apartment. Harry Sawyer was already there having remained in Cleveland while I was in the hospital. Harry and I stayed there a few days with Paula Harmon and Fred Barker at the end of which time the four of us moved to a house at 4419 W. 171 Street, where we were living on the date of my arrest at Cleveland, Ohio on September 5, 1934.

Fred Barker and Paula Harmon were using the name of Mr. and Mrs. J. Earl Matterson.

While I was living at 4419 W. 171 Street, Harry Campbell and the woman he was living with by the name of Wynona Burdett, visited us at the address on a couple of occasions. I do not know where they were living.

On the occasion of my first visit to Cleveland, Alvin Karpis drove Harry and myself to Sandusky, Ohio where we visited Volney Davis and the woman living with him. I do not know the woman's name but she is called "Rabbits." Davis lived in a cottage on the lake shore. Bill Weaver and Myrtle Eaton were living with Volney Davis and Harry and myself visited with them.

I have been shown the photographs of Fred Goetz, Chicago Police Department #96578; Volney Davis, bearing number 12808; Alvin Karpis, K. S. P. #1539; Fred Barker, K. S. P. #9836; Arthur R. Barker, bearing number #11906, a photograph marked Mrs. Katherine Barker, and a photograph bearing name of William Weaver, St. Paul P. D. #23452, and state they are the likenesses of the individuals mentioned by those names in this statement.

I further state that I have not at any time seen any of the ransom money paid in either the Hamm or Bremer kidnappings.

Weaver and Davis left Sandusky two or three weeks prior to my arrest in Cleveland, Ohio and I do not know where they intended to go.

At the time of my arrest at Cleveland, Ohio on September 8, 1934, I had concealed on my person three \$500 bills and seven \$100 bills, one solitaire diamond ring, one double solitaire diamond ring, one pair diamond ear screws and one unmounted diamond. The money was that which I had withdrawn from the safety deposit box at Commercial State Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota, in May, 1934, and was not money which had been obtained in the exchange of the Bremer ransom money.

I turned the money and jewelry over to an attorney at Cleveland, Ohio, while I was in jail to keep for me. This attorney was Ed. Stanton, whom Paula contacted at the police station in Cleveland. I told Stanton to try and reach Harry Sawyer and to have him inform the gang to "beat it."

Stanton has not to date been paid a fee and I have not had returned to me the personal property left in Stanton's possession.

"Doc" Barker never at any time, to my knowledge, was accompanied by a girl and apparently has been in the penitentiary so much he does not associate with women.

The last time I saw any of the gang Karpis was driving a Ford coupe, black in color with red wire wheels, he also had a Pontiac coupe with yellow wheels. I do not know what model this Pontiac was, but it was not a recent model. "Doc" Barker was driving a new Chevrolet Sedan, black or blue in color. Harry Campbell was driving a Chevrolet coupe which was not a new model. Harry Sawyer did not have a car in Cleveland and I do not know what kind of car was in possession of Volney Davis. The new Ford Coach in the possession of Wynona, Paula and myself at the time of our arrest belonged to Fred Barker.

At about the same time I met Earl and Helen I met Bernard Phillips and I understand he is also dead. I do not know where he died, nor the manner of his death. I know Winnie Williams, but did not obtain the information regarding Phillips death from her and I do not know where I obtained this information.

The Barkers and Karpis while being friendly with Phillips at one time finally refused to work with him because Phillips had formerly been employed as an officer of the law.

I have read this statement consisting of ten (10) typewritten pages, or parts thereof, and state that it is the truth to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

Mrs. Sawyer when called upon to sign this statement on Saturday, September 15, 1934, refused to do so until Paula Harmon had signed the statement which she had furnished.

Chicago, Illinois,
September 15, 1934.

I, PAULA HARMON, age thirty, make the following voluntary, sworn, signed statement to R. D. Brown, whom I know to be a Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, without any threats or promises having been made to me.

I was born at Demorast, Georgia, a town of 500 population, February 11, 1904. My mother's name was Annie Ellis and my father's name, Bird Brannon. At the age of two or three, the family moved to Port Arthur, Texas. I attended Port Arthur schools until graduation in 1919, and Washington Seminary, Atlanta, Georgia, a girls' finishing school, for eight months in 1920.

In 1921 I was married to Dennis Wood of Port Arthur, Texas, who was a mate on a ship. I divorced him in 1922 and obtained a position as a comptometer operator in Houston, Texas, where I worked until 1925. My employers were the Southern Pacific Railroad and the Eastern Texas Electric Company. In 1925 I married Charles Harmon, shortly after his release from the penitentiary at Huntsville, Texas, where he was incarcerated on a robbery charge. We were married in Austin, Texas, and lived together from time to time until he was killed on November 19, 1931, when he took part in the robbery of the Kraft State Bank at Menominee, Wisconsin. Charles Harmon was released from the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, on January 9, 1931, and I went down to meet him. Previous to that time I had been residing in Chicago, Illinois.

We went to Kansas City, Missouri, and on a street in Kansas City I was introduced to a man by the name of "Jelly", whom I have since learned is Frank Nash. He appeared to be a friend of Charles Harmon. From Kansas City, Missouri, Frank Nash, Charles Harmon and myself, together with Herb and Esther Farmer, whom we also met in Kansas City, went to Joplin, Missouri, where I spent approximately two weeks at the Farmer home. Frank Nash, the Farmers, Charles Harmon and myself then proceeded to Hot Springs, Arkansas, where we rented a cottage and stayed approximately one month or six weeks. I did not meet anyone in Hot Springs on this occasion by the name of Richard (Dick) Galatas, but I have heard of him. I may have met his wife. While taking the baths at Hot Springs, Arkansas, I met several of the wives of the confidence men who frequent Hot Springs. Charles Harmon and I had a "fuss" and I left Hot Springs by rail and proceeded to Chicago, Illinois, where I continued to operate a "call house" on the North side.

Approximately a month later Charles Harmon came to my place which was located on Cambridge Avenue, and took me to St. Paul, Minnesota, where we stayed at the St. Paul Hotel, at which place we stayed approximately a month. During this visit to St. Paul, Minnesota, I met Leon Glickman, Jack Pfeiffer, Harry and Gladys Sawyer, through Charles Harmon. Harry and Gladys Sawyer had a town house in St. Paul and Harry Sawyer operated saloons and was a big bootlegger. Jack Pfeiffer operated the Hollyhocks Night Club. Leon Glickman operated a garage.

I wish to state that when Charles Harmon left the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, we never seemed to be able to get along and after remaining in St. Paul, Minnesota, for three or four weeks on this occasion, I left him and visited at Joplin, Missouri, staying at the home of Herb and Esther Farmer. This must have been during the latter part of April or the first part of May, 1931. While at the Farmer home I first met Fred Barker, who called to visit the Farmers. I believe he had been released from the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, only a short time. It is my understanding that he at one time lived with Herbert Farmer's mother, and was more or less raised by her. On this occasion Frank Nash also visited the Farmers.

While visiting the Farmers on this occasion, Verne Miller and Vi, his girl friend, also visited at the Farmer home, and it was the first time I had ever met them. Vi Miller continued her visit until about a month after my arrival, when Frank Nash, Vi Miller and I left the Farmer home and drove direct to St. Paul, Minnesota, in Frank Nash's Chevrolet coupe. I wish to state that I saw Fred Barker on only one occasion when at the Farmer home at this time.

Upon arrival in St. Paul, Minnesota, I again met Charles Harmon and we lived together until six weeks before his death, which was October 19, 1931. I learned about his death through the news papers. I was informed that he took part in the robbery of the Kraft State Bank at Menominee, Wisconsin. Previous to Charles Harmon's death, I spent the greater part of my time in St. Paul, Minnesota. Frank Nash, Verne Miller, Vi Matthews (Miller) and many others ran around together and visited the night clubs, including Jack Pfeiffer's place. We also spent a great deal of time at Harry Sawyer's saloon on Wabasha Avenue.

Immediately after Charles Harmon's death, I proceeded to my home in Port Arthur, Texas, for Christmas. Shortly after

Christmas, 1931, I proceeded to Lake Charles, Louisiana, where I operated a lunch stand for approximately two months, until I was injured in an automobile accident which occasioned my being incapacitated for approximately two months, after which I returned to Beaumont, Texas. I continued to live in Beaumont, Texas, until April 5, 1933, when I received either a telephone call or a telegram from Vivian Matthews (Vi Miller) from Kansas City, asking me to visit her.

Upon my arrival at Kansas City, Missouri, I proceeded to the bungalow, address not known, where Verne Miller and Vi were residing, and met Fred Barker. During my visit of two weeks with Verne and Vi I saw Fred on several occasions. I also met Arthur R. (Doc) Barker, brother of Fred Barker, who had just been released from some penitentiary. While visiting at Miller's I learned that Fred Barker had already gone to St. Paul. Vi Matthews and I then drove from Kansas City to Brainerd, Minnesota, where Vi Matthews and I visited Vi's people at Brainerd, Minnesota for two or three weeks. We then returned to St. Paul, Minnesota, where we met Verne Miller and Fred Barker. I visited at the home of Gladys and Harry Sawyer at this time.

In this connection, I wish to state that the only connection between Fred Barker and Verne Miller was the friendship between myself and Vi Matthews. Verne Miller and Frank Nash belonged to an entirely different gang than did Fred Barker. However, they were friendly toward each other.

After visiting Gladys and Harry Sawyer for a day or two, Vi Matthews and I drove to Kansas City, Missouri. We remained in Kansas City for approximately two weeks and returned to St. Paul, Minnesota, where I obtained an apartment at the Capital Apartments Annex. I am unable to recall the name I used in renting this apartment. This was some time during the latter part of May, 1933. For the next few days I often saw Fred Barker and it was during this time that he informed me it was necessary for him to go to the hospital to have his appendix removed. We also agreed that I should rent a house and that he and Arthur R. Barker were to come and live with me as soon as Fred Barker was released from the hospital. The day Fred Barker was taken to the hospital I met his mother, who was living at the Commodore Apartments in St. Paul, under the name of Mrs. Gordon. Evidently, I did not make a favorable impression upon

her, as I have never seen her since. Fred Barker must have entered the hospital some time about June 1, 1933. He was released from the hospital in approximately ten days and during the period of his confinement I visited him on two occasions, and had rented a house at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul. He moved into this house with Arthur R. Barker and myself upon his release. I am unable to recall the exact date I rented this house, but I remember that as soon as he was released Fred Barker and Arthur R. Barker moved into the house with me.

I am unable to recall when I first met Alvin Karpis, but it was either at the home of Herb and Esther Farmer or at Harry Sawyer's saloon in St. Paul, Minnesota. I believe I first met Volney Davis, who was called "Curly", at the home of Vi Matthews (Miller) in Kansas City, Missouri. I often met Arthur R. Barker and Alvin Karpis at Sawyer's saloon in St. Paul, previous to going to 204 Vernon Avenue.

After moving to 204 Vernon Avenue, and while living with Arthur and Fred Barker, I first met a man known to me as "Slim" Gray. Special Agent Brown has shown me a photograph of Russell Gibson, and this person is identical with the man known as "Slim" Gray. I also met for the first time George Zeigler, whom I have also identified from a photograph shown to me. At this house I also met again Volney Davis. I also met for the first time William Weaver.

I remember reading the papers on June 15, 1933, concerning the kidnaping of William Hamm, a St. Paul brewer. At this time I did not suspect that any of the "boys" were responsible for this kidnaping. However, I noticed that Arthur R. (Doc) Barker was missing from 204 Vernon Avenue on the day of the kidnaping. He did not return at any time while I was living at 204 Vernon Avenue. Neither did Alvin Karpis call at 204 Vernon Avenue during the period from June 15th until I moved out of the house. However, Fred Barker remained with me up until the morning of June 19, 1933, when he left the house in the morning. About midnight that night, Jack Pfeiffer called at the house and told me I had better move. Jack Pfeiffer and I moved my belongings out of 204 Vernon Avenue, and he took me to a cottage on White Bear Lake, where I spent the night alone.

On the following morning Jack Pfeiffer and his wife Vi came by to visit me, and it was suggested that I attend a show with

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Mrs. Pfeiffer. Before leaving this cottage on White Bear Lake, the address of which I am unable to give, Jack Pfeiffer made some comment to the effect that the newspapers had carried an article describing a woman who had moved out of 804 Vernon Avenue, and that I should not stay in the cottage at White Bear Lake any longer. This is positively the first time that I surmised that the Barker boys, Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis and others might have been responsible for the Hamm kidnaping, because Jack Pfeiffer was referring to the newspaper article regarding the Hamm kidnaping.

After going to a show with Mrs. Pfeiffer, we went to the Hollyhocks Inn operated by Jack Pfeiffer and had dinner. I am unable to recall the exact date of this happening, but I believe it was the day Hamm was released. Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis called at the Hollyhocks Inn shortly after dinner that evening and we drove directly to Chicago, Illinois, in Alvin Karpis' Pontiac coupe.

Upon arriving in Chicago, Illinois, we drove to an apartment in Oak Park, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago, where Alvin Karpis had an apartment. It was on this occasion that I first met Alvin Karpis' girl friend named Dolores. Her correct name is Dolores Delaney. Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis were gone the following day, but returned that night. We stayed in Chicago a day or two, during which time Fred Barker, Arthur R. (Doc) Barker and Alvin Karpis visited Dolores and me. Arthur R. (Doc) Barker then drove me to St. Paul, Minnesota, where I secured my clothes from the cottage on White Bear Lake, and we returned to Chicago. That night I stayed in an apartment with a man named "Chuck" and his wife. I do not know his correct name. This apartment was on the South side of Chicago. Chuck is about forty-five years of age, about six feet in height and weighs about 160 pounds. I had never seen Chuck before.

The next morning Fred Barker came by Chuck's apartment and we drove to the Oak Park apartment of Alvin Karpis. Fred Barker was driving a 1932 model Buick sedan, which he had while living at 804 Vernon Avenue. Upon arriving at Alvin Karpis' apartment, I was informed that we were to take a cottage on the lakes.

Alvin Karpis and Dolores packed their things into Karpis' Graham-Paige sedan, and we drove to some lake about sixty or seventy miles from Chicago, the name of which I am unable to recall, where Alvin Karpis had rented a fine two story house, which I understand belonged to a Chicago politician who is of Polish descent. The house

was located on a terrace and directly overlooked this lake. I entered the house at Dolores' invitation and stayed approximately fifteen minutes, when Fred Barker and I left and drove to Long Lake, Illinois, where a cottage had already been rented for us. I do not know who rented this cottage for us, but I believe Fred Barker had previously rented it. It was a black and white one story cottage on the North side of Long Lake, and was rented from a Mrs. Perkins who operates a general store on Long Lake.

Upon arrival at this cottage we found Volney Davis and a girl by the name of "Rabbit". I later learned her name was Edna Grace. This is the first time I had met Edna. The apartment was rented at the rate of \$300 for the months of July and August. Edna and I remained at this cottage until about the middle of August. During this time Fred Barker and Volney Davis spent considerable time with us, as they were on a vacation. While at this cottage I met a man by the name of Monty, who visited us. His last name is not known to me. George Zeigler, Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. Barker and the Chuck whom I have previously referred to and Slim Gray also visited at this cottage. I never visited Alvin Karpis and Dolores at their lake home which was some distance from Long Lake.

About the middle of August, 1933, Fred Barker, Volney Davis, Edna and myself drove to St. Paul, Minnesota, at which time Fred Barker and I obtained a house in Minneapolis, the address of which I am unable to recall. I do not know the name under which this house was rented. Edna and Volney Davis remained with us for approximately a week, when they moved into an apartment, the address of which I am unable to recall.

Shortly after arrival at this house, Fred Barker left Minneapolis and went to Chicago, Illinois, to visit his mother. He did not return until some time during the latter part of September. Two or three days before his return I had moved into the President Hotel in Minneapolis. Upon Fred's return to Minneapolis, he had with him a man by the name of Harry Campbell and a girl who accompanied Campbell by the name of Wynona Burdett. Fred and I stayed in the hotel that night, and the next morning or the morning after Fred Barker, Arthur R. (Doc) Barker and I left Minneapolis, Minnesota, in Fred Barker's new 1933 model Buick sedan, which he had purchased shortly before coming to Minneapolis. It was a black car with

a trunk on the rear and had fender wells. Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdett left at the same time in Fred Barker's Ford V-8 sedan. We drove to Reno, Nevada, arriving there on October 8, 1933.

We rented two apartments at 234 West Liberty Street, Reno, one being occupied by Fred and myself and the other by Harry Campbell and Wynona. Fred Barker and I lived under the name of F.O. Blackburn and Wynona and Harry Campbell lived under the name of George L. Martin. Alvin Karpis and Dolores had already arrived in Reno when we reached there and were residing in an apartment located near 234 West Liberty Street, the exact address of which I do not recall. Fred Barker and I resided at 234 West Liberty Street for approximately two weeks, when we moved to the Belmont Apartments, where we remained until we left Reno. Some time after our arrival in Reno, Volney Davis and Edna arrived in Reno and resided in an apartment five or six blocks from where we were residing.

While in Reno, Nevada, Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, Arthur R. (Doc) Barker, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis and Dolores all made a trip to California, but I do not know the purpose of this trip. All the men in the party often went fishing and hunting. On one occasion they were gone for a week or ten days and when they returned said something about having been in Mexico. Some time during our visit in Reno, Nevada, I recall that Harry Campbell accidentally shot himself with his .45 automatic revolver and was laid up in bed for approximately ten days. Alvin Karpis treated him the greater part of the time, although a doctor was called on two or three occasions. While in Reno, Nevada, Alvin Karpis purchased a new twelve cylinder Auburn sedan, blue in color, with a tan top.

