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

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FOR TRIAL FEBRUARY TWENTY ROBBERY ARMED DESIRE TO PLACE STOP ON HIM

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February 8, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 22, 1935, covering the transmittal of two Thompson machine guns, two .45 calibre Colt automatic pistols, one .38 calibre Colt automatic pistol, one Remington 12-gauge automatic shotgun, one Remington 12-gauge pump shotgun, one Winchester .35 calibre lever action rifle, and miscellaneous cartridges and cartridge clips which were found in the hideout of Fred Barker and Mrs. Kate Barker at Oklawaha, Florida, in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al; Edward G. Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping.

All of the firearms and accessories have been examined for latent fingerprints, but no such impressions of value could be developed thereon.

Very truly yours,

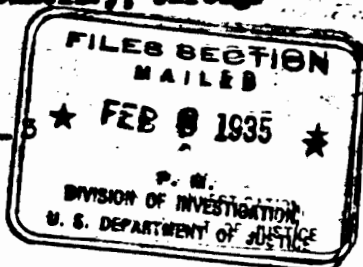
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Mr. Connelley, Chicago

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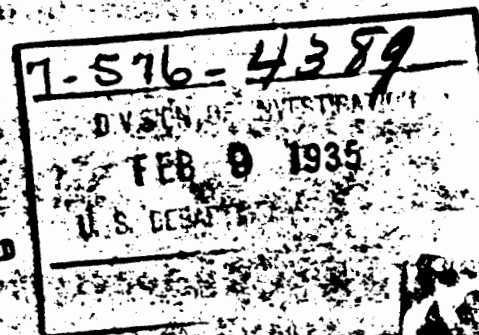
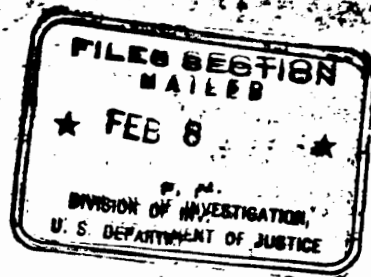
MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,
MR. WILLIAM STANLEY

I am transmitting herewith a copy of a memorandum which I have today addressed to the Attorney General, which outlines further details in connection with the escape of Volney Davis from the custody of Agents of the Division at Yorkville, Illinois, on February 6, 1935.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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FROM: UNIT #1 UNIT #3

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TO: Director
Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Quinn
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E. A. Tamm - Room

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

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

February 8, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

In compliance with the request of Mr. Newby, I am transmitting herewith two copies each of abstracts of criminal records and photographs as appearing in the files of the Identification Unit of Frank Rizzo, our file #292, Samuel Barone, our file #800265, and Sam Mandell, our file #666831, together with two copies of abstract of criminal record of Sam Mandell, our file #547122, whose photograph does not appear in our files. One of the above mentioned individuals may be possibly identical with the subject of Mr. Newby's inquiry.

Respectfully,

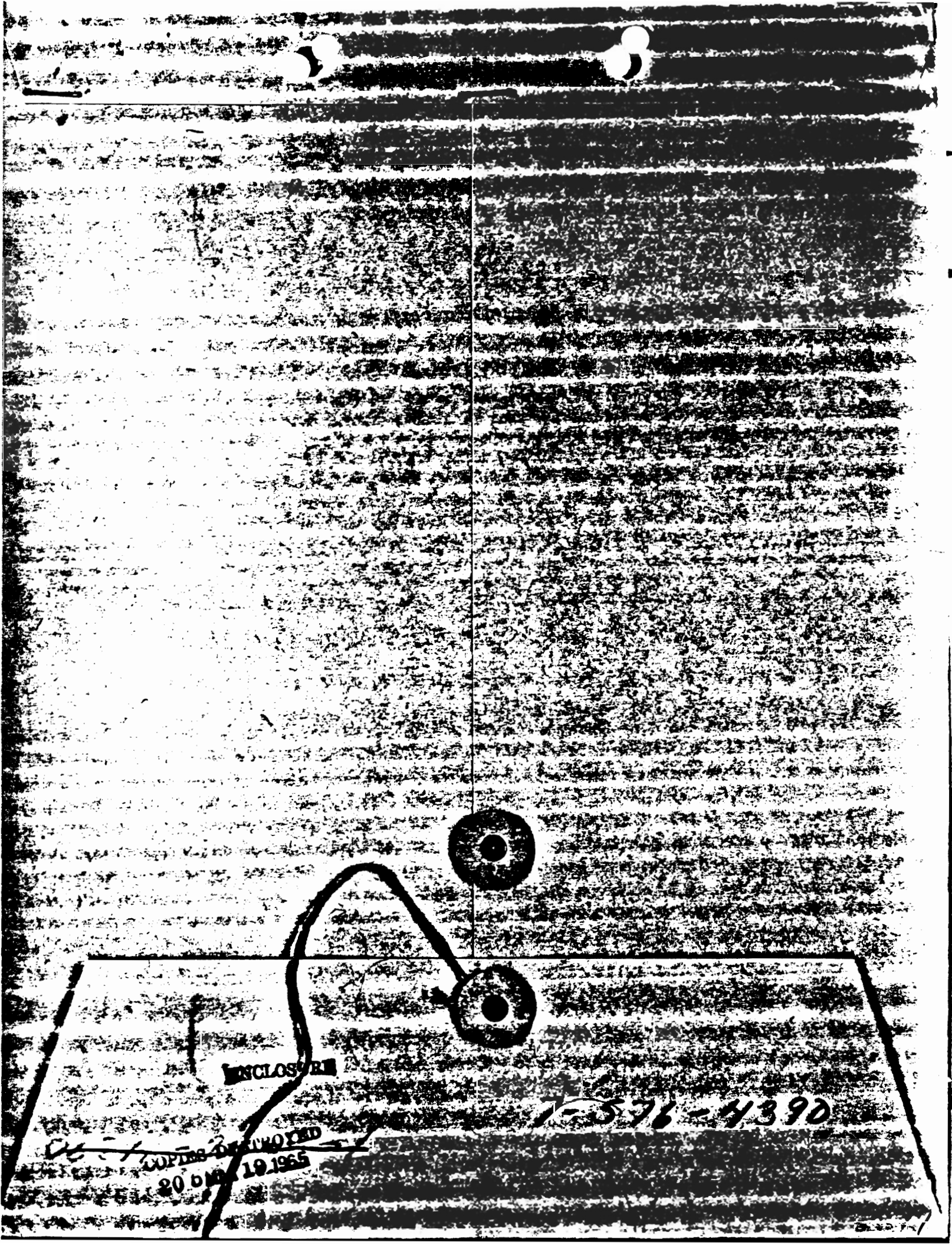
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L. C. Schilder. *LAH.*

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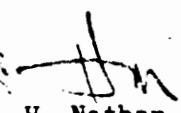
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Colonel Gates of the Attorney General's Office spoke to me in the hall relative to what he said was the Kansas City matter of the arrest of an escaped prisoner. I referred him to Mr. Tamm. I told him I understood Mr. Tamm was trying to get in touch with you. He called several times on the telephone but was told that I was not in.

Very truly yours,


H. Nathan.

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Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Baughman.....
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Time - 10:30 A. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Volney Davis.

Mr. Carusi telephoned me and asked if I had any information to offer concerning the above matter, about which numerous press inquiries have been received, stating that the Attorney General will undoubtedly be queried in regard to it.

I told Mr. Carusi that I had no information about the matter; that it was being handled by you.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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Time - 10:25 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Volney Davis.

Colonel Gates telephoned me stating that he had just received an inquiry from the Associated Press, who inform that they have a story to the effect that suspect in the Bremer case escaped at Yorkville, Illinois after hitting one of our Agents over the head and diving through a window of the court house; that they have the complete story but do not have the name of the person who escaped.

I told the Colonel that I had heard nothing about it, but would see if I could check it up for him.

Respectfully,


E. A. TAMM

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
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U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

February 7, 1935

Time - 10:55 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Volney Davis

Mr. Nathan
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Mr. Edwards
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Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schuler
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

Colonel Gates telephoned and stated that he has received a further report on the above matter to the effect that a man was being transported from Kansas City to Chicago by airplane when the plane was forced down at Yorkville, Illinois; that while one of the Agents was in a telephone booth in a hotel telephoning the Chicago Office of the landing, the man escaped from the other Agent. The Colonel stated that they have not as yet ascertained the name of the man involved.

I told him that we were trying to check it up.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

Time - 11:05 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Volney Davis

Mr. Connelley telephoned from Chicago and stated that he has just received information that the automobile in which Davis escaped has just been recovered at Roosevelt Road and York Street in West Chicago, Illinois, which is about 25 miles from the place where the car was stolen. It was abandoned by the side of the road, and the people who saw it, reported it as standing there without an apparent owner. Mr. Connelley stated that he has a couple of Agents going out there to see if anything can be found of value.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 8, 1935

Time - 11:02 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer case;
Volney Davis.

I telephoned Mr. Frank Baughman and informed him that I had just received a call from Mr. Stanley of the Department, who informed that the Kansas City Journal-Post has the story and all of the facts, including the identity of the above named subject and his escape. He says that they are trying to get a confirmation from the Department so that they might break the story. Mr. Stanley is of the opinion that the Attorney General and himself should be furnished immediately with a full statement of all of the facts surrounding the escape, so that the Attorney General might determine just what he wants to do with it. He says that since this is the first escape, he is of the opinion that the best procedure would be to release it in our own way rather than to let it get out and be misrepresented by the newspapers. I further informed Mr. Baughman that Mr. Stanley is very anxious to have the full report before noon.

Mr. Baughman suggested that I proceed to prepare the necessary memoranda relative to the matter, and he would see you and get your disposition of the matter, and inform me of the decision which you make before noon. I told him I would do this.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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February 8, 1935.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.
#1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, I.O.
#1232; et al.
Edward George Bremer (Victim)
Kidnaping.

Complying with instructions contained in Division letter of February 2, 1935: I have withdrawn the temporary wanted notices placed with police departments for Fred Barker.

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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

EAT:RTF

February 5, 1935

Time-5:30 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE *File*

RE: Bremer Case.

Agent Coulter called from St. Paul this afternoon and advised that there is a person in St. Paul by the name of Hoffman, who has attempted for two or three days to see this fellow Bryan Bolton. I told Mr. Coulter that it was my impression that Hoffman had seen Bolton a day or so ago. Mr. Coulter advised that after Bolton said he wanted to see Hoffman, he signed a statement to the effect that he did not want to see him at that time.

This afternoon at four o'clock, Hoffman filed a paper with the Court suggesting that he see Bolton. The Court considered Bolton's statement, and said he would take it under advisement in the morning. Mr. Coulter stated that the U.S. Attorney's office is very adverse to this fellow Hoffman seeing Bolton because he is one of our main witnesses; that this fellow Hoffman is on the other side and is going to cause a great damage if he does see him. However, the attorney who is very favorable to the judgement, an attorney named Robert Flynn, will probably go over there to see Jimmy Wilson this afternoon and he had in mind to let Bolton be available so if Bolton wants to talk to him it will be alright.

Mr. Coulter stated that the U.S. Attorney said we absolutely have to keep Bolton out of the hands of two or three lawyers up here, and Hoffman is one of them. Mr. Coulter said he wanted to advise the Division of this so that if Flynn comes over there, they weren't going to make any special efforts, but are going to fix it so that Bolton can talk to him. I agreed to this arrangement. I also told Mr. Coulter that if the Court orders it so that any of these lawyers can see Bolton, we do not want to get ourselves judged in contempt. Mr. Coulter assured me that nothing like that would happen.

Respectfully, *7-576-4398*
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POST OFFICE BOX 829,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

February 9, 1935.

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

Dear Sir: In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O.
1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O.
1236; VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, I.O.
1237; et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,
Victim - KIDNAPING

I am transmitting herewith photograph of a latent fingerprint found by the Gary, Indiana, Police Department on an abandoned Plymouth sedan on February 6, 1935. One of the occupants of this car has been identified as Alvin Karpis. It is desired that this latent fingerprint be compared with the fingerprint impressions of all subjects in this case and that a report of any identification made be submitted to me immediately. It is noted that the enclosed latent fingerprint bears a marked resemblance to the left ring finger of subject Alvin Karpis.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Connelley
E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.
(Special Assignment)

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cc-St. Paul

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 5, 1935

Time--1:40 PM

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: Brekid.

I spoke to Mr. Ladd this afternoon with reference to the three hundred and some odd dollars that we took from Arthur Barker when he was taken into custody. I informed Mr. Ladd that he should take up with the United States Attorney the first thing in the morning, the question of the disposition of same. And if he would not pass on it, that he was to call Agent Coulter in St. Paul and have him take it up with the United States Attorney there. I told Mr. Ladd that we would like very much to make proper disposition of this money.

I asked Mr. Ladd if that money was all the property of Barker that we had. He informed me that we have a couple of suits and other personal effects that were taken from him when he was taken into custody. Mr. Ladd advised me that Barker's attorney had written letters requesting that this property be turned over to him, but he also requested that the \$5000 in the safe deposit box be turned over to him. I advised Mr. Ladd that we do not have anything to do with that. I told Mr. Ladd to take up the question of Barker's clothes also, when he spoke to the United States Attorney and to be guided by his advice; that if he would not pass on it, to take it up with the United States Attorney at St. Paul. I asked Mr. Ladd if that was all the money of anybody we were holding, that we had. He said that it was.

