

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
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**COVER SHEET**

**SUBJECT: GEORGE “BUGS” MORAN**

Office of Director  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Record of Telephone Call or Visitor.

1 MAY 19 1938.

Time 9:10 AM

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# United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 19, 1934

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J. E. Hoover

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, Director

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois.	George Miller, #44864, Chicago, Illinois, September 17, 1910, burglary, Joliet Penitentiary, as #1143.	September 20, 1920	burglary	1 to 20 years
State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois.	George Miller, alias George Moran, #1838	October 30, 1912	burglary and larceny	1 to 20 years
State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois.	George Moran, #72188, Chicago, Illinois, May 24, 1918, robbery, Joliet, as #6912.	May 31, 1918	robbery	1 to 14 years
Police Department, Chicago, Illinois.	George Moran, #C-25764	October 21, 1920	confidence game (2)	Circuit Court, \$10,000.00
	One term Jail, Bloomington, Illinois.			
	George Moran, #72188, Chicago, Illinois, December 18, 1917, robbery (2); bonds forfeited.			
	George Moran, #72188, Chicago, Illinois, April 23, 1918, robbery (1); stricken off.			
	George Moran, #74244, Chicago, Illinois, August 5, 1918, assault to murder; stricken off.			
	George Oage, #84689, Chicago, Illinois, November 25, 1921, general principles.			

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IDENTIFYING INFORMATION	NAME AND NUMBER	ALIAS OR NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH	DATE OF ENTRY	DATE OF EXIT	REMARKS
<p>This case is entered in the Single Fingerprint files of this Bureau under #1572.</p> <p>The following is the description of this individual as appearing on print #C-25704, Police Department, Chicago, Illinois:</p> <p>Color, white; sex, male; age, 27 years; height, 5 feet - 6 1/2 inches; weight, 175 pounds.</p> <p>The following additional descriptive information appears on print 3912, State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois:</p> <p>Hair, dark chestnut; eyes, yellow - azure - blue; complexion, tallow.</p>							
<p>Fingerprint classifications: 21 - R 9 R IOO 10 L 1 R IOO 10</p>							

\*Fingerprint notations identified by fingerprints in F. B. I. files.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

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**Washington, D. C.**

**April 21, 1938.**

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR**

By reference from Mr. Tolson's office, I talked to Mr. Darrell P. Aub, district manager of the American Express Company in Washington. [redacted] advised that his organization has been having some trouble in the counterfeiting of travelers checks, and that these checks were evidently being prepared by George [redacted] [redacted] FBI-320200.

[redacted] was anxious to obtain copies of the criminal records of these three individuals, and copies were furnished to him.

The American Express Company has been highly cooperative with the Bureau on a number of occasions, and its Special Agents, all of whom are empowered with some type of police authority in the district where they operate, have been of assistance to the Bureau on various occasions.

Respectfully,

*E. A. Tamm*  
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POST OFFICE BOX 1406,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

It appears that Agent [redacted] and [redacted] were accosted by two individuals, one of whom drew a gun on Agent [redacted]. It now develops that the person who drew this gun on Agent [redacted] and accosted the other Agent [redacted] is [redacted] Chicago, Illinois.

