

-copy- Mrs. Helen Delaney,  
1558 E. 7th St.,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dolores Delaney  
July 1, 1936

My Darling Mother:

I would have liked to have answered your letter sooner but I had to wait for the first of the month. I was sure glad to hear from you and no fooling. I received a card from Babe saying that she was back in Chicago and had Bobby with her. I am glad she has him although I know you must be lonesome there all by yourself. Mumsy, I don't want you to send me any money from now on because I am being taken care of okay now. I am getting money the first of every month from now on and so I don't need a thing.

You said something about coming to see me. I don't think you ought to - it would probably only make you feel much worse to see me in a place like this. Of course I would love to see you but then I'll be out - just a little over two years.

I too wish you could have seen Mr. Karpis when he was in St. Paul. He and Mrs. Karpis brought Little Ray up to see me about two weeks ago and he told me that he had been too busy to look you up. Darling I wish you could see that son of mine now. He is getting so big and runs around like a little jackrabbit. He gets better looking every day. At first if I even looked at him he would cry and if I touched him he just howled, but before they left he let me hold him for a few minutes. I suppose you know about how I felt.

That picture of Alvin that you mentioned sounds just like him. I would sure like to have one and I'll be waiting pretty anxiously until I get it. You know I wasn't getting any papers when he was arrested and I haven't seen any late pictures of him. I am anxious to see whether he has changed any since I saw him last. Please make it a rush order won't you?

I was certainly surprised to hear about Carmen and Bobby Renolds. I would sure like to know who they married. If you see either of them again find out and let me know. I may know whoever it is. Honey, you told me to give your best regards to someone. Well I'm sorry but I can't do it. I don't speak to the party now and I guess you ought to be able to guess why if you can read. Honey I shall goodbye for this time and will write you again next month.

Oceans of love from your baby,

Dolores.

P.S.

Don't you know I couldn't ever get angry with you for something like that - in fact I never should have asked you for money in the first place knowing how hard up you are. I have plenty now.  
Love.

Dolores.

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Dolores Delaney  
Milan, Michigan  
July 2, 1936

My darling Alvin.

Just received your letter telling me about your mother and father and Clara being up there to see you. I am sure glad you got to see your Mother but I am rather disappointed cause you didn't see Ray. I did so want you to see him just once. Well, I guess that is up to you. I got Clara's letter the same time I got yours. I can't answer her directly but I will send her a few lines in my letter to your parents. It was a very sweet letter. I started getting the St. Paul papers about two weeks ago and I saw about your being arraigned and also about Bolton and Fitzgerald pleading guilty. I hope you stop feeling the way you said you did about your trial for you know "stranger things have happened." I was certainly pleased to see your mother and father and most of all Ray. Gee, he is the cutest and sweetest little fellow there ever was and I'm not just saying that 'cause I'm his mother - anyone can see that. I'll be very glad to get a picture of him - I have many snapshots of him but no regular photo. He is so big and runs around like a little jack-rabbit. Your Mother said that he certainly keeps her busy running after him. At first when I even looked at him he started to cry and if I tried to touch him, he just howled but before they left he let me pick him up and kiss him. Things sure aren't anything like we had planned them before he came, are they, honey? Do you still remember what I told you about him? Well, I still feel the same way. Your father and I didn't do much arranging as far as finances and the car went. I would much rather you settled those things. I received ten dollars from him last month and I thought you had fixed that. I would love to live in Calif. but I am afraid I don't believe I know the place you mentioned in your letter. Anyway I wouldn't care to go there, I know. You asked me how a certain party was - well, I'm sorry I can't tell you but I haven't paid enough attention to the party. We're not on speaking terms and I suppose you can guess why easily. Did that agent who was in Phil. when I was tell you how ornery I was. They all told me they had never seen anyone so stubborn and hateful. I didn't mean to be but of course we didn't agree on many things so I guess that's the reason. I hear from mother and Bud every month and Babe writes once in awhile but I haven't heard from Jean now for over a year except for a Xmas card. Bud has been real sweet to me - he is the best brother any girl ever had. About those clothes you planned on sending him - why, Darling - if you want to send them I know he'll be tickled to get them. He is working now but he only gets sixteen dollars a week and half the time he has to support Babe and Jean on that so I don't imagine the poor kid has much. Babe has moved to Chicago and has her boy with her. Pat isn't out yet as far as I know but I don't imagine it will be long now. I don't believe they are going back together - at least Mother said they weren't. You asked me who rolled my Bull Durham for me - well, when I first came here I had to have someone roll them for me, but

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now I can really roll them pretty good. I believe I will stop right now and roll one. I rolled it and it looks almost like a tailor made. I won't claim to be able to roll them with one hand and I don't believe I will ever be as good as the girl in the picture. I tried buying one bag of B.D. and one pkg. of Chesterfields but I just can't make them last all week, but you really don't have to worry about my rolling them on the outside 'cause I still prefer Chesters. by far. Honey, I have to laugh even now when I think of Koots - she sure was silly. Do you remember when she said she had been to the Worlds Fair five years ago. And do you remember the cook at Varadera and his cap - I thought you would split, and at first I didn't know what you were laughing at as I hadn't really looked at him then. I didn't like the place very well then but we had some grand times didn't we? I'd sure like to be there now. Remember the shark you caught - it was sure a whopper. You asked me about magazines but honey we can't get any. There are certain ones I wouldn't mind having but I ought to consider myself lucky, to get the newspapers after all the trouble we had getting them. We weren't allowed any at all until just recently, so you can imagine how much news we got. Was that picture of me that the agent showed you the one that was taken in the hospital? That was terrible. --I look as white as a sheet. Of course I can't send you any while I'm here but when I get out I'll have some real nice ones made for you if you still want one. I would love to have a picture of you and I'm going to try and get one. I mean other than newspaper pictures. Honey, I will start reducing today - tho I only weigh 109 now and I believe I weighed a trifle more than that the last time I wrote you. Clara said you were looking good and I was certainly glad to hear it. She also said that you seemed very concerned over Raymond and I. Please darling, don't worry about me as I am getting along very well, really. Of course I will be glad to get out and everything but its really not so terribly bad. Your people have been so awfully good to me and getting their letters and things makes everything easier. I have never heard from my Dad although Bud sent me a letter he had received from him in which Dad inquired about me. I would so like to hear from him but I guess I'm out of luck as far as that's concerned. He is up in Wisconsin somewhere taking care of somebody's summer place. Well, just as long as I keep hearing from you everything will be okay. Of course, you know I would much rather you were free even if that meant that I would never hear from you. Every night I prayed for you to be kept safe and I just couldn't believe it when it happened. Maybe someday things will be all right, sweetheart, and we may have another chance to be together, you and Ray and I.

Honey I don't wonder Dad thought you were kidding when you told him about going so fast. If I hadn't been there I would be a bit skeptical myself. I am surprised to hear of him driving 95 - that doesn't seem like him, does it? I'll bet your mother wasn't with him. I was sure glad when Schmelling won the fight. I always have rather liked him and I want to see

him make a come-back. Most of the girls were for Louis and they ribbed me before the fight and all said that Schmelling couldn't win. Well I guess that is one time I got the last laugh for sure. I almost forgot to tell you I am taking the Dispatch. That is the paper I always took when I lived in St. Paul so I just naturally subscribed for it. I wish now I had taken the News since you say its the best but I guess I had better be satisfied with what I've got.

Darling, do you remember the "Velvet Tobacco." You certainly seemed to get a kick out of that and do you remember those silver dollars I had for so long? I wanted to keep them so badly but when I got here they said they would have to go in with the rest of my money. I was mad as the very dickens at first. Thank you so much for the birthday present, honey. It was sure sweet of you to send it and I will have a grand time buying fruit and candy with it. I'm just a spendthrift but I'm trying to get along on as little as I can while I'm here but I'll splurge with the twenty dollars and I know whatever I buy with it will taste much better than the rest.

Gee, I could write just pages and pages to you and still not say everything I want to but I have used all of the paper I am allowed so I will have to close for now and will write again next month. All my love.

Dolores.

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July 8, 1936.

Time - 11:33 A.M.

**MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM**

**Re: William Elmer Meade**

I telephoned Mr. Gartland, the Assistant Chief Inspector at the Post Office Department who was acting in the absence of Mr. Aldrich, and informed him of the apprehension of Meade in Omaha this morning. I stated that if a Post Office Inspector desired to interrogate Meade we would be glad to make him available.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

*Edwards*

*CEH*

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- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. Daughman .....
- Chief Clerk .....
- Mr. Clegg .....
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July 8, 1936.

Time - 11:30 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: William Elmer Meade

I telephoned Colonel Gates and advised him that I was sending around to him a release on the apprehension today, of William Elmer Meade. Colonel Gates stated a press conference was in session and that he would give it out at once.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

- Mr. Nathan .....
- Mr. Tolson .....
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI OHIO** FILE NO. **7-4**

REPORT MADE AT <b>OMAHA NEBRASKA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7/7/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/7/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. L. FLOOD TMH</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232; et al</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING: HARBORING OF FUGITIVES: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE: NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER ..... VICTIM			

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Motor Vehicle Bureaus, Des Moines, Iowa and Lincoln, Nebraska advise that no record was found of the 1933 Standard Ford Coupe, motor number 18-429,014 having been registered. Flash cards have been placed in the files of these bureaus and in the event of registration, this office will be notified.

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**REFERENCE:** Letter from Cleveland Office, dated 6/17/36

**DETAILS:**

In response to letters addressed to L. E. Wallace, Superintendent, Motor Vehicle Department, Des Moines, Iowa, and Mrs. M. G. Tracy, Motor Vehicle Department, Lincoln, Nebraska, these individuals notified this Bureau Office that their records fail to show the registration of a 1933 Standard Ford Coupe, Motor number 18-429,014. Flash cards have been placed in the files of both Divisions and in the event this car is registered in the future, the Omaha Bureau Office will be immediately notified.

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St. Paul, Minnesota  
July 7, 1936

MEMO FOR ALL AGENTS:

Pursuant to Bureau instructions, Post Office Inspectors who are permitted to interview Alvin Karpis shall do so only in the presence of Bureau agents, who may be assigned on guard duty. You are instructed that care should be exercised at all times to absolutely prohibit any third degree or threatening tactics on the part of persons interviewing him. Any instances of violation of these instructions should be referred to the Special Agent in Charge immediately for reference to the Bureau.

C. W. STEIN  
Special Agent in Charge

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- J. V. ANDERSON
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FILE NO. 7-37

REPORT MADE AT Kansas City, Missouri	DATE WHEN MADE 7-7-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6-30-36	REPORT MADE BY W. E. HOPTON OS
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232, ET AL			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston is unknown to Walter J. Pharris, Springfield, Missouri. Max Pharris, Springfield, Missouri, advised that the photograph of Dr. Joseph P. Moran resembles the Dr. Ormiston that he knew at the Transient Camp, Langdon, North Dakota.			
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REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated 6-11-36.			
DETAILS: The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. J. Endres: Agent interviewed Joe Alexander, Postmaster, Branson, Missouri, who advised that Walter H. Pharris was the Finance Director for the W.P.A. at Springfield, Missouri. He further advised that Floyd Jones was the County Administrator for the W.P.A. in Taney County, Missouri. Agent interviewed Floyd Jones and exhibited photograph of Dr. Joseph Moran. Mr. Jones stated that Dr. Moran is not known to him. Postmaster Alexander also stated that the photograph of Dr. Moran does not represent anyone known to him. Walter J. Pharris, Finance Director, W.P.A., Springfield, Missouri, advised that he does not recall writing his son a letter at Fargo, North Dakota with reference to a Dr. Ormiston, but states			
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that Dr. Ormiston is not known to him. Agent presented the photograph of Dr. Moran, but Mr. Pharris stated that he does not know this individual. He did advise that his son, Max Pharris, was presently in Springfield, Missouri, and available for interview.

Max Pharris, Milner Hotel, 438 East Commercial Street, advised that when he was in the transient camp at Langdon, North Dakota in July and August 1935 a Dr. Ormiston was Assistant Manager of the camp; that this doctor did not get along with him but had stated that he was acquainted with W. H. Pharris at Branson, Missouri, and recalled individuals to Max Pharris which indicated that Ormiston was familiar with Branson, Missouri. Ormiston stated to Max Pharris, and others, at the transient camp that he had formerly been a practicing physician in California but had been disbarred for performing an illegal operation, after which he went to work for Alexander Pantages in a virgin colony that Pantages had near Los Angeles, California; that he treated the girls in the colony and continued on this job until the colony was raided and a man and wife were arrested for maintaining the colony; that Ormiston claimed that he went to work for the Government as an inspector of transient camps and that he had been at the transient camps at Memphis, Tennessee, during the winter of 1934; then at the transient camp at Branson, Missouri; then at the camp at Bismarck, North Dakota, and then to the camp at Langdon, North Dakota. Ormiston claimed that he resided in Washington, D.C., and that he first joined the transient camp at Jefferson City, Missouri. Ormiston stated that he was also acquainted with Rex Allaman, Relief Director at Forsythe, Missouri. Max Pharris stated that the photograph of Dr. Moran resembles Dr. Ormiston except that Ormiston did not have any freckles.

Dr. H. T. Evans, Branson, Missouri, advises that while the transient camp was operating at Branson, Missouri, he consulted with the camp doctor at various times, but states that the camp doctor was a man of about 20 years, who was a junior in a medical college. Agent exhibited photograph of Dr. Moran to Dr. Evans who stated that the profile of both was similar but that the doctor at the transient camp was much younger.

Rex Allaman, Manager of the Shepard of the Hills Resort, near Forsythe, Missouri, stated that he does not recall the name of the doctor at the transient camp but states that he resembles the photograph of Dr. Moran, except that he was much younger and had stated that he was a junior in a medical college in St. Louis, Missouri. Mr. Allaman states that a Mr. Chappell was in charge of the camp at the time and that he probably would know the name and address of the doctor who was at the Branson, Missouri Transient Camp. He states that Wallace Crossley, State Relief Administrator, Jefferson, Missouri, would have the present address of Mr. Chappell.

T. L. Gristead, Chief of Police, Branson, Missouri, stated that he was in the vicinity of Branson in 1934 but was not connected with the police department at that time. He states that the photograph of Dr. Moran does not recall to him anyone in Branson, Missouri.

Rex Allaman advised Agent that the case history of each transient admitted to the transient camps was maintained in a file at Jefferson City, Missouri, where it would be available in the office of Wallace Crossley, State Relief Administrator.

No leads are being set out to contact the State Relief Administrator at Jefferson City, Missouri for a search of the files of that office or for the present address of Mr. Chappell, former manager of the Branson Transient Camp for the reason that the doctor stationed at that camp was evidently not Dr. Moran because of the difference in the ages of these individuals.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907

Jacksonville, Florida

July 8, 1936.

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID  
WEYNAL  
STOLNAP.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated July 1, 1936, (7-576, 7-1367, 7-1128), in the above entitled matters.

Please be advised that Myrtle Eaton has been contacted in the Duval County Jail at Jacksonville, Florida, and has refused to submit specimens of her handwriting and handprinting. She was first contacted by Special Agent C. B. Winstead, to whom she stated that she would not submit any specimens of handwriting or handprinting unless her attorney, Mr. H. M. Wise, should confer with her and specifically advise her to do so.

Mr. Wise was contacted by Special Agent (A) G. S. Goshorn, who stated that he would confer with Myrtle Eaton and advise her of her rights, but would not on his own volition advise her one way or the other about allowing the Bureau to have the specimens. Mr. Wise was very fair in the matter and stated that he would like to cooperate with the Bureau as far as possible but felt it his duty to advise her concerning her rights and leave the decision up to her. He stated that he definitely did not want to go on record with the Bureau as advising her not to submit her handwriting and handprinting specimens.

Accordingly, Mr. Wise held an interview with Myrtle Eaton at the Duval County Jail, after which he advised this office that she had told him to advise the Bureau that she would not give the requested specimens. Mr. Wise stated that Myrtle Eaton took the attitude that she had been convicted and was serving her time and that she did not feel that she should give the Government anything further.

Very truly yours,

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

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REPORT MADE AT Cleveland, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE 7/7/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/30 to 7/5/36	REPORT MADE BY C. E. SMITH <span style="float: right;">EJB</span>
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232; et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <div style="float: right; text-align: right;"> <p>25</p> <p>7/12</p> <p>7/13</p> <p>7/14</p> </div> <p>D. A. Rebillot advises houses of prostitution operate openly in Canton, O. Rebillot knows of no organized gambling in Canton. Barney Slesnick advises police are active in red light district. Norville Wyatt, colored, minor pimp and gambler, states prostitution is open but not organized, advises practically no gambling exists. Earl Kiel identifies photo of Karpis as individual Joe Rich brought to McKinley Airport. Prostitutes interviewed, no information secured. Chief Manderbaugh advises all prostitutes are fingerprinted and photographed, and must submit to periodical blood tests. Miss Esch advises Tony Lafatch has guns used in Garrettsville, Ohio mail train robbery in his possession.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MED</p>			
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REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, 4/22/36 and 1/20/36; Letter from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley to the Bureau, dated at Toledo, Ohio, 6/26/36.			
DETAILS: <u>AT CANTON, OHIO</u> The following is a joint report of Special Agents C. E. Smith and J. B. Fitzgerald.			
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Mr. D. A. Rebillot, 210 Park Avenue, SW, Canton, Ohio, a mill machinery salesman, who is a highly respectable gentleman, life long resident of Canton, and close personal friend of Special Agent J. B. Fitzgerald, was contacted relative to vice and gambling in the city as known to the average citizen, who does not come in personal contact with the same, stated that there is no secret about the presence of houses of prostitution in Canton, and that they seem to operate with the full knowledge of the police department. He said most of this activity is confined to a district in the vicinity of Walnut Street and Fifth Avenue, SW, and that each such house is conspicuously marked by the presence of red lights placed near windows or doors. He stated that there are a few such houses in other widely separated sections of the city. He then took Agents in his car on a tour of the city, and pointed out each of the spots which he knew by reputation to be houses of prostitution, and each could be readily identified as such by the presence of the lights with red shades. He further stated that if one should walk past any of these places he would be invited in by girls tapping at or calling from windows. He said he knew nothing about protection for these places, or any persons actively engaged in the business. He stated that all of this is common knowledge to the average citizen of Canton, and he has no information of an inside nature about this vice.

As to gambling he said he knew of no places in the city where such a thing was carried on and said he knew of no slot machines in the city, and only a few pin ball machines.

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Barney Slesnick, 334 Sixth Street, was interviewed and stated that he had been engaged in the rag business in that vicinity for years and naturally knew a number of prostitutes as it was generally known a number of houses operated in the near vicinity. Mr. Slesnick was questioned as to the identity of prostitutes who had used his telephone, and he stated that he had discontinued that practice shortly after William Ryan, who was convicted under the White Slave Traffic Act, had failed to pay the cost of the calls.

Continuing, Mr. Slesnick stated about two years ago he had rented part of his building to a prostitute, but was told by the city officials they would padlock his place unless he made the prostitute move, which he did. Mr. Slesnick stated that the police are very active in the district making the rounds at least once an hour. Mr. Slesnick was unable to furnish Agents with the names of any of the madams in the district.

*Lackey Cooper*

Agents later contacted Mr. A. F. Williams, manager, Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Canton, Ohio, for the purpose of securing the record of all long distance telephone calls made from number 8003, which is Mr. Slesnick's number. However, Mr. Williams stated he could not give out this information without a subpoena. No amount of argument could change Mr. Williams's mind.

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Norville W. Wyatt, 511 Cherry Street, colored, who is known as "Skippy" and operates the Apex Smoke Shop at the above number, and who, according to A. C. L. Barthelme, Assistant County Prosecuting Attorney, has acted as a procurer for madams in the Cherry Street district, was interviewed and discreetly questioned relative to vice and gambling conditions in Canton, Ohio.

Mr. Wyatt stated that at the present time several houses operate openly in the vicinity, however, the police are very vigilant and will not tolerate window tapping or street soliciting. Wyatt further stated that last month (May) the Chief of Police had made a trip through the red light district and had arrested five girls for window tapping. Continuing, Wyatt stated that the prices ranged from fifty cents to two dollars, however, there were very few places that charged the maximum as the traffic would not stand it. Wyatt was questioned as to the locations of the various houses and he advised that with the exception of two or three on the northeast side of town, they were all located in the vicinity of Cherry, Walnut and Rex Streets, between Second and Sixth Streets. In answer to the question of who operated the largest house at the present time, Wyatt stated that Edna Haney had the most notorious, if not the largest, due to the recent arrest of Joe Rich, her husband and pimp.

*Edna Haney P.O. 1st*

With reference to gambling conditions, Wyatt advised that he had run a small game for a while and was warned by the Chief to stop, however, he did not and was arrested and paid a fine of about \$1.00 and costs. Wyatt further stated that he had no knowledge of any large gambling joints in Canton, or vicinity, and did not believe there were any, stating that from conversations he overheard in the district, games were impromptu and generally held in some private home.

With reference to slot machines, Wyatt stated that he had not seen any and would not know where to find any. In this connection Agents, while visiting smoke shops, saloons, etc., have not seen any

slot machines on display, however, there were a few pin ball games and punch boards.

During the interview numerous photographs of individuals mentioned during the course of the BREKID investigation, as well as photographs of subjects of this case, were exhibited to Wyatt, and he identified the photograph of Joe Rich, as Edna Haney's paramour, and partially identified the photograph of Fred Hunter, as an individual who in the past had resided at, or was a frequent visitor at Madam Staley's place, which is located on Walnut Street between Fourth and Fifth Streets.

Wyatt was discreetly questioned as to police protection in so far as prostitution, gambling and slots were concerned, and he stated that the police under the present Chief were "tough", and meant business and tolerated nothing. He further stated that he did not believe there was a pay off of any kind.

Wyatt was also questioned as to the identity of the individual who was considered head of the houses of prostitution, and he advised that in so far as he knew, each house was a private venture.

Earl Kial instructor at the National Flying School, Inc., McKinley Field, Canton, Ohio, was reinterviewed and the following statement was obtained from him, the original of which is being retained in the Cleveland files of this matter:

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Canton, Ohio

"I, EARL KIAL, do hereby make the following statement to J. B. Fitzgerald and Clyde K. Smith, whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice.

"On Jan. 19, 1936 just before dusk a Ryan Cabin Plane, silver and maroon color with an odd sweepback striping on the wing and powered by a J5 whirlwind motor, landed at the McKinley Airport and stopped at the hangar of the National Flying Schools, Inc.

"The plane carried two passengers, a man and a woman, the man I would judge was about 35 years of age, walking with a decided limp, and wearing riding breeches and boots. The woman I believe was about 28 years of age, dark hair, dark complexion and rather attractive. During the time the pilot was at the

hangar I recall that he said he had flown into Youngstown, Ohio a few days before, and I believe he also stated he had just come from Little Rock or Hot Springs, Arkansas. Later I drove them to the Courtland Hotel in Canton, and later the same night he called me at home and stated he was leaving about 6 AM the next morning for some place in Arkansas and desired sufficient gasoline to go to Louisville, Kentucky.

"The following morning on January 20, 1936 I met the pilot and the lady at the airport and sold him thirty gallons of gasoline, placing it in his plane by hand. I fix this date by checking the General Journal which reflects I sold the gasoline on Jan. 20, 1936.

"While the plane was being warmed up a green colored LaSalle coupe, with a tan colored top pulled up at the hangar. The LaSalle had three passengers, two men and a woman. I have been shown a photograph of Alvin Karpis, by Special Agent Smith and identify it as a photograph of the individual in the LaSalle. I have placed my initials, 'E.K.' in ink on the rear of the photograph. I also picked out a photograph bearing number 6009 as the individual who was operating the LaSalle. I have been advised by Special Agent Smith the man's name is Joe Rich. I cannot identify any of the photographs as the likeness of the woman who was in the LaSalle coupe.

"After the ship was warmed up, the man Karpis and the woman and the pilot and the woman who came with him left in the plane and proceeded in a due west direction.

"I have read this statement and it is true.

WITNESSES

Clyde E. Smith,  
J. B. Fitzgerald, Special Agents,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Cleveland, Ohio."

/s/ EARL G. KIAL

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During a survey of the red light district, Agents attempted to gain entrance to a house located at 624 Rex Street, and operated by one "Sadie", however, she refused Agents admission and it was noted when Agents left the porch that an officer was standing on the corner watching.

Shortly after the officer left, Agents visited a house operated by Margaret Miller, 402 Sixth Street, and after admittance found that one other girl also worked in the house. This girl refused to give Agents her name and stated that her home was in Canton, Ohio. Margaret Miller, as soon as she ascertained that Agents were not customers, was very hesitant in giving information, and advised that Agents could easily secure any information at the police station as all prostitutes were fingerprinted and their photographs were on file in the police station. Miss Miller finally refused to answer any questions put to her by Agents.

While walking past 463 Third Street, SE, Agents were invited in by a woman, and upon entering were requested to make themselves at home in the parlors. Two girls very scantily dressed then engaged Agents in conversation and when Agents made their identity known and asked for the madam, the girls refused to talk and would give only the names of "Red" and "Blondie." Agents were unable to secure any information relative to vice conditions in Canton, Ohio, from the girls.

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Ira A. Manderbaugh, Chief of Police, Canton, Ohio, interviewed at police headquarters in the presence of Detective Tim Lloyd of the vice squad, gave such information as he had relative to William Elmer Mead, I. O. #1354, which ostensibly, was the object of Agents' visit. He stated, concerning commercialized prostitution in Canton, Ohio, as follows:

About a month or two ago he put into effect certain regulations pertaining to madams who operate houses of prostitution in Canton, and prostitutes who are inmates of these houses, although they are not licensed or given permits of any kind to operate.

The Chief stated that every prostitute and madam in the city of Canton is photographed, fingerprinted, given a blood test and a smear, before being allowed to operate; no more than two girls are

allowed in one house and no soliciting, such as tapping on windows or calling therefrom, is allowed. A lamp with a red shade is burned conspicuously in every house of prostitution in order to designate the place as such a house. The Chief stated that officers periodically stop in these houses and request the inmates to produce these cards, which must reflect that each prostitute has been examined by the city health doctor within a certain period of time and found to have no disease. Each prostitute must report to the city health doctor each week for a smear test and every six weeks for a blood test, and the results of this medical examination are entered, with the date thereof, on the card which is always retained by the girl.

These officers stated that when a new prostitute comes to town she stops at police headquarters before going to work and gives the address she is going to work at and name of the madam she will work for, then is photographed, fingerprinted and examined. When a prostitute desires to change from one house to another in the city she must come to police headquarters, advise the vice squad of this desire, then if there is no reason for objection on the part of the police, she is allowed to do so and a record of this transfer and new location kept at headquarters. From the conversation of the Chief, Agents understood that only one transfer is permitted and the next move is out of the city.

Detective Lloyd stated that there are presently sixty-seven registered prostitutes in Canton, practicing their profession in about twenty or twenty-five houses located in various sections of the city, although about twenty-five of these places are closely grouped in the red light district, the center of which is the corner of Fourth Avenue and Rex Street, SE. In this connection Agents, one evening, counted twenty-one such places in this immediate vicinity in active operation as advertised by red lights in front of the windows.

In passing through this section in daylight, Agents saw scantily dressed prostitutes in a window of almost every house and were invited in at least a dozen places by girls standing in doors, tapping at windows and calling from open windows. Investigations made in some of these houses by Agents will be covered by another part of this report. While in conversation with the Chief and Detective Lloyd Agents advised that they had conducted some investigation relative to a fugitive in some of these houses, and were told by the Chief that he was glad of it and wished that Federal officers would stop in these places frequently because every time Federal men appear, these places close up for a few days, including houses not visited by the said officers.

The Chief stated that in his opinion prostitution could not be entirely stamped out and an attempt to do so would scatter it all over the city and it is much better to have it confined to certain districts and well regulated as it presently is in Canton, than to have it scattered and unregulated. He was pleased with Agents' visit, offered any assistance Agents might need in any investigation and said his records as to prostitutes, or others, were available to the Bureau at any time.

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During the course of an interview had by Agents with Ira Vanderbaugh, Chief of Police, and Detective Tim Lloyd, Lloyd advised that one Daisy Farmer, presently an inmate of Edna Haney's house of prostitution, had probably been brought to Canton, Ohio, from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, by Eddie Danford. The records of the Identification Unit reflect the following relative to Daisy Farmer:

Name	-	Daisy Farmer
Age	-	22 years
Height	-	5'2"
Weight	-	126 pounds
Hair	-	Black
Eyes	-	Dark chestnut
Complexion	-	Medium
Build	-	Medium
Color	-	White
Marital Status	-	Married
Residence	-	410 Fourth St., NE, Canton, O.
Canton PD #611E	-	
Occupation	-	Prostitute
FPC	-	9 U 00 E 3 A 0

During the course of this investigation at Canton, Ohio, additional information will be sought relative to a possible violation of the White Slave Traffic Act involving Eddie Danford and Edna Haney.

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AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

Miss Leona M. Esch, Assistant Operating Director of the Cleveland Association for Criminal Justice, advised the writer that an informant of hers had stated that Sidney Herman, a dealer at the Harvard Club, was the individual who furnished the machine guns used in the Garrettsville, Ohio mail train robbery, and the guns were presently in possession of Tony Lafatch, a hoodlum, from Akron, Ohio, who was questioned at one time by the Bureau in connection with the Horst kidnaping.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The CLEVELAND OFFICE at Canton, Ohio, will continue the investigation relative to possible harboring charges against Edna Haney, Joe Rich and John Stover.

At Cleveland, Ohio will reinterview Miss Leona Esch in an endeavor to ascertain additional facts relative to the whereabouts of the guns used in the Garrettsville, Ohio mail train robbery.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Alvin Karpis

There is attached hereto a memorandum prepared by Supervisor McIntire concerning the personal history of Alvin Karpis.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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MEMORANDUM

The parents of Alvin Karpis are Mr. and Mrs. John Karpavics, who are Lithuanians, having been born in Russia. They migrated to this country, first living in New York, thence moving to Grand Rapids, Michigan, thence to Montreal, Canada, where they remained for two years. During this period Alvin Karpis was born in Montreal in November, 1909. When Alvin Karpis was two years of age, his family moved to Topeka, Kansas. In 1923 Alvin moved to Chicago, Illinois, with his family, where he worked in various bakeries. Examination by a physician disclosed that Alvin had leakage of the heart and he was advised to take an extended vacation.

Alvin went to live with his sister, Mrs. Bert Grooms, at 1234 Monroe Street, Topeka, Kansas. While here he became involved in a burglary and was sentenced to serve ten years in the Kansas State Industrial Reformatory at Hutchinson, Kansas. He escaped from this institution on March 9, 1929. He rejoined his parents in Chicago. The parents, while appearing to be substantial citizens, refrained from notifying Kansas state authorities of the location of Alvin Karpis. While with his parents on this occasion, Karpis secured employment with a concern that sold medical equipment.

While an escape and while living with his parents, Karpis was joined by Lawrence De Vol, who is now serving a life sentence in the Minnesota State Penitentiary, Stillwater, Minnesota, charged with participating in the robbery of the Third Northwestern National Bank at Minneapolis, Minnesota, in which two officers and a civilian were killed. Karpis and De Vol then "drifted" to Kansas City, Missouri, where Karpis was apprehended as Raymond Hadley by the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department on March 23, 1930, on the charge of auto larceny and safe blowing. On March 25, 1930, Karpis was returned to the Reformatory at Hutchinson. He was transferred to the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, on May 19, 1930, to serve the balance of his sentence on the charge of burglary, second degree.

While in the Kansas State Penitentiary, Karpis became closely associated with Fred Barker, who was serving a sentence of from five to ten years on the charge of burglary and larceny. Karpis and Fred Barker also became friendly with Jess Doyle, who was likewise serving in the Kansas State Penitentiary at this time.

Fred Barker was released from the Kansas State Penitentiary on March 30, 1931, and Karpis was released on May 31, 1931. Karpis and Fred Barker then joined Kate "Ma" Barker at the home of Herbert A. Farmer at Joplin, Missouri. Farmer has been sentenced to serve a two year sentence for conspiracy

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to obstruct justice in connection with the Kansas Case. It was at Herbert Farmer's home that Karpis learned to know such notorious characters as Frank Nash, Vernon C. Miller, Francis Keating, Thomas Holden, Harvey Bailey, Charles Harman and others.

On June 10, 1931, Karpis was arrested at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and was delivered to the Police Department at Okmulgee, Oklahoma. On September 10, 1931, he was sentenced to serve four years in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary on a charge of burglary. On the same date the court paroled him.

On December 18, 1931, Karpis and Fred Barker robbed a store at West Plains, Missouri, and on December 19, 1931, as they were being approached by Sheriff C. R. Kelley of West Plains for questioning concerning this robbery, Karpis shot and killed the Sheriff. Fred Barker and Karpis then fled, leaving their car at a home occupied by William Weaver at Thayer, Missouri. Weaver, Fred Barker and Karpis thereupon fled to St. Paul, Minnesota, where they lived with Kate "Ma" Barker and her paramour, A. W. Dunlop. At this time Karpis became acquainted with Harry Sawyer and Jack Pfeiffer. At Jack Pfeiffer's place Karpis learned to know Fred Goetz, alias "Shotgun" Zeigler.

On April 25, 1932, Karpis, Fred Barker, Kate Barker and A. W. Dunlop escaped from a police trap in St. Paul. On the following morning the nude and bullet-ridden body of A. W. Dunlop was found on the shores of Lake Frensted near Webster, Wisconsin. A blood-stained woman's glove was found near the body. Although there is no proof, it is popularly believed that Dunlop was murdered by Kate and Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis, in the feeling that he had "tipped off" members of the gang to the St. Paul Police.

Karpis, Fred Barker and Kate Barker then fled to Kansas City, Missouri, where they took residence in the fashionable Country Club Plaza district. Here they gathered together a group of nationally known gangsters which, on June 17, 1932, robbed the Fort Scott, Kansas, bank. The following persons participated:

Fred Barker  
Alvin Karpis  
Francis Keating  
Thomas Holden  
Harvey Bailey  
Larry De Vol  
Bernard Phillips

On July 7, 1932, Keating, Holden and Bailey were arrested by Bureau Agents and Kansas City, Kansas, and Kansas City, Missouri, peace officers on the Old Mission Golf Course. Karpis, Fred Barker and Kate Barker immediately departed from their Kansas City apartment, proceeding to St. Paul, Minnesota. They took quarters on White Bear Lake, a well known summer resort. Here they

were joined by Helen Ferguson and her paramour, Earl Christman, who later died of wounds received in the robbery of the Fairbury National Bank, Fairbury, Nebraska.

After the release of Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis from the Kansas State Penitentiary, they hired Jack Glynn, a private detective and former Chief of Police of Leavenworth, Kansas, to secure the release of Doc Barker and Volney Davis, who had been sentenced to life imprisonment in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary on the charge of murder. Doc Barker was released on a conditional pardon on September 10, 1932. On November 3, 1932, the release of Volney Davis was effected in the same manner. Doc Barker and Davis immediately joined the others at St. Paul, Minnesota.

On December 16, 1932, the following persons participated in the robbery of the Third Northwestern National Bank in Minneapolis, Minnesota:

Alvin Karpis  
Doc Barker  
Fred Barker  
William Weaver  
Larry De Vol  
Verne Miller  
Jess Doyle

In this robbery two officers and one civilian were killed. Larry De Vol was arrested, whereupon the gang fled to Reno, Nevada, where members of the Karpis-Barker crowd had contact with William J. Graham and James C. McKay. You will recall that Graham and McKay have been considered the contacts for members of the Dillinger gang also.

This gang returned to St. Paul, Minnesota, during February, 1933. On March 4, 1933, their presence was reported by the manager of their apartment, but before a police raid could be staged, Gladys Sawyer had warned Jess Doyle, Karpis and Fred Barker. The gang then met at Harry Sawyer's saloon and departed for Chicago, Illinois.

Using Chicago as a headquarters, the gang planned and executed the robbery of the Fairbury National Bank at Fairbury, Nebraska, on April 4, 1933, the following persons participating:

Alvin Karpis  
Fred Barker  
Doc Barker  
Volney Davis  
Eddie Green  
Frank Nash  
Earl Christman  
Jess Doyle

Christman was wounded in this robbery and later died at the home of Vernon C. Miller at 6612 Edgevale Road, Kansas City, Missouri.

After this robbery Karpis and the gang frequented the road house of Louis Cernocky at Fox River Grove, Illinois, a rendezvous equally sinister to that provided by Harry Sawyer in St. Paul. On June 15, 1933, Karpis and his gang kidnaped William Hamm, Jr., releasing him on June 19, 1933, after the payment of a ransom of \$10,000. Our best information is to the effect that the Hamm abduction was effected by:

Alvin Karpis  
Doc Barker  
Fred Barker  
Fred Goetz  
Charles Fitzgerald  
Byron Bolton

It has been intimated that this ransom money was disposed of through the gambling houses of Graham and McKay in Reno, Nevada.

On August 30, 1933, the Stockyards National Bank of South St. Paul, Minnesota, was robbed, in which robbery two police officers were shot. Bessie Green has advised that this "job" was "pulled" by Karpis, the Barkers, and her husband, Eddie Green. It will be recalled that C. J. Fitzgerald is alleged to have been shot in this robbery; that the machine gun taken from Doc Barker in Chicago, Illinois, on January 8, 1935, was identified as having been stolen from Officer Yocum during this robbery, and that the "getaway" chart for this robbery was found in the apartment of Fred Barker in Cleveland, Ohio, during September, 1934.

During December, 1933, plans were formulated in the apartment of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton at 565 Portland Avenue, St. Paul, for the abduction of Bremer. Harry Sawyer "fingered" Bremer for the crowd. Bremer was kidnaped at about 8:45 A.M. on January 17, 1934, at the intersection of Lexington and Goodrich Avenues in St. Paul. Two automobiles were used and Byron Bolton reports that the following persons were active participants:

Fred Barker  
Alvin Karpis  
Doc Barker  
Harry Campbell  
William Weaver

According to statements made by Karpis and Campbell to Elmer Farmer, Karpis and Campbell are the actual abductors who entered Bremer's car and beat him over the head. Bremer was held in the Bensenville, Illinois, hide-out until February 7, 1934, when he was released at Rochester, Minnesota. Karpis actually

drove Bremer to the hide-out, acted as a guard during Bremer's confinement, purchased flashlights and batteries at the Grand Silver Store in St. Paul, and returned Bremer to Rochester.

Thereafter Karpis and the gang moved to Toledo, Cleveland, and Sandusky, Ohio, where they spent the summer of 1934. Karpis was accompanied by his paramour, Dolores Delaney.

On September 5, 1934, Gladys Sawyer, Paula Harmon and Wynona Burdette were arrested in Cleveland, Ohio. It is interesting to note that Karpis, Fred Barker and Harry Campbell had secured their apartments and other accommodations in Cleveland, Ohio through Arthur Hebebrand and Jimmy Patton, the latter two persons being the owners and proprietors of the rental agency through whom these apartments were secured. Immediately upon the arrest of Gladys Sawyer, Paula Harmon and Wynona Burdette, Hebebrand/Patton having contacts with the Cleveland Police Department, were immediately advised of said arrests and promptly informed members of the gang. Thereafter Karpis and his associates fled to Bensenville, Illinois. At this point Elmer Farmer arranged for a safe rendezvous for these persons at Kahn's Tourist Camp located near Elmhurst, Illinois. Karpis and his associates remained at said tourist camp for approximately a week, then proceeded to Miami, Florida, spending much time in Miami and Havana, Cuba, where Harry Sawyer, William J. Harrison and Cassius McDonald were already engaged in exchanging large blocks of Bremer ransom money in Havana. Immediately upon hearing of the shooting episode at Oklawaha, Florida, where Kate and Fred Barker were killed by Agents while resisting arrest, Karpis, Campbell, Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette fled to the Danmoor Hotel in Atlantic City, New Jersey, where they were routed by Atlantic City Police officers on January 20, 1935, effecting their escape in a stolen car after a gun battle. Karpis and Campbell abandoned the stolen car on the following morning near Quakertown, Pennsylvania, where they commandeered the car of Dr. H. H. Hunsicker, forcing Hunsicker to accompany them over country roads until they reached Guilford Center, Ohio, at about 9:50 P.M. They bound Dr. Hunsicker hand and foot, leaving him in a building nearby. The car of Dr. Hunsicker was found abandoned with the motor running on the morning of January 22, 1935, about fourteen miles north of Toledo, Ohio.

On January 22, 1935, Karpis was indicted at St. Paul, Minnesota, charged in one indictment with the substantive offense of kidnaping and in the second indictment with conspiracy to kidnap.

On September 27, 1935 Karpis and other members of the Barker-Karpis gang were again indicted at St. Paul, Minnesota, charging them with conspiracy to kidnap, said conspiracy existing between September 15, 1933 and January 15, 1935.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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July 8, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: BREKID  
William Elmer Mead

About 3:20 P. M. July 7, 1936, in keeping with your instructions I telephonically communicated with Mr. J. L. Flood, who is acting in charge of the Omaha Office. I advised him the Bureau had received information from the Chicago Office indicating Charles O. Long and Mrs. Mead had talked to William Elmer Mead on the phone at 9:30 P. M. on the night of July 6, 1936; that Mead had requested Long to meet him at the Fontenelle Hotel at Omaha, Nebraska between 10:00 A. M. and noon of July 8, 1936; that informant Long was willing to go to Omaha and meet Mead but desired to be apprehended with him in order that he, Long, might be properly protected; that Long stated there was a possibility Mead would be at some hotel other than the Fontenelle.

I further advised Mr. Flood the Chicago Office had informed the Bureau that very discreet shadowing would be necessary and that the Chicago Office had requested authority to advance expenses for the informant to travel to Omaha; that the Bureau had granted such authority and had further granted authority for an Agent to accompany Long to Omaha, so that the Agent of the Chicago Office, who is familiar with Long, could point out Long to the Agents of the Omaha Office who will be requested to take Mead into custody.

At the time of this call Mr. Flood advised me he had obtained similar information through a telephone conversation with Mr. Johnson who is acting in charge of the Chicago Office. Mr. Flood also advised that Agent V. E. Criss of the Chicago Office would accompany Long to Omaha and that Criss and Long would leave Chicago at 6:30 P. M. on July 7, 1936 and would arrive in Omaha at 7:20 A. M. on July 8, 1936. Flood stated he had arranged to have three Agents board the train at Denison, Iowa, at 4:50 A. M. on July 8, 1936, and that they could thus get in touch with Mr. Criss and make proper arrangements for the surveillance of Long so they would be fully advised when Long made a contact with Mead in Omaha.

In keeping with your instructions I advised Mr. Flood that if Mead is taken into custody, same should be done without any display of

\*Confidential Informant  
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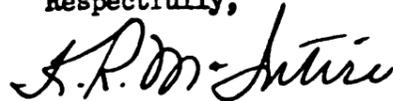
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firearms or any noise or any publicity; that the Bureau felt Mead's apprehension could be effected without any undue commotion and every effort should be made by Mr. Flood and the Agents working under him to follow Bureau instructions. I further informed Mr. Flood that as soon as Mead is taken into custody Long should likewise be arrested; that Mead should be taken to the Omaha Office where he can be subjected to questioning by our Agents. I requested that he immediately advise the Bureau when Mead is apprehended and also that the Bureau be advised if the plan for the apprehension of Mead falls through on July 8, 1936.

I further advised Mr. Flood that after the Bureau finished questioning Mead we will have to turn him over to the Postal Inspectors, who desire his apprehension in connection with an indictment which was returned against him several years ago in Florida. Mr. Flood stated he would follow these instructions and would advise the Bureau immediately of any developments in this matter.

On the morning of July 8, 1936, I conversed with Special Agent in Charge Ladd of the Chicago Office who is here at the Bureau for the SAC Conference. He advised Agent Criss is under orders to proceed to Washington for retraining school which will begin on Monday morning, July 13, 1936. I stated if there are any interesting developments relative to Mead it might be advisable to issue instructions to Criss to disregard his previous instructions which relate to retraining and to continue his investigation with reference to the Mead matter. Obviously we can delay decisions as to this until we are apprised of the developments in Omaha.

Respectfully,



K. R. McIntire.

Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

July 7, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

As requested in your letter of July 6, 1936, I am enclosing herewith the most recent photographs of the following individuals:

Alvin Karpis  
Harry Campbell  
Jimmy Wilson  
Paula Harmon  
Edna Murray  
"Doc" Barker  
Myrtle Eaton

Dolores Delaney  
Wynona Burdette  
Fred Barker  
Volney Davis  
"Slim" Gibson  
"Bill" Weaver  
Ollie Berg

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of May 21, 1936, (7-576) in which is set forth a letter forwarded to the Bureau by the New Orleans Police Department, which had been received by that organization from one Ben Kratzberg, Deputy Sheriff, Bowie, Arizona, relative to the above entitled case.

Mr. Ben Kratzberg, Deputy Sheriff, Cochise County, Arizona, was interviewed at Bowie, Arizona, on June 28, 1936, by Special Agent W. H. Osborne and stated that a short time before he directed the above mentioned letter to the Police Department at New Orleans, Louisiana, three strangers came to Bowie, driving a Ford Coupe bearing 1936 Texas license plates 336365, and that due to their suspicious actions, he immediately surmised that they were connected with some large gang. Mr. Kratzberg stated that these parties were in an intoxicated condition when they arrived in Bowie and that his attention was first attracted to them on account of their loud and boisterous talk.

Mr. Kratzberg stated that after observing these parties for a short time, he noticed one of the men go into the telephone office and that, as he wished to ascertain whom they might be endeavoring to contact by telephone, he followed this party into the telephone office and heard him place a call to number 844 at New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. Kratzberg stated that he endeavored to overhear this conversation and that due to the fact that this party was obviously trying to prevent anyone in the telephone office from hearing the conversation and as he was mumbling his words, he gained the impression that this party was carrying on a code conversation with the person with whom he was talking at New Orleans. Mr. Kratzberg stated that the only portion of the conversation that he overheard was to the

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effect that the party talking from Bowie had met up with a friend whose wife was pregnant and that, as he felt that she (party in New Orleans) would like these people, he would like for her to take care of his friend's wife following the birth of the child. Mr. Kratzberg stated that from the nature of this conversation and due to the fact that the person placing the call conversed with a person named Ruth, he assumed that this was a code conversation with a female confederate at New Orleans, Louisiana, relative to the kidnaping of some child, and had, therefore, endeavored to obtain information through the New Orleans Police Department as to the identity of the person at telephone number 844.