Mr. Ladd informed me that the correct amount of the money was three hundred and seven dollars and eleven cents (\$307.11). He said that he would advise me as to the outcome of his visit to the United States Attorney's Office.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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Jacksonville, Florida
February 8, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE
I. O. 1212
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases -
I. O. 1232; et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Special Agent S. K. McKee, during his telephone conversation with the writer at two forty-five PM on February 8, 1935, from Havana, Cuba, advised that he and Agent R. D. Brown had been called into a conference with Ambassador Caffery and with the American Consul-General, C. R. Cameron, in Havana, the latter having stated that he desired to confer with Agents Brown and McKee. Agent McKee stated that Mr. Cameron appeared to be very much "put out" that he had not been informed of the official business of these Agents in Havana. The Ambassador and the Consul informed these Agents that the newspapers in Havana wanted a story; also said that within the next day or two there would be a lot of publicity in the United States; that the Ambassador had taken this matter up with the State Department and that sooner or later he would have to give the Havana papers a story since in his position it was imperative that he co-operate with the Press.

The Ambassador also advised these Agents that NATHAN HELLER, in custody of the police in Havana, is an American Citizen and that he will have to act in his behalf, after which the Agents informed the Ambassador of the pertinent facts in this case which are the background of Heller's detention. The Ambassador further informed these Agents that charges of some sort will have to be filed against Heller or he will be released. Agent McKee advised that Heller is being held by the Havana Police; they arrested him on their own initiative, but as a result of the investigation of these two Agents in Havana, where he is being held as an undesirable alien.

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Cuban papers reported that Heller is being held for American authorities. Representatives of the Havana press have contacted the American Ambassador for the facts relating to Heller's detention. Agents McKee and Brown when contacted by representatives of the press stated they had no comments to make.

At the time Agent McKee talked to the writer, Agent Brown was in Miami. The Ambassador informed Agent McKee that he would give no story to the press until Brown returns. Agent McKee suggested to the Ambassador that possibly the Department at Washington would give a story to the press. The Ambassador then stated that it would be necessary for him to put out a story in Havana since the newspapers would want to quote him.

This information, at three-five PM, on February 2, 1935, was furnished to Mr. Tamm of the Division, who desired to know whether these Agents had contacted representatives of the American Embassy in Havana when they arrived. I informed Mr. Tamm that I had told Agent in Charge Hanson at Miami and Special Agent R. D. Brown that upon the arrival of Agents in Havana, they should contact H. Freeman Matthews, First Secretary of the American Embassy and through him they would have entree to the Embassy. In a subsequent conversation with Mr. Hanson, he informed the writer that he had told Agent Brown about contacting Mr. Matthews, since I had furnished his name with a list of confidential informants of the Jacksonville Office in Havana.

R. A. Alt
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Division (5)
E. J. Connelley - Chicago (2)
Saint Paul (2)

P. O. Box 515
St. Paul, Minnesota

February 8, 1935

Hon. George F. Sullivan
United States Attorney
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218-
FUG.; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases,
I.O. 1219; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases,
I.O. 1236; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases,
I.O. 1237; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with
aliases, I.O. 1232, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file No. 7-30.

Receipt is acknowledged of a certified copy of the indictment and bench warrants for the arrest of Edna Murray, alias "Rabbit", and Jess Doyle.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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Cc Chicago, E.J. Connelley

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DIRECTOR

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 20, 1935

Time - 12:45 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Nathan.....
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Mr. Nathan telephoned from the St. Paul Office and stated that he wanted you to be in possession of the following information: It seems that one of the Associated Press reporters there in St. Paul is in possession of the information as to the location of the Bremer hideout. Mr. Nathan stated that the name of the man is to be kept confidential at this time, and he has indicated that he will not publish the story.

This call came in while you were talking, and Mr. Nathan asked me to convey the above information to you.

Respectfully,

Charles D. Ward
Charles D. Ward.

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Jacksonville, Florida

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February 8, 1935

Director
Division of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - I. O. 1218 -
FUGITIVE
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases - I. O. 1236 -
FUGITIVE; et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

67-13-12

In reply to your letter of February 2, 1935, referring to the temporary wanted noticed prepared and issued by the Division on Fred Barker, which were furnished the Jacksonville Office with Division letter of October 13, 1934, please be advised that the Police Departments in the principal cities within the district of the Jacksonville Office, which were furnished the wanted notices on Fred Barker to be placed in their fingerprint files, have been advised to withdraw the notices relating to this person.

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Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt

R. A. Alt
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 7, 1935

Time - 11:55 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Jess Doyle

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

Mr. Nathan telephoned from the Kansas City Office and stated that Doyle is reported to have been seen heading for some town in Missouri, and possibly on his way back to Kansas City. Mr. Nathan stated that the press representatives have been calling him about the escape of Davis, stating that it is their information that the party who escaped was Doyle; that as the officers in Kansas are very desirous of effecting the apprehension of Doyle, he wanted my opinion on giving the police officers the above information about Doyle being reported in Missouri. He stated that as they have a good description of the car Doyle is in, he believes it would do a lot of good if the information were broadcasted.

I told him to go ahead and broadcast the information, including the name of the party.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1216 Smith Young Tower
San Antonio, Texas.
February 7, 1935.

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

ALVIN KARPIS, w.a. I.O. #1218;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, I.O. #1232;
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,
Victim. Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of February 2, 1935,
you are advised that the Police Departments throughout
the San Antonio District with whom temporary Wanted Notices
had been placed for Fred Barker have all been notified
that this Wanted Notice may be cancelled due to the fact that
Barker was killed in Florida while resisting arrest.

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Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones,
Special Agent in Charge.

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February 7, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,
MR. WILLIAM STANLEY

For your information I am transmitting herewith a copy
of a memorandum which I have addressed to the Attorney General
concerning the Bremer Case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

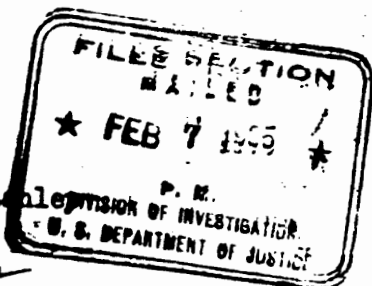
Volney Davis, who was indicted at St. Paul, Minnesota on January 22, 1935 for participating in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, was located and apprehended by Division Agents in Kansas City, Missouri yesterday afternoon. A waiver of removal was obtained from him and he was placed in a chartered airplane for transportation to Chicago, Illinois. The airplane was forced down due to weather conditions, near Yorkville, Illinois, after dark last evening. In the resulting confusion surrounding the forced landing of the airplane in a corn field near Yorkville, Davis succeeded in making his escape from the custody of the Agents. Stramious efforts are being made to reaprehend him.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director

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POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Special Agent in Charge,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

February 9, 1935.
RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232 et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim - KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to your letter of January 26, 1935, indicating that JOHN KARPAVICZ, the father of ALVIN KARPIS had interested himself in obtaining custody of the baby of Dolores Delaney.

In possible connection with this matter Mr. A. L. LEWIS, who resides in apartment 1-A, at 2842 North Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Ill., directly above the apartment occupied by Mr. Karpavicz, advised this office on the morning of February 8, 1935, that Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz had left early that morning in their Ford coupe automobile, carrying several suitcases with them, and that there was a note on the Karpavicz mail box stating that they would be gone for several days. Mr. Lewis could furnish no information as to their destination, but on the morning of February 9, 1935, Mr. Hurley, Superintendent of the Logan Square Postal sub-station, Chicago, Illinois, advised this office that the carrier who delivers mail to the Karpavicz residence had advised him that Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz had left home on the morning of February 8, 1935, for a two weeks vacation, and had left a note in the mail box for all mail to be left at the apartment of Mrs. Henry Newbold, their daughter. Mr. Hurley further advised that the carrier in talking to one of the Newbolds' children learned that Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz were driving to New York City. It is felt that the trip which Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz are taking to the east is no doubt in regard to taking custody of the child of Dolores Delaney.

In connection with the disposition of the child, attention is invited to my letter of February 6, 1935, to the Division, copy of which was furnished your office, in which my views in this matter are set forth.

The above is being furnished you for your information in the event Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz appear in Philadelphia for the purpose of obtaining custody of the child of Dolores Delaney.

Very truly yours,

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E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.
(Special Assignment)

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

FILE NO. **7-27**

REPORT MADE AT: Salt Lake City, Utah.	DATE WHEN MADE: 2-6-35.	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1-30-35	REPORT MADE BY: C.E. WEEKS - G.J.
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. 1219; RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. 1213; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="text-align: center;">No record located of fugitives in this case being at DeLuxe Auto Court, Las Vegas, Nevada.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p>			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent V.E. Criss, San Francisco 1-4-35.			
DETAILS: AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA.			
<p>In accordance with reference report, agent interviewed Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gawecki, operators of the DeLuxe Auto Court, Las Vegas, Nevada, at which time Mr. Gawecki selected the photograph of Volney Davis as the resemblance of the man who had stayed at the Auto Court under the circumstances mentioned in reference report. Mrs. Gawecki upon viewing the photographs of the fugitives, selected the picture of Arthur Barker as the resemblance of this man. They stated that these people had stayed around the court for several days, after that, and on occasions subsequent to the time when the "Drunk" had aroused them and they appeared at the door with pistols, they had seen them in company with the same "Drunk" who stayed at the Denver Auto Courts. Mr. Gawecki stated that the resemblance noted by him on the photograph, was the hair, and the manner in which it was brushed, as appears in the picture of Volney Davis. They were unable to locate the registration of the individuals who stayed at</p>			
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cabin No. 1, at the time, and agent personally examined the register at great length, and noted none of the names or aliases of fugitives in this case, and it was further noticed that registrations failed to set forth the date in many instances, and also failed to note the number of the cabin in which they lived.

The Gaweckies have promised to immediately notify Sheriff Keate in the event these individuals appear there again.

Sheriff Joe Keate, Las Vegas, Nevada, advised that subsequent to the call made by Mr. and Mrs. Gawecki on the occasion when the individuals referred to had appeared at the door of their cabin with guns, he went to the camp and was unable to locate the people in question, it appearing that they had either left, or that the Gaweckies were unable to point them out.

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Jacksonville, Florida
February 8, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - I. O. 1218 - FUGITIVE
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases - I. O. 1234 - FUGITIVE
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - I. O. 1235 - FUGITIVE
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
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At seven forty-five PM on February 7, 1935, Special Agent S. K. McKee, by long distance telephone in Havana, was informed confidentially that Cassius McDonald had been indicted by a Federal Grand Jury in Jacksonville, in view of which he and Agent Brown were to make vigorous investigation in Havana for all possible evidence to be used in McDonald's trial. McKee said that Rene Bolivar, who has been furnishing information in this matter in Havana, had stated that he contacted McDonald twice and Willie Harrison once in September, at which time McDonald and Harrison were stopping at the National Hotel in Havana under their correct names. This was from September 9 to 11, 1934.

McKee also stated that The National City Bank in Havana, had checked up and found that they had \$70 Ten Dollar Bremer ransom bills; that a representative of the bank had informed that they have three original packages containing fifty Ten Dollar Bills each, received September 6, 1934, which had been previously exchanged by McDonald on September fifth for gold. It appears that these bills were presented at the bank by Mir and Quas, two persons in Havana who handle gold. McKee stated that he believed that if every bank in Havana were checked up Fifty Thousand Dollars of this ransom money might be located. He suggested that arrangements be made with the Division in Washington, to have the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank instruct the branch in Havana to instruct all banks in that city to search their Five and Ten Dollar Bills for all Minneapolis notes and pull them out.

McKee also said that it appeared that we would have difficulty with Nathaniel Heller in getting him out of the country; that the newspapers in Havana were "panning" the Agents because they did not give them a story; that Heller appears to have numerous friends in Havana; that he had retained one lawyer, later discharged him, employed a second one who is editor of one of the Havana newspapers.

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McKee also stated that Rene Bolivar had informed the Agents that if the Government would pay all of his expenses, he is willing to come to Florida and testify for the Government at any time against McDonald. Bolivar is familiar with most of McDonald's activities in Havana in exchanging the ransom money.

At eight forty-five PM on February seventh, I furnished the above information to Mr. Tamm of the Division. He instructed that when I next contact the Agents in Havana that they be instructed to confer with officials of The National City Bank to have the three packages containing fifty Ten Dollar Bills each of the Bremer ransom money to be held intact for evidence in this case; that these Agents should be instructed to discontinue investigation at all banks in Havana, looking for five and ten dollar ransom notes; also that one of the Agents in Havana, should contact Mr. Tamm sometime during the day of February 8, 1935.

Mr. Tamm stated that it would not be advisable to have the Federal Reserve Bank in Atlanta issue the instructions previously referred to herein.

Later, during the night of February seventh, Mr. Tamm's instructions were relayed to Agent R. D. Brown in Havana.

Agents Brown and McKee requested that pictures of McDonald be forwarded to them at Havana for their use in the investigations in that city. Agent in Charge Hanson at Miami, was requested to obtain photographs of McDonald and forward them to Agent Brown by Air Mail Special Delivery as soon as possible.

Agent Brown in Havana was also instructed to get all the data possible from the public records in that city in connection with McDonald's arrest there, and who could identify him as the person arrested, which information is desired for use in McDonald's trial to refute any evidence as to his good character.

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CC Director (5)
E. J. Connelley - Chicago (2)
Saint Paul (2)

E. A. Alt
Special Agent in Charge.
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**

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REPORT MADE AT: Omaha, Nebraska	DATE WHEN MADE: 2-7-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1-29 & 2-4-35	REPORT MADE BY: J. L. FLOOD dr
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. 1219; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232; ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Two employees of the Walker Garage, Omaha, Nebraska identified the likeness in the photograph of Harry Sawyer as the man who brought a Chevrolet coach, motor #2029084 to the garage on January 3, 1935. Miss Alice Conrad sold this car to Ervin Thorpe, Lakeview, Iowa on January 23, 1935 and a few days thereafter left on a trip. She will be interviewed when she returns to Lakeview.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter from St. Paul Division office, dated January 28, 1935.</p> <p>DETAILS: E. A. Walker, proprietor of the Walker Garage, 1313 Harney Street, Omaha, Nebraska, advised that his records show that a Chevrolet coach was brought into the garage for storage on January 3, 1935 and released on January 23, 1935. Mr. Walker said that on the evening of January 22, 1935 he received a telephone call from a woman, whose name he has forgotten, and she was calling from Lakeview, Iowa. She informed Mr. Walker that the Chevrolet coach belonged to her and to release it to a young man who would call for the car as he intended to buy it. Mr. Walker advised that he was reluctant to release the car, as he understood from a garage attendant, Perry Washington, colored, that a middle aged man had left the car in the garage, so there seemed to be some dispute as to ownership of the car. Mr. Walker told the woman that she would have to present the claim check, #222, before the car could be released; that from his conversation with the woman, it appeared that she did not have the claim check, but she said that she would try and get it and give the check to the young man. Mr. Walker advised that two officers of the Omaha Police</p>			
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Department, who usually visit the larger garages about once a week to look over cars bearing foreign license tags, were in the Walker Garage a few days after the car was stored and made a casual inquiry about the car.