On December 2, 1933, we all left Reno, Nevada and drove to St. Paul, Minnesota. Arthur R. Barker, Alvin Karpis and Dolores drove from Reno to Chicago, Illinois. Fred Barker and I returned to St. Paul, Minnesota, in his new Buick sedan and Harry Campbell and Wynona returned to St. Paul in Fred Barker's Ford V-8 sedan. Volney Davis and Edna drove to St. Paul in a Ford coupe. We stopped at tourist camps enroute.

Immediately upon arriving in St. Paul, Minnesota, we drove to Harry Sawyer's farm, which is located a short distance from St. Paul. That night we all went cabaretting at Jack Pfeiffer's Hollyhocks Inn, and we all stayed at Jack Pfeiffer's place that night. The next day Fred Barker and I rented an apartment on the corner of Dale

and Grand Avenues, just off Summit Avenue. I do not recall the name used in renting this apartment. Harry Campbell and Wynona obtained an apartment at the Capital Apartments and Arthur Barker went to live with Volney Davis and Edna.

Shortly after our arrival in St. Paul Fred Barker went to visit his mother in Chicago, Illinois. He returned approximately a week before Christmas with Arthur Barker and they again returned to Chicago to spend Christmas with their mother. Alvin Karpis, who had been in St. Paul previous to Christmas on a visit, also returned to Chicago to spend Christmas with Dolores. After Christmas, 1933, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, and Arthur R. Barker returned to St. Paul. We had New Year's dinner at my house and Wynona and Harry Campbell were our guests.

From January 1 to January 15, 1934, all of the members of the gang were in St. Paul, including George Zeigler. Several times previous to January 15, 1934, the gang would have meetings in my apartment, at which time Wynona would often be visiting me, and we would sit in the kitchen and drink beer while the members of the gang talked. By "members of the gang", I mean George Zeigler, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis, William Weaver, Fred Barker and Arthur R. Barker. We did not know what they were talking about, as the door would always be closed. Wynona and I did not know what plans were being made.

On January 12 or 13, 1934, Fred Barker told me to go over to stay in Volney Davis' apartment with Edna. Wynona Burdett also moved into Volney Davis' apartment. They were then residing on Lexington Avenue. I packed all our belongings in Harry Campbell's Chevrolet sedan and parked it in Volney Davis' garage with my belongings in it.

The next day Volney Davis came to the apartment and told Edna that Harry Sawyer wanted to see her. I did not see Edna again until I returned to Chicago, Illinois. Wynona and I then walked down Lexington Avenue, where we met Fred Barker and Fred Barker drove us in a Ford coupe to the garage where Harry Campbell's Chevrolet was parked and Wynona and I immediately left for Chicago, Illinois. Before leaving St. Paul, Wynona had an address of a party named "Willie", whom she was supposed to meet in Chicago. I do not recall the address. We arrived in Chicago late that night. Upon arrival in Chicago, Wynona made a phone call and was instructed to go to 63rd Street and University Avenue, Chicago, where Edna, Volney Davis' girl friend, had an apartment already rented. Edna was driven from St. Paul, Minnesota to Chicago, Illinois, by George Zeigler.

I stayed in this apartment approximately a week. Two or three days after my arrival in this apartment, Fred Barker arrived at this apartment, dressed and cleaned up, and asked me to rent an apartment for us, which I did at 67th Street and Stony Island Avenue, under the name of Bradford.

While residing at the apartment at 63rd and University, Volney Davis called to see Edna, dressed in leather boots, a cap, and hunting clothes. Fred Barker also called, but he was well dressed.

The first I learned of the Bremer kidnaping was in the Chicago newspapers the day we arrived in Chicago. This was the first time that I suspected the members of this gang had participated in this kidnaping. However, I wish to say that no member of the gang has ever definitely told me that they took part in the kidnaping. I base my suspicions only on the activities which took place at St. Paul and our hurried departure from St. Paul to Chicago.

A week after my arrival in Chicago, I moved into the apartment at 67th Street and Stony Island Avenue. My first visitor was Fred Barker, who was well dressed and groomed. He spent the night with me, but left the next day. He told me at this time that William Weaver might come to stay with me. Two or three days later William Weaver, who was dressed in leather boots and rough clothes, wearing a cap, came to stay with me. Approximately a week later Myrtle Eaton came to my apartment and stayed with William Weaver and myself. Fred Barker was in and out of the apartment nearly every day. Alvin Karpis came by the apartment on several occasions. None of the members of the gang who visited us after arriving in Chicago gave any explanation or indication as to why they were dressed in the manner in which they were, or explained what they were doing.

On or about February 14, 1934, Fred Barker returned to my apartment, after being gone for several days, and told me that we had moved to Toledo, Ohio. The following day Dolores Delaney and I drove the new 1934 model Ford coupe, which Fred had just purchased, to Toledo, Ohio. Fred told me we were going to live at 4905 Summit Avenue. That night Dolores and I stopped at some hotel, the name of which I cannot recall. That day we purchased furniture at the LaSalle and Cook Furniture Store, under the name of Bradford. We stayed at this hotel two nights and then moved to the apartment at 4905 Summit Avenue. A

day or two later Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis joined us at this address. I do not know who rented this apartment for us, but I expect that possibly Willie Harrison, a person well known around Toledo, rented it for us.

Harry Campbell and Wynona and also Arthur E. (Doc) Barker were already in Toledo at the time of our arrival, and Harry Campbell and Wynona were residing in an apartment on Jefferson Avenue. At this time William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton, also Edna and Volney Davis were residing in apartments in Aurora, Illinois, the address of which I do not know. Shortly after my arrival in Toledo, Ohio, Harry Campbell and Wynona moved out of their apartment and took a house on Summit Avenue, the address of which I cannot recall. William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton then arrived in Toledo and took an apartment and also Volney Davis and Edna. I am unable to state the address of the apartments in which they lived, as I never visited them.

While in Toledo, Ohio, we all frequented a place known as "The Casino", operated by Ted Angus. We also visited his place on an island located out in Lake Erie.

Some time in April, 1934, Alvin Karpis brought a young man by the name of James Wilson up to my apartment. A man called "Ollie", and also Slim Gray, came up with him. I have been shown photographs of James Wilsch, Oliver A. Berg and Russell Gibson, and these are the three persons who came up to my apartment on that occasion. All three had brief cases with them. I then went into the kitchen and did not hear the conversation which took place between these three individuals, Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis.

When Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis first visited the apartment, Dolores Karpis had moved into 4905 Summit Avenue, they brought with them a large black suitcase, which was so heavy that I was unable to lift it. It was kept locked at all times and the only persons who had keys to it were Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis.

After the conversation between Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Ollie Berg, Jimmie Wilson and Slim Gray had finished, Slim Gray, Ollie Berg and Jimmie Wilson left the apartment with these brief cases in their hands. All three of these individuals made several visits to my apartment while in Toledo.

Some time during the first part of May, 1934, I first met an individual known to the gang as "Doc". I have been shown a photograph of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, and this is the person referred to as "Doc". I first met him at Ted Angus' place. He had dinner with us at our apartment on one occasion.

Some time before my first meeting with Doc Moran at Toledo, Ohio, I saw Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis with their hands bandaged. Some time later on I heard Alvin Karpis or Fred Barker complaining about what a poor job Dr. Moran had done on them. Some time later Wynona Burdett told me that Harry Campbell had had some work done on his fingers. I do not know whether other members of the gang had their fingerprints changed or not.

I understand that Slim Gray and his wife took an apartment in Toledo but were unable to agree, and after that Slim Gray, Dr. Moran and James Wilson stayed in an apartment together. I do not know the address of this apartment.

On May 23, 1934, Fred Barker and I moved to Cleveland, Ohio, driving there in a Ford V-8 coupe which Fred had purchased in Toledo. We secured an apartment at 10515 Parkhurst Drive. Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney had been in Cleveland approximately a week before our arrival. They resided in an apartment at 5612 West 159th Street, Cleveland.

Harry Campbell and Wynona continued to remain in Cleveland due to an operation had by Wynona, but later moved to Sandusky, Ohio, where they had a house on the beach, where William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton were residing.

After residing at 10515 Parkhurst Drive approximately two months, we moved to 4419 West 171st Street and resided there until Wynona Burdett, Gladys Sawyer and myself were picked up by Cleveland police at the Cleveland Hotel on a disorderly conduct charge.

Some time during the latter part of June, 1934, Harry Sawyer and his wife, Gladys, arrived in Cleveland, Ohio, and lived with Alvin Karpis and Dolores. They had a house on Flamingo Avenue, the address of which I do not know. It was near Rock River Road. Some time during the latter part of June, Gladys Sawyer went to St. Paul, Minnesota, for an operation and while she was away Harry Sawyer resided

with Fred Barker and me.

Gladys Sawyer once told me that Edward (George Bremer) victim in the Bremer kidnaping case, and Harry Sawyer once had some differences over some alcohol, and, although Gladys Sawyer has never told me that Harry Sawyer was the finger man (the man who pointed Bremer out as the person to be kidnaped), I have my suspicions that he did.

I wish to state that I have never heard any member of the gang make any reference to either the Bremer or the Hamm cases, and I have never seen any of the Bremer or Hamm ransom money, although it may have been in the large black bag, as described before, in my apartment in Toledo, Ohio.

I have read the foregoing statement consisting of twelve pages, and I swear the same is true in every detail and respect, to the best of my knowledge.

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Paula Harmon, when questioned concerning the Kansas City massacre, advised Special Agent R. D. Brown that she has heard from underworld sources that Vernon C. Miller was one of the participants. On one occasion she informed Special Agent R. D. Brown that she believed she knows the identity of another person who participated in the massacre, but has failed to date to furnish the name of this person. On one occasion she stated that she received information through a very reliable source that only two persons took part in the massacre, Vernon C. Miller being one of them.

Paula Harmon further stated that while in Cleveland, Ohio, some time during the first part of August, 1934, Fred Barker sent her to Neosho, Missouri, with \$250.00 in large bills to deliver to George Barker, his father, who operates a filling station. She has declined to comment further on this trip to date.

Paula Harmon also stated, since the writing of her statement, that Mrs. Katherine Barker, mother of Arthur R. and Fred Barker, left Chicago, Illinois, during the first part of August, 1934, for an extended vacation of from six to eight months. She informed on one occasion that she believed Mrs. Barker had gone to Europe and on another occasion stated that she believed Mrs. Barker was in California visiting her sister. This is possibly Mrs. Melvin Vosburg, who resides at 2357 Magnolia, Long Beach, California.

To date Paula Harmon, Mrs. Gladys Sawyer and Wynona Burdett have not been fingerprinted or photographed, but same will be done as soon as their questioning has been completed, at which time full descriptions of these three women will also be submitted.

While questioning Paula Harmon during the afternoon of September 12, 1934, she informed Special Agent R. D. Brown that during the summer of 1933, around the first of July, she, accompanied by Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney, left their Oak Park apartment and drove in two automobiles, with their belongings, to a house on some lake located near Chicago. She stated she believed this lake might possibly be Crystal Lake, Illinois. She described the house as being a well built, two story structure, situated on a terrace overlooking the lake; that a street or highway passed directly in front of the house and by the lake shore; that it was necessary to walk down some steps from the terrace on which the house was built to the street or highway; that it was necessary to cross this highway and then immediately walk down some steps to get to the lake shore. She advised this house had a driveway at the

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side and that it was necessary to shift into second gear in order to get up the driveway; that the garage was built in to the house on one side. She further stated the house was a large house containing two bedrooms downstairs, a large living room and dining room with a kitchen, also a toilet; that upstairs was located four bedrooms and a hallway, but no bath. She stated emphatically that it was not necessary to walk down steps to enter the first floor, as the basement was unfurnished and contained only a hot air furnace, to the best of her recollection. It will be noted from her statement that she was at this house on only one occasion, the occasion being while enroute from Oak Park, Illinois, to a cottage which had been rented for her at Long Lake, Illinois.

On the evening of September 12, 1934, Paula Harmon and Gladys Sawyer accompanied Mr. Cowley, and Special Agents Brown, Deere, Jones and Coulter (Agent Coulter of the St. Paul office interviewed Mrs. Gladys Sawyer with reference to the St. Paul angles of the Bremer and Hamm kidnaping cases) proceeded to Crystal Lake and Lake Geneva, Illinois, but Paula Harmon was unable to point out the house which was occupied by Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney during the summer of 1933.

Paula Harmon refused to state that she knew the location of the hideouts in either the Hamm or Bremer kidnaping cases, but stated she was under the impression that both are located on a lake near Chicago.

On September 14, 1934, Paula Harmon and Gladys Sawyer accompanied by Special Agents E. R. McIntire, A. G. Schuss, R. T. Noonan, R. D. Brown, and T. G. Melvin proceeded to Round Lake, Illinois, which lake, according to Paula Harmon's first statement, was where she resided with Fred Barker, Volney Davis and Edna Grace during July and part of August, 1933. Paula Harmon was unable to locate the cottage on this lake. Agents then proceeded with these two women to Long Lake, Illinois, located approximately two miles South of Fox Lake, Illinois. After some difficulty Paula Harmon pointed out a grocery store operated by a family by the name of Perkins and stated that the cottage was rented from these people. Paula Harmon then suggested that an Agent accompany her into the store and she would engage the Perkins in conversation. Special Agent Brown entered the store with her, at which time Paula Harmon was met by Mr. and Mrs. Perkins and their 16 year old daughter. Paula was referred to as Mrs. Gordon. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins wanted to know the reason for Mrs. Gordon's failure to visit them on Long Lake during the summer of 1934. The conversation developed that the cottage was rented from the Perkins by Mr. Gordon (Fred Barker) and that they resided in

this cottage from July 1st until about the middle of August, 1933, although they had paid their rent until September 1st, the rental being \$300.00 for two months and the cottage being the finest on the lake. Agent Brown casually inquired as to whether "Pancho" could be found on the lake, and the Perkins replied that "Pancho" could probably be located through the Long Lake Lumber Company across the lake. Their conversation indicated that they knew a person by this name.

Paula Harmon then pointed out to Agents the cottage in which she had resided during the summer of 1933. The cottage is located a short distance East of the Perkins' store and is a one story five room cottage. It was not entered at this time. It is painted black and white and there are no steps leading down into a first floor or basement. The general appearance of the cottage did not indicate that it is similar in design or large enough for the hideout, as described by Mr. Bremer.

Agents then proceeded to the Long Lake Lumber Company, where employees were casually questioned as to the whereabouts of "Pancho". His identity, however, was apparently not known.

Agents then proceeded with these two women to Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, Twin Lakes, and Fox Lake, Illinois, where cottages and homes on these lakes were examined, but Paula Harmon was unable to locate the house where Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney resided during the summer of 1933.

Special Agents McIntire, Noonan and Melvin are at the present time conducting investigations at Long Lake and vicinity in an effort to locate the hideout. Their investigation to date indicates that there is such a person going under the name of "Pancho" at Long Lake, but his identity has not been definitely ascertained.

On September 5, 1934 confidential informant [redacted] was requested to proceed to Louis Cernockey's Tavern at Fox River Grove, Illinois to determine whether or not any of the Barker-Karpis gang was frequenting that tavern, or whether Louis Cernockey had any information concerning their whereabouts.

On September 8, 1934 the confidential informant reported to the Chicago office that she had proceeded to Cernockey's tavern and made arrangements to stay for the night, but that about 3 A. M. Mrs. Cernockey came to her room in a highly excited frame of mind and advised that several squad cars had stopped at the tavern and tried to get in; that she would have to leave immediately. She was taken by one of the employees to Barrington to return to Chicago.

To determine whether the confidential informant was giving correct information, Agent Madala proceeded to Fox River Grove and made a number of inquiries at Cernockey's place, in an undercover manner, which verified the confidential informant's report.

On September 6, 1934 the confidential informant was sent to Detroit, Michigan for the purpose of contacting Ted Angus at Toledo, Ohio in an effort to determine the whereabouts of the Barker brothers or members of the gang. She remained in Toledo until September 12, 1934 after being placed in a hotel by Ted Angus. On the night of September 11, 1934 she received a telephone call from Ted Angus, who suggested that she come to his place of business, which she did. After sitting there for several hours she was contacted by Fred Barker, who advised her of the girls being arrested at Cleveland, Ohio, and stated that they were now endeavoring to determine their present whereabouts; that they had been spirited away from Cleveland and that they were bound to locate them and that it would mean trouble for someone. Fred Barker also told informant that Kate Barker was, at the present time, in Europe. The informant told Fred Barker that she was in trouble because of her car, which had been given by Louis Cernockey to Tommy Carroll and that she was also in need of money. Fred Barker told her that he did not carry much money on his person at the present time, but suggested that she meet him in front of Sears, Roebuck & Co., 1334 E. 79th Street, Chicago, Illinois, Friday night, September 14, 1934 at ten o'clock, and that if he failed to appear Friday that she should proceed to the same place at the same time on Saturday night.

Accordingly, Special Agent in Charge Larson, and the informant proceeded to Chicago.

At ten P. M., September 14, 1934 she proceeded to the designated point and immediately thereafter entered a Chevrolet Sedan, which was being driven at a high rate of speed, which suddenly stopped and then drove hurriedly away after she had entered same. Nothing further was heard of the informant until about Midnight, September 15, 1934 when she called the office and was immediately contacted and stated that she had been met by "Slim" Gray and "Doc" Barker, who advised that Freddie Barker had gone to Kansas City and that they were keeping the appointment for him. She stated that they then drove continuously until about ten P. M., September 15, 1934; that Arthur Barker and "Slim" Gray were very cautious and stated that they had not had any sleep for ten days and refused to enter a dwelling. She volunteered to let them sleep in the apartment which she occupied, but they stated that they would not have anything to do with the north side of Chicago, where she is living.