Mr. Kratzberg stated that these three men remained in Bowie overnight and that the following morning one of his friends observed these men in a local restaurant and saw one of them drop a Western Union telegram, which was promptly recovered by Mr. Kratzberg's informant and turned over to him. This telegram was exhibited to agent and was addressed "T. J. Galligher, will call Ritz Hotel, Wilmington, California", and stated that "The money order paid you herewith is from Mrs. T. J. Galligher at New Orleans". Mr. Kratzberg stated that this telegram was the basis for his inquiry as to the identity of T. J. Galligher at New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mr. Kratzberg further stated that all three of the men were very nicely dressed and on the whole made very good appearances but that one of the party used considerable profanity and was obviously the leader. Mr. Kratzberg advised that the person who used considerable profanity was the person who made the call to New Orleans and that based on the above information it was his opinion that these parties were connected with some criminal gang. Mr. Kratzberg's opinion was based largely on the fact that the person placing the call to New Orleans had endeavored to keep him from overhearing the conversation that he was having.

It was also ascertained from Mr. Kratzberg that this party inadvertently failed to have his call reversed to the number called at New Orleans and that it was necessary for him to bring this party back to the telephone office and make arrangements for the call to be charged to the telephone at New Orleans and that in this way Mr. Kratzberg stated the party had become rather angry, and it had been necessary to threaten to place him in jail in order to get him quiet.

In accordance with Bureau letter of May 21, 1936, Mr. Kratzberg was not advised of the results of the investigation conducted

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at New Orleans to establish the identity of T. J. Gallagher nor was he advised that there was no such telephone number as 844 at that point. However, Mr. Kratzberg was advised that this Bureau appreciated his interest in the matter and that the information he had furnished would be thoroughly checked to determine whether the above mentioned parties had in fact been involved in any criminal activities in which the Bureau has investigative jurisdiction.

Very truly yours,

*H. E. Andersen*  
H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

WHO:MC

cc - Cincinnati  
Chicago (E. J. Connelley)

August 6, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I. O. #1218, et al; Edward  
George Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of May 12, 1936,  
reflecting an investigation conducted by your office on the  
basis of information furnished by Ben Kratzberg, Deputy Sheriff,  
Bowie, Arizona, relating to the location of Alvin Karpis in New  
Orleans, Louisiana, prior to his apprehension on May 1, 1936.

Further reference is made to the Bureau's letter to  
the Phoenix Office dated May 21, 1936, a copy of which was  
designated for the New Orleans Office.

In keeping with the request contained in the latter  
letter, the Bureau is in receipt of a letter from the Phoenix  
Office dated July 5, 1936, a copy of which is being forwarded to  
you herewith for your information. Copies of the letter from the  
Phoenix Office are also being forwarded to the Cleveland and  
St. Paul Offices in view of the fact that copies were not  
designated for them by the Phoenix Office. No copy is being  
designated for the Phoenix Office as this information is in its  
files.

Very truly yours,

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
MAILED John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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July 8, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT M. GATES,  
DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION.

I am attaching hereto a suggested press release dealing with the apprehension in Omaha, Nebraska today of William Elmer, lead by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

*Edward G. Bremer*

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- Mr. Boardman
- Chief Clerk
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

July 8, 1936.

William Elmer Mead is an international "confidence" man whose criminal record commenced at an early age. He is now about fifty-nine years old. His first major offense occurred on June 30, 1896, when he was arrested by the Police Department at San Diego, California, on the charge of grand larceny. For this offense he was sentenced to serve three years in San Quentin Penitentiary. Upon his release therefrom on January 24, 1899, he showed no disposition to follow the channels of legitimacy. Rather, he consorted with the nation's most notorious confidence men, and for a livelihood resorted once more to lawlessness.

By virtue of his professional criminality Mead has not restricted the sphere of his activities to any particular locality. The nature of his operations made it necessary for him to move frequently. Occasionally when "at grips" with the law he has forfeited bonds, and at other times he has been "given hours to leave town". On December 15, 1922, as one Clark, alias W. Elmer Mead, he was indicted at Jacksonville, Florida, on the charge of using the United States Mails to defraud. On April 2, 1934, Mead posted a \$10,000 bond for his appearance. This bond was later estreated and a capias was issued for his failure to appear.

Mead's operations as a confidence man have been continuous over a period of approximately forty years. The swindles which he and his associates have perpetrated have aggregated many hundreds of thousands of dollars.

On August 24, 1922, as John Henry Foster, Mead was arrested by the Denver, Colorado, Police Department on the charge of investigation and "con man". He was tried and convicted and on June 1, 1923, was sentenced to serve 3 to 10 years in the Colorado State Penitentiary at Canon City, Colorado. He was released at the completion of his minimum sentence on September 15, 1925.

The international character of his operations is demonstrated by his subsequent arrest when, using the name of Edwin Elza Gaynor, he was arrested on March 24, 1930, by New Scotland Yard, London, England, on the charge of conspiracy. On April 2, 1930 he was sentenced to serve two 6 month sentences at hard labor the sentences to run consecutively. The charge upon which he was convicted was, "attempting to steal by means of confidence trick".

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Returning to the United States Mead continued to practice his confidence tricks upon the unsuspecting. On July 12, 1935, as Charles E. Carter, while endeavoring to swindle a building contractor at Northampton, Massachusetts, he was arrested by the Police Department at that point, and was detained on the charge of unlawful registration of a motor vehicle. On the morning of July 13, 1935, however, with the assistance of friends, Mead was able to post a bond of \$200.00. He promptly forfeited the bond.

Mead has maintained a highly efficient system of criminal contacts throughout the United States. He was the confidant of Louis Fiquett, who was recently convicted of harboring and concealing the fugitive Homer Van Meter, a member of the Dillinger Gang. Through Fiquett, Mead was introduced to those doctors who performed facial and fingerprint operations on John Dillinger and Homer Van Meter. One of these doctors performed an operation on Mead's fingertips in an unsuccessful effort to obliterate the patterns and prevent identification.

During the course of the investigation relating to the kidnaping of Mr. Edward George Bremer of St. Paul, Minnesota, Mead engaged in certain financial transactions which indicated that he would possibly have information concerning the Bremer abduction. Although Mead's apprehension has not been sought as an actual participant in the abduction, efforts have been made to locate him for purposes of questioning in connection with that matter.

William Elmer Mead was apprehended by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, in Omaha, Nebraska, on July 8, 1936. He is being questioned with reference to certain incidents arising out of the investigation by this Bureau in the Bremer case.



William E. Meade

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ORDER NO. 1354  
February 8, 1935.

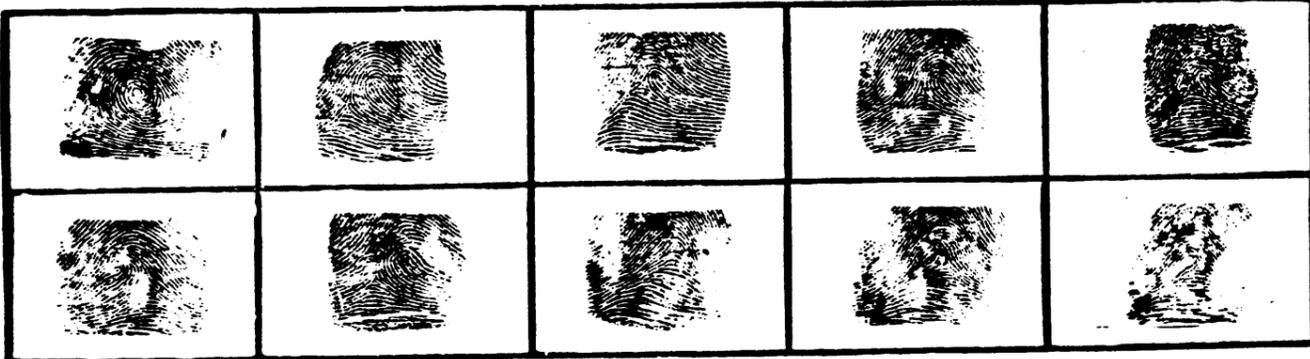
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WILLIAM ELMER MEAD, with aliases: J. W. REED, JOHN HENRY FOSTER, EDWIN ELZA GAYNOR, CHARLES E. CARTER, G. C. CHASE, J. W. BARKER, J. H. PARKER, "CHRIST KID", E. E. LAIRD, EDWARD E. GAYNOR, C. C. CHASE, JOHN J. MEADOWS, WILLIAM E. REED, "JUDGE", J. W. READ, one FULLER, one CLARK, C. L. LANE, C. E. CHARLES, FRANK TAYLOR, DR. JOHN F. CARTER, WILLIAM E. MEAD, WILLIAM E. MEADE, J. C. WALTERS, J. W. PARKER, WILLIAM MEADE, ELMER W. MEAD, FRANK F. TAYLOR, JOHN H. FOSTER, W. ELMER MEAD.

WANTED FOR QUESTIONING



DESCRIPTION

Age, 54 years (1935); Height, 5'10 to 11"; Weight, 150 lbs; Build, slender; Complexion, medium; Hair, grey (partially bald); Mustache, grey; Eyes, blue (occasionally wears eyeglasses); Nationality, American; Occupation, confidence man; Peculiarities, speaks with a querulous voice, frequently uses his' and double negatives, apparently has worn a toupee, left eye blinks nervously, left shoulder and left side of face partially paralyzed, right corner of mouth is drawn down when speaking; Religious, Catholic; Marital status, married.

RELATIVES

Mrs. Kate Meade, with aliases: "Kissable Kate", Marie Mead, Katherine Mead, "Frisco Kate", Kate Schmidt, Kate Schmitt, "California Kate", Mrs. C. C. Chase, wife; 1533 Fargo Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Photograph taken July 13, 1935.

Photograph taken August 11, 1933.



CRIMINAL RECORD

- As William E. Mead, arrested PD, Los Angeles, California, June 30, 1896, for San Diego, California, PD; charge, grand larceny.
- As William Meade, #16047, received San Quentin, California, State Prison on September 24, 1896, to serve 3 years for grand larceny; discharged upon expiration of sentence on January 24, 1899.
- Arrested Los Angeles, California, PD, February 18, 1904; charge, vagrancy; disposition, on February 20, 1904, sentenced 10 days or \$10.00.
- As Elmer W. Mead, #3741, arrested Los Angeles, California, PD, January 22, 1906; charge, pickpocket, theft of \$60.00 from Pullman passenger; disposition, on February 2, 1906, forfeited \$750.00 bond.
- As William E. Mead, arrested Denver, Colorado, PD, #6-1578, on July 9, 1912; charge, grand larceny, shoplifting, breach suspect; given hours to leave city.
- As J. W. Reed, arrested PD, Miami, Florida, #F-235, on December 18, 1920; charge, suspicious character, (con); no disposition recorded.
- As one Clark, alias W. Elmer Mead, indicted Jacksonville, Florida, December 15, 1922; charge, violation of Section 215 of the Penal Code; \$10,000 bond posted by Mead on April 2, 1934; bond later estreated and capias issued upon his failure to appear.
- As John Henry Foster, on August 24, 1922, arrested PD, Denver, Colorado, #8390; charge, investigation, con man; on June 1, 1923, sentenced to serve 3 to 10 years in the Colorado State Penitentiary, Canon City, Colorado.
- As John H. Foster, received St. Paul, Canon City, Colorado, June 3, 1923, under #12127; charge, conspiracy to steal, one count; confidence man, two counts, (concurrently); sentence 3 to 10 years; released at completion of minimum sentence, September 15, 1925, on automatic parole; completely discharged June 4, 1929.
- As Edwin Elza Gaynor, #2196, arrested on March 26, 1930, by New Scotland Yard, London, England; charge, conspiracy; on April 2, 1930, sentenced to serve two 6 month sentences at hard labor, sentences to run consecutively; charge, attempting to steal by means of confidence trick.
- As William E. Meade, #C-51004, arrested PD, Chicago, Illinois, August 11, 1933; charge, general principles (con man); turned over to postal inspectors, Chicago, August 14, 1933.
- As one Clark, #2227, arrested United States Marshal, Chicago, Illinois, on August 15, 1933; charge, mail fraud; released on \$10,000 bond, August 15, 1933, for appearance in Jacksonville, Florida.
- As Charles E. Carter, #8664, arrested SO, Northampton, Mass., July 12, 1935; charge, violation auto laws; released on \$200 bond, July 13, 1935, defaulted bond on July 18, 1935.
- At the time William Elmer Mead, as Charles E. Carter, #8664, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office, Northampton, Mass., on July 12, 1935, it was ascertained that an attempt had been made to mutilate his fingerprints. In order to facilitate his identification in the event he is arrested by any law enforcement agency, this identification order is being distributed. Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to the nearest office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.
- If apprehended, please notify the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or the Special Agent in Charge of the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, listed on the back hereof which is nearest your city.

*W. E. Mead*  
*Ch E Carter*

Issued by: JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR.

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July 9, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victims;  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated May 14, 1936, enclosing photostatic copies of sections of the Toledo News-Bee for May 7, 1936, upon which were endorsed various comments by an anonymous contributor of this newspaper to the Bureau.

In the above mentioned letter the Bureau requested that an investigation with reference to the comments endorsed on the newspaper be handled expeditiously and that the Bureau be advised at the earliest possible date. At this time the Bureau has not been advised as to any action taken in the matter. It is therefore requested that you give this your preferred attention and advise the Bureau in the premises without further delay.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director

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

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*E. J. Connelley*

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Office of  
**Circuit Attorney**

for the  
**City of St. Louis**  
Missouri

**Franklin Miller**  
Circuit Attorney

Municipal Courts Building

July 8, 1936.

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

You will recall on December 9, 1935 I wrote you  
a letter regarding the file on the late William J. Harrison.

It is my understanding that at the present time  
all the cases in connection with the Bremer kidnaping have  
been disposed of. The Harrison family is experiencing  
difficulties with the Pacific Mutual Insurance Company  
against whom they have a claim on a policy held by that com-  
pany on the deceased.

The company's contention is first that there is  
not sufficient proof of death and second that the information  
furnished by your department to the newspapers, etc., was  
merely a ruse to endeavor to learn the whereabouts of Har-  
rison, therefore, if it is possible, at this time, for you  
to allow me to have any additional information that might  
clarify the situation, I shall be grateful for it.

I make this request, since, in your letter of  
December 14, 1935 you stated that you had further information  
that you could not disclose due to the fact that the prose-  
cution of several cases was still pending.

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Thanking you for your co-operation, I remain

Yours very sincerely,

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*Henry W. Simpson*  
Assistant Circuit Attorney.

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Edw. G. Bremer



July 31, 1936

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Mr. Henry T. Simpson,  
Assistant Circuit Attorney,  
Municipal Courts Building,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim -  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 8, 1936, in which you request additional information regarding the proof of death of one William J. Harrison.

In my letter of December 14, 1935, I furnished to you all of the information which it was possible to disclose concerning the death of Harrison. I regret to advise you that there are numerous other prosecutions pending in this case for which reason it is not now possible to furnish you any more definite information in the premises.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-St. Louis  
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Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago  
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: William Elmer Head.

Mr. Turner of the United Press telephoned and stated they had received a message from their Omaha office saying that a report had been made to me on Head and they wished to know if anything is going to be said about it. I stated that we had been questioning Head since his arrest but no comment will be made at this time. I stated that Head is to be arraigned today at which time he will be turned over to the Post Office Inspectors who want Head for a mail fraud case. I stated that we wanted Head for interrogation relative to a number of Bureau cases; that as soon as he was arrested the Post Office Inspectors had been notified; that the mail fraud charge I believed was in Florida; that this was something over which the Bureau had no jurisdiction. I stated that we were not at this time planning to secure any indictments against Head in connection with the cases in which the Bureau is interested; that the other Federal charge will keep him in custody.

*William Elmer Head*

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington Field Office, Room 5252,  
Washington, D. C.

July 8, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

7-11-36

Reference is made to letter from the Cincinnati Bureau Office dated July 3, 1936, requesting that the fingerprints of veteran Walter R. Armstrong be secured from the War Department and compared with the fingerprints of Dr. Joseph F. Moran, a subject in the above entitled case, to ascertain whether Armstrong is identical with Dr. Moran, as indicated in letter of reference; also, that a copy of veteran Armstrong's fingerprints be placed in the files of the Identification Division in order that Armstrong might be located and interviewed to ascertain whether he is identical with one Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston, as set out in reference letter.

It has been ascertained from the files of the War Department that the Army serial number of the veteran, Walter R. Armstrong, is [REDACTED]

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The Bureau is respectfully requested to secure the fingerprints of veteran Armstrong from the War Department, as requested by the Cincinnati Office.

Very truly yours, .

*J. M. Keith*  
J. M. KEITH,  
Special Agent in Charge.

*Edward J. ...*

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID. b7c

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated July 8, 1936, requesting that the fingerprints of veteran Walter E. Armstrong, Army Serial [redacted] be secured from the War Department and compared with the fingerprints of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, a subject in the above-entitled case, to ascertain whether Armstrong is identical with Dr. Moran.

The fingerprints of Walter E. Armstrong, Army Serial [redacted] were obtained from the War Department and searched through the files of the Identification Division of the Bureau and found to be identical with the fingerprints of Walter E. Armstrong, alias Eugene C. McArthur, alias Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston, #FBI-750342, a copy of whose criminal record as reflected by the files of the Identification Division of the Bureau is enclosed herewith on which there is included the War record of this individual. The fingerprints of Walter E. Armstrong, with aliases, #FBI-750342, were compared with the fingerprints of Dr. Joseph P. Moran and found not to be identical.

A check of the files of the Veterans Administration shows the following address for this subject when he made application for bonus bonds: "P. O. Box 735, Wilmington, Del."

A fingerprint card was received in the Bureau on July 15, 1936, on Walter E. Armstrong, alias Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston, reflecting the fingerprints of Armstrong to have been taken at the Philadelphia office of the Bureau on July 7, 1936, which were found to be identical with the fingerprints of Walter E. Armstrong, with aliases, #FBI-750342.

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July 9, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Indianapolis, Indiana.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -  
VICTIM - KIDNAPING.

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Dear Sir:

The Bureau observes that you are in possession of information to the effect that Miss Lella Armstrong, the sister of Walter E. Armstrong, alias Dr. Robert Carville Craiston, is presently located in La Forta, Indiana.

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It is desired that you arrange for an immediate interview with Miss Armstrong in an effort to learn the location of her brother Walter E. Armstrong, who has at times been alleged to be identical with Dr. Joseph P. Moran.

The Bureau wishes to be advised as to the results of this interview immediately. All possible information as to the location of Walter Armstrong should be obtained from his sister.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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

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REPORT MADE AT <b>PHILADELPHIA, PA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-7-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7-2-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J.L. FALLON</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases-FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232 et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-Victim</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <p style="text-align: center;">Thelma Holst questioned the Philadelphia Bureau Office and relates she was acquainted with Doc Barker, Jimmy Wilson and Slim Gibson, Wynona Burdette and Edna Murray; also related that Mildred Kuhlman Clark was her girl friend and that she traveled with Doc Barker from Toledo, Ohio, to Chicago, Ill. Thelma Holst denies that she knew that the members of the mob were actually wanted, thinking that they were in Toledo, Ohio, in connection with strike breaking; cannot give any direct information as to the activities of the Karpis-Barker gang connecting police officials in Toledo or any other cities nearby.</p>			
REFERENCE: Letter from Cleveland Office to Cincinnati Office dated June 16, 1936.			
DETAILS: <b>AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.</b> Thelma Holst, 5017 Frankford Avenue, was questioned by Special Agents A. Schroeder, M. Chaffetz, and the writer, at the Philadelphia Office, where the following information was elicited as to her past:			
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She claimed she was born at Rossford, Ohio, a suburb of Toledo, Ohio, on March 9, 1902, attended public schools at Toledo and graduated from high school. Her immediate family consists of two sisters and one brother, viz: Rene Holst and Madeline Holst/Angus, and Doc Holst, who is now with the "Toledo Bee" Newspaper, in the capacity of sports writer; that after her graduation from high school she worked as a waitress at several places in and about Toledo; that she has been married on three different occasions, first in 1919 to one John Davis who, at the present time, is residing in Cleveland, Ohio; that she obtained divorce in 1921 from this individual and married Claude Roof in 1922, divorcing this individual who, at the present time, is a real estate operator in Detroit, Michigan, in 1926, and was re-married in 1928 to Charles Townes, deceased, he having passed away in Los Angeles, California, in an aeroplane accident; that she had been working in Stauffer's Restaurant in Detroit and during the year 1931 resided in Toledo, Ohio, and lived at various apartments throughout the city, using the same for her bootlegging activities. She informed that Bert Angus married her sister, Madeline Holst, about three years ago and that they lived at the Burdella Apts. at Collingswood and Cherry Streets, Toledo, Ohio; that it was during this time that she met several of Angus' friends through her sister's connections; that later she moved to the Jarvis Apts. where she had been living with a girl friend named Mildred Kuhlman; also known as Mildred Clark; that she and Mildred Clark carried on a bootlegging affair in the Jarvis Apts. and sold liquor and also home brew. She claims that during her connections with Mildred Clark she became acquainted with the following individuals: A party whom she knew as Doc Barker, Jimmy Wilson, Slim Gibson, and Willie Harrison, Wynona Burdette, and a girl they called "Rabbita," who, of course, is Edna Murray. She was questioned closely as to whether Edna Murray had an apartment in the Burdella place and she denied ever seeing Volney Davis or Edna Murray in this particular apartment. She does not know of Doc Barker renting an apartment under the name of H.J. Morley in the same apartment house. She was questioned as to whether she ever rented an apartment for any individuals through the intercession of her sister and she denied this most emphatically; also as to the purchasing of any furniture or other things for any members of the Karpis gang.

It will be remembered in questioning Miss Holst that Mildred Kuhlman's name was not mentioned by any of the agents of the Philadelphia Office but upon Miss Holst's apprehension at her apartment at 3017 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., she requested to know why she was being asked to accompany agents to the Philadelphia Office and in return was told that she was going to be questioned as to her activities in Toledo, Ohio, before her departure from said city, and she stated

*Rabbita Murray*

"Oh, I know the reason now. You want to know about my girl friend Mildred, whom I was living with in Toledo. Well, I have not seen her for over a year as I left Toledo, Ohio, in March 1935, coming to Philadelphia." No other mention was made of Mildred Kuhlman to Miss Holst on any other occasion by the agents of the office. She further related that in the latter part of 1934 she was employed in Toledo, Ohio, by the Autolite Company of Toledo as a soldering girl; further that her mother was a newspaper reporter and her father was a doctor. She was questioned vigorously as to her connection with the Angus brothers and could give no definite information, stating she has not been in contact with these individuals for the past eighteen months. She was also questioned as to whether she was ever in the Casino Club when her sisters pointed out Arthur Barker or Alvin Karpis and denied this although she admitted she had been to this place with Jimmy Wilson and Slim Gibson on various occasions. As to her visits to this night club she could not give the dates or who accompanied her with the exception of Jimmy Wilson and Slim Gibson.

In the summary report of Special Agent D.E. Hall, dated Detroit, Mich., April 27, 1935, page 9, it is set out that Doc Barker and Russell Gibson are alleged to have visited the apartment of Thelma and Rene Holst on Christmas morning, December 25, 1934. As to this particular instance Thelma Holst advised on that particular Christmas morning she had walked 18 miles, leaving her home in Toledo about 2 A.M., and at 11 A.M. arrived about 4 miles South of Monroe, Ohio, going to the home of Earl Wilson. Her reason for doing this was that she had a difference with her boy friend, Al Wilson, who is no relative to Jimmy Wilson, according to Thelma Holst.

Miss Holst could give no information as to Joe Roscoe, who operates the 42nd Street Cafe in Toledo, making a contact with Campbell or Karpis after their shooting affair in Atlantic City, N.J. She claims she is acquainted with George Sargeant but had never been in his company, socially or otherwise. She denies that Mildred Kuhlman ever gave her any information as to the activities of the Karpis-Barker gang, stating that Mildred Kuhlman left her company when she was living at 3387 Collingswood Ave., Toledo, Ohio, in the latter part of 1934, going to Chicago with Doc Barker; that after she arrived in Chicago she received a letter from her with no return address thereon, the contents of the letter being that she (Miss Holst) should retain the apartment at 3387 Collingswood Ave., and she (Mildred Kuhlman) would send her the money to help defray the expense. She also received a telegram from her to the effect there was \$28.00 in a bathing suit in Mildred's effects in the apartment at 3387 Collingswood Ave., and she (Miss Holst) was to use this for the expense of the apartment; that after Mildred Kuhlman

had been released in Chicago she returned to Toledo, Ohio, which was in the winter of 1935, and at that particular time Mildred Kuhlman had an expensive fur coat in her possession and she (Miss Holst) wondered where she had gotten same.

As to the report of Special Agent C.E. Smith, Cleveland, dated Sept. 5, 1935, page 3, she was questioned as to Harry Bender who flew Rene to Chicago at the time of the Barker trial in St. Paul, Minnesota, and stated she did not know anything about this as she was at that time in Philadelphia, Pa.

On further questioning her agents tried to ascertain whether she had received any communication from her sister in St. Paul and she replied in the negative.

As to the report of Special Agent John L. Madala, Chicago, dated October 17, 1935, pages 40 and 48 inclusive, which quotes Edna Murray as stating that the Angus brothers and Thelma and Rene Holst knew the true identity of the gang and called the members by their common names, she stated that she knew the members' names with the exception of Karpis and Campbell, but as to whether they were members of the Karpis gang she denied this, claiming they were known to her as strike breakers from Chicago as there was a strike in Toledo at that time in the automobile factories. She denied knowing Captain George Tigney of the Toledo Police Department or any of the gang associating with him at the Gasino Club.

Report of Special Agent John L. Madala, February 6, 1936, at Chicago, Ill., reflects that Wynona Burdette stated that shortly after Madeline Angus was released from St. Vincent's Hospital, which was on June 18, 1934, Wynona Burdette, Edna Murray, Rene and Thelma Holst, visited Madeline in her apartment in the Burdella Apts., Collingswood & Cherry Sts., Toledo, Ohio, and at which place Thelma Holst was supposed to have picked up a detective magazine containing a lineup of wanted criminals and showed it to Edna Murray known to Thelma Holst as "Rabbits" and asked "Isn't this Shorty and Ray?" She claims she does not remember this incident although she clearly remembers her sister was at St. Vincent's Hospital on the date mentioned and that Edna Murray and Rene would visit her, but she could not state who "Shorty and Ray" happened to be, although she knew Doc Barker as "Shorty," and when a picture was placed before her she readily recognized the picture of Doc Barker as "Shorty", whom she knew as the boy friend of her girl friend, Mildred Kuhlman.

*Shorty - Barker*

She denied telling any of the custodians of the Jarvis Apts. that Mr. and Mrs. Ray E. Nelson, aliases of Wynona Burdette and Harry Campbell, were employed as waiter and waitress at the Casino Club. She claims that the custodians at the Jarvis Apts. were one Young and a colored man by the name of Jones.

Miss Holst at the present time is employed as a waitress at Kelly's Sea Food House, 15th & Market Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., she having entered this employment on April 7, 1935, and stating she arrived in Philadelphia on March 18th after being requested to do so by a girl friend who, at the present time, is employed as a waitress in the Germantown section of Philadelphia, Pa., and whose first name is Helen. She refused to divulge the last name of this particular girl friend.

When accosted in her apartment at 3017 Frankford Avenue, a .32 cal. Harrington Revolver fully loaded and a black-jack were near her table in a bedroom. When questioned as to where she obtained these she claimed that Harold Elliott of the Toledo Police Department had given her the gun in a trade, and also the black-jack. The number on the gun is not legible, and she made the request that same be sent to the Bureau's Laboratory in an effort to trace same. Accordingly SAC Vetterli stated her request would be complied with. Her fingerprints were taken on July 2nd and forwarded to the Bureau.

The following description was obtained from inquiry and personal observations:

Correct Name:	Thelma Holst
Born:	March 9, 1902, Rossford, Ohio
Height:	5' 1"
Weight:	124 pounds
Hair:	red
Build:	medium
Eyes:	brown
Complexion:	ruddy
Occupation:	waitress
Criminal Records:	claims never arrested
Present address:	3017 Frankford Ave., Phila. Pa.
Relatives:	Sister-Madeline Angus, 2447 Bardau Ave., Toledo, Ohio; Brother-Doc Holst c/o Toledo See Newspaper, Toledo, Ohio.

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*Ray E. Nelson  
Miss Ray E. Nelson  
Hotel*

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- Mr. Tolson ✓
- Mr. Baughman
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Dawsey
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- Miss Gandy

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DIRECTOR  
 PHONE. BREKID. WILLIAM ELMER MEAD DELIVERED TWO THIRTY PM TODAY  
 BY AGENTS OF OMAHA BUREAU OFFICE IN CHARGE OF AGENT FLOOD, TO THE  
 OFFICE OF U S COMMISSIONER MARY MULLEN, OMAHA, WHERE MEAD TURNED  
 OVER TO DEPUTY US MARSHAL YOUNG AND POST OFFICE INSPECTOR VERNON  
 BATIE. MEAD IMMEDIATELY ARRAIGNED ON INDICTMENT RETURNED JACKSONVILLE  
 NINETEEN TWENTY TWO. ENTERED PLEA NOT GUILTY AND BOND SET AT FIFTY  
 THOUSAND DOLLARS IN LIEU OF WHICH HE WAS CONFINED IN COUNTY JAIL  
 OMAHA. USA VOTAVA, OMAHA, REQUESTS HEARING BE SET FOR ELEVENTH  
 INSTANT ON WHICH DATE CERTIFIED PAPERS FOR MEADS REMOVAL TO  
 JACKSONVILLE WILL ARRIVE.

*Edward A. Brennan*

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT Washington, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 7/9/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/3-6/36	REPORT MADE BY TOM E. NEAL TEN:IJ
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O.#1232; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.		CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">                     Records of War Department, Washington, D. C., reflect Walter Raymond Armstrong, Army Serial #1087024, enlisted 8/22/17 and discharged 11/27/18. Records of Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C., show compensation #C-1350708 as case file number of veteran Walter Raymond Armstrong. Veteran Armstrong applied for bonus January 30, 1936, and gave his address as [REDACTED] care of [REDACTED] Veteran's file reflects boards sent to Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., June 15, 1936, to be mailed to veteran at Post Office Box 735, Wilmington, Delaware.                 </p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p>			
Reference: Report of Special Agent V. E. Criss, Chicago, Illinois, dated June 27, 1936, and letter from Cincinnati Office dated July 3, 1936.			
Details: At Washington, D. C.:			
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent R. P. Burruss:			
Agent Burruss contacted Mr. Dulin of the Adjutant General's Office, War Department, and secured the following information as reflected in the Army record of one Walter Raymond Armstrong, which indicated that Armstrong			
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<i>J. M. Keith</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		7-576-12262	JUL 10 1936
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enlisted in the Army August 22, 1917, and at the time of enlistment gave his address as 225 West Berry Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana. He was discharged November 27, 1918. Veteran's Army Serial number is shown by the file to be 1087024. The record further reflects that veteran in 1925 made application with the Veterans Bureau for Adjusted Compensation Bonus and gave his address at that time as 501 Lincoln Bank Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The last address as shown in the file of the War Department was given on September 21, 1935, as being 300 Federal Building, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Veteran at this time had applied for a certified copy of his discharge which had been lost. The record further indicated that veteran's wife is Mina M. Armstrong, 225 West Berry Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Veteran's address at date of discharge from the Army was shown to be 3376 East Washington Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana. His description as set out from his war record shows him to be 5 feet 8 inches tall, blue eyes, dark brown hair and fair complexion.

[redacted], Contact Department of the Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C., upon interview by the writer produced her records which reflected that compensation #C-1350708 is the case file number of veteran Walter Ray Armstrong. Armstrong's file reflects that he has made several applications for disability allowance, which applications have been turned down in all instances. The file reflected that on October 15, 1930, veteran's case file had been transferred from Indianapolis, Indiana, to Detroit, Michigan, veteran's address being at that time [redacted] in care of [redacted].

The last application made by veteran for disability allowance was on February 20, 1931, at which time veteran gave his address as being the Michigan State Prison, Jackson, Michigan. The record did not show the offense for which Armstrong was incarcerated. Veteran's case file reflects that he made application for his bonus on January 30, 1936, and gave his address at that time as being [redacted] in care of [redacted].

The file further reflects that on June 15, 1936, the bonus bonds were sent to the Treasury Department to be certified and forwarded to [redacted]. The file showed Armstrong's Adjusted Compensation Bonus number to be A 363910, and his Army Serial number as being 1087024.

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On July 6, 1936, the Philadelphia Office was advised by Special Agent R. P. Burruss by long distance telephone that Walter Raymond Armstrong had requested the Veterans Administration to mail his bonus bonds to him at [redacted]. It was ascertained from Acting Special Agent in Charge Al Schroeder of the Philadelphia Office that a copy of reference report has been received by that office from the Pittsburgh Office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The PHILADELPHIA OFFICE at Wilmington, Delaware, will ascertain from the Post Office Department if Walter Ray (or Raymond) Armstrong is receiving mail at Post Office Box 735, and will make appropriate investigation to ascertain from the Post Office Department and Veterans Administration as to whether Armstrong has received his bonus bonds. Will also ascertain from the Post Office Department whether they have any record of A. L. Van Horn's receiving mail at Post Office Box 735. In the event Armstrong and Van Horn are not receiving mail at this time, will ascertain at the Post Office if they have any forwarding address for these two individuals. In the event that Armstrong is located, will ascertain if he is identical with Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston.

P E N D I N G

711 Hoover - This is a <sup>man</sup> ~~method~~ <sup>method</sup> writing to one ~~man~~ <sup>man</sup>  
in you. but the few that are left  
in the Twin Cities that are for  
the government are rather outnumbered  
by those against it. Every branch of  
the law has its office here so this  
is why I am getting direct contact with  
you. First why are all the  
Bremer witnesses so suddenly  
dropping off - so mysteriously too.

There is one man who spent several  
years here five years at least.

Who without a doubt is a very  
suspicious & character his name is  
George W. Hilerman (Hilerman)

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Came here from the East, openly  
and freely talked <sup>JUL 26 10-8</sup> bitterly against the  
Gov. and the Rich Americans causing  
Germany's loss in the war. He threatened  
to kill his wife because she told  
"Something" he did not want known.

He had plenty of inside information  
on the Bremers because he lived  
several years with Mrs. Berkmyer on  
West Seventh who is connected  
with the Schmitt Brewery and  
friends of the Bremers. Was inti-  
mate with one Rudy (last  
name unknown but an instructor  
at the Vocational School in St Paul)  
also intimate with a ~~man~~ ~~menting~~  
ton who did live on N. Ogden  
and a family at the end of Myrtle  
St off East Carpenter St. This  
last mentioned family was known to  
have money secretly hid about the  
house until about a month ago when  
they made a secretive trip some distance  
taking along on the side of their car a  
batch of nice lumber. Man: a Carpenter  
came here from the East in May of the  
Lindbergh kidnaping. These people  
would never leave the house

along until after the Sunday  
of the trip with the lumber. The  
Huntington family accompanied  
them on this trip. There is also  
another man who is closely in  
touch with this family at the end  
of Myrtle - his name is supposed  
to be Milton White and he  
is living with a sister to the one  
on Myrtle at off E. Carpenter. They  
acted most peculiar thru out  
the time of the <sup>Wm. A.</sup> Hamm Kidnapping  
had several men around watching a  
highway that could be well viewed from  
a high point in their back yard. They  
have much mysterious running about and  
never seem to have employment. Another  
suspicious character is D. Poverty on Myrtle  
his attorney who lives the third house west of Co  
line on Stillwater Road. And the Gang Dr. is  
Medberg who had the head liners in the  
papers a few years ago when he was forced  
into being Gang Doctor.

This is not a small Community  
affair but is vicious and deep rooted  
and very bad. They have a Ladies  
Auxiliary which is always willing to do  
their bit and quite good Hi Way Patrolmen  
in the events of looking out for anyone  
spying on their various activities. Some  
members of the Auxiliary are appointed  
to spot anyone spying on Tuesday nights  
which seem to be meeting night. Watch  
the neighborhood of E. Carpenter and East  
Ave. and Myrtle St. and some result will  
follow. There may have been some  
Kidnapping case mixed in this to  
start but it is now a huge liquor  
racket. They are very cautious now  
but the early morning hours in which  
they get out and the late night hours  
proves they are under suspicion. Geo.  
Hilerman was employed at the Schmitt Quarry  
but quit thru fear or something better.  
I have just one request Mr Hoover don't give  
out my name until you investigate. A. G. Rye.



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BONDS  
ASK YOUR POSTMASTER



*J. Edgar Hoover,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.*

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

June 27, 1936.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. Tamm

Re: Motion to Suppress Introduction of  
Firearms During Trial of Myrtle Eaton  
at Jacksonville, Florida, June 1 - 3,  
1936.

Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver, together with the members of the Karpis-Barker gang were indicted by the Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota, January 22, 1935, charged with having conspired to kidnap and transport in interstate commerce Mr. Edward George Bremer of St. Paul. On February 26, 1936, a Federal Grand Jury at Tampa, Florida, returned two indictments against Myrtle Eaton charging her in one indictment with having conspired with William Weaver to harbor and conceal the said William Weaver, the second indictment charging her in five counts with harboring and concealing William Weaver.

On September 1, 1935, Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver were located living in a house in the town of Harbor Oaks, Florida, where they were residing as man and wife, using the name of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Osborne. They were operating a small chicken ranch there. On the same date, to wit, September 1, 1935, Special Agents succeeded in apprehending Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver in the said residence.

The matter against Myrtle Eaton on the charge of having concealed and having conspired to conceal William Weaver came on for trial at Jacksonville, Florida, on June 1, 1936. Before the introduction of the evidence was actually commenced, the defense counsel made a motion to suppress the introduction of numerous firearms and other items of firearms equipment which were found in the home occupied by William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton. The allegation was to the effect that the firearms had been illegally obtained; that entrance had been had into the home occupied by Weaver and Eaton illegally and without a search warrant; and that therefore the evidence pertaining to the guns would not be admissible. This motion was overruled by the trial court who stated that the proper

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time to make the objection with regard to the introduction of the firearms was at the time the Government actually sought to introduce them during the course of the trial. The Agents who found the firearms and items of firearms equipment at said home succeeded in introducing these items in evidence over the objection of counsel.

As I have pointed out hereinbefore, Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver were both under indictment at the time this ~~raid~~ was conducted; consequently, as you will note, it was not necessary that the investigating and apprehending Agents be equipped with a warrant of arrest or a search warrant. Both Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver were guilty of a felony, and it was proper for Agents to make this arrest and to make the proper search of the premises coincidental with the arrest.

Respectfully,



K. R. McIntire.

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 9, 1936.

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Mr. Schilder	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

Time - 9:17 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: William Elmer Meade.

I discussed telephonically with Mr. Abbaticchio of the Omaha Office the status of the arraignment of the above named subject. I told him to make arrangements with the United States Commissioner and with the United States Attorney to arraign this man this morning; that he should be taken over there by the Bureau Agents, arraigned, and then turned over to the Post Office Inspectors, who might be along if they so desire. I cautioned Mr. Abbaticchio about giving the Post Office Inspectors any detailed information relative to the apprehension of this individual; that all they should be concerned with is the fact that he is now in custody, which is enough for their purposes.

Mr. Abbaticchio said that they are going to question Meade a while longer before they will be ready for the arraignment; that just as soon as they leave the office for the hearing, he will advise the Bureau.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 9, 1936.

Time - 2:00 P.M.

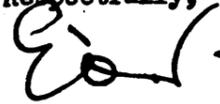
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: William Elmer Meade.

Special Agent Flood of the Omaha Office telephoned me and said they are through questioning Meade, and are now ready to arraign him. In accordance with my instructions of this morning, the Bureau Agents will take him over to the hearing, and will there turn him over to the Post Office Inspectors, getting appropriate receipts from the Inspectors as to his personal property, etc.

Mr. Flood said that their questioning of this man failed to elicit any information of value whatever; that he is, of course, a con man and just as clever and foxy as he can be. However, he had in his possession certain false checks and fictitious letters of credit from various places in the United States. While the possession and use of these checks and letters does not constitute a Federal violation within our jurisdiction, photostatic copies of the letters are being made and are being retained in the files of the Bureau for possible future reference.

Respectfully,



E. A. TAMM.

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- Mr. Tolson ✓
- Mr. Boardman
- Chief Clerk
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Foxworth
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Joseph
- Mr. Keith
- Mr. Lester
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Schilder
- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

*mit!*  
*BDD*

*Edward A. Brennan*



EAT:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 8, 1936.

Time - 11:35 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: William Elmer Meade.

- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Baughman
- Chief Clerk
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Edwards
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Foxworth
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Joseph
- Mr. Keith
- Mr. Lester
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Schilder
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- Miss Gandy

I telephoned Special Agent Flood at the Omaha Office and authorized him to release to the newspapers out there at a quarter to twelve our time the facts of the apprehension of Meade by Agents of that office, furnishing to the papers copies of the Identification Order. I told him to state that this man will be questioned concerning the Bremer Case.

I further informed Mr. Flood that you had notified the Post Office Department of the apprehension of this individual, and it is therefore possible that the Post Office Inspectors will be over there in a short time to interview Meade. I told him to allow them to interview Meade, in the presence of an Agent, of course, since after we are through with him, he is going to have to be turned over to the Post Office authorities.

Mr. Flood said that Meade has admitted so far that Dr. Loesser changed his fingerprints by operation.

Respectfully,

*E. A. Tamm*

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1300 Liberty Trust Building  
Philadelphia Pennsylvania

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July 10, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting, under separate cover, .32-calibre Harrington and Richardson gun, which was found in possession of Thelma Holst, who was questioned in connection with the above captioned case.

Miss Holst has requested that this gun be processed for the original numbers, and after the same have been obtained that it be returned to the Philadelphia Office so that it can be returned to her.

Very truly yours,

*R. E. Vetterli's*  
R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Copy and Specimens Retained in Laboratory  
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*Langham*  
*O. Stinson*

Post Office Box 1278  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
July 8, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

MR. BRANLEY

Dear Sir:

In a letter dated July 6, 1936, the Cleveland Office has requested the Oklahoma City Office to furnish photographs of Mr. and Mrs. John Stover, if available, for use in conducting investigations at Canton and Youngstown, Ohio, and that the same be forwarded at the earliest possible date.

Inasmuch as the file in this case reflects that Mr. and Mrs. Stover reside at Hot Springs, Arkansas and that all interviews and contacts with him have been made out of the Little Rock Office, this matter is being referred to you in order that you may comply with the request of the Cleveland Office.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIRECTOR  
PHONE.

BREKID. AGENT CRISS AND INFORMANT ARRIVED FROM CHICAGO  
ILLINOIS SEVEN TWENTY AM THIS MORNING. BOMAHA BUREAU AGENTS MET  
TRAIN AT DENISON IOWA AND INFORMANT WAS KEPT UNDER SURVEILLANCE FROM  
DENISON AND THEREAFTER. INFORMANT REGISTERED PAXTON HOTEL UNDER  
AN ALIAS. THE PLANS WERE FOR INFORMANT FOLLOWED BY AGENTS TO PROCEED

TO FONTENELLE HOTEL OMAHA AT NINE FIFTY AM THE INFORMANT AS PREARRANG  
WAS TO INQUIRE OF CLERK OF DOCTOR NILES AS LIAS USED BY WILLIAM  
ELMER MEAD IO THIRTEEN FIFTY FOUR. AGENTS FLOOD AND ABBATICCHIO AD  
AROUND EIGHT AM WERE AWAITING ARRIVAL OF MANAGER FONTENELLE HOTEL

TO ARRANGE FOR AGENTS TO BE SECRETED IN MOST ADVENTAGEOUS POSITION  
TO OBSERVE MEAD AND EFFECT HIS APPREHENSION. AGENTS ABBATICCHIO AND  
FLOOD SAW MEAD WALKING NERVOUSLY AROUND HOTEL LOBBY AND LATER SAT  
IN A CHAIR NEAR DOORWAY AND FACING STREET EVIDENTLY TO MET  
INFORMANT AND PRECLUDE LATTER ASKING FOR HIM AT DESK. AGENTS FLOOD  
AND ABBATICCHIO BELIEVED MEAD MIGHT LEAVE AND AS THERE WAS NO

QUESTION IN AGENTS MIND AS TO THE IDENTITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL IT  
WAS THOUGHT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES TO IMMEDIATELY CAUSE HIS  
APPREHENSION. MEAD READILY ADMITTED HIS IDENTITY AND HIS

*Confidential informant Edw S. Brennan*

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APPREHENSION WAS EFFECTED QUIETLY WITH NO ONE IN HOTEL AWARE OF IT  
AND FIREARMS WERE NOT DISPLAYED. MEAD OFFERED NO RESISTANCE AND  
WAS UNARMED. APPARENTLY NO ASSOCIATE OF MEAD IS WITH HIM AT OMAHA  
AND HE ADVISED THAT HE ARRIVED IN OMAHA FROM CHICAGO ON THE NIGHT OF  
SEVENTH INSTANT. HE HAD ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS ON HIS  
PERSON ONE HUNDRED SIXTY OF WHICH WAS IN CURRENCY SOWN IN LINING  
OF TROUSERS ABOVE RIGHT HIP. THE EIGHT TWENTY DOLLAR BILLS AND  
FIVE DOLLAR BILL WERE CHECKED AGAINST THE LINDBERG WEYNAP STOLLANAP  
BREKID AND URSCHEL RANSOM LISTS BUT NONE INCLUDED THEREIN. MEADS  
FINGERPRINTS BADLY MUTILATED THREE SETS BEING MAILED BUREAU TONIGHT  
MEAD FRANKLY ADMITS THAT THROUGH LOUIS PIQUETT AND ART OLEARY  
INVESTIGATOR FOR PIQUETT HE MET DOCTOR WILLIAM LOESER AND HAD THE  
LATTER CHANGED HIS FINGERPRINTS AT LOUISVILLE HOTEL LOUISVILLE KY IN  
MAY NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR. THE AGREED PRICE WAS TWO THOUSAND  
DOLLARS BUT MEAD ONLY PAID TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS TO LOESER. MEAD  
DENIES BEING IMPLICATED IN ANY MANNER IN BREMER CASE. HE IS  
BEING INTERMITTENTLY QUESTIONED CASES BUREAU INTERESTED IN AND  
RELATED MATTERS. MEADS CLOTHES EXCEPT TROUSERS AND UNDERWEAR  
WERE TAKEN AWAY FROM HIM IN ORDER TO PREVENT ANY POSSIBLE SUICIDE  
ATTEMPT. HE IS UNDER CONSTANT WATCH OF AN AGENT WHO REMAINS ON GUARD  
DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF DETENTION CELL IN OMAHA OFFICE AND THIS  
PROCEDURE WILL BE CONTINUED AT ALL TIMES UNTIL MEAD IS TURNED OVER  
TO POSTAL INSPECTORS. POSTAL INSPECTOR VERNON BATIE OMAHA  
APPEARED AT THIS OFFICE AROUND NOON TODAY AND ADVISED THAT IN ALL  
PROBABILITY HE WILL WHEN AGENTS ARE THOROUGH QUESTIONING MEAD  
WHICH HE WILL BE TOMORROW FILE A COMPLAINT AGAINST THE LATTER IN  
OMAHA AND EXPECTS TO ADVISE POSTAL INSPECTOR GRAHAM NEW YORK CITY.  
BATIE WHO IS VERY FRIENDLY DOES NOT DESIRE TO QUESTION MEAD.  
HOWEVER HE WAS TOLD HE WOULD BE AFFORDED THIS OPPORTUNITY ANY TIME  
DESIRED. BEFORE TURNING MEAD OVER TO BATIE I SHALL COMMUNICATE

*Mutilation of fingerprints*

WITH BUREAU MEAD IN HIS CITY SEVERAL  
OF CREDIT UNION AND TRUST COMPANY ST LOUIS MISSOURI FIVE  
THOUSAND DOLLARS ALL APPARENTLY FRAUDULENT AND USED IN CONFIDENCE

GAMES. MEAD IS IN GOOD SPIRITS AND STATED TONIGHT HE WAS MOST  
HAPPY IN HIS TREATMENT BY BUREAU AGENTS BUT EXPRESSED A DESIRE  
TO SEE A LAWYER TOMORROW. FROM HIS CONVERSATION MEAD EVIDENTLY  
KNOWS HE IS TO BE TURNED OVER TO POSTAL INSPECTORS ALTHOUGH HE  
WAS NOT ADVISED OF THIS. HE IS ANTAGONISTIC TOWARD POSTAL  
INSPECTOR GRAHAM. NO REPORTER HAS APPEARED AT OFFICE AS AGENT  
FLOOD PERSONALLY CONTACTED THE <sup>Omaha</sup> WORLD HERALD AND OMAHA BEE NEWS NEWS  
PAPERS FOR PRESS RELEASE AS PER AUTHORIZATION MR TAMM. THE  
NEWS ARTICLES IN LOCAL PAPERS INDICATE MEAD IS BEING HELD IN  
SOME NEARBY CITY TO OMAHA. INSTANT APPREHENSION HEADLINE STORY  
ALL OMAHA PAPERS GIVING BUREAU FULL CREDIT FOR APPREHENSION  
NUMEROUS REQUESTS FROM NEWSPAPER MEN TO PHOTOGRAPH MEAD HAS BEEN  
DENIED. THE OMAHA BEE NEWS HAS ADVISED THEY WOULD GET IN  
CONTACT DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WASHINGTON FOR PERMISSION PHOTOGRAPH  
MEAD. END

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May 27, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM *EW*

RE: ~~Motions to Suppress the Signed~~  
~~Statements of Joseph H. Adams~~  
and Henry "Duke" Randall.