Perry Washington, when interviewed at the above address, advised that about 9 PM on January 3, 1935, a heavy middle-aged man drove a Chevrolet in to the garage and ordered the car greased and a tire on the rear end of the car repaired. Washington advised that the record of the 1935 Minnesota license tags on the car was 919-348, but the records show a confusion in recording license-tag numbers taken from cars stored in the garage on January 3, 1935, and he was not certain of the correct license numbers on the instant car. A wire was dispatched to the St. Paul office concerning ownership of 1935 Minnesota license tags 919-348, and a reply thereto notified this office that license tags do not run that high in number. Washington was showed a photograph of Harry Sawyer, and he immediately recognized the likeness in same, as the man who had brought the Chevrolet coach to the garage. This man, Washington advised, said very little and never subsequently inquired about the car or said anything about when he would come for it, and he had no baggage and was alone. However, a few weeks after the car was parked in the garage, an elderly man called and inquired about it; that from his conversation he seemed interested in buying the Chevrolet coach, but as Washington was busy and did not have time to show the man where the car was, he departed saying that he would return that evening or in a few days but never appeared again at the garage. Washington further advised that on January 23, 1935, he released the car to two young men, one of whom presented the claim check and paid \$8.00 storage and repair charges. Upon being asked if any other employees were on duty at the garage when the car was brought in, Washington referred Agent to the only other employee there at the time, Carl Heinz.

Mr. Heinz advised that he observed the man who brought the Chevrolet coach to the garage and when shown five photographs of persons wanted by the Division, he picked out the photograph of Harry Sawyer as the person that stored the car in the garage. The physical description of the man who drove instant car into the garage as given by Mr. Heinz favorably corresponded with that of Harry Sawyer. He further noticed that the man appeared to be a Jew.

Ervin Thorpe, Lakeview, Iowa, advised that he met Alice Conrad through Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wallace of Lakeview; that Jack Wallace is superintendent of a Veterans Conservation Camp, No. 1776, at Lakeview and has been there for over a year, and he became acquainted with him several months ago when he was at the camp on business; that a short time ago, Mr. Wallace introduced him to Alice Conrad who was visiting at the Wallace home. He learned from Miss Conrad that she had a Chevrolet coach for sale, and she only wanted \$125.00 for it plus the storage charges, the buyer would have to pay. Miss Conrad gave

him the check for the car, No. 222, and a letter to O. H. Pehle, who is a salesman for the Loose-Wiles Biscuit Company at Omaha, Nebraska. The latter person was to assist Mr. Thorpe in obtaining the car if he experienced any difficulty, but the car was released, and he didn't have to call on Mr. Pehle. Mr. Thorpe advised, that in company with a friend, Marvin Holmes, Lakeview, they went to Omaha and upon presenting the claim check and paying the \$8.00 charges on the car it was turned over to him; that on returning to Lakeview he gave Miss Conrad a check for \$125.00. The bill of sale she gave him was shown to Agent. It showed that Alice Conrad, 601 So. 9th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota, bought a Chevrolet coach, serial #21-AD76236, motor #2029084, bearing 1934 Minnesota license tags #89-155, on October 6, 1934, from the Kennedy Chevrolet Company, 600 So. 7th Street, Minneapolis.

Agent examined the Chevrolet coach, and the motor and license tags numbers corresponded with those in the preceding paragraph. It was noted that the Chevrolet coach had been painted a dark brown color, and the wire wheels are of an orange color.

Chief of Police George Stanley, Lakeview, who is a reliable officer, advised that Ervin Thorpe is a young man of excellent character. Mr. Stanley is well acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace as he is renting them some furniture for their apartment which he acquired from a local hotel that closed. Mr. Stanley stated that Mr. and Mrs. Wallace impressed him as "high flyers" and not much credence can be placed in their statements. They have no children. Mr. Stanley has talked to Miss Conrad and is of the opinion that she as well as her cousin, Mrs. Wallace, are women of questionable character; that Mrs. Wallace has been away on frequent trips and on returning to Lakeview she never mentions where she has been.

Postmaster Al Lille, Lakeview, advised that both Miss Conrad and Mrs. Wallace have been receiving their mail through the General Delivery which seemed strange to him as Mr. Wallace receives his mail at the camp, although the Wallace family resided in town. Mr. Lille advised that on January 18, 1935 Miss Conrad received a special delivery letter from Chicago, Illinois which had no return address; that on January 28, 1935 Miss Conrad received another special delivery letter postmarked at New York City with no return address thereon. Upon receipt of the latter letter, Miss Conrad said that she was leaving for St. Louis, Missouri and to hold her mail; however, no mail has since come for her. Mr. Lille advised that Miss Conrad has never bought any postal money orders, but she could have forwarded money through the one bank in town, The Farmers State Bank.

Miss Doris Mann, Teller at the Farmers State Bank, Lakeview, advised that on January 26, 1935 she cashed a check for Miss Conrad and believes the amount was \$125.00; that on the same date Miss Conrad purchased a cashiers check in the amount of \$75.00, payable to the Northwestern National Bank & Trust

Company of Minneapolis. Miss Conrad had a pass book on the afore-mentioned bank at Minneapolis but said that she had closed out her account there; however, she was sending the cashiers check to the Minneapolis bank to re-open her account. Miss Mann exhibited to Agent the cashiers check which had been returned. It bears tellers stamp No. 4, dated January 29, 1935 and shows the endorsement of the Northwestern National Bank & Trust Company. Miss Mann advised that Miss Conrad has only been in the bank once as above described and has never transacted any other business there.

Mr. Wallace, upon being interviewed on January 29, 1935, advised that his wife and Miss Conrad had left Lakeview the preceding day. Mrs. Wallace had gone to Minneapolis for a few days visit, and Miss Conrad left for St. Louis where she was to meet a boy friend, and they intended to proceed to Chicago. Mr. Wallace professed not to know the identity of the boy friend of Miss Conrad and intimated that both his wife and Miss Conrad kept much from him.

Agent called at the Wallace home a second time on February 4, 1935 and there interviewed Mrs. Wallace in the presence of her husband. Mrs. Wallace advised that her husband, during her absence, had received a letter in the last few days from Miss Conrad postmarked at St. Louis, which had no return address in which letter she advised she was leaving for Chicago and upon arrival there would notify them of her address. Mrs. Wallace advised that she expects Miss Conrad will only remain in Chicago a few days and then will return to Lakeview, and after a few weeks visit, it is expected that Miss Conrad will then go to Minneapolis. The address of this Division office was left with Mrs. Wallace. She promised to notify this office as to the address at Chicago where Miss Conrad can be located when she hears from her and will also notify this office when Miss Conrad returns to Lakeview.

Agent made arrangements with Chief of Police Stanley to notify this office when Miss Conrad returns to Lakeview.

O. H. Pehle, salesman for the Loose-Wiles Biscuit Company, Omaha, advised that he has known Mr. and Mrs. Wallace for a number of years; that when he was at Lakeview on or about January 15, 1935 he visited them and at the time met Miss Conrad. The latter spoke about a Chevrolet coach that a woman named Mrs. Sawyer had been driving for some time past, and mentioned that the car was at the Walker Garage. Miss Conrad said that she would have to get the claim check for the car from Mrs. Sawyer. Miss Conrad requested him to go to the Walker Garage and see what kind of mechanical condition the car was in and inform her by letter of what he learned; that upon going to the Walker Garage he was told by a garage attendant there that there were a number of Chevrolet cars in the garage, and he would have to give them the claim-check number so that the car he was interested in could be found; that he then left

the garage and didn't give the matter any further attention; nor did he write to Miss Conrad. Mr. Pehle is evidently a man of good reputation. He said that Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sawyer are unknown to him.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE OMAHA DIVISION OFFICE at Lakeview, Iowa, upon receipt of information from Chief of Police Stanley or Mrs. Jack Wallace, of the arrival of Miss Alice Conrad at Lakeview, an agent will interview the latter in accordance with the request in the letter of reference.

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P. O. Box 515
St. Paul, Minnesota

February 8, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O.
1218 - fug.; ARTHUR R. BARKER,
with aliases, I.O.1219; HARRY
CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O.1236;
VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I.O.
1237; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with
aliases, I.O.1232; et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file No.7-30.

Attached hereto you will find a certified copy of the
indictment and bench warrants for the arrest of Edna Murray and
Joseph Doyle.

These bonds should be made returnable at St. Paul,
Minnesota, April 2, 1935, and the United States Attorney recommended
that the bonds be set at \$15,000 each.

Inasmuch as you advised in your telephone communication
to this office under date of February 7, 1935, that the above
mentioned papers should be forwarded to you, I am taking the
liberty to forward them direct in order that they may be received
by you with the least possible delay.

Very truly yours,

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D. N. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 8, 1935

Time-6:15 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM
MR. QUINN

RE: Brekid.

A teletype message was received this morning from Mr. Connelley in Chicago relative the above matter. I thought you would be interested in seeing the contents of the message before the actual message itself is routed to you. It is as follows:

WATT GLEASON, CHEAP GAMBLER AND BOOKIE, 104 NORTH FOURTH STREET, AURORA, APPROACHED G.A. BARNHART ANOTHER BOOKIE AURORA TO SELL HIM WHITE GOLD HALF CARAT RING FOR SIXTY DOLLARS CLAIMING TO BARNHART RING WAS PROPERTY PRISONER WHO ESCAPED PREVIOUS NIGHT FROM FEDERAL OFFICERS WANTED ON BARNHART KIDNAPING ALLEGING GOV. RECENT TOOK ALL HIS MONEY EXCEPT THE RING AND A WATCH. WHILE MADE TEN P.M. 2-7-35. BARNHART FOLLOWED, RETURNED HOME WHERE HE RUNS A HOUSE OF PROSTITUTION ALSO. WESTPHAL GIRL HERE ADVISED PARTY EVIDENTLY VOLNEY DAVIS FROM DESCRIPTION SUBJECT AND CLOTHES HE WORE VISITED PLACE LAST NIGHT LEAVING SOME TIME TODAY. NO RESULTS FROM INTERVIEW GLEASON YET AND FOUR A.M. BROUGHT TO CHICAGO OFFICE FOR FURTHER INTERVIEW AS BELIEVE HE AIDED ESCAPE IF DAVIS NOT IN THIS VICINITY. FORD ILLINOIS LICENSE 104140 WHEN FOUND TODAY HAD CRACK FLOOD IN FRONT INDICATING HANDS OR LEGS INJURED PROBABLY FROM LEAP FROM WINDOW. SAC NATHAN KANSAS CITY FURNISHES SAME DESCRIPTION FOR RING SUBJECT WEARING AS FOUND HERE.

CONNELLEY.

I trust that this action on my part meets with your approval.

Respectfully,

RWF
R. W. Finkel.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

With further reference to my memorandum of yesterday advising you concerning the escape of Volney Davis from the custody of Division Agents, I wanted you to know the following facts which have been ascertained in connection with the escape.

Volney Davis was apprehended at Kansas City, Missouri on February 6, 1935, as he returned to a garage where he had left his car for repairs. Because there were no facilities available for holding this person in the Kansas City Division Office, steps were taken, after a waiver of removal had been obtained from him, to transport him to Chicago, Illinois, where he could be properly held for questioning. In order to avoid any publicity, it was felt that the most desirable way of transporting a prisoner would be to utilize a chartered airplane, but the only plane available at Kansas City, Missouri was a three-passenger ship. Accordingly, Volney Davis, properly handcuffed and shackled, was placed in this plane and two Division Agents accompanied him as guards, the pilot being instructed to proceed to Chicago, Illinois, where a force of Division Agents would meet the plane at the airport and transport the prisoner to the Chicago Division Office. It will be noted that because of the capacity of the only available airplane, no more than two guards could be sent with the prisoner.

The departure from Kansas City was made shortly after three o'clock and it was estimated that the plane would arrive in Chicago in about three hours. The pilot, however, lost his course as darkness settled and was unwilling to proceed, not knowing his exact location. He accordingly made a forced landing in a corn field near Yorkville, Illinois. The Division Agents left the plane, together with the prisoner, and secured the services of a passing automobile to transport them into the town of Yorkville, in order that a telephone call could be made to the Chicago Division Office and proper arrangements perfected for the continuation of the transportation of the prisoner to Chicago. The owner of the automobile transported the Agents and their prisoner into the town of Yorkville, but was unwilling to wait there while the telephone call was made by Division Agents, and it was necessary for the Agents to remove the prisoner from the automobile. In order to avoid publicity, the Agents removed from the prisoner the handcuffs and leg irons and entered a small hotel for the purpose of making a telephone call. One of the Agents entered a telephone booth, leaving his companion to guard the prisoner. While

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the first Agent was in the telephone booth, the prisoner suddenly whirled, struck the second Agent, knocking him down and dove head-first through a nearby window. Both Agents immediately undertook pursuit of the prisoner, firing at his barely visible form as he disappeared into the darkness. An intensive search was immediately undertaken in Yorkville but Davis had located a Ford V-8 sedan in the city, which car was unlocked, and had made his getaway in this car. The car was found late yesterday at West Chicago, Illinois.