She stated that she sat in the front seat with "Slim" Gray and that Arthur Barker sat in the back seat with a machine gun on his lap at all times ready to use it in the event anything unusual happened.

It is believed that the informant's report is substantially correct, although on one occasion she stated that they drove continuously for about twenty-four hours without making a stop, except for gasoline and oil and sandwiches which "Slim" Gray purchased and ate, and on another occasion she stated that they had parked on a side road for four or five hours. She was let out of the car on the south side of Chicago and proceeded to her apartment by street car. Before separating they told her that they would meet her at the same place at ten o'clock Friday night, September 21, 1934.

During the time that the confidential informant was with Arthur Barker and Slim Gray, Arthur Barker brought up the subject of his and Kate's safe deposit vault being entered, as reported in the newspapers. The informant stated that it was fortunate that there was not much money in the box, according to the newspaper reports,

at which point Arthur Barker said, "Not much money, hell; there was close to six grand." This is approximately correct in that there was \$5,506.00 located in this box.

During the informant's conversation with Arthur Barker and "Slim" Gray, Arthur Barker advised her that he had heard a rumor which he understood originated from one of Louie Cernocky's sons--Eddie Cernocky, to the effect that she had been picked up by the Government. The informant denied to Barker that she had ever been picked up by the Government, but stated that the Government was endeavoring to locate her because of her car, which was given by Cernocky to Tommy Carroll and confiscated by the Government at Little Bohemia. It is not known just how this information was obtained by Eddie Cernocky, but there are several sources from which it might have been. The manager of the apartment in which Helen Ferguson was living at the time she was located knew of the Government's interest in her and had cooperated with the Division in the investigation conducted immediately preceding her apprehension. She was also living with a man by the name of John Burke, who was not at home when the informant was brought to the Chicago office, but later visited the apartment and may have been advised by the manager of the apartment that the Division had inquired for her and had taken the informant with them. Burke is also acquainted with the Cernockys, he having made a number of trips there with the informant. Because of Barker's making this statement to the informant, she is somewhat concerned and dubious as to the purpose behind the inquiry. She feels that should Arthur Barker be able to determine definitely that she had lied to him, he would not hesitate in having her killed. She stated, however, that had she told him she had been questioned by Government Agents and brought to the Division office, he would have had absolutely nothing to do with her.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

All offices receiving copies of this report will carefully review the same and develop any and all leads which should receive attention within their respective territories.

- PENDING -

J. Edgar Hoover
Director

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

September 11, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Cowley telephoned and advised that the apartments and houses in Cleveland were full of a lot of furniture; that the police, of course, had access to the two houses first; that they received an inventory of what was there when they first went in and now the police have turned the keys over to them; that considerable of the stuff is gone but the rest is turned over for their benefit. Mr. Cowley asked whether they should crate this stuff and take it. I asked who it belongs to and Mr. Cowley stated that it belongs to Barker, Karpis and Campbell. I stated we will have to take possession of it although I know how legal that will be; that as they have abandoned it, it should be placed in storage at their expense and after a reasonable time, it can be sold for storage charges; in other words, we want to incur any liability for possessing it. I asked whether it could be stored in the Federal Building and Mr. Cowley stated he did not know but would find out about this and perhaps it can be utilized the same way as the automobiles as they also got a Ford coupe. I asked if that was turned over to us and Mr. Cowley stated it was also abandoned. I told him to take possession of all of it but I do not see how we can use any furniture. Mr. Cowley stated it can be left at the apartment house because if we can not use it, there is no use in taking it. I asked how much there was and Mr. Cowley stated there are about eight rooms.

After discussing this with Mr. Tolson, I told Mr. Cowley to just leave the furniture there. I stated I could not think of any use we could put it to and told Mr. Cowley to tell the apartment building people to take possession of it and do whatever they want it. I told Mr. Cowley to take the car however.

I advised Mr. Cowley that I had been talking with the Director and I would write him a letter that, in connection with the Bremer, Kansas City Massacre and Dillinger cases, communications signed by him, Cowley, will bear his title as Inspector. I stated that will help his prestige on those cases and Mr. Cowley stated he believes it will.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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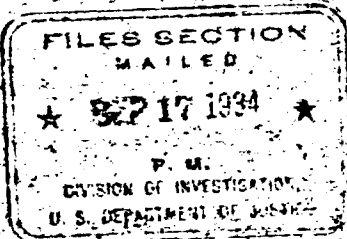
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Special Agent in Charge,
Detroit, Michigan.

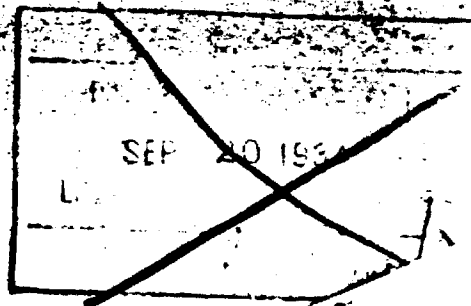
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Ford coupe which was abandoned by Barker, Karpis and Campbell at Cleveland, Ohio, and recovered by Agents of the Division. Mr. Cowley has been advised by Mr. Tamm to take possession of the car and it is now the desire of the Division to know whether or not it will be possible to obtain title to this machine. Please inform the Division as soon as possible on this matter and when so doing also advise as to the year, engine number, and general condition of the car.

Very truly yours,



John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



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REM:RD

J P MacFARLAND
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
612 MARINE TRUST BUILDING
BUFFALO NEW YORK

September 21, 1934

BREKID MISTER LITTLE BUFFALO TIMES TODAY REPORTED DISCOVERY BILL SERIAL
NUMBER EYE NAUGHT FIVE TWO EIGHT EIGHT SEVEN SIX ONE A FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
BUFFALO STOP ALSO REPORTED THREE BILLS MENTIONED REPORT VOGEL SEPTEMBER
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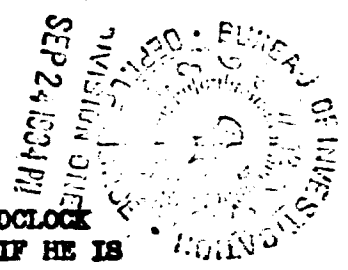
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R H COLVIN *W*
 DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
 U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
 1331 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BLDG
 EL PASO TEXAS

LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA
 SEPTEMBER 18th, 1934

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KREKID [REDACTED] STOP HAVE HEARD NOTHING FROM HIM SINCE NINE OCLOCK
 SATURDAY NIGHT STOP WILL MAKE DISCREET INQUIRIES AND SEE IF HE IS
 STILL IN THIS AREA

Off Bus Govt Rate
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J E P DUNE
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION U S DEPT OF JUSTICE
617 FEDERAL BLDG LOS ANGELES CALIF

BREKID [REDACTED] HAS NOT APPEARED HERE HAVE YOU HEARD FROM HIM

GOLVIN



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Bureau of Investigation
Los Angeles, California
September 19, 1934

Mr. Nathan.....
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Mr. Clegg.....
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Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Schilder.....
Mr. Tamm.....

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Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue at Ninth, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.1218
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases,
I.O.1219, ET AL
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING
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Having reference to my recent telephone conversations with Mr. Tamm at the Division, concerning the activities of the informant [redacted] relative instant matter, I wish to advise that I have heard nothing further from [redacted] since approximately 9:00 P.M. on the 15th instant, at which time he started by automobile for El Paso, Texas, for the stated purpose of contacting certain subjects herein.

At the time [redacted] left Los Angeles, it was definitely agreed that he would communicate with me by telephone on the following day - the purpose being to inform him of any possible changes in the program to be followed upon his arrival at El Paso, Texas. No telephone call was received on the 16th instant.

On the 17th instant, I communicated by telephone with Special Agent in Charge Colvin at El Paso, who advised me that informant [redacted] had not put in an appearance there. Mr. Colvin stated that he would advise me promptly if and when the informant showed up.

On the 18th instant, a telegram was received from Special Agent in Charge Colvin, advising me that informant [redacted] had not yet put in an appearance. I informed Mr. Colvin that a check would be made here in an endeavor to obtain trace of [redacted] movements, or an explanation for his failure to proceed as planned.

On this date, Special Agent [redacted] D. White contacted [redacted]

and was advised [redacted]

automobile, bearing Oklahoma

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Re: Alvin Karpis, et al

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License No. 380-A418, was left in front of his residence in the early evening of the 17th instant, sometime subsequent to 6:00 P.M. In this connection [redacted] stated that when he returned to his residence at 6:00 P.M., the car was not there, but later in the evening, about 8:00 P.M., he noticed the car parked in front of the residence.

[redacted] So far as [redacted] knows, the car has not been used since being parked in front of the residence on the night of the 17th instant.

[redacted] states that he is unable to advise whether or not [redacted] returned with the car, or, if he did return with it, whether he was alone. He stated, however, that in his opinion [redacted] must have had somebody with him, and for that reason did not enter the residence.

[redacted] did not express any concern over the failure of [redacted] to contact him, and in fact advised that the circumstances herein related are more or less routine, and of frequent occurrence.

[redacted] was requested and agreed to inform [redacted] of my desire to communicate with him as soon as he returns [redacted] In this connection, it should be stated that [redacted] requested that the informant be not advised of the fact that a Division Agent had discussed with him the nature of informant's activities, [redacted] saying in this regard that the informant has not discussed with him the details of his activities in cooperating with this Division. [redacted] of course, is generally advised of the situation by reason of the fact that he originally contacted this office for the purpose of enlisting the aid of the Division [redacted] who was then held by Los Angeles County authorities for failure to register under the provisions of local statutes which require all convicted felons to register upon their arrival in this community.

I will keep you fully advised of developments in connection with this matter.

Very truly yours,

J. E. P. Dunn
J. E. P. DUNN
Special Agent in Charge

JEPD:AB

CC St. Paul
Chicago
Little Rock
Oklahoma City
El Paso

AIR MAIL

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

September 18, 1934.

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DIVISION BULLETIN NO. 35,
Fiscal Year 1935,
First Series.

TO ALL SPECIAL AGENTS IN CHARGE:

RE: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER, with aliases,
(Deceased); JOHN HAMILTON, with alias;
I.O. #1220; LESTER M. GILLIS, with
aliases, I.O. #1223; MRS. HELEN GILLIS,
with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. #1230; ET AL;
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT;
CONSPIRACY TO HARBOR FUGITIVES;
PROBATION VIOLATORS.

VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased);
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases,
Fugitive, I.O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY
BOY" FLOYD, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. #1194;
ET AL; CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219;
ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;
KIDNAPING.

Until further notice at least one copy of all re-
ports, letters and other communications prepared in the
above entitled cases shall be furnished to the Chicago Di-
vision office.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,

Director.

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EME:BN

Room 1408
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York

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September 20, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Salt Lake City, Utah

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
ROY J. FRISCH (VICTIM)
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of September 8, 1934, requesting that the original of the letter appearing in report of Special Agent A. R. Gere of your office, dated 4/3/34, be returned to your office if in the possession of this office.

Please be advised that I have caused the New York file on the above case to be searched to ascertain whether this original letter, quoted on page three of the above-mentioned report, was contained therein. Such letter is not in possession of this office.

Very truly yours,

cc/Division

F. X. FAY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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P.O. Drawer 567
San Francisco, Calif.

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Sept. 18, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1228,
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219, et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING.

This will confirm my telegram of today in reply to yours of
the same date.

California license 3-T-7674 was issued to Mrs. Fred H.
Stoddard, 146 South Berkeley Avenue, Pasadena, California, for Oldsmobile
six cylinder de luxe Patrician, Motor No. F-308530, Serial No. DP 16128.
The General Motors Corporation, Los Angeles, California, is the legal
owner.

Very truly yours,

E. P. Guinan,
Special Agent in Charge.

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1616 Federal Reserve
Lark Building
Kansas City, Missouri

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September 20, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

On September 18, 1934, while at the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, Special Agent A. E. Farland of this office was advised that Goldie Johnson had called to see Jim Clark on September 8 and 11. She was denied admittance on her first visit, and on the second visit was accompanied by an attorney, Mr. Carl C. Weaver, Pawhuska, Oklahoma. This information is furnished for whatever interest it may have to your office.

Very truly yours,

R. E. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge

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San Francisco, California. Sept. 18, 1934.

M. H. PURVIS
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
1900 BANKERS' BUILDING
CHICAGO ILL.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

385 Post Office Building
Cleveland, Ohio

SEP 27 1934

September 10, 1934

Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Dept of Justice
1001 Vermont Ave. N. W.
Washington, D. C.

RE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases I.O.1218
Arthur R. BARKER with aliases I.O.1219
Edward Bremer - Victim
Kidnaping

Dear Sir : -

Acting upon instructions received from Special Agent in Charge,
William Larson, attached hereto find Underwood Portable Typewriter,
596064.

This machine was recovered at 3973 West 140 Street, Cleveland,
Ohio, on Saturday, September 8, 1934, and it has definitely been estab-
lished that the above address was rented and occupied by Alvin Karpis
and others.

Very truly yours

W. E. Peters

W. E. Peters, Special Agent

MEP
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cc - St Paul

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*Memo Dir. Tamm
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

Case: Brekid

Number: 7-576-2927

Specimens: One Underwood Portable Typewriter #596064.

Examination requested by: Special Agent Peters, Cleveland, Ohio

Date received: 9-27-34

Examination requested: Typewriter.

Result of examination:

Examination by: Pickering.

image too faint to read so very few
of the letters would print. ~~Some~~
After spending last a little specimen
was taken. image may be to
properly show ~~with~~ all Underwood pieces in file
Typing compared with 7-260, 7-299, 7-416, 7-407,
7-493, 7-794, 7-827, 7-528, 7-389, 7-824, 28
also all typewriter specimens in Bremer
Case including tip & crank letters
Mr. ident

September 13, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

The following articles have recently been received at the Chief Clerk's Office of the Division:

From St. Paul Office, September 7, 1934. Re: JOHN DILLINGER.

One .38 Colt super-automatic, secret firing pin #14130. This automatic was recovered at Little Bohemia Lodge.

One shoulder holster, found at apartment occupied by John Dillinger at 93-95 South Lexington Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

From Cleveland Office, September 12, 1934. Re: ALVIN KARPIS.

One Underwood Portable Typewriter #596064, which was found at 3973 West 140 Street, Cleveland, Ohio. It has been definitely established that the above address was rented and occupied by Alvin Karpis and others.

The gun and holster have been delivered to your office. The typewriter is being retained in this office pending instructions. In respect to the typewriter should be disposed of it.

Respectfully,

SEP 25 1934 W. R. Glavin.

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1900 BANKERS BUILDING,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

September 21, 1934.

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

Dear Sir: In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O.
1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases,
I. O. 1219; et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

Copies of the report submitted by Special
Agent R. D. Brown, dated at Chicago, Illinois,
September 19, 1934, have been sent to all field
offices.

Very truly yours,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. COWLEY,
Inspector.

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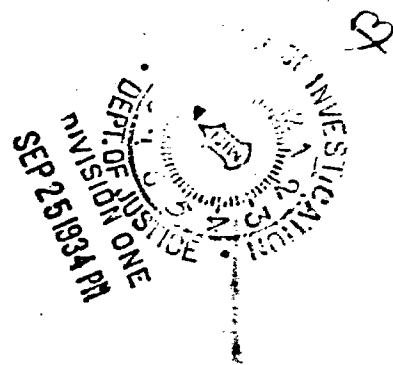
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Post Office Box 2118

Detroit, Michigan

September 21 1934



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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter of September 15, 1934, concerning the Ford Coupe which was abandoned by Barker, Karpis and Campbell at Cleveland, Ohio, and recovered by Agents of the Division.

In response to the Division's inquiry as to whether or not it will be possible to obtain title to the Ford Coupe, this is to advise that this office is now engaged in tracing the origin and ownership of this car and a letter is being forwarded to the Cincinnati Office requesting them to obtain information as to whom the license plates and title were issued. I am also addressing a communication to the Chicago Office requesting that they forward to this office one of the forms used there in confiscating automobiles.

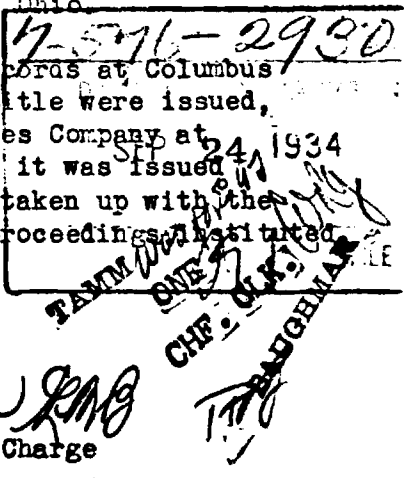
It appears that the Division will be able to obtain title to this Ford Coupe, which is described as follows: 1934 Deluxe V-8 Coupe, Motor 683450, 30-horse power. The coupe is painted black and has five wire wheels and is apparently in excellent condition, the mileage being 8000 miles. This office is in possession of a bill of sale issued by the Jess J. Ellis Motor Sales Company, 3519 Detroit Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, to George Winfield, 631 St. Clair Street, Toledo. The bill of sale is signed by Jess J. Ellis as Grantor and George Winfield as Grantee and is dated March 21, 1934. Verification is before Thomas Gardner, Notary Public for Lucas County, Ohio.