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On January 29, 1935, at Miami, Florida, Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson and former Special Agent R. L. Jones obtained a signed statement from Joe Adams containing information as to his participation in the harboring and concealing of Alvin Karpis in Miami, Florida. Several statements have been obtained by Agents from Henry "Duke" Randall, and they are set out as follows:

Statement dated January 21, 1935, at Miami, Florida, taken by Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson and former Special Agent R. L. Jones.

Statement dated January 25, 1935 at Miami, Florida, taken by Special Agent P. C. Dunne and former Special Agent L. J. Metcalf.

Statement dated January 26, 1935, at Miami, Florida, taken by Special Agent P. C. Dunne and former Special Agent L. J. Metcalf.

Statement dated January 29, 1935, at Miami, Florida, taken by Special Agents F. M. Stone and J. W. Going.

Statement dated February 1, 1935, at Miami, Florida, taken by Special Agents F. M. Stone and J. W. Going.

On April 15, 1936, Bart A. Riley filed in the United States District Court at Miami, Florida, motions to suppress the signed statements obtained from Adams and Randall. The allegation with reference to Adams' statement was that it had been obtained by trickery. The allegation as to "Duke" Randall's statement was that it had been obtained through force, duress, intimidation, the display of guns and unbecoming methods, such as handcuffing Randall to the bed and to the chairs in the room in which he was held, alleging further that he was threatened by Agents, and also alleging that he was confined by Special Agents for a period of approximately five

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days after his arrest before having been taken to a committing magistrate and without a complaint being filed against him.

This matter came up for a hearing before Judge A. V. Long at Miami, Florida, on April 25, 1936, and at that time Judge Long ruled that the question of the manner in which the statements were obtained went to the admissibility of evidence and in view of the fact that he was not going to hear the case when it came on for trial, it was his belief that the entire evidence in the case should be ruled upon by the court who was to hear the entire case. He therefore declined to hear the motions to suppress, and the matter was continued. The trial of Joe Adams and "Duke" Randall has now been set for the September or October term of court at Miami, Florida, at which time it is believed that the defense counsel will again raise the question of the admissibility of these statements.

For your information, it should be stated that during the early afternoon of January 25, 1935, Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson accompanied by former Special Agent R. L. Jones proceeded to the El Comodoro Hotel where they sought the assistance of Joe Adams, the manager thereof, in obtaining certain records disclosing the residence of members of the Barker-Karpis gang at the El Comodoro Hotel during the Fall of 1934 and January 1935. At that time Hanson told Adams that the Agents were checking the activities of the Barker-Karpis gang and were also interested in any connection which Adams may have had with said gang. Special Agent in Charge Hanson explained that it was the duty of the Agents as officers to report everything and to testify to everything that Adams might tell such Agents; that it was his privilege not to talk, but that anything he might say could and would be used in the criminal proceedings against him. Adams then furnished very meager information and was told that the information furnished by him was not credible. He was then requested to put the information in writing, and he informed that he was without experience in matters of this kind; that he did not wish to discuss the matter until he had had the benefit of the advice of an attorney and his friends. This was agreeable to the Agents, and on the following day, January 26, 1935, Special Agent in Charge Hanson and former Special Agent Jones were to meet Adams at 10:00 A. M. but before this hour they received information from Agent Nichols who was at the El Comodoro Hotel making further inquiries that Adams

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desired to see Jones and Hanson immediately, whereupon they drove to the El Comodoro Hotel where they met Adams. Adams thereupon voluntarily accompanied Jones and Hanson to the Halcyon Hotel where Special Agent in Charge Hanson's room was then located. Adams thereupon told Hanson and Jones that he wished to tell everything he knew about Karpis and the Barkers; that he had not told the truth before but that he had now decided to do so; and that "the chips would have to fall where they would". Adams then proceeded to make a full disclosure of his association with the Karpis-Barker gang. Jones and Adams had lunch together on January 26, 1935, and late in the afternoon Adams left to go back to his hotel. At no time was Adams told that he was not going to be arrested. Special Agent in Charge Hanson and former Special Agent Jones returned again that night to the El Comodoro Hotel and inquired of Adams concerning Cassius McDonald. Hanson did not see Adams again until Monday and Tuesday, January 28 and 29, 1935. On these days, Special Agent in Charge Hanson and former Special Agent R. L. Jones arranged to have Adams meet them at the Cortez Hotel. You will note that Special Agent in Charge Hanson had changed his location from the Halcyon Hotel to the Cortez Hotel.

On January 29, 1935, in Special Agent in Charge Hanson's room at the Cortez Hotel Adams completed making an entire statement, whereupon a written statement was prepared. After it had been written, Adams was asked to read it for accuracy. He stated that he had confidence in Special Agent in Charge Hanson and that it would not be necessary for him to read it. Since he declined to read the statement, Hanson read it to him. Adams then suggested that the last two paragraphs be added to the statement whereupon they were added. After Adams had signed the statement on January 29, 1935, Special Agent in Charge Hanson informed Adams that he would have to go over to the United States Commissioner's office and that a warrant had been issued for his arrest. Adams was then given the opportunity to call his father-in-law, Mr. Knight, in order that the bond could be arranged. Hanson, Jones and Adams then proceeded to the office of the Assistant United States Attorney where the hearing was held. Hanson saw Adams on several occasions thereafter at which times Adams never voiced any objections to having given the statement. On or about April 3, 1935, Hanson again saw Adams in the office of the United States Attorney in

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Miami, Florida, whereupon Adams told Mr. Walter L. Barlow, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, in Hanson's presence that he, Adams, had told the Agents everything that he knew about the case. Hanson also had occasion to see Adams in St. Paul, Minnesota, during September 1935 and again in January 1936, at which times he made no objections to the manner in which his statement had been obtained.

With reference to the allegation of force, duress, et cetera, in connection with the obtaining of statements from Henry "Duke" Randall, this will advise you that at about 8:00 or 9:00 A. M. on January 21, 1935, Special Agent in Charge Hanson and former Special Agent R. L. Jones, together with two police officers of the Miami Police Department, proceeded to the Tamiami Hotel, Miami, Florida, to the room occupied by Randall and Gregory L. Codomo. Jones and Hanson introduced themselves and explained that they were interested in the Karpis matter and desired to talk to Randall. Randall thereupon gave his permission to the Agents to search the room saying "Go right ahead gentlemen." With reference to the Karpis case, Randall said he had been getting ready to go down and tell the police all about it. Randall was then requested to accompany Jones and Hanson to their hotel room for questioning which he did voluntarily. He stated that it would be "O. K." with him and he would be glad to go along. He was not told that he was under arrest. Randall was not handcuffed at any time during the time that he was being questioned but for security's sake he was handcuffed at the time he was being guarded to prevent his escape. Food was brought to Randall at the Alcazar Hotel which was at this time the headquarters of Special Agent in Charge Hanson, but Randall insisted that he never ate breakfast; consequently the Agents waited until lunch time to provide him with food. At the time he was interviewed, Special Agent in Charge Hanson explained to him that he would not have to make a statement and that anything he might say would be used against him. He was also advised that a complaint would have to be filed. After this information had been furnished him, he willingly furnished Hanson and Jones the information which was later incorporated in his signed statement.

At this time Special Agent in Charge Hanson occupied Room 611 in the Alcazar Hotel. The other Agents had a large number

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of guns which had been brought from Birmingham to assist in the Karpis and Campbell investigation in Miami. These guns had been securely locked in a closet in Room 611 for safe-keeping. At no time was there any unnecessary display of firearms. The Agents carried pocket firearms and frequently took them off, placing them in the dresser drawers for their convenience and comfort but were always alert against leaving them in the open.

Randall having been taken into custody on the morning of January 21, 1935, he was intermittently questioned until about midnight of the same day. He was then permitted to go to sleep. At night time this room was occupied by former Special Agent R. L. Jones. On the morning of January 22, 1935, Special Agent in Charge Hanson again interrogated Randall at the Alcazar Hotel in Room 611. About half an hour later after this interrogation commenced, Randall asked Hanson to take him to a private room where he could tell the whole story. Randall was unemotional during the entire time that he was giving Special Agent in Charge Hanson and R. L. Jones the entire statement. On the morning of January 22, 1935, the Agents had secured a Browning Automatic Rifle which, as you will recall, was left by Willie Harrison at the El Comodoro Hotel and was later delivered to Randall by Joe Adams. Randall thereafter had tried to dispose of the said gun through Merle ~~Folfe~~ ~~of the~~ ~~Merle~~ ~~Folfe~~ Armored Truck Service, and it was through this individual that Agents obtained this gun. During the time that the signed statement was being taken from him, the Browning Automatic Rifle was presented to him, and Randall was asked why he had not told the story concerning this gun heretofore. Randall then commenced to cry. This was the only display of emotion on the part of Randall during the entire time statements were being taken from him. This was likewise the only occasion on which a gun was presented to him during his temporary incarceration. When he commenced to cry, he was told that he would not have to make a signed statement but expressed the desire to make such a statement.

When Agents completed their interview with Randall on the first day, namely, January 21, 1935, Hanson told Randall that he could be taken to a jail and a complaint could be filed against him, whereupon Randall stated that he would rather stay with Agents

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and his feeling was that he would be safer with Agents; that he would receive better treatment in the hands of the Agents than in the care of the jail; that he did not desire his name to be in the papers since he did not want his family and friends to learn of his trouble.

Randall's statement was commenced on January 21, 1935, and completed on January 22, 1935. When the statement was completed, he was given an opportunity to read it. He did read it and expressed his understanding of the contents, whereupon he signed it freely and voluntarily.

On January 24, 1935, information was obtained that an unknown airplane carrying men heavily laden with arms had landed in the Everglades near Miami. In the thought that these individuals might be identical with Karpis and Campbell several guns were removed from the closet preparatory to proceeding to the Everglades. These guns were not removed from their cases with but one exception. One of the guns, a .351 caliber Colt rifle, was removed from its case by former Special Agent R. L. Jones for the purpose of examining the firearm to be sure that it was in good working order before it was to be used. It will be remembered that this gun was seized during the raid on the apartment of Russell Gibson in Chicago, Illinois, on the night of January 8, 1935, at which time Gibson was killed. The gun had been altered by a gunsmith making it operate as a machine gun, and for that reason it was closely inspected to be sure that it was in good working order. There was no talk of firearms nor was there any warning given to Randall as to what his conduct should be during the absence of the Agents. During the absence of several Agents, Special Agents L. B. Nichols, and P. C. Dunne were left to guard Randall. Nichols and Dunne assembled a Colt Monitor Rifle and a shotgun and laid these guns on the bed so that they would be available in case of emergency. The muzzles of the guns were turned away from Randall and nothing was done which would in any way give him cause to fear said Agents. At the time Agents Nichols and Dunne prepared the guns, Randall stated, "Hell's fire, give me one of those guns. I'll help you out. I don't want to sit here empty handed." Randall had previously expressed fear that the men might try to kill him. Randall was told that he should have no fear and that no harm would come to him, and that the Agents were there to help him. To the best recollection of the Agents who

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guarded and interviewed Randall, food was brought up to Randall during the first day of his temporary detention, to wit, January 21, 1935, but that thereafter he was permitted to accompany Agents to the coffee shop in the Alcazar Hotel. On these occasions, of course, he was not handcuffed.

At the time the Agents were proceeding to the Everglades, former Special Agent R. L. Jones mentioned that it would be a good idea to put Randall in jail so that Agents could be rid of him and would be unencumbered. At that time Randall expressed his displeasure at being removed to the jail, stating that he would rather remain with Agents and would be better cared for. For this reason he was not taken to jail.

As stated hereinbefore, former Special Agent R. L. Jones at night occupied Room 611 in the Alcazar Hotel with Randall. At night time for precaution Jones used two handcuffs in securing Randall to the bed, one cuff being linked to the other, the extreme end of the second handcuff being linked to the bed. The two handcuffs were used so that Randall would have plenty of room in which to move about during his sleep. It has been explained that the only reason Randall was handcuffed during the first day of his detention was due to the fact that Agents were not familiar with him and did not know what he might do. Every effort, of course, was being made by the Agents to prevent Randall from jumping from the window in an effort to escape or commit suicide.

At about 8:00 P. M. January 25, 1935, former Special Agent L. J. Metcalf, Agent Nichols and Special Agent in Charge Hanson took Randall to the United States Commissioner's office in Miami, Florida, where a complaint was filed and Randall was delivered to the United States Marshal. After Randall had been arraigned, he freely and voluntarily told Assistant United States Attorney W. Sanders Gramling, the United States Commissioner and the Agents present that he had been very well treated by the Agents and that he wished to thank them.

Indicative of the voluntary character of the first statement made by Randall is the fact that on January 29, 1935, and on February 1, 1935, after having been placed in the Dade

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County Jail, Miami, Florida, he furnished two signed statements of considerable value, under conditions which would make it impossible for him to allege that these statements had been obtained by force, duress or coercion. The said statements were obtained by Special Agents J. W. Going and F. M. Stone; he shook hands with both of them, stating he would like to meet them under a more favorable situation at a later date and would like to have them consider him as a friend and not as having been mixed up in his present difficulties. He also expressed appreciation for the treatment accorded him by the Agents.

On April 17, 1936, "Duke" Randall was interviewed by Special Agent N. D. Wills of the Trenton Office. At that time Randall alleged that he had been held a prisoner for five days, being handcuffed to a bed; that his constitutional rights had been violated; that he was not taken before a magistrate immediately after being arrested and that he was not given the benefit of counsel, and further that the statement obtained from him was obtained by duress, since he was manhandled and threatened. When questioned closely as to the matter of being manhandled and threatened, he stated that he was manhandled by one or two Agents and that the other Agents were fine. Upon further interview Randall retracted the statement alleging that he had been manhandled by saying that no one struck him or abused him physically.

It is quite obvious that prior to this interview, "Duke" Randall had discussed this matter very thoroughly with Bart Riley, particularly in view of the fact that most of the allegations made by Randall to Agent N. D. Wills are allegations which are contained in the motion to suppress of which Bart Riley is the author.

Respectfully,



K. R. McIntire.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **7-9**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Indianapolis, Indiana</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-8-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6-17, 23-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>ROBERT L. MURPHY</b> <span style="float: right;">mla</span>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232, FUGITIVE, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>William Reichardt, Superintendent, Bureau of Identification, Gary, Indiana, P.D., advises that Sammy Gates is not wanted by his department for a crime committed there, but states his department issued a wanted circular for Gates in June 1932 at the instance of a private detective agency in Chicago, Illinois which was formerly operated by a brother of Reichardt and A. Farrell Chamblin. This private detective agency had been employed by Joseph Kaszab of Wilmette, Illinois who had been swindled out of \$120,000 by Gates and four other men in Phoenix, Arizona in the winter of 1932 and a John Doe warrant was issued by a justice of the peace in Phoenix, Arizona in 1932. No other information received with regard to Gates. Additional investigation at Cedar Lake, Indiana reveals that Edward K. Winn who visited there in January and February 1936 is not identical with Dr. Joseph P. Moran.</b>			
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References:	Report of Special Agent Robert L. Murphy, Indianapolis, Indiana, dated 5-11-36; report of Special Agent V. E. Criss, Chicago, Illinois, dated 5-19-36; report of Special Agent R. T. Noonan, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated 5-26-36.		
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
<i>John A. Dowd</i>		<b>7 1576 + 12272 JUL 11 1936</b>	
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DETAILS AT GARY, INDIANA

Agent contacted Mr. William Reichardt, Superintendent of the Bureau of Identification, Gary, Indiana, Police Department who advised that Sammy Gates who is mentioned in the reference reports of Special Agent V. E. Criss and Special Agent R. T. Noonan was not wanted by his department for an offense committed within the jurisdiction of the Gary, Indiana, Police Department. He advised that his department did issue a wanted circular for Sammy Gates in June of 1932 but stated that the circumstances of issuing this wanted notice are as follows: that at that time he had a brother by the name of Arthur Reichardt who was associated with a man by the name of A. Farrell Chamblin in a private detective agency in the city of Chicago, Illinois, and that this agency had been employed by one Joseph Kaszab, a millionaire, who lives in Wilmette, Illinois, and who had been swindled out of a large sum of money by Gates and four other men in Phoenix, Arizona in the winter of 1932, and that his brother and Mr. Chamblin had enlisted his cooperation in preparing and mailing a wanted notice for Gates and for that reason the wanted notice was issued by his department.

Mr. Reichardt stated that he was not very familiar with the facts of how Gates happened to swindle Kaszab out of this money except that he had learned that Kaszab and his wife were in Phoenix, Arizona in the winter of 1932 vacationing, and that he became involved with Gates and four other men in a race horse swindle, and that Kaszab, not suspecting that he was being the dupe of a confidence game, made a trip from Phoenix, Arizona to Chicago, Illinois, where he went to the Continental and Commercial National Bank and drew out \$120,000 and returned to Phoenix, Arizona, where he met Gates and the other men and was relieved of the money at the point of a gun. Mr. Reichardt intimated that perhaps the Chief of Police at Phoenix, Arizona was involved in this scheme to a certain extent and that probably a bank at Phoenix was also implicated in that they had furnished Gates and his accomplices the money upon which to operate in pretending that they were men of means.

Mr. Reichardt exhibited to Agent a copy of the warrant which Agent noticed was issued by Nat T. McKee, Justice of the Peace, on February 10, 1932 in West Phoenix, County of Maricopa, State of Arizona, which warrant in substance stated that a complaint had been made that day before the aforesaid Justice on the oath of Joseph Kaszab that the crime of a felony, to wit, robbery, had been committed and accuses John Doe No. 1, John Doe No. 2, John Doe No. 3, John Doe No. 4, and John Doe No. 5

*\*Phoenix Arizona Police Dept.*

Mr. Reichardt stated that it was his impression that this warrant was secretly issued without the knowledge of the Chief of Police at Phoenix at that time, and that it was planned that in the event Gates had been located due to the wanted notice which was issued for him by the Gary Police Department, to detain him on a charge of vagrancy for a sufficient length of time for the Phoenix, Arizona officers to come after him on the robbery charge.

Mr. Reichardt stated that he was not sure whether Gates was wanted at Phoenix, Arizona at the present time or not, but stated that probably he was. He stated that his brother and A. Farrell Chamblin were not associated together any longer in the detective agency at Chicago, but that Mr. A. Farrell Chamblin was now associated with the Hargrave Detective Agency in Chicago, and that he is very familiar with the details of the swindle of Joseph Kaszab by Gates and his companions. Mr. Reichardt stated that his brother, Arthur G. Reichardt, was now in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and believed that he was employed by some branch of the Government but was unable to furnish Agent with his address. He stated that he had no further information with reference to Sammy Gates, but suggested that probably if Joseph Kaszab or A. Farrell Chamblin were interviewed that they might be able to furnish some further information concerning his activities. Appropriate leads are being set out for the Chicago Office to interview Chamblin and Joseph Kaszab.

Mr. Reichardt furnished Agent with a copy of the wanted notice issued by his department for Gates in June 1932, which is being retained in the file of this case at the Indianapolis Office.

#### AT CEDAR LAKE, INDIANA

Reference is now made to the report of Special Agent Robert L. Murphy, Indianapolis, Indiana, dated May 11, 1936 wherein it appears that Miss Emma Knesek, Postmistress at Cedar Lake, Indiana, had partially identified a photograph of Dr. Joseph P. Moran as resembling one Edward K. Winn (not Wynn) who visited at Cedar Lake, Indiana during January 1936. Agent contacted Miss Emma Knesek, Postmistress at Cedar Lake, Indiana, and displayed to her a larger photograph with a front and side view of Dr. Joseph P. Moran and both Miss Knesek and her mother Julia Knesek, were of the opinion that this photograph of Dr. Moran closely resembled the man using the name of Edward K. Winn who called at the Cedar Lake, Indiana Post Office in January 1936 and tried to cash some travelers' checks. Both Miss Knesek and her

mother were almost positive that Edward K. Winn was identical with the photograph of Dr. Moran. As will be remembered from the reference report of Special Agent Murphy Edward K. Winn received two special delivery letters through the Cedar Lake, Indiana Post Office during January 1936, both of which came from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. As also contained in this report, it is noted that Winn did not sign for either one of these letters but that one Frank Young with whom he was staying at Cedar Lake received both of the above letters and signed for them.

Agent also contacted Mr. Roy E. Wood, Mail Carrier for the Cedar Lake, Indiana Post Office and the only mail carrier working out of that office. Mr. Wood was unable to identify a larger photograph of Dr. Moran as anyone he had seen in the vicinity of Cedar Lake, Indiana, and again stated, as noted in the reference report of Special Agent Robert L. Murphy, that he had delivered both of the special delivery letters addressed to Edward K. Winn but that one Frank Young with whom Winn was staying had signed them. Mr. Wood advised that Young was presently living in Cedar Lake, Indiana, and could likely be located at the Uebel Tavern which is located on the east side of the lake at Cedar Lake, Indiana.

Agent then contacted Frank W. Young at the Uebel Tavern located on the east side of the lake at Cedar Lake, Indiana, who advised that his mailing address is Crown Point, Indiana, R. R. 1. Mr. Young readily admitted that there had been a man by the name of Edward K. Winn visiting at his home in the winter of 1935 and 1936 but stated that he came to Cedar Lake and stayed about a month in all part of the time in December 1935 and the remainder of the time in January and February, 1936. Mr. Young stated that he did not know much about Edward K. Winn except that Winn had told him that his home was in southern Indiana at a town with a name similar to Huntingburg; that he had a 1936 Ford V8 coupe of a steel gray color which had 1936 Indiana license on it. Agent exhibited a photograph of Dr. Joseph P. Moran to Mr. Young and he stated that in his opinion it did not resemble to any extent the man known to him as Edward K. Winn. He stated that Winn, while staying at his home, spent a considerable amount of time in Crown Point, Indiana, and was sure that while he was in Crown Point that he had visited at the Sheriff's Office, and as he appeared to know some of the Deputy Sheriffs there. He stated that he knew absolutely nothing about Winn's business as he would leave and be gone for a week or so at a time; that he knows that he was in Minnesota a time or two as he had received a letter from him from either Milwaukee or St. Paul, and that while he was in Cedar Lake he had had a car wreck and had had the damage repaired at some garage in Hammond, Indiana.

Mr. Young described Edward K. Winn as follows:

Age:	26
Height:	6 feet
Weight:	175
Hair:	Dark
Eyes:	Dark

Complexion: Medium  
Build: Medium to heavy, heavy chest and shoulders  
Occupation: Unknown, supposed to have been a former midshipman at Annapolis, Maryland, Naval Academy.

Continuing, Mr. Young advised that while Winn had never told him what his business was, that he had intimated a few times that he had studied engineering and that he had been a former midshipman at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland and that he had a number of books on the subject of engineering and that he had noticed the name Edward K. Winn, Midshipman, stamped on the inside of these books. He stated that Winn always behaved himself when he was staying at his home except that he did notice that he drank considerably at times.

Mr. Young stated that if Agent would accompany him to his home which was located a short distance from the tavern where Agent interviewed him that he was sure he could locate a snapshot of Edward K. Winn and also possibly a letter which he had received from him. Agent then accompanied Mr. Young to his home in Cedar Lake where he obtained a snapshot of Edward K. Winn and a letter which he said he received from Edward K. Winn which was postmarked at Milwaukee, Wisconsin February 5, 1936, 8:30 P.M. This letter contained a note on the stationery of the Hotel Lowery of St. Paul, Minnesota to the effect that the writer had been unexpectedly detained in Wisconsin and would not be back in Cedar Lake for a few days. It further stated that the writer was leaving there for Chicago and would return to Milwaukee before coming back to Cedar Lake, and requested that Mr. Young hold his mail until he arrived. This letter was signed "Ed." Mr. Young loaned Agent the snapshot of Edward K. Winn and the above letter for use in conducting additional investigation in this case.

Mr. Young advised that he understood that Winn had stayed for a night or two at the Kennedy Hotel in Cedar Lake and further stated that Winn seemed to have a large quantity of travelers checks issued by the American Express Company; that they were in \$20.00 denominations; that while he was staying at his home he desired to cash some of these checks and that he had accompanied Winn to the Cedar Beach Hotel in Cedar Lake where the proprietor cashed one or two of these checks for him.

It will be remembered that Miss Emma Knesek, the postmistress at Cedar Lake, Indiana, had previously stated that the individual whom she thought resembled Dr. Moran and who was using the name of Edward K. Winn had requested her to cash some \$20.00 travelers checks issued by the American Express Company. Mr. Young again stated that he was positive that there was no resemblance between Edward K. Winn and the photograph of Dr. Moran, and it should be noted here that in the opinion of this Agent that while Edward K. Winn's face is shaped somewhat similar to the face of Dr. Moran that the resemblance seems to stop there as Winn in other respects appears to be a larger man and it will be noted that both his hair and eyes are dark.

Agent interviewed L. Monte Biesecker, who operates a real estate office just north of the Monon Railway station in Cedar Lake, Indiana. It will be remembered from the reference report of Special Agent Robert L. Murphy that Harry E. Claar, the former station agent of the Monon Railway at Cedar Lake, Indiana, who also thought the photograph of Dr. Moran resembled the man by the name of Edward K. Winn who had called at the Monon station to get him to cash some travelers checks in January 1936, had stated that probably Biesecker had had an opportunity to observe this individual also. However, Mr. Biesecker, upon contact, advised that he could not recall having seen anyone in the vicinity of Cedar Lake who answered either the description of Dr. Moran or Edward K. Winn and also was unable to identify a photograph of Dr. Moran or Edward K. Winn as resembling anyone he had seen in the vicinity of Cedar Lake.

After obtaining the photograph of Edward K. Winn from Mr. Frank Young Agent recontacted Miss Emma Knesek, Postmistress at Cedar Lake, Indiana, and exhibited to her the photograph of Edward K. Winn for the purpose of definitely determining whether or not this was the individual instead of Dr. Moran who had been in the Post Office at Cedar Lake in January 1936. Miss Knesek advised that after examining the photograph of Winn that probably she had been mistaken in her identification of Dr. Moran and that probably Edward K. Winn was indeed a different individual and was identical with the snapshot of Edward K. Winn which had been shown to her.

Agent contacted Mrs. J. H. Kennedy at Kennedy's Hotel, Cedar Lake, Indiana, who advised that the Kennedy Hotel was not open during December, January, or February, 1935 and 1936, and that consequently it would have been impossible for any stranger to have stayed there at that time. She stated that the only ones who were there during those three months were herself, her husband, and their immediate family, and permitted Agent to examine her register. Agent noted that it did not reveal there were any guests registered during those months. Agent exhibited photographs of Dr. Joseph P. Moran and Edward K. Winn to Mrs. Kennedy and she was unable to identify any of them as being identical with people she had seen in Cedar Lake or elsewhere.

Agent interviewed John Stasaitis, Manager of the Cedar Beach Hotel, Cedar Lake, Indiana, who immediately identified a photograph of Edward K. Winn as identical with a man who had cashed two \$20.00 American Express Travelers Checks at his place of business in the winter of 1936. Mr. Stasaitis stated that this man had been accompanied to his place of business by Frank Young who also lives at Cedar Lake, Indiana, and that he cashed the checks in view of the fact that Young stated he knew Winn and that he was staying at his house during that time. He stated without any question the checks were good as they never came back, but were evidently paid by the company issuing them.

Agent likewise displayed a photograph of Dr. Joseph P. Moran to John Stasaitis, and he advised that the photograph looked a little bit familiar to him, but he could not say whether it was because he had seen this man sometimes or whether he had seen his picture in a paper or magazine, but was sure that he had never seen him in Cedar Lake, Indiana, or vicinity. He was likewise positive that Dr. Moran was not identical with Edward K. Winn.

In view of the above positive identifications, it appears unlikely that Edward K. Winn who visited in Cedar Lake, Indiana at the home of Frank Young is identical with Dr. Joseph P. Moran, and for that reason the leads set out in the reference report to contact Harry E. Clear, former Monon Station Agent at Cedar Lake, Indiana who now lives at Rensselaer, Indiana is not being carried out and the photograph of Edward K. Winn and the letter Winn wrote to Frank Young are being returned to Mr. Young by an appropriate letter as he requested when he furnished them to reporting Agent.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

CHICAGO OFFICE at Chicago, Illinois

Will contact Mr. A. Farrell Chamblin who is now reported to be connected with the Hargrave Detective Agency in Chicago and obtain any information in his possession concerning Sammy Gates. It might be that Mr. Chamblin might have information in his possession which would help in the location of Gates.

At Wilmette, Illinois

After contacting Mr. Chamblin, will contact Mr. Joseph A. Kaszab at Wilmette, Illinois for further information relative to Gates and his associates.

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July 10, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

RE: WILLIAM ELMER MEAD with aliases -  
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ENDEAVOR TO LOCATE

Reference is made to your letter of June 30, 1936, in the BREKID case in which you requested that the report of Special Agent J. M. Dickerson, dated March 18, 1936, at New York, New York, be furnished to you.

I wish to advise that the report of Agent Dickerson dated March 18, 1936, was not carried under the title "BREKID" but was written under the above caption and the copies of the report in the New York Bureau file indicate that two copies of that report and an enclosure, a group photograph, New York Police Department Number 15177, made in 1932, were designated for the Cleveland Office. However, since you advise in your letter that you have not received a copy of this report, the same is being forwarded herewith, together with a copy of the mentioned photograph. In the event that copies of this report are later located in your office, together with the photograph mentioned above, it is requested that you return the copies of the report and photograph being forwarded herewith to the New York Bureau Office.

*Edward J. Brennan*

In the report of Agent Dickerson is set forth the fact that KOHLER, who appears in the photograph, could possibly be located at Toledo, Ohio, through one SA [redacted]. Further attention is called to the report of Special Agent V. E. Cross, dated June 27, 1936, at Chicago, Illinois, in the above entitled case, copies of which were furnished to your office.

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Letter to the Cleveland Office.

In this report mentioned is made of one HESSLER as being a "fix" in Toledo. It appears from this report that SAM HESSLER is the same person as SAM WHITLEY. It is not known which is the correct spelling of the name at this time.

Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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July 8, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: WILLIAM ELMER MEAD -  
BREKID

I am transmitting herewith a personal and confidential memorandum prepared by Special Agent K. R. McIntire, setting forth the background concerning William Elmer Mead.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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MEMORANDUM

William Elmer Mead as one Clark, alias W. Elmer Mead was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury at Jacksonville, Florida, on December 15, 1922, charged with mail fraud. A bond of \$10,000 was posted by Mead on April 2, 1934, which bond was later estreated and a capias was issued for his failure to appear. Those participating with Mead in the swindle in Florida, which amounted to a mail fraud, were William A. Shaw, alias Brady, and H. C. Howard, alias Leon Felix. These persons were likewise indicted in 1922. Howard was sentenced and has served his time, having been discharged from the Atlanta Penitentiary on November 29, 1935. William A. Shaw pleaded guilty on April 2, 1934, at Jacksonville, Florida, to the indictment charging him with participation in the swindle and was discharged.

Mead first entered the Bremer case when Lieutenant Edward J. Kelly of the Chicago, Illinois, Police Department reported to the Chicago Office of the Bureau on January 27, 1934, that an individual from St. Paul, Minnesota, named Martin Wunderlich, 530 Desnoyer Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, identified the photograph of Mead in the rogues' gallery of the Chicago Police Department as a confidence man who had fleeced him of \$200,000. Wunderlich was a road contractor and had constructed roads throughout the United States. He met Mead and his associates in St. Louis, Missouri, while on a business trip. One of these associates, Charles O. Long, who assisted in perpetrating this offense against Wunderlich, was apprehended by Agents of the Chicago Bureau Office on May 5, 1936. The Bureau having no charge against this individual, he is being turned over to the Illinois State authorities. Mead interested Wunderlich in betting on horse races, and as a result of bets placed by Mead, Wunderlich won \$370,000. He was not paid, however, until he could produce evidence that he could have paid had he lost the bet. As a result, Wunderlich secured \$200,000, \$100,000 of which he obtained from his safety deposit box in St. Paul and an additional \$100,000 from Edward George Bremer, the victim in the Bremer Kidnaping case.

During the spring of 1934, Dr. William Loeser, who you will recall was prosecuted in connection with the Dillinger case, directed the attention of Louis Piquette to the fact that he, Loeser, had after a fashion obliterated his own fingerprints by the use of caustic soda.

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At this time, Piquette was extremely interested in the obliteration, advising he would soon return with a friend, and within a half an hour he did return with Arthur O'Leary, who was also notoriously mentioned in the Dillinger case. At that time, O'Leary informed Loeser that he and his cousin, Dr. Harold Cassidy, were doing the same kind of work and that he, O'Leary, had a customer, a Mr. Lane, whereupon both Piquette and O'Leary urged Loeser to go with them to do the work on Lane's fingerprints.

The said parties soon left and proceeded to a hotel in Elgin, Illinois, where Loeser was introduced to William Elmer Mead, who was then using the alias of Lane. The proposed alteration of fingerprints was then discussed and arrangements were made whereby Loeser would meet Mead in Louisville, Kentucky, within a few days thereafter where a fingerprint operation would be performed. In keeping with these arrangements, Loeser proceeded to Louisville, Kentucky where he contacted Mr. and Mrs. William E. Mead at the Louisville Hotel, and on May 25, 1934 he altered Mead's fingerprints.

Mead was taken into custody as Charles E. Carter by the Northampton, Massachusetts, Police Department on July 12, 1935, on the charge of improper registration of an automobile. At the time of his arrest he was in the act of attempting to defraud John H. Dunn, 20 Fort Street, Northampton, Massachusetts, a building contractor. Mead was fingerprinted and his prints were immediately forwarded to the Bureau but the fingerprint obliteration had been so skillfully performed that it was not until July 15, 1935, that the Bureau was able to make a positive identification. At that moment the identification was too late since Mead had been released on a \$200 bond on the morning of July 13, 1935. An immediate investigation was conducted in an effort to cause Mead's apprehension but he has thus far evaded arrest.

Mead has a long record as a confidence man. Notable instances which have come to the attention of this Bureau are as follows:

On July 5, 1929, at Lima, Ohio, Mead using the name of J. W. Longworth, in company with Charles Lancaster, J. D. Stager, and Charles O. Leamington, induced W. T. Hamilton to pay them \$30,000 for the purchase of 60,000 shares of stock of the Huichihuayan Oil and Gas Company of San Luis Potosi, Mexico. A warrant was issued based upon a complaint sworn to by W. T. Hamilton at Lima, Ohio, on July 5, 1929.

William Elmer Mead using the name of Frank F. Taylor, appeared at the summer home of J. H. Stedman at New Sharon, Maine, on June 18, 1935, representing himself as the close personal friend of the late James H. Ross of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and acting for Mrs. Ross in the proposed purchase of the seashore estate of Mr. Stedman. After having supper with Stedman, Mead left to go fishing at Moosehead Lake, Maine, and returned on the morning of June 24, 1935, at which time Stedman received a telegram signed "Jennie Ross" saying that she would take the seashore property and to have the vendor meet her at noon on June 26, 1935 at the Eggleston Inn, Hyannis, Massachusetts. On June 25, 1935, Stedman took Mead to his lawyer's office where an examination of the title papers to the property was made by Mead. On June 26, 1935, the said parties arrived at the Eggleston Inn but Mrs. Ross was not present. There was, however, a man present who was introduced as Mrs. Ross' son-in-law, a Mr. Parker of Boston. Mead explained that Mrs. Ross had been called to New York due to the serious illness of her daughter but would return. During the time that Mead and Stedman had lunch, anticipating the arrival of Mrs. Ross, Mead pulled the old pocketbook game, finding a pocketbook containing \$240 under his feet beneath the table at which they were seated. Within this pocketbook was found the name of a gambler, whereupon Mead insisted upon returning the pocketbook to the gambler. It appeared that efforts were about to be made by Mead to fleece Stedman of some money at this time, but Stedman had no patience in the matter and advised the party who had lost the pocketbook that he was nothing but a crook and then departed. Thereafter Mead made no further efforts to induce Stedman to sell the said property, and Stedman has had no contact with Mead since that time.

On another occasion Mead endeavored to pull the confidence scheme with one G. Arthur Hastings of 37 Robbins Road, Arlington, Massachusetts. According to Hastings, this occurred on March 27 and 28, 1935, while he and his wife were stopping at the Fort Sumter Hotel at Charleston, South Carolina. On this occasion, two individuals, namely Dowling and Lentz, became friendly with Hastings at the above mentioned hotel and gradually drew into his midst a man who was introduced to Hastings as Mr. Fuller. This man has positively been identified as being identical with Mead. On this occasion Fuller represented himself as being connected with a large racing syndicate who had made several fortunes out of fixed races. Dowling and Lentz immediately accosted him in the presence of Hastings asking Fuller (Mead) if the latter would let them and Mr. Hastings in on some of these big deals. Mead then produced a letter from the HORSE BREEDING SOCIETY OF PHILADELPHIA which informed him that due to the

publicity he had been receiving they would be forced to accept his resignation. Mead then said he would let them in on a big race that was being pulled off that same afternoon, giving them each 20 per cent apiece. That afternoon the entire party met in Lentz's room, #225, of the Fort Sumter Hotel. Mead came into the room and offered Hastings \$6,000 in cash, telling him to follow a certain procedure and bet it on a named horse. Hastings, however, had grown suspicious and refused the money. He then decided that he was in with a gang of confidence men and left the room. He subsequently learned that Lentz and Dowling had both been arrested by the Charleston police on the following day, being charged with gambling.

Mead has been considered an international confidence man as his criminal record will disclose. That record shows Mead as Edwin Elze Gaynor, #2196, was arrested on March 24, 1930, by New Scotland Yard, London, England, on a charge of conspiracy. On April 2, 1930, he was sentenced to serve two six-month sentences to run concurrently, the charge being attempting to steal by means of confidence trick.

Mead has associated himself with confidence men of national importance, several of whom are Fred Farrell, Fred Gondorf, Robert Finn, J. E. Hayes, George Farry, and "Yellow Kid" Neil.

A copy of his criminal record is attached hereto.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 8, 1936.

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

*H. J. ...  
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Time - 10:40 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: William Elmer Meade.

Special Agent Flood of the Omaha Office telephoned me to report that the Agents of his office this morning took William Elmer Meade into custody in the Fontenelle Hotel in Omaha. He said that the informant was due to arrive and meet Meade about 9:30 their time, and when the Agents slipped into the hotel ahead of the informant to get set up, they noticed this man sitting in a chair facing the door. They immediately recognized him as Meade, and, after watching him for a few minutes, they went over to him, asked him if he was not Meade, and he admitted that he was. They took him quietly out of the hotel with no disturbance and took him to the office where he now is. He said that Meade admits his identity.

Mr. Flood said that Meade had on his person about eight dollars in change and eight \$20 bills, which are now being checked against the ransom lists. He said that his fingerprints are badly mutilated, and skin has been grafted on various portions of them to prevent identification. I told Mr. Flood to make sure that Meade has nothing on his person with which he can commit suicide, and further, to make sure that he comes in contact with nothing which could be used for that purpose. I told him to start the questioning of Meade as to his activities and his contacts, and make sure that there is no leak of the fact that he is in custody.

I informed Mr. Flood I would discuss the matter with you as to releasing the information, and he would advised in the premises; that in the interim, he should take every precaution to see that Meade does not commit suicide, and that the information relative to his apprehension does not get out. Mr. Flood will get several sets of Meade's mutilated fingerprints.

Respectfully,

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Will you please prepare for the Attorney General - for my signature - a memorandum dealing with the statements of Inspector Metrick of the Post Office Inspection service at St. Paul last week, upon his visit to that city to interview Karpis. I have in mind particularly those statements which he made referring to the Bureau and the relations of the Post Office Inspectors with the Bureau. I want to bring this to the Attorney General's attention in order that he may know that Post Office Inspectors are continuing to agitate this matter and that a continuation of the same will inevitably lead to further friction and difficulty.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover,  
John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

*Alvin Karpis*  
*Inspector S. J. Metrick*  
*\*Post Office Dept.*

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **7-5**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>St. Paul, Minnesota</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>7-8-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>6/27, 28, 29 and 7/6, 7/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>S. K. McKEE</b>
TITLE: <b>CHARLES JOSEPH FITZGERALD, with aliases; ET AL WILLIAM A. HAMM, JR., Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>FITZGERALD entered guilty plea in U. S. District Court, St. Paul, Minnesota, June 29, 1936; sentence deferred until completion trial other defendants. Fitzgerald furnished details of his knowledge this case but it is believed he is protecting several individuals. Fitzgerald is not willing to testify. Additional data as to other activities and associates furnished by Fitzgerald.</b>			
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REFERENCE: <b>Report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, St. Paul, Minnesota, 7-1-36.</b>			
DETAILS:  On the night of June 27, 1936 Subject Charles J. Fitzgerald, during interview with Special Agent in Charge C. W. Stein at the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota, advised that he had decided to change his plea of not guilty to a plea of guilty, and stated that he was willing to enter his changed pleas at any time but desired that the United States Attorney be requested to defer sentence as to him for a reasonable time in order to give him an opportunity to straighten out some personal matters.			
On June 29, 1936 Fitzgerald was re-arraigned before Judge Matthew M. Joyce in U. S. District Court, St. Paul, Minnesota, and through his attorney, Thomas J. Newman, he changed his not guilty plea to a plea of guilty. At the request of United States Attorney George F. Sullivan, the court deferred sentence			
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as to Fitzgerald until July 7, 1936. On the latter date United States Attorney Sullivan and Attorney Newman conferred with Judge Joyce, and it was arranged that Fitzgerald's sentence be deferred until the trial as to the other defendants in this matter has been completed.

On the night of June 28, 1936 Fitzgerald was interviewed by the writer and Special Agent in Charge Stein, and he furnished some information as to his involvement in this kidnaping. He has been interviewed on subsequent dates by the writer and has made additional admissions.

Fitzgerald states that several days prior to the kidnaping of Hamm he came to St. Paul, Minnesota, by airplane from Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of "casing a bank". He would not name the bank in question. He stated that at the time of making this trip to St. Paul he was residing with Belle Born at the Oglesby Arms Apartments in Chicago, Illinois. He said he ran into Fred Barker on the street in St. Paul by accident; that Barker invited him to participate in the kidnaping of Hamm, and after some persuasion he agreed to do so. He said Barker told him that he was to receive between \$7,000 and \$8,000 for his part in this kidnaping; that the work he was to do was outlined to him, and that he was not told anything about the original plans for the kidnaping or any purpose behind it. Fitzgerald stated that after meeting Fred Barker he stayed at the house at 204 Vernon Avenue, where the Barker brothers and Paula Harmon were living; that he slept at this place and during the day time he went to the cottage at Bald Eagle Lake, Minnesota, and "hung around with the boys". It was Fitzgerald's understanding that the Bald Eagle Lake cottage was rented by Alvin Karpis.