You will recall that Volney Davis was indicted at St. Paul, Minnesota on January 22, 1935 for participation in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer. Davis is also a fugitive from the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, he having been received there on February 3, 1923 on a charge of murder and sentenced to serve a life term. He escaped from the McAlester Penitentiary on one occasion but was subsequently returned there, and on November 3, 1932 was granted leave of absence, which leave has since been cancelled.

I will advise you fully of any additional developments in this situation.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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

February 7, 1935.

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases with
aliases, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P.
MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232 et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim-
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

For the information of the file I am in receipt of the follow-
ing quoted letter from Mrs. Carson Bradford, Oklawaha, Florida:

Oklawaha, Fla.
Feb. 2, 1935.

Dear Mr. Conley:

Don't know exactly where to send a letter to you, but will
try Jax.

In with my linens, I found a nice table cloth & napkins,
that is not mine. Also found a cooker that isn't mine & the
electric curling irons were not mine, tho exactly like my
mothers & I thought had been left here by her. Found a re-
ceipt to T.C. Blackburn from Marion Hardware Co. Ocala for
putting part on tip of fire arm. Also a coconut marked Ameri-
can Legion, Miami & another coconut with an ugly face carved
in it. Then there was a ten cent string of brown beads, bracelet
& earrings.

If you want these things will be glad to send them. If not
I would love to keep them as souvenirs.

After the first week when the crowds still continued to come
& beg to be admitted I felt it rather selfish to be so sentimen-
tal over a house, so I opened the doors & let the first people
set the price, which is 50%.

Am so glad now that we are showing it & intend putting a big
sign out front saying "Showing crime doesn't pay". Every one says
it is a good lesson & shows the tremendous strength, power &
protection of our government. It was a blessing to all to be rid
of such characters & I feel sure a government that stands for

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*I am not aware
Bradford was innocent.
His past associations are
not very good. J. E. H.*

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justice will do the right thing by us when they are absolutely
sure we are innocent.

Thanking you kindly for returning the counterpanes & being
so considerate.

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Carson Bradford.

P.S. Found the correct way to spell your name in the paper.
Hope this reaches you".

Very truly yours,


E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.
(Special Assignment)

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CC St. Paul
CC Jacksonville

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

February 8, 1935.

Case: Alvin Karpis with aliases et al;
Edward G. Bremer - Victim, Kidnaping.

Number: 7-576-4180.

Specimens: One original letter dated April 21, 1932; beginning, "Hon. Kirk
Prather, Warden. Sir:- I am writing to ask if you will kindly***";
and signed "Jess Doyle #9834".

Examination requested by: Kansas City Division Office.

Date received: February 2, 1935.

Examination requested: Handwriting.

Result of examination:

Examination by: Appel

The handwriting was compared with the anonymous letters in the
Bremer case and with the anonymous and extortion letters in the general file
but no identification was effected.

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- 1 - St. Paul
- 2 - Laboratory.

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February 9, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division February 2, 1935.

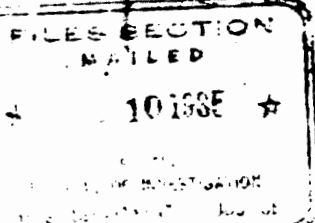
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure 311646.

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

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

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4:00 P.M.

January 29, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Baughman..
Chief Clerk.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
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Mr. Keith.....
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Miss Gandy.....

Atlantic City Police

Mr. M. B. Markland, who was referred to me from your office, advised that he is a general contractor of Atlantic City, New Jersey, and in the past has been making strenuous efforts to eradicate from Atlantic City criminals of the vicious type; that he had been interviewed by Agent Schroeder at Atlantic City relative to the recent escape of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell and since that interview had learned from one William Braun, an electrical contractor, 1917 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, that the police officers who went to the Danmor Hotel had permitted Karpis and Campbell to escape; that Officer Brennan, one of the raiding officers had an interest in the hotel and had taken one of the fugitives into custody and had placed handcuffs on him, but after the fugitive identified himself, the handcuffs were removed and he was permitted to return to his room; that the subsequent shooting was for the purpose of making it appear as though an effort had been made to take them into custody.

Have this checked carefully

Mr. Markland stated that the source of Mr. Braun's information is the garage repair man who was on duty at the Coastwise Garage at the time the car of the fugitives was located and who accompanied the officers to the hotel. Mr. Markland stated that according to his information this repair man observed the officers when they took one of the fugitives into custody.

Mr. Markland also discussed incidents that had taken place in Atlantic City in the past and advised that he had several times been a member of the Grand Jury at Atlantic City and had made an effort to bring about the solution and successful prosecution of several crimes of major importance. He also stated that he had an appointment with the Governor of New Jersey in the near future when the matter of appointing a new prosecuting attorney for Atlantic City, New Jersey, would be discussed.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby
R. E. Newby.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 2118

Detroit - Michigan

February 9, 1935

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases I.O. #1218;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases
I.O. #1232; et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
Kidnaping.

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division telegram dated February 5, 1935, requesting that this office furnish personal history and identifying data on Cassius M. McDonald.

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The following information regarding Cassius M. McDonald, who resides at 500 Trombley Road, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan, was obtained through interviews had with Chief of Police James Drysdale, Grosse Pointe Park - Inspector John Hoffman, Special Investigation Squad, Detroit Police Department - Joseph Bell, Agent, Bureau of Narcotics, U. S. Treasury Department, Detroit, Michigan - an examination of the files of [REDACTED] as well as an examination of the files of [REDACTED]

Cassius M. McDonald is listed in the City Directory of Detroit, Michigan, as a civil engineer. As near as can be determined, he has lived in the vicinity of Detroit, Michigan, for approximately fifteen years, having been born in Chicago, Illinois. His father was engaged in the lumber business in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and had extensive tracts of timber land in the vicinity of Escanaba, Michigan. Upon the death of his father some years ago, Cassius M. McDonald continued in the lumber business. During the War he was in the United States Service as an expert in timber and bought lumber to be used in the building of airplanes. He is married to Edith Gordon McDonald, formerly of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Both Cassius McDonald's family and Mrs. McDonald's family were considered very wealthy. Upon the death of Cassius M. McDonald's father, he inherited several million dollars. Since the War Cassius McDonald has not engaged to any extent in civil engineering but has been trading in the market. It was learned that during the crash of 1929 he lost approximately a million dollars.

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The home in which Cassius McDonald has resided in Grosse Pointe Park is in his wife's name. In addition to this home, he has also owned a lodge on Beatons Lake, which lake is located about eight miles West of Watersmeet, Michigan.

For a number of years Mr. and Mrs. Cassius M. McDonald have been spending the winters in Florida and Cuba. In January 1934, Chief of Police Drysdale at Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan, received a communication from J. F. T. Dumont, American Consular General, Havana, Cuba, advising him that Cassius Michael McDonald had entered Cuba by plane on January 19, 1934, and that a few days later his wife followed him; that while they were in Cuba, they were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Day of Detroit who were registered in Cuba under the names of Mr. and Mrs. William Dayton. The Consular General's letter to the Chief of Police requested information as to McDonald's reputation in Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan. Chief of Police Drysdale advised that the records of his department failed to indicate that McDonald had ever been in any kind of trouble in Grosse Pointe Park and apparently he bore a good reputation. He so advised the Consular General at Havana, Cuba.

It was reported that shortly after the Roundout Mail Train Robbery near Chicago, Illinois, some bonds which were stolen in that robbery came into the possession of Cassius M. McDonald and he was called in by the Postal Inspectors of Chicago, Illinois, to explain his possession of these bonds. The explanation he gave at that time proved satisfactory and he was released. It later developed that a man by the name of Bacon, who is alleged to have been implicated in that robbery, was harbored at the home of McDonald in Grosse Pointe Park for several weeks immediately after the robbery and that some time later this Bacon, alias Slim alias Alabam' escaped from the penitentiary. The Post Office Department for some time after his escape kept the McDonald home in Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan, under surveillance thinking Bacon might show up there. However, it was reported that Bacon was killed near Savannah, Georgia.

Several years ago a chauffeur of McDonald's was investigated by the Bureau of Narcotics, Detroit, Michigan, being implicated in a narcotic ring and was later convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary. It was in this way that Agent Joseph Bell of the Detroit Office of the Bureau of Narcotics became acquainted with McDonald. Agent Bell advised that McDonald has a number of influential friends in Detroit, Michigan, and that he also had numerous friends of questionable character. In this connection, he mentioned the fact that McDonald was very well acquainted with Richard Galatas whom McDonald knew to be a confidence man.

McDonald at the present time drives a Packard Sedan, 1934 Model, serial number 716405, motor number 377912. This car is registered in the name of E. G. McDonald, 500 Trembley Road, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan -- 1935 Michigan license number 4-135.

A composite description of Cassius M. McDonald as furnished by the different people interviewed is as follows:

Age	About 50 years
Height	5'10"
Weight	195 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Gray
Complexion	Ruddy
Teeth	Good
Mustache	Clean shaven
Glasses	None
Marks or Scars	None
Marital Status	Married - wife, Edith Gordon McDonald - no children
Peculiarities	Has quarrelsome disposition - not very friendly
Military Record	Served during War in the U.S. Service as expert in timber purchasing lumber for use in air- planes
Nationality	Scotch-Irish
Occupation	Civil Engineer - Lumber Expert
Criminal Record	Arrested Detroit, Michigan 9-16-21; charge larceny by trick. Released 9-19-21. Finger- prints not taken at time of arrest.

Edith Gordon McDonald is described as follows:

Age	Approximately 45 years
Height	5'8"
Weight	145 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Blond
Complexion	Fair
Glasses	None
	Dresses very attractively.

Upon receipt of information from the Division to the effect that Cassius M. McDonald was in custody, the Detroit Office conducted an investigation at his home in Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan. Agents were admitted to the premises by Claud Williams, caretaker. During the search of the house authorized by him and made in his presence, Agents observed the following addresses on old envelopes which may be of interest in the investigation of this case.

1. Used envelope bearing cancelled stamp, postmarked Chicago, Illinois, October 6, 1934, 7:00 P.M., addressed to: "Mr. Cashus McDonald, Hammond Bldg., Detroit, Mich., Room 1127" bearing the return address, "Baron, 2820 Lowell Ave., Chicago, Illinois."
2. Used envelope, postmarked New York, N.Y., September 28, 1934, 11:30 A.M., addressed to: "Mr. C. M. McDonald, 711 Hammond Bldg., Detroit, Mich." This envelope bore the following printed return address: "Cornish Arms Hotel, 311-323 West Twenty Third Street, New York." There is a pencilled notation on the back of the envelope as follows: "Cuban American Auto Co., San Lazaro 99B."
3. Used envelope, postmarked Chicago, Illinois, October 9, 1934, 6:00 P.M., addressed to: "Mr. C. MacDonald, 500 Trombley Rd., Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan." bearing return address, "M. Conway, 4651 N. Lincoln St., Chicago, Illinois."
4. Unsealed, empty envelope bearing two 3-cent stamps, uncancelled, bore the following address: "Mr. Fred Bosque, c/o Cuban American Auto Co., San Lazaro 99B, Havana, Cuba." In the lower left hand corner of this envelope the name "Mr. Mack" was typewritten.
5. Envelope postmarked New York, N.Y., January 31, 1935, addressed to: "Mrs. Edith G. McDonald, 500 Trombley Rd., Grosse Pointe Park, Mich." bearing return, "Bankers Trust Co., 16 Wall St., New York City."

Claud Williams, caretaker at the home of Cassius McDonald will be shown photographs of members of the Barker-Karpis gang to determine whether or not any of the members of that gang has ever been a visitor at the McDonald home.

The address 711 Hammond Building, Detroit, Michigan, at which address Cassius McDonald has received mail, is listed in the directory as law offices of Charles L. Bartlett, Gladys Stanley, Edward J. Hayes - telephone number Cadillac 6363 and Cherry 5060.

Inasmuch as it was reported that Edward A. Attie of 1039 Henobscot Building was McDonald's attorney, investigation is being conducted to determine the connection between McDonald and the lawyers who have their offices at 711 Hammond Building, Detroit, Michigan,

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at which place it will be noted from the above McDonald has received mail. The Division will be advised of the result of this investigation.

Very truly yours,



Wm. Larson,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-St. Paul
Chicago
Jacksonville

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JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA

BRKID REFERENCE YOUR LETTER DATED DECEMBER TWENTY FIRST LAST
ENTITLED UNKNOWN SUBJECTS POSSIBLE EXCHANGE NOT MONEY HAVANA
COBA CAREFULLY RECHECK LIST SERIAL NUMBERS AGAINST RANSOM LIST
INSTANT CASE.

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Laboratory Report

February 6, 1935.

Case: Alvin Karpis with aliases et al;
Edward H. Bremer - Victim, Kidnaping.

Number: 7-576-3921

Specimens: See attached page.

Examination requested by: Jacksonville Division Office.

Date received: January 24, 1935.

Examination requested: Ballistic and Fingerprint.

Result of examination:

Examination by: Parsons

The test bullets and shells have been taken from all of these guns and compared with the specimens contained in the Laboratory files, but no identification has been effected. The test specimens will be filed, appropriately indexed for possible future reference.

The fired shells contained in a box marked, "shells found in the house of Fred Barker", have been examined and it has been found that 38 of the .45 calibre cartridge cases were fired from the Thompson Sub-machine gun used by Fred Barker. 22 of these .45 calibre cartridge cases were fired from the Thompson Sub-machine gun found lying near Ma Barker. The one .33 calibre shell was fired from the .33 calibre lever action Winchester rifle recovered.

The examination reveals that stains found on the .45 Colt Automatic Pistol #C160657 damaged by a bullet and the Thompson Sub-machine gun found lying near Ma Barker were blood stains.