When it is officially ascertained from the records at Columbus the name of the party to whom the license plates and title were issued, this office will interview the Jess J. Ellis Motor Sales Company at Toledo and trace the above described car, showing that it was issued to a fictitious party, after which the matter will be taken up with the United States Attorney at Cleveland and condemnation proceedings instituted.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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FILE NO. 7-12

REPORT MADE AT: Los Angeles	DATE WHEN MADE: 9-20-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 8-24-34	REPORT MADE BY: W. M. BOTT AB
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218, ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219, ET AL Edward George Bremer - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Investigation discloses that THOMAS W. SMITH of Glendale, Calif. is the seventeen-year-old son of WILLIAM SMITH, Chief Inspector, California State Athletic Commission, and that in the Spring of this year, he made the trip East with an unknown detective. Investigation disclosed that apparently the Smith family are respectable citizens.

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REFERENCE:

Telegram from Kansas City Division Office, dated 8-24-34.

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DETAILS:

Special Agents Bott and Kneen of the Los Angeles Division Office observed the premises at 328 West Lomita Avenue, Glendale, California, and noticed a parked Hupmobile Sedan, 1934 California License No. 8B 9165, which car, according to the records of the California Motor Vehicle Division, is registered to WILLIAM SMITH at the above address, and which showed that the Packer Motor Company of 901 So. Brand Blvd., Glendale, is legal owner of said car.

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Agents discreetly interviewed MR. V. H. PACKER, manager of the Packer Motor Company, who stated that he has known MRS. MARY E. SMITH, wife of WILLIAM SMITH, for ten years, and that she is apparently a very respectable woman; that she has a son named Tom, about eighteen years of age, who attended the Herbert Hoover High School at Glendale.

Agent discreetly interviewed the Registrar of the above high school, who permitted Agent to examine the record of THOMAS W. SMITH, 528 West Lomita Avenue, Glendale, which record disclosed that THOMAS W. SMITH is the son of WILLIAM SMITH, Chief Inspector of the California State Athletic Commission; that he was born in 1917, and that he left school on May 9, 1934. The Registrar volunteered the statement that Tom left school early in May, 1934 for the purpose of going East with some detective, but that he expected to return to Glendale for school in the Fall of 1934.

The above information was transmitted telegraphically to the Kansas City Division Office, which office, in reply under date of August 25, 1934, advised the Los Angeles office that further inquiry should be dropped.

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

FILE NO. **7-4**

REPORT MADE AT: Omaha, Nebraska	DATE WHEN MADE: 9-21-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 9-10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 & 17-34	REPORT MADE BY: J. R. GREEN & R. B. SMITH dr
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219, ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: All available witnesses of Fairbury, Nebraska bank robbery, April 4, 1933, interviewed. Identifications made of Frank Nash, Arthur Barker, Alvin Karpis and Earl Christman as participants. Unable to establish presence of Verne Miller, Fred Barker and Eddie Green. Clyde Nimerick identified by many witnesses. Unable to obtain identification of Jack Griffin of Kansas City nor T. J. Gerson. Loot consisted of \$25,450.43 in currency and silver and \$126,750.00 in bonds. Detailed list of bonds forwarded to San Francisco office. None of bonds in interstate shipment at time of robbery. Shell cases and slugs found at scene of robbery obtained and forwarded to Division along with gun abandoned by robbers. Photograph of latent print developed on gun at time of robbery also forwarded to Division.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Copy Brekid letter from Division to Kansas City office 9-1-34. Copy Brekid letter from Division to St. Paul office 9-4-34. Copy Kanmo letter from Kansas City office to Division 9-6-34. Kanmo letter from Kansas City office to Omaha office 9-7-34. Telegram from San Francisco office to Omaha office 9-10-34.</p> <p>DETAILS: This is a joint report of Special Agent R. B. Smith and Special Agent J. R. Green.</p>			
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The First National Bank of Fairbury, Nebraska was robbed by a gang of from five to seven men about 9:30 A.M. on April 4, 1933. The loot amounted to \$25,450.43 in currency and silver and \$126,750.00 in bonds. These bonds were largely Government Coupon bonds, but there were also registered Government bonds and a miscellaneous lot of coupon bonds other than Government. A detailed list of these bonds was obtained from Cashier R. S. Wilfley, of the Fairbury bank and is now in the possession of the San Francisco office. All the bonds were property of customers of the bank and were held by the bank in its vaults for safe keeping. None were in interstate shipment.

The bank building at Fairbury is a two-story building located on the northwest corner of 5th & E Streets. 5th Street runs east and west; E Street runs north and south. The one entrance to the bank is on the south side of the building on 5th Street. The County Courthouse is located in the center of the block to the south of the bank. There is a two-story mercantile building on the corner to the east of the bank across the street. The entrance hallway to the bank is about 8 feet wide by 12 feet long. There are two enclosed offices in the hallway, one on each side and forming the walls of the entrance. The Hallway opens directly into the lobby of the bank. There are six cages in a row, running east and west, on the north side of the lobby. The bank's vault is in back of the third cage from the left. On the west side of the bank, to your left as you enter the bank, are two cages for the savings department with two entrances to the bank, one on each side of these cages. On the east, to your right as you enter the bank is a rail with two desks behind for the cashier and the assistant cashier. There is one entrance thru this rail to the extreme south end.

An insurance agent, Homer Yeakle, was a witness to the robbery, with the best opportunity of seeing the start of the hold-up. He has an insurance agency at 511 5th Street, one-quarter of a block east of the bank. He left his office the morning of the robbery, accompanied by his daughter, Gwen Yeakle, and step-daughter, Wilma Vaughn, and started for the bank. They walked directly behind two men who had passed his office, walking west on 5th Street, towards the bank. When they reached the bank, the two men opened the door permitting Yeakle and his daughters to enter the bank and then walked in behind them and pushed them roughly into the lobby and commenced the hold-up. Yeakle states that there were five robbers in the bank including the two who had followed him in; one in the southwest corner of the lobby, one in the northwest corner of the lobby, one in front of the teller's cage second from the right, one behind the rail at the cashier's desk and one with a machine gun in the southeast corner of the lobby.

The movements of four men have been definitely ascertained. The man at the teller's window ordered all the tellers back from the cages and aided forcing all of the customers of the bank to lie down on their faces in the lobby. The man appeared to be directing the operations. The man at the cashier's desk marched the cashier and his secretary back of the cages, herding all the tellers along as he went and over to the northwest corner of the bank, where all the employees were forced to lie down. Back in the northeast corner of the bank is a separate room known as the

posting room, and one of the robbers, unknown, brought the two men out of this room, and they joined the parade over to the northwest corner of the bank where they were also forced to lie down. The man with the cashier took him into the vault, ascertained who knew the combination of the safe, called this teller into the vault and took all the bonds and currency he could find and placed them in a sack. Each of the tellers was called into the vault in turn to open his cash box. The man in the southwest corner of the lobby went around back of the savings department cages, forced the tellers to lie down and then went around behind the six teller's cages and rifled each cage. He then entered the vault and demanded the silver vaults to be opened. The two robbers then left the vault. Some one of the robbers unknown picked up four of the girl employees in the northwest corner of the bank, at the order of the man directing the holdup in the lobby and marched them down the west side of the bank behind the savings cages and out to the front door. They were met here by the man directing the holdup in the lobby and by the man who had taken the cashier into the vault. The latter now had a machine gun and came to the front door from the east side of the bank thru the gate by the cashier's desk.

In the meantime, one of the robbers unknown picked up two of the men employees, Keith Sexton and John Knobel, in the northwest corner of the bank and marched them east back of the tellers' cages, then along the east side and up to the front door. They got there just after the four girls arrived. Another robber took the two men at the door and marched them outside of the bank, east to the corner and out to the bandit car. This car was parked, facing north on E. Street on the wrong side of the street about ten feet north of the corner. The two men employees were made to stand beside the car, one at the front door of the car and one at the rear fender with the robber standing between them.

The Sheriff's office was notified by this time, and Deputy Sheriff W. S. Davidson and a machine-gun salesman, Glen Johnson of Des Moines, Iowa, who was in the Sheriff's office at the time, came running out of the court house across the lawn towards the bank. These men saw the robber march the two men employees out to the car as they approached. Using the girls as shields, the two men in the lobby of the bank fired four shots through the door of the bank, dropping Johnson in the street and hitting Davidson in the ankle. Davidson ran over to the corner and shot the robber standing by the car, hitting him in the chest. This robber who had taken a machine gun out of the car crumpled against the car, then came up firing and shot Sexton five times who was standing at the rear fender of the car.

Back in the lobby of the bank, the two men at the front door marched the four girls over to the east windows of the bank, using them as shields and then jumped out of the window. Previously a different robber, unknown, had picked up Miss Wilma Vaughn from the lobby and put her out one of the east windows following her through.

One robber was outside patrolling the east side of the bank with a machine gun all the time. He stopped a Mrs. Frances Wilson on the street, and she and Miss Vaughn were taken along in the car as hostages. The entire holdup lasted eight minutes. The car then drove north one mile and east one-half mile to what is known as the K-Street corner, where the girls were let out.

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A farmer, J. P. Klaassen, working in a field just northeast of the K-Street corner saw the car stop to let two people get out, and then the car drove east again down into a valley and out of sight. When the car drove up the other side of the valley, it was followed by a second car closely, and they both disappeared to the east. Carpet tacks were scattered along the road from the bank up to Klaassen's farm.

Mrs. Wilson states that there were six men in the car besides the two girls. Miss Vaughn states positively, that there were only five, she having made it a point to count them several times to make sure.

Witnesses of the robbery were interviewed and asked to make identifications of the following list of suspects, whose pictures were examined:

Frank Nash, Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, Arthur Barker, Eddie Green, Sam Teran, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, Verne Miller, Clyde Nimerick, Earl Christman, Jack Griffin and T. J. Gerson.

A picture of Frank Nash, which was cut from the Kansas City Star by one of the bank employees the day of the Union Station Massacre was used for exhibition in addition to the I. O. photograph and the original photograph used in making the I. O. picture.

Witnesses of the robbery were interviewed as follows:

R. S. WILFLEY, Cashier of the First National Bank, Fairbury, Nebraska. Wilfley's desk sat on the east side of the bank lobby behind the rail. He was dictating to his secretary, Miss Nell Hastey, when a man approached his desk from the inside of the rail, holding an automatic pistol in his hand. Glancing up, Wilfley saw a man standing along side the rail in the southeast corner of the lobby with a machine gun, but he couldn't describe him as he was too occupied with the man in front of him. This man was dark complected and mean looking, but Wilfley could not describe him further. He and Miss Hastey were pushed back past the posting room to the rear of the cages, the robber holding him by his coat collar. About half way between the posting room and the vault, he was whirled around and asked if he were the President of the bank. Wilfley told the robber that he was Cashier. He was then commanded to open the safe, and upon telling the robber that he did not know the combination was asked, "Who does?". Thereupon, Frank Nelson, Teller, was called, and the two men were taken into the vault. The robber kept jabbing them with his gun and saying, "Going to have to shoot somebody today if you don't hurry up". Nelson opened the safe, and the robber took the bonds and currency which were in it. He then made Wilfley call the other tellers into the vault, one by one, to open their cash boxes. Another robber then came into the vault and demanded that the silver vault be opened. He didn't take anything however from this vault, and the two robbers left at that time. About this time, the shooting started out in front of the bank and Nelson and Wilfley got down on the floor. Wilfley was unable to describe the second man to come into the vault, but thinks the picture of Jack Griffin resembles him.

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MISS NELL HASTLEY, Secretary to Mr. Wilfley, was taking dictation from him when a man approached the desk inside the rail. She described this man as being small, very dark complected, rough talking, very nervous, dark beady eyes and holding an automatic pistol. This man marched them around to the northwest corner of the bank, and while on her way over, she got a glimpse of a man in a leather jacket entering the front door of the bank. She was then made to lie down on her face on the floor. Shortly after that, she was picked up from behind and marched in back of the savings cages and out to the front door of the bank. She didn't get a look at the man taking them out to the front door. Madlyn Mergen, Ruth Skidmore, Olive Halleck and herself were put in the lobby in a line just across the entrance to the bank. Two men were at the door of the bank when the girls were lined up there. She described one man as 45 to 50 years of age, 6 ft. tall, 185 to 200 pounds in weight, wearing a small black mustache, big nose and wearing a dark grey suit. This man was very calm in his manner and smoked very quietly. She picked the Kansas City Star picture of Frank Nash as being this man and was very definite in her decision. She says that she is certain that the other man at the door was the short dark one that took her and Mr. Wilfley around back to start with. She also said that Arthur Barker resembled this man, but she couldn't be certain in her opinion. Keith Bexton and John Knobel were brought out to the east side of the bank by some man whom she didn't see, just after the girls were brought out, and the two men were taken out the door. While the girls were standing in the front of the lobby, the little fellow kept saying, "Going to have to kill somebody today". The big man, using Olive Halleck as a shield, fired four shots through the front door of the bank, after ordering the smaller man with the machine gun not to shoot. This same man then took the girls over to the east windows of the bank where the two men went out through the windows.

MISS RUTH SKIDMORE, Clerk, was working at a desk directly in back of Mr. Wilfley's desk and saw a big man step up to Frank Nelson's cage, second teller from the right, and push an automatic pistol through the bars of the cage. She was marched over to the northwest corner of the bank and made to lie down on the floor. She says that the big man that she saw out in front at first was the one that picked up the four girls and marched them around to the front door. She couldn't give a description of either of these two men, but says that the big man resembled the picture of Frank Nash which was taken from the Kansas City Star. She further stated that he was very calm, soft spoken, gentlemanly and wore a mustache. She also saw the man with the machine gun at the front door, describing him as about 5 ft. 2 in. tall, small build, dark complected, very nervous, upper lip twitching continually and had a mole on his cheek. She picked the picture of Fred Barker as looking more like this man than that of Arthur Barker.

FRANK CONRAD, Teller in the first cage on the right, states that the only man he had a good look at was the man directing the holdup from the lobby. He says that this man was the first man in the lobby, having walked up to the desk in the east side of the lobby, opened up a brief case at that desk and pulled out an automatic pistol. This man then approached Frank Nelson's cage, second from the right and next to Conrad's and ordered the tellers back from the cages. Conrad describes this man as 5 ft. 10 in., 170 to 180 pounds, dark complected, Italian appearance, prominent cheek bones and wearing a mustache. He picks the Kansas City Star picture of Frank Nash as being this man. Conrad was forced to lie down, and then was called

into the vault to open his cash box. There were two bandits in the vault at the time, but they were both behind him, and he did not get a look at either of them. He then lie down again and remained in this position until the robbery was over.

FRANK NELSON, Teller in the second cage from the right, states that he saw the man who came up to his cage. He said he was a tall man, that he had a prominent nose, but was wearing a hat and holding an automatic pistol right up to his face so that he (Nelson) could not describe him. However, in a previous statement of Nelson's, taken by Arthur Denny, County Attorney, at the time of the robbery, Nelson described this same man as being 6 ft. tall, 190 pounds, large eyes, fair complexion, short stubby mustache and wearing a dark grey suit. Nelson stated that he saw this same man in the lobby five minutes before the robbery started, but paid no particular attention to him. Nelson was called back to the vault by Cashier Wilfley, since he was the only man in the bank at that time who knew the combination to the safe, but the bandit was behind him at all times, and he could not describe him. He was unable to furnish a description of either of the two men he came in contact with.

STERLING PICKERING was working in the posting room, which is a separate room back in the northeast corner of the bank. He heard a commotion out in the bank and then a man appeared at the door of the posting room and ordered him and Keith Sexton out of the room. He is unable to describe this man in any way. He stated that he walked west in back of the cages and started to go into the vault, following the man in front of him, when he was ordered out of the vault and was marched over to the northwest corner of the bank by a man standing at the vault door. He describes this man as small, swarthy, pocked-marked face and was holding a machine gun. He could not identify any of the pictures shown him and stated that he did not see any more of the proceedings of the robbery after this as he was lying down on the floor the rest of the time.

KEITH SEXTON, Clerk, was working in the posting room with Pickering when some man appeared at the door of the posting room and ordered them out. He describes this man as between 28 and 30 years of age, blond hair, fairly tall, thin face and wearing a leather jacket. They were marched over to the northwest corner of the bank and forced to lie down. Soon after this, some man picked him up from behind and marched him and John Knobel east, back behind the cages, down the east side and out to the front door of the bank. He never saw this man as he was behind them all the time, but they were pushed and shoved roughly all the way. Sexton believes that a different man took them to the front door and marched them outside of the bank, along the south side of the bank and into the street, along the right side of the car that was standing there. All the doors of this car were open, but there was no one in it. Sexton stood by the rear fender of the car and Knobel by the front door with the bandit standing between them. As soon as they arrived at the car, the bandit got a machine gun out of the car, off of the back seat, and just got it in position when he crumpled against the car. Sexton didn't realize what had happened, but apparently Davidson's shot was the reason for the bandit slumping down against the car. The bandit immediately got up however and started firing; as a result of this firing, Sexton was shot five times. Sexton was unable to describe any of the man he saw, saying that he was so intent on listening and obeying the Bandit's commands, that he

didn't do much looking around. Sexton, however, selects the picture of Earl Christman from the group examined and said that he was of the same general appearance as the man who was shooting by the side of the car. Sexton also stated that he had the impression that the man who was marching Wilfley to the vault was the same man that was shot out by the car. He bases this entirely on the fact that the man with Wilfley, who was right in front of Sexton when he came out of the posting room, was wearing the same kind of a suit as the fellow out by the car. Sexton states that the above is just a vague impression of the whole thing as he never saw the face of the man with Wilfley.