Fitzgerald stated that the day before the kidnaping he went with Doc Barker to observe Hamm in the vicinity of his home, which he described as being located on top of a hill in back of the brewery. He said he and Doc Barker identified Hamm from a description which had been supplied by Freddie Barker; that the original plan was to kidnap Hamm in the vicinity of his home at lunch time, but that this plan was abandoned after observations indicated an automobile parked on the street or persons loitering in the vicinity would be too conspicuous. He said it was then planned to kidnap Hamm as he left the brewery on his way home to lunch. Fitzgerald stated that on the day of the kidnaping he and Doc Barker were together on a corner near the brewery; that Bryan Bolton was across the street, and that Alvin Karpis was located a short distance down the street in the sedan automobile used in the kidnaping; that when Hamm left the brewery he was accosted by him, Fitzgerald, and Doc Barker; that he, Fitzgerald, shook hands with Hamm; that at about this time Karpis, upon signal from Bolton, drove the car to the point where Hamm, Fitzgerald, and Doc Barker were

standing, and that Doc Barker forced Fitzgerald into the car. He stated that Doc Barker and Bolton entered the rear seat of the car with Hamm and that he entered the front seat along with Karpis; that although everybody felt sure that they had kidnaped the right man, Hamm was definitely identified because of Karpis' objections, through a tailor mark on the inside of his inner coat pocket. Fitzgerald stated that the car containing Hamm was driven to a point some distance out of St. Paul but located in Wisconsin; that the St. Croix River was crossed via a free bridge upon which some work was being done. He stated that the car was stopped at a pre-arranged point on a side road, where Fred Barker and Fred Goetz met them; that at this point Hamm was told to sign several notes, and was also asked to name an intermediary. He said that after this was done the car containing Hamm was driven on to the hideout, same being occupied by Karpis, Bolton, and Doc Barker. Fitzgerald admitted that he knew the hideout was located in Bensenville, Illinois, and was in the home of Bartholmey, but he claimed that he was not acquainted with Bartholmey. He said that after the notes had been signed and the others had left for Chicago, that he, Goetz, and Fred Barker returned to the house at 204 Vernon Avenue in St. Paul.

With respect to the three ransom notes delivered in this case, Fitzgerald said that the actual delivery in each instance was made by Fred Goetz. He said that in each instance the three of them went by automobile to a point near where the note was left; that Goetz was let out of the car in order to deliver the note, and that he later returned to the car. When questioned specifically as to the note delivered to the cab driver in the vicinity of the St. Paul Hotel, Fitzgerald was positive in his statement that he and the other two drove to the vicinity of the St. Paul Hotel and let Goetz out of the car; that he delivered the note to the cab driver and then came back to the car. Fitzgerald could not offer any explanation for the description furnished by the cab driver during the course of the trial involving Roger Touhy; Et Al, other than to state that the driver must have been using his imagination.

Fitzgerald said that after the ransom money had been collected that he, Fred Barker, and Fred Goetz immediately drove to Chicago, Illinois, along with the money. He said that the money was left in the possession of Fred Goetz, and that it was his understanding that Goetz kept it at his apartment on Gunderson Avenue in Berwyn, Illinois. He said that the original plans had been to attempt to exchange the ransom money for other money through Graham and McKay of Reno, Nevada. Fitzgerald said that Bill Graham and James McKay were old time friends of his and that during the Fall of 1932 he "set in" the Barkers-Karpis and their associates with the Graham-McKay outfit. He stated that during about the first week of July 1933 he and Fred Barker

made a trip from Chicago to Reno, Nevada, by airplane in order to make arrangements to exchange the ransom; that upon arriving in Reno they registered at the Riverside Hotel; that they stayed at the hotel only about a day and then went to Cal-Neva Lodge; that they contacted Graham and McKay but that these men would not have anything to do with the ransom money because the Government was interested in the case; that after about two weeks at Cal-Neva Lodge they again returned to the Riverside Hotel, and shortly thereafter traveled back to Chicago, Illinois, via train.

Fitzgerald, when questioned as to turning in the return portions of their air travel tickets through Cliff Grady at Reno, Nevada, stated that this matter had been arranged by Freddie Barker.

It was Fitzgerald's statement that upon returning to Chicago, Illinois, he contacted Gus Winkler and through him arranged to have the ransom money changed. He stated that the entire transaction took possibly a week; that Winkler charged 10% for changing the money, and that it was delivered to him and Fred Barker by Winkler at Winkler's apartment in three installments of \$30,000 each. Fitzgerald said that he received a total of something over \$7,000 for his share and that he had to split his share with Gus Winkler and Gus Shay inasmuch as he had a working agreement with these two men that anything they realized through criminal enterprises would be split between the three of them. Fitzgerald admitted that he had been to the cottage of Fred Barker and Volney Davis at Long Lake, Illinois, but denied that he received his share of the ransom money at this place.

Fitzgerald was questioned at length concerning the involvement of Jack Peifer in this case, but he claimed that he did not know anything about Peifer having been involved in the matter, although he would not deny that he may have received some of the ransom. Fitzgerald's contention in this connection was that he had not been told anything about the original plans for the kidnaping and only knew about the parties who actually kidnaped Hamm and held him for ransom, and about Winkler having exchanged the ransom money. Fitzgerald stated that assuming that he received \$7,800 for his part in the kidnaping, and that the five other active participants received similar amounts; that \$10,000 went to Winkler for changing the money; that \$2,500 went to each of three other men, that these sums would total approximately \$64,000 and that there would still be approximately \$36,000 unaccounted for, which he states undoubtedly went to some persons whom he did not know.

In connection with the three sums of \$2500 each, which Fitzgerald said went to three individuals, he advised that one of these amounts was given to Herb Farmer of Joplin, Missouri, because of his involvement in the Kansas City Massacre; that a like sum was given to Don Stacey, proprietor of the O. P. Inn in Maywood, Illinois, because of his involvement in the Kansas City Massacre, and that a similar amount was given to Verne Miller because he needed money as a result of the "heat" on him following the shooting at the Union Station in Kansas City.

Fitzgerald was questioned as to the airplane trip made by him under the name of C. J. Murphy between Chicago, Illinois, and Kansas City, Missouri, shortly after the release of Hamm, he advised that he had made such a trip and that the purpose of it was to "case" a bank in Kansas City. He refused to state the names of the persons connected with him as to the possible robbery of this bank, and also refused to name the bank in question.

Fitzgerald was questioned at length concerning the disposition made of the remaining \$36,000 of the ransom money in this case, inasmuch as it was Agent's belief that he did know who received this money. His only statement in this connection was that he figured it would possibly go to the two top men in the county and the two top men in the city. When questioned as to whom he meant by the above descriptions, he advised that he figured the County Attorney and the Sheriff, one man in the Police Department, and one other man in the city Government would have received cuts from the ransom money.

With respect to his connections with Gus Winkler and Gus Shay, Fitzgerald advised that he had known these men for some years and that for possibly five or six years prior to the kidnaping he had a working agreement with them through which they split on an even basis any money obtained by any of them from crimes. He said that the two men, Gus Winkler and Gus Shay, and he were jointly interested in the Chez Paree in Chicago, and that he assumed that other persons were also interested in this place. Fitzgerald would not admit having been involved in any crimes with Gus Winkler, although he insinuated that such had been the case. He stated, however, that he had been out on several jobs with Gus Shay, whom he referred to as "Old Gus". In connection with this individual, Fitzgerald advised that Gus Shay is the correct name of this man but that he was generally known as Gus Stein; that Shay's home was in the south someplace; that he lived in Chicago with a widow who had a young son; that so far as he knew, Shay had never served any time nor had he been photographed nor fingerprinted. He advised, however, that Shay had told him of having been arrested on several occasions in gambling raids, having been subsequently released after posting a small

bond. He advised that Gus Shay was sometimes known by the nickname "Schnozzle" because of his large nose. Fitzgerald claimed that while he was laid up with his hip that Gus Shay was taken for a ride and his body was found by the roadside somewhere near Calumet City, Illinois.

Fitzgerald was questioned concerning the bullet wound which he had received in his hip, and he stated that this wound had been received during the payroll robbery at South St. Paul, Minnesota, in August 1933. He named the persons who took part in this robbery as himself, Karpis, Fred Barker, Doc Barker, Bryan Bolton, and Fred Goetz. He also said that Karpis was the driver of the car; that Fred Barker sat with Karpis in the front seat and read the getaway chart to him; that Bolton was the man who shot the policeman with a machine gun, and that Doc Barker was the person who helped him, Fitzgerald, into the car after he had been shot.

Fitzgerald was questioned concerning the robbery of the bank at Estherville, Iowa, and he admitted have participated in this robbery, and named the persons who had been with him as Big Homer Wilson, Gus Shay, and Slim Moran.

Of his own volition, Fitzgerald stated that after he was wounded during the course of the payroll robbery at South St. Paul, Minnesota, during August 1933, on which occasion Bryan Bolton had run; that Gus Winkler and Gus Shay wanted to bump Bolton off, and only refrained from doing so because he, Fitzgerald, would not give the word. As to Bolton, Fitzgerald advised that Fred Goetz had implicit faith in him but that numerous persons associated with both Goetz and Bolton did not trust Bolton and often tried to persuade Goetz that he should get rid of him. Fitzgerald referred to both Goetz and Bolton as killers for the syndicate.

The matter of the St. Valentine's Day massacre in Chicago was brought up by Fitzgerald, and he stated that he had never definitely known who participated in this affair but he had been told that the job had been "messed up" by Bolton and "Swede" Moran, who were engaged as lookouts at a place across the street from the garage where the massacre occurred, and that they had messed up this job through giving the signal to their associates before "Big" Moran put in his appearance at the garage. Fitzgerald stated he did not know definitely, but that such men as the following were likely prospects for the actual shooting on this occasion: Gus Winkler, Fred Goetz, Gus Shay, Fred Burke, Ralph Pierce, and Claude Mattox. Fitzgerald denied that he was involved in this affair, stating that he would have no reason to deny it as he felt positive the Government would not turn him over to the State of Illinois for prosecution, and even

if they did so that a case could not be made out against him.

Fitzgerald was asked to state how many "bank jobs" he had participated in, and he answered that there was no way that he could figure that out but that he would estimate that he had robbed or helped rob at least fifty banks. It is to be stated that Fitzgerald will not volunteer any information concerning crimes in which he has participated, but if he is questioned concerning a specific crime he is apparently willing to state the part he played and to name other persons, although he has shown a tendency to refrain from naming any people who are now living. Fitzgerald was questioned concerning his possible participation in the Lincoln, Nebraska, bank robbery during the fall of 1930, but he stated that he did not have any part in this robbery. Fitzgerald was questioned concerning the source of the \$1,000 bills in the safety deposit box at Waukegan, Illinois, in the name of Mrs. Vioski. He said that during the winter of 1934 he met Fred Barker in Toledo, Ohio, and that Freddie gave him as he recalls, eight \$1,000 bills as a gift. He stated that this money was part of the exchanged ransom in the Bremer kidnaping case. He advised that he put these bills in an envelope and gave them to Belle Born and that she made arrangements with Mrs. Vioski to hold this money. He also said that he knows that Belle Born turned over to Mrs. Vioski some of her own money at this time, and that while he was in Los Angeles, California, he secured \$4,000 through Mrs. Vioski, and he has learned that instead of her sending him his own money she had sent Belle Born's money, and that consequently he presently has approximately \$4,000 in the safety deposit box at Waukegan, the balance of the money in this box being the property of Belle Born. He advised that he is making negotiations through Attorney T. J. Newman of St. Paul to secure this money, which he intends turning over to Belle Born for her use. In this connection, it is to be stated that information has been supplied to William Hamm, Jr. concerning the location of this money, and that a newspaper article appearing at St. Paul, Minnesota, on July 7, 1934 indicated that Hamm, through his attorneys, had attached the money in the Waukegan box.

Fitzgerald informed that while he was living in Los Angeles he ran into "Bones" Renner in a restaurant while he was having dinner one evening with Imogene Robertson. He said that he passed the time of day with Renner but did not identify him to the Robertson girl, and that he is positive that she did not know who he was.

Fitzgerald was questioned concerning the address "1209 Pioneer" which appeared in his notebook in the Los Angeles apartment he occupied,

and which was observed by Agents at the time this apartment was secretly searched in December 1935. Fitzgerald advised that this entry referred to an office formerly located at 1209 Pioneer Building in St. Paul, Minnesota, which was a bond shop operated by one Jimmie Connelly, through whom he used to dispose of stolen bonds. He advised that his dealings with Connelly took place some years ago; that Connelly was arrested possibly five to eight years ago in New York City and was sentenced to Sing Sing Prison for possession of stolen bonds, and that he died while confined in prison.

As to the name "Sabina" which appeared in the same notebook, Fitzgerald said that this name referred to a street in Los Angeles, California.

As to the Cuban-American Auto Company, which name appeared in the same notebook, Fitzgerald said that this name had been given to him by Cash McDonald as being a business house located in Havana, Cuba, through which Fitzgerald could reach him, McDonald, at any time.

In connection with the admissions made by Fitzgerald concerning his participation in the Hamm kidnaping, he has stated that under no circumstances would he be willing to furnish testimony in this case, either on behalf of the Government or for any of the defendants. Fitzgerald has stated that he knows the Government can convict him in this case, and that he entered a plea of guilty because he did not wish to embarrass Belle Born. He said he knew that she would be called upon to testify for the Government and that he felt that she would perjure herself on the witness stand in an effort to help him, and as he felt he would be convicted anyway, he thought that he might as well plead guilty and do away with the possibility of Belle Born perjuring herself and thereby being prosecuted.

Any further admissions made by Fitzgerald or general information furnished by him, will be subsequently reported.

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Laboratory Report

Case: BREKID  
WEYNAP  
STOLNAP

Number: 7-576-12279

Specimens: 7-576-12279 A Sample handwriting and printing of Fred Hunter  
consisting of 2 sheets.

Examination requested by: Atlanta

Date received: 7-14-36 (4:00 PM ft)

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

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501 Healey Building  
Atlanta, Georgia  
July 10, 1936

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID  
WEYNAP  
STOLNAP

Dear Sir:

This is with reference to Bureau letter dated July 1, 1936 in the above entitled matters (Bureau File Numbers 7-576, 7-1367, 7-1128) requesting that specimens of the handwriting and hand printing of Fred Hunter, Atlanta Penitentiary, be secured and forwarded to the Technical Laboratory of the Bureau.

Upon being interviewed, Hunter, #48668, stated that he furnished specimens of his handwriting and hand printing to Agents of the New Orleans Office following his arrest and that he cannot understand the necessity for additional specimens. Furthermore, that the Post Office Department is attempting to involve him in the Garrettsville train robbery, an offense with which he had no connection, and that for this reason he does not feel that he should furnish more specimens of his handwriting.

After being assured that the Bureau has no jurisdiction over the Garrettsville matter, Hunter agreed to copy portions of articles in a newspaper and the specimens which were prepared by him in both ink and pencil are being transmitted herewith.

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It is appreciated that the attached specimens are not extensive and in the event that more extensive specimens are required, sufficient time will be spent cultivating Hunter in order to insure the desired results.

Very truly yours,  
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Special Agent in Charge

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*Edward J. Bremer*

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication dated July 2, 1936,  
- a registered letter containing the sum of \$300.00 to be  
delivered to the Warden of the United States Penitentiary at  
Leavenworth, Kansas, to be credited to the account of Harry  
Campbell.

Please be advised that on July 9, 1936, Special Agent A. E.  
Farland delivered the \$300.00 to Warden F. G. Zerbst and se-  
cured his receipt for same. Harry Campbell, #48996, was called  
in and advised by the Warden of the receipt of this money. He,  
in turn, signed a receipt which was witnessed by Warden Zerbst.

The original of both of these receipts are being transmitted,  
with a copy of this letter, to the Bureau. A signed copy of  
each of the receipts is likewise being transmitted, with copies  
of this letter, to the Cleveland and Cincinnati Offices. One  
signed copy of each receipt is being retained in the Kansas City  
file in this matter.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH,  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Leavenworth, Kansas  
July 9, 1936

Received from W. A. Smith, Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,  
Kansas City, Missouri, the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00),  
to be delivered to the Warden of the United States Penitentiary,  
Leavenworth, Kansas, to be placed to the credit of Harry  
Campbell, inmate of that institution.

J. G. Zerbst

7-576-12280

Leavenworth, Kansas  
July 9, 1936

Receipt is acknowledged as having been received from  
W. A. Smith, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investi-  
gation, U. S. Department of Justice, Kansas City, Missouri,  
the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00), which was delivered  
to F. G. Zerbst, Warden, United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth,  
Kansas, on this date, to be placed to my credit.

Harry Campbell  
F. G. Zerbst, Warden

404 New York Building  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
July 9, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

BRKID

Reference is made to your letter of June 17,  
1936 and letter from the Kansas City Office of June 25,  
1936 regarding 1933 Standard Ford Coupe, Engine No. 18-489014.

Subject <sup>Alvin</sup> Karpis has been interviewed by Special  
Agent in Charge C. W. Stein and Special Agents S. K. McKee  
and John E. Brennan on numerous occasions, during which he was  
questioned both directly and indirectly about the above car,  
but has consistently refused to enter into any discussion  
whereby any information might be obtained.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN  
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JUL 13 1936 A. M.
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404 New York Building  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
July 10, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge  
El Paso, Texas

Dear Sir:

REKID

Reference is made to Bureau letter of June 6th and your reply thereto dated June 12, 1936, relating to statements made by Alvin Karpis as to certain Agents having been pointed out to him.

As indicated in my letter to the Little Rock Office of even date, these statements were reported without comment.

Special Agent John E. Brennan of this office today discussed with Karpis his statement as to having followed a car with Kansas license, as contained in reference Bureau letter. He stated that he had been questioned by other Agents as to who it was that tipped him off to leave Hot Springs, and rather than disclose the source of his information had manufactured this tale. In discussing various persons in Hot Springs he was asked who the girl was that he knew that was so thick with the Chief of Police. He replied that that was the correct answer; that he had been playing the Goldstein woman who had the "in" down there and that he could have stayed there the rest of his life if he only had coppers to worry about.

The conversation got around to his previous statements as to having had certain Agents pointed out to him. He stated that he had seen one or two but "they seemed so interested in quizzing me about it that I told them a lot of hooey". He was asked where in Texas he claimed to have seen Special Agent in Charge Colvin, and stated that it was not in Texas but in Oklahoma, but would not say when, where, or under what circumstances. It would appear that his statement in this regard is as untrue as that concerning his having followed a car.

Very truly yours,

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C. W. STAIR  
Special Agent in Charge

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-50

REPORT MADE AT <b>Charlotte, N. C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-11-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6/19/36 7/7/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>WILLIAM S. MCKINLEY - MSK.</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. No. 1232, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p><b>M. W. Jenkinson, A. W. Huntington, and F. C. Tuttle registered Francis Marion Hotel, Charleston, S. C., 5-15-36; Jenkinson checked out 5-16-36. Others checked out 5-17-36. Hotel employees unable recall above individuals or anyone resembling Mead. No record telephone calls or other items of value in tracing Jenkinson and Huntington. No record of James Melton, Fort Sumter Hotel, Charleston, S. C. Photostatic copies Asheville, N. C. and Charleston, S. C. registrations by Jenkinson and Huntington forwarded herewith to office of origin. "Stops" outstanding in motor vehicle bureaus in North and South Carolina to cover Plymouth sedan, motor PJ 322,772, Ford 2-door Sedan, motor 2,044,337, and Ford Coupe, motor 18-429,014, "Stops" covering Pontiac sedan, motor 935,155, have been cancelled.</b></p>			
<b>RUC.</b>			
REFERENCE:	Report of W. A. Collier, Jr., Charlotte, N. C., June 12, 1936.		
DETAILS:	<u>At Charleston, South Carolina</u>		
<p>A check of registration cards at the Francis Marion Hotel, Charleston, S. C., has developed that M. W. Jenkinson of England registered there on May 15, 1936 and was assigned to Rooms 512 and 514, rate \$8.50 per day, and that he checked out on May 16, 1936; that A. W. Huntington of Canada registered there on May 15, 1936 and was assigned to Room 526, rate \$3.50 per day, and that he checked out on May 17, 1936; that F. C. Tuttle of Cincinnati, Ohio, registered there on May 15, 1936, was</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>P. N. Jordan</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		
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assigned to Room 510, rate \$3.00 per day, and checked out on May 17, 1936. Clerk Harry F. Jordan, who executed the above mentioned registrations, advised agent that he could not recall any of the parties who registered and that he remembers no one resembling photographs of William E. Mead. A check of the registration cards reflected that all were handprinted in ink. One photostatic copy has been made of each registration card and same are being forwarded herewith to the office of origin.

A check of the Francis Marion Hotel statements covering the account of Jenkinson reflected that he checked out under date of May 16, 1936, and that the only charge made in addition to that for his room was a charge of 25¢ for coffee shop service. Cashier Virginia B. Weeks, who checked Jenkinson out, advised agent that she is unable to recall him and stated that she does not remember seeing anyone who resembles photographs of Mead.

A check of the Francis Marion Hotel statements covering the account of Huntington reflects that he checked out under date of May 17, 1936, and that the only charges made in addition to that for his room were charges of \$2.05 and \$2.25 for dining room services.

A check of statements covering the account of Tuttle reflected that he checked out under date of May 17, 1936, and that the only charge in addition to that for his room was a charge of 75¢ for baggage.

Vincent E. Milnor, Cashier, Francis Marion Hotel, who checked out both Huntington and Tuttle, advised the writer that he is unable to recall either and that he is also unable to recall anyone resembling photographs of Mead.

A check of the Francis Marion Hotel coffee shop ticket covering the 25¢ item charged to the account of Jenkinson reflects that it was for a bottle of Canada Dry ginger ale which was delivered to Room 514. A check of the Francis Marion Hotel dining room tickets covering the \$2.05 and \$2.25 items charged to the account of Huntington indicated that the first ticket was for two lunches served in the dining room under date of May 17, 1936, and that the second ticket was for two dinners served in the hotel dining room on the same date.

A photostatic copy has been made of the coffee shop ticket and also of each of the dining room tickets and same are being forwarded herewith to the office of origin.

It is here noted that the coffee shop ticket has been signed for in longhand by Jenkinson, and that the dining room tickets have been signed for in handprinting by A. W. Huntington.

Mr. Carl Espy, dining room steward, Francis Marion Hotel, stated that a check of dining room tickets covering charges of \$2.05 and \$2.25 to Huntington's account reflected that James Brown was the waiter in the first instance and that E. Ladd was the waiter in the second instance. Both waiters were unable to recall Huntington and his guest and knew of no instance this year in which a pocketbook was found in the dining room of the Francis Marion Hotel. Mr. Espy stated that a check of all available records failed to indicate the name of the party who delivered the bottle of ginger ale to Jenkinson, as indicated in the above mentioned coffee shop ticket. Mr. Espy, the above mentioned waiters, and other waiters in the Francis Marion Hotel dining room and coffee shop were shown photographs of Mead but were unable to remember seeing anyone who resembled him.

Mrs. C. C. Holt, auditor, Francis Marion Hotel, advised the writer that a check of her records failed to furnish any additional information concerning the 75¢ item charged to the account of Mr. Tuttle for baggage service as she presumes that this was an amount paid to the drayman who delivered Mr. Tuttle's baggage, and that no other records were kept of the transaction.

She also stated that her records failed to furnish any additional information such as record of telephone calls, telegrams, or other items through which Jenkinson or Huntington could be traced.

In addition to the parties already mentioned, photographs of Mead were shown to the following persons connected with the Francis Marion Hotel:

Robert Rosemond, Manager  
A. H. Brothers, House Detective  
M. O. Spyers, Clerk

All stated that they had no recollection of having seen anyone who resembled Mead.

Agent interviewed John S. Cator, Manager, and William A. Teague, Clerk, of the Fort Sumter Hotel, Charleston, S. C., and a check of records at that hotel failed to produce any record concerning James Melton. Photographs of Mead were shown to Mr. Cator, Mr. Teague, and other parties at the Fort Sumter Hotel but no one there could remember having seen Mead.

Copies of Identification Order #1354 issued for William Elmer Mead were left at both the Francis Marion and the Fort Sumter Hotels in Charleston with the request that this office be advised immediately if any information should later be received concerning Mead.

A photographic copy has been obtained by Special Agent W. A. Collier, Jr., of this office, covering registrations by Jenkinson and Huntington at Asheville, N. C., referred to in Agent Collier's report, submitted at Charlotte, N. C., under date of June 12, 1936, and same are being forwarded herewith to the office of origin.

A check of the Charlotte office file on this matter reflects that stop notice covering Pontiac Sedan, motor number 935,155, serial number 815,227, previously placed with the State motor vehicle bureaus in North and South Carolina were withdrawn under date of June 17, 1936, and that the motor vehicle bureaus for both states have, in reply to letters from this office, advised that they have no record of a 1936 Ford V-8 two-door sedan, motor number 2,044,337, or 1933 Standard Ford Coupe, Model 40, bearing motor number 18-429,014, but that stop notices are being placed against both cars and that this office will be advised if any future information is obtained concerning same. It is also noted that the only other car against which stop notices are pending in the States of North and South Carolina in connection with this case is a 1935 Plymouth sedan, motor number P1 322,772a.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

July 10, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
New York City, New York.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Information has been received that the McFadden Publica-  
tions have from time to time carried articles pertaining to the  
Bremer kidnaping.

It is requested that a check be made at the office of  
the McFadden Publications for the purpose of securing copies of  
the various issues in which the articles appeared, particular  
attention being given to the issues of the year 1934.

It is requested that this investigation be expedited  
and copies of the publications be forwarded to the Cleveland  
Bureau office.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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*Handwritten:* J. P. MacFarland

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO. 7-25

REPORT MADE AT <b>DETROIT, MICHIGAN</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7/10/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>5/11,14,16/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. B. MATNEY</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>AM</b></span>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Files at Detroit Bureau Office and records of the Michigan State Bankers Association, Lansing, Michigan, fail to reveal any information concerning new, uncut currency. Mr. A. Rickard of the Lone Star Detective Agency, Toledo, Ohio, advises Charles Kadie of Toledo has information concerning harborers of Karpis and Campbell.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Bureau letter dated April 28, 1936, to the Aberdeen Office.</p>			
DETAILS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">All of the bank robbery cases in the Detroit Bureau Office have been examined and none reveal any instance where uncut currency constituted the loot.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Special Agent J. Waldman of the Detroit Office contacted Mrs. Woodruff, Secretary of the Michigan Bankers Association, 1812 Olds Tower, Lansing, Michigan, who made a thorough check of all of the records in her possession and advised that she does not have a record of any bank robbery in which part of the loot was new, uncut currency. Mrs. Woodruff advised that if she later secured any such information she would immediately advise the Detroit Bureau Office.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Mr. A. Rickard of the Lone Star Detective Agency,</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>[Signature]</i>	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES		
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Toledo, Ohio, advised Special Agent L. C. Rumsey of this office, by telephone, that a Mr. Charles Kadie, who is an engineer at the Cherry School in Toledo, Ohio, could furnish some information regarding some manager of a night club on Dixie Highway who has harbored Karpis and Campbell while they were in Toledo. Mr. Rickard stated that he could give no more definite information but that he wished to pass this along for whatever it might be worth.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

The CLEVELAND OFFICE, at Toledo, Ohio, will conduct appropriate investigation.

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

July 10, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Mrs. Gertrude Willeter Miller, wife of Harry Campbell, has advised Special Agent E. B. Bill that she intends to leave Toledo, Ohio, on July 15, 1936, for Leavenworth, Kansas, for the purpose of visiting her husband at the United States Penitentiary. She stated that she intended to drive her Ford car and trailer, and would be accompanied by a young married couple, identities not disclosed.

Mrs. Miller furnished this information during an interview at the time certain personal effects of Harry Campbell were returned to her, and she was reluctant to furnish any information concerning any proposed trip to Leavenworth, Kansas, therefore, it is not definitely known whether Mrs. Miller will actually leave Toledo, Ohio, on the date mentioned.

It is requested that you make the appropriate arrangements to cover the visit of Harry Campbell and his wife in the event she does visit the penitentiary shortly after July 15, 1936.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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- Mr. Joseph .....
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- Mr. Tamm .....
- Mr. Tracy .....
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 YERKES OR WILLIAM A. PAISLEY ABLE TO IDENTIFY MEAD IF QUESTION  
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*Edw. Tamm*

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

July 9, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

RE: REXID

Reference is made to previous correspondence concerning Rene Holst, who at a future date is to be interviewed by your office relative to her association with members of the Barker-Karpis gang at the Casino Club, Toledo, Ohio. You will recall that she is presently residing in Cincinnati, Ohio, with one Lady Fleming, a former State of Ohio Prohibition Officer.

Recent information developed at Detroit, Michigan, in an interview with Ruth Wells, former sweetheart of Ted Angus, indicates that Lady Fleming was a frequent visitor at the Casino Club in 1934, and that he, at that time, had a speed boat which he endeavored to sell to the gang, and took them riding in order to demonstrate the boat.

At such time as Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley advises you to question Rene Holst, it is suggested that you also question Lady Fleming with reference to all knowledge he has of the presence of the gang at the Casino Club in 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. P. McFARLANE  
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

July 10, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

This is to advise you that the rental of the temporary offices being maintained in rooms 513-514, Edison Building, Toledo, Ohio, will expire on July 15, 1936, and it is believed advisable to continue the use of these offices for an additional thirty days, inasmuch as the investigation at Toledo, Ohio, has not been completed and the offices will be necessary for the purpose of interviewing the various witnesses and prospective subjects.

It is, therefore, requested that authority be granted to rent the office space now in use at Toledo, Ohio, for an additional thirty (30) days at the monthly rental of \$70.00.

Very truly yours,

*J. P. MacFarland*  
J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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Cleveland, Ohio.

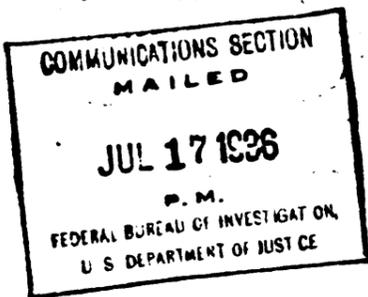
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of July 10, 1936, in which you requested authority to continue your occupancy of the offices now being used in the Edison Building, Toledo, Ohio, for an additional thirty day period.

You are hereby authorized to rent the space now in use for a thirty day period at the monthly rental of \$70.00.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



404 New York Bldg.  
St. Paul, Minnesota.  
July 9, 1936.

*RM*

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a copy of a letter addressed to United States Attorney George F. Sullivan, St. Paul, Minnesota, by Dr. F.J. Kesling, M.D., 100 Reed Avenue, Peoria, Illinois, in which he states that one Oscar Holoffe, has certain information relative to the Hamm and Bremer kidnappings.

You are requested to interview both Dr. Kesling and Oscar Holoffe in order to obtain whatever information of value they may be able to furnish.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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100 Reed Avenue,  
Peoria, Illinois.  
July 6, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

I have today contacted Mr. Oscar Holoffe, (Oscar Wilhoffe was the wrong name) here in Peoria. He is going to be here for a few days. He has restated his case to me, and has renamed those who were involved in the Hamm-Bremer kidnapings as well as those who were and are still involved in illicit liquor traffic in and about Bensonville and Joliet, Illinois.

I have convinced him that he should contact you and your men personally so that he can fully explain things to you. He is still afraid for his life, should he tell everything. He has taken a job as a dishwasher in Thompson's Restaurant, Peoria, working on the day shift. If you will contact him personally immediately, I am sure that he can furnish you with some very valuable information. However, from his conversation one might think that his mind was not right, but being a physician myself, I believe that he is all right.

It would be wise that this case be handled from outside of the Peoria District, inasmuch as one person involved bears the name of ~~Boyle~~, the same as our local U. S. District Attorney.

Very truly yours,

F. J. KESLING, M. D.

7-576-12290

P. O. Drawer 567  
San Francisco, California  
July 8, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID  
WEYNAP  
STOLNAP

I am enclosing herewith a copy of Bureau letter dated July 1, 1936, addressed to the Special Agent in Charge, Atlanta, Georgia, in connection with this case, which is self-explanatory.

Inasmuch as it has been ascertained that WILLIAM MAHAN is still confined at the McNeil Island Penitentiary, which is located in your district, it is requested that you take the action requested in the Bureau letter of reference, with regard to William Mahan, securing the handwriting specimens from him at the McNeil Island Penitentiary.

Very truly yours,

W. L. LISTERMAN,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

BRKID

Reference is made to your letter to the Bureau of June 20th relative to statements made by Alvin Karpis concerning certain Agents having been pointed out to him. The statements referred to were, among others, reported without comment by the reporting Agent as to their credibility.

It has been noted that this subject takes particular delight in endeavoring to impress Agents interviewing him as to his alleged knowledge of the activities of Agents of the Bureau who have conducted investigations in an effort to procure his apprehension. Special Agent John E. Brennan had a talk with him on this date and "off the record" he stated that he had been informed by someone in Arkansas that on the day of the raid on the vacant house near Hot Springs, the leader of the raid, accompanied by Agent Dameron, had taken this friend of his out in a car and endeavored to make him a proposition whereby the friend would inform them as to Karpis' whereabouts. This person knew Agent Dameron and had previously talked with Agent Dameron, but did not know whoever it was that he accompanied. From this you might possibly ascertain who Karpis' informant was.

He further stated that he had seen Agent Dameron both in Hot Springs and Little Rock, this friend of his, referred to above, having pointed Agent Dameron out to him after Dameron had interviewed this person relative to Karpis. He now repudiates his previous statement as to having had Special Agent in Charge Fletcher pointed out to him, stating that as Mr. Fletcher was Agent in Charge in that district he assumed it was he that was with Agent Dameron on the occasion mentioned.

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Very truly yours,

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C. W. STAIN  
Special Agent in Charge

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El Paso

*Edw. Brennan 7/10*

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

629 First National Bank Building,  
Omaha, Nebraska  
July 8, 1936

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

This is to inform you that Special Agent V. E. Criss, of the Chicago Bureau Office, arrived at Omaha, Nebraska at 7:20 A.M. today and departed for Chicago, Illinois at 4:00 P.M., this date.

Special Agent J. L. Flood, in a telephone conversation this date with Special Agent Kenneth McIntire of the Bureau, advised the latter of the above arrival and departure of Agent Criss, who accompanied an informant to Omaha in connection with the Brekid Case.

Very truly yours,

*R. A. Alt*  
R. A. ALT,  
Special Agent in Charge

*Edward J. Bremer*

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Washington Field Office, Room 4244,  
Washington, D. C.

July 13, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

*Veterans  
Admin*

Dear Sir:

As the result of a flash card placed of record with the Veterans Administration, Special Agent R. P. Burruss has today been informed [redacted] Branch 259, Veterans Administration, that a check for \$213.96 will be mailed to [redacted] representing the balance of adjusted compensation due the deceased veteran, William James Harrison.

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The above information was verbally transmitted by Agent Burruss to Mr. K. R. McIntire of the Bureau July 13, 1936.

Very truly yours,

*J. M. Keith*  
J. M. KEITH,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
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 Omaha, Nebraska

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

Director,  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Enclosing three (3) newspaper clippings, described below, relative to the apprehension of WILLIAM ELMES MEAD, I. O. 1354, by agents of this office:

- (1) July 8, 1936, Evening Omaha World-Herald
- (2) July 8, 1936, Evening Omaha Bee-News
- (3) July 9, 1936, Morning Omaha World-Herald

Very truly yours,

*R. A. Alt*  
 R. A. ALT,  
 Special Agent in Charge.

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*Edw. Bremer*

# Con Man No. 1 Held in Omaha

William Mead Seized  
by G-Men; Wanted  
in Bremer Kidnaping

Fingerprints Mutilated

Faces Indictment for  
Mail Fraud; Hoover  
Says 'Wast' Operator

William Elmer Mead, reputed  
to be the nation's No. 1 confidence  
man, was arrested this morning  
at an Omaha hotel for questioning  
in connection with the Bremer kid-  
naping.

Announcement of the arrest was  
made here by J. L. Flood, acting  
special agent in charge of the  
Omaha office of the bureau of in-  
vestigation, and in Washington by  
Attorney General Homer E. Cum-  
mings, Flood and Agent R. J.  
Abbatocchio made the arrest.

Mead, who has dozens of aliases  
and is known as "The Doctor,"  
"The Judge," and "Christ Kid,"  
will be turned over to postoffice  
inspectors after he has been ques-  
tioned by the G-men in connection  
with the kidnaping of Edward G.  
Bremer at St. Paul, Minn., in 1933.

Mead is under indictment on a  
mail fraud charge in Jacksonville,  
Fla., and is said to have made  
hundreds of thousands of dollars  
in confidence games.

Dillinger's Doctor Operated.

Attorney General Cummings  
said at Washington Mead's finger-  
prints had been mutilated by the  
same Chicago doctor who operated  
on John Dillinger. This was dis-  
covered when Mead was arrested  
on a traffic charge in Northamp-  
ton, Mass. July 12, 1935. He was  
fingerprinted and released on a  
two hundred-dollar bond, which he  
jumped.

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the  
bureau of investigation, said at  
Washington that Mead's operations  
as a confidence man "have been  
continuous over a period of ap-  
proximately 40 years" and that  
"swindles which he and his asso-  
ciates have perpetrated have ag-  
gregated hundreds of thousands of  
dollars."



AP Wirephoto  
William E. Mead, No. 1  
confidence man.

*Conf. William E. Mead  
7/8/36*

RE: BREKID

OMAHA FILE 7-4

During the course of the in-  
vestigation relating to the Bremer  
kidnaping, said Cummings, "it  
was learned that Mead had en-  
gaged in certain financial trans-  
actions which indicated that he  
would possibly have information  
concerning the abduction." Cum-  
mings said Mead was not suspect-  
ed of having been an active par-  
ticipant in the abduction.

Mead, Cummings said, was the  
confidant of Louis Piquett, lawyer  
who was recently convicted of  
harboring Homer Van Meter, a  
member of the Dillinger gang. It  
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throughout the country. Hoover  
said Mead "has maintained a high-  
ly efficient system of criminal con-  
tacts throughout the United  
States."

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scribed him as "an international  
swindler." He once served a term  
in England.

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according to postal officials, rig-  
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nia Kate."

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three years in California's San  
Quentin prison on a grand larceny  
charge. Later he was arrested fre-  
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pockets, shoplifting and confidence  
games.

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sentence in Colorado on a con-  
fidence game charge.

As Edwin Elza Gaynor, he got  
a year's sentence in England in  
1930 after he had been arrested  
by Scotland Yard detectives.

To Secret Jail.

He was indicted in Jacksonville  
in 1934 on a charge he and con-  
federates had swindled a man out  
of 13 thousand dollars. He jumped  
a 10 thousand-dollar bond. Ar-  
rested later in Chicago on the same  
charge, he again jumped a 10  
thousand-dollar bond.

Mead reached Omaha only last  
night and registered at a hotel  
as "H. Nyles, San Antonio." To-  
day bureau of investigation men  
refused to say where he was held.  
He was not taken to either the  
city or county jail.

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RE: BREKID  
Dillinger's Doctor Operated.  
Attorney General Cummings said at Washington Mead's fingerprints had been mutilated by the same Chicago doctor who operated on John Dillinger. This was discovered when Mead was arrested on a traffic charge in Northampton, Mass., July 12, 1935. He was fingerprinted and released on a two hundred-dollar bond, which he jumped.

# Con Man No. 1 Held Here in Bremer Quiz

## Elmer Mead, Much Sought Swindler, Caught in Hotel

7-9-1936  
G-men Wednesday night still were holding incommunicado in an unknown hideaway William Elmer Mead, international swindler and reputed confidence man No. 1 of the nation, who was taken into custody Wednesday morning in a downtown hotel for questioning in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case.

Department of justice agents here refused to discuss results of the questioning and were reported to be awaiting instructions from J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the bureau of investigation at Washington, D. C.

Postal Inspector Vernon C. Balle Wednesday afternoon said his office received instructions to take charge of Mead when G-men finish with him and arrange for his return to Jacksonville, Fla., where he faces an indictment charging use of mails to defraud.

Balle said Mead probably would be turned over to postal inspectors this morning. He will be taken before United States Commissioner Mary Mullen, who will set his bond. Mead already has jumped two 10 thousand dollar bonds in connection with the Florida indictment. Balle said he will ask that the bond be fixed so high that it will be difficult for Mead to raise it.

Balle said Mead also will be taken before Federal Judge James A. Donohoe for an order to allow Mead's transfer to Jacksonville.

The Jacksonville indictment charges that Mead, H. C. Howard, alias Leon Wilz, and William A. Shaw, alias Brady, swindled \$11,360 from Arthur C. Morton of Whitman, Mass., in 1921, through a stock market wire tapping scheme.

Mead pleaded innocent, later jumping his bond. Howard pleaded guilty and was sentenced to serve two years in the federal penitentiary and pay a fine of one thousand dollars. The prison sentence was suspended and Howard placed on probation for five years.

Shaw also pleaded guilty and served a five-year suspended sentence.

Announcement of Mead's arrest was made here by W. E. Flood, chief special agent in charge of the Miami office of the bureau of investigation and the Washington attorney general Homer S. Cummings, food and drug inspector.

Hoover said at Washington that Mead's operations as a confidence man "have been continuous over a period of approximately 40 years" and that "swindles which he and his associates have perpetrated have aggregated hundreds of thousands of dollars."

"During the course of the investigation relating to the Bremer kidnaping," said Cummings, "it was learned that Mead had engaged in certain financial transactions which indicated that he would possibly have information concerning the abduction." Cummings said Mead was not suspected of having been an active participant in the abduction.

Worked Race Tracks.  
Mead, Cummings said, was the confidant of Louis Piquett, lawyer who was recently convicted of harboring Homer Van Meter, a member of the Dillinger gang. It was Piquett, Cummings said, who took Mead to the doctor who performed the finger mutilation operation.

Mead is said to have operated around race tracks to a large extent. He is a "pay off" con man, according to postal officials, rigging some scheme to get the victim to put up a large amount of money in a deal "as evidence of good faith."

According to a bureau of investigation circular, Mead speaks in a querulous manner, often saying "ain't" and using double negatives. His wife is known as "Klondike Kate," "Frisco Kate" and "California Kate."

First Held in '86.  
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In 1923 he started a three-year sentence in Colorado on a confidence game charge. As Edwin Elza Gaynor, he got a year's sentence in England in 1930 after he had been arrested by Scotland Yard detectives.

George Williams, 2213 Mason street, accused of stealing painter's equipment belonging to M. E. Munson, 518 South Twenty-sixth street, was bound over to district court Wednesday morning on a charge of grand larceny.

**SEIZE SUSPECT HERE  
IN BREMER KIDNAPING**

Re. BREMER  
Omaha File 7-4

Omaha News Bee  
7/8/35

# FACE OF CONFIDENCE MEN ARRESTED AT OMAHA HOTEL

William F. Mead, described as the nation's cleverest confidence man, was arrested by federal bureau of investigation operatives in the lobby of the Hotel Fontenelle Wednesday morning as the "finger man" in the Bremer kidnaping case.

Mead was taken by the G-men in a secret fall and was being questioned regarding the Bremer case Wednesday afternoon.

He was arrested by Omaha agents of the Department of Justice, headed by J. L. Flood.

Mead had registered as H. Niles.

Announcement of the arrest was made in Washington by Attorney General Homer Cummings. J. Edgar Hoover, director of the bureau of investigation, said Mead "has maintained a highly efficient system of criminal contacts in the United States, is an international confidence man and was a 'confidant' of Louis Piquetti, Chicago lawyer, convicted of harboring a Dillinger gangster."

Mead's fingerprints had been mutilated by the same doctors who performed facial operations and fingerprint defacements on John Dillinger and Homer Van Meter, according to Hoover.

## LINKED WITH KARPIS

It was understood here that Mead is wanted as the "finger man" in the kidnaping of Edward Bremer in St. Paul two years ago

—a crime for which a number have been convicted and for which Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, is now facing trial.

In Washington, however, Hoover intimated Mead's connection with the case was a financial one.

"During the course of the investigation relating to the kidnaping of Bremer," Hoover said, "Mead engaged in certain financial transactions which indicated he would possibly have information regarding the abduction."

"Although Mead's apprehension has not been sought as an actual participant in the abduction, efforts have been made to locate him for purposes of questioning him in connection with that matter."

## JAILED SECRETLY

Flood would not divulge the whereabouts of Mead, but said he was being questioned somewhere in or near Omaha. The prisoner was not taken to police headquarters, police in fact, were not asked to assist in the arrest.

In Washington Mead's age was given as 59. Flood said local police criminal records give his age as 63.

He has a record dating back to 1896, when he was arrested in Los Angeles for grand larceny, and served a three-year term. Since then he has operated on an international scale.

In 1920 he was arrested by Scotland Yard detectives in London on a charge of conspiracy and attempt to steal by confidence trick. For these two charges he served a year in prison, at hard labor.

"The record shows that he is the kingpin of all confidence men," Flood said.

Mead operated his swindling schemes principally around race tracks, usually with three to five associates.

He has been sought unsuccessfully since he jumped a \$10,000 bond in Chicago three years ago, following his arrest for mail fraud at Jacksonville, Fla. A year ago he was arrested in Northampton, Mass., on a minor auto charge, and again skipped bond. Northampton police did not recognize their prisoner, but his identity was learned through finger prints in Washington.

Hoover said Mead and his accomplices have perpetrated swindles which have aggregated hundreds of thousands of dollars.

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July 11, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Aberdeen, South Dakota

Re: WILLIAM FINN READ, with aliases,  
I. O. 1254;  
WANTED FOR QUESTIONING.

Dear Sir:

Inasmuch as the apprehension of the above named person is no longer desired by the Bureau, you are instructed to cause the data relative to this person to be canceled in the Pocket Identification Order Booklet in the possession of each Agent attached to your office.

The number of this person in the booklet is 115.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

*Edgar Hoover*

*This is a form letter sent to all S.A.'s, Supervisors, & Agents. E.H.*

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MEMORANDUM FOR IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

Information has been received to the effect that subject WILLIAM E. MEADE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, Index No. 5980, was located at Omaha, Nebraska, on July 8, 1936.