An attempt will be made to restore the numbers obliterated on four of these guns and a supplementary report will be submitted within the next several days.

A report on the fingerprints will be submitted separately.

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Specimens:

1. One Thompson Machine Gun - 1921 Model - Number illegible.
2. One Thompson Machine Gun - 1921 Model - Number illegible.
- One 50-cartridge drum for Thompson Machine Gun - did contain 50 loaded shells.
" " " " " " " " - empty.
One 100-cartridge drum for Thompson Machine Gun - empty.
One stock for Thompson Machine - Number 13578.
3. One 45 calibre Colts Automatic Pistol Number C-160657 - damaged by bullet hitting handle.
4. One 45 Calibre Colts Automatic Pistol Number C-161841.
Nine 45 automatic pistol clips.
5. One 380 Calibre Automatic Colt Pistol - number illegible.
Five 380 automatic pistol clips.
6. One Browning 12 gauge Automatic Shotgun - Number 92870.
7. One Remington 12 gauge pump shotgun - Number 272907.
8. One Winchester 33 calibre lever action rifle - Number illegible.

3 - Director
2 Jacksonville
1 - Mr. E. J. Connelley - Chicago.
2 - Laboratory
1 - St. Paul.

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RECORDED 7-576-4421 February 2, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Jacksonville, Florida.

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

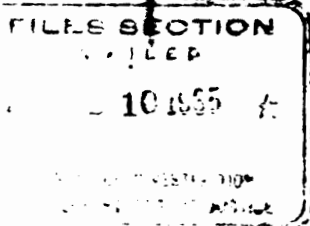
Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division January 24, 1935.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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



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[Signature]

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February 9, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 829,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I.O. #1218; MR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with
aliases, I.O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL
with aliases, I.O. #1236; VOLNEY
DAVIS with aliases, I.O. #1257; ETAL;
Edward George Bremer - Victim;
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter dated January 8,
1935 in the above entitled case wherein you were requested to
obtain a photograph of Frank Osborne, No. C-75208, arrested by the
Police Department, Chicago, Illinois, September 28, 1930 on a
charge of general principles. This photograph is desired in order
to complete the files of the Division relative to this individual.
You are instructed to give this request immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc - St. Paul

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DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 7, 1935

Time - 3:10 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer case;
Jess Doyle;
Volney Davis

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Baughman..
Mr. E. A. Tamm.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Fox.....
Mr. Glavin.....
Mr. Ladd.....
Mr. Nichols.....
Mr. Rosen.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....

Mr. Stanley telephoned with reference to the various incidents in the above matter this morning, and I told him that a memorandum was forwarded to the Attorney General about it only a short time ago.

I told him that the newspapers have two difference incidents out there thoroughly mixed up; that Jess Doyle had a gun battle with our Agents at Pittsburg, Kansas this morning and subsequently surrendered to the sheriff at Girard, Kansas; that the press reports emanating from Yorkville, Illinois have it that Jess Doyle escaped from our Agents there, when as a matter of fact, Doyle had already surrendered in Kansas.

Mr. Stanley then inquired as to the identity of the person who actually escaped from the Agents, and I told him that I was not advised of this information; that, however, it is my understanding that a memorandum in this regard is being forwarded through Mr. Hoover's Office.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 8, 1935

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Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Keith.....
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Mr. Schilder.....
Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I ran into Mr. Connor of the Chicago Daily News in the hall. He said that Mr. Gates had sent him to see me; that the Chicago papers report that Doyle had been in custody in Kansas City for some time, and that it was Alvin Karpis who had escaped. I told him that all I would say was that it was a lovely day, and suggested that he see Mr. Tamm.

Very truly yours,

H. Nathan.

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February 9, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. #1218, FUG.;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases,
I. O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases,
I. O. #1236; VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases,
I. O. #1237, et al; EDWARD G. BREMER -
Victim Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

On February 5, 1935 the Division received a telegram from Mrs. Margaret Keise Burkish, 428 North State Street, New Albany, Indiana, quoted as follows:

"Have tip lottery men behind Karpis; consider secret; dangerous spot for me; interview secretly."

Mrs. Burkish has corresponded with the Division on previous occasions relative to crime conditions, generally, which letters have been answered by the Division. You are requested to have an Agent immediately interview Mrs. Burkish with a view to explaining to her the jurisdiction of this Division and obtain any information she may have concerning the above entitled case.

The telegram received from Mrs. Burkish has not been acknowledged in this instance.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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

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February 6, 1935.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: Bremer Case

During a telephonic conversation with Mr. Stanley, I advised Mr. Stanley that we had just arrested Volney Davis, the other big member of the Karpis-Barker gang, in Kansas City, Missouri; and that we would like to keep it a secret for three or four days.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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DIRECTOR

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 7, 1935.

Time-5:24P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: Bremer Case.

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
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Mr. Connelley called and advised that a gambler there has apparently got Davis' ring and is trying to sell it; that he called the Kansas City Office and the description checked with the ring Davis had on, a small white gold diamond ring. Mr. Connelley further stated that they tried to get the man who is working with us to buy it, but he wouldn't give them what they wanted for it, sixty dollars. Mr. Connelley stated that we would probably have to give this man the sixty dollars so that he can buy the ring; that they will trail him and if he gives us the "shake, they will take him out in the country and force him to tell us where this man is. I instructed Mr. Connelley to pay the sixty dollars and maintain a good surveillance.

Mr. Connelley stated that he was leaving at once for Aurora where the contact will be at nine o'clock tonight.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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U. S. Department of Justice

February 7, 1935

Time - 11:00 A.M.

Re: Volney Davis
Jess Doyle

Mr. Connelley stated that they have been unable to find any leads at all on Davis; that they have been contacting the known hideouts of Davis in and around Aurora, but negative results have been secured thus far; that there have been no returns on the broadcast concerning the car in which Davis escaped. Mr. Connelley stated that he contacted the pilot of the airplane this morning, and instructed him to talk to no one about the affair; that the pilot came on to Chicago to refuel, after which he is going back to Kansas City. He stated that he believes this pilot will not talk, although it appears that there was a leak someplace in Kansas City, in that the Chicago Tribune carried the story that a prisoner was coming into Chicago; that a reporter and a photographer from this paper were out at the airport; however, they left before hearing anything.

I then informed Mr. Connelley of the battle which the Agents of the Kansas City Office had with Jess Doyle at Pittsburg, Kansas this morning, informing him that Agent Bryce claims that he shot Doyle badly with a machine gun; that, however, Doyle escaped. Edna Murray, his woman companion, is presently in custody at Pittsburg after having been captured.

With regard to the escape of Davis, Mr. Connelley stated that it appears that after the two Agents with Davis got into the building there, and Trainor had gone into the telephone booth, Davis, who was standing at somewhat of a right angle position to Stakem, suddenly whirled and struck Stakem in the face, knocking him down; that he immediately whirled again and dove head first through a window, landing on a concrete walk on the outside. Mr. Connelley stated that had Davis picked the other window in the room, he would have landed in the basement of the place, thus indicating that he had looked the situation over as he came into the place. He then ran across the yard there and jumped over a small fence. Stakem shot twice at Davis during this time, but was apparently rather groggy from the blow in the face, and evidently did not hit Davis. Trainor then came out of the telephone booth when he heard the commotion, and attempted to trail Davis, but it was so dark that Davis was lost in the darkness.

business. **DECEMBER 19, 1953**

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Memo for the Director

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After crossing the fence, Davis found himself hemmed in by a river which runs north and west around the town; that he then ran about two blocks down the street, turned left, where he ran into an intersecting street. He then apparently ran between some houses there and came upon the grocer who had just drove up in his Ford, four-door Sedan, and who had gone into the house, leaving the keys in the car. This is the car which Davis took.

In addition to broadcasting the information about the car there, Mr. Connelley stated that he telephoned the St. Louis, Omaha, and Indianapolis Offices and requested that they also broadcast the information; that this morning he telephoned the Detroit Office and gave them the information in question.

Respectfully,



E. A. TAMM

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

EAT:CD

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 8, 1935

Time - 10:50 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer case;
Nathaniel Heller.

Edwin C.

Mr. Wilson of the Latin-American Division of the State Department telephoned in regard to Heller, and stated that they have just received the following telegram from the Ambassador in Cuba: "Legal advisers of Secretary of Government called to say under existing laws there is no provision in deportation cases for defendant to appear before court of justice. The cases are decided in the Department of Government. This department will deport Heller if Government of United States requests it; otherwise, he will be released, unless extradition is requested. No charge has been lodged against him here by Cuban authorities. He is being held at the instance of the Agents of the Department of Justice. Agents are convinced that Heller aided Karpis gang here. Brown told me that warrant issued in Florida for his arrest in same connection. Heller's lawyer says he believes Heller to be willing to proceed to Miami to answer charges there if released here. I request instructions as soon as possible."

I told Mr. Wilson that I had talked to Agent Brown in Havana this morning at which time I was informed that Agent Brown was going to see the Ambassador this morning; that they had offered to pay the expenses incurred by Heller in his going to Florida if he would voluntarily do so. I then informed Mr. Wilson that an indictment was returned yesterday in Florida against Heller charging him with harboring, and with conspiracy to harbor. However, in talking with Mr. Brown this morning, he indicates that Heller is not willing to go back to the United States voluntarily. In talking to the Criminal Division of the Department, they informed me that under the existing extradition treaties, they doubt very much that it would be possible to extradite Heller. Consequently, our only recourse is to have him deported as an undesirable alien. I am advised that the wife of Heller will go to the President of Cuba to intercede in his behalf. I told him that in view of the fact that the charges have been preferred and an indictment returned in Jacksonville, we feel that the man should have to answer the charges; that while it would be desirable to have him extradited, we are advised that it is highly improbable that this can be done; that, however, I would confer with Brown in Havana relative to the situation there, and telephone him back.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDM

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 9, 1935

Time - 10:50 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case;
Nathaniel Heller.

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Baughman.....
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I telephoned Agent Brown at Havana in regard to the above matter, and informed him that the State Department informed me late last evening that information had been received by them to the effect that Heller indicated that he would proceed to the United States of his own volition if released. Mr. Brown stated that he is in possession of this information and had wired the Division the same.

I instructed Mr. Brown to give this matter his vigorous attention, and as soon as it is ascertained when and how Heller is coming to this country, this information should be transmitted to Mr. Hanson at the Cortez Hotel in Miami.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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February 8, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR UNIT FOUR,
EQUIPMENT SECTION

RE: MYRTLE EATON, with aliases,
Kidnaping.

There are transmitted herewith data for
Identification Order #1243 to be issued relative
to the above subject.

Kindly verify the fingerprint classifica-
tion, and use the attached photograph.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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IDENTIFICATION
ORDER NO. 1243
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

FINGERPRINT
CLASSIFICATION:

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WANTED:

MYRTLE EATON with aliases:
Ruth Martin, M. Ruth Martin, Ruth Hubbard, Sue Bond,
Sue Hubble, Alice Martin, Myrtle King.

KIDNAPING

PLACE FINGERPRINTS HERE

DESCRIPTION

Age, 33 years (born Des Moines,
Iowa, March 14, 1903)
Height, 5 feet, 4 7/8 inches
Weight, 126 pounds
Build, medium
Hair, black
Eyes, gray
Complexion, medium
Scars and marks: vaccination scar
upper left arm; brown distant; small
cut scar left side of lower lip;
furrowed upper lip.

Photograph taken
December 29, 1931

Place signature here

CRIMINAL RECORD

As Ruth Martin, #23113, ar-
rested Police Department,
Minneapolis, Minnesota,
February 27, 1930; charge
grand larceny-shoplifting;
charge changed to petty
larceny and fined \$100.00.
As Sue Bond, alias Sue Hubble
#23402, arrested Police De-
partment, St. Paul, Minneso-
ta, December 8, 1930; charge
shoplifting; dismissed by
County Attorney.
As Mrs. Alice Martin alias
Myrtle King, #5305, arrested
Police Department, Des Moines,
Iowa, December 29, 1931;
charge investigation; re-
leased.

RELATIVE

Mrs. Ruby Hubbard Peterson Jones, sister,
1113 S. E. Kirkwood Avenue,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Myrtle Eaton is wanted in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer
at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 17, 1934. An indictment was returned by the Fed-
eral Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota, January 22, 1935 charging Myrtle Eaton and
others with conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer.

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

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

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Director

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

February 7, 1935

REN:RD

Time: 12:45

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Re: EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim;
Kidnaping.

Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd telephoned from the Chicago Office to advise that the noon editions of the local papers carry headlines "Slugs U. S. Agents and Escapes" and proceeds to give the full details of the escape of Volney Davis at Yorkville, Illinois, but instead of giving the name of Davis the papers are carrying the name of Jess Doyle.

Mr. Ladd suggested that the newspapers were confused from bulletins received from Pittsburg, Kansas where Federal Agents are reported to have been in a gun battle with Doyle.

Respectfully,

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Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 7, 1935

Time - 3:45 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer case
Volney Davis.

Mr. Nathan.....
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I telephoned Mr. Stanley about the above matter, and informed him that I had just received a call from you to the effect that the person who escaped from the Agents at Yorkville, Illinois last night was Volney Davis; that Volney Davis, along with Jess Doyle and others, was indicted at St. Paul for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer; that you had informed that the airplane in which the men and the prisoner were traveling was forced down in a corn field near Yorkville after dark; that during the shakeup which resulted from the landing, the man escaped. I told him that the information relative to the apprehension of Davis had not been released to the press, which proved to be a very fortunate incident in this regard.

Mr. Stanley stated that he would advise the Attorney General of this information.