JOHN KNOBEL, Assistant Cashier, has the first desk on the east side, behind the rail. This desk is in front of Cashier Wilfley's desk. Knobel, however was at the pencil sharpener directly behind Conrad's cage, the first on the right. The first thing he heard was a command to back out of the cages, and then he saw Wilfley being marched along the east side of the bank. Knobel walked ahead of Wilfley over to the northwest corner of the bank in approximately two minutes and some man picked him up from behind and marched him and Sexton east in back of the cages, down the east side of the bank to the front door. Knobel never saw who this man was, but states that he was very rough with them. At the front door, a man took them outside and marched them over to the car. Knobel stood by the front door of the car which had no one in it. Knobel was facing north and never saw the man who brought them out of the bank. When he heard the shots that hit Sexton, he dropped to the street and remained there until the car drove away. The only man Knobel saw was a man entering the cages from the west to rifle them, and he only got a glimpse of this man as he (Knobel) lay down on the floor at that time. He describes him as a young man, 20 to 24 years of age, medium weight and height, very nervous and was carrying a cloth sack in his hands. Knobel picked Verne Miller's picture in preference to that of Alvin Karpis as resembling the man he saw, but stated that his memory was very hazy by now. Knobel definitely discarded the picture of Jack Griffin as being this individual. Knobel also stated that he had seen a man resembling Clyde Nimerick in the bank sometime previously to the holdup but didn't see him the day of the robbery.

WILLIAM V. SUTHERLAND, Teller in the third cage from the right was transacting some business with a Mrs. Gilmore and was waiting for her to endorse a pile of checks, when he saw Yaekle, the insurance agent, come in the bank with his two daughters. One man, a big fellow, went up to Nelson's cage, which was next to Sutherland's, and the other man went around east to Wilfley's desk. Sutherland was unable to describe either man, but says Nash's picture was the closest thing to the big man in the lobby as any picture he has ever seen. Sutherland turned to the west and came face to face with a man just entering the tellers' cages from the west. He got a very good look at this man and describes him as being 35 years old, 5 ft. 9 in. tall, 140 pounds in weight, very pale face, clean shaven, dark eyes. Sutherland states positively that this man was Alvin Karpis; that he thought so the first time he ever saw the picture of Karpis some months ago, and he still thinks so, although the testimony of most of his fellow employees disagrees with him. He says that the greatest point of resemblance is in the eyes. At this time, Sutherland was hit over the head from behind with a gun and dropped to the floor, although not knocked out. He was later called into the vault to open his cash box, but was too dazed by the blow on his head to be able to remember any details of the men in the vault. He remained in a corner of the vault during the remainder of the robbery.

OLIVE HALLECK, Clerk, was working at an adding machine directly back of Mr. Sutherland's cage. She heard the command given by the bandit and went over to the northwest corner of the bank and layed down as directed. The man who ordered her to lie down was over 35 years of age, 5 ft. 9 in. tall, had a sandy colored mustache and wore a suede jacket. She just had time to glance at this man. Shortly after lying down, she was helped to her feet and brought around to the front door with three other girls, all employees of the bank. She saw no one else closely enough to describe or recognize until she arrived at the front door of the bank. There were two men here, one a big fellow over 8 feet tall, about 40 years of age, with a prominent nose, dark mustache, wearing a dark grey suit, very calm and sure of himself. This man lined the four girls up in the lobby across the entrance, using them as shields. The other man in the lobby had a machine gun and was small, about 5 ft. 3 in. tall, 35 to 38 years of age, dark complected, beady black eyes, with a dark mole on his right cheek and was very nervous. This man with the machine gun was very excited and wanted to get into action with the machine gun when he saw the men approaching across the court house lawn. The big fellow had to calm him down, telling him not to shoot, and that he (the big fellow) would take care of them. Using Miss Halleck as a shield, he fired four shots over her right shoulder. She was facing him at the time and got a good look at his face. She picks the Kansas City Star picture of Frank Nash as being the big man and Arthur Barker as being the little machine gunner. After the robbers left, Miss Halleck and Harold Livingston discovered the brief case lying on the east table in the lobby. They both state that the brief case was strapped shut, as each of them unbuckled one strap. This brief case will be covered later in this report.

HAROLD LIVINGSTON, Teller in the third cage from the left, heard a shout, looked up and saw a big man at Frank Nelson's cage with an automatic pointed at Nelson. He described this man as being 50 years old, 6 feet tall, dark hair, dark mustache and wearing a dark suit. He picks the picture of the Kansas City Star of Frank Nash as being this man quite definitely. Livingston also saw a robber enter the cages from the west. He describes him as being 5 ft. 8 in. tall, slender build, fair complexion and wearing a light brown suit. Livingston can't say definitely that the man was either Karpis or Verne Miller, but says that they both answer the general description. Livingston confirms Miss Halleck's story about the brief case being strapped shut and that each of them unbuckled one strap. Livingston further stated that he could place four men in the bank; the big man and the little machine gunner in the lobby, a man rifling the cages, and one other man walking around behind the cages. He was unable to give a description of these other men.

J. S. HEAD, Teller in the second cage on the left, saw three men on the east side of the bank lobby. A man came up towards his cage with a machine gun. He describes this man as 5 ft. 8 in. tall, 160 pounds in weight, dark complected, with prominent black eyebrows, looked like a Jew or Cirian and wore a black suit and hat. Head has picked Abe Jankowitz at St. Paul and also Wincel Urban at Fort Madison, Iowa as being the man. Head later switched from Urban to William Engler, also at Fort Madison. Head says this man, after approaching the cage, walked back across the lobby to the east side. Head saw three men push Yaekle and his two daughters into the lobby, but insists that the tall man directing the holdup in the lobby was in the bank before

the holdup started and was standing at the east table in the lobby looking south, out the door. This man brought a brief case into the lobby that was later found on that same table. He says this man was tall and had on a light colored top coat or rain coat and a felt hat. Head believes this man is the tall one who remained in the lobby during the holdup, and at Minneapolis, Head identified Sam Teran as being this individual. Head also got a glimpse of the man marching Cashier Wilfley back to the vault. He picked the picture of Clyde Nimerick, the night after the robbery, as being this man, describing him as short, dark and chunky. Head stated that he got a good look at the man coming around from the west side of the bank. He further states that this robber went thru the saving cages forcing Mr. Merrill and Miss Hoops to lie down and then ran into the safety deposit vault and came out and rifled the savings tellers' cages. Head describes this man as being 5 ft. 9 in. tall, 150 pounds, very pale face well-filled out, glaring eyes and wearing a pale brown suit. This man was carrying an automatic pistol in his left hand, which he put in his left coat pocket, and then took out a sack which he filled as he left the cages. Head picks Jack Griffin's picture as being this individual.

MAILEY MERGEN, was at the statement window, the first cage to the left at the time of the holdup. She states that two men walked over to the west side of the bank. One went thru the south door by the savings cages. The fellow at the north door by the savings cages ordered her and Head to put up their hands. She was unable to describe this man, because she was watching the one who came out of the savings cages and started to rifle the tellers' cages. She described this man as young and good looking, about 25 years of age, 5 ft. 11 in. tall, 150 pounds, blue eyes. She stated that it might be Miller or Karpis, but she was sure that it was not Griffin. She then lay down in the northwest corner of the bank with the other employees but was told to get up immediately, and was one of the four girls that was marched around to the front door. The fellow who marched the four girls around to the front door, she describes as being medium height, chunky and rough looking, eyes deeply circled with heavy eyebrows, very square jaws and wearing a dark suit and hat. She picks the picture of Earl Christman as looking very much like this man and definitely discards the picture of Clyde Nimerick. At the front door, two men with their guns were there. One was 6 feet tall with dark hair, dark brown eyes and dark mustache. This man wore a dark grey suit, was very calm and kindly. She picked the Kansas City Star picture of Frank Nash as being this man. The other man came out from the east side of the bank by the cashier's desk. This man was 38 to 40 years old, Italian appearance, very nervous and had a machine gun. She picked the picture of Arthur Barker as resembling this man, especially in profile; for a full-face picture of Fred Barker, it looked more like him, especially the nose. The tall man fired four shots out the front door of the bank, and then took the four girls over to the east windows of the bank. She saw a blond-looking fellow put Miss Vaughn out of the window just before she got there. Then the two men went out the window also.

MISS HENRIETTA HOOPS, Teller in the savings deposit cage, was unable to give a description of the man who forced her to lie down on the floor, nor could she identify any of the pictures.

MR. MERRILL, Vice-President, who was held up in the other savings deposit cage is now dead.

E. A. STARK, customer, 414 4th Street, Fairbury, Nebraska, was standing at the east table in the lobby talking with Luther Nelson. He saw two men in the southeast corner of the bank near Wilfley's desk. These men are the ones that marched the cashier, the girls and the tellers around back of the cages and into the northwest corner. Stark can describe only one of them. This man was 5 ft. 4 in. tall, small build, very hard looking, dark complected with deep wrinkles on each side of his mouth running from nose to corner of mouth and wearing a travanett coat. Stark picked Abe Jankowitz in St. Paul as being this man. He couldn't recognize any of the pictures examined. He was made to lie down in the lobby and remained there the rest of the time.

ED HOWE, customer, 611 4th Street, Fairbury, was at Conrad's window, first on the right. The first thing he was aware of was a gun in his back. The man who had the gun in his back was in front of Frank Nelson's cage, and Howe describes him as being 6 feet tall, weighing 180 pounds, dark complected, wearing a short stubby dark mustache, coarse featured, prominent Roman nose, sharp piercing eyes, very calm and smoking very quietly. He reminded Howe of an army officer in his appearance. Howe cannot identify any pictures as being this man, but definitely eliminates Sam Teran as a possible suspect. Howe also saw a man with a machine gun in the lobby and describes him as being 5 ft. 6 in. tall, 170 pounds, squinty eyes, very nervous, always out of control from being doped. Howe picked Clyde Nimerick as being this man. Howe was forced to lie down in the lobby and did not see any others.

MRS. GILMORE, customer, 921 7th Street, Fairbury, was standing at Sutherland's cage, third from the right. The only man she saw was the man at the next cage, who was rather tall, had a mustache and spoke quietly as a gentleman. Mrs. Gilmore's eyesight is not good, and she could not identify any pictures.

LORENZ SCHRODER, customer, 513 5th Street, Fairbury, came into the bank while the robbery was in progress. He was met at the door by two men. One was 6 feet tall, 200 pounds in weight, square shouldered, big nose, small mustache and wearing a dark suit. This fellow told him to lie down. Schroder not only picked the Kansas City Star picture of Frank Nash as being this man, but also picked the I. O. of Nash before seeing the newspaper picture. Schroder definitely eliminated Sam Teran as being this man. Schroder also described the other man at the door as being 5 ft. 4 in. tall, 130 pounds in weight, thin face, dark complexion with a degenerated look, very nervous, wearing a dark brown suit and carrying a machine gun. Schroder picked Arthur Barker's picture as looking like this man. Schroder also saw another man in the lobby in front of the savings cages, whom he describes as being 5 ft. 9 in. tall, 175 pounds, chunky build, square shoulders, dark hair and dark complexion. He picks the picture of Clyde Nimerick as being this man. Schroder then lay down as requested and did not see anymore of the robbery.

CHARLES LIEN, customer, 808 6th Street, Fairbury, was standing at Miss Hoops' window in the savings department, when he saw the fellow in back of the savings department cages, and he says he was a young man, medium height, fair complexion, but he could not make any further identification of him. He also lay down on the floor and did not see anymore of the robbery.

AL SPENCER, customer, 19 C Street, Fairbury, was at Mr. Merrill's window in the savings department. He saw a fellow in back of Merrill's cage whom he describes as rather young, 5 ft. 10 in. tall, rather thin; he just glanced at him and says that Alvin Karpis resembled the man. Spencer then turned around and saw a big fellow in the center of the lobby, the man over by Wilfley's desk, the one with the machine gun in the southeast corner of the bank and a dark heavy-set fellow walking down thru the center of the lobby. This latter man hit Spencer over the head with a gun to make him lie down. Spencer cannot describe or identify any of the other men.

HOMER YACKLE, customer, 511 5th Street, is the insurance agent who walked into the bank with his two daughters; his story was given above. Yackle, however, identified Sam Teran at Minneapolis as being the big man whom he followed over to the bank, and it should be noted that he was behind him all the way over.

W. S. DAVIDSON, Deputy Sheriff, stated that he was in the Sheriff's office with Glen Johnson, machine gun salesman, when they heard some machine gun fire. They ran down to the ground floor and were met at the door by a man who told them that the bank was being held up. They ran across the court house lawn toward the bank and saw a robber marching Keith Sexton and John Knobel out the front door and over to the automobile while they were approaching the bank. As they reached the street, someone fired four shots out of the front door of the bank, the first shot hitting Johnson and knocking him down, and the third shot striking Davidson in the ankle. Davidson ran east to E Street, took aim at the robber by the car who was with the two men employees and shot him in the chest. This man crumpled against the car and then came up firing his machine gun. The two men employees both dropped to the street and another man on the east side of the bank, with a machine gun, attracted by the shooting, started firing his gun at Davidson, and Davidson had to stay under cover. Davidson also had to apply a tourniquet to his ankle at this time as an artery had been cut. Davidson said that he had previously picked Clyde Nimerick as the man he shot by the car, but when he saw the picture of Earl Christman, stated that it could very well have been that man and called attention to the similarity of build and shape of head.

GLEN B. JOHNSON, Des Moines, Iowa, was the machine gun salesman who was in the Sheriff's office at the time of the robbery. He was not interviewed by Agents, but a statement made by him to the County Attorney, Mr. Denny, at the time of the robbery was examined. The only robber whom Johnson saw was the man marching the two bank employees along the south side of the bank to the car. He stated that he couldn't identify the face of this man, but from the build and size, he picked Clyde Nimerick as being the man. Johnson was knocked out by the shot that hit him.

MRS. BRILL, customer, 806 4th Street, Fairbury was driving south on E Street towards the bank. She saw a car parked on the wrong side of the street, but found a place to park directly in front of it and pulled in (diagonal parking). As she got out of the car, a man with a machine gun was standing at the rear fender of her car. He ordered her to stop, and not being familiar with machine guns, she thought the fellow addressing her was carrying a camera and wanted to take pictures. Not wanting her picture taken, she ignored his commands and walked down

around the corner of the bank to the front door. However, she described this man as 40 years old, 5 feet 8 inches tall, 150 to 160 pounds, stocky build, dark hair, and wearing a blue-serge suit. While at the front door of the bank, she saw a man bring Sexton and Knobel out the door. This man was heavier than the first one she saw, had light brown hair, no hat and was built like Christman, but she was unable to recognize a photograph of him.

ED ACKERMAN, Golden-rule Building, has an office on the second floor of the building across the street to the east of the bank. He heard machine gun fire and looked out the window. He saw a man patrolling the east side of the bank on the sidewalk with a machine gun. He then went down to an empty office directly at the corner of the street in order to get a better view. He saw the man bring Sexton and Knobel out of the front door. Knobel was placed by the front door of the car, and Sexton at the rear fender. The robber with them took a machine gun out of the car. Ackerman had also noted Davidson and Johnson running across the court house lawn at the same time. Davidson shot the machine gunner at the car, who crumpled up; he then came up firing and hit Sexton. He describes this man at the car as being 5 ft. 9 in., 160 pounds, dark complexion, no mustache and says that Christman could be the man, but he is not very definite in his decision. He believes the picture of Clyde Nimerick resembles the robber who was shot. He describes the other machine gunner patrolling the east side of the bank as being 5 ft. 8 in., 140 pounds, slight build, 30 years old, medium complexion. He did not pay much attention to him however and can't identify him.

DAVID F. FOSTER, Golden-Rule Building, has an office next to Ackerman. Foster was driving north on E Street, and on passing the Welch & Moore Hardware store, half a block south of the bank, he saw a car starting to back out from the curbing in a parking space there directly in front of his car. Foster says this car was the same one used by the robbers in the getaway. They pulled back into the curbing and let Foster pass. Foster went up into his office and just after arriving heard machine gun fire. He also went down to the empty office on the corner. He saw the car parked facing north on the wrong side of the street and recognized it as the one previously described. There was no one in the car, and the doors were open. There was a machine gunner standing on the corner whom he can only describe as being about 5 ft. 11 in. tall, 145 to 150 pounds and slender build. He saw Knobel and Sexton being brought out the front door of the bank and over to the car. Foster described the man by the car, who was shot, as being 5 ft. 7 in., 165 pounds, very dark complexioned. He thinks Clyde Nimerick is this man and definitely discards Earl Christman's picture. He also saw a very active small man jump out the window of the bank at the north end of the bank. This man was carrying some bags to the car. He made two trips out the window to the car and then back into the bank again. He says this man had a machine gun in his hand all the time.

BEN WEISEL, Golden-Rule Building, has an office next to Foster. He heard the shooting and saw the robber bringing Sexton and Knobel out of the front door of the bank. He described this man as short, 5 ft. 5 in. tall, medium build, noticed particularly that he had dark hair which was very long in the back under his hat. This man impressed him as being an Italian. He picks the picture of Clyde

Nimerick as being this man. He then ran down to the office on the south corner of the building. Here, he saw a man lying in the street in front of the bank and saw Davidson crossing the street. There was another man with a machine gun on the east side of the bank on the sidewalk. He saw Mrs. Wilson step out on to the street at this time and the machine gunner stop her there. He describes this man as medium height, 35 to 40 years old, wearing a brown suit and impressed him as being of an American type. The shooting started then, and Weisal got back from the windows and didn't see any more.