*Edw. J. Bremer*

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>PHILADELPHIA, PA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7/11/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/7 &amp; 10/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. L. FALLON</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Walter Robert Armstrong at present time incarcerated in New Castle County Workhouse, Wilmington, Delaware, where he is serving sentence of six months for false pretenses. Upon interview admits he used name of Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston in various transit camps throughout United States. Fingerprint impressions taken by Bureau Agents and same do not correspond with those of Fugitive Moran.</p>			
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REFERENCE: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Report of Special Agent J. Michael McGrath, Aberdeen, S. Dak., dated December 21, 1935.</p>			
DETAILS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><u>AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">This investigation is predicated upon information received from Special Agent R. P. Burruss, of the Washington Field Office, by telephone on July 7, 1936, which, in substance, concerned the files of the Veterans' Administration, Washington, D. C., reflecting that Walter R. Armstrong had received his bonus certificates at P. O. Box #692, Wilmington, Delaware, and that Armstrong may be Dr. Joseph P. Moran, Fugitive, I. O. #1232.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><u>AT WILMINGTON, DELAWARE.</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Accordingly, the following Agents proceeded to</p>			
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Wilmington, Delaware: Special Agents A. Schroeder, G. C. Callan, E. J. Gebben, and the writer, at which place Assistant Postmaster W. J. McBlain informed that the Post Office Box in question was listed under the Sunday Breakfast Mission, and a further check of the people who received mail there showed that Walter R. Armstrong was one of these parties.

A check of the Sunday Breakfast Mission, 117 Shipley Street, revealed that Armstrong had been arrested in May, 1935, for false pretenses and passing fraudulent checks, and at present is serving a sentence in the New Castle County Workhouse at Wilmington.

Mr. R. Wilson, Warden of the Workhouse, gave Agents permission to talk to Armstrong, and the following information was obtained from the conversation which ensued: That he (Armstrong) was born and reared in Minneapolis, Minn., is 47 years of age, and served time in the U. S. Army Air Corps; that he was married at Minneapolis, and is not presently living with his wife; that no children were born by this union; that his parents are deceased, and he does not have any near relatives. He readily admitted that he had been in Fargo, N. Dak., and had worked for the Veterans Administration at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, D. C., and when questioned as to the information set out in the reference report, he admitted that he had been at most of the transient camps mentioned, also in Montana, and that he had spent part of the summer of 1934 on a dude ranch; that he returned to Minneapolis, Minn., and thence went to Wilmington, where he has been for the past eight months at the Breakfast Mission House acting in the capacity of Clerk. Armstrong informed that his greatest trouble was the imbibing too freely in intoxicating liquors. He admitted the following criminal activities: stealing a car in Paul's Valley, Okla., and being sentenced to serve five years in the McAlester Penitentiary in January, 1934; he served nine months of this term and was released on parole; he served time in Michigan State Penitentiary for false pretenses under his correct name; after his release from the State Penitentiary at Oklahoma (McAlester) he immediately proceeded to Minneapolis, Minn.

In an effort to drop his past, he claims he used the family name of Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston, having obtained his medical knowledge through reading books in the penitentiary and assisting the medical authorities at the State Penitentiary at Oklahoma.

Armstrong is an educated man, claiming that he attended the Michigan Medical School, and worked at the Probation Hospital,

Brooklyn, N. Y., and was also with the Veterans Administration at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, D. C., during 1920 and 1921. He is quite conversant in Latin, and also has a smattering of French.

The fingerprint impressions of Walter R. Armstrong were taken by Agent Schroeder and were compared against those of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, Fugitive, I. O. #1232, dated September 14, 1934, and no comparison whatever was effected. However, Armstrong does resemble the picture of Moran on the I. O.

The records of the Wilmington Police Department show that Armstrong was arrested under the name of Walter R. Armstrong on April 20, 1936, at Wilmington, Delaware, for false pretenses, entered a plea of guilty on May 1, 1936, before Judge Rodney, of the General Sessions Court, for false pretenses and passing fraudulent checks, and was sentenced to serve six months in the New Castle County Workhouse. The fingerprint card under Wilmington, Del. PD #4107, was forwarded to the Bureau under date of April 20, 1936, under the name of Walter R. Armstrong. There is a picture at the present time in the Wilmington Police Department under number 4007.

The fingerprints obtained from Armstrong at the New Castle County Workhouse are being forwarded to the Identification Division for future reference.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with  
aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1252;  
ET AL;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim;  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent  
J. L. Fallon dated at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 11,  
1936 in which it is shown that Walter Robert Armstrong  
has been located at the New Castle County Workhouse,  
Wilmington, Delaware, and that he has admitted using the  
alias of "Dr. Robert Carville Orniston" while living in  
various transient camps in North Dakota during the summer  
of 1935.

It is the Bureau's desire, in spite of his  
admission that he used the name of "Orniston", that numerous  
handwriting specimens be obtained from him, to be compared  
with the handwriting of Dr. Joseph P. Moran now in the  
possession of the Bureau. These handwriting specimens  
should be in pencil and also in ink, and should contain hand  
printing as well as handwriting.

When these specimens have been obtained, they  
should be submitted promptly to the Bureau with the request  
that they be compared with the known handwriting specimens  
of Dr. Joseph P. Moran which are now on file in the Bureau's  
Technical Laboratory. This matter should be expedited.

- Mr. Nathan .....
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- Miss Gandy .....

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Very truly yours,  
John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc Cincinnati  
Cleveland  
St. Paul  
Mr. Connelley at Chicago.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

629 First National Bank Building  
Omaha, Nebraska

July 8, 1936

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AIR MAIL  
SPECIAL DELIVERY

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. 1232; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL  
FIREARMS ACT.

I am attaching herewith three sets of the finger-  
prints of William Elmer Mead, I. O. 1354, which were taken  
by Special Agent R. J. Abbaticchio.

I am having Mead again fingerprinted tomorrow and  
will forward the prints to the Bureau. Inasmuch as he has  
had his fingerprints mutilated and it is presumed the Bureau  
should have several copies of the prints.

Very truly yours,

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R. A. ALT,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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*Memo Mr. Edwards*  
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PHONE. BREKID. CHARLES O. LONG AND MRS MEAD TALKED TO WILLIAM KIMMER  
MEAD ON TELEPHONE AT NINE THIRTY LAST NIGHT. MEAD REQUESTED INFORMANT  
TO MEET HIM AT FONTENELLE HOTEL, OMAHA, NEBRASKA, BETWEEN TEN AM AND

NOON JULY 8. INFORMANT IS WILLING TO GO TO OMAHA AND MEET MEAD AND BE  
ARRESTED WITH HIM AS HERETOFORE REQUESTED. ADVISES POSSIBILITY WILL MEET  
AT SOME OTHER HOTEL. VERY DISCREET SHADOWING WILL BE NECESSARY. ADVISE  
WHETHER AUTHORITY GRANTED TO ADVANCE EXPENSES FOR INFORMANT TO TRAVEL TO  
OMAHA. IF GRANTED AUTHORITY REQUESTED FOR AGENT OF THIS OFFICE TO ACCOMPANY  
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*This is vital. Give it  
special attention.*



**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG**

**BREMER KIDNAPPING**

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U. S. Department of Justice

1300 Liberty Trust Building  
Philadelphia Pennsylvania

July 11, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. L. Fallon, Philadelphia, dated July 11, 1936, in the above entitled matter.

Attached hereto you will find the fingerprints of WALTER R. ~~ARMSTRONG~~, alias DR. ROBERT CARVILLE ~~MORRISON~~, which were taken by Special Agent A. Schroeder, of this office, under date of July 7, 1936, at the New Castle County Workhouse, Wilmington, Del.

These fingerprints were compared with those of DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - Fugitive, I. O. #1232, and no comparison whatsoever was effected.

Very truly yours,

*R. E. Vetterli*  
R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. Nathan	✓
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: William Elmer Meade.

Mr. Parrish of the Criminal Division telephoned me with reference to the above named person. He said he was wondering what disposition the Bureau was going to make of him, since he is informed by the Tax Division that they have a little tax case on him in Chicago, and he also has some information concerning a con game charge down in Florida.

I informed Mr. Parrish that Meade was today arraigned before the United States Commissioner in Omaha on the mail fraud case in Jacksonville, Florida, after which he was turned over to the Post Office Inspectors.

Mr. Parrish inquired as to what kind of a bail was going to be had for this man, stating that it was his opinion he should not be given bail at all, since he had on two or three previous occasions jumped bail. I told Mr. Parrish that this was not a matter in which the Bureau is interested, since the man had been turned over to the Inspectors without any strings whatever, but it would appear to me they ought to at least ask for a bond of something like \$250,000 in view of the previous unpleasant experiences which they have had with this man and his bail bonds. Mr. Parrish indicated that of his own volition, he would probably communicate with the USA in Omaha and instruct him to ask for a high bail in this case.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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July 9, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: CHARLES JOSEPH FITZGERALD,  
with aliases, et al;  
WILLIAM A. HARRIS, JR. -  
VICTIM - KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

In view of the fact that Fitzgerald has recently pleaded guilty to the indictments charging him with complicity in the Harris abduction, and in view of the further fact he indicated a certain willingness to discuss matters of interest to this Bureau, it is decided that during your discussion with him all possible information be obtained with reference to the Graham-McKay group in Reno, Nevada.

Fitzgerald indicated to Agents of the Los Angeles Office at the time of his apprehension that he knew Graham and McKay as early as 1930, and was introduced to Tobe Williams, proprietor of the Vallejo General Hospital, Vallejo, California by Graham and McKay. Investigation in the Dillinger and Bremer cases has disclosed that both the Dillinger and Karpis-Barker gangs had intimate contact with Graham and McKay. It will be recalled that "Baby Face" Nelson was at one time reported to be a chauffeur for William Graham.

It is my desire that Fitzgerald be interviewed thoroughly with regard to all possible contacts of members of the Dillinger-Karpis-Barker gangs. Fitzgerald should also be interviewed with regard to the source of machine guns and items of equipment which various gangs are able to obtain.

You should assign an Agent to interview Fitzgerald who is familiar with all aspects of the major cases which the Bureau has handled in recent years so that all possible information may be obtained from Fitzgerald.

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Very truly yours,

7-576-12303

John Edgar Hoover,

Director.  
Mr. E.J. Connelley,  
Chicago.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 10, 1936.

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- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Dawsey
- Mr. Edwards ✓
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Foxworth
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. J. J. [unclear]
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- Mr. [unclear]

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*Edwards*  
*R. E. Newby*

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS.

Please be advised that three sets of fingerprints of William Elmer Mead, I.O. #1354, were received in the Identification Division on July 9, 1936, by air mail, special delivery.

The fingerprint cards reflect the arrest of Mead by Special Agents of the Bureau at Omaha, Nebraska, on July 8, 1936. They have been identified and made a part of the Bureau's fingerprint file of William Elmer Mead.

Respectfully,

*R. E. Newby*  
R. E. Newby.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MECHANICAL SECTION

Transmitted herewith is a memorandum containing data for Apprehension Order No. 408 on William Elmer Mead, Identification Order No. 1254.

The data concerning Mead should be withdrawn from the Pocket Identification Order Booklet.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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*Edward A. Brennan*

Enclosure No. 1047254.

- Mr. Nathan
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 10, 1936

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APPREHENSION ORDER  
NO. 1354-408

Re: WILLIAM ELMER MEAD, with  
aliases: J. W. Reed, John Henry  
Foster, Edwin Elza Gayner, Charles  
E. Carter, G. C. Chase, J. W. Barker,  
J. B. Parker, "Christ Kid", E. E.  
Laird, Edward E. Gayner, C. C. Chase,  
John J. Meadows, William E. Mead,  
"Judge", J. E. Read, one Fuller, one  
Clark, C. L. Lane, C. E. Charles,  
Frank Taylor, Dr. John P. Carver,  
William E. Mead, William E. Meade, J. C.  
Walters, J. W. Parker, William Meade,  
Elmer W. Mead, Frank F. Taylor, John  
E. Foster, W. Elmer Mead;  
WANTED FOR QUESTIONING.

Dear Sir:

Identification Order No. 1354 on the above named subject is  
hereby canceled, inasmuch as he was located at Omaha, Nebraska, July 8,  
1936.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

THIS CANCELS IDENTIFICATION ORDER NO. 1354.

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607 U. S. Court House  
Foley Square  
New York, N. Y.

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July 13, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Inadvertently this Office in its letter dated July 2, 1936 to your Office, did not inquire relative to whether or not it was necessary to continue Stop Orders placed against all \$1,000 bills issued by the Atlanta Federal Reserve bank beginning with F-000224514 and ending with F-000225024.

In a letter from the Cincinnati Office to the Director dated July 21, 1935, a copy of which was furnished to the New York Office, the various field offices were requested to circularize all banks in their districts and to have Stop Orders placed against the \$1,000 bills mentioned above. This Office wishes to advise that this was done in accordance with instructions and it would now like to be advised whether these Stop Orders should be continued.

In the event you advise that these Stop Orders against this money are no longer necessary, the same will be withdrawn and this case will be referred upon completion to the office of origin as there are no outstanding leads in this territory at the present time.

Of course, Stop Orders will be retained against the Plymouth 1935 sedan, motor #PJS22722, and the 1935 Ford V-8 sedan, motor #2044557.

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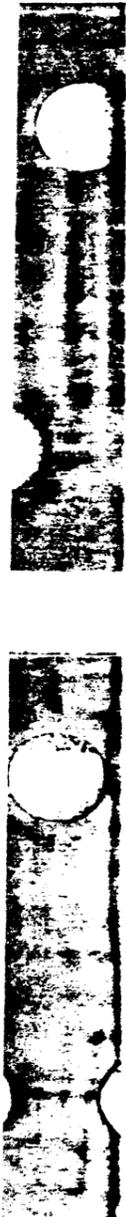
According to the file there is also a Stop Order against Claude Nimerick, alias C. L. Harris, outstanding in the Police Departments of New York City, Yonkers, Mineola, Nassau County Police in the State Police Department of Hartford, Conn. These stop orders against the automobiles and against Nimerick will be continued until this Office is advised to withdraw the same. A letter has been forwarded to the Motor Vehicle Commissioner, Hartford, Conn., requesting Stop Orders against two automobiles.

Very truly yours,

JUL 14 1936

cc-Bureau  
Chicago  
St. Paul  
Cleveland

R. WHITLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.



*Adm. L. Division  
\*New York*

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July 7, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

With further reference to my memorandum of May 11, 1936, in which I submitted to you information reflecting the obvious lack of desire on the part of certain members of the Post Office Inspection Staff to cooperate with Special Agents of this Bureau, I desire to bring to your attention an incident which occurred during the occasion of the recent contact had by Post Office Inspectors with a Special Agent of this Bureau.

Post Office Inspectors Sylvester Metrick and Jesse F. Cordrey last week interviewed Alvin Karpis in the presence of a Special Agent of this Bureau for the purpose of obtaining from him details concerning the Warren, Ohio mail robbery. After this interview with Karpis, the Inspectors stated to a Special Agent of this Bureau that they, the Inspectors, had procured the original information which led to the apprehension of both Karpis and Campbell and claimed that they had been "double-crossed" by the Bureau. Obviously, and as indicated by my previous memorandum, the Post Office Inspectors are misstating the facts in this situation. The Post Office Inspectors further informed the Bureau Agent that they held nothing against Agents of the Bureau, since they felt that they were merely following the instructions of their superiors and claimed that I, as Director of the Bureau, feared that the Post Office Inspection Service would criticize the Bureau for lack of cooperation in the apprehension of Karpis and Campbell and accordingly to prevent this criticism from the Post Office Department, I took the initiative and issued statements critical of the Post Office Inspection Service's failure to cooperate with this Bureau, thereby blocking the Post Office Inspection Service from making a similar complaint.

These Post Office Inspectors further informed the Bureau Agent that they had noted a desire among the Bureau Agents to keep the Director of the Bureau informed of the Agents' activities and of the activities of the Post Office Inspectors, which characteristic led to some disagreement among the Agents and Inspectors who were supposed to be working together. These Post Office Inspectors were very critical of the personal characteristics of the Special Agent in Charge of the detail conducting the above investigation that led to the apprehension of Karpis and Campbell, which criticism, I frankly believe to be attributed to motives of personal jealousy. These Post Office Inspectors

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criticized several Bureau Agents specifically by name, including the Agent and his modus operandi who obtained the immediate information resulting in the apprehension of Harry Caspbell and which information had been completely overlooked by the Post Office Inspectors during their investigation conducted prior to the Bureau's investigation of this phase of the case.

The Post Office Inspectors informed the Bureau Agent that six Post Office Inspectors had recently been in Washington when there was a rumor of a Congressional investigation of the lack of cooperation between the two investigative units, in order that these Inspectors might urge that a Congressional investigation would be made of all of the facts in this matter.

Inspector Hetrick specifically stated that there is now in Toledo, Ohio a person whose identity and location he knows and who is being sought by this Bureau for questioning, and that Inspector Hetrick had refused to furnish the information in his possession to Bureau Agents and would continue to do so. Hetrick further claimed that he knows the location of an individual who he believes the Bureau is seeking but whose location he will not disclose to the Bureau.

I feel it is needless to point out that such continued statements on the part of representatives of the Post Office Inspection Service made to Special Agents of this Bureau and other law enforcement officers will inevitably lead to further friction between the Bureau and the Post Office Inspection Service.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

July 7, 1936

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: BREKID

You will recall that it has been rumored from time to time that a pay off was made by members of the Karpis-Barker gang during September, 1934, when they are alleged to have been tipped off by members of the Cleveland Police Department. There has been some intimation that a diamond bracelet was the consideration for this tip off. James Spear, a detective on the Shaker Heights Police Department, which city lies adjacent to Cleveland, has advised that he has heard rumors that at the time a raid was conducted on the residence of Karpis in Cleveland, Ohio during September, 1934, a police sergeant, whose identity is not known, and who was in charge of the raid squad, ordered the cruisers to meet on a street next to the street on which the gang was living, and that he sent one cruiser to stop in front of the correct address which was a signal for the mob to leave. Spear has declared that two of the detectives in the cruiser which stopped in front of the house had no knowledge of the setup. According to Spear the pay off was a diamond bracelet. The two detectives in the cruiser who are alleged to have been ignorant of the entire affair, are said to be Hugo and Jacobs. Jacobs is now dead. The Sergeant in charge of the detail was Bernard Wolf. Wolf, as you will recall, was the officer of the Cleveland Police Department who made the allegation after the apprehension of Karpis that agents had not cooperated with the Cleveland Police Department, and at the time a raid was conducted at the home previously occupied by Wynona Burdette and Harry Campbell, a shooting fracas almost arose between agents and members of the Cleveland Police Department.

The Cleveland Office has ascertained that one Ferris, a lieutenant of the Pittsburgh Police Department, at one time had a run-in with Bernard Wolf and it is alleged that he may have information of value concerning Wolf. The Pittsburgh Office has been called upon to interview Ferris to this end.

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In previous memoranda I have informed you of advise received from Gladys Sawyer to the effect that a police matron had expressed a willingness during September, 1934 to place Gladys Sawyer, Wynona Burdette and Paula Harmon on the streets in consideration of \$500.00. Safety Director Eliot Ness of Cleveland, Ohio, has expressed a willingness to cooperate in this matter and has promised to secure the names of all matrons and detectives who were on duty on September 5, 1934. This matter will be followed up by the Cleveland Office.

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[REDACTED] has advised agents in Toledo that after Bureau Agents commenced interviewing several madams operating houses of prostitution, most of these houses immediately closed down; that the pay off for the month had been made at that time, and when the houses closed the collector was forced to "kick back" part of the collection. [REDACTED] informed that it is reported that the City Hall newspaper reporters get \$200.00 a month each from the "take"; that the reporters are Joe Gibbs, Mike Desmond, and Jack Flanagan; and that Gibbs and Desmond are very close friends of Captain Timiney and give him a boost whenever possible. [REDACTED] Julius Davis, a jeweler, has been around to the various houses of prostitution and has instructed the landladies and inmates thereof to keep still and not to sign statements.

Captain Charles <sup>+</sup>Hennessey, [REDACTED] and who was formerly in charge of the Vice Squad, advised agents that he resigned as head of the Vice Squad on February 16, 1934, and stated that he refused to take graft and would not play ball with the criminal element. Hennessey also informed that Ted and Bert Angus handled graft from vice and other sources for six or seven years until Timiney was removed from the Vice and Hoodlum Squads; that he has no doubts but that Timiney knew the true identities of members of the Karpis-Barker gang when they were in Toledo during the summer of 1934. It is also interesting to note that one Frank Roush, who was formerly a policeman in Toledo, resigned some time ago in order to enter the slot machine racket business.

Detective James <sup>+</sup>Ford of the Toledo Police Department was likewise formerly in charge of the Vice Squad. He advised that the Micovoli mob was imported into Toledo by the Fretti brothers to take

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over the manufacture of liquor. Ford stated that when he heard of the presence of the Licovoli mob he sent out word that they would not be tolerated in Toledo and that three days later he was removed from the Vice and Hoodlum Squads.

Information has been obtained that George Timiney formerly cohabited with a woman known as Deane Allen, and that he is now living with one Edith Marks who is the former wife of the deceased Chat Marks, an underworld character. In fact it has been shown that Timiney's bonus money was sent to the address occupied by Edith Marks.

A signed statement has been obtained from Mrs. Petra Kofer of Toledo, Ohio, who was a close personal friend of Clara McGraw. Campbell, as you will recall, resided at the McGraw home and it was there that he met Gertrude Billeter. In her statement Mrs. Kofer alleges that she was introduced to Harry Campbell by Clara McGraw under the name of Bob Miller; that Clara McGraw alleged Miller to be her cousin and to be engaged as a contractor. Some time thereafter Clara McGraw informed Mrs. Kofer that Campbell was not in fact her cousin, but gave no further explanation. It would undoubtedly appear that Clara and Edward McGraw were thoroughly cognizant of the true identity of Campbell. There is the additional factor that Charles A. Fitzgerald, as early as 1919, was frequenting Toledo, Ohio in the liquor racket, and at that time was acquainted with Fred and Catherine Goulet who operate a restaurant known as the Goulet Grill at which place Harry Campbell and Sheriff James O'Reilly frequently drank beer and conversed together concerning dogs. The Goulets and McGraws are well known to one another and it is not unreasonable to suppose that Campbell may have had an entree to many persons in Toledo including the McGraws and Goulets through Fitzgerald.

Information has now been obtained from Charles O. Long of Chicago, who you will recall was the former companion of William Elmer Meade, to the effect that the "fix" in Toledo, Ohio is usually collected by Sam Hessler, an underworld character. Hessler in turn accomplishes his "fix" through Sergeant William Culver. Long alleged that Culver collected this graft for Captain George Timiney.

Respectfully,

K. B. McIntire.

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- Mr. Nathan
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

**Cincinnati, Ohio**

FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Burke, Montana</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7/10/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/8/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>Russell Bryan</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; MR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE; I.O. #1332; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>Kidnaping, Harboring and Obstruction of Justice; National Firearms Act</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <p style="text-align: center;">Investigation at Bear Lake, Idaho, without results. Mr. or Mrs. Cramer not known at Lakota or Fish Haven Beach on Bear Lake, Idaho. P</p>			
Reference:  <p style="text-align: center;">Report of Special Agent Val C. Zimmer, Salt Lake City, Utah, 6-17-36.</p>			
DETAILS: <b>At Bear Lake, Idaho</b>  Agent interviewed George Hoffman, who is interested in the Lakota Beach, which is located on the lower end of Bear Lake, Idaho, under the pretext of locating Mr. Cramer, who is supposed to have a summer resort and hotel at Bear Lake, Idaho, or Fish, and Mr. Hoffman stated that he had never heard of anyone known as Cramer in that part of the country and knew that no person named Cramer had a summer resort at Bear Lake, Idaho. Mr. Hoffman stated that a man named Bates conducted the Fish Haven Beach and had owned it for several years. Agent searched both Lakota and Fish Haven Beach and saw everyone there, but was unable to locate William E. Hod; as there were probably about 250 people on both beaches, Agent was able to see every			
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Agent again interviewed Mr. Hoffman regarding a resort known as Big Lake, which is supposed to be in the State of Utah. Hoffman advised that there were five lakes in Utah in the mountains about northeast of Salt Lake City, Utah, and that in going to these lakes it was necessary to go to Evanston, Wyoming, and then go on some side road from there, but that the lakes were in the State of Utah and that it was his opinion that one of these lakes was known as Big Lake, although he was not certain about the location of this resort, but stated that he had heard that there was good trout fishing in this particular place. Hoffman stated he had never been at this resort and could give Agent no further information regarding it.

**UNDEVELOPED LEAD:**

The SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE will endeavor to locate this particular resort in the neighborhood of Evanston, Wyoming, although said lake is in the State of Utah, and make such investigation as is appropriate.

**ENDING**

for file 7-576

Laboratory Report

Case:

July 14, 1936

Number:

7-576-1231

Specimens: Unknown Subjects  
John Samoklowski,  
Victim, Extortion,

Requested that specimens 7-576-10767 A and B in BREKID case be compared with the typewritten letters in the above-entitled case.

Examination requested by:

Chicago

Date received:

July 9, 1936

Examination requested:

Document

Result of examination:

Examination by:

Madison

*Edwin Bremer*

The examiner has reached the conclusion that the typewriting on specimens 7-576-10767 A and B and the typewriting on the two extortion notes previously received in connection with the above-entitled case was all produced on the same typewriter. Attention is called to Laboratory Report 9604 wherein it was stated that the typewriting in the above-entitled case was found to be identical with the typewriting in the following cases:

- Unknown Subjects, A. S. Park Company - Victim, Extortion, Bureau file 9-1000
- Unknown Subjects, Michael L. Lyle - Victim, Extortion, Bureau file 9-1486
- Unknown Subjects, Local Loan Company - Victim, Extortion, Bureau file 9-511

- 3-Bureau (1 for file 9-1445, 9-1486, 9-511, 7-576)
- 4-Chicago
- 1-St. Paul
- 1-Cincinnati
- 1-Cleveland
- 1-Mr. E. J. Connelley - Chicago
- 2-Bureau (1 for file 9-1445, 9-1486, 9-511, 7-576)

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RECORDED 7-576-12311 July 21, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: Unknown Subject;  
John Panaskiewicz - Victim, Murderer.

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 Bureau July 8, 1936.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:

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cc - Mr. Felt  
Cincinnati  
Cleveland  
Mr. E. J. Connelley - Chicago

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

**Cleveland** FILE NO. **7-1**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Cleveland, Ohio</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7/11/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/2-8/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. C. SURAN</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>EJB</b></span>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

John J. Murtha, former employee of Casino Club, identifies photographs of various members of Barker-Karpis gang as frequenting Casino Club from May, 1934, until September, 1934 and states they associates with Angus brothers and their women; also states George Timiney visited Casino Club during this period. Mrs. Edith Marks, former paramour of George Timiney, states she was present, in February, 1934, at Casino Club when Angus brothers and Timiney had Willie Harrison arrested as a joke; that former Sheriff Dave Kreiger received \$200 per month as a pay off to permit The Chateau, a gambling house to operate; that madams of houses of prostitution visited Ted Angus at the Casino Club. Mrs. Marks advised that George Timiney spent a great deal more money than he earned as a police officer. Ruth Wells, who is alleged to have broken with Ted Angus, in signed statement admits presence of gang at Casino Club in summer of 1934; that she aided Wynona Burdette in purchase of furniture and entrance to St. Vincent's Hospital; that she learned of true identity of gang for first time in Toledo newspapers after arrest of three women in Cleveland, Ohio, in September, 1934, which arrest she discussed with Ted Angus; that thereafter, Campbell stopped at Casino Club and gave Ted Angus money to apply on doctor bill of Wynona Burdette, which money was paid on bill by Ruth Wells. Nell Carr and Nell Larkins, former entertainers at Casino Club, failed to furnish information of value. New Casino closed until September 16, 1936, and Ted Angus reported to have left Toledo. Charles (Joker) Kennedy denies having had a conversation with Joe Roscoe

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concerning Harry Campbell. Fred Goulet admits watching Campbell and Ted Angus at time of voting registration on 4/13/36. Catherine Goulet interviewed with negative results. Check in vicinity of Bert Angus' cottage at Niles Beach, Ohio, unproductive. Tom Worland interested in American Legion Dugout, a gambling place near Port Clinton, Ohio. Allen Clemons, slot machine "king" in Ottawa County, Ohio. Partial check of Toledo newspapers reflects photographs of Karpis and Doc Barker appeared as early as 3/26/34 in issue of Toledo Times. Telephone taps installed on telephones of Maxine Belmont and on office of Earl (Ike) Wittenberg, bondsman, on 7/6/36.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, 7/3/36.

DETAILS: AT TOLEDO, OHIO; YPSILANTI, DETROIT and LAKESIDE, MICHIGAN

This report covers the activities of Special Agents H. B. Dill, E. J. Wynn, J. V. Murphy, E. J. Dowd, D. P. Syllivan, R. A. Guerin, and R. C. Suran, who have been engaged on the investigation of the individuals who harbored members of the Barker-Karpis gang at Toledo, Ohio, while members of the gang were fugitives.

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On July 2, 1936, Special Agent D. P. Sullivan located John Murtha at the Bartenders, Waiters and Cooks Union, Local 216, Second floor, 403 Jackson Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, and brought him to the temporary office being maintained at Toledo, Ohio, where he was interviewed by Special Agents R. C. Suran and D. P. Sullivan. He signed the following typewritten statement:

"Toledo, Ohio  
"July 2, 1936.

"I, JOHN J. MURTHA, make the following written statement to R. C. Suran and D. P. Sullivan, whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. I make this statement voluntarily no threats or promises having been made to me, knowing that same may be used against me.

"I was born in Jamaica, Long Island, N. Y. on August 1, 1895. I was raised in Ireland until I was about twelve years of age. On my return I resided in New York City and Philadelphia where I attended school. In 1917 I joined the U. S. Army serving in the Medical Corps and served until July 22, 1918.

"From 1918 until 1928 I was employed by the Fisher Body and the Murray Body firms the greater portion of the time at their plants in Detroit, Mich. In 1928 I came to Toledo, Ohio, where I have continuously resided except for occasional periods when I got employment in other towns.

"In about 1926 or 1927 I was arrested in Detroit, Mich., while in a speakeasy where I was employed, but was not charged with any violation of law and was released. I was fingerprinted at that time. About 1928 I was arrested while taking a case of beer out of a speakeasy and was fingerprinted again, but was not charged. This was a state arrest by Detroit police officers.

"Since 1928 I have been employed in various speakeasies and saloons in Toledo as either a waiter or bartender.

"In 1934 I was introduced to Ted and Bert Angus and Jim McGraw, who now runs a sandwich shop at Superior and Jackson Ave. told me to stop out at the Casino Club that Ted might be able to use me as a bartender. I went out to the Casino Club which was then undergoing alterations on several occasions and Ted finally gave me a job in May of 1934. I went to work the night the Casino Club had a grand opening after it reopened. I continued as bartender until about August and then when business began to get slow I worked as a waiter.

"From May until September 1934, I recall seeing a number of men who visited the Casino Club. With them at times would be women; at other times the women would visit the Casino Club alone and the men would come alone.

"I have been shown three poses of photographs of Alvin Karpis, showing him standing up and identify him as one of the group of men who frequented the Casino Club on numerous occasions. To the best of my recollection this man was called 'Leo.' I have seen the man I knew as Leo with two men who both went by the name of 'Shorty.' I recall that one of the two Shorties was also called 'Doc', but I cannot recall which one that was. I have been shown a standing up photograph of Arthur R. (Doc) Barker and identify it as being the photograph of one of the men who frequently visited the Casino Club during the time I worked there and who was known as Shorty. I have also been shown a photograph of Fred (Shorty) Barker and identify it as being the photograph of one of the men I saw at the Casino Club and who was also known by the name of Shorty. As I have mentioned I have seen Alvin Karpis whom I knew as Leo in the company of the two Shorties on more than one occasion.

"I have been shown a photograph of Harry Campbell and identify it as being the photograph of a man I have seen at the Casino Club on numerous occasions during the summer of 1934.

"I have been shown the following photographs which I have identified, photograph of Russell Gibson which I have identified as being a person known to me only as 'Slim'; photograph of James J. Wilson which I have identified as being a person known to me as 'Little Jimmie'; photograph of William J. Harrison which I have identified as a person known to me as 'Willie'; photograph of Wynona Burdette which I have identified as a woman whose name I understood was 'Leona'; photograph of Edna Murray which I have identified as a woman I have seen frequently during the summer of 1934. I cannot recall ever having heard this woman's name mentioned; photograph of Charles J. Fitzgerald, whom I am certain I saw leaving the Casino Club on one occasion. On the occasion when I saw Fitzgerald whose name I did not know, he was leaving the Casino Club with Willie. I recall that Fitzgerald had a cane which he was carrying. This was the only time I saw Fitzgerald.

"All of the above mentioned people frequented the Casino Club on numerous occasions from May until September 1934. I recall that the women whose photographs I have been shown and been told were Wynona Burdette and Edna Murray frequently came to the club alone; at times they were accompanied by Jimmie and sometimes by the Shorty who is identical with the photograph of Fred Barker. I understood that Wynona Burdette was the wife of Fred Barker.

"Willie Harrison whom I knew as Willie, and Russell Gibson whom I knew as Slim, frequented the Casino Club quite often, Willie being there more than any of the others. I recall that

Willie had some advertising literature of the Chevrolet and Plymouth automobiles and I thought he sold cars. I remember him telling one of the others that he would sell him a car one of these days. I cannot recall what the rest of that crowd was supposed to do for a living. I recall that they spent money rather freely and were considered good customers. Willie was a golfer and so was Slim. I recall that Ted Angus, Willie and Slim went out on the Bayview Park Gold Course with golf clubs presumably for the purpose of playing golf. I recall that Ted returned to the Casino Club alone shortly after leaving. I believe that each of the men had a car with the exception of Jimmie. I recall that Jimmie would sometimes get one of the others to drive him to town, when he was not driving one of their cars.

"I remember that the men I have identified occasionally wore yachting caps. I gathered that they were vacationing in a cottage somewhere in the vicinity for the summer.

"I cannot remember anyone ever telling me or mentioning that any of the above named persons were gamblers or race horse men. They never talked concerning their business to me or to anyone else employed there because they seemed too reluctant to talk about personal matters. I recall that each of these persons I have identified talked with Ted and Bert Angus who called them by the nicknames I have mentioned. They would visit the Casino Club frequently for a week or more and then they would be gone for as long as two weeks at a time; I would see them at the club apparently on their return from a trip as their faces would be dusty from driving. Sometimes Ted and Bert would go outside and talk with the above mentioned persons in their cars for as long as an hour at a time. I don't recall ever seeing Ted or Bert Angus drive away with them. I gathered that they had a cottage somewhere in the vicinity because they would come in and have a drink and then leave and perhaps return in an hour or two.

"I recall that on occasions I have seen Madeline Angus, Ted Angus' wife and her sister Rene sitting at a table with the persons I have identified and whom I knew as Jimmie and Leona and the woman whose photo I have identified and have been told is named Edna Murray.

"I recall seeing a red scar near the end of the nose of the Shorty, whose photograph I have identified and have been told is Arthur R. (Doc) Barker. This scar was noticeable.

"Nig Cousins visited the Casino Club more frequently than other patrons during the summer of 1934. I remember that Nig Cousins drank at the bar with the above mentioned men and may have called them by their nicknames and appeared to be acquainted with them. Joe Roscoe visited the club on two or

three occasions that I recall. He was arguing with Ted and Bert about the water bill and rent and I gathered that he or his wife owned the property.

"About once a week the vice squad would stop by and have a drink at the bar. I recall that Art Brown, Chris Brennan, Johnnie McCarthy, Tafelski and another Polish detective whose name sounded like Walschowski, visited the club on several occasions during this time. I cannot recall seeing these officers drinking with any of the men or women I have mentioned. I recall that when Bert Angus was sick and I was working days, Captain George Timiney visited the Casino Club and each time ordered a bottle of Budweiser beer.

"I have read the above typewritten statement contained on three pages and here sign my name to vouch for its truth.

WITNESSES

D. P. Sullivan  
R. C. Suran,  
Special Agents,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Cleveland, Ohio."

/s/ JOHN J. MURTHA

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Murtha stated that about October, 1934, and approximately one month after he discontinued working at the Casino Club, he met Harry Krantz on the street. During the conversation Murtha mentioned that he had been employed at the Casino Club and Krantz told him in referring to the men who had been frequenting the club, that they were a bunch of "hots" from Chicago. Murtha stated that Krantz had worked as a waiter at various places for many years, but was no longer in town. Murtha stated that he would be successful in finding out where Krantz was presently located and suggested that he be contacted at the home of his sister, Mrs. Ethel Schultz, 1802 Cherry Street, Toledo, Ohio, telephone ADams 4975.

Special Agent D. P. Sullivan made inquiry at the Astor Hotel, 710 Superior Street, and learned that Art Pfund, who is reported to have been employed as a waiter at the Casino Club during the summer of 1934, had checked out of the hotel on June 30, 1936, and had left no forwarding address. When he registered at the hotel he gave the address of 16 W. Woodruff, Toledo, Ohio. Further inquiry will be made at this address for Pfund.

John Murtha, while he was being interviewed at the office, stated that he understood that Art Pfund was employed at the High Life Tavern, but he would definitely ascertain Pfund's place of employment and residence address and advise same.

On July 3, 1936 Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and R. C. Suran located Mrs. Edith Marks at the Luna Pier, Lakeside, Michigan, and she was brought to the temporary offices in the Edison Building, Toledo, Ohio, for interview. Mrs. Marks, former paramour of George Timiney signed the following statement:

"Toledo, Ohio  
"July 3, 1936

"I, MRS. EDITH MARKS, age 42 years, do make the following statement voluntarily to Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and R. C. Suran, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, without any threats or promises being made to me.

"I was married to Chester H. Marks at Toledo, Ohio, April 17, 1923, at which time Chet was engaged in the operation of the Mecca Billiard Room at Toledo, Ohio, and which place he continued to operate until about 1926. Chet purchased the Luna Pier, a dance pavilion at Lakeside, Michigan. The Luna Pier was owned by a corporation of which Chet and Louis Greiner were the principal stockholders. In 1927 Chet and Greiner took over the operation of Green Mill, a night club, in Toledo, Ohio, and renamed it the Showboat. In 1929 Chet and Greiner took over the night club known as the Chateau which also had gambling, consisting of roulette wheel and a Chuck-a-luck game. The Chateau was located outside of the city limits of Toledo, Ohio. Dave Kreiger was sheriff of Lucas County and Greiner handled the pay off to sheriff Kreiger for the privilege of running the gambling and the amount paid was \$200 per month. There was no gambling at the Showboat.

"On the night of August 7, 1931 Chet and myself had been out to Luna Pier and had driven Carlton Ooon and Joe Sanders, orchestra leaders from the Luna Pier to the Commodore Hotel, Toledo, Ohio, arriving at our home, 2650 Broadway, Toledo, Ohio, about 3:50 A. M. when three men dressed in light suits and light hats approached us and I heard Chet say to them, 'Why you son of a \_\_\_\_\_', at which time one man began firing, hitting Chet several times in the arm and once in the leg and once in the stomach. They also fired at me but missed. Chet died August 9, 1931.

"I continued in partnership with Greiner to operate the Showboat and the Chateau. I also took over my husband's stock in the Luna Pier. The forepart of September, 1931 when Greiner and myself were getting ready to open the Showboat for the season, Yonnie Licovoli approached Greiner and told him that he was taking over the Showboat. Greiner and myself let the mob have it and we

received no consideration for the place but were afraid of our lives if we tried to fight them legally or otherwise to retain possession of the place. In October 1931 I disposed of my share of the Chateau to Greiner, but retained my stock in the Luna Pier which I hold at the present time.

"I am now living at the Luna Pier and also have my home at 2650 Broadway, Toledo, Ohio. My father George LeBeau and my sister, Ruth LeBeau, also make their home at 2650 Broadway.

"After the murder of my husband I became acquainted with George Timiney who was a detective in Toledo Ohio Police Department. I had known Timiney to speak to him prior to my husband's death but Chet was friendly with Timiney. My first contact with Timiney was at the time Yonnie Licovoli took over the Showboat. Timiney conducted several raids on the Showboat to hamper the Licovoli mob in the operation who had put gambling in the Showboat.

"I gradually became better acquainted with Timiney and in March 1932 George Timiney moved in to my house at 2650 Broadway. We never lived alone in this house and never pretended to be husband and wife, but we were sweethearts. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Riley who live now on Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, California, lived in the house with George Timiney and myself part of the time and part of the time my father and sister resided there.

"In February or March 1932 Timiney began having trouble with Deane Allen, a woman whom he had been keeping company with for several years. The Allen woman had entered suit against Timiney for \$50,000 for breach of promise to marry. This suit was settled out of court and Timiney promised to pay Deane Allen \$750 and to pay her outstanding bills. I gave Timiney the \$750 to pay Deane Allen. Timiney repaid \$500 of this debt to me and contends that he has repaid it all by giving me other monies from time to time.

"During the early part of 1932 George Timiney and myself started visiting a night club operated by Bert and Ted Angus, on Summit St., near Point Place, Ohio. This place was called the Casino Club. When I first started going out to the Casino is when I first became acquainted with the Angus brothers. The property on which this club was located was supposed to be the property of Gainy Roscoe the wife of Joe Roscoe. George and I would go out to the Casino Club occasionally together and Timiney went out there at times when I did not accompany him.

"On July 20, 1934 I left Toledo, Ohio, for New York City where on July 22, 1934 I sailed for Europe. Prior to leaving Toledo on the above named date I continued to visit the Casino Club during 1934. I would usually visit the Casino Club during the afternoon but sometimes George and I would visit the Casino Club during the evenings and at night.

"I have been shown a photograph of William J. Harrison, bearing the number 1829, Hammond, Indiana, dated November 16, 1933 and identify it as the photograph of a person known to me as Willie Harrison and who I first met at the Casino Club during the fall of 1933. I was introduced to Willie by Ted Angus.

"I recall that one day during February 1934 at about 3 P. M. I was at the Casino Club with George Timiney and others at the Casino at this time were Bert and Ted Angus, Jim Tafelski, a Toledo Police Officer and I also think that Chris Brennan another police officer was also there. I recall that as a joke Ted Angus and George Timiney had Tafelski and the other officer go to the Algeo Hotel in Toledo, Ohio, and arrest Willie Harrison. Willie was at the Algeo Hotel with two women. These officers brought Willie to the Casino Club and Willie said to Ted, 'You know me Ted.' Ted denied he knew Willie. Willie then said to Timiney, 'You know me George.' Timiney also denied he knew Willie and after some time Willie was told it was just a joke.

"After this occurrence, whenever George Timiney and I visited the Casino Club it was not unusual for us to see Willie. I recall that George told me that Willie Harrison operated a tavern in Hammond, Indiana. Throughout the spring and early summer of 1934 George and I together would visit the Casino Club about once a week and he mentioned on numerous occasions that he had been at the club when I was not with him. I would class George's relations with Ted and Bert Angus as being quite friendly. Probably in the latter part of 1933 I visited Ted Angus at his home on North Lockwood Street on two occasions.

"I have been shown a photograph of Wynona Burdette and state that I have seen her in Toledo but I cannot recall where I have seen this person.

"I have been also shown a photograph of James J. Wilson and I can state that I have seen this man on two or three occasions at the Casino Club and recall that he drank at the bar and had drinks sent over to George and I. I cannot recall seeing this man whose name I did know ever being with any other persons at the Casino Club.

"I have been shown a photograph of Harry Campbell and I recall that I have seen him before being shown this photograph but I cannot recall whether it was at the Casino Club or elsewhere.

"I remember that from the conversation of Willie, George and Bert and Ted Angus, that Willie Harrison was supposed to be a very good golfer. I recall Willie and Ted and George talked of going golfing but I do not believe that George ever got around to it. George told me one time that Willie was knocking a golf ball around inside the Casino Club.

"Occasionally George and I had little arguments and we would separate for a short while but outside of these occasions we continued to live together at 2650 Broadway. I always have the three Toledo newspapers delivered to my home each day. I recall reading of the death of Fred Barker and his mother Ma Barker in Florida while resisting arrest by Federal Agents. I do not remember whether George read this article nor any comment made at the time. Sometime about September 1935, George showed me an article relating to the finding of the body of Willie Harrison, which had been burned. George commented at that time that this was identical with the Willie Harrison we knew at the Casino Club in the fall of 1933 and early in 1934.

"After the capture of Harry Campbell in Toledo, Ohio, in May 1936, there was considerable publicity about Sheriff O'Reilly associating with Campbell and Timiney remarked to me that Sheriff O'Reilly must have been awfully dumb. Timiney did not elaborate on this statement.

"I have known Joe Roscoe for about four years and know that he was a friend of George Timiney. Roscoe use to come to my home on occasions to visit George. Roscoe is also friendly with Bert and Ted Angus and I have seen him on occasions at the Casino Club. I have heard Willie Harrison call George Timiney by his first name, 'George.'

"Addison Q. Thatcher, former mayor of Toledo, Ohio, and present city councilman in Toledo, was a personal friend of George Timiney and was Timiney's backer in the police department. Ted Angus was the pay off man when Thatcher was mayor and I think this arrangement started under Mayor Jackson. During 1932 and 1933 on occasions when I would visit the Casino Club I would on several occasions observe women come out to the Club in taxis and talk to Ted Angus. From the appearance of these women I judged them to be landladies and in my own mind I was satisfied they were landladies. By landladies I mean a woman who operates a house of prostitution.

"George Timiney is a 'free spender' and I know that during the time I was keeping company with Timiney he always spent more money than he could have possibly secured from his salary as a policeman or detective. I would estimate that Timiney would spend \$10 or \$15 per day. George never spent any of my money and never contributed to my support but on occasions would give me small sums of money.

"I have seen during the year 1934 'Nig' Cousins at the Casino Club on a number of occasions. He used to come out there with his girl friend Ethel Schultz.

"I have read this statement and it is the truth to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

WITNESSES:

/s/ EDITH MARKS

D. P. Sullivan  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Cleveland, Ohio."

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Mrs. Marks provided additional information as follows:

That on or about November 1934 some difference of opinion sprang up between Ted Angus and George Timiney and that since that time although they appear friendly when they meet, Timiney is not in Angus' company very frequently and Timiney very seldom visits the Casino Club. She stated that Ted Angus apparently does not know the reason for Timiney's coolness toward him, and she has heard Ted Angus ask Timiney why he does not visit the club. Mrs. Marks would not definitely express the opinion, but agreed with the suggestion that Timiney has not been frequenting the Casino Club because he knows that this place is considered "hot" since the Federal Government learned that the Barker-Karpis gang frequented the casino in the summer of 1934.