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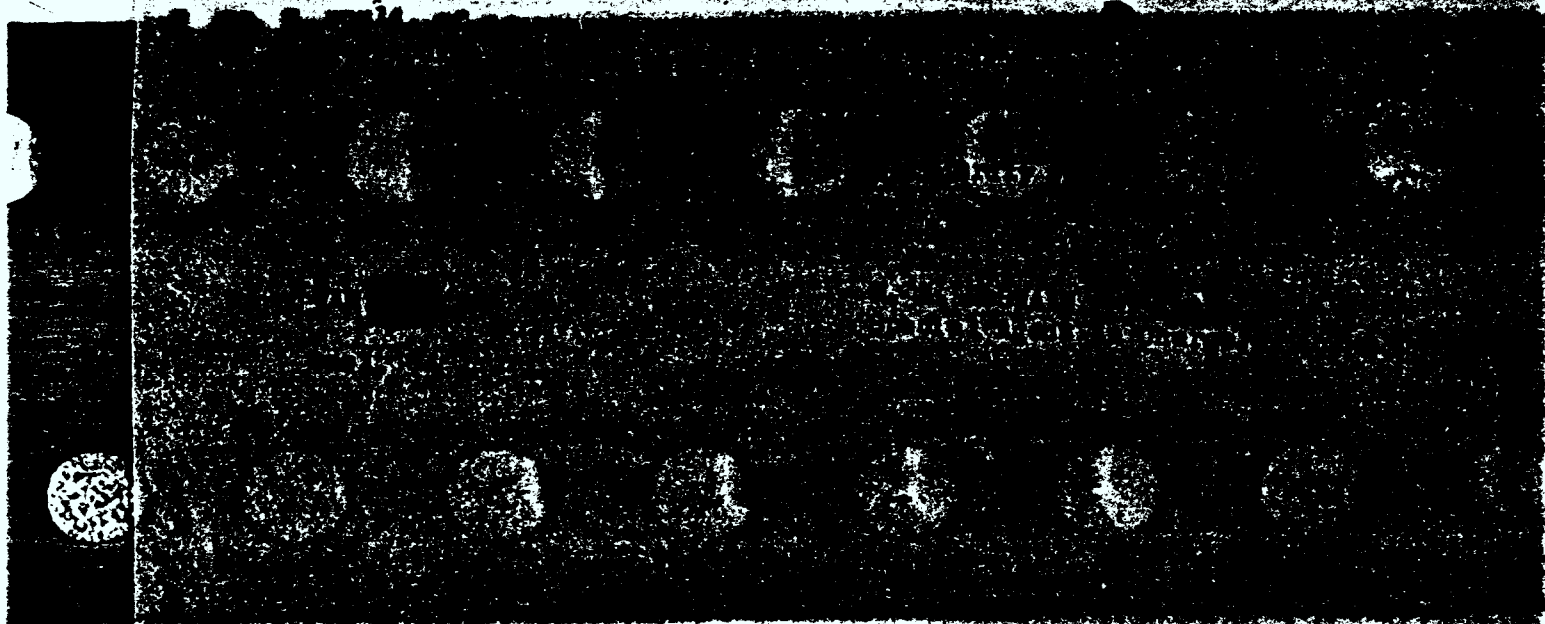
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July 19, 1932.

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE W. A. MCSWAIN

On June 12, 1932, Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] proceeded from Chicago, Illinois, in a Chevrolet coupe to a point near the Chain-O-Lakes Golf Course near Antioch, Illinois, for the purpose of determining where one [redacted] fugitive, in Chicago file No. 76-169 was living. Agent [redacted] and [redacted] left Chicago, Illinois, in a Chevrolet sedan at about 5:15 P. M., trailing one [redacted] and [redacted] having stated that she would go directly to the cottage in which [redacted] was living. After the cottage in which [redacted] was living was located, Agents [redacted] and [redacted] at Agent [redacted] and [redacted] at the Phillips 66 Service Station on Highway 57, directly across the street from the Chain-O-Lakes Golf Course, about four miles South of Antioch, Illinois, at about 7:00 P. M.

While parked on the property, apparently belonging to the service station, Agents were approached by two men who came from the service station, and after observing the cars in which Agents had been riding, Agents [redacted] and [redacted] being seated in the Chevrolet sedan and Agents [redacted] and [redacted] standing to the side of the said sedan talking to Agents [redacted] and [redacted] one of these men approached the car in which Agents [redacted] and [redacted] were sitting on the side which Agent [redacted] was sitting, while the other approached it from the side on which Agents [redacted] and [redacted] were standing. The man on the side of the car where Agent [redacted] was sitting drew a gun on Agents [redacted] and [redacted] and ordered them to get out of the car, whereupon Agent [redacted] told him to "go to hell" and did not leave the car. Agent [redacted] then asked this party who he was, as did also Agent [redacted] who was standing near the car on the opposite side of which the unknown party was standing. Agent [redacted] understood this party to say that he was a deputy sheriff of Lake County and Agent [redacted] understood this party to say that he was a deputy marshal of Lake County. Agent [redacted] recalls only that he said he was a deputy of Lake County. During this conversation Agent [redacted] was talking to the other party and heard none of the above conversation. The other party approached Agent [redacted] and asked him what he was doing in that vicinity and who he was, whereupon Agent asked him if he was an officer and he replied in the affirmative. Agent then advised him that he was a