DR. J. A. EDMOND, Hested Building, has an office on the second floor of the building just north of the Golden-Rule Building. In his office he can see the extreme north end of the bank building. The only man he saw was the one patrolling the east side of the bank, and he describes this man as about 5 ft. 9 or 10 in. tall, 150 pounds, slender wiry build, light complexion. He said that he saw a picture of Verne Miller at the time he was killed in Detroit and thought it was the same man, and he still thinks so.

BERT SEDORIS, 818 C Street, was standing on the south side of the bank when he heard a woman call out that the bank was being robbed. He walked over to the corner to see what it was all about, and he met a man with a machine gun there at the corner. He described this fellow as 35 years old, 5 ft. 9 in. tall, 160 pounds, medium build, good looking, smooth shaven and described the color of his skin as looking like a copper penny. This fellow had on a brown suit and a brown hat. Sedoris could not identify any pictures. The machine gunner ordered him to stand still, but he became occupied with some other people on that side of the bank as he walked along, and Sedoris walked back towards the entrance of the bank. He saw the man bring Sexton and Knobel out the door of the bank. He describes him as short, 5 ft. 8 in. tall, 175 pounds, heavy set, dark hair, no hat and had an ugly mouth with thin lips and looked like an Italian. He stated that Nimerick was the same type of man, but he does not think this man was Nimerick.

RAY HOLTZ, Bonham Theater, was walking north on 5th Street. He saw a robber's car pull out from a parking space in front of Welch & Moore Hardware store and drive up to the bank. There was one man in the car who jumped out with a machine gun and patrolled the east side of the bank. This man told Holtz to stand still just as he reached the corner by the bank. When the machine gunner became occupied elsewhere, Holtz walked west and into the building up over the bank. He describes this man that he saw as 28 to 30 years old, 130 to 135 pounds in weight, 5 ft. 7 in. tall, looked like an Italian and said he had a very clear distinct voice that could be heard a block away. He picked the picture of Clyde Nimerick as being this man. When Holtz got upstairs and looked out the window, the car was just driving away, and he was not able to describe anyone else in the car. He stated that there was a man standing on the running board of the car by the driver's seat, shooting with an automatic pistol over the top of the car, and that he had to stand on his tip-toes to do so. Holtz just had time to glance at this man and said that he resembled Karpis somewhat.

J. J. ARCHER, 4th & F Streets, Fairbury, was driving west on 5th Street and was just approaching the bank when he heard some shooting. At that time he saw a man on the corner by the bank turn a machine gun towards him and order him to stop. Archer pulled into the curbing just south of the Golden-Rule Building. He describes this man on the corner as being between 25 and 30 years of age, 5 ft. 8 in. tall, dark hair, dark complexion and swarthy. He states that Christman's picture resembles him, but couldn't say for sure, as he only had a glance at the man. The shooting started shortly after that and Archer crawled down behind his car and didn't see anything more. Archer did state, however, that he saw a car used by the robbers in making their getaway and that he had previously seen the same car going south on G Street about five minutes before and that it must have gone as far south as 4th Street. He says there were men in both the front and back seats, but could give no descriptions of them.

ORA STEEL, 819 2nd Street, was sitting in a car parked in front of the drug store, diagonally across the street from the bank. He had pulled in there when a fellow with a machine gun stepped out in the middle of the road and stopped him. He described this fellow as small, 5 ft. 3 in. tall, 150 pounds, very dark complected, and wearing a blue-serge suit. He picks Nimerick's picture as resembling this man closely, except that the man he saw seemed to be much smaller than Nimerick. He could not identify Christman's picture however. Steel also saw a man patrolling the east side of the bank with a machine gun. He described this man as 38 to 40 years old, tall and thin, light complexion, but apparently heavily tanned. He could not identify any pictures as being this man. Steel also saw a little fellow come out through one of the windows of the bank with a sack. He made two trips but was not carrying a gun either time.

LOU HALLOWAY, 5th & F Streets, Fairbury, is an attendant at a Standard Oil Service Station. He stated that a car, Buick sedan, corresponding to the description of the bandit's car had filled up at his station before the robbery. There was only one man in the car. Halloway attempted to clean the windshield of the car, and the man would not let him. Halloway said that this man looked like an Italian and was very dark complected and of medium build and height. The man had a full round face. Halloway picked Clyde Nimerick's picture as resembling the man.

MRS. WILSON, Nurse at the Fairbury Clinic, which is located just north of the bank on the second floor, was coming down stairs from the clinic and stepped out on the street and was met by a man with a machine gun on the east side of the bank. She described him as being young and good looking, 5 ft. 8 in. tall, 140 pounds and 25 to 30 years old. She was not able to identify any of the pictures shown her. This man took her over to the car and put her in the back seat of the bandit's car. Just after that, the man whom she had seen shot beside the car previously was pulled into the car by a couple of the men. He was on the seat right beside her, and she got a very good look at him, especially his face. She said that he had a very full face and noticed in particular that his hair was unruly. She described his hair as crinkley, and that it was black, streaked with grey. She said that Earl Christman's picture resembled this man very much, especially in the appearance of the hair. She further stated that she believed there were six men in the car besides the two girls.

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MISS WILMA VAUGHN, Nebraska State Teacher's College, Peru, Nebraska, is the step-daughter of Homer Yaekle and was one of the two girls that walked over to the bank from Yaekle's insurance agency and entered the bank just at the start of the holdup. She was forced to lie down on the floor of the lobby but while in this position, she saw one of the robbers hit Al Spencer over the head with a gun. She did not get a very good look at him and was unable to describe him. One of the robbers picked her up from the floor of the lobby, took her back to the northwest corner of the bank, then back of the cages and put her out one of the east windows of the bank. She was put into the getaway car and taken out of town as one of the hostages. The robber that put her out the window was sitting on one of the small jump seats in the car. She was sitting on the other jump seat. She stated that this robber was giving directions to the driver from a tablet which he held in his lap. Apparently it was the getaway chart. She describes this man as being of medium height, small build, about 30 years of age and of light complexion. She stated that his hair was a sandy color. She picked the picture of Fred Barker as being this man. She stated that he was wearing a leather jacket. The only one of the gang to be dressed in that fashion was this robber, and the rest of the gang were all very well dressed in ordinary suits. She also saw the man who was wounded, sitting in the back seat beside Mrs. Wilson. She states that this is the same man that hit Al Spencer over the head in the lobby. She could not describe him beyond saying that he had a full face; that he had what appeared to be a light complexion with a rather heavy growth of beard. His hair was rather dark and bushy. She picked the picture of Clyde Nimerick as being this man. However, she stated that Nimerick's hair was not the same as this man's. She further stated that Christman was the same type of man but she could not identify his picture. Miss Vaughn stated definitely that there were only five men in the car besides the two women, she having made it a point to count them several times during the ride, just to make sure. She said that the man driving the car during the getaway was a large man, and that he was wearing a light top-coat. She stated that all the other men were in the car, and that they waited for this last fellow to get out of the bank. Both Mrs. Wilson and Miss Vaughn stated that they had the impression the man sitting beside the driver in the front seat had hair with a reddish tinge to it. From the statements above, it may be said with reasonable certainty that Frank Nash was the large man directing operations in the lobby. He was identified quite definitely by Nell Hastey, Ruth Skidmore, Frank Conrad, Olive Halleck, Harold Livingston, Madlyn Mergen and Lorenz Schroder.

A previous investigation of the Fairbury robbery was made by Special Agent J. R. Green out of the Kansas City office and is covered in his report of 6-16-33, Kansas City file #76-174. The purpose of the investigation at that time was to establish only the participation of Frank Nash in the robbery. The I. O. picture of Nash and the original photograph used in making the I. O. were used for identification purposes at that time. This picture is different considerably from Nash's appearance at the time of the robbery; however, at that time, Harold Livingston, Lorenz Schroder and Charles Lien identified the picture of Nash as being the leader of the gang, and who was present in the lobby of the bank during the holdup.

The man who took Cashier Wilfley to the vault and later was at the front door with a machine gun has been identified as Arthur Barker by Nell Hastey, Olive Halleck, Madlyn Mergen and Lorenz Schroder. The man who entered the west side and rifled the cages has been positively identified as Alvin Karpis by William Sutherland and as a possibility by Madlyn Mergen and Al Spencer.

Through a similarity of descriptions as furnished by witnesses at different points in the bank, it appears possible that one man drove the car up to the bank and was seen with the machine gun on the south side of the bank, later appearing in the lobby with a machine gun, picked up the four girls back in the northwest corner of the bank and brought them to the front door, and then took the two men, Sexton and Knobel, back out the door and out to the car where he was shot by Deputy Sheriff Davidson. This man has been picked as both Clyde Nimerick and Earl Christman. There is enough similarity in the two men's general appearance to justify confusion. He has been identified as Christman by Madlyn Mergen, Keith Sexton, Mrs. Brill and Mrs. Wilson. This same man is picked as Clyde Nimerick by J. S. Head, Ed Howe, Lorenz Schroder, W. S. Davidson, Ed Ackerman, David Foster, Ben Weisel, Ray Holtz and Wilma Vaughn. Descriptions of Nimerick and Christman are as follows:

Name	-	<u>Clyde Nimerick</u>	<u>Earl Christman</u>
Age	-	37	40
Height	-	5' 9 1/2"	5' 7"
Weight	-	170	130
Build	-	Medium	Medium
Eyes	-	Blue	Blue
Hair	-	Brown	Black (turning grey)
Complexion	-	Medium	Light
Peculiarities	-	-	Extremely heavy eyebrows with close-set eyes.

The movement of another man can be checked roughly because of the fact that he was wearing a leather jacket. Keith Sexton says such a man ordered him out of the posting room in the northeast corner of the bank. Olive Halleck says such a man made her lie down over in the northwest corner of the bank. Wilma Vaughn says such a man picked her up from the floor in the lobby, put her out the window of the bank and sat beside her in the car, giving directions from what was apparently a getaway chart. Miss Vaughn is the only one who attempts to identify him, saying that he closely resembles Fred Barker. She describes him as small with light complexion and sandy hair.

Eddie Green cannot be placed by any of the witnesses. Verne Miller answers the general description, except for age, as both the man rifling the cages and the man patrolling the east side of the bank with a machine gun, but he cannot be identified definitely by anyone except Dr. Edmond. However, Agent Smith was in Dr. Edmond's office and found that it was very difficult to get a good view of the east side of the bank from there.

R. S. Wilfley, Cashier, took a number of men to Minneapolis and caused the identification of Sam Teran and Abe Jankowitz to be made. Teran had some of the Fairbury bonds in his possession. Extradition was refused by Governor Olson of Minnesota at the time, November, 1933. Mr. Head and Mr. Yackle identified Teran, while Mr. Ed Howe and Mr. Schroder refused to make this identification. Mr. Stark and Mr. Head identified Jankowitz.

Sheriff Emil Ackman at Fairbury received information from an informant just out of the Iowa State Penitentiary at Fort Madison, Iowa, that four men confined there at the time were involved in the instant case. J. S. Head identified first Edward Wilhite and later William Engler as being one of the men. Sheriff Ackman caused detainers to be filed against all four men: Edward Wilhite, John Luger, Wincel Urban and William Engler. Cashier Wilfley received information from someone on the Kansas City Star staff around August 1, 1934 to the effect that one of the Fairbury bank robbers was in custody in Kansas City. Wilfley and J. S. Head went to Kansas City and identified Jack Griffin as being the man who rifled the cages and later entered the vault. Mr. Head was somewhat doubtful at the time according to Deputy Sheriff Davidson who was present. Davidson reports Wilfley as saying to Head, "How are we ever going to get anybody convicted if you don't identify them". Wilfley admitted to Agents that he had been causing wholesale identifications to be made in an effort to get some action on the case. His chief interest seems to be to get somebody convicted, but it doesn't make much difference who.

The identifications caused to be made at Minneapolis, Fort Madison and Kansas City should not be considered very seriously, especially in view of the information obtained by the Division in the statements of Bessie Green and Helen Ferguson. No one during the present investigation, with the exception of Mr. Head, Stark and Yackle, selected any of those men previously identified as being present at the robbery. Griffin's picture was definitely discarded by several of the witnesses. Agents did not have a picture of Abe Jankowitz during the present investigation.

Extradition hearing was scheduled for Jack Griffin on 9-14-34, and Sheriff Ackman went to Kansas City to attend same. Ackman reported by telephone that the hearing was postponed until 9-17-34. Chief of Detectives Higgins, Kansas City, assured Sheriff Ackman that Griffin would surely show up on the 17th, and that it was unnecessary for Ackman to be present; that he (Higgins) would have his men there to take care of Griffin and Ackman would be notified as to when he could get him.

At the time Wilfley was in Kansas City for the purpose of identifying Griffin, he received two anonymous telephone calls warning him to get out of town. He later received an anonymous letter from St. Louis which he forwarded to this office and which is now in the possession of the St. Louis office. The letter from this office to the Kansas City office under date of 9-7-34 refers to the fact that Chief of Detectives Higgins, Kansas City, was going to forward several photographs to Cashier Wilfley for identification purposes. Wilfley informed Agents that this has never been done.

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Cashier Wilfley, about six months ago, received an offer from one Charles N. Hines of the Hines State Bank at O'Dell, Nebraska, to the effect that Hines would get back all of Wilfley's registered bonds that had been stolen if Wilfley would give Hines \$10,000.00 in cash and the power of an attorney. Wilfley knew that Hines had served a term at the State Penitentiary at Lincoln, Nebraska, so he consulted Warden Cavanaugh at Lincoln. Cavanaugh assured Wilfley that Hines was "windy", and that Wilfley might as well ignore the offer which Wilfley did.

At the time Jack Griffin was taken into custody, his room was searched, and a number of snapshots were found including one showing a Chevrolet car with license #33-3273, Nebraska, 1932. Fairbury is the County Seat of Jefferson County which issues licenses bearing the prefix #33. The county records of Jefferson County indicated that this license was issued to a T. J. Gerson, the same number also being issued to this man in 1933 and 1934. Snapshots of Gerson received from the Kansas City office were shown to the bank employees, and all witnesses interviewed subsequent to receiving the picture were shown same, but none knew him.

A. H. Ackerman of the Ackerman Jewelry Company, gave the following information at Fairbury, Nebraska: T. J. Gerson and L. G. Bolt, the latter working for the Ball Jewelry Company of Chicago, Illinois, conducted an extensive jewelry sale and auction from March 24 until April 5, 1932 for his firm. He remembered Gerson slightly as being a satisfactory man, and if anything a little higher type of individual than those usually employed in that line. He also remembered Gerson as having made arrangements to get a Nebraska license for his car at the time, as a Nebraska license would be cheaper than a Missouri license. Ackerman has not seen Gerson since the sale in 1932.

The Jefferson County registration records, Jefferson County, Nebraska, for the year 1933 were examined, and registration certificate #33-3176 for T. J. Gerson, was found to be taken out on 4-18-33, two weeks after the bank robbery. This certificate bore the notation "Care of Gordon Jewelry Company, St. Joseph, Missouri". The 1934 registration certificate for T. J. Gerson bore no notation of any value and was dated 3-7-34. It is quite possible in Nebraska, having once registered a car to obtain subsequent registrations merely through presentation of the previous year's certificate, this being done by some other individual rather than the owner of the car.

A letter to this office from the Kansas City office, dated 9-7-34, gives a probable explanation of the photograph found in Griffin's room. Blanche Howard, former sweetheart of T. J. Gerson, was the paramour of Jack Griffin at the time of his shooting in Kansas City.

The shell cases and slugs referred to in the letter from the Division to the Kansas City office, 9-1-34, and in the letter from the Kansas City office to the Division, dated 9-6-34, were obtained from Deputy Sheriff W. S. Davidson at Fairbury and are being forwarded to the Identification Unit of the Division by this office.

The automobile used by the robbers was a 1931 model Buick, seven passenger sedan, with spare tires on each side and metal tire cases. This car bore license # 98-1355, Iowa, 1932. The copy of a report obtained from the State Sheriff's office at Lincoln, Nebraska, indicated that these license plates had been traced to Reid B. Lyford at Northwood, Iowa, and that the plates had been stolen in September, 1932. The sheriff at that location had vouched for the good character of Lyford.

Stories have been circulated at Fairbury that the bandit car had stopped at a farm southeast of Washington, Kansas the day of the robbery, and that the occupants of the car had asked for water as one of their members had a hemorrhage. Agent located W. C. Alexander, 8 miles south and a mile and a half east of Washington, Kansas, who stated that this was the farm where the men stopped. He said that there were three men in a Ford roadster, and that they stopped about 6:00 PM in the evening, and one of them asked for some water in order to take some medicine as he was suffering from tuberculosis. He could identify none of the pictures shown him.

The sheriff at McPherson, Kansas has information obtained from a woman near there, who was nearly run down and her car nearly wrecked by the bandits' car the same afternoon of the robbery. This woman took the license number of the car, and it was the same license taken in Fairbury, at the time of the robbery, from the bandit's car.

The brief case found on the counter in the east side of the lobby by Miss Halleck and Harold Livingston was opened and it contained a Colt automatic, .45 caliber pistol, #C-118915. Several clips of cartridges for the gun and a pair of Kansas 1933 license plates #7-2763 were also found in the brief case. The gun and license plates were wrapped in a copy of the Kansas City Star, dated March 19, 1933. A report from the State Sheriff at Lincoln, Nebraska indicated that the Kansas license plates belonged to O. H. Klim, 102 East 9th Avenue, Leavenworth, Kansas and were for a Nash sedan. The plates were reported stolen on March 16, 1933. O. H. Klim is a reputable citizen of Leavenworth, Kansas.