Respectfully,


E. A. TAMM

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POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

February 7, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Philadelphia, Pa.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O.
1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases,
I.O. 1232, et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,
Victim - KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

At the time I was in Philadelphia interviewing WINON BURNETT
and DOLORES DELANEY, the attached pictures were used by me, and are
being returned herewith to you for your file.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.
(Special Assignment)

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Post Office Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

February 6, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:-

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218;
MR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232;
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1233;
VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I.O. 1237;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to letter of the Detroit Office, dated November 19, 1934, a copy of which was furnished each field office setting out information to the effect that Subject James Earl Ray purchased a 1934 model four-door V-8 Ford Deluxe Sedan, motor No. 899365, under the name of E. J. Powell. This car was purchased on May 21, 1934 from the Jess J. Ellis Motor Sales Company, Toledo, Ohio, for cash.

Jimmy Wilson subsequently admitted to Agents of this office that he purchased the above car at the instigation of Bert Angus, co-owner of the Casino Club at Toledo, Ohio. He further stated that this car was undoubtedly purchased for Subject Volney Davis, as he later observed same in his constant possession.

In this connection reference is made to the report of Special Agent A. R. Miller, Kansas City, Missouri, dated December 17, 1934, which reflects that Ford Sedan, motor No. 899365, was sold on October 10, 1934, for \$350.00 cash, to the Finance Outlet Company, Kansas City, Missouri, by an individual who gave his name as E. J. Powell. Advice was received at that point that the car had been previously repaired by the Shipley Auto Top & Body Works, located at Minot, North Dakota.

Investigation at that point, as reflected in the report of Special Agent O. G. Hall, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated January 4, 1935, disclosed that a man who gave his name as Powers had wrecked a Ford V-8 1934 model Sedan on August 21, 1934 near Minot, North Dakota; that the car was brought into the Shipley Auto Top & Body Works Company and it

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remained there for approximately one month while being repaired. Although no photographic identification was made the description given by the owner of the above company somewhat answered that of Volney Davis.

In reference to the above, your attention is invited to the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, Illinois, dated October 17, 1934, which reflects information obtained from an informant at Glasgow, Montana, where it was definitely established that Volney Davis and one Corey Bales of Aurora, Illinois were building a tavern between Glasgow and Fort Peck Dam, Montana. The informant advised that about the latter part of August, 1934, Corey Bales received a wire from Minot, North Dakota, sender unknown, that his wife, Violet Gregg, and Edna Murray, alias "Rabbit", had wrecked their car near Minot while en route from Chicago to Hinsdale, Montana; that the women were in the hospital at Minot, and that two days later Bales and "Curly" Hansen, who is in fact Volney Davis, drove to Minot, North Dakota in Corey's Chevrolet Sedan, and made arrangements there to have the Ford automobile repaired.

In view of the above it can readily be seen that the owner of the Ford car, motor No. 899365, E. J. Powell, is unquestionably Volney Davis. Inasmuch as the car had been sold at Kansas City, Missouri on October 20, 1934, it is requested that all field offices cancel the stop order previously placed against this car with the motor vehicle bureau registrations in their respective districts. The file does not reflect that this has been done.

In furtherance to this matter, your attention is invited to the report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, Kansas City, Missouri, dated January 4, 1935, which reflects that Thomas Stowers of the Pittsburgh, Kansas Police Department reported that he had seen, around the Christmas holidays, a 1934 model Pontiac Sedan, bearing Missouri license tags No. 585264, in the vicinity of the Stanley residence. It will be recalled that Harry Stanley is a brother of Edna Murray, consort of Volney Davis, and resides at 206 East Adams Street, Pittsburgh, Kansas. A check of the above license tags discloses that same were issued to Grace R. Hansen, Post Office Box 102, Belton, Missouri, on a 1934 Pontiac Sedan, motor No. 1058715, Missouri title indicating that this car was purchased on October 11, 1934 from the Noel V. Wood Motor

Company, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri. It will be noted that the date of purchase of this car is the day following the date that Volney Davis had sold the Ford Sedan above-mentioned at Kansas City, Missouri.

An inquiry at the Noel V. Wood Motor Company, Inc., Kansas City, revealed that the above car was purchased on October 11, 1934 by a woman who paid \$886.90 for same in cash. Although the salesman could make no identification of this woman, it is believed that she is identical with Edna Murray. In this connection, it will be recalled that Edna Murray lived at Aurora, Illinois during March and April of 1934 under the name of Grace R. Hansen, which further substantiates the above contention.

With further reference to this matter, please refer to the report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois, dated January 25, 1935, which sets out information as received from Elmer Farmer of Bensenville, Illinois, to the effect that he last saw Volney Davis shortly after New Year's of this year, at which time Davis visited him at Elmer's Tavern in Bensenville. Farmer stated that at this time Volney Davis was driving a dark-colored sedan, believed to have been a Pontiac, 1934 model, with a built-in trunk in the rear. It will be noted that the description of this car answers that furnished by the salesman of the Noel V. Wood Motor Company of Kansas City, Missouri. Farmer further stated that Volney Davis on this visit was accompanied by a blonde woman, whom he identified as Edna Murray.

In a review of the foregoing all indications point to the fact that Pontiac Sedan, motor No. 1058715, is the property of Volney Davis and Edna Murray, under the name of G. R. Hansen. In this connection, it is requested that all field offices immediately contact the motor vehicle bureau registrations in their districts with a view to having them search through their files in an effort to determine whether the above car was registered in any of their respective states. If it develops that the car has not as yet been registered, it is suggested that a stop card be placed in their files against this automobile with the request that the proper field office be immediately notified in the event an application for registration is received by them.

It is strenuously requested that all field offices give this their immediate and proper attention.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.
Special Assignment.

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ADDENDUM:

On date this was prepared it is indicated that apparently the Kansas City office recovered this automobile at Kansas City and all offices should await advice of Kansas City office as to this.

Post Office Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

February 6, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:-

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232;
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236;
VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I.O. 1237; et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.

Receipt is acknowledged of your telegram to this office under date of January 26, 1935, setting forth information to the effect that Charles J. Fitzgerald was a patient at the Vallejo General Hospital, San Francisco, California, during November of 1934, under the name of C. J. Murphy; further, that he was reported to have had a car bearing 1934 Illinois license tags 522451, under the name of C. J. Murphy.

In this connection an inquiry at the Motor Vehicle Bureau of the Chicago Police Department disclosed that 1934 Illinois license tags #522451 were issued to C. J. Murphy at 7150 Cyril Parkway, Chicago, Illinois, on a Buick car, motor #2875177, serial #2716681.

Please be advised that it was learned that 7150 Cyril Parkway is the address of the Kianor Manor Apartments. Special Agent J. L. Madala of this office interviewed the manager, Mrs. Balien, on January 28, 1935, and she advised, after searching her records, that C. J. Murphy and his wife resided in Apartment 402 from August 27, 1933 to April 1, 1934. She positively identified the photograph of Charles J. Fitzgerald as C. J. Murphy and furnished the description of Mrs. Murphy as follows:

Age	45-50 years
Height	5 feet, 4 inches
Weight	150 pounds
Hair	Reddish
Build	Medium
Wears rimless glasses.	

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Mrs. Balien further stated that Mrs. Murphy rented the apartment, which is furnished. She refused to sign an application, stating that they had considerable money and would pay their rent promptly. She also would not furnish any references, giving the reason that they were unknown in Chicago. Mrs. Balien further stated that when Mr. and Mrs. Murphy moved into the apartment Mr. Murphy was suffering from rheumatism or arthritis; that during the first three months of their residence at the apartment Mr. Murphy walked on crutches most of the time. However, shortly before they moved on April 1, 1934 Mr. Murphy walked about with the aid of a cane. Mrs. Balien stated that the Murphys had no telephone installed in their apartment and that all their calls were made through the pay telephone located in the lobby of the building; that they had very few visitors and received very little mail. Mrs. Balien was unable to identify any of the members of the Barker-Karpis mob as visitors of the Murphys.

Agent Madala also interviewed the maid and the housekeeper, both of whom, he learned, came in frequent contact with the Murphys while they resided at this apartment. The housekeeper advised that on one occasion Mrs. Murphy told her that her husband had a severe case of rheumatism and that he had spent a considerable time in the Mayo Brothers Clinic at Rochester, Minnesota. The housekeeper further stated that while these people were living in the apartment Mrs. Murphy drove her husband to a farm nearby on numerous occasions, and that at times he would remain on this farm for two or three weeks at a time. Mrs. Murphy also stated that a friend of theirs owned this farm, and that the rest and the air was very beneficial to her husband. The housekeeper also stated that Mrs. Murphy often visited her sister-in-law, who is of Polish descent, and who lived nearby. However, she could furnish no other information in this respect.

The maid advised Agent Madala that Mrs. Murphy had at one time told her of the location of the farm above-mentioned; that to her recollection it is either in Benton Harbor or Kalamazoo, Michigan. She stated that the farm must be near Chicago as Mrs. Murphy visited it almost every weekend; that she usually left on a Friday and returned the following Monday. The maid further advised that the Murphys appeared to be very wealthy, and that Mrs. Murphy was well-dressed at all times; that they were good "tippers" and were very kind to her.

She further stated that at no time did Mrs. Murphy indicate her husband's business to her, and that Mr. Murphy spent considerable time in the apartment, possibly on account of his rheumatism. She stated that when they moved from the premises they did not mention where they were going, nor how long they would be gone, and according to the maid, Mrs. Murphy indicated that should they return to Chicago they will again reside at the Eleanor Manor Apartments, as they were very well satisfied with the service there.

The telephone number of the Chicago Division Office was left with Mrs. Balien, the manager, with the request that she should immediately communicate with the office should the Murphys return there to live, which she promised to do.

For your information, it was learned that Charles J. Fitzgerald has been residing in Toledo, Ohio during the early part of January, 1935; that he was reported to be living with a young couple who own their own home and that he is helping them pay off the mortgage on same; further, that the man whom Fitzgerald is supposed to be living with is a bootlegger. On January 31, 1935 the Secretary of State's Office, Columbus, Ohio, was provided with the motor and serial number of Fitzgerald's Buick automobile, as above-described, with the request that they search their records in an effort to ascertain whether this car had been registered in the state of Ohio for 1935. A subsequent communication from that office disclosed that the car had not been registered in that state.

On February 4, 1935 a letter was directed to the St. Louis Division Office requesting them to contact the Secretary of State's Office at Springfield, Illinois, and obtain from them all available information concerning 1934 Illinois license tags 522-451 for the purpose of verification of the above motor and serial numbers of this car. Immediately upon receipt of this information a letter will be directed to all field offices with the request that they communicate with the motor vehicle bureau registrations in their respective districts for the purpose of searching their files to ascertain if instant Buick car had been registered in their states and, if not, to place in their files a stop card against this car.

Very truly yours,

JLM:RHC

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CC: Division
St. Paul
Detroit
St. Louis

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.
Special Assignment.

POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

February 7, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Detroit,
Michigan.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O.
1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with
aliases, I.O. 1233, et al - EDWARD
GEORGE BREWER, Victim - KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the activities of HARRY SAWYER alias
Sea Lion, it is noted in report from Special Agent in Charge Hanson,
Miami, Florida, that JOE ADAMS indicates WILLIE HARRISON advised him in
December that Sawyer was in Detroit, Michigan.

This idea should be kept in mind in connection with investiga-
tion made in the Detroit district.

Very truly yours,

L. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.
(Special Assignment)

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J. EDGAR HOOVER
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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 8, 1935

Time - 11:57 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer case;
Nathaniel Heller

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

I telephoned Mr. Hanson at Miami and informed him that after talking with the State Department, they have agreed to have deportation proceedings immediately instituted against Heller if the request comes from the United States Government. Mr. Hanson stated that the indictment against Heller has been returned at Jacksonville, and the United States Attorney is supposed to have forwarded to the Division a certified copy of the indictment; that he also requested the Attorney to forward to the Division a copy of the complaint.

I informed Mr. Hanson that we were going to ask that Heller be deported; that when Heller learns of the deportation proceedings starting against him, he might condescend to go of his own volition; that if this be the case, it will be necessary for Mr. Hanson to make arrangements to have Heller arrested upon his arrival in the United States. I informed him that I had instructed Agent Brown to contact him if this is necessary.

Respectfully,

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Division of Investigation

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Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

Re: Bremer Case,
Nathaniel Heller

During a telephonic conversation with Mr. Hoover, I advised him that the Cuban authorities are willing to deport the above named subject; that the Ambassador is also willing, now that Heller has refused to leave voluntarily, for us to proceed with the proceedings.

Mr. Hoover instructed that the proper request should be made through the official channels of the State Department.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
February 6, 1935

Time - 10:30 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer case

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
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Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

Mr. R. B. Nathan telephoned from the Kansas City Office in regard to the above case, and particularly in regard to a certain Pontiac automobile which visited Pittsburg, Kansas, where one Stanley is residing, Stanley being the brother of Edna Murray. Mr. Nathan stated that this automobile has been located in Kansas City in a garage, where it is being repaired; that the Agents are now spotting the car to see who calls for it. Mr. Nathan further stated that yesterday afternoon late, there was a woman shot on the streets of Kansas City, and information appeared in the newspapers this morning to the effect that she was shot by another woman. The woman who did the shooting was arrested by the police, and Mr. Nathan has ascertained that she is Doris O'Connor, Edna Murray's sister. The police there have not indicated any knowledge on their part of the identity of this woman, but Mr. Nathan checked the fingerprints and ascertained who the woman is.

With regard to the above mentioned automobile, Mr. Nathan asked my opinion as to whether the party calling for this car should be taken into custody, or whether he should be kept under surveillance. I told him that the party, if picked up, would probably prove to be someone who is not particularly wanted by the Division, whereas if kept under surveillance, he might lead us to an important place.

I instructed Mr. Nathan to keep after the situation, and keep the Division advised of any developments.

Respectfully,

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 8, 1935

Time - 1:52 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case;
Nathaniel Heller.

Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Baughman.....
Chief Clerk.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Keith.....
Mr. Lester.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Schilder.....
Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....