Special Agent of the United States Bureau of Investigation and showed him his badge, introduced himself and shook hands with him, although the party was reluctant to shake hands and took several steps backward before shaking hands. Agent [redacted] also shook hands with this party. Agents [redacted] and [redacted] then asked this individual his name and he replied that it was [redacted]. Agents then asked who he was with and he said "That's all right. We won't go into that matter" and left Agents, walking in the direction of the service station, stating as he left that "You fellows are lucky you didn't get your 'God damn' brains blown out" and advised that there had been a number of killings in that vicinity and that after Agents came to the service station they had had several complaints.

b7c The party who addressed Agents [redacted] and [redacted] opened the back door of the Chevrolet sedan, inquiring what was in there and saw a gun on the back seat. Agent [redacted] also showed this party his badge, whereupon he replaced his gun in his shirt.

b7c When these men approached Agents did not know their identity nor the capacity in which they were acting and it was believed that they were officers. Agents made inquiry of Sheriff Tiffany of Lake County as to whether he had a deputy sheriff by the name of [redacted] and he replied that he did not to his knowledge, but advised that he had many deputies whose names he did not know and that he kept no record of deputies.

b7c On July 12, 1932, Agent [redacted] viewed the showup at the Chicago Police Department and recognized the two parties who had approached us as above indicated as George "Bugs" Moran and [redacted] alias [redacted]. The next morning, July 13, 1932, Agents [redacted] and [redacted] went to the Chicago Police Department for the purpose of observing these parties to determine whether they were the men who approached Agents on June 12th. However, they had been released the night before. Agents then examined photographs of Moran and [redacted] on file at the Chicago Police Department and were unanimous in the identification of Moran and [redacted] as the two parties who had approached Agents near Antioch, Illinois, on June 12, 1932, Bugs Moran being the one who drew a revolver on Agents [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted] being the one with whom Agents [redacted] and [redacted] conversed.

Respectfully submitted,

Agents: [redacted]



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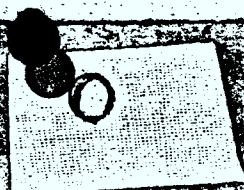
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law by any individual with whom the agents of this Bureau have  
come in contact. If Moran has been guilty of any violation  
of Federal law I believe he should be prosecuted to the limit.





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**Bugs back in cell**  
 Routine study about fireman  
 George A. Buga, 30 years old, was  
 arrested for the  
 second time after  
 reflecting about  
 after he was  
 arrested again. He  
 was arrested  
 in the city  
 yesterday at  
 Grand and State  
 streets. He was  
 taken to the  
 station and  
 questioned.  
 He is a  
 fireman and  
 was arrested  
 for the first  
 time in 1934.



George (Bugs) Buga

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Chicago, 90, Illinois

March 8, 1944

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

Re: GEORGE MORAN, with aliases;  
Bugs Moran, George Miller, Thomas  
Moran, James Marr, George Ryan, G.  
Heitel, W. R. Smith

Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish the known criminal record of the following:

Name (inc. aliases)	Number.	Approximate date City, Police Arrest, or Other Investigation.	Fingerprints forwarded Federal Bureau of In- vestigation.	Fingerprint Classifica- tion.
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GEORGE MORAN, with C-84689  
aliases: Bugs Moran,  
George Miller, Thomas  
Moran, James Marr,  
George Ryan, G. Heitel,  
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Very truly yours,

S. J. Drayton,  
S. J. DRAYTON  
Special Agent in Charge,

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Mr. Tolson ✓  
 Mr. Nathan ✓  
 Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓  
 Mr. Clegg .....  
 Mr. Coffey .....  
 Mr. Crowl .....  
 Mr. Egan .....  
 Mr. Foxworth .....  
 Mr. Glavin .....  
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 Mr. Lester .....  
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 Mr. Nichols .....  
 Mr. Quinn Tamm .....  
 Mr. Tracy .....  
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# **WINCHESTER MORAN AGAIN BEATS LAW**

## **Found Not Guilty in Check Counterfeiting Case**

CHICAGO, Jan. 21. — George Alvin Moran, one of the leading gangsters in the prohibition era, was acquitted of a charge of counterfeiting checks in a case that had been pending for more than a year.

The 36-year-old man, who was arrested in 1935, was acquitted by a jury last night of charges of conspiracy to counterfeit checks.

Also acquitted were three men known as the "Alvin Karpis Gang," who were accused of bank robberies and counterfeiting checks. The jury found them not guilty of the charges.

Three men who confessed participation in the alleged plot testified against Moran, Barker and Karpis. The three others were arrested in Pittsburgh last April.