The automatic gun has been used by Cashier Wilfley, personally, since the robbery. The gun was traced by the State Sheriff's office as being sold to the L. S. Knoch Company, Hartford, Connecticut on 8-28-19. This company is no longer in existence, but the Hartford Police Department subsequently learned from a Mr. Levey, former salesman of that company, that the instant gun was sold to the New England Hardware & Paint Company on August 29, 1919. On May 11, 1933, the Boston Police Department advised that instant gun was sold, 5-29-22, to Harry E. Giles, 108 Pearl Street, Lynn, Massachusetts. Mr. Giles is vouched for by the Boston Police Department. Giles later traded the gun to either Iver Johnson or Bob Smith Sporting Goods Company (presumably of Lynn, Massachusetts), but no further record of the gun could be found. The gun was obtained from Cashier Wilfley and will be forwarded to the Identification Unit of the Division. Initials, W. T. are scratched into the

end of the cartridge clip in the gun and same were noticed on the clip when first examined after the robbery. Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni, upon examining the gun, stated that it is of too recent a design to have been in existence in 1919 and 1920, and it is believed advisable that another attempt be made to trace the gun as there may have been some confusion in numbers between 118915 and C-118915. It should be noted that this is a government model gun. Serial numbers without prefixes indicate guns used by the government, and serial numbers with the prefix (C) indicate guns not used by the government.

Instant gun was sent to the State Sheriff's office at Lincoln, Nebraska, and a partial latent fingerprint was developed on the gun, under date of 4-4-33. A photograph of this print was sent in to the Identification Unit at the time, from the Kansas City office, but another copy of the photograph was obtained and is being forwarded with the gun at the present time.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The Omaha Office at O'Dell, Nebraska, will interview Charles Hines of the Hines State Bank for any information he may have regarding the bonds stolen from the Fairbury bank. Cashier Wilfley requested that his name be kept out of any such investigation if possible, as he still has to do business with Mr. Hines.

P E N D I N G

MEM:TAM

September 21, 1934

Personal and Confidential

Mr. E. E. Vetterli,
Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
801 Title Guaranty Building,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a copy of a personal and confidential letter addressed to the Special Agent in Charge of the Kansas City Office, with respect to the undercover assignment of Special Agent J. L. Fallon at the Majestic Hotel in Kansas City. Special Agent Fallon will make periodic trips to St. Louis for the purpose of obtaining his salary and expense checks and rendering reports to you for transmission to the Division. From time to time Special Agent Fallon will mail reports to Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley as related in the enclosed copy of the letter addressed to the Agent in Charge of the Kansas City Office.

You are instructed to confer with Agent Fallon regarding the assignment and give him the benefit of the information in your possession concerning the various contacts to be made at Kansas City.

Very truly yours,
For the Director,

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T. D. Quinn,
Acting Assistant Director.

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RE: TAM

September 21, 1934

Personal and Confidential

Mr. Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a copy of a personal and confidential letter addressed to the Special Agent in Charge of the Kansas City Office, respecting the undercover assignment of Special Agent J. L. Fallon at the Majestic Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri. You will note that Special Agent Fallon has been instructed to [REDACTED]

All communications received by you in this manner should be promptly forwarded to the Division for its attention.

Very truly yours,
For the Director,

T. D. Quinn,
Acting Assistant Director.

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September 21, 1934

~~Personal and Confidential~~

Mr. R. B. Nathan,
Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the suggestion made at the conference held at Washington, D.C., on August 27, 1934, which you attended, Special Agent J. L. Fallon has been given the undercover assignment at the Majestic Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri. Agent Fallon is familiar with the identity of members of the Barker-Karpis Gang, and has made a study of the pertinent serials in the Bremer Kidnaping Case and the Kansas City Massacre Case. Mr. Newby of the Division has furnished Special Agent Fallon with information respecting the various angles presently receiving consideration in your district, with respect to the Loris shooting and the "Pretty Boy" Floyd and Richetti connection with the Massacre Case.

Agent Fallon will register at the Majestic Hotel, using the name Jim Foster and under no circumstances should he be openly contacted. It is suggested that the fact that Agent Fallon is on undercover assignment be brought to the attention of all Agents attached to your office who are personally acquainted with him.

Agent Fallon departed from Washington on the evening of September 19, 1934, for St. Louis, Missouri, where he will contact Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli, and will leave his Division property at that office. Agent Fallon will make periodic trips from Kansas City to St. Louis for the purpose of obtaining his salary and expense checks.

A copy of this letter is being furnished to the Special Agents in Charge of the St. Louis and Oklahoma City offices and to Inspector Conley, under personal and confidential cover.

Very truly yours,
For the Director,

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cc Mr. Conley

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T. D. Quinn,
Acting Assistant Director.

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R. B. WHITE
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, at 1:50 P. M.

NEW YORK CITY, N.Y. SEPTEMBER 22, 1934 -

MR. R. B. NATHAN,
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING,
KANSAS CITY, MO.

Official Business; Government Rate
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U. S. Department of Justice
New York City
SEP 24 1934 AM
INVESTIGATION

BREKID NEWARK POST OFFICE ADVISES NEWARK NEWJERSEY POSTOFFICE REGISTER
NUMBER TWO TWO NAUGHT NINE EIGHT MAILED TO WILKESBARRE PENNSYLVANIA
ASCERTAIN CORRECT NUMBER OF REGISTERED LETTER RECEIVED BY MARY ATKINS
NECESSARY FOR RETURN ADDRESS THIS DISTRICT EXPEDITE

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cc: Division

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Post Office Box 2118
Detroit, Michigan
September 21 1934

SEP 25 1934 AM
DIVISION ONE
INVESTIGATION

Special Agent in Charge
Chicago, Illinois

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218;
ARTHUR BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219;
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. 1213;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

There is being transmitted herewith a roll of film found in a camera at the address of 3873 West 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, during the recent investigation conducted at that place by this office.

From the way this film was set in the camera when it was found, it indicated that there had been one exposure on the film. It is requested that this film be developed to determine what this photograph was of and a copy thereof be furnished to the Detroit Office.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

DEH:KWN
Enc.

cc - Division
St. Paul

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION	
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Post Office Drawer 1457,
St. Louis, Missouri,
September 22, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O.
#1219; et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
Kidnaping.

In reference to your telegram, dated September 21, 1934, regarding Illinois State license for 1934, #269,321, please be advised that this license plate was issued January 29, 1934 to Robert W. Gotshall, 720 Park Drive, Springfield, Illinois for a Buick Coupe, motor #1,360,605; that on the same date, he traded above Buick for a 1933 Chevrolet Coach, motor #5,629,745, serial #3CA05-32498 and the above licenses were transferred to this automobile, the Buick having been graded for same; that on July 7, 1934 Robert W. Gotshall traded the 1933 Chevrolet Coach, above referred to, for a 1934 Chevrolet Coach, bearing motor #286535, serial #38C08-4432 to the Connelly Chevrolet Agency, Springfield, Illinois; that on that date the above licenses were transferred to this car.

Investigation disclosed that the above license plates of Robert W. Gotshall have not been stolen and the same are being used by him on the 1934 Chevrolet Coach, which he purchased on July 7, 1934.

Investigation further disclosed that Mr. Gotshall is Sales Manager for the Caterpillar Tractor Company and was in Joplin, Missouri on the night of September 20, 1934, at which time he stopped at the Connor Hotel and that on the night of September 21, 1934, he was expected to be at the Jefferson Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri.

It does not appear that there is any significance attached to the fact that the Chevrolet Coach with above referred to license plates was seen on a car in Joplin, Missouri, as Mr. Gotshall is a high-classed gentleman, holds a very responsible position and is living in a palatial residence in the best section of Springfield, Illinois.

Very truly yours,

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R. E. SETTLE, Jr.,
Special Agent in Charge.

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H. B. WHITE
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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

KANSAS CITY MISSOURI
SEPTEMBER 21 1934

R E VETTERLI
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
801 TITLE GUARANTY BUILDING
ST LOUIS MISSOURI

BREKID ADVISE ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION REGARDING ILLINOIS LICENSE TWO TWO
DASH THREE TWO ONE STOP CHEVROLET NINETEEN THREE FOUR COACH WITH THIS LICENSE
OBSERVED TODAY VICINITY LOCATION GEORGE E BARKER JOPLIN MISSOURI CAR DESCRIBED
BLACK RED WIRE WHEELS AND SPOT LIGHT

NATHAN

REN:B
cc - Division

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WESTERN UNION MESSENGERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF NOTES AND PACKAGES

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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September 21, 1934

DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE AT NINTH STREET N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.



REKID TAP TELEPHONE MOTHER CLARA GIBSON INDICATES MOTHER RUSSELL GIBSON
RESIDING FISHER HOME PLANNING PROCEED LOS ANGELES NEXT TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY
STOP REQUEST AUTHORITY CONTINUE TAP UNTIL HER DEPARTURE

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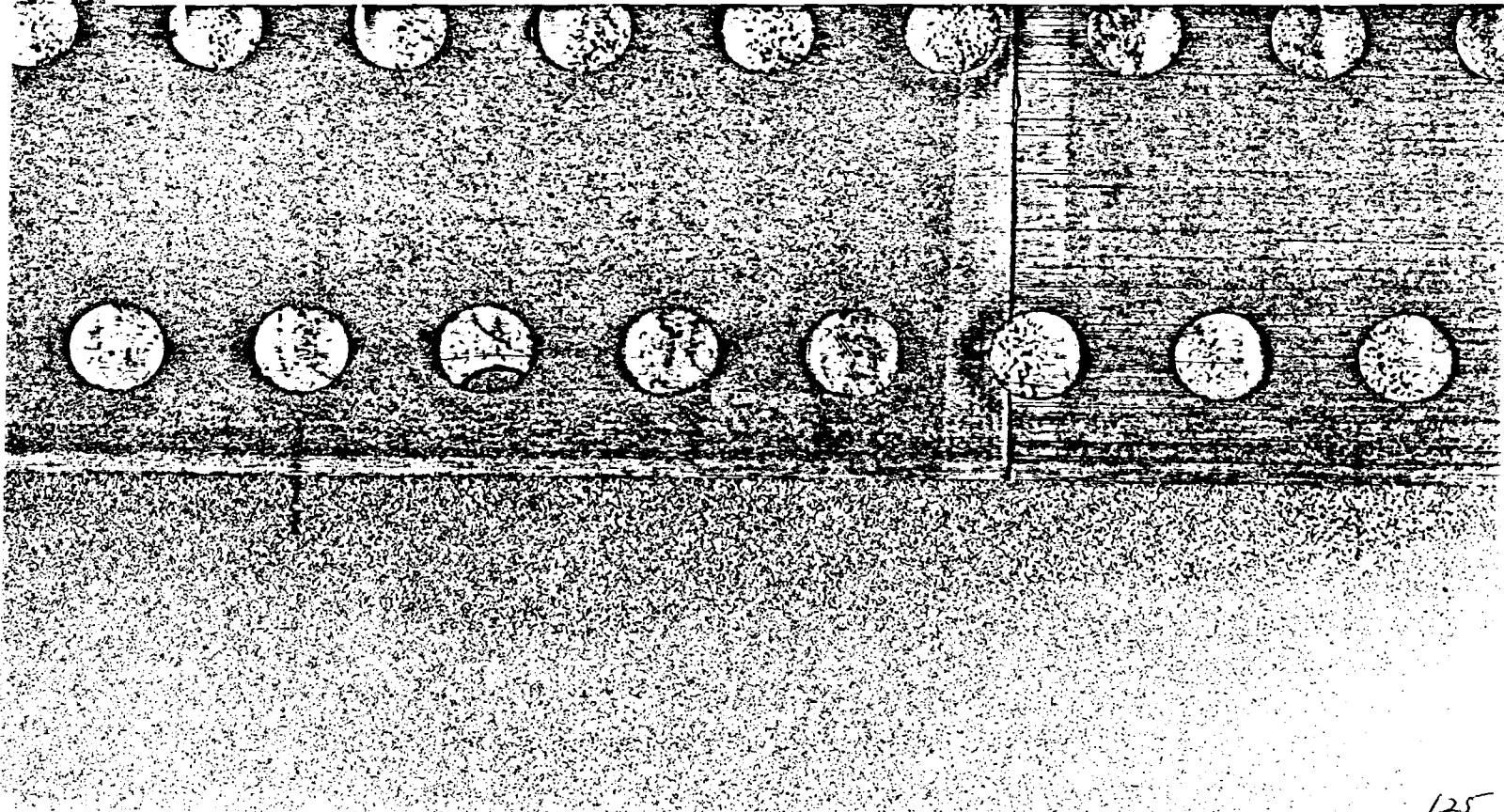
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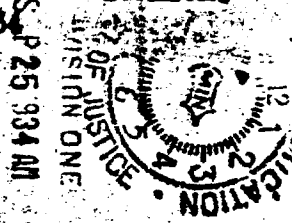
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St. Louis, Mo.
September 21, 1934
4:40 P.M.

STRAIGHT



R. B. NATHAN
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

BREKID LICENSE TAG DESCRIBED ISSUED ROBERT W GOTTSHALL SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS
GENERAL MANAGER CATERPILLAR TRACTOR COMPANY FOR CHEVROLET COACH MOTOR M EIGHT
EIGHT THREE FIVE WAS AT CONNOR HOTEL JOPLIN LAST NIGHT EXCELLENT REPUTATION
AND STANDING

cc Division

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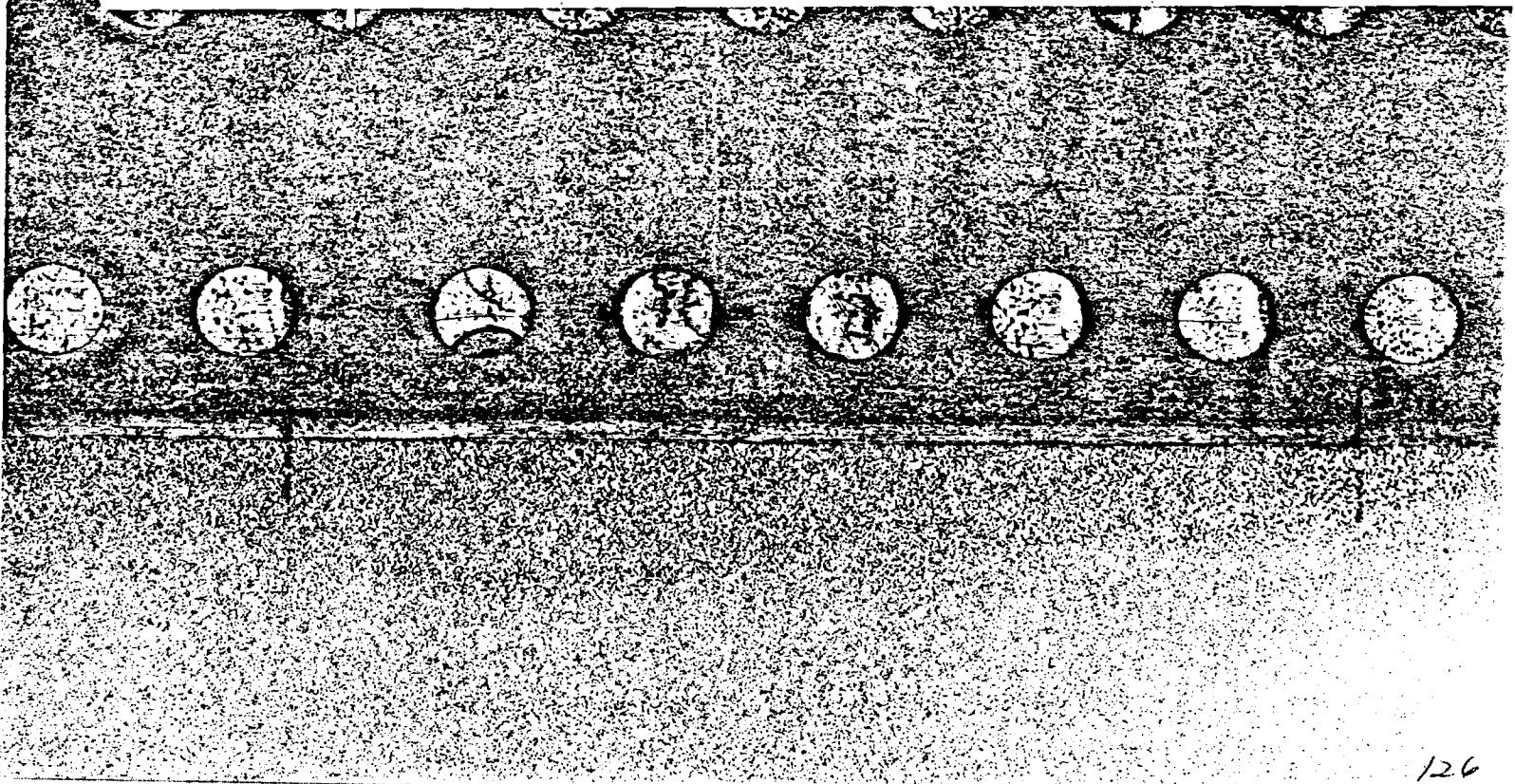
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Post Office Box 2118
Detroit, Michigan
September 21 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Chicago, Illinois

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218;
ARTHUR BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219;
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. 1213;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Ford Coupe which was abandoned by Barker, Karpis and Campbell at Cleveland, Ohio, and recovered by Agents of the Division.

In this connection, it is desired that you furnish this office one of the forms used in the confiscation of automobiles, which, it is my understanding, the Chicago Office possesses.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

REB: MJW

cc - Division

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422 Midland Savings Bldg.
Denver, Colo.
September 20, 1934

Mr. V. W. Moller,
Postmaster,
Cheyenne, Wyoming

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter dated September 18, 1934,
regarding mail covers which were placed on the mail of Frank
Converse and Roy Williamson, please advise that these
mail covers have now served their purpose and it will not
be necessary to furnish further postage of these individuals
mail to this office.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation for your
cooperation in this and all other matters.