Mrs. Marks stated that Otto Albrecht, 5916 Edgewater Drive, Point Place, telephone Pontiac 1864, a former slot machine and boat owner, was a frequent visitor at the Casino Club, and was quite friendly with both Bert and Ted Angus, and could probably provide information of value to this investigation. She also stated that there was a tall, slender man who wore glasses, and who was an official of some large concern located on Summit Street, who frequently visited the club, generally alone, and who was very friendly with both Ted and Bert Angus. She had no further information with reference to this man.

Further information was obtained from Mrs. Marks, that she was probably the last person in Toledo to learn that Timiney was running around with other women and had been keeping company with Mrs. Lenore Hayes, widow of the deceased Toledo gambler, Jimmie Hayes. It is her understanding that since she, Mrs. Marks, has broken with Timiney, that the Hayes woman has done the same, apparently not wanting Timiney after

learning that she could get him from Mrs. Marks; that Mrs. Hayes owns and operates the Ramona Nite Club located at Harbor Springs, Michigan, nine miles out of Petosky, Michigan; that this is an exclusive nite club in a very exclusive summer resort.

Mrs. Marks stated that on June 29, 1936 a man named Joe O'Neill, the former husband of Grace Baker, called upon her; that Grace Baker is the daughter of B. R. Baker, well known Toledo clothier; that O'Neill told her that he had learned that George Timiney was presently keeping company with the manicurist at the Algeo Hotel; that this woman was about twenty-three years of age, and O'Neill had been keeping her for the past six years; that Timiney had taken her from him, and this had broken O'Neill up because he thought a great deal of her and would have married her except that she was too young; that O'Neill contacted Mrs. Marks thinking that she and Timiney were married and he felt that Mrs. Marks might be able to do something helpful in getting back his former sweetheart; that O'Neill closely questioned Mrs. Marks inquiring of her what George Timiney had that he didn't have.

Mrs. Marks further informed that since Timiney is no longer residing at her home 2650 Broadway, she understands that he resides at the Algeo Hotel, and occasionally stays with his sister at 643 Pinewood Avenue; that she had obtained information from O'Neill that Timiney was attempting to convert the manicurist at the hotel and prevailed upon her to purchase a pair of rosary beads; that Timiney attends services at St. Patrick's Cathedral, and is well thought of by many clerics; that she had heard from O'Neill that Timiney had given the above-mentioned manicurist a set of golf clubs. Mrs. Marks stated that these clubs belonged to her and that she was going down to the Algeo Hotel and take them by force if necessary.

During the interview with Mrs. Marks it was apparent that she is quite antagonistic toward Timiney, probably because she feels that she has been made a laughing stock among her friends since she was the last person, apparently, to hear of his philanderings. She stated that Timiney had recently asked her to marry him, and within the past week told her that if he ever got her in a car alone she would never get out. She stated that Timiney parks his car outside of her dance pavilion at Luna Park for hours at a time at night waiting for her to come out, but that she refuses to see him. She emphatically stated that she would not again return to Timiney, and made light of the above threat Timiney made, stating that Timiney did not have enough nerve to do anyone any harm, but Agents got the impression from Mrs. Marks that she does, in fact, fear Timiney. Throughout the interview Mrs. Marks maintained a very friendly attitude, and it is believed that she will continue to be cooperative unless she again succumbs to Timiney's blandishments.

Mrs. Marks stated that a week prior to the date of this interview Timiney had called on her and asked if she had been questioned by Federal Agents and she advised Timiney she had been questioned when in fact she had not. She stated that Timiney became excited and asked if she had told anything and she stated she advised Timiney she had furnished no information. When asked why she told Timiney that she had talked to Agents, Mrs. Marks replied that she just wanted to worry him.

Mrs. Marks stated that at the time of the capture of Alvin Karpis, Timiney had called on her and was reading the newspaper concerning the capture and she, Mrs. Marks, asked Timiney why he was so worried and further asked him if he was afraid of the "G" men, to which Timiney replied that he had nothing to worry about.

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The file shows that information has been received that Ruth Wells, former paramour of Ted Angus, had broken with him and had returned to her home in Michigan. Previous reports reflect that Clyde and Mabel Wells, parents of Ruth Wells, resided three miles east of Ypsilanti, Michigan.

On July 5, 1936, Special Agents E. J. Flynn and D. P. Sullivan proceeded to Ypsilanti, Michigan, where information was obtained that Clyde Wells had moved recently and was presently operating a farm, just north of the State Hospital about six miles east of Ypsilanti, mail address RR #1, Ypsilanti, Michigan. Agents proceeded to the Wells home where Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wells were interviewed, without advising them of the nature of the inquiry. Agents were informed that Ruth was presently residing part of the time with her sister, Mrs. Mabel Bishop, and part of the time in an apartment located near her sister's residence. Mrs. Wells stated that Mabel operates a beauty parlor at her residence, 9142 Joseph Champeau Street, and that Ruth could be located through Mabel. From the conversation Agents gathered that Ruth might possibly be living with a man although this was not expressly stated.

Subsequently a telephone call was made to the beauty parlor operated by Mabel Bishop and she advised that Ruth Wells could be located at 127th Street where she was residing. Inquiry was made by Agent at this address where the Savoy Plaza Apartments are located. Although the manager and his wife were interviewed, neither knew of any person by the name of Wells occupying an apartment at this address, nor could they recall seeing any of the persons of the description of the Wells woman visiting at any of the apartments.

Mrs. Mabel Bishop was interviewed at Mabel's Beauty Parlor, 9142 Joseph Champeau Street. Mrs. Bishop stated that Ruth Wells had gone to Canton, Ohio, over the fourth of July, and she expected to hear from her any minute; that Ruth had been residing at the Del Rio Apartments, 381 Holbrook Street, until about July 1, 1936, but had moved. Mrs. Bishop stated that she saw Ruth only for a few minutes before Ruth left and she did not know to what address Ruth had moved. Mrs. Bishop stated she would have Ruth communicate with Agents at the Detroit office as soon as she got in touch with her. Mrs. Bishop stated that Ruth had expected to be interviewed concerning her knowledge of the connections of Ted Angus, and had informed Mabel to tell anyone who called for her that she would be willing to be interviewed at any time.

Mr. Bruton, manager, Del Rio Apartments, 381 Holbrook Street, was interviewed. He stated that Ruth Wells rented an apartment at this address about the first of June, on a monthly basis; that about June 30, 1936, the Wells woman gave him twelve hours' notice that she was moving, stating that she was going to Chicago to finish her schooling. Mr. Bruton called in the janitor, who stated that he was certain that Ruth Wells hired the John F. Ivory Storage Company to move her furniture. The Wells woman left no forwarding address.

Mr. Stefani, office manager, John F. Ivory Storage Company, 6554 Hamilton Street, was interviewed and he checked his records in the presence of Agents, but his file showed that this company had no record of either moving or storing any furniture of the Wells woman.

On the evening of July 6, 1936 Ruth Wells telephoned the Detroit Bureau office and stated that she had just returned to Detroit. Agents met the Wells woman at Mabel's Beauty Parlor and brought her to the Detroit office where she was interviewed throughout the night of July 6, 1936. She signed the following written statement:

"Detroit, Michigan,  
"July 7, 1936.

"I, RUTH EVELYN WELLS, make the following free and voluntary statement to D. P. Sullivan, and E. J. Wynn, who I understand are Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, freely and voluntarily, without promise of reward or fear of punishment.

"I was born on March 13, 1906 at Detroit, Michigan and was raised on a farm near Wyandotte, Michigan. I attended both grammar and high school at Wyandotte, Michigan. I pursued a teachers course lasting two years at the Detroit Teachers College, Detroit, Michigan, graduating in 1924, and thereafter I taught school for seven years at Wyandotte and Lansing, Michigan.

"On September 1, 1928, I married Clarence Sisson at Lansing, Michigan. In September 1931 we separated, and were divorced at Lansing, Michigan, February 5, 1932. In October 1931, I visited Toledo, Ohio, and at the Casino Club met Theodore (Ted) Angus, which club was then located on Summit Street across from Bayview Park. I returned to my home in Michigan, and again visited Toledo, O., where I saw Ted before going to live with him about Thanksgiving 1931. From that time, until the last six weeks, I resided with Ted Angus at Toledo, O., the first year and a half in an apartment on 101st St., in Point Place, and since then, until I left him about six weeks ago, at 4209 N. Lockwood. I assumed the name of Mrs. Theodore Angus, on occasions, but we did not consider ourselves as being married.

"In the fall of 1932, Ted Angus was operating the Casino Club alone. Bert, his brother, had been operating the summer resort at Middle Island, and was closing it for the year. In about August of the same year, at the Casino Club, Ted Angus, probably Bert also being present, either Ted or Bert introduced me to a man named Willie Harrison, who I understood from Bert was formerly interested with Bert in a saloon in Hammond, Ind. I recall seeing Willie Harrison at the Casino Club on one other occasion in the fall of 1933. He was alone both times. As best I recall, I next saw Willie at the Casino Club about the first of May 1934, and he introduced me to a man and woman who were with him as 'Buff' and Wynona. I later came to know 'Buff' as George Winfield, and Wynona as Mrs. Winfield. I now know the man as Harry Campbell, and the woman as Wynona Burdette. Ted was present at the time I was introduced to these people.

"A few days or so later, as best I recall, I was again in the Casino Club, and there saw a man I later learned was known as 'Doc', and who told me his name was Morley. At the time I met him he was known to me as 'Doc' or 'Shorty'. I now know this man as Arthur 'Doc' Barker.

"A short while later I met a man known to me as 'Slim' at the Casino Club. I have since learned that this man is identical with Russell 'Slim' Gibson. About the same time that I met 'Slim', I met a man by the name of 'Ollie', who I now understand is identical with Ollie Berg. During the course of the next few weeks, at the Casino Club, I met the following: man by the name of 'Ray' and a girl who was supposed to be his wife by the first name of Dolores, and I know these people as Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney; a man by the first name of Fred, and his woman companion by the first name of Paula, and I now know this couple as Fred Barker and Paula Harmon; a man by the first name of Jimmie who I know now as Jimmie Wilson; another man by the name of 'Doc' who I now know as Dr. Moran; a woman by the name of Clara, who I now know as Clara Gibson; a man known as 'Cotton' and his woman companion known as 'Rabbits' who are now known to me as Volney Davis and Edna Murray; a man by the first name of 'Bill' and his woman companion known as 'Myrte.' I now know Myrte as Myrtle Eaton.

"I have viewed a number of photographs and have picked out the photographs of Harry Campbell as Buff; Wynona Burdette as Wynona; Willie Harrison as Willie; Arthur R. (Doc) Barker as Doc Morley; Fred Barker as Fred; Paula Harmon as Paula; Russell Gibson as Slim; Edna Murray as Rabbits; Volney Davis as Cotton; Ollie Berg as Ollie; James J. Wilson as Jimmie; Joseph P. Moran as Doc; Alvin Karpis as Ray; Dolores Delaney as Dolores; Myrtle Eaton as Myrte. The photograph of William

0 Weaver appears familiar, but I cannot place it. These photographs which I have picked out from a number shown me were unmarked with names on the face of same when I viewed them, and after picking them out referred to them by their nicknames as I have set out above.

"The very same day that I met Buff and Wynona at the Casino Club, they were asking Ted Angus about buying furniture for a house they desired to furnish, and I entered into this discussion, and either Ted or myself suggested the West Toledo Furniture Company. I went with Wynona to this company and helped her pick out about \$700.00 worth of furniture, and on that day went with Wynona to the house she had rented on 131st St., in Point Place just off Summit Street. I learned the name of this couple, as told me by Wynona, to be Mr. and Mrs. George Winfield. I helped to straighten around the furniture after it was moved into this house. I later visited Wynona at this address in my Chrysler coupe, and I would sometimes see her husband Buff (Harry Campbell) and Willie Harrison there.

"I recall that Wynona needed an operation and she asked me about a doctor and I suggested Dr. Douglass, and I introduced her to Dr. Douglass as Mrs. George Winfield. Wynona entered St. Vincent's Hospital in the summer of 1934, and gave my address of 4209 N. Lockwood as her address. This was at my suggestion.

"During the summer of 1934 I recall seeing Buff and Wynona at the Casino Club on several occasions, with Fred and Paula. At various other times during the summer of 1934, I either saw the persons identified by me at the Casino Club together, or heard them conversing in such manner as to indicate they were acquainted, one with the other.

"I recall that on one occasion during the summer of 1934 I visited the apartment occupied by Fred and Paula on Summit Street in Point Place, and had dinner with them.

"Altho I did not visit the Casino Club frequently during May, June and July, 1934, I saw Willie, Slim, Doc Barker, and Jimmie there on numerous occasions. The others mentioned above I saw at less frequent intervals. On occasions there would be as many as six or seven of the above mentioned persons at the club, and again at other times I would see one or two only.

"I recall that in conversation with the above persons who I talked to at the Casino Club that they laughed about an incident that occurred before I met Buff and Wynona, when Willie Harrison was arrested at the Algeo Hotel as a joke, and was taken to the Casino Club when he told the arresting officers, whom I do not know, that he was acquainted with Bert and Ted Angus at the Casino Club. When they arrived at the Casino Club either Bert or Ted Angus, whichever one was present, refused to identify Willie for some little time, but finally did so, and he was released. I did not learn the names of the arresting officers, but understood that it was all a joke, and that the officers really did not intend to take Willie to headquarters.

"I recall that Wynona told me that Buff, Doc Barker and Fred were raised together in Oklahoma, and that they had known each other for years and were friends. She told me that she also came from Oklahoma, and that she had known Buff (Harry Campbell) for many years, and that she was his wife.

"Paula told me that she was from southwestern United States; that she attended finishing school; that one time she was in a bad automobile accident and injured her nose; that Fred's mother tried to separate her and Fred, and that she had no use for Fred's mother. From talking with Paula I learned that the mother was in Chicago, and also, that Paula was not married to Fred.

"With the exception of Volney Davis, Doc Moran and Willie Harrison, the men mentioned by me were often wearing sailors caps and from conversations with these men, and from the women I learned that the men were working on the boats in Bayview; however, I never did see any of them working on the boats. I do recall that on one occasion Ted Angus took Jimmie and some girl who I do not know, Ollie, Slim, Doc Barker, and Buff to Middle Island in his speed boat, the 'Hay Bag' and the party stayed over on the island for about two days because of bad weather and a broken wheel. On another occasion, on July 4, 1934, Ted Angus took Doc Barker, Jimmie, and Nig Cousins over to Middle Island, and the party stayed on the island for two days. I recall that on several occasions Ted Angus rode myself, Wynona, and Buff around on Lake Erie in the speed boat. Ted Angus was trying to sell the fellows his speed boat.

"I recall that by the middle of July 1934, all of these people had left Toledo, O., and as I recall they had moved to summer resorts near Cleveland, O. I recall that Wynona came back and went into St. Vincent's Hospital for a short time, and I saw her there. After she left I never saw her anymore.

"I recall that in the fall of 1934, I read in the Toledo, Ohio newspapers that Wynona and two other women had been arrested in a hotel at Cleveland, O., for a disturbance, and that one of the women had a little child. This article, and those that followed in the next few days, stated that these women were associated with Karpis, Campbell, the Barkers, who were wanted for the Bremer kidnaping case. I then realized the true character of the people who had been frequenting the Casino Club that summer, named by me hereinbefore as set out above. I discussed this subject with Ted Angus and we were both very much surprised over learning the identities of the summer customers, and realizing that they were in such a racket. I never saw any of them after that. I do recall, however, that some time later Ted Angus gave me \$100 and told me that the night before he gave me the money, at about 11 pm, Buff (Harry Campbell) and another man who he did not name had stopped at the Casino Club and gave him the \$100 to be paid to Dr. Douglass on Wynona's doctor's bill. Ted Angus gave me the

money to make the payment, and I told him that I felt rather shaky about doing it after having learned the identity of Buff from the newspapers, and he told me to do as I pleased, so I paid Dr. Douglass. I told Ted that I hoped they did not stop at the Casino any more, and said that he hoped so too.

"During the time I saw the above mentioned persons frequenting the Casino Club I am certain that I saw Doc (Moran) on only three occasions. He spent most of his time with Jimmie whom I understood was his nephew. Once he was quite intoxicated and I dropped him off at Myrt's apartment near 12th and Jackson Ave. I understood that Doc was a physician who was practicing in Chicago. Before Wynona went to the hospital she told me that Doc suggested to her that he operate on her, but she refused to let Doc have anything to do with her because he was always drunk and she did not have any faith in him.

"Jimmie told me that he had finished the third year of a medical course at Northwestern University near Chicago; that he had run out of money and had to go to work on the boats before he had enough to finish his course.

"I recall that I have sat at a table at the Casino Club with Doc (Barker), Jimmie, Rene Holst and Madeline Angus. I also recall that Bert and Ted Angus would talk to Doc (Barker), Jimmie, Willie and the others, but I cannot recall seeing Bert or Ted sitting at a table with any of them.

"On one occasion I visited the Dutch Village with Wynona, Buf (Harry Campbell), Willie Harrison, Ted Angus, Fred and Paula. During the time I resided with Ted Angus we had the Toledo Blade Newspaper delivered to our house. Some of the time we also had the Toledo News-Bee newspaper delivered to the house, but I cannot just recall what periods we received this paper at the house. I recall reading in the Toledo newspapers of the arrest of Doc Barker and the killing of Russell (Slim) Gibson in January of 1935. I recall reading in the Toledo newspapers about the escape of Karpis and Campbell from the police at Atlantic City, N. J., and that Dolores or Wynona was shot, but I cannot recall which one. I also recall that I read that an automobile was found near Monroe, Michigan, and that it was thought that Karpis and Campbell were in the car. I recall discussing this with Ted Angus, and expressed the hope to him that if they were hiding near Toledo, O., that they would not contact the Casino Club. Ted said he also hoped that they would not come near the Casino Club.

"With reference to the furniture which was purchased from the West Toledo Furniture Company, mentioned by me above, by Wynona and Buff, I desire to state that they arranged to purchase the furniture on credit, and they did not pay cash for it. It is my understanding that they gave the name of Ted Angus as reference.

"I have read this statement consisting of five pages, and have signed my name to the bottoms of pages one two, three and four, and to this, the fifth page, and have also signed corrections with my initials in order to indicate that these corrections were noticed by me, and I desire to again state that this statement is true to the best of my knowledge, and is given freely and voluntarily.

WITNESS:

/s/RUTH EVELYN WELLS

D. P. Sullivan  
E. J. Wynn  
Special Agents, Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice."

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Throughout the interview Ruth Wells maintained that she had nothing to conceal and would tell everything she knew concerning the members of the Barker-Karpis gang, while they were residing at Toledo, Ohio; that she had no intimation of the true identities of the gang members until she read of the arrest of Wynona Burdette and two companions at Cleveland, Ohio, in September 1934; that she felt certain that Ted Angus likewise had no idea of the identities of the gang during the year of 1934 when they were residing at Toledo and frequenting the Casino Club; that Ted had mentioned on several occasions that he would never again do anything to get in trouble since he had served two sentences in the penitentiary, once for a violation of the prohibition laws and the other time on a charge the nature of which she did not know.

With reference to the incident of the payment of the money to Dr. Douglass after she and Ted knew of the identity of Harry Campbell, reference should be made to the report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, June 13, 1936, pages 102 and 103, where it is to be noted that Wynona left unpaid a bill of \$300; that Ruth Wells on October 12, 1934 paid \$200 on the bill, explaining that Wynona had sent it to her. The Toledo Blade newspaper of September 7th and 11th, 1934, carry articles with reference to raids in Cleveland, Ohio, and the arrest of the three women at the Cleveland Hotel, Cleveland. It is thus pointed out that Ted Angus and Ruth Wells, by reading these articles and discussing them with each other knew the true identity of the gang, and after knowing this Ted Angus accepted money from Campbell at the Casino Club to be paid on the doctor bill.

With reference to George Timiney being present at the Casino Club, Ruth Wells stated that she only saw him there on a few occasions, always at night, and always in the company of Edith Marks; that so far as she could observe, Timiney did not associate with any of the members of the gang, and so far as she knew was not acquainted with them. She stated that she considered Timiney "all cooper", and one who would arrest his own mother; that although she did not care for him socially, she did respect him as an officer; that it was generally conceded that Timiney was the cause of the conviction of the Licovoli gang in Toledo, Ohio. She stated that as long as she has known Ted Angus, she has known that he and Timiney were close friends, and that on several occasions Ted Angus came to her home with Edith Marks; that, however, Timiney never came in the house along; that she and Ted Angus have visited, in the past, the home of Edith Marks, and have, on various occasions, observed the various officers of the vice squad there, who made a habit of dropping in as they were cruising around the city. With reference to the fake arrest of Willie Harrison at the Algeo Hotel, Ruth Wells, when first questioned as to this, stated that Timiney was present at the Casino Club when the arresting officers brought Willie to the club, but later stated that she could not truthfully state that Timiney was in fact present, and as indicated in her statement, she heard this story and was not personally present to observe the incident.

With reference to her thought that the various members of the gang were sailors, she stated that she never discussed them with any of the members of the crews of yachts, who visited the Casino Club, nor with the employees of the ships which were tied up at Bayview; that she never observed any of the gang working on any boats, nor did she ever hear them say on what boat they were working, nor what particular jobs they had on the boats; and when first interviewed, she professed not to know from what city the gang came. Later, during the interview, Ruth Wells, stated that it was her understanding that Willie Harrison introduced the members of the gang at the Casino Club, and further, that it was her understanding that they came from Chicago. As set out in her statement, it is to be noted that she was acquainted with the fact that Moran was a doctor from Chicago, Illinois, and with further reference to him, she stated that it was her understanding that he came to Toledo to get on drunken srees. It is to be noted from her statement that she also admitted that the various members of the gang came from the southwestern United States. She further stated that it was her understanding that the gang had been transferred from Chicago to Toledo, Ohio.

Ruth Wells was questioned about any knowledge she had of the purchase of automobiles by the gang in Toledo, Ohio, however, she denied any such knowledge.

With reference to the subject of speed boats, Ruth Wells advised that Ted Angus' interest in taking the "boys" out in the boat was to interest them in purchasing it, although she did state that on various occasions Ted Angus, when drunk, would insist on taking people riding in his speed boat; that he, Ted, had the "boys" built up to purchase his speed boat, the "Hay Bag", and the deal was about to go through, when Ludy Fleming approached the gang and told them that he had a speed boat they could purchase at a cheaper price, and that thereafter the various members of the gang went riding in Fleming's boat. It is to be recalled that Ludy Fleming was formerly a state prohibition officer and that he often visited the Casino Club, and, as a matter of fact, is presently residing with Rene Holst at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Ruth Wells stated that Ted Angus kept his boat in a boat house at the Bayview Yacht Club, and that a mechanic by the name of Hoffman who can be located at the Yacht club did the repair work on the speed boat.

She stated that Walter Passino of the Toledo Steel Products Co., who holds the position of manager, was a constant visitor at the Casino Club, and usually came out alone, and was a friend of Ted Angus' and was also friendly with Bert; that on several occasions, she observed Mettie Whalen, and his wife, Mary Whalen, accompanying Timiney and Edith Marks at the Casino Club; that Mettie Whalen is connected with the Buckeye Paint and Varnish Company; that a Hazel Doyle and her husband also were observed in the Timiney party on occasions.

Concerning employees at the Casino Club, Ruth Wells stated, that one Johnny Coleman, a piano player, was employed at the club for a month or more after the grand opening of the club in May, 1934, and that he is no doubt still located in Toledo, Ohio; that Coleman was followed by two girl entertainers, one a brunette by the name of Jerry, who sang, and a blonde piano player, name unknown, a Polish girl; that it was her understanding that Jerry is now with some road show; that these girls likewise worked at the club for a month or so; that during that summer two negro girls, Big Nell and Crippled Nell, were employed as entertainers.

Ruth Wells stated that Madeline Angus told her that the latter's husband, Bert Angus, had been questioned by federal officers some time ago; that she and Madeline, since the apprehension of Harry Campbell in Toledo, Ohio, on May 7, 1936, discussed the matter and that they felt that they would both be interviewed, and they agreed to tell the truth. She insisted that she felt that the

Angus family was absolutely innocent of any knowledge of the true identity of the gang at the time they were at the Casino Club, and that they had nothing to conceal.

Following is a description of Ruth Wells, as obtained by Agents from personal observation and interview:

Age	-	30 years (Born 5/13/06 at Detroit, Mich.)
Height	-	5'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	-	100 pounds
Build	-	Slender
Hair	-	Dark brown (bobbed)
Eyes	-	Grey-brown
Complexion	-	Medium
Scars	-	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " horizontal scar over right eye - three stitches.
Race	-	White
Marital Status	-	Divorced
Nationality	-	American
Residence	-	9142 Joseph Campeau St., Detroit, Michigan; also RR #1, Ypsilanti, Mich.
Relatives	-	Parents - Clyde and Evelyn Wells, RR #1, Ypsilanti, Michigan. Sisters: Mrs. Walter Skiff, RR#1, Ypsilanti, Michigan; Mrs. Mabel Bishop, 9142 Joseph Campeau St., Detroit, Michigan; Brothers: Sidney, age 16, and Robert, age 10 years, living with parents at RR #1, Ypsilanti, Michigan. Leonard Wells, c/o Bill Sparks, Inkster, Mich.

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Following investigation was conducted by Special Agents  
R. C. Suran and J. V. Murphy on July 8, 1936:

In an effort to locate and interview all former employees  
of Ted and Bert Angus at the Little Casino during the period when  
members of the Barker-Karpis gang frequented this club, Agents learned  
there were two colored women entertainers employed during 1934 at the  
Little Casino, who are known as "Big Nell" and "Crippled Nell."  
[REDACTED] advised that Big Nell is Nell Carr, and Crippled  
Nell is Nell Larkins; that Nell Larkins is working as a piano player  
at the Boody House Bar, 963 Phillips Avenue, Toledo, but does not know  
where Nell Carr is working. Jack Schmidt, alias Cum Cum, a former waiter  
at the Little Casino, advised that Nell Carr, known as Big Nell is now  
working as an entertainer at the Little Club, which was formerly the  
Little Casino.

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It was ascertained at the Boody House Bar, 963 Phillips  
Avenue, that Nell Larkins, colored piano player, resides at 228  
Indiana Street, Toledo.

Nell Larkins was interviewed at her residence and stated  
that about the day after Labor Day, 1934, she was employed by Ted  
and Bert Angus as a piano player at the Little Casino, and Nell Carr,  
colored singer, and Robert Morris, colored drummer, also began work  
at the Little Casino with her; that some time in the early part of  
1935 Ted and Bert Angus moved their night club to the present location  
and called it the New Casino, and discontinued the operation of the  
Little Casino; that she, and Nell Carr and Robert Morris worked at the  
New Casino for a short period and quit as they could not get musicians  
for the money the Angus brothers wanted to pay. Nell Larkins stated  
their hours of duty as entertainers were from nine PM to early morning  
hours, sometimes as late as eight AM. She stated she does not recall  
"Cookey" Monroe working at the Little Casino; that she recalls a waiter  
at the Little Casino by the name of Cum Cum. She stated that Ted and  
Bert Angus usually tended bar, and they had a regular bartender by the  
name of "Babe", who was Polish and who is now dead.

Photographs of all subjects of the Barker-Karpis gang were  
exhibited to and examined by Nell Larkins, and she was unable to  
identify any of them, stating she was the piano player at the Little  
Casino and usually had her back to the guests, therefore did not  
have an opportunity to see those who came to the Little Casino. She  
stated that Nell Carr, singer, might be in a better position to identify  
the photographs. She stated that Nell Carr resided at 539 Vance Street.

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Nell Carr was interviewed on July 8, 1936 at her residence, 539 Vance Street. She stated she was employed with Nell Larkins and a trapdrummer (first name Robert), all colored, by Ted and Bert Angus at the Little Casino, as entertainers; that she sang, and Nell Larkins played the piano; that they started to work on Labor Day, 1934, and worked continuously until April, 1935, when the Angus brothers moved over to the New Casino; that they worked at the New Casino for about two months and quit. Nell Carr stated that while she worked at the Little Casino there was a waiter employed there by the name of Gum Gum, and the bartender was named "Babe", a Polish fellow whose last name she could not remember, and who died in the spring of 1936 at Lucas County Hospital, Toledo. She stated she does not recall an employee at the Little Casino by the name of "Cooley" Monroe, or the Dutchman.

Photographs of all subjects of the Barker-Karpis gang were exhibited to and examined by Nell Carr and she stated she does not recall any of them being at the Little Casino while she was employed there. She identified a photograph of Captain George Timiney, and stated he came to the Little Casino with his lady friend, Mrs. Edith Marks, a number of times while she, Nell Carr, was employed there. She also stated that Detective James Tafelski came to the Little Casino a number of times.

Neither Nell Larkins nor Nell Carr was able to furnish the present location of Robert Morris, the colored trapdrummer, who was employed with them as an entertainer at the Little Casino in 1934.

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Following investigation was conducted by Special Agents R. C. Suran and J. V. Murphy on July 7, 1936:

City Detective James Ford, Toledo Police Department, was interviewed at his home, 1718 Joffre Street. He stated he just recently learned that the New Casino Club, operated by Ted and Bert Angus, was closed recently and Ted Angus has gone to some place in Michigan for two months; that he will endeavor to ascertain the location of Ted Angus in Michigan and inform Agents at a later date.

Ford also stated that Bill Cosman, who operated a house of prostitution at 629 Ontario Street, has fled from Toledo to unknown points to avoid being questioned by Agents of this Bureau; that Mother "H", who operates a house of prostitution at 628 Ontario just across the street from Cosman's house, is his, Ford's, informant, and this same informant advised him that Cosman had been paying nine men in Toledo in order to operate his house unmolested. Ford stated he would know when Cosman returned to Toledo, which would be when things "cooled off" a little.

Detective Ford advised Agents confidentially that Bert Angus' ex-wife, known as "Joe" Angus, is now living at 1915 Madison Street, Toledo, working for her board and room; that this place is operated by Myrtle Bender, and it is a drink joint and date house, where a room can be obtained by a man and woman without questions being asked as to their marital status. Myrtle Bender's place is frequented by Captain George Timiney and other officers of the Toledo Police Department. Myrtle Bender acts in the capacity of confidential informant for Detective Ford, and Detective Ford emphasized the fact that should inquiries be made there for "Joe" Angus, it be done in such a way as not to disclose that Agents' information came from him, Ford. Joe Angus should be in a position to furnish considerable information regarding Ted and Bert Angus and their associates. Ford stated that Captain Rydman of the Toledo Police Department is very friendly with Joe Angus, and is alleged to be keeping company with her.

Detective Ford further stated that Harry Bernstein was the collector of pay off for houses of prostitution, after George Timiney was removed from the vice squad and after Ted Angus ceased to collect the pay off; that Bernstein quit collecting the pay off shortly after Bureau Agents became active in Toledo, which was the latter part of May, 1936. Ford stated that Bernstein has left Toledo. It will be noted in previous reports that Harry Bernstein was reported to have gone to Flint, Michigan, to handle a race meet for a period of two weeks, and was to return to Toledo about July 1st. Bernstein apparently has not returned to Toledo, as Detective Ford reports he is now out of the city.

Ford also stated that under former Chief of Police Harry Jennings the collector of the pay off on vice and gambling was Joseph Fruchi, who is now inspector of detectives, Toledo Police Department; that at that time, which was prior to 1928, Joseph Fruchi and Sadie Dann, an operator of a house of prostitution, were very close friends; that Sadie Dann left Toledo in 1928, and has just recently returned to Toledo and opened up the old Oxford Hotel, a house of prostitution, and Sadie Dann is closely connected with Mabel Green and Maxine Belmont, other notorious madams, and it is detective Ford's opinion that Inspector Fruchi is probably now getting the money on vice, although he stated he has nothing to verify this opinion other than the prior close friendship existing between Sadie Dann and Inspector Fruchi.

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On the evening of July 8, 1936, Charles Kennedy, alias "Joker" Kennedy was brought to the temporary offices in the Edison Building for interview by Agents J. V. Murphy and R. C. Suran.

According to [redacted] Kennedy is supposed to have had a conversation with Joe Roscoe concerning Roscoe's bringing Harry Campbell to the home of Ed McGraw. While Kennedy stated he saw Campbell in Lamb's Grill, located at 2015 Adams Street, Toledo, which grill is in the same building in which Kennedy and McGraw reside, he furnished little information of value and when further information is obtained concerning Kennedy he will be again interviewed. Kennedy signed the following statement:

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"Toledo, Ohio  
"July 8, 1936.

"I, CHARLES D. KENNEDY, make the following free and voluntary statement to R. C. Suran and J. V. Murphy, whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice. This statement is being made without any threats or promises of immunity from prosecution.

"My name is Charles D. Kennedy, and am known by the nick name of 'Joker' Kennedy. I am 53 years of age, born at Ft. Wayne, Indiana, Oct. 17, 1883. I am married and have no children. I reside with my wife, Ida Kennedy, at 2015 $\frac{1}{2}$  Adams Street, Toledo, where I operate a rooming house. At present I am not engaged in any other employment, as my health has not been good.

"In 1911 or 1912 I was operating the Ben Hotel and saloon in Point Place, Ohio, a suburb of Toledo. I closed that place in about 1913 and went to Buffalo, where I had an interest in a saloon. I stayed in Buffalo about three years, then came back to Toledo about 1917 and tended bar at various places in Toledo. I had an interest with my brothers, Edward, Joseph and William Kennedy in a gambling place called the Soldiers & Sailors Club at 513 $\frac{1}{2}$  St. Clair Street, Toledo. This place is now closed. Ed. Warndke also had an interest in that club. I have been operating my rooming house at my present location for about three years.

"I have never been arrested for violation of the Federal Prohibition Act, but over a period of 7 or 8 years when I was in saloon business in Toledo, Ohio, I was arrested by the State officers and Toledo police about 10 or 12 times for violation of liquor laws, and paid fines as high as \$100.00 in some cases. I do not recall the exact dates of those arrests, but it was before the repeal of the National Prohibition Act. I have never served time in a county jail, a state or Federal penitentiary.

"About eight or ten years ago I had an interest with Joe Roscoe in a crap game operated near the Little Casino, which is now called the Little Club. I was in with Roscoe about three or four months period, and when we lost a couple of bank rolls, Roscoe pulled out of the game and went in with Jimmie Hayes in the gambling business. Since that time I have had little or nothing to do with Joe Roscoe, although we are on speaking terms. For about three years period I have not talked with Joe Roscoe about anything until about a year or so when I met him in the Jovial Club, 631 St. Clair St., Toledo, when I went there to borrow some money from Ed Warndke. At this time my conversation with Joe Roscoe was just a casual conversation. I hear that Joe Roscoe has an interest in the Jovial Club, which is a gambling place, also that he has an interest in another gambling place at 513 1/2 Jefferson Street.

"Harry Campbell was never a roomer at my rooming house at any time, and I was never introduced to him. Some time before Christmas, 1935, the exact dates I cannot recall, I was in the Lamb's Grill, which is on ground floor under my rooming house, and saw a young man there and heard him called 'Bob' by the bartender, whose first name is Bill and is a gray haired man and has been with Lamb's Grill since it was opened. On one occasion I saw this man 'Bob' in Lamb's Grill with Ed McGraw. After Harry Campbell was arrested in the early part of May, 1936, then I learned that the man 'Bob' I saw in Lamb's Grill was Harry Campbell. I am not on friendly terms with Ed McGraw and have not spoke to him for over a year. Ed McGraw runs a 'call house' at 2011 1/2 Adams Street, which is next door to my place. I have not seen Harry Campbell in Ed McGraw's place. I have seen Esther Goulet at McGraw's rooming house several times.

"I know Fred Goulet and family, who operate the Goulet Grill in 2100 block on Monroe Street. While we are not close personal friends, I have known the family for a number of years. My nephew attended school in Point Place with Esther Goulet, and I know Esther better than any of the others of that family. I have never been in Goulet's Grill when Harry Campbell known as 'Bob' was there.

"I have read the above statement and it is true to best of my recollection.

/s/ CHARLES D. KENNEDY

WITNESSES:

R. C. Suran  
J. V. Murphy, Special Agents  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1448 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio."

The following investigation was performed by Special Agents H. B. Dill and E. J. Wynn on July 2, 1936:

It is to be recalled, as set out in the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, July 3, 1936, that Deane Allen stated Fred Goulet told her that on the occasion of the registration of Campbell, as Clarence Charles Miller, Ted Angus was present, and that Fred Goulet saw Ted Angus wave his hand to Campbell as a sign of recognition. As set out in the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, July 3, 1936, investigation at the Board of Elections, Toledo, Ohio, revealed that Fred Goulet, his wife, Catherine Goulet, Harry Campbell, as Clarence Charles Miller, and Ted Angus, registered on April 13, 1936.

Fred Goulet was brought to the Toledo temporary office by the reporting Agents, and the following signed statement, the original of which is contained in the Cleveland Bureau office file, was secured:

"Toledo, Ohio  
"July 2, 1936.

"I, FRED GOULET, 2130 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio, make the following free and voluntary statement to H. B. Dill, and E. J. Wynn, who I understand are Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice.

"I recall that on either the last or day before the last day of voters registration, in 1936, Bob Miller, who I now know as Harry Campbell, drove my wife and me to the Board of Elections, where we all went in to register. After I had finished registering, and had gotten up out of the chair in which I was sitting, I saw Ted Angus at the next chair to the left of me. Bob Miller was about twenty feet or so up the line registering. Bob Miller was registering just inside the entrance to the room, and when I finished registering I walked up to where Bob Miller was, and when he finished we waited there for my wife, Catherine Goulet, to finish registering, and we waited there for three or four minutes. During this three or four minutes I watched Bob Miller, who is now known to me as Harry Campbell, and Ted Angus, to see if they would recognize each other, but I never saw them recognize each other.

"I watched Ted Angus and Bob Miller, as I had begun to doubt that Bob Miller was in the slot machine racket, and figured that Bob Miller was in some other racket. I doubted that he was in the slot machine business, because he never

went away to take care of his business. I recall that some time in the year 1935, possibly in the fall of 1935, as best I can recall, I read in the newspaper, The Toledo Blade, a story about some man who had been arrested and told about the Karpis gang, having been at the Casino Club, operated by Bert and Ted Angus. I figured that if Ted Angus had that kind of a gang hanging around the Casino, he must be acquainted with 'hot' criminals, that is to say, criminals who were wanted, and so I figured that if Ted Angus and Bob Miller recognized each other, then Bob Miller was really in some kind of a racket, and was 'hot', but since they did not recognize each other I figured that Miller was just in some small racket.

"As best I can recall, at this time, that is the occasion of the registration at the Board of Elections on either the last day of registration or the day before the last day in 1936, Karpis had been captured in New Orleans, and I read the story in the newspaper, The Toledo Blade, which newspaper I take every day during the week, and which newspaper I have always been partial to and have read it regularly for years.

"I do not know of any other person other than Ted Angus, who I would have watched to see if he recognized Bob Miller, and the reason I watched Ted Angus as I did was because of the newspaper article I had read about the Karpis gang having been at the Casino Club. I have not been on speaking terms with Ted Angus for many years.

"I have had this statement read to me, and have signed my name to the bottom of page 1, and have also placed my initials on page 1 at the points where corrections have been made, and affixed my signature to this, page 2, of this statement, and desire to state that the statement is true to the best of my knowledge, and has been given freely and voluntarily.

WITNESSES

/s/ FRED GOULET

H. B. Dill  
E. J. Wynn, Special Agents,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
1448 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio."

Toledo, O.

July 2, 1936.

"I, FRED GOULET, desire to state that after making the above statement, I was taken to the Toledo, O. Public Library, where, I looked at the May 3, 1935 issue of the newspaper, Toledo Blade, column 6, page 1, and there saw a news story

captioned, ACTIVITIES OF OUTLAW BAND WHILE HIDING HERE REVEALED;  
WITNESS IN TRIAL OF TEN MEMBERS OF BARKER-KARPIS GANG FOR  
BREMER KIDNAPING TELLS OF HIS FLIGHT TO TOLEDO AND SUBSEQUENT  
ADVENTURES. This article tells about the gang being at the  
Casino Club where they contacted Ted Angus. This is the news-  
paper story I had reference to in my above statement which I  
thought appeared in the newspaper about the fall of 1935.

WITNESSES:  
H. B. Dill  
E. J. Wynn, Special Agents,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
1448 Standard Bldg.,  
Cleveland, Ohio."

/s/ FRED GOULET

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The newspaper articles which was viewed by Fred Goulet at the Toledo Public Library, where, as indicated in his statement, he accompanied the reporting Agents, contains the statement of Jimmie Wilson in which Wilson describes his flight from Chicago, Illinois, to Toledo, Ohio. Following are quotations from the article which Goulet recalled: "When I (Jimmie Wilson) arrived at Toledo, Ohio, I made my way to the Casino Club and asked for Ted Angus who runs it. I asked Ted where to get in contact with 'Shorty' (Fred Barker, who was slain by Federal operatives in Florida recently) and he said Shorty was in town but would not say where Shorty was. I stayed at the Casino Club that night in a small room, and the next day I walked to the home of Shorty in Point Place." This article further stated that members of the Barker-Karpis gang hid out in Toledo. Members of the gang mentioned in this article are as follows: James J. Wilson; Miss Burdette; Karpis; Ollie Berg; Moran; Slim Gibson; Volney Davis; the Barkers; Campbell; Paula Harmon, and William Weaver.

The statement of Jimmie Wilson appearing in the news article appears to have been obtained from evidence given in the trial in St. Paul, Minnesota. It is part of the statement of Jimmie Wilson appearing in the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, dated at Chicago, Illinois, October 1, 1934.

It is to be noted that Karpis was not taken into custody until May 1, 1936, and that, therefore, Fred Goulet could not have read of his apprehension on the day he registered to vote, namely, April 13, 1936.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents E. J. Wynn and H. B. Dill on July 2, 1936

It is recalled, as set out in the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, July 3, 1936, that Deane Allen stated that Fred Goulet told her that on the occasion of the registration of Harry Campbell as Clarence Charles Miller, Ted Angus was present, and that Fred Goulet saw Ted Angus wave his hand to Campbell as a sign of recognition. As set out in the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, July 3, 1936, investigation at the Board of Elections, Toledo, Ohio, revealed that Gred Goulet, his wife Catherine, Harry Campbell as Clarence Charles Miller, and Ted Angus registered on April 13, 1935.

On this same day Fred Goulet, Mrs. Catherine Goulet's husband, had been interviewed by Agents and it was deemed advisable to interview Mrs. Goulet before she and her husband had a chance to talk together. The interview with Fred Goulet is set out above in this report.

Mrs. Goulet was brought from the Goulet Grill to the Bureau offices being maintained in Toledo, Ohio, and on being questioned with regard to her registering to vote, she stated that some time in April 1935, about the last day of registration, she and her husband asked Harry Campbell, who she knew as Bob Miller, to come on down with them and register so that he might vote; that Campbell consented and that she, her husband, Campbell and Gertie, Campbell's wife, drove to the Board of Elections in the one hundred block on Huron Street; that she and her husband and Campbell went into the building to register while Campbell's wife waited for them in Campbell's automobile, in which they rode down; that she went in and registered at a table about in the center of the room; that she did not know where her husband or Campbell sat when they registered, in view of the fact that she did not see them any more from the time they entered the building until she got through and found them waiting for her in the hall; that they finished before she did because she had some trouble finding a place to sit down to register. She further stated that she did not see anybody that she knew at the Board of Elections at the time she registered; that she had known Ted Angus for a number of years, but she did not see him on this occasion, nor does she recall her husband mentioning the fact that Ted Angus was there at that time. She stated that her husband and Ted Angus were not on speaking terms because on an occasion, at the Casino Club on Summit Street, Ted Angus and her husband had a quarrel and Ted hit her husband on the head with a gun; that since that time Ted Angus and her husband have been bitter enemies. Mrs. Goulet stated that she had never heard her husband mention the fact that he had seen Ted Angus at the Board of Elections on the day they registered; that if her husband did see

Ted Angus there she knew nothing about it; that if she had seen Ted Angus there she would not hesitate to so state in view of the fact that she has nothing to hide.

Mrs. Goulet was also questioned with regard to any conversation she might have entered into or overheard, in connection with instant case, since the time she was last interviewed by Agents of this Bureau. In answer to these questions she stated that she had not discussed this case with anyone; that she had seen Mrs. Clara McGraw on only two occasions but this case was not brought up either time; that Sheriff James J. O'Reilly has been into their grill on a number of occasions since the time Harry Campbell was taken into Federal custody, but she has never heard the Sheriff mention Campbell's name or make any other statements relative to this case.

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The following investigation was performed by Special Agents H. B. Dill and E. J. Wynn:

It is to be recalled that there has been mention in this case that there is a possibility that the body of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, after he was killed in the vicinity of the Casino Club, was taken to a cottage on Lake Erie, where it was kept for a few days before being finally disposed of in the lake; also, that information in the file indicates the possibility that the Barker-Karpis gang may have used the cottage of Bert Angus on Lake Erie at Niles Beach, Ohio (near Toledo, Ohio).

On June 26, 1936, Jess Moninee, a farmer who resides at Niles Beach, about several hundred yards distant from the cottage of Bert Angus, stated that the cottages located at Niles Beach are seldom used except on week ends and holidays; that he is acquainted with Bert Angus, and recalled that in 1934 Bert visited his, Bert's, cottage occasionally, usually on week ends; that he does not recall ever observing any other persons living at the Angus cottage, nor does he recall any visitors to the cottage, nor any wild parties there. Photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang were exhibited to him, but he was unable to identify any of them as persons ever observed by him in the vicinity of Niles Beach. He was also questioned with reference to any construction work, particularly cement work, in that vicinity, or the presence or disappearance of any barrels within his knowledge, but he had no information along this line.

On June 28, 1936, Mr. Carl Kienasti, 1469 Oakwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, who runs a cottage near that of Bert Angus at Niles Beach, was interviewed. He stated that in 1934 he visited his cottage,

as now, only on the week ends, and that he did not make it a habit to associate with persons residing in the other cottages; that he is acquainted with Bert Angus, and on occasions observed Bert at Niles Beach, but could not recall any visitors to the Angus cottage; that he did not recall any construction or cement work, or the presence of any barrels at Niles Beach. He was shown the photographs of the Barker-Karpis mob, but was unable to identify any of them as persons ever observed by him in the vicinity of Niles Beach.