Prosecutor Robert Wright called the verdict a "terrible blow" and said he considered the case "a fight." But the judge freed the men after 100 hours of deliberation.

The prosecutor said he would press four other indictments against them in connection with the case.

Arrested many times, Moran has never been convicted since he finished a prison term for robbery twenty years ago.

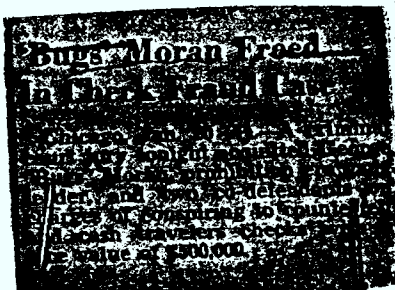
He was known as "Alvin Karpis" and was a member of the "Alvin Karpis Gang." He was known as "Alvin Karpis" and was a member of the "Alvin Karpis Gang."

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## Bugs Moran Faces New Forgery Trial

CHICAGO, Jan. 23 (CNB)—George "Bugs" Moran, rival gang leader for Al Capone in the prohibition era, faces tonight a new trial in February for forgery in connection with an alleged nationwide plot to pass \$500,000 worth of fake Railway Express Company checks. Frankie Parker, ex-airplane bootlegger, and Frank Nicketti, alleged hoodlum, will stand trial with Moran. The three men were acquitted Friday night of another forgery charge in connection with the same plot.

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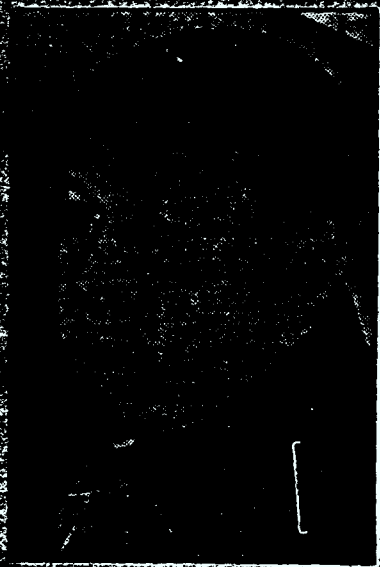
# Jury Frees Ex-Gangster in Check Forgery Plot

CHICAGO, Jan. 21.—The jury last night found George Bugs Moran innocent of charges in an alleged plot to forge and cash \$50,000 worth of travelers' checks. However, prosecutors immediately prepared to try him on more serious charges.

A jury acquitted Moran of charges that he had conspired with others to forge and cash \$50,000 worth of travelers' checks. The jury found him innocent of charges that he had conspired with others to forge and cash \$50,000 worth of travelers' checks.

The acquittal came after a two-week trial during which the state sought to show that he had attempted to counterfeits and cash American Express Company checks. The police uncovered the alleged plot and seized \$10,000 worth of checks when they arrested three men and confiscated \$11,000 in counterfeit checks in their possession.