Very truly yours,

JAY C. NEWMAN,
Special Agent in Charge

JDS:MT
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cc Division

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases
KIDNAPING

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1900 Bankers Building
Chicago, Illinois

September 21, 1934.

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
506 Fletcher Savings & Trust Bldg.,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER,
with aliases, I.O. 1219; et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM,
KIDNAPING.

Attached hereto are two photographs of James
J. Wilson and three photographs of Clara Gray, paramour or
wife of Russell Gibson, with aliases.

Very truly yours,

S. P. CONLEY,
Inspector.

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The Honey Gold Mine.
Red Lake, Ontario.
Canada - Sept. 18th 1934

Sir, E

Seeing in the October number of "True
Detective Mysteries" a photo of one
"Arthur. Doc. Barker" wanted for murder.
I may state that on May 16th 1934. I was
riding on the I.C.N.W. Railway travelling
to North Bay on that line & in the same
carriage in which I was travelling there was
a gang of men with a police escort. I do not
know where they came from, I heard "Summers"
Ontario mentioned but they were going to
"Halliburton goal" "Halliburton Ontario"
If your description fits the above mentioned who
was the smallest in the bunch & who looked
like a real "tough guy" with roving eyes.
So I guess there will be no harm in leaving
if this is your man.

Yours truly,

P.S.

W.A. Livingston

You can drop me a line if this is your man
If you have time to do so, I thank you

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The Stoway Gold Mine
Red Lake, Ontario
Canada - Sept 18th 1934.

Sir:

Seeing in the October number of "True Detective
Mysteries" a photo of one "Arthur Doc" Barker" wanted for murder
I may state that in May 16th 1934. I was riding on the G. N. O.
Railway travelling to North Bay on that line & in the same carriage
in which I was travelling there was a gang of men with a police
escort. I do not know where they came from. I heard "Gunnings" (9)
Ontario mentioned but they were going to "Halliebury Jail"
"Halliebury Ontario" & your description fits the above mentioned
who was the smallest in the bunch & who looked like a real "tough guy"
with roving eyes" So I guess there will be no harm in seeing if this
is your man.

From Yours,

(s) W. H. Livingston

P.S.

You can drop me a line if this is your man
& you have time to do so & thanks.

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September 29, 1934.

Mr. W. H. Livingston,
The Hovey Gold Mine,
Red Lake, Ontario,
Canada.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 18, 1934 wherein you advise that an individual resembling Arthur "Doc" Barker, whose photograph you observed in the October, 1934 issue of the "True Detective Mysteries" magazine, was seen by you on May 16, 1934 while riding a train to North Bay; that this individual was one of a gang of men who was being escorted to the Halliebury Jail at Halliebury, Ontario, Canada.

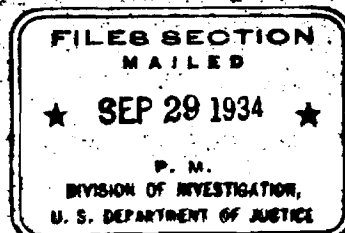
Please be advised that this matter will receive the prompt attention of this Division.

Thanking you for your assistance and cooperation,
I am

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.
John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc Buffalo (copy of M. Livingston's let 9/18/34 attached)
St. Paul
Chicago
Detroit



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1900 Bankers Building
Chicago, Illinois

September 21, 1934.

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218,
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases,
I.O. 1219; et al.;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.

Attached hereto are three photographs of
James J. Wilson and six photographs of Clara Gray, paramour
or wife of Russell Gibson, with aliases.

Very truly yours,

S. P. COWLEY,
Inspector.

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SEP 26 1934

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
September 21, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219,
et al
Edward George Bremer - Victim
KIDNAPING

Please refer to Kansas City letter to your office
dated July 19, 1934, in the above captioned case, wherein
inquiry is suggested by your office to determine whether
Jesse Howard was now deceased.

I am unable to find any record in the file of this
office to indicate what action was taken by you in this matter.
Please advise me any information you have on the same.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan
R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

MC:B

cc - Division
St. Paul
Chicago

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R. B. WHITE
PRESIDENT

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

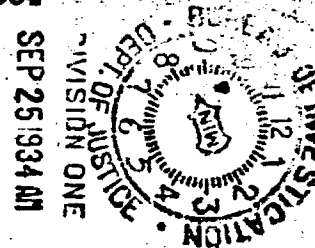
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FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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September 21, 1934

WERNER HANNI
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
629 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
OMAHA, NEBRASKA



BREKID RE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION TODAY INFORMATION HERE IS THAT OMAHA CONTACT OF MOB IS SAM HOUSE REPORTED IN CIGAR AND GAMBLING BUSINESS

NATHAN

cc - Division

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WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS ARE APPROPRIATE GIFTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

St. Louis, Missouri,
September 22, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1816 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O.
#1219, et al.
Edward George Bremer - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

In accordance with your telephonic request the night of September 20, 1934, Special Agent R. L. Shivers met the Pickwick Greyhound Bus which arrived in St. Louis, Missouri at 8:30 A.M. September 21 and observed a person described as Clara Gibson leave the said bus and board the Pickwick Greyhound Bus for New York. This woman left Kansas City on the said bus at 9:00 A.M. for Newark, New Jersey via Indianapolis, Indiana and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. This is the only person alighting from the Kansas City Bus which, in any way, answered the description you furnished me of Clara Gibson.

It was found at the Bus terminal in St. Louis that the bus on which this woman left for Newark, New Jersey, would arrive in Indianapolis, Indiana at 3:15 P.M. same date.

The woman observed by Special Agent Shivers is described as being about 25 years old, 5 feet 4 inches, 125 pounds, black bobbed hair, dark eyes, dark complexion, foreign looking, stocky build. She was wearing brown clothes with a black and white scarf tie and was hatless. She was the only person leaving St. Louis on that bus for Newark, New Jersey. This information was obtained from the bus driver.

You were informed of the above information by telephone and at your suggestion, I then contacted Mr. S. W. Cowley by telephone at the Chicago office and furnished him with the information so that he could notify the Indianapolis office to have this woman covered on the arrival of the bus in that city and for such further action as seemed to him desirable.

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Clara Gibson was described by you as wearing a light colored dress. No such person left the Kansas City bus at St. Louis, Missouri dressed in that fashion. I am satisfied the woman observed by Agent Shivers, and as described herein, is the person you referred to as Clara Gibson.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Division
Chicago
St. Paul
Indianapolis
Pittsburgh

Post Office Box 2118
Detroit, Michigan
September 21 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Cincinnati, Ohio

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218;
ARTHUR BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219;
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. 1213;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
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Dear Sir:

In connection with the recovery of the 1934 Deluxe Ford V-8 Coupe, Motor No. 683450 by Division Agents recently at Cleveland, Ohio, which car apparently was abandoned by Barker, Karpis and Campbell there, it is requested that you cause the necessary investigation to be conducted at Columbus in an effort to ascertain information as to whom the license plates and title were issued.

This office is in possession of a bill of sale drawn by the Jess J. Ellis Motor Sales Company, 3519 Detroit Avenue, Toledo, in favor of George Winfield, 631 St. Clair Street, Toledo, and dated March 21, 1934, for the above described Ford Coupe.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge
New York City, New York

Dear Sir:

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RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219;
ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.
KIDNAPING

SEP 25 1934

As a result of a cover which is being maintained by this office on the telephone of J. E. Fisher, 502 Myrtle, Kansas City, Missouri, father of Clara Fisher Gibson, it has been determined that for the past several days a woman going under the name of Mary Atkins has resided at the home of the Fishers. It will be recalled that Clara Fisher Gibson is the wife of Russell Gibson, Subject of I.O. #1213.

Investigation shows that Mary Atkins registered at the Pickwick Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, on September 12, 1934, from Newark, N.J. She first engaged a room for a month but after residing at the hotel for approximately two days checked out. Since that time she has called for mail at the Pickwick Hotel quite often. She received a registered letter on September 17, 1934, the register number being 22098, and the letter having been sent by Harry Hummel, Newark, N.J.

The only available photograph of Clara Gibson in this office, which is an enlarged snapshot several years old, was exhibited to several employees of the Pickwick Hotel, all of whom identified the picture as being that of Mary Atkins. It was determined that Mary Atkins contemplated proceeding from Kansas City to Newark, New Jersey, by bus, and she was observed by Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, of this office, to board a Pickwick Greyhound Bus for St. Louis, Missouri at midnight September 20, 1934. Her inquiries concerning bus schedules indicated that she intended to travel via Indianapolis and Pittsburgh, and the schedules show that the bus on which she will probably travel should reach Newark, New Jersey at 10:05 P.M. September 22, 1934.

Information concerning the departure of Mary Atkins from Kansas City was furnished the St. Louis Office by telephone and advice

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has been received from that office that this woman arrived and left St. Louis for Indianapolis at about 8 A.M. September 21, 1934. The St. Louis Office was communicating this information to Inspector Cowley, at Chicago, for instructions to interested offices.

The woman known as Mary Atkins is described as follows:

AGE	About 30
HEIGHT	5'3" or 4"
WEIGHT	125 to 130
HAIR	Dark Brown or Black
FEATURES	Distinctly foreign, sharp.
DRESS	Well dressed in dark clothing, wearing no hat at time of departure.

A description of Clara Gibson as contained in the Kansas City Files is as follows:

AGE	25 or 26 (1931 or 1932)
HEIGHT	5'2"
WEIGHT	115 lbs.
EYES	Brown
HAIR	Red.

It is noted that in all telephone conversations from the Fisher home Mary Atkins has been uniformly referred to as "Mary". It accordingly seems quite possible that Mary Atkins is not identical with Clara Gibson but it is believed that inquiry should be made for the purpose of determining the identity of this woman and her connections.

It is suggested that the identity of Harry Hummel be obtained through inquiry as to the mailing of the registered letter referred to, and that an effort be made to find out the destination of Mary Atkins and her connections.

This office has only one copy of the photograph of Clara Gibson and in view of the likelihood of its use in connection with other investigations here it is not being forwarded.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
September 21, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219,
et al
Edward George Bremer - Victim
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, September 1, 1934, in the above captioned case, particularly pages eight and thirteen thereof, wherein it records the information obtained from Helen Ferguson to the effect Earl Christman is alleged to have died as a result of wounds received in the robbery of the bank at Fairbury, Nebraska.

Your attention is directed to the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Kansas City, October 22, 1933, in the case captioned Earl Christman with aliases, Fugitive, Perjury, your office being the office of origin in that case. You will note that report records interview by Agent Suran with E. R. Sherwood, register #39572, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, Sherwood being a close friend and associate of Christman. In view of the close relationship between Christman and Sherwood, it is thought that possibly Sherwood might have received information through the underworld relative to the death of Christman and, accordingly, an endeavor was made to interview him at the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, recently at which time it was ascertained that he had been transferred to the new federal penitentiary on Alcatraz Island. It is, therefore, suggested that you cause Sherwood to be interviewed for any information he may have relative to the alleged death of Christman.

Very truly yours,

R. E. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219; ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Clara Fisher Gibson, wife of subject Russell Gibson, arrived Indianapolis aboard Greyhound bus from St. Louis, Mo. 3:45 P.M., 9/21/34 and departed same bus enroute Newark, N.J. via Pittsburgh at 4:20 P.M. Description and details communicated to Inspector S. P. Cowley, Chicago Division Office, by telephone.

Reference: Letter of Kansas City office dated September 21, 1934.

Details: **AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA**

DETAILS: On September 21, 1934 Inspector S. P. Cowley called the Indianapolis office long distance from the Chicago office at 12:30 P.M., advising Special Agent in Charge H. H. Reinecke that Clara Gray, the alleged wife of subject Russell Gibson alias Slim Gray, now apparently using the name of Mary Atkins, left St. Louis, Missouri at 8:25 A.M. on Pickwick Greyhound Bus with a ticket to Newark, N.J.; and requested that this bus be covered on its arrival at Indianapolis and that an Agent ride the bus a short distance out of Indianapolis for the purpose of securing a more accurate description than that furnished by Inspector Cowley.

Inspector Cowley described the woman as follows:

Height: 5'4"
Weight: 120 lbs.
Hair: Black, bobbed
Wearing no hat

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H. H. Reinecke
SPECIAL AGENT
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Eyes: Dark
Complexion: Dark, foreign-looking
Build: Stocky
Clothing: Wearing light brown dress and black-and-white scarf, tied.

Agent covered the Traction Terminal Station, Indianapolis. Two busses arrived from St. Louis on the Greyhound Lines at 5:45 P.M. Through the cooperation of the station master at the traction terminal station it was ascertained that there was only one passenger with a ticket for Newark, N.J. and this passenger came in on the second bus, her ticket reading from Kansas City, Mo. to Newark, N.J. At the time the bus came in she was sitting on the right side of the bus about two seats from the front wearing a brown dress with a scarf, attached to the dress, of tan and white stripes, tied in front. This person was the only woman passenger who came all the way through from St. Louis, Missouri. While it could not be determined that it was actually her ticket which read to Newark, N.J. it was presumed that she was the person referred to in the reference letter and the telephone call from Inspector Cowley.

The bus departed from Indianapolis at 4:20 P.M. and as stated above she was on the second bus, which was Pennsylvania Greyhound Bus No. 266. The itinerary of this bus enroute to Newark, N.J. is as follows: Depart Indianapolis 4:20 P.M., arrive Dayton, 9:13 at Central Bus Terminal, 4th and Wilkinson Streets, depart 9:23, arrive at Columbus, O. 11:35 P.M., Greyhound depot, 43 West State, depart 11:53; arrive Pittsburgh 6:20 A.M., Sept. 22, Greyhound depot 1010 Liberty 7:00 A.M. depart; arrive Newark, N.J. 10:05 P.M. Sept. 22, at Public Service Coordinated, 80 Park Place, phone Market 27000.

Agent boarded bus 266 and took a seat immediately behind the woman. When the bus pulled into the Indianapolis terminal she stayed in the bus and didn't get out and at no time did Agent observe her standing, therefore it was difficult to form any judgment as to her height or her general build, although from observation she did not appear to be overly stout. From observation she is described as follows:

Age: About 25
Complexion: Dark tan resembling a Spanish complexion.
Hair: Exceedingly dark chestnut with natural wave; bob, shingled in back, giving appearance of semi-boyish bob.

Clothing:

Brown dress of semi-silk material, rather close-fitting, with long, tight-fitting sleeves; on left wrist wore a bracelet about 1" or 1½" wide made of bluish metal mesh with thin yellow gold outside band and yellow gold buckle; on seat had a light chocolate colored thin sweater; wore no hat but had a dark brown beret fringed with brown lace or thin net; large shiny dark brown leather purse. Brown dress, had brown-and-white striped collar or scarf attached, tied in a knot in front.

Features:

Rather sharp, Roman nose, no makeup.

Other characteristics:

Fingernails long, well manicured, polished, with transparent enamel; white half-moon of thumb fingernails very prominent.

The woman was traveling alone; she purchased an Indianapolis newspaper at the bus station from the boy who was selling papers on the outside of the bus, and very contently read the account of the recent developments in the Lindbergh case which were displayed throughout the paper.

It was not possible to determine the kind of baggage carried by the woman inasmuch as, as stated above, she did not get off at Indianapolis and at no time did Agent see her handle her baggage which was evidently stored in the rack along the top of the bus.

Agent rode the bus from Indianapolis to Greenfield, Indiana, 20 miles distance, and by long distance telephone communicated the above facts to Special Agent in Charge H. H. Reinecke, Indianapolis office, who in turn transmitted the information to Inspector S. P. Cowley at Chicago by long distance telephone.

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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
September 22, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219, et al
Edward George Bremer - Victim
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent H. C. Sparr, dated at Kansas City, September 11, 1934, particularly pages twenty-four and twenty-five, wherein mention is made of the name of Jimmie Rowe, an alleged bootlegger who is supposed to be a very close friend of Frank Nitti, Chicago gangster, both Nitti and Rowe being contacts of Paula Harmon, involved in this case.

Mr. Bizelle of the Alcoholic Tax Unit, Treasury Department, Kansas City, Missouri, has advised that during the week end of September 15, 1934, he interviewed Rowe, at that time incarcerated in the County Jail at Tulsa, Oklahoma. Rowe's wife, Val I. Rowe, resides at 1515 South Bristow Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, telephone number 4-6470. It is Mr. Bizelle's belief that Rowe will probably be found still incarcerated in the County Jail at Tulsa, Oklahoma, in the event it is desired to interview him. Rowe is also under a bond to appear in Federal Court at Wichita, Kansas, during the latter part of September, 1934, in connection with a case investigated by the Alcoholic Tax Unit. Mr. Bizelle advised that he believed that Special Agent Birch of your office interviewed Rowe at Tulsa, Oklahoma, on some matter while Mr. Bizelle was there.

While it is understood that Paula Harmon is now in custody, having been recently apprehended at Cleveland, Ohio, it is suggested that it might be advisable to contact Rowe for any information he may have relative to the whereabouts of any other Subjects or associates involved in the instant case.

Very truly yours,

R. B. MATHIAS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. BOX 1156,
OMAHA, NEBRASKA,
September 22, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:-

Kindly furnish this office, at once, three photographs of HARRY SAWYER, for use in connection with investigation of the BREUER Kidnaping Case.

Very truly yours,

WM/T.H.
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WERNER HANNT,
Special Agent in Charge

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MOTHER RUSSELL GIBSON RESIDING FISHER HOME AND PLANNING

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