Mr. Wilson of the Latin-American Division of the State Department telephoned me and stated that after thinking the above matter over, he wanted to make certain that we wanted this man for more than just mere questioning. I informed Mr. Wilson that this man has been indicted by a Federal grand jury and charged with a Federal offense which offense was committed within the boundaries of the United States; that we most assuredly do want him back in the United States to answer for those charges.

Mr. Wilson stated that the Department of State is eager to cooperate in any way possible in matters of this kind, but they have their general policies to consider; that in this connection, if the Division would submit to the State Department a letter setting forth in detail the facts and circumstances as to why this man should be deported, and why he cannot be extradited, he would be glad to take immediate action on the same.

I informed him that an attempt would be made to get this letter to him this evening.

Respectfully,

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 9, 1935

Time - 11:42 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case;
Jess Doyle;
Edna Murray.

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

I telephoned Mr. Nathan at the Kansas City Office inquiring if complaints have been filed against the above. He informed that this procedure is being done this morning. I then informed him that it was the desire of the Director that these people be removed to St. Paul by the United States Marshal; that the Division should not participate in this removal, but the Marshal should be fully informed of the dangerous character of these people. I instructed Mr. Nathan to wire the Division when complaints are filed. Mr. Nathan stated that he has not as yet received copies of the complaint and other certified papers from St. Paul; that he is going to call them for a substantive report so that he might be more fully advised.

Mr. Nathan mentioned the automobiles which belonged to these people and which are presently being held by the Kansas City Office. I told him to place these cars in storage for at least 30 days pending further action. I told Mr. Nathan that no personal property of these individuals should be taken other than their guns or that property which might be of evidentiary value. With reference to the money found in the possession of Murray and Doyle, I instructed Mr. Nathan to turn this over to the United States Marshal as the personal property of these people and obtain a receipt therefor.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 6, 1935

Time - 11:42 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer case

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

I telephoned Mr. Hanson at Miami with reference to any developments in the above matter, and Mr. Hanson stated that until about 1:00 A.M. this morning, he had a conference with the United States Attorney there, at which time the whole case was discussed; that they were at that time waiting to get into the grand jury room to present case. He stated that they are going to indict Cash McDonald. He asked if the indictment against McDonald should be kept secret, and I told him that there appears to be no obvious reason for this action; that he undoubtedly knows by this time that we are looking for him.

In this connection, I inquired if he had been able to get a photograph and criminal record of McDonald. Mr. Hanson stated that he has been unable to locate such data, and was going to ask the Division to check it up. I told him that we have checked the information in our files and failed to find a record for the man. Mr. Hanson suggested that a check should be made at both Detroit and Chicago for this information.

I requested Mr. Hanson to keep the Division advised as to the indictment when and if it is returned.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 5, 1935

Time - 3:20 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer case

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

I telephoned the Chicago Office and there talked with Mr. Ladd relative to the money which was found on the person of Doc Barker at the time of his apprehension in Chicago. Mr. Ladd stated that this money, \$307 and some cents, is presently in the safe in the Chicago Office.

Mr. Ladd stated that Mr. Connelley had this morning mentioned this money, wondering if it should be sent to St. Paul. I told Mr. Ladd to do nothing about this money until instructions from the Division are received.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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DIRECTOR

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U. S. Department of Justice

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February 8, 1935.

Time-10:05 P.M.

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

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR
RE: Bremer Case.

I called Agent Coulter at St. Paul tonight regarding the disposition of the three hundred dollars belonging to Barker. Mr. Coulter stated that he was advised by the U. S. Attorney that there is nothing we can do but to turn it over to the prisoner. I advised Mr. Coulter that on receipt of the money, he should take it to the jailer or sheriff and get a receipt for it. Mr. Coulter stated that he will take it to the jail and give it to Barker in the presence of the jailer and then get a receipt for it from Barker. Mr. Coulter has requested the Chicago Office to send him the money.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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U. S. Department of Justice
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Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Baughman.....
Chief Clerk.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Keith.....
Mr. Lester.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Schlick.....
Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....

Time - 11:40 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case;
Nathaniel Heller.

Mr. Brown telephoned me from Havana, Cuba and stated that he had just finished a conference with Ambassador Caffery; that the Ambassador informed him that he had sent a telegram to the State Department last evening requesting advice as to what action he should take under certain circumstances as outlined by him in the telegram to the State Department. He stated to Agent Brown that he might not be fully guided by the advice from the State Department, in that he might change his mind. Brown stated that the Ambassador, while not exactly hostile, is not overly friendly with him. Brown stated that the Ambassador informed that the attorney of Heller called on him last evening, and indicated that Heller may accept an invitation to go of his own volition to the United States; but, he is going to be first satisfied whether or not he is going to be deported; that if it appears he is going to be deported, he will then accept the proposition of going of his own volition.

I informed Agent Brown that I had just received a call from the State Department to the effect that if we want Heller deported, they will start the necessary proceedings through the proper channels. I instructed Mr. Brown to have no part in this at all; that it will be in the form of a formal request to the State Department from the Department of Justice for the deportation of Heller. Mr. Brown stated that he would make no further steps whatever.

Mr. Brown stated that in the event Heller offers to go voluntarily, should he and Agent McKee accompany him. I told him that it was my opinion that both of them should accompany him. He requested advice as to his course of action in the event Heller should refuse to allow the Agents to accompany him. I told him that he should call Mr. Hanson at the Cortez Hotel in Miami in order that proper arrangements might be made for Heller's arrest upon his arrival in the United States.

Respectfully,

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 8, 1935

Time - 6:45 am

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case;
Nathaniel Heller.

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

Mr. Wilson of the Latin-American Division of the State Department telephoned and stated that he had just finished talking with Ambassador Caffery in Havana; that the Ambassador informed him that he had just finished talking with Heller's lawyer, who informed the Ambassador that Heller had definitely indicated that he would go to the United States voluntarily. However, Heller will not let his passage be paid by Agent Brown, neither will he go in the custody of Agent Brown. Mr. Wilson further stated that the Ambassador is trying to transmit this information to Agent Brown for his information.

I told him that I would contact Agent Brown in Havana for the purpose of getting a confirmation of this information; that immediately upon the receipt of such confirmation, or denial, I would communicate with him, Mr. Wilson, and advise him in the premises. Mr. Wilson stated that he would be at the office until 7:00 P.M., after which he could be reached at his home, telephone Cleveland 0616.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 9, 1935

Time - 11:08 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case;
Nathaniel Heller.

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

Mr. Wilson of the Latin-American Division of the State Department telephoned and stated that he had just received a call from Ambassador Caffery at Havana to the effect that Mrs. Heller had just been to see the Ambassador and informed him that Heller was willing to proceed to the United States of his own volition.

I informed that probably at the same time I had received a call from Agent Brown in Havana who had informed me that Mrs. Heller was going to see the Ambassador, and they were assuring him that Heller would leave of his own volition and would leave today. I stated that in view of these facts, it would be well to let the matter of the deportation proceedings rest for the time being, thus avoiding any legal and diplomatic complications.

Mr. Wilson stated that he would inform the Ambassador to take no further steps with the Cuban authorities relative to the deportation for the time being.

Respectfully,


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Mr. Coffey
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Mr. Egan
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy

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is there
to keep
him there?*
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BREKID PROCEEDING TOLEDO, OHIO, WITH AGENTS MADALA AND MUZZEY AND
N REGISTER COMMODORE PERRY HOTEL. AGENTS LAFRANCE, MCDADE, SULLIVAN,
WHITE, AND BARBER WILL PROCEED DETROIT WITH NECESSARY EQUIPMENT AND
AIN THERE AWAITING MY INSTRUCTIONS AT DIVISION OFFICE. AGENTS BROWN,
MCKEE, CAMPBELL, AND JONES ARE AT MIAMI. SUGGEST YOU CONTACT SAC
HANSON MIAMI AND IF POSSIBLE HAVE AGENTS BROWN AND JONES RETURN CHICAGO
IF THEY CAN BE SPARED IN INVESTIGATION THERE AS TO HARBORING CASES
HANSON HAS FIVE OTHER MEN FROM BIRMINGHAM. AGENTS WINSTEAD AND WALSH
MAINTAINING CHICAGO TWENTY FOUR HOUR PLANT FOR RETURN VOLNEY DAVIS TO
VISIT [REDACTED] AGAIN. AGENTS METCALFE, MCRAE AND CHAFFETZ MAIN-
TAINING TWENTY FOUR HOUR PLANT AND TELEPHONE TAP ON IRENE FUNK, 7041
CRANDON AVENUE, CHICAGO. IRENE FUNK IDENTIFIED AS DORIS O. CONNER AND
VISITED BY PARTY IDENTIFIED AS EDNA MURRAY. AGENT HURT STILL LOCATED
SAN FRANCISCO. AGENTS MCINTIRE, PETERSON, RYAN, WOLTZ COVERING LEADS
CHICAGO BREKID AND JODIL MATTERS JACK PERKINS BEING IN CUSTODY AND END-
EAVORING LOCATE HIS WIFE AND NUMEROUS OTHER LEADS. AGENT TILLMAN AT
LASALLE ILLINOIS ON LEAD AS TO DOCTOR JOSEPH P. MORAN.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
FROM: UNIT #2 & UNIT #3

2-5-1935.

TO: Director
Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Tamm
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Unit Four

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Chief Clerk's Office

Unit Five

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Mr. Lowdon
Mr. Bryan
Mr. Newby
Mr. Richmond
Mr. Thompson
Mr. Chambers

Unit Three

Mr. Joseph
Mr. Fagan
Mr. Foxworth

Miss Gandy
Mrs. Kelley
Washington Field Office
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Send file

Have the Director's inquiries been
answered.

Supervisor

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
FROM: UNIT #1 & UNIT #3

2-9-1935.

TO: Director
Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Quinn
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Mr. Chambers

Unit Three

Mr. Joseph
Mr. Berens
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Weeks

Miss McCarthy

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Send file

Why can't this be filed?

Supervisor.

EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDT

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 6, 1935

Time - 1:55 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer case

During a telephonic conversation with Mr. Connelley, I told him that it was your desire to ascertain the source of the suggestion that the \$14,000 recovered at Ocala, Florida from the Barkers be taken to St. Paul. Mr. Connelley stated that United States Attorney Page came down to Ocala to see him about the situation, and the suggestion originated during a general discussion; that he could not say who specifically made the suggestion; that it was his desire to get some process out so that the property might be seized in that district, but the other gentlemen seemed to be of the opinion that they did not have jurisdiction; that it would have to originate in the other district; that it was their idea that nothing else could be done about it.

Mr. Connelley stated, however, that it was his idea that something should be done to confiscate the material so that it would not be attached by some person who had no legal right to it, before it could be ascertained whether this money was the money for which the ransom money was changed.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 6, 1935

Time - 1:50 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer case

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Baughman.....
Chief Clerk.....
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Mr. Keith.....
Mr. Lester.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Schilder.....
Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....

Mr. Hanson telephoned me with reference to McDonald and stated that upon contacting the Agents who are presently in Miami, he ascertained that they have found out that one of the Pinkerton detectives, Eddie Rogan, has in his possession a photograph of McDonald; that he has instructed them to attempt to contact Rogan to get this photograph or if not the photograph its number, if any. Mr. Hanson suggested that we might inquire for this photograph at the headquarters of the Pinkerton Agency in New York City.

Mr. Hanson offered the following description of McDonald and his wife:

Name	Cassius McDonald alias "Speed" McDonald alias Cash McDonald alias E. G. McDonald.
Age	49 years
Born	October 16, 1885
Height	5 feet 11½ inches
Weight	175 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Silver grey - black streaks
Mustache	Grey
Complexion	Very ruddy
Dress	Wears sport clothes
Peculiarities	Walks very slouchily
Nativity	Chicago, Illinois

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Name	Mrs. Edith G. McDonald - wife
Age	35 years
Born	4/12/1900
Height	5 feet 9 inches
Weight	135 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Blond
Complexion	Very tan
Peculiarities	Prominent nose
Nativity	Grand Rapids, Michigan

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They are driving a 1934 black Packard Sedan with a trunk on the rear; the motor number of this car is 377912, Serial number 716405; last known license plates are 1934 Michigan 40-482, issued to G. McDonald, 500 Trombley Grosse Point, which is a suburb of Detroit, Michigan.

Upon leaving the Venitian Hotel in Miami, McDonald told the doorman that there would be a man asking for him at the hotel; that this man should be informed that he, McDonald, had gone to Palm Beach. In view of this, he wanted to know if I thought it advisable to issue a circular letter to all police departments in that vicinity so that they might be on the lookout for this automobile. I told him that it would be better to wait a short time for the Identification Order to be issued on this man. However, I instructed Mr. Hanson to cause a canvass to be made of the resorts and hotels at both Palm Beach and West Palm Beach.

In connection with McDonald's control of the gambling activities in Cuba, Mr. Hanson stated that he has ascertained that one Albert Sabbath ran a racing track in Havana for some time, but went broke; that this man has a brother in Chicago who is a criminal judge, and it occurred to Mr. Hanson that this man might possibly know something about McDonald. I told him that appropriate investigation in this regard would be made in Chicago.

Respectfully,



E. A. TAMM

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 8, 1935

Time-4:30 P.M.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: Shipment of money and diamonds to Jacksonville.

Mr. Clegg
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

I telephoned Mr. Coulter at St. Paul this afternoon and ascertained from him that the money and diamonds were turned over to the Express Company Wednesday, February 6, 1935. Mr. Coulter has the receipt for them and they are consigned to Mr. Alt in Jacksonville. Mr. Coulter advised me that the Express Company is holding the shipment until they have a safe to ship them in, which means the articles may not reach Mr. Alt for a week or so.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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Re Diamonds and money
Bremer Case.