Moran, whose prohibition era gang of seven members was wiped out in the



GEORGE BUGS MORAN

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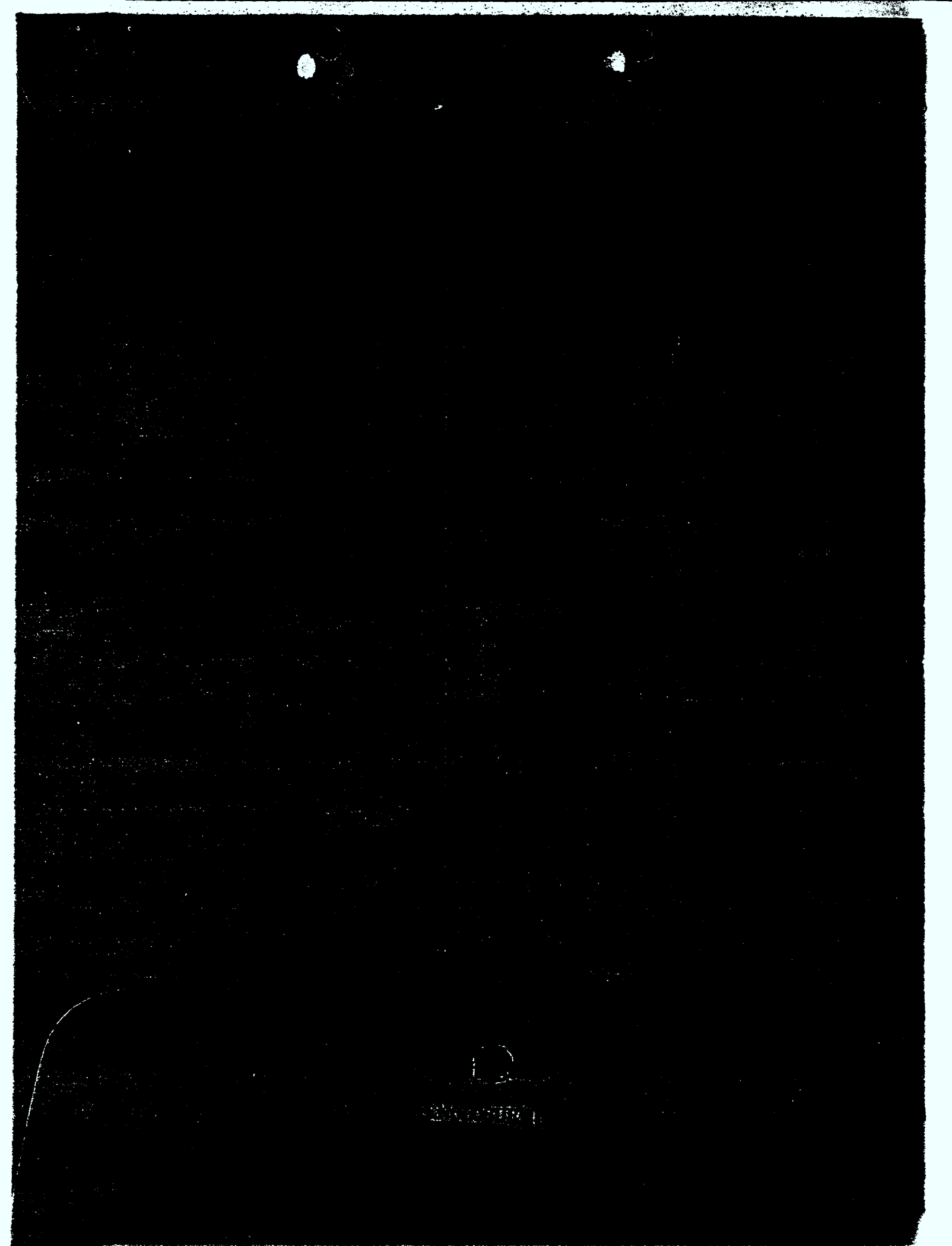
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But I am sure this case is  
an ordinary one there  
more important things  
right now

George <sup>BOYS</sup> <sup>MORAN</sup> <sup>30</sup>  
George Big Moray man  
are in and around  
Lake Vanuatu  
Calorie gautt  
at Velelutan Lake  
you the Far side of  
the lake is another  
about 1000 ft and  
in the day time  
no body can be seen  
but at night the light  
brighten up and  
on the old start  
on the ground then  
people are used

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Talking in the winter  
these gals get a scare  
and get a House Reeler  
to look after the  
Place. There a electrician  
at Elk Mountain work  
on ice Box as they  
told his boss as long  
as you feel him out  
the job you pay have  
are humans - but he  
talked plenty to me  
and said that a  
fellow like you look like  
heavy the killer  
of Red Bug Morgan  
in you at a hotel  
in Coona-Wis



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Geo Bug Moran Wife  
is married to the  
man that has all the  
slot machine in  
Wis, Geo Bug Moran  
son Jack had been  
driving a Red Bear  
truck and is going  
to school at Madison  
Wis, but is under  
the name of Jack

Jack Jimmy to me if  
Geo was in the Counterfeit  
business while his son  
driving driver a beer  
truck and working  
his way through school

(4)

but on the other  
side Geo Bug Moran  
last year was sent  
out but this year  
he did not show much  
Calumet gangster have  
made out of Chicago  
they get in to Kansas  
and St Louis Bottlegang  
business is good they  
told me in Chicago  
they get they have  
a big still two  
miles from the  
Police Station the  
Chief says where  
it is but cause  
he wouldn't let them  
operate



(5)

When he first went  
in too often - But  
the faults being  
full blast they  
tell me ~~the~~ now  
Wall Rose Riders  
was in Wisconsin  
I wrote you and  
found a man that  
lives in a Florida  
ranch track for three  
week months one of  
them Col. Jackson  
Harris

San Valverde  
Louisville, Mo.