On July 1, 1936, Mr. Clyde Schenwald, 351 Sheldon Street, Toledo, Ohio, who was the cottage next to that of Bert Angus at Niles Beach, was interviewed in detail with reference to the possible presence of the Barker-Karpis gang having been present at Niles Beach in 1934, but he was unable to give any information as to this, and after viewing the photographs of the gang could make no identifications, nor did he recall any construction work, cement work, or presence of a barrel in the vicinity of Bert Angus' cottage.

Miss Holdt, a sister-in-law of Clyde Schenwald, and who resides with him, was also interviewed, but could not furnish any information of value.

The following persons own cottages in the vicinity of Bert Angus' cottage, and have not as yet been interviewed: D. Hartman, 414 Platt Street, Toledo, Ohio; Cliff Drace, who is reported to be employed as a custodian or fireman at an east Toledo public high school; Walter Belpash, who, it is to be recalled, is rather close to the Angus brothers, and who is presently reported to be at Middle Island, and from whom it is not expected any information can be obtained; Charles Varner, who is reported to be out of the state of Ohio, and who is thought to be a brother-in-law to Cliff Drace.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents E. J. Wynn and H. B. Dill on July 1, 1936, at Port Clinton, Ohio:

It is recalled, as set out in report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, July 3, 1936, that Harold Biggs, 4210 Overland Parkway, stated that Tom Worland operated a beer joint and gambling place on the highway near Port Clinton, Ohio; that a woman by the name of "Bell" (last name unknown) operated a restaurant and beer joint a few yards from the place operated by Worland; that on one occasion about a year ago the Ohio State Liquor Board raided the place operated by Bell, which he thinks is operated under the name of Bell's Tavern, and suspended her liquor license because she had slot machines in her restaurant; that although Worland's place is located only a few yards away, the liquor inspectors did not cause his license to be suspended, nor did they make him move the slot machines which were being operated in his place at that time; that these places were located near Camp Perry and depended on the people at Camp Perry for the majority of their trade. Biggs stated that it was his opinion that Worland put the "fix" on the State Liquor Board officials in order to get them to have the slot machines in Bell's place removed so that he would have a clear field.

Mrs. Bella Russell was located at 307 Fulton Street, where she is now running a restaurant under the name, "Bell Mell." On being interviewed she stated that for several years and until the middle of May, 1936, she operated a place under the name of Bell Mell on Highway #2 (north side of the highway) about one mile west of Port Clinton, Ohio, and near Camp Perry; that about one hundred yards from her place Tom Worland, from Toledo, Ohio, operated a restaurant and gambling place known as the American Legion Dugout; that Worland opened this American Legion Dugout some time in August, 1935; that shortly after Worland had opened this place two inspectors of the Ohio State Liquor Board came to her place and told her to move the slot machines, that she had in her place at the time; that because the owner of the machines, Mr. William Bannes, had just died, and there was no one to come and get the machines, she put them in the kitchen of her restaurant and covered them with a cloth; that one week after the first visit of the inspectors, they returned, found the machines covered up in her kitchen, and told her she would have to appear in Columbus, Ohio, before the State Liquor Control Board, to show cause why she had these machines in her place of business; that shortly thereafter she received a letter from the State Liquor Control Board informing her that she would have to appear in Columbus to show cause why she had allowed these slot machines to operate in her restaurant on August 29th, (that was on the day the inspectors made their final inspection, according to Mrs. Russell). Mrs. Russell stated that as soon as she received

this letter she telephoned Mr. Parr, who works at the State Liquor Control Board, and asked him why she was not allowed to operate slot machines when Tom Worland, a man from out of town, could come in to Port Clinton and operate a gambling place wide open; that Mr. Parr told her that he would look into the matter, but that she never heard anymore about that angle. She stated that on September 12, 1935, she appeared in Columbus before the state board and on being asked by members of the board if she had slot machines in her restaurant on August 29, 1935, she answered in the affirmative, and as a result her license to sell liquor was suspended for twenty days; that she received a letter dated October 8, 1935, from the board informing her that on that date her suspension had expired. Mrs. Russell stated that one of the inspectors who found the slot machine in her place was named Suiter (phonetic); that she did not know how to spell his name, nor did she know his initials, or the name of the inspector who accompanied Suiter.

Mrs. Russell further stated that she does not know who owns the Dugout at the present time, but that Mr. and Mrs. Lester Schmitt manage it at the present time; that Mrs. Schmidt, whose first name is Harriette, is a sister of D. L. Cullenen, Sheriff of Ottawa County, the county in which Port Clinton is located; that she, Mrs. Russell, has been in the Dugout within the past two weeks, at which time she saw the sheriff; that she also saw Chuck-a-Luck games in operation. She stated that she does not recall being in the Dugout while it was owned and operated by Tom Worland; that although she did not know of her own knowledge that gambling devices were being operated in the Dugout in August, 1935, it was common knowledge throughout the town of Port Clinton; that she had also heard a general rumor around Port Clinton that about two weeks before the state liquor inspectors found the slot machines in her restaurant, on August 29, 1935, Inspector Suiter and the Sheriff of Ottawa County had become intoxicated together at the Dugout, however, she did not know this of her own personal knowledge. She stated that at the time Tom Worland operated the Dugout a man from Toledo named Sammy LaVoy managed the place for him; that LaVoy is an ex-policeman of the Toledo Police Department, who was shot in Toledo during a drug store holdup, and that he is now on a Toledo Police Department pension as a result of having been shot.

Mrs. Russell stated that a man by the name of Al Clemons controls the slot machine business in Port Clinton at the present time; that Clemons does not have any machines in her restaurant, and that she has never had any dealings with him.

During the course of this conversation with Mrs. Russell she stated to Agents that on one occasion a man by the name of Joneitzen, who works for Allen Clemons in the slot machine business, asked her if she wanted him to put a slot machine in the place she

is operating at the present time; that she told him that she had had enough trouble with slot machines and that she did not intend to have another one in her restaurant, whereupon Voneitzen told her that if he decided to place a slot machine in her place of business he would so do, because they (meaning Voneitzen and Clemons, according to Mrs. Russell) were paying for protection and that they could put these machines anywhere they pleased. Mrs. Russell stated, however, that they had not placed a machine in her restaurant and that she did not intend to allow them to do so if she could possibly prevent it. Mrs. Russell stated that if Clemons, whom she understands is operating the slot machine business in Port Clinton and Ottawa County, is paying any public officials for the privilege of operating, she knows nothing about it, nor has she ever heard any rumors to that effect. She further stated that at the time she had her license suspended, Jack Pulschin, who operates Jake's Ark, and Dink Hayes, who operates a restaurant on Highway #2, near the place formerly operated by her, also had their licenses suspended.

Jake Pulschin on being interviewed at Jake's Ark, a restaurant operated by Pulschin, in the city of Port Clinton, stated that in August, 1935, two inspectors of the State Liquor Control Board, came to his restaurant and found some slot machines in operation; that these inspectors, whose names he does not know, told him to move the machines out of his place; that he did not follow the instructions and about one week thereafter the inspectors returned to his restaurant and as a result he was called before the State Liquor Control Board at Columbus, Ohio, and his license to sell liquor was suspended. Pulschin stated that at the same time his license was suspended Mrs. Bella Russell and Dink Hayes also had their licenses suspended.

Pulschin stated that at the present time a man by the name of Allen Coemons is operating the slot machine business in Port Clinton and Ottawa County; that Clemons is an honest man and that he is liked by everybody that knows him; that he, Pulschin, has never heard Clemons, or any of Clemons' employees speak of paying any public official, or anyone else, for the privilege of operating slot machines in Port Clinton or Ottawa County; that the only thing he ever heard about a pay off was the time when some man, who he has never seen since that time, and had never seen before, came to his restaurant and told him that he would have to pay \$10 for protection; that he told this man to return the next day and that in the meantime he would think the matter over; that the following day this man did return and that he, Pulschin, being afraid not to do so, paid this man \$10; that his reason for being afraid was that he thought this man might throw a bomb into his restaurant. Pulschin stated that this happened about two years ago; that about that time there had been some talk about paying off for protection in other towns, but that he had never heard of it in Port Clinton,

nor had he heard of anybody's place being bombed or otherwise damaged in Port Clinton, for the refusal to pay for protection.

Pulschin was questioned as to the suspensions of license in August, 1935, at the time his and other slot machine operators' licenses were suspended; he stated that about that time a "big politician" was killed in Canton, Ohio, and that he believed that this murder was the cause of the general clean-up throughout the state.

Pulschin was discreetly questioned as to why the American Legion Dugout was allowed to operate slot machines and other gambling devices at the same time that his and others' liquor licenses were suspended. (Pulschin had already indicated that it was common knowledge that the Dugout was operating gambling devices in August, 1935). To this question he answered that he supposed the reason the Dugout was allowed to operate at that time was because it was being operated by the American Legion and that the members of the Legion were "boys who fought overseas."

Agents endeavored to locate and interview Dink Hayes, at his restaurant on the south side of Highway #2, located about two miles west of Port Clinton, but Hayes could not be located. As Agents were leaving Dink Hayes' restaurant a man who stated his name was Allen Clemons stopped Agents and stated that he had been told by Jake Pulschin that two men had been into his restaurant making inquiry regarding the suspension of his, Pulschin's, liquor license in August, 1935, because he had been operating slot machines in his restaurant; that Pulschin had telephoned him and had given him the license number of Agents' automobile. Clemons stated that he is in the slot machine business in Port Clinton and Ottawa County and that if the Agents wanted any information regarding slot machines he would probably be able to furnish same and would willingly do so.

Clemons stated that he has been in the slot machine business in Port Clinton and Ottawa County for eight or nine years and that he is also in the wholesale candy business; that he has never had any trouble in connection with the operation of his slot machines; that he has never paid anyone for the privilege of operating them; that he knows it is in violation of the laws of the state of Ohio, but that he operates in spite of this fact because he, as well as most of the business men in Port Clinton and Ottawa County, think it is a foolish law; that "the law" has taken his machines on one or two occasions, but when this occurred he just considered it a loss because he never got any of these machines back. He stated that the Sheriff paid very little attention to the slot machines in that county; that once or twice Ottawa County has elected a Sheriff who considered himself a reformer, but that the people did not approve of that kind of sheriff and he was never reelected. He further stated that anybody who cared to could come into Port Clinton or Ottawa County and operate slot machines; that he believed the

reason nobody has attempted it is because he knows all the people in Port Clinton and Ottawa County and he thinks that these people would not place slot machines in their places in competition because he has always been fair to them and they like him; that he is the only one in the slot machine business at the present time, other than Mrs. William (May) Barnes; that Mrs. Barnes' husband operated slot machines in that county and in Port Clinton until his death in 1935, and that Mrs. Barnes still has a few of these machines in operation, but that he does not think she has very many; he would not state an approximate number.

Clemons stated that at the present time he had Irvin Rhode, Carl Quisno and John Voneitzen working for him as collectors and repair men for his slot machines; that in August, 1935, some of the people who have his slot machines in their places of business had their liquor licenses suspended by the State Liquor Control Board; that he did take these people to Columbus, Ohio, to their hearing, but that he made no effort to try to "fix" things for them; that he had no agreement with them whereby he would pay any fines incurred by the fines imposed for operating these machines. Clemons stated that he did not know how many slot machines he had operating in the county and Port Clinton; that he kept no record of it; that he knew where his machines were located and that for his purpose that was sufficient.

Continuing, Clemons stated that about July or August, 1935, the American Legion, of which he is a member, purchased a building now known as the American Legion Dugout, located on the north side of Highway #2, about one mile west of Port Clinton; that the American Legion paid eight hundred dollars as a first installment for this place and that it has to pay yearly notes on the property; that the Legion conceived the idea of opening a gambling place on this property and the officer of the Legion asked him to operate the place for them; that he knew nothing about operating a gambling house and was, therefore, afraid to undertake to do so alone; that in view of these circumstances he called on Tom Worland, who lives in Toledo, Ohio, to assist him in opening and operating this place; that Worland agreed to assist him and that he and Worland financed the opening of this gambling house; that they bought the furniture and fixtures and had the buildings fixed up; that his and Worland's agreement with the Legion was to give the Legion twenty percent of the net profits. Clemons stated that the Dugout is operating under a private club's license at the present time, having been granted the private club license in the middle of September, 1935; that, however, gambling devices were operated in the dugout prior to receiving this private club license, in anticipation that same would be soon granted; that he and Worland actively operated the Dugout for several months, but

did not make very much money; that although he and Worland still own the furniture and fixtures in the place they are not actively engaged in its operation; that they do not receive any income from the profits of the Dugout. Continuing, Clemons stated that the Dugout is now managed and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Lester Schmidt; that Mrs. Schmidt is a sister of the wife of D. L. Cullenen, Sheriff of Ottawa County.

After talking to Clemons for some time he stated that he then recalled that the Dugout was opened for business on August 17, 1935, and the club received a private club license on September 18, 1935. It will be recalled that the date on which Mrs. Russell was alleged by the state board to have slot machines in her place was August 29, 1935, that being after the Dugout opened and before the Dugout had been issued a private club license.

Clemons stated to Agents that Port Clinton depends, to a great extent, on the summer trade of the people attending Camp Perry; that even with this trade a great many of the people operating restaurants around the camp would not be able to make a profit if it were not for the money they make on the slot machines and that for these reasons the restaurant owners are willing to take a chance on having their liquor license suspended; that the restaurant owners make no money on the sale of liquor "after camp" anyway.

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The following is submitted by Special Agent E. J. Wynn:

The newspaper, Toledo News-Bee, was examined for the period January 16th to 31st, 1935, inclusive, for information appearing as to the Barker-Karpis gang, with the following results:

January 16, 1935, Home Edition

Page 1: A news article headed "Bremer Kidnap Fugitive Dies by U. S. Guns." The article states that fifteen Department of Justice Agents killed Fred Barker and his mother. Under Oclawaha, Fla., date line, the story states that two men were slain in Oclawaha, Fla. believed to be Fred Barker and a man named Campbell. "Barker was a small time Oklahoma hoodlum until he graduated into 'big time' with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul, Minn. banker, in 1933." No photographs appear.

January 17, 1935, Home Edition

Page 2: Photograph of Alvin Karpis, dressed in stripes, the name under the photograph being, "Alvin Karpis." The news article is captioned, "Two Remain in Outlaw War." Quoted from the article is the following: "Only the capture or death of Alvin Karpis and Arthur R. 'Doc' Barker remained to complete the Government's roundup of big time desperadoes. The Karpis-Barker gang is accused of kidnaping Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker and of other crimes."

January 18, 1935, Home Edition

Page 1: Is an article captioned, "U. S. Agents Get Ma Barker." The article states that releases from Washington advised that Doc Barker had been held in Chicago since January 8th. "Barker is accused in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward Bremer, St. Paul financier." No photographs.

January 21, 1935, Home Edition

Page 1: Is an article captioned, "Alvin Karpis and Pal Shoot Way Out of Atlantic City Trap, Escape in Auto." To quote from the news story: "Department of Justice Agents today pressed search for Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, last surviving members of the notorious Karpis-Barker gang, kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul Banker." The article describes the shooting episode at Atlantic City, N. J., and mentions that Dolores Delaney was shot in the leg, and that she and Winona Burdette were arrested. No photographs.

January 22, 1935, Home Edition

Page 1: Article captioned, "Karpis abandons Car - Escapes Near Toledo." The article states that a car was abandoned by Karpis and found 16 miles north of Toledo; that Karpis was believed to have separated from Harry Campbell. To quote, "Karpis was a member of the ring which kidnaped Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, and collected a ransom of \$200,000."

Page 5: There appears a photograph of Doc Barker, under which is printed, "Facing Trial for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, and accused of betraying his own mother, and brother to death to win clemency, Arthur 'Doc' Barker, southwest outlaw, is shown here in St. Paul jail."

January 23, 1935, Home Edition

Page 20: There appears a news article stating that Deputy Sheriffs went to a house on Edgewater Drive near Summit Street in Point Place in search of Karpis, but found that the tenants of the house were old residents.

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The Toledo Morning Times was examined for the months of January, 1934 to March, 1934, inclusive, by Special Agent E. J. Wynn, with the following results:

January 19, 1934, page 1

General story of the kidnaping of Bremer. No suspects mentioned.

January 20, 1934, page 2

Contact with the unknown kidnapers sought by relatives of Bremer.

January 21, 1934, page 1

Believed contact with kidnapers near.

January 22, 1934, page 1

Rumors prevalent that banker is dead.

January 23, 1934, page 1

Hunt started in lake region near St. Paul for kidnapers. Article states that J. Edgar Hoover intimated that Verne Sankey was considered as a suspect.

January 24, 1934, page 1

Rumors were that Bremer to be released within 24 hours by his unknown kidnapers.

January 25, 1934.

Police study ransom notes.

January 26, 1934, page 1

Ransom note received by Bremer family.

January 28, 1934, page 1

Contact with unknown kidnapers believed near.

January 29, 1934, page 1

Unknown gang still holds bankers.

January 31, 1934, page 1

Bremer family hopes dampened.

February 5, 1934, page 1

Ultimatum given unknown kidnapers by Bremer family.

February 9, 1934, page 1

Bremer freed for \$200,000 and returned home.

February 10, 1934, page 2

A. P. story by Bremer detailing his kidnaping.

February 11, 1934, page 1

U. S. picks up Bremer case. Story stated that U. S. takes full charge.

February 13, 1934, page 1

Believed that Bremer hideout near Creston, Iowa.

March 16, 1934, page 1

"The two chiefly sought and whose names were made public for the first time today were Arthur (Doc) Barker, and Alvin Karpis." This article states that Fred Barker is wanted for questioning; that hunt was centering in Oklahoma.

March 23, 1934, page 1

Department of Justice announces that Alvin Karpis and Arthur R. Barker participants in Bremer kidnaping.

March 26, 1934, page 3

Photograph of Alvin Karpis and Arthur Barker, with story under photos that they are wanted for Bremer kidnaping.

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The Toledo Morning Times for April and May, 1934, were examined by Special Agent E. J. Wynn, with the following results:

April 28, 1934, page 1

Bremer kidnap money found on William E. Vidler, Chicago, an ex-convict.

April 29, 1934, page 1

John J. McLaughlin, Chicago, charged with participation in Bremer kidnaping.

April 30, 1934, page 3

Federal Agents scouring Chicago underworld for Bremer kidnapers; fear gangs looking for kidnapers to kill them.

May: No articles concerning Bremer case in May issues.

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The Toledo Morning Time was examined by Special Agent H. B. Dill to determine what mention was made of the Bremer kidnaping case during the month of January, 1935. The following are excerpts of articles appearing therein:

January 17, 1935, page 1, col. 6

"U. S. Net Spred for Gang Chiefs."

"Ma Barker, Sons Killed in Fight."

"As a climax to gun battle at Oclawaha, Florida, yesterday in which Mrs. Kate (Ma) Barker and her son Fred were killed in a six-hour gun battle with Federal Agents. Word was sent out from Washington last night to get Alvin Karpis and Arthur (Doc) Barker."

"Word circulated that Doc has been in custody several days at Chicago. D. M. Ladd, Special Agent in Charge says, 'I have no comment to make.'"

January 21, 1935, page 1, col. 3

"Alvin Karpis shoots way out of trap."

"Confederate aid fight on police."

"Two Women Held."

"One Wounded."

(Heading - Atlantic City, N. J., Jan. 20)

"Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1 blazed his way with spitting machine gun fire early today from a police trap laid for him in a small hotel.

"With Harry Campbell, another middlewestern gangster he shouted defiance to the police command to surrender, poured rounds of bullets in the direction of the police, stole a motor car, made a desperate effort to rescue two women companions from police custody and then with guns still roaring above the exhaust of their machine sped away."

"One policeman narrowly escaped death when a bullet pierced his cap.

"Karpis girl friend, known both as Dolores Delaney and as Louise Graham, was slightly wounded in the leg. She is soon to bear a child the police surgeon said. The other woman arrested with the 21 year old Delaney girl is Winona Burdette, also known as Mrs. Louise Campbell. She is 22."

"The tip that lead to the unsuccessful attempt to arrest Karpis, who is wanted for the Edward Bremer kidnaping in St. Paul, Minn. a year ago, a kidnaping which \$200,000 was paid, came from Fla. police."

The paper indicated that the mob was located in a hotel operated by Dan Young and William Morley.

"Detectives Dan Mulhern and George Brennan, who were in charge of the investigation found Karpis and Campbell had registered last Friday night."

January 21, 1935, page 1, col. 4

A picture of Alvin Karpis appeared. Above picture appeared the following wording: "Fights way from trap." Below picture the following words appeared, "Alvin Karpis."

January 22, 1935, page 1, col. 7

"Police Close In On Karpis."  
"Gunman hunted in mountain region."  
"Auto Found."

(Heading - Atlantic City, N. J., Jan. 21)

"The sedan used by Alvin Karpis, wanted in connection with the Bremer kidnaping and a series of middle west killings, and his machine gun comrade, Harry Campbell, was found today in a lonely farm lane 40 miles north of Philadelphia. The car was stolen by the fugitives as they blasted their way with machine guns through a cordon of Atlantic City police yesterday, was riddled with bullets.

"Dr. Hunsicker of Allentown, Pa. reported to Sheriff Kruggel at Medina, Ohio, that two men, whom Sheriff Kruggel believes may have been Karpis and Campbell, kidnaped him near Sellersville, Pa. at midnight last night. The physician said the men were armed with machine guns.  
"The doctor was left bound in a Grange hall near Wadsworth, Ohio.

January 23, 1935, Page 1, col. 6

"Karpis hunt centered in Toledo."

"Bandits Seen Here Police Are Told."

"The nationwide search for Alvin Karpis and Frank Campbell, public enemies who shot their way out of a police trap in Atlantic City Sunday centered for a time in Toledo last night.

"R. J. Peterman, 569 Fernwood Avenue, manager of the filling station at Dorr and Collingwood Avenue reported two men asked the way to the Indiana state line."

"Auto Found"

"An auto which the police believe the pair took from Allentown, Pa. physician was abandoned on Dixie Highway 18 miles north of Toledo, Ohio. Deputy sheriffs stated that they joined in a search of the cottages at Toledo Beach, North Shores, Lima Pier, Woodland and Detroit Beaches."

January 24, 1935, Page 2, col. 2

"New Karpis Hunt Fails."

"More Cottages Searched."

"A report by Point Place residents that Alvin Karpis, nationally sought public enemy was seen in Point Place yesterday noon led to a second search of cottages at the Point by 14 deputy sheriffs and policemen last night.

"Like the previous search conducted Tuesday night, officials were unable to find trace of the fugitive who is being sought with his companion Harry Campbell.

"Sheriff James O'Reilly, who received the tip that he was seen said the person knew Karpis. The informant said Karpis left Point Place six months ago after living there about five months.

"The county jail received a tip Tuesday night that the two men could be found in a Point Place cottage. No one was at home when deputies investigated and neighbors said the family had lived there for some months."

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent E. J. Wynn on June 26, 1936:

The Toledo Blade, afternoon newspaper, was examined for the months of January and March, 1934, with reference to information contained therein as to the Bremer case, with the following results:

January 19, 1934, Final Home Edition

Page 1: Photograph of Edward G. Bremer. News story that he was kidnaped on January 17th by unknown persons, and \$200,000 ransom demanded.

January 20, 1934. Final Home Edition

Page 1: General news story dealing with kidnaping. No suspects mentioned.

January 22, 1934. Final Home Edition

Page 1: That it was feared victim was dead.

January 23, 1934. Final Home Edition

Pages 1 and 2: That it was expected that kidnap gang would release banker soon. No suspects mentioned.

January 24, 1934. Final Home Edition

Page 1: That Bremer was still held by unknown gang.

January 27, 1934. Final Home Edition

Page 1: That Bremer, Sr., was silent in kidnap case.

January 29, 1934. Final Home Edition

Page 1: That Bremer, Sr., begs unknown gang to release his son.

January 31, 1934. Final Home Edition

Page 1: That Bremer kidnapers maintain silence.

March 23, 1934. Final Home Edition

Page 1: That Department of Justice was pushing the hunt for the kidnapers in vicinity of Chicago. "Federal operatives describe the pair, Alvin Karpis, 25 and Arthur R. Barker, 34, as leaders of a gang of criminals whose operations have extended from Okla. to North Dakota and Minnesota."

The following submitted by Special Agent H. B. Dill:

The Toledo Blade was examined for the period February 1, 1934 to February 28, 1934, inclusive, for information appearing as to the Barker-Karpis gang, with the following results:

February 3, 1934, Page 1, col. 3

"Bremer kidnaping enters 18th day."

Dated St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 3 (AP)

This article indicates that Bremer is still missing; that he was abducted on January 17th and held for a \$200,000 ransom.

February 8, 1934, Page 1

"Rich banker is released by kidnapers."

"Edward G. Bremer returns home uninjured but exhausted after captivity."

"Eyes are taped during 22 days."

"Unannounced amount of money paid to ransom the young executive."

Dated at St. Paul, Minn. Feb. 8.

The article states that Bremer was released by three men, identify unknown, near Rochester, Minn.; that Bremer was uninjured but exhausted.

February 8, 1934, Page 1

Picture of Edward G. Bremer.

February 10, 1934, Page 1, col. 4

"Bremer clues give authorities hope."

Dated St. Paul, Minn. Feb. 10, 1934 (AP)

This article states that the police of St. Paul have the names of at least five people who believe that they either saw the kidnapers' car or the occupants of the car; that this information is also in the possession of the Dept. of Justice.

The following submitted by Special Agent H. B. Dill:

The Toledo Blade was examined for the period May 1, 1934 to January 31, 1935, inclusive, for information appearing therein as to the Barker-Karpis gang, with the following results:

September 7, 1934, Page 1, col. 3

This article stated that a 22 year old Toledo woman, arrested with two other women in a Cleveland Hotel, was questioned about Arthur Barker and Alvin Karpis connection with the Bremer and Hamm kidnaping cases.

September 11, 1934, Page 1, col. 6

"Cleveland Kidnap Gang Raid Fails."

This article stated that a raid was had on a house on Cleveland's west side, but that the raid was a failure in that no one was apprehended; that 50 armed men raided the house looking for Art and Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis.

September 28, 1934, Page 11, col. 1

"Key Man Stirs Kidnap Search."

This article stated that charges against John Boss McLaughlin, Chicago politician, will have to be nolle prossed unless Arthur and Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis are found.

January 16, 1935, Page 1, col. 5

"Bremer Kidnap Gang Besieged."

The article was headed Oclawaha, Fla. and stated that Federal Agents killed Carter and Barber, members of the Blackburn gang of St. Paul.

January 18, 1935, Page 1, col. 3

"Barker Faces Kidnap Trial."

This article stated that Arthur (Doc) Barker was picked up in Chicago by Federal Agents "10 days ago" for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, and that Karpis' capture was expected soon.

January 21, 1935, Page 1, col. 2

"Karpis Shoots Way To Liberty."

(Heading - Atlantic City, N. J.)

"Public Enemy No. 1, Alvin Karpis and his pal, Harry Campbell escape. Police learned their identity from Dolores Delaney, 21, and Wynona Burdette, 22, also known as Mrs. Louise Campbell. Department of Justice Agents, their round up of the Bremer gang complete except for Karpis, poured into Atlantic City with sub-machine guns and tear gas bombs."  
"Alvin Karpis is wanted as co-leader of the Bremer kidnaping gang and currently no. 1 on the Government list of wanted men."

This article describes Harry Campbell as a fellow gunman.

January 22, 1935 - Front Page

On the front page of this edition there appeared a two-column picture of Wynona Burdette. Underneath this picture was written the following:

"This picture of Wynona Burdette said to be a Florida radio singer, was taken in Atlantic City, N. J. Sunday when she and another woman were arrested after their male companions had shot their way out of a police trap. The two men are Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell said to be the Burdette woman's husband. The second woman, Dolores Delaney, described as Karpis' girl, was wounded when Karpis and Campbell turned machine guns on the police, who had surrounded the hotel in which the four were hiding.

January 22, 1935, Page 1, col. 6

"Car of Fleeing Karpis is Found."

"Fugitive Bandits Leave Auto in Highway Near Toledo."

This article states that the car in which Karpis is believed to have come to Toledo was found near LaSalle, Michigan, 18 miles north of Toledo at 5:30 A. M., January 22.

The article further stated: "Karpis and Campbell are the last members at large of the Karpis-Barker mob, accused of the Bremer kidnaping and other crimes."

January 22, 1935, Page 1, col. 5

"Bremer kidnaping indictments asked.

"Witnesses are soon to appear before the Grand Jury to indict Arthur (Doc) Barker and others in connection

with the Bremer abduction case."

January 23, 1935, Page 1, col. 4

"Karpis and Pal are Hunted in Point Place."  
"Toledo detectives and Lucas County Sheriffs join Michigan and Federal authorities in a search for Alvin Karpis, public enemy no. 1 and his companion, Harry Campbell. More than 100 cottages in the Casino and Point Place area were searched by Arthur ~~Ness~~ and Henry ~~Bricker~~, detectives, and deputy sheriffs George A. ~~Zand~~ and Leo ~~Collins~~.

January 24, 1935, Page 1, col. 3

"Karpis is sought near Rock Island"

This article states that the police are looking for Alvin and Harry Campbell near Rock Island, Ill. in sub-zero weather.

January 28, 1935, Page 1, col. 3

"Karpis Believed Seen in Michigan."

(Heading - Saginaw, Michigan). This article stated that it was reported that Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, wanted in the Bremer kidnaping case, were seen in Saginaw on that date and that the police are making efforts to locate them.

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The Toledo Blade was examined by Special Agent E. J. Wynn for the months of February and April, 1935, with the following results:

February 11, 1935, page 5

"Karpis, No. 1 Public Enemy sought in Auburn, California."

April 16, 1935, page 1

That it was expected the jury would be chosen at St. Paul in Bremer kidnaping case that day.

April 29, 1935, page 1

Bremer trial in 3rd week. Doc Barker only member of gang named in article.

The following is submitted by Special Agents E. J. Dowd and H. B. Dill:

On July 3, 1936 Agents visited the wife of Harry Campbell, Mrs. Gertrude Billeter Miller, alias Campbell, 518 Kopernic Avenue, Route #3, Nebraska Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, for the purpose of delivering to her certain personal effects found in Harry Campbell's possession at the time he was taken into Federal custody in Toledo, Ohio, on May 7, 1936. These things were delivered to Mrs. Miller upon the authorization of Harry Campbell, United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, dated June 11, 1936, and four copies of the receipt for these effects were signed by her. The original and two copies of this receipt are being retained in the files of the Cleveland Bureau office and one copy is being transmitted to the Bureau. This receipt is witnessed by Special Agents E. J. Dowd and H. B. Dill.

During Agents' visit with Mrs. Miller she was asked when she expected to visit Harry Campbell at the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, to which she answered that she intended to leave Toledo, Ohio, for Leavenworth, Kansas, about the fifteenth of July, 1936; that she intended to take her Ford automobile and her trailer; that a young married couple, with whom she is acquainted, is going with her.

Mrs. Miller asked Agents if she might have the automatic pistol found in the apartment occupied by Campbell and her at the time he was taken into Federal custody, stating that she wanted the gun to protect herself from prowlers who come around her trailer, in which she is now living, in the rear of her mother's home. Mrs. Miller was advised that this gun would not be given to her any time in the near future.

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Prior information having been obtained that Maxine Belmont, a notorious madam, was in the past the collector for Ted Angus from the various houses of prostitution in Toledo, Ohio, and that the Belmont woman is presently connected with other notorious madams in Toledo, who are endeavoring to arrange some setup in Toledo so that houses of prostitution might operate unmolested, it was considered advisable to place a tap on the telephone of Maxine Belmont. Prior authority was obtained from the Bureau, and on July 3, 1936, Special Agent J. M. Jones installed the tap on this telephone which is number ADams 1556 and is located in apartment #5, 2105 Warren Street, Toledo, the home address of Maxine Belmont.

Special Agent J. V. Murphy made arrangements for apartment number 26, Sheridan Manor Apartments, 206 Floyd Street, where Special Agents R. A. Guerin and M. J. Kavanagh are maintaining the tap. The tap was placed in operation on July 6, 1936, the date when the apartment was made available for occupancy.

A complete log of all conversations is being maintained and on July 8, 1936, an inmate of a house of prostitution was arrested by Officer Gilley for soliciting. The prostitute's name is now known but she is employed at the house operated by Rosie Bush, 900 $\frac{1}{2}$  Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio. After the girl's arrest the telephone tap revealed that Rosie Bush communicated with Maxine Belmont who in turn called Jesse Heslip an attorney to handle the matter; Heslip remarking that Gilley was an "O. K. boy" and he would take care of the matter. In a conversation between Rosie and Maxine, Rosie remarked that it was better to "get it this month while he is on the bench and get off with a fine." The girl was fined \$25 and costs and the man was fined \$5.00. The complete log of this tap is being furnished to the Bureau, Cincinnati, Chicago, and St. Paul offices under separate cover.

One Earl (Ike) Wittenberg, a bondsman, located at 538 Erie Street, Toledo, Ohio, according to the information previously obtained is the individual to whom the various madams go when they desire a bond or to obtain information concerning the activities of law enforcement officials.

Prior Bureau authority having been secured Special Agent J. M. Jones, on July 3, 1936, tapped the telephone of the Wittenberg office, telephone MAin 9711, at 538 Erie Street. Special Agent J. V. Murphy arranged for an office at 512 $\frac{1}{2}$  Erie Street and the tap is being maintained by Special Agents E. J. Dowd and H. B. Dill. The offices of the bonding company were closed on July 4th and 5th and the tap was placed into active operation on July 6, 1936, and a complete log is being maintained which will be forwarded to the Bureau, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Paul offices under separate cover.

The telephone tap to date has revealed that the persons connected with the Wittenberg, Jacobs and Berseson Bonding Company are closely allied with members of the police department. Further information was obtained over the tap on July 8, 1936, that the bonding company was endeavoring to locate Ted Angus through Al Snyder, and also through Nig Cousins, as Bert and Ted were supposed to sign a bond. Al Snyder is part owner of the Glass Bar in Toledo, Ohio. Nig Cousins advised the bonding company that Ted Angus was out of town.

On July 8, 1936 Special Agents Murphy and Suran visited the New Casino Club and noted a sign on the door indicating that the place would be closed until September, 1936.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The DETROIT OFFICE at Harbor Springs, Michigan, will interview Mrs. Jimmie Hayes for information concerning pay offs in the vice and gambling rackets in Toledo. Will ascertain what information she has concerning George Timiney, Bert and Ted Angus, or others concerning the harboring of members of the Barker-Karpis gang in Toledo. This lead should be held in abeyance by the Detroit office as it is likely that Mrs. Hayes will be interviewed by an Agent especially assigned to this case.

At Detroit, Michigan, should maintain a check on the activities of Ruth Wells in order that her whereabouts will be known when it is considered advisable to cause her arrest for harboring Alvin Karpis and Doc Barker at Toledo, Ohio. This should be given immediate attention.

The ST. PAUL OFFICE at St. Paul, Minnesota. It will be recalled that Alvin Karpis when first interviewed advised that one George Sargent, who has been convicted in connection with the Warren, Ohio, mail robbery, had killed one of his, Karpis', friends, but at the time of the interview Karpis refused to reveal the name of the friend who had been murdered. On October 4, 1934, one Jimmie Hayes, a gambler of Toledo, Ohio, was murdered at Detroit, Michigan, and this murder has not been solved. Hayes is known to have been in on the local rackets at Toledo, Ohio, and it is possible that Hayes and his friends in Toledo, including Joe Roscoe, had much to do with the harboring of Alvin Karpis. It is requested that Karpis be interviewed to ascertain if he will state that Hayes is the friend in question, who was murdered by Sargent. If Karpis will admit this the information might be used to advantage in interviewing Mrs. Jimmie Hayes in connection with this case. This should be given immediate attention.

The CLEVELAND OFFICE at Toledo, Ohio, will conduct the following investigation:

Will further interview John J. Murtha to ascertain the address of Harry Krantz, former employee at the Casino Club.

Will interview Art Pfund, former waiter at the Casino Club for any information he may have concerning the gang's presence at that place during 1934.

Will interview Jim Tafelski and Chris Brennan, Toledo police officers concerning the joke arrest of Willie Harrison in February, 1934. These officers should be interviewed concerning their knowledge of any pay offs in Toledo.

Will interview Louis Greiner concerning the pay off he made to former Sheriff Kreiger for the privilege of operating the Chateau with Chet Marks and later with Mrs. Marks. He should also be questioned concerning the gambling situation in Toledo during 1934 and 1935, and at the present time.

Will interview Otto Albrecht, 5916 Edgewater Drive, as to whether he has knowledge of the Barker-Karpis gang at the Casino Club in 1934. Albrecht has previously been interviewed concerning slot machine operations in Toledo, but no information of value was obtained.

Will further interview Mrs. Edith Marks in an effort to obtain additional information she undoubtedly possesses.

Will further interview Detective James Ford at his home, 1718 Joffre Street, for additional information concerning Ted Angus' present activities. Will also ascertain from Ford the date when Bill Cosman, notorious pimp, returns to Toledo.

Will interview Joe Angus, former wife of Bert Angus, concerning the activities of Bert and Ted Angus. Mrs. Angus is reported to be employed at 1915 Madison Street, Toledo, Ohio. In making inquiries concerning Joe Angus caution should be used in order that it will not become known that Detective Ford furnished information concerning her. This same precaution should be used in interviewing Myrtle Bender, who operates the house at 1915 Madison Street.

Will further interview "Joker" Kennedy if and when more information is obtained concerning the alleged conversation Kennedy had with Joe Roscoe concerning Harry Campbell.

Will continue the check of the Toledo newspapers concerning articles which appeared in them relative to the identities of various members of the Barker-Karpis gang from January, 1934 to May, 1936.

Will continue to maintain the telephone taps on the telephones of Maxine Belmont and Earl (Ike) Wittenberg and follow closely any information obtained through this source.

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Every word of this is God  
honest truth, I know to be  
facts.

Boston, Mass. X  
July 13, -36

Mr. John Edgar Hoover:  
Dear Sir:-

7-571-12313

Now that you have Elmer Meade make him  
admit that it was Fred Flower he meant by the F.I.C.  
in wire he sent and the truth is that I sprung him  
by paying the bail money through John Gallagher  
the fixer, they both knew how "hot" Meade was, and I  
had more credit around the country, of how he controls  
Boston and several more you will never hear about  
Now your men visited Flower alias Farrell and  
a couple of his gang of low men, and I wouldn't dare  
put it down what was said about the kind of people  
they are, also that you couldn't touch them, which  
as far seems true, that is why I am again going to tell  
you some more, which you can find to be the truth  
through Meade, one of many around the country who  
know his connection, but then the news boys know  
it here, any taxi driver, waiter or petty crook here,  
especially around the Westminster Hotel where he and his  
gang hang out in Frankie Doris's sixth or night club.  
This gang of swindlers who play the Pay-off and  
the "Rag" are Fred Flower alias Fred Farrell  
the best in business, Big George Kennedy who is  
living on the Drive in Cambridge, Apt. 107 at end  
of Mass. Ave Bridge, Eddie Hayes, who did several  
years in Canada living around Colidge Cr. Brookline  
near Fred. and the Englishman who ran away with

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7/30/36

Kennedy fore our men could find him last F.  
is Sid Barker, tall, slender dm. custom made  
Cadillac car, blonde Swedish wife, this man is party  
who steered a man who was swindled by Fred F.  
for over \$150,000 in England or France a few years  
ago, he was a money lender and they are waiting  
for him to die, but Sid has been over twice since  
and F. once on Phony passports.

The other who tails the "Suckers" is Johnny Gillen  
who is now wanted for jumping his bail in Miami  
Florida for <sup>auto</sup> car stealing, winter before last, and last  
he swindled that poor woman from Penn. who tried  
to kill herself in Hollywood after she lost her few  
thousand dollars, her life savings, it lasted this rat  
two months, he took a girl in his Ford to California  
and money was gone, this is but one of many and now  
will state who F. has been working here for more  
than six years, why the country looks up to him and  
why he add his gang brag, and laugh in your face  
when you speak of it being funny that the Government  
never caused any one of them trouble even about  
income tax, he says I got \$37,000 for my part, just the  
time the G. men paid me a visit, they were lucky  
to me, but the horses weren't. Here is the part which  
made and others know is true, James C. Caffen, head  
man in Dept where mugs and finger printing is done  
in Boston Police is Fred's man, and every "kick"  
comes in is kept quiet, sucker never sees their

Fred hasn't even me since he was a kid in  
ad racket or ever even been taken down or his

prints, to say since he has been in the Con rack &  
or any one he had with him at any time, since  
it simply is impossible to get at him here, for  
I have heard him tell every word that was in a  
letter sent to Police Headquarters a few hours  
after received, & Claplin even tailed Suckers after  
their money was taken, so he could be right there  
to separate gang members, give them a chance to  
law, in case Sucker took a brain-storm after  
his money was gone, in other words wake-up, but  
now Claplin being on the inside don't let them ever  
see only certain mugs and you never hear of  
any payoff or Rag touches here, but the truth is  
there are plenty, every six weeks or two months  
after this bunch come up from Miami they go  
to work, lay off during Aug at Hyannis and start  
again until its time to go South, since Claplin  
can't tail, doing the inside work which is everything  
the three biggest crooks on the Police Dept are  
working also on the Flower payroll they are Reetlin  
Kornner, Becker and Arthur Tierman.  
can you beat that for protection, is it any wonder  
that people are getting sick, when even a "Liner"  
will tell you what thieves every copper is in this  
country, but not in Dear Old England as this  
Sig Barker throws in your face.  
If Fred Flower's picture meaning a resentment

and send shed in the state are not here especially now, not to mention even as far West as Chicago, there would be so many poor suckers as they call them, that have lost most or all their money in the last six years that would recognize him it would look like a rush to a bargain sale.

Now do you mean to have this go on when you can see how useless it is to try and do anything here, why can't you or me or your Dept. clear this up like your good work elsewhere, but please don't for a minute let this look out here because the biggest of them are in ~~see~~ it, and it's a fact that your office here is not as "air tight" as you think.

This man Flowers is living with me and the most notorious woman Boston ever knew and not married or that daughter isn't any relation and he has swindled so many that he does really have to take back roads through the state, even tho people kid about it I have could but hear a few of the story's I do regarding people's loss you would know what good you can do, it is a fact that as Fred says you are helpless with the company he has, and he don't let you get anything at all.

KRM:AEK  
7-576-12313

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July 30, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Re; ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ET AL;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim;  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of the Bureau to the Boston Office dated July 29, 1936 to which was attached an anonymous communication reflecting certain information with regard to William Elmer Head and other confidence men.

The Bureau is now in receipt of another anonymous letter apparently written by the same individual, dated at Boston, Massachusetts, July 13, 1936, copies of which are being forwarded to your office and the offices designated below. This communication likewise contains further information with regard to confidence men.

Specific reference is made to that portion of the letter which states that "James Claffin, head man in the Dept. where mugs and finger printing is done in Boston Police is Fred's man, and every 'kick' that comes in is kept quiet, Sucker never sees their mugs, \*\*\*".

The letter further indicates that "Fred", who is apparently referred to as "Fred Flower", is apprised of certain information which is received in letter form at the police headquarters in Boston within a few hours after such letters are received, and that "Claffin even tailed Suckers after their money was taken, \*\*\*".

The anonymous communication also indicates that "the three biggest crooks" on the Boston Police Department are Detectives Bonner, Decker, and Arthur Tiernan, who are alleged to be on the pay roll of Fred Flower.

It is the Bureau's desire that you immediately submit to the Bureau all of the information in the possession of your office, or which you are able to ascertain from Agents who have had personal contact with the police officers mentioned herein so that the Bureau will be apprised of the true character of the individuals.

*[Handwritten signature]*

SAC, Boston

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7/29/56

With reference to this matter, your attention is directed to the letter from your office to the Bureau dated July 18, 1956, in which it is shown that the Secret Service has an informant who was interviewed by Special Agent P. H. Plunkett who is apparently well versed along these lines. It may be well to discuss the information contained in the anonymous communication with this informant in the thought that some definite information might be developed disclosing a violation coming within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau.

It is desired that you give this matter your immediate attention and advise the Bureau in the premises without delay.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Incl. #1058800

cc - Cincinnati (with copy incl.)  
Cleveland    "       "  
Jacksonville "       "  
St. Paul     "       "  
Mr. Connelley "       "  
at Chicago.

... RECEIVED  
... California  
July 15, 1936

Mr. W. A. Johnston, Warden,  
United States Penitentiary,  
Alcatraz Island, California.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to telephone re-  
quest made by the Warden on July 14, 1936,  
this morning, relative to having two agents from  
this office interview certain inmates.

It is requested that you will introduce Special Agents  
William H. and Special Agent J. I. McGuire, and  
Special Agent J. I. McGuire, and  
to interview Arthur H. Barker, Alvin Karpis,  
and George Barker.

Very truly yours,  
W. L. LISTENSKI,

Special Agent in Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

JULY 15, 1936

'S A C ST PAUL

PHONE. BREKID. USM, CHICAGO, UNABLE TO SERVE SUBPOENA ON WITNESS  
MISS V. B. CUNO, WHO IS PRESENTLY VACATIONING AT PINE RIDGE  
HOTEL, REMINGTON, MICHIGAN

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Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida  
July 14, 1936.

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that I have just learned from D. F. C. Robertson, Deputy United States Marshal, Jacksonville, Florida, that William Elmer Mead arrived in Jacksonville at 8:55 P.M., July 13, 1936, under guard, and was turned over to the United States Marshal here. He is now incarcerated in the Duval County Jail, Jacksonville, in default of \$200,000.00 bond.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Nathan*  
R. B. Nathan  
Special Agent in Charge.

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Cc: Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
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✓ [Signature]

Post Office Box 512  
Chicago, Illinois

July 13, 1936

Mr. Walter Johnson,  
U.S. Post Office Inspector in Charge,  
New Post Office,  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir,

Inasmuch as the necessity for same no longer exists, it is suggested that the following mail covers be discontinued:

William McWhidore,  
3500 Lake Shore Drive,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. William Heaney,  
1530 South Austin Boulevard,  
Cicero, Illinois.