Shipped Feb. 6 to Mr. Alt in
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CUBAN POLICE ADVISED OF COMPLAINT AND WARRANT FOR HELLER
ISSUED LAST NIGHT AT MIAMI AND REQUESTED ME FURNISH CABLEGRAM
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U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

February 8, 1935

Time - 8:10 pm

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case;
Volney Davis;
Doc Barker.

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
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I telephoned Mr. Connelley at Chicago inquiring as to the present whereabouts of the \$1,100 taken from the possession of Volney Davis at the time of his apprehension. Mr. Connelley stated that this money is presently in his possession.

With reference to the \$300 found in the possession of Doc Barker, Mr. Connelley stated that he had received a letter from the St. Paul Office requesting that this money be forwarded to that office; that in this connection, Mr. Connelley has wired the Division for authority for this procedure. I told Mr. Connelley to do nothing about it until I had communicated with the St. Paul Office, learned the situation there, and notified him, Mr. Connelley.

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Respectfully,

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J. E. H.

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February 7, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to the space which we had rented at 39 South
LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois, for the use of the squad engaged on
the Dillinger and Bremer cases, in accordance with Division instructions
this space was released to the owner as of February 2, 1935, and the
second months rent paid in full by me, together with the light bill for
the two months in question. All files and papers have been removed from
such quarters to 1900 Bankers Building, Chicago, Illinois.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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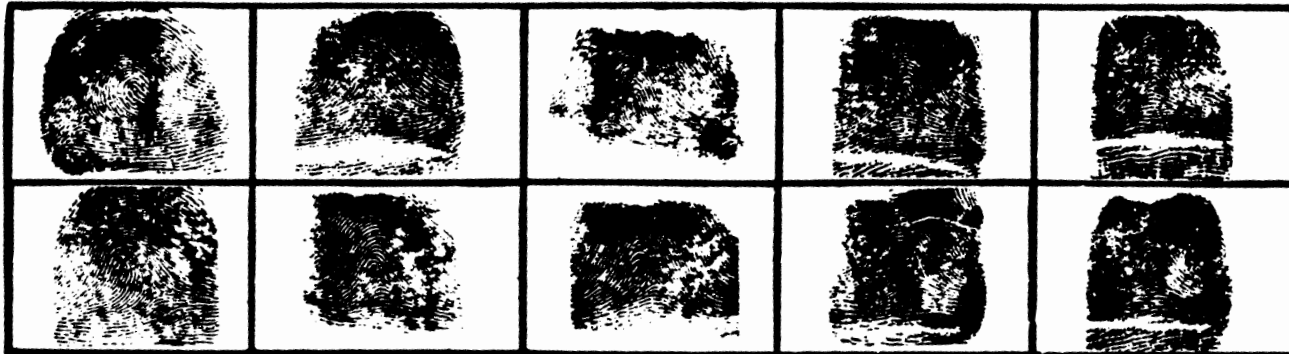
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VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases: "CURLY" DAVIS, "COTTON" DAVIS,
E. V. DAVIS, J. H. LOCKWOOD, S. E. LOCKWOOD, C. E. MOORE,
MAMIE, CURLY MOORE, EVERETT DAVIS, CURLY HANSEN, CURLY
HANSON, J. E. HANSEN, ROY GREEN.

KIDNAPING



DESCRIPTION

Photograph taken January 25, 1925.

CRIMINAL RECORD

Age, 33 years; Born, Jan. 29, 1902 at
Tahlequah, Okla.; Height, 5 feet, 8
inches; Weight, 123 pounds; Build,
slender; Hair, light chestnut; Eyes,
blue; Complexion, fair; Scar, verti-
cal cut scar 1/2 inch above eyebrow.

RELATIVES:

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney E. Davis, parents.
Route #2, Neosho, Missouri.
Mrs. John (Mildred) Barnes, sister,
Route #2, Neosho, Missouri.
Mrs. John G. (Bertha) Williams, sister,
436 East Oklahoma Street,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Mrs. Glenn (Ruby) Lamberson, sister,
1019 1/2 South Rockford Street,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Mrs. Luther B. (Irene) Hoffman, sister,
416 East Oklahoma Street,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Mrs. Charles (Beulah) Porter, sister,
Oklahoma State Hospital for the Insane,
Vinita, Oklahoma.



Volney Davis

As Volney Davis, #1025, arrested Po-
lice Department, Tulsa, Okla., Feb.
5, 1919; charge, grand larceny; turn-
ed over to Tulsa County.

As Volney Davis, alias V. E. Davis,
#8849, received State Penitentiary,
McAlester, Okla., Sept. 28, 1919,
from Tulsa County; crime, grand lar-
ceny; sentence, three years.

As Volney Davis, #12808, received State
Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla., Feb.
3, 1923, from Tulsa, Okla.; crime,
murder; sentence, life; escaped Jan.
8, 1925.

As Roy Green alias Volney Davis, #13404,
arrested Police Department, Kansas
City, Mo., Jan. 21, 1925; charge, in-
vestigation - fugitive; returned.

As Volney Davis, #12808, returned State
Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla., Jan.
25, 1925; Nov. 3, 1932 granted leave
of absence to July 1, 1933; leave of
absence extended to July 1, 1934; leave
cancelled, now a fugitive.

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

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

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

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Issued by: JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR

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DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 6, 1935

Time - 12:50 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: Bremer case.

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Baughman.....
Chief Clerk.....
Mr. Coffey.....
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Mr. R. B. Nathan telephoned from the Kansas City Office with reference to the setup previously explained to you this morning, and advised that Volney Davis had been taken into custody and was at that time being held in the Kansas City Office. He was taken into custody without a disturbance of any kind and offered no resistance when accosted by the Agents. The Agents recovered from his persons one .380 automatic pistol and about \$1,100 in currency. This money has not as yet been checked with any ransom lists. Mr. Nathan advised that the apprehension had been made about 15 or 20 minutes before his call to me, or about 12:35 P.M., Eastern Standard time.

Davis has not as yet been fingerprinted, but Mr. Nathan stated that he is sure of the identification.

Mr. Nathan further stated that he and other Agents are proceeding immediately to a certain plant in an endeavor to apprehend Jess Doyle, and Davis will be secure in the office in the interim. He will be held there pending further instructions from the Division. The police are still holding Doris O'Connor.

Respectfully,

G. W. LOTTON

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AGAINST JOSEPH H ADAMS DUKE RANDALL NATHANIEL H HELLER
MCDONALD WYNONA BURDETTE DOLORES DELANEY ALL SUBJECTS HARBORING
CASES MIAMI SEPARATE INDICTMENTS AGAINST MCDONALD HELLER
BURDETTE DELANEY CHARGE HARBORING KARPIS STOP JOINT INDICTMENT
CHARGES ADAMS AND RANDALL HARBORING KARPIS STOP SEPARATE
INDICTMENTS CHARGE EACH SUBJECT WITH MISPRISION FELONY
FAILING REVEAL KARPIS WAS PERSON WHO HAD FLED IN INTERSTATE
COMMERCE TO AVOID PROSECUTION STOP SEPARATE INDICTMENT CHARGE
ALL SUBJECTS WITH CONSPIRACY CONCEAL KARPIS STOP ANOTHER
CHARGES ALL WITH CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT MISPRISION OF FELONY
IN FAILING TO REPORT KARPIS PERSON FLED IN INTERSTATE COMMERCE

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Baughman
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SEPARATE INDICTMENT CHARGES CONSPIRACY ALL SUBJECTS COMMIT
MISPRISION FELONY FAILING TO REPORT KARPIS PERSON FLED IN
INTERSTATE COMMERCE AVOID PROSECUTION CRIME KIDNAPPING LAWS
STATE OF MINNESOTA STOP SEPARATE INDICTMENTS AGAINST RANDALL
AND ADAMS CHARGE POSSESSION MACHINE GUN UNLAWFULLY STOP WILL
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ISSUED TODAY AND AMOUNTS BOND SET=

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

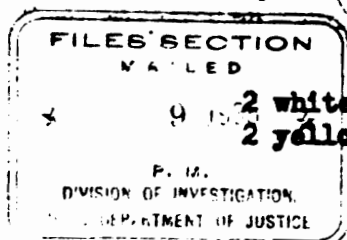
Representatives of this Division at Jacksonville, Florida have been confidentially advised of the return of sixteen indictments by the Federal Grand Jury at Jacksonville, Florida on February 7, 1935, charging Joseph E. Adams, Henry "Duke" Randall, Nathaniel E. Heller, Cassius McDonald, Wynona Bardette and Delores Delaney with harboring Alvin Karpis, a fugitive from justice, who was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota on May 4, 1934, charged with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

Adams and Heller are hotel men of Miami, Florida and Havana, Cuba, respectively, and they assisted Karpis in the renting of houses, purchasing of automobiles and in other ways. Cassius McDonald is a notorious confidence man and assisted the kidnapers in exchanging some of the Bremer ransom money. The indictments charge each, separately and jointly, with the harboring of Karpis. Separate indictments were also returned charging each with misprision of felony in failing to reveal that Karpis was the individual who had fled in interstate commerce to avoid prosecution. A separate indictment was returned charging all the aforementioned with conspiracy to commit misprision of felony. Another indictment charges all subjects with conspiracy to conceal Karpis. Separate indictments were returned charging Randall and Adams with unlawful possession of a machine gun.

All of the aforementioned defendants, except Nathaniel E. Heller, have been taken into custody and are awaiting trial. Heller is presently in Cuba where negotiations are in progress looking to his return to this country.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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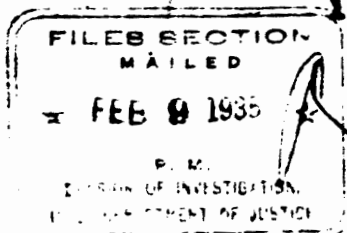
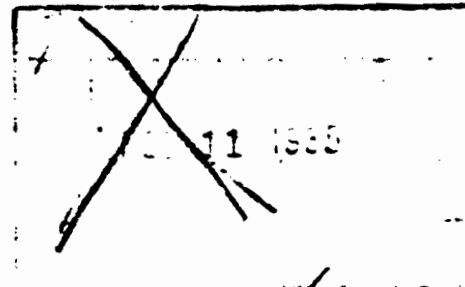
MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,
MR. WILLIAM STANLEY.

There is attached hereto a copy of a confidential memorandum, which I have this day furnished to the Attorney General, relative to indictments that have been returned by the Federal Grand Jury at Jacksonville, Florida, charging a number of individuals with harboring Alvin Karpis, a fugitive from justice, who is under indictment in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Encl. #284005



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Washington, D. C.

February 9, 1935

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Time - 11:04 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case;
Bonds of subjects in
custody in re above.

I telephoned Mr. Hanson and asked him to verify the information to the effect that Joe Adams had made bond. He stated that he had only a rumor to this effect, but would ascertain definitely and call me.

Time - 11:18 A.M.

Mr. Hanson telephoned and stated that last night Joe Adams made bond in the amount of \$10,000; that this amount is an increase of \$5,000 over the original bond, it having been increased last evening to the above named amount; that this is a cash bond.

Duke Randall is presently in jail, his bond having been increased to \$10,000.

McDonald's bond is now set at \$25,000, which bond he has not made as yet. McDonald's wife is there now, and Mr. Hanson states that it is possible that they will be able to make bond.

Mr. Hanson further stated that the bonds of Wynona Burdette and Dolores Delaney have tentatively been set at \$15,000 each; that the bond of Heller has been set at \$25,000.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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February 7, 1935

9:00 P.M.

Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Baughman..
Chief Clerk.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Keith.....
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case

Mr. Alt called from Jacksonville and advised that a check of the banks in Havana by Agents Brown and McKee had resulted in the location of \$279 of the Bremer ransom money. This money could not be identified as having been negotiated by any individual and Mr. Alt stated that he desired arrangements made with the Atlanta Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank to have all member banks in Havana have an examination made of all of their currency for the purpose of locating Bremer ransom money. I told Mr. Alt that I could see no purpose in such a request, since it would entail a tremendous amount of work on the part of various banks and would be of no benefit to us since the location of the money would not enable us to trace the money back to anyone in the Bremer case.

Mr. Alt advised that the Agents have located three packages, each containing fifty \$10.00 bills, the original packages being intact, as they were received in the bank, and consisting entirely of Bremer ransom money. Efforts are now being made to identify the persons who exchanged this money for gold and it is believed that it will be definitely ascertained that Cash McDonald negotiated this transfer of funds.

Mr. Alt advised that Renee Poliven has indicated his willingness to proceed to the United States to testify in criminal proceedings in this case.

Mr. Alt advised that Heller has obtained the services of a lawyer who is also the editor of a newspaper, and consequently this newspaper, L'Pais, is bombarding the Agents with criticisms.

Mr. Alt advised that Mr. Hanson could be reached tonight at the Dixie Court Hotel in West Palm Beach.

Respectfully,


E. A. Tamm

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February 4, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Tolson.....
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Relative to the status of Identification Orders being issued in the Bremer case, you are advised that orders prepared upon Harry Campbell and Volney Davis have been submitted to the field. Identification Orders upon William Weaver, Harry Sawyer, Jesse Doyle, Edna Murray and Willie Harrison were transmitted to the Equipment Section last week for preparation and distribution. The only remaining Identification Order to be issued upon the Bremer case deals with Myrtle Eaton and all of the data are available with the exception of a photograph of the woman. We have photographs of Myrtle Eaton, but Agent Dewey, who is presently in Washington at the training school, has advised Mr. Newby that these photographs do not resemble the present appearance of Myrtle Eaton and on Friday, the Omaha Office was requested to obtain an additional photograph of Myrtle Eaton and to transmit it immediately to the Division for use upon this Identification Order. The issuance of the Identification Order upon Myrtle Eaton will complete the issuance of these orders upon known subjects in the Bremer case. The individual "Whitie" named in the indictment, is of course unknown to the Division at the present time.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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