Your cooperation in this matter has been greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge

DPM:mc  
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Post Office Box 512,  
Chicago, Illinois.

July 13, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Sir,

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent  
T. C. Melvin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, dated June 18, 1936,  
which sets out an undeveloped lead for investigation at  
Ogle, Wisconsin.

This lead is in connection with a mail cover on  
Earney Bertsche, 5908 Magnolia Avenue, Chicago. Bertsche  
was a contact for William Elmer Lead, but since Lead  
has been apprehended it will not be necessary to cover  
the lead set out in the above report.

Very truly yours,

D. A. L. D.,  
Special Agent in Charge

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to: SAC, DETROIT, MICHIGAN

FBI INDIANAPOLIS

7-12-36

SAC DETROIT

PHONE. BUREAU OFFICES ARE ENDEAVORING TO LOCATE ONE DR. MORMISTON ALIAS ARMSTRONG TO DETERMINE IF HE IS IDENTICAL WITH DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN. ST. PAUL OFFICE STATES MORMISTON IS IDENTICAL WITH WALTER R. ARMSTRONG WHO WAS TREATED AS DRUG ADDICT AT VETERANS HOSPITAL MINNESOTA MINN. EIGHT YEARS AGO AND HOSPITAL FILES SHOW LEILA ARMSTRONG HIS SISTER IS FACULTY MEMBER ILLINOIS STATE NORMAL UNIVERSITY AT NORMAL ILLINOIS. INQUIRY AT NORMAL DEVELOPED THAT LEILA ARMSTRONG RESIDES 321 ROSE STREET LAPORTE INDIANA. INQUIRY AT LAPORTE DEVELOPED THAT LEILA ARMSTRONG IS NOW VISITING MRS. O. T. ROGERS, CHIMBLEY CORNERS, FRANKFORD, MICHIGAN, AND IN A FEW DAYS WILL VISIT HER PARENTS HOME UNKNOWN AT MOUNT ZION ILLINOIS. BUREAU DESIRES THAT WALTER ARMSTRONG BE LOCATED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE DEFINITELY WHETHER HE IS IDENTICAL WITH MORAN

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CC Bureau  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 11, 1936.

Time - 12:55 P.M.

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Baughman	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Dawsey	.....
Mr. Edwards	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Foxworth	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Joseph	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Schilder	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: William Elmer Meade.

Special Agent Flood telephoned me from the Omaha Office with regard to Meade, advising that Meade was arraigned just a few minutes ago. Meade was in a position at the time to make bond in the amount of \$50,000, but the United States Attorney got a wire from the Attorney General to make the bond of this man \$200,000, and in view of that, Meade waived hearing, and the Judge has signed the order of removal.

Immediately after the arraignment, Mr. Flood said that the United States Attorney and the United States Marshal called him into conference and wanted to know if he could furnish some Agents to assist in removing this man from the County Court House to the railroad station, and to have a couple of Agents go ahead to the station and look the situation over to prevent a delivery of Meade.

I told Mr. Flood that both of these requests should be refused; that this man is now in the custody of the United States Marshal in connection with a case being handled by the Post Office Inspectors, and the Bureau is no longer concerned with him in any way. I told Mr. Flood to participate no further in any respect in this case.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

7-576-12320

JUL 17 1936



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **7-9**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Indianapolis, Indiana</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-13-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7-11-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. E. JONES</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>mla</b></span>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>Leila Armstrong, sister of Walter Raymond Armstrong, residence Rumley Hotel, LaPorte, Indiana, is presently on vacation and until about July 25, 1936 can be reached care of Mrs. O. A. Rogers, Chimney Corners, Frankfort, Michigan; then will visit the home of her parents, names unknown, at Mount Zion, Illinois, returning LaPorte, Indiana during Fall 1936. Mrs. Lester Kruse, Route 7, Decatur, Illinois, is a sister of Leila Armstrong. Teletype message was sent the Detroit Office for inquiry at Frankfort, Michigan.</b>			
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Reference:		Report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, St. Paul, Minnesota, 6-23-36. Letter St. Louis Office to Indianapolis Office dated 6-24-36. Bureau letter (7-576) July 9, 1936.	
Details:		<b>AT LAPORTE, INDIANA</b>	
<p>The 1936 LaPorte, Indiana City Directory lists Lela Armstrong as living at 321 1/2 Rose Street and as being the Supervisor of the City Elementary Grade Schools. Agent called at that address and speaking to Mrs. Frenier, was advised that Miss Leila Armstrong resided at that place for about two months until November 1935 when she went to live at the Rumley Hotel in that city.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>John A. David</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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At the Rumley Hotel, Agent inquired of the day desk clerk and ascertained that Miss Leila Armstrong, Supervisor of the City Elementary Grade Schools, has been residing at that place since November 1935 but that she left LaPorte for her vacation during June 1936 at which time she left the forwarding address of "Mrs. O. A. Rogers, Chimney Corners, Frankfort, Michigan"; that she is presently at that address and received two letters forwarded her on July 3, 1936; that she plans to remain at that address until about July 25, 1936 when she will then visit her parents, whose names are not known, but who reside at Mount Zion, Illinois; that thereafter she will return to LaPorte, Indiana to resume her work during the Fall of 1936. Agent was further informed that Miss Armstrong has a sister, Mrs. Lester Kruse, residing on Route 7, Decatur, Illinois and that she had a brother, name unknown, who was a minister who died a short while ago and whose wife is now supposed to be living in Detroit, Michigan. Miss Armstrong is forty-five years of age and has little use of her right arm inasmuch as the same was crippled in an accident about two years ago.

It is noted that Bureau letter dated June 15, 1936 addressed to the Aberdeen Office, a copy of which was furnished this office by the St. Louis Office, sets out that a Presbyterian minister, Ralph Alexander Armstrong, who is believed to be the brother of Walter Raymond Armstrong, is now deceased and that the records of the Lane Seminary at Cincinnati, Ohio disclose that Ralph Alexander Armstrong indicated that his home was at Pana, Illinois. In all probability this individual is the one referred to above as being a brother of Miss Leila Armstrong.

It is also noted that reference letter of the St. Louis Office dated June 24, 1936 to the Indianapolis Office indicates that exhaustive inquiries made at Decatur and Pana, Illinois failed to reveal any information concerning Walter Raymond Armstrong. From the files in the possession of the Indianapolis Office it does not appear that Mrs. Lester Kruse, Route 7, Decatur, Illinois, has been contacted and consequently, inasmuch as she is reported to be a sister of Miss Leila Armstrong, it is possible that she may be able to give pertinent information as to the identity and whereabouts of Walter Raymond Armstrong.

The substance of this matter was furnished to the Detroit Office July 12, 1936 by teletypewriter, for inquiry at Frankfort, Michigan.

For the information of the Detroit Office to which a lead is being directed, the following is set forth inasmuch as it does not appear from those letters and reports mentioned herein that the Detroit Office has received copies of the same: Walter Raymond Armstrong formerly worked for the Associates Investments, Inc., at Minneapolis, Minnesota; was a patient at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Minneapolis about 1928 for acute alcoholism and drug addiction; and that he was at one time engaged in the sale of Durant automobiles in Minneapolis. Investigation in this matter indicates that he has the aliases of Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston,

Walter R. Armstrong, Dr. Armstrong, and Bob Armstrong. Considerable investigation has been made with reference to the above individual, who it is thought, in the Fall of 1935 was using the name of Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston and who was reported as being possibly identical with Dr. Joseph P. Moran. The Bureau desires that this individual be located in order to ascertain definitely whether or not he is identical with Dr. Joseph P. Moran. Several persons who have observed the photograph of Dr. Joseph P. Moran have stated that he resembles the above mentioned individual.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS

##### ST. LOUIS OFFICE at Decatur, Illinois

If it has not already done so, will interview Mrs. Lester Kruse, residing on Route 7, who is said to be a sister of Miss Leila Armstrong who in turn is a sister of Walter Raymond Armstrong, for the purpose of determining the identity and whereabouts of the latter mentioned individual.

##### At Mount Zion, Illinois

Will attempt to locate the parents of Miss Leila Armstrong and secure like information.

##### DETROIT OFFICE at Frankfort, Michigan

At the residence of Mrs. O. A. Rogers, Chimney Corners, will endeavor to locate Miss Leila Armstrong and secure from her that information requested above, if the same has not already been done.

PENDING

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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7-13

July 13, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS <sup>906</sup>

In confirmation of telephonic advice furnished Mr. Weeks, on July 10, 1936, concerning the case of William Elmer Mead, Fugitive Index #5980, Bureau file #62-28915, please be advised that on July 9, 1936, a fingerprint card was received in the Identification Division from the Omaha, Nebraska Office of this Bureau, reflecting that this individual as William Elmer Mead, #---, was arrested by that Office on July 8, 1936, charge and disposition not given.

Respectfully,

7-576-12323

L. C. Schilder  
L. C. Schilder. per *tpw.*

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

July 13, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, July 11, 1936, relative to the telephone taps being maintained at Toledo, Ohio, in connection with the harboring investigation presently being conducted.

There is being transmitted herewith a copy of the log being maintained by Special Agents E. A. Guerin and M. J. Kavanagh, on the telephone of Maxine Belmont, 2105 Warren Street, Toledo, Ohio, telephone number ADams 1556. This log is for the period from July 6, 1936 at 7:29 A. M. to July 9, 1936.

The name Heslip appearing in the log is Jesse S. Heslip, 513 Belmont Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, who is connected with the law firm of Heslip and Gibson, Nicholas Building, Toledo, Ohio, telephone number MAin 2645.

The name of Rosie mentioned therein is Rosie Bush, who operates a house of prostitution at 900 $\frac{1}{2}$  Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio.

Jenny referred to in the log is Jennie Miller, alias Jenny Whitie, who operates a house of prostitution at the Shelby Hotel, Toledo, Ohio.

The telephone number MAin 0596 is the telephone number of the place of business of John Thomas, husband of Maxine Belmont, which business is located at 216 $\frac{1}{2}$  Superior Street, Toledo, Ohio. The business of Thomas is a "drink joint" with possibly some gambling connected therewith.

There is also being transmitted herewith a copy of the log being maintained on the telephone of Earl (Ike) Wittenberg, 538 Erie Street, Toledo, Ohio, by Special Agents E. J. Dowd and H. B. Dill. The telephone tapped at this place is MAin 9711. The log is for the period from July 6, 1936 to July 8, 1936, inclusive.

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G. B.

Copies of these logs are being furnished to the Cincinnati,  
Chicago and St. Paul Bureau offices, with copies of this letter.

Very truly yours,

*J. P. MacFarland*  
J. P. MacFARLAND

Special Agent in Charge

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TAP ON TELEPHONE OF MAXINE BELMONT

JULY 6, 1936

4:35 PM Incoming call RAG  
Test call by Agent J. V. Murphy. O. K.

6:37 PM Outgoing 62-0596 MKK

Man - Ed, did anybody call me at home?  
Ed - No.  
Man - I am going to the Secor to get a sandwich and then  
be right home.

7:50 PM Incoming call. No answer. RAG

July 7, 1936

10:05 AM Incoming call. RAG

Woman - Hello.  
Woman - Were you sleeping, Maxine?  
Maxine - No, I wasn't Helen. I was just dozing. I was  
thinking about you. I didn't get home until  
after 8 this morning. You know I was up in Detroit.  
Helen - Did you see them?  
Maxine - Yes, but I didn't have much time. Well, what are  
you going to wear today, Helen?  
Helen - Oh, I don't know, something dark. I have a suit  
that would be alright for driving. Did you tell  
him we were coming.  
Maxine - Yes, I did. Listen, Helen, will you pick me up.  
I have to meet Rosie downtown at 3:30 to do a  
little shopping.  
Helen - Why don't you come up here?  
Maxine - Oh, I don't want to get dressed too soon before we go.  
Helen - Alright, then. I'm only going to bring some makeup  
and a nightgown.  
Maxine - I have to get a manicure so I'll see you about six.  
Helen - Alright then and I'll call Jenny.

10:12 AM Outgoing call. MAin 0225 RAG

Woman - Beauty Shop  
Maxine - Do you have an appointment open at 2?  
Woman - Yes, what is the name?  
Maxine - Mrs. Thomas.  
Woman - Alright, at 2 o'clock.

10:36 AM

Outgoing call Long distance RAG

Woman - I want to call Mount Clemons, Michigan, Mrs. Lena Schaller, Media Hotel.

Operator - (Makes necessary inquiries and determines the number is Mt. Clemons 511 and puts thru call.)

Woman - Media Hotel.

Operator - Mrs. Lena Schaller?

Woman - She's in the bath now. Will you call back at 12 o'clock?

Operator - Will you have her call Operator #8

Woman - Alright, I will.

Operator - (To Maxine) What is your number, madam? I will call you at 12.

Maxine - Adams 1556

11:20 AM

Outgoing call MAin 0596 RAG

Man - Hello

Woman - Irwin, how are you?

Man - Oh, fine

Woman - Say I took a bottle of VO last night. Did you get my note.

Irwin - Yes, I did.

woman - We'll replace it and don't say anything to Johnny about it. You can send somebody in a cab. It will only cost a quarter.

Man - Yes, I will.

woman - Edith, Jackie, Johnnie and I were talking and he got a little sore and locked up the register.

Irwin - Is John still home.

Woman - Yes, he is.

Irwin - Well, I'll go over right now and replace it.

11:25 AM

Outgoing Call MAin 41213 RAG

Woman - Main 4121

Woman - Is Mr. Masters in?

Woman - No he's on his vacation

Woman - Alright, thank you.

11:26 AM

Outgoing MAIn 4121 RAG

Woman - Main 4121

Man - Is Mr. Schmitt there?

Woman - He's busy. Can I have him call you?

Man - Have him call Mr. Thomas.

11:28 AM

Incoming

RAG

Man - Hello.  
Man - Hello Johnny.  
Man - Hello, Walter. Where's Maxine?  
Walter - He's on his vacation. I'll take care of you  
Johnny.  
Johnny - Well, I have some money for him.  
Walter - I'll stop by and see you this afternoon.  
Johnny - Alright, Walter.

11:55 AM

Incoming

MJK

Woman - Hello  
Woman - Hello, did you just get up Maxine?  
Maxine - No, I have been up since eleven, Jenny; got  
home late. Helen called me at ten.  
Jenny - Are we going?  
Maxine - Why sure.  
Jenny - What time?  
Maxine - Six o'clock  
Jenny - Not before?  
Maxine - No, I have to see Rose and go down town and Helen  
said she would call for me at six.  
Jenny - Fritz is going to leave the car near the Shelby  
on his way to work.  
Maxine - What are you going to wear? I am going to wear  
a dark dress and I don't think I'll wear white  
shoes either.  
Jenny - I think I'll wear my blue dress and you know how  
white shoes are they would be dirty before we  
got there.  
Maxine - Helen said she was going to wear a suit.  
Jenny - It has been two years since I have been in that  
town of Detroit.  
Maxine - Your boy friend is there?  
Jenny - Who, Bill?  
Maxine - Yes, saw Johnnie's friends, called them up from  
the Statler.  
Jenny - Are they expecting me?  
Maxine - I told them we would be over tonight.  
Jenny - We'll stay there until tomorrow.  
Maxine - I am going to leave you. I am going to get a  
boy friend there.  
Jenny - I have been up since eleven; they went to the  
cottage last night. I didn't talk to those two  
last night. We'll talk it over tonight.  
Maxine - Helen is going to pick me up at home as I have  
to go down town and then change when I get home.

Jenny - Where will you pick me up? The car will be parked near the Shelby?  
Maxine - Helen will pick you up.  
Jenny - What time? Make it 5:30 or 6 o'clock at the Shelby.  
Maxine - Alright

12:05 PM

Incoming From Mt. Clemons, Mich. RAG

Woman - Hello  
Woman - How are you? I thought you would call at 10 this morning.  
Maxine - Well Helen called and I didn't get a chance till about 10:30. She's anxious to come along, too.  
Lena - I didn't have much of a chance to talk with you last night.  
Maxine - No we didn't, but I'll talk with you tonite. Johnny's friend didn't meet me either.  
Lena - After you leave the 8 mile road take M 97 and turn left to Mt. Clemons.  
Maxine - We'll find it alright. I'm sorry I couldn't talk to you last night but we'll be there about 8 o'clock tonight as we're leaving here about 6. How's Bill?  
Lena - He's fine, do you want to talk to him?  
Maxine - Yes.  
Bill - Hello. What do you know?  
Maxine - Not a whole lot.  
Bill - I hope you're coming up alone.  
Maxine - No it's all prearranged.  
Bill - I'd like to see you without them  
Maxine - Well you know how it is, everything has been planned and Helen has the car.  
Bill - Well I'll see you anyway.

12:15

Outgoing MAIN 0596 MJK

Woman - Hello  
Woman - Hello  
Woman - Irwin?  
Man - Yes  
Woman - Did you do that?  
Man - Yes.  
Woman - Alright  
Man - Three dollars  
Woman - A quart?  
Man - No, a fifth.  
Woman - The other was a quart  
Man - No only a fifth, that's the way it comes.

Woman - You owe me two dollars then.  
Man - Did John leave yet?  
Woman - No, he is taking a shower.

12:25 PM Incoming

RAG

Woman - Hello  
Man - Hello there is Johnnie home?  
Woman - Yes, he's here Mr. Davis, but he's in the shower.  
Mr. Davis - Ask him if he wants me to go with him today. I didn't see that other party yet.  
Woman - Well you can see him over at his place at two o'clock. He'll be there because he made an appointment with the insurance man. We owe him a little money.

Mr. Davis - I'll probably see him later than.

12:50 PM Outgoing

ADams 5050

MJK

Man - Cab  
Man - Come out to my house  
Man - Alright, John thanks.

12:55 PM Outgoing

ADams 6221

MJK

Operator - What number are you calling?  
Man - Got wrong number.

12:56 PM Outgoing

MAin 6221

MJK

Man answered.  
Man said, "What time is it?"  
Man - 12:56  
Man - Thanks.

1:15 PM Incoming

No answer

MJK

5:05 PM Outgoing

Main 5459

MJK

Maxine - Hello, Jenny?  
Woman - She is not here, Miss Maxine.  
Maxine - Who is this, Viola?  
Viola - Yes.  
Maxine - Any call for me?  
Viola - No  
Maxine - Tell Jenny to pick me up at 6 o'clock.

MJK

5:10 PM      Outgoing Call      211

Woman - Give me Miss Helen Marks on Locust Street  
 telephone number

Operator - Did you give me the first name?

Woman - Yes, Helen Marks

Operator - The number is MAin 5459

5:11 PM      Outgoing      MAin 5459      No Answer      MJK

5:12 PM      Outgoing      32-3658      No Answer      MJK

5:13 PM      Outgoing      ADams 3658      MJK

Woman - Hello Jehny?

Woman - No, this is May.

Woman - Did Jenny leave with Helen?

May - I don't know.

Woman - Did she take her car? Is the door to number  
 1 open.

May - Viola was the only one who saw her so I  
 wouldn't know.

Woman - In case she comes in tell her to call me.

May - Alright.

5:17 PM      Outgoing      ADams 0655      No answer      MJK

5:20 PM      Incoming      MJK

Woman - Hello

Woman - Hello Jenny?

Jenny - Yes.

Woman - Did Helen come over?

Jenny - No.

Woman - I called her several times but got no answer.

Jenny - Did you call me before?

Woman - No, I told her to pick me up at six but she  
 is never on time anyway

Jenny - Well what's the difference 6 or 6:30 we'll  
 just start a half hour late.

5:21 PM      Outgoing      ADams 0655      No answer      MJK

5:22 PM      Outgoing      MAin 0596      MJK

Woman - Hello Johnny?

Man - No, he went out to eat

Woman - Tell him I called up Irwin

5:24 PM           Outgoing           MAIN 0721                           MJK

Woman -           Manor  
 Maxine -       Did Miss Marks leave any message before going out.  
 Woman -       Just a minute please (made inquiries not distinct)  
               Hello, I can't find anyone she left a message with;  
               is there any message.  
 Maxine -       Tell her to call Mrs. Thomas when she comes in.

5:26 PM           Outgoing           ADams 0655                           MJK

Woman -       Hello  
 Maxine -       Hello, Jenny?  
 Woman -       No, just a minute  
 Maxine -       Hello Jenny?  
 Jenny -       Yes.  
 Maxine -       Did Helen come?  
 Jenny -       No she left word that she was going to the hair-  
               dressers and would be here at six.  
 Maxine -       Well you know her she probably won't be there  
               at six.  
 Jenny -       It won't make much difference.  
 Maxine -       Before coming after me give me a ring.

5:28 PM           Incoming   MJK

Woman -       Hello  
 Johnny -       What are you doing?  
 Woman -       Just hold the phone a minute (about one minute  
               elapsed and she continued)  
               Hello, I just got in about 15 minutes ago, honey.  
 Johnny -       Benny Schumbach (phonetic) is in town, thought we  
               might have dinner together. I had the car washed.  
 Maxine -       Yes, but you know where I am going tonight.  
 Johnny -       Why didn't you call me?  
 Maxine -       I couldn't get away from Rosie's. I came off and  
               left some cream and things there, I'll call you  
               tonight.  
 Johnny -       I'll be there after 8.  
 Maxine -       Don't crack where I am going tonight  
 Johnny -       I won't but don't call me much before midnight  
 Maxine -       Why, won't you be there?  
 Johnny -       Yes, but there will be some people here tonight;  
               the Shumbachs (phonetic) will be here and I  
               figured that the punk will be gone by that time and  
               then I can talk with you the way I want to.  
 Maxine -       Alright.  
 Johnny -       Lay a blanket out so I can take it out on the roof  
               in the morning.  
 Maxine -       What one are you going to use?

Johnny - I don't care.  
Maxine - Take the pink one off the bed. Never mind I'll lay it out for you.  
Johnny - When will you be back?  
Maxine - Tomorrow afternoon.

5:30 PM Outgoing ADams 0655 MJK

Woman - Hello Jenny?  
Woman - Just a minute  
Jenny - Hello  
Woman - Are you taking anything with you?  
Jenny - What do you mean?  
Woman - A bag or something. I left my cream and powder at Rosie's  
Jenny - I have all that stuff you can use mine.

5:45 PM Incoming MJK

Woman - Hello  
Woman - Hello, this is Helen  
Woman - Are you over at Johnnie's  
Helen - Yes, at the last minute I changed my mind and got my hair fixed.  
Woman - Thought maybe you would be angry because I did not call you before.  
Helen - No, we are going to leave now.  
Woman - I'll meet you downstairs  
Helen - Goodbye.

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July 8, 1936

10:05 AM Outgoing (numbers run together) MJK

Man - Hello Mrs. Starr? (Phonetic)  
Woman - Did you wish to talk to her?  
Man - Yes  
Woman - Just a moment  
Woman - Hello  
Man - Is this Mrs. Starr  
Woman - Yes  
Man - This is Mr. Thomas  
Mrs. Starr - Hello, how are you?  
Mr. Thomas - Is anybody up on the roof?  
Mrs. Starr - No.  
Man - Well, I am going up there so stay away.  
Mrs. Starr - What, no peeking?  
Man - No peeking  
Mrs. Starr - Are you home now.  
Man - Yes (Bring a blanket with you.)  
Mrs. Starr - Well I'll show you how to get up there.

11:52 AM

Outgoing

MAin 0696

RAG

Man - Hello

Man - Did my wife call me?

Man - No she didn't, Johnny.

Johnny - What time did we get home last night?

Man - It was after 4 as there was light out.

Johnny - I've been up on the roof taking a sun bath.  
I can't sleep. I left my car out in front  
all night.

Man - Yeah, it was light when we got home.

Johnny - I'll be down in a little while.

1:15 PM

Incoming

No answer

RAG

4:12 PM

Incoming

No answer

MJK

8:07 PM

Incoming

No answer

RAG

10:08 PM

Outgoing

MAin 0596

RAG

Man - Hello

Woman - Hello, John

Man - Where were you?

Woman - I just got in.

Johnny - Got a hold of Bernice - had a little trouble.

Woman - What was it - a knockoff?

Johnny - Yeah, I called Jesse - he'll take her. Where  
are you?

Maxine - I'm home - I'll call.

Johnny - Alright.

10:11 PM

Outgoing

ADams 0719

RAG

Woman - Hello

Maxine - Hello, Rosie?

Woman - Just a minute.

Rosie - Hello, how are you?

Maxine - I just got in and Johnny told me.

Rosie - They were here but were real nice, joked and made  
fun. They took her for soliciting.

Maxine - That's not so bad.

Rosie - Another girl here says, "Do you want me to go along  
to?" and they said, no that one would be enough.

Rosie - Listen, Maxine, what'll I do?

Maxine - You go down with her and that "black" friend will  
take care of everything. That one on now - he does  
nothing.

Rosie - Well, I'll have him for a lawyer then?



Maxine - Is it hot up there?  
Johnny - C \_\_\_\_\_, yes. Say open that little barrel and get  
\$10 out for me.  
Maxine - Alright - will you be home early?  
Johnny - Yeah, about 1 - I'll bring home some oranges for  
orange juice.

10:48 PM      Outgoing      ADams 0719      RAG

Woman - Hello  
Maxine - Hello, Rosie?  
Woman - Just a minute.  
Rosie - Hello  
Maxine - I'm waiting for that party to call and when he does  
I'll call you back.  
Rosie - Fine. Isn't it hot?  
Maxine - It's awful, this apartment is terrible. As Helen  
said, it's too bad we went when it was so hot - driving  
and everything, you know.  
Rosie - It's hot here alright and I have no girls - Polly  
left and that other girl dislocated her back and won't  
be back until Monday - Norma is sick - Oh, it's terrible.  
Maxine - When were those parties there?  
Rosie - This afternoon about 5 or 6?  
Maxine - Well, I'll call you later.

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12:10 AM      Incoming      MJK

Woman - Hello  
Woman - Maxine?  
Maxine - Yes.  
Woman - Was you laying down?  
Maxine - No.  
Woman - Are you tired?  
Maxine - Yes.  
Woman - Did you have a good time?  
Maxine - Yes, but it was so warm.  
Woman - Yes, I know but if I didn't have a sore foot I would  
have gone with you. Did they ask for me?  
Maxine - Yes.  
Woman - How is Lena?  
Maxine - They are all alright.  
Woman - How long is she going to stay?  
Maxine - I don't know, she is having some trouble with \_\_\_\_\_.  
Woman - That's neuritis.

Maxine - I suppose you heard about Rosie?

Woman - No, what?

Maxine - You know.

Woman - Yes, just one girl.

Maxine - Yes.

Woman - It is better to get it this month while he is on and get off with a fine.

Maxine - Yes, I know. She got picked up Saturday and the trial came up today. She got \$25 and costs and he got fined \$5.00.

Maxine - That's alright. As long as he is on we might as well get through with it the other might not even give bail.

Maxine - How did you hurt your foot?

Woman - I got up about 8 o'clock yesterday to put the shade down and stubbed my toe against a chair. The doctor says I will have to have an ex-ray taken.

Maxine - It must be painful.

Woman - It hurts more than when I broke my arm. Where is Jenny?

Maxine - I don't know, she went out.

Woman - Better lie down and rest. I'll call you tomorrow.

Maxine - Alright (Lens?)

12:19 AM

Outgoing

Forest 5373

RAG

Man - Hello

Maxine - Is Mr. Heslip in?

Man - He's busy. Who is calling?

Maxine - Mrs. Thomas

Man - Hold the wire please.

Mr. Heslip - Hello, Mrs. Thomas.

Maxine - Johnny called you didn't he?

Heslip - Yes, I'll take care of it. Is she out on bond. What's her name?

Maxine - Well I'd have to find out. You remember Mrs. Bush at 900 $\frac{1}{2}$ . It's from her place.

Heslip - Yes, I do. Don't bother now but have the girl over there and tell her to look for me between 9:30 and 10.

Maxine - Alright, Mr. Heslip. I'll probably be with her. Do you think it will be alright with that other party?

Heslip - Oh, sure, sure. What was she arrested for?

Maxine - For visiting.

Heslip - Who made the arrest?

Maxine - Gilly made the arrest.

Heslip - He's an OK boy. He's OK.

Maxine - Alright Mr. Heslip. Thank you very much and I'll see you in the morning.

Heslip - Thank you for calling.

12:22 AM

Outgoing

ADams 0719

Woman - Hello

Maxine - Hello, Rosie. I just talked to that party and he will take care of everything, so don't worry.

Rosie - Oh, that's fine.

Maxine - Now, do you want me to go down in the morning. You have to meet him at 9:30.

Rosie - Well should I go?

Maxine - Yes, you better. He won't know the girl and I don't either. I'll meet you in the hotel at 9 o'clock and we'll both go.

Rosie - Alright, that's what we'll do.

Maxine - He asked me her name but I didn't know it. Was there anybody with her?

Rosie - No, no. She's supposed to call Gilly in the morning.

Maxine - Alright then I'll see you tomorrow.

6:54 AM

Outgoing

MAin 6222

Woman - What time is it please

Man - 6:54

7:29 AM

Outgoing

MAin 1234

Man - Yellow Cab

Woman - What time is it?

Man - 7:29

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TAP ON TELEPHONE EARL (IKE) WITTENBERG

July 6, 1936

7:30 PM Incoming EJD  
Man calling asks if Al is in.  
Man replying says, "No."  
Man calling says, "Tell him Dave called."

8:30 PM Man calling says, "I can't find out anything EJD  
about this guy Lantry. He wants out, but he  
gave a bum address; there is no 414.  
Man answered says, "I will check the city directory  
and let you know."

9:05 PM Outgoing Adams 1346 EJD  
Man calling asks man replying if he has a room for  
one - a friend of his.  
Man answers, "Yes, Joe, and him over."

9:10 PM Incoming EJD  
Man calling says, "What's knew."  
Man replying says nothing.  
Man calling asks if Shap is coming down tomorrow.  
Man replying answers, "Yes."

9:15 PM Incoming EJD  
Man calling says, "Bert, this is Mitchell. I got  
that release and am on my way down. Wait for me.  
Man replies, "Alright, O. K."

9:45 PM Phone ringing. No one answers.

10:30 PM Tap discontinued for day.

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July 7, 1936

9:45 AM Incoming EJD  
Woman calling and woman answered. They talked about visiting the hospital to see some friend of theirs.

10:00 AM Incoming by woman EJD  
Thelma answers.  
They talked about friend in hospital and woman calling when said she got a ticket for parking.  
Thelma said, "I'll see you tonight, and get the ticket which I'll get fixed up."

10:05 AM Outgoing (Impossible get number on dial recorder) EJD  
Woman making call said, "This is Miss Jacobs, is Mr. Fine in."  
Woman answering says, "No."  
Miss Jacobs said, "When he comes in have him ring MAin 9711."

10:25 AM Incoming  
Woman calling and woman answering talked about visiting the hospital.

10:50 AM Dave Wittenberg asked operator for the telephone number of Frankie's cafe on Adams Street, and got number MAin 0465 He then called that number and a man answered saying he was the bartender. Dave asked if Frankie was in, and man replied, "He's sleeping." Dave said, "Have him call me. It is about some money he gave a fellow on a bonus bond, that he was able to get the money back. (EJD)

11:15 AM Outgoing (Unable to get telephone number) HED  
Woman - Hello  
Girl - Vi are you going away this afternoon.  
Vi - Why?  
Woman - We might need you.  
Vi - I'll call you about 1:45  
Woman - OK.

11:20 AM Incoming HED  
Is Earl there?  
No this is Dave.  
When will Earl be back?  
Dave - He ought to be back today or tomorrow.

11:22 AM           Outgoing           Main 0465           HED  
Man calling says, "This is Wittenberg, has Frankie come in as yet?"  
Man answering says, "No, this is the bartender."  
Man calling says, "Tell Frankie it will be all right to give the man his bonus bond back - I got the \$50."

12:10 PM           Outgoing           Main 8633           HED  
Morris can you get off this week?  
Morris - I can get off Thursday, but I have to be back by 5:30.  
Person calling - We have to work here until 2:30. I thought we might go swimming or something.  
Morris - We can go out to Reno, you can come out when you get off.  
Man calling - O. K. I'll see you tonight.

12:15 PM           Incoming                           HED  
Man - Is Thelma Jacobs there?  
Man - She just went to lunch, she'll be back at one, whose calling?  
Man - This is Charlie Barnes, I'll call later.

12:30 PM           Incoming                           HED  
Man answers and says, "Bond office."  
Morris - Is Benny there?  
Joe - He just left, this is Joe, whose calling.

12:35 PM           Incoming                           HED  
Frank - Joe is there anything doing.  
Joe - No, I'm just waiting for some people who are going to be here.  
Frank - OK.

12:50 PM           Incoming                           HED  
Morris - Is Benny back yet.  
Joe - No, he isn't.  
Morris - Have him call me, this is Morris Infield.  
Joe - Alright, Morris.

1:20 PM Incoming HBD  
Woman - May I speak to Earl Ike Wittenberg  
Man - He is not here. Can I help you?  
Woman - This is his lawyer's office, William Finn.  
We want him to sign an answer.  
Man - He is out of town, how long does he have.  
Woman - I'm sure he has until Saturday.  
Man - He should be back by then. I'll tell him.

1:30 PM Incoming HBD  
Man calling says, "This is Frankie of Frankie's Night Club regarding the \$30 that Happy got. Shall I give him the bond."  
Man answers - You can keep the bond if you want to. It aint no good to us, we want an order for the \$30.

1:35 PM Outgoing ADams 4214 HBD  
Myer Wittenberg: Let me speak to Morris  
Morris - Hello.  
Myer - On that fellow, you had better get that over hereby Saturday. You know what I mean Morris.  
You mean he's bootlegging.  
Myer - Sure, and they have him back in there.  
Morris - I don't care let them bring him back there, I am in the clear.

1:40 PM Incoming HBD  
Girl calling - Still want me.  
Girl answers - Yes.

2:18 PM Outgoing MAIn 8633 EJD  
Morris - I can get off tomorrow  
Benny - I could let her know a day ahead.  
Morris - I'll see you tonight and we'll talk it over.

2:20 PM Incoming  
Benny - Morris Infield wants you to call h&m at the store.

2:25 PM Outgoing ADams 4141 (police department)  
Man calling asks for Clerk's office, after which he says, "Is Davey Wittenberg there." Davey answers and man says, "Davey, frankie is here."

3:00 PM Incoming EJD  
Man calling says, "Is Abe there."  
Abe says, "Hello."  
Man calling: Abe drive over in front of the Buckeye.  
I'll meet you and we'll talk that matter  
over.  
Abe - Alright, I'll walk over.

3:05 PM Outgoing ADams 4141 (police department)  
Calling Clerk's office. Is Frank there.  
Answer - No.

3:30 PM Outgoing FOrrest 5262  
Benny: Hello Pitnam, I thought you wanted to book me.  
Pitnam: Haven't got anything.

3:45 PM Incoming  
Woman calling - How are you?  
Woman answers: Oh, not so good. I just came from the  
hospital. They had to give him a hypo, he talked too much  
last night.  
Woman: That's too bad, come out to dinner tonight.  
Woman: I might if I'm feeling better.

4:05 PM Outgoing ADams 7144 EJD  
Woman calling asks for Mr. Fine.  
Man answering states the woman has the wrong number.

4:06 PM Incoming EJD  
Man - Dave just got a call from Mack. That woman from  
East Celina is in for liquor.  
Woman - OK

4:17 PM Outgoing ADams 4141 EJD  
Man - Police Department  
Man - Turnkey please.  
Turnkey - Hello  
Man - Is there anyone in for liquor?  
Turnkey - Yeah, a fellow named Joseph Freeman, 2042 Front St.  
but someone is coming over for him.  
Man - Is Benny around there?  
Turnkey - No, he isn't.

4:23 PM Incoming EJD  
Benny - Did you want me Dave?  
Dave - Yes, there's a colored fellow, Frank Yates,  
wants a peace bond.  
Benny - O. K. I'll attend to it.

4:30 PM Outgoing (Recorder not working) HBD  
Man - Can you come down for a few minutes?  
There's no one here and I've got to go out.  
Myers - O. K.

4:45 PM Incoming HBD  
Man calling O Myer, this is Max. Did Dave take some  
woman over?  
Yeah, I didn't see her, but she is out.  
Max, O. K.

4:55 PM Outgoing ADams 4141 (police dept.)  
Man calling - Turnkey please.  
Turnkey - Hello.  
Man calling - Clifton, did that guy get out?  
Turnkey - Yes.  
Man calling - Is there anyone else in?  
Turnkey - No, you got them all out.

5:05 PM Outgoing ADams 4141 (police dept.) HBD  
Myers to turnkey - Clifton this is Myers, did they bring  
a man in for liquor just a few minutes ago?  
Turnkey - Yeah, I'm booking him now. His name is Peter  
Kiss.  
Myers - O. K.

5:45 PM Outgoing MAIn 2260 HBD  
Man calling - Dave come over here, I want to see you.  
Dave - I'm busy right now but I'll be over in a few  
minutes.

6:10 PM Incoming HBD  
Man calling - Myer, is Abe there? This is Gardner over  
at the county jail. I got a yellow ticket today and  
I'd like to have him take care of it.  
Myer - Abe's not here now but I'll have him call you.

6:12 PM Incoming HBD  
Man calling - This is Judge Kamey (phonetic). Is Dave there? I want to get the name of that cheap hotel in Potowski (phonetic).  
Myer - I'll have him call you right away judge.

6:15 PM Outgoing Main (recorder not working) HBD  
Myer calling - Dave call Judge Kamey right away he wants to ask you about that hotel in Potowski.  
Dave - Alright.

7:10 PM Outgoing Adams 4141 HBD  
Police Dept. Turnkey  
Myers - Clifton is there anything doing?  
Turnkey - Not a thing, you've got 'em all out.  
Myer - OK.

7:32 PM Incoming HBD  
Ken calling - is Dave there Myer? This is Ken. He's gone out to eat. Call him there.

7:36 PM Incoming HBD  
Man calling - Myer this is Babe. My kid cousin got a ticket yesterday and he's got to go to court tomorrow.  
Myer - How many has he got?  
Babe - This is his first.  
Myer - I'll fix it up what's name and address.  
Babe - Semore Davis, 632 West Delaware.

7:30 PM Man calling - When do you expect Ike back? HBD  
Myer - Tonight.  
Man calling - I'm going out of town tomorrow and I'll be gone till Thursday night.  
Myer - Alright.

7:45 PM Outgoing HBD  
Recorder did not work but the man calling dialed a number and the operator asked him for the number he dialed and he answered "Main 1048." He immediately dialed again.  
Man calling - Dorothy this is Wittenberg. Did she leave that money?  
Dorothy - I haven't seen her for three or four days, but I'll try to see Margaret tonight and I'll let you know.

7:50 PM Incoming HBD  
 Man calling - How about bringing those two bottles of mine downstairs, I'll come over and get them - the lieutenants want a drink.  
 Man answering - Alright, come on over.

8:10 PM Outgoing MAin 1681 HBD  
 Man calling - When are you leaving, Benny?  
 Banny - Tonight, but I'll be back Thursday night.  
 Man calling - Tell Stella that everything is OK.

8:15 PM Outgoing FOrEst 2337 HBD  
 Dave calling - Tony, how about getting Ken a date with Mary Jane for Thursday night, and we'll go to the Lake.  
 Tony (a girl) - I'll see what I can do. Is Ken OK?  
 Dave - Yeah, he's fine.

8:20 PM Outgoing (Recorder did not work) HBD  
 Dave calling - Ken let's go to a show. I'll be right over after you.  
 Ken - Alright.  
 Dave - I called Tony. I'll tell you what she said when I see you.

8:25 PM Incoming HBD  
 Man calling - I've got a bench warrant for Dot Miller to appear tomorrow. What shall I do?  
 Man answering - I'll be right over.

8:45 PM Outgoing ADams 4141 (police dept.) HBD  
 Turnkey  
 Man calling - Clifton, tell Morris to wait up there for a while, will you?  
 Turnkey - OK

8:50 PM Incoming HBD  
 L. D. Operator - Mr. Earl Ike Wittenberg is calling collect from Hamilton, Ontario. Will you accept the call?  
 Earl - How is everything? I'll be home tomorrow.  
 Man answering - Everything is OK. I'll see you tomorrow.

8:55 PM Incoming HBD  
 Woman calling - To what date was Emma Jones trial continued?  
 Man answering - Our card shows, "over with."

8:57 PM Incoming HED  
Man Calling - Is Earl there?  
Man answering - No, he isn't. I'm his brother, can I help you?  
Man calling - A friend of mine, Mrs. Al Ducey, got a notice to  
come down and she's kinda scared. She's got a Ford  
license 1935.  
Man answering - Tell her to tell them she's not at home if they  
come out for her tomorrow. Earl will be back tomorrow.

10:20 PM HED  
Man calling - Myer, Harry Jolson and Abe Segal just got me.  
Myer - I'll fix it up.

10:23 PM Outgoing Police Department, Clerk's office.  
Myer - Bill, Harry Jolson or Abe Segal just got a friend of mine.  
Bill - I just got them.  
Myer - I want to see you about that other tomorrow.

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9:40 AM Incoming HED  
Girl calling - Where is Thelma?  
Man - She hasn't come down yet.

10:02 AM Outgoing MAIN 0162 HED  
Girl calling - Would you tell me how Mrs. Exner (phonetic) is?  
Girl - She's a little worse.

10:14 AM Incoming HED  
Man calling - Is Earl Wittenberg in?  
Man - No, he isn't.  
Man calling - I'll call later.

10:17 AM Incoming HED  
Girl calling - Hello Thelma, I called you about a half an  
hour ago but you weren't there.  
Thelma - I just got here.  
Girl - I'll meet you at the Demi Tasse for lunch.  
Thelma - Alright

10:20 AM Incoming HED  
Girl calling - Ruth's got a letter.  
Thelma - Alright, I'll tell her. Isn't it hot?

11:35 AM Incoming EJD  
Girl calls, Thelma and she carry on a personal conversation.  
Thelma tells her she wants numbers 309 and 370.

1:00 PM Incoming EJD  
Man calling - What will it cost for a bond?  
Man answering - Where are you and what is the charge?  
Man calling - The charge is forgery and I am at the police  
jail.  
Man answering - I'll come over and talk to you in about 20  
minutes.

1:20 PM Incoming HED  
Girl calling - Ma let's go to the beach tonight.  
Woman - Alright we'll take our lunch.  
Girl - I'll be home at five and we will leave then.

1:25 PM Outgoing MAIN 4214 HED  
Thelma - Want to go to the beach tonight?  
Girl ans. - Yeah, I'll be ready at five.

1:30 PM Outgoing MAIN 2824 HED  
Girl ans. - Nordquist system.  
Thelma - This is Miss Jacobs. I want to cancel that  
appointment I have with you for today.  
Girl - Alright, thanks.

2:43 PM Outgoing MAIN 6221 HED  
Man ans. - Knight cab.  
Thelma - What's the time?  
Man - 2:43

2:50 PM Incoming HED  
Girl calling - Thelma, I forgot to put your numbers in.  
Thelma - If they come out I'll kill you.  
Girl - OK.

2:55 PM Outgoing MAIN 2777 HED  
Thelma - Has Mrs. Nesbomb (phonetic) gone home yet?  
Woman - She's not here.

3:00 PM Boy named Harry called and asked Thelma about going to HED  
the beach.

3:05 PM Outgoing Forest 1663 HED  
Man calling - Harry, why didn't you ask me about going to  
the beach instead of asking Thelma?  
Harry - Thelma answered the phone.

3:15 PM Outgoing 113 (information) HED  
Man calling - Do you have a phone listed for Bert Angus  
on Berdine St.  
(Conversation overheard - Man said, I'm going right out  
and get him, I need the money.)  
Information - There is no phone listed in that name.

3:20 PM Outgoing Jefferson 0315 HBD  
Man ans. - Glass Bar.  
Man calling - Is Al Snyder there?  
Man ans. - No, he isn't.  
Man calling - This is Wittenberg. Is Ted or Bert Angus there?  
Man ans. - No, neither of them is here.  
Man calling - Do you know how I can get in touch with either  
of them?  
Man ans. - No I don't.

3:25 PM Man calling - I want to talk to Nig Cousins. HBD  
Cousins - Hello.  
Man calling - Nig, do you know how I can get in touch with  
Ted or Bert Angus? They were supposed to sign  
a bond yesterday.  
Nig - I think Ted has left town.

3:30 PM Outgoing MAIn 0350 HBD  
Man ans - Stock 691 Bond 387.

3:31 PM Outgoing ADams 7034  
Thelma - Is Mrs. Wittenberg there?  
Mrs. Wittenberg - I'll meet you in front of Tiedktes, Thelma - OK.

4:13 PM Outgoing MAIn 4214 HBD  
Man calling - Will it be too much to ask you to walk over here.  
Girl - Can't you come for me?  
Man - There's no one here and it will save time if you'll  
come over.  
Girl - OK.

4:20 PM Incoming HBD  
Woman calling - Is Davey there?  
Man - No, but he'll be back at 5:30.

4:30 PM Incoming HBD  
Man calling - Myer, this is Bill O'Wine. Abe Goodman got a ticket  
and I stuck it in my pocket and forgot it. He's got a warrant.  
Take care of it, will you? Also take care of Leonard Greenberg  
and Marvin Prioni.  
Myer - What is this? You've gotten to be a regular fixer,  
haven't you?  
Bill - Well, I've got to take care of the Hebs.  
Myer - Prioni ain't no Heb name to me.  
Bill - Well he works for a Heb, and they got a lot of votes.  
Meyer - Alright, I'll fix it.

4:55 PM Incoming HBD  
Girl calling - This is Betty Lewis. Will you come over.  
Man - OK

4:57 PM Outgoing Police Department Turnkey HBD  
 Man calling - Clifton, have you got a man there for visiting?  
 Turnkey - No we haven't.  
 Man calling - OK.

5:00 PM Outgoing Forest 1661 Line busy. HBD

5:03 PM Outgoing Forest 1661 HBD  
 Man calling - As soon as Ruth comes will you shoot right  
 over here?  
 Girl ans. - OK.

5:15 PM Incoming HBD  
 Woman calling - This is Rosey Bush, 900<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Will you go  
 over and get a girl out?  
 Man - Mussy just got her out and she will be right home.

5:18 PM Outgoing ADams 5325 HBD  
 Man calling - Has Miss Jacobs gone?  
 Girl ans. - Yes she has.

6:10 PM Incoming HBD  
 Girl calling - Would you tell Dave Wittenberg to come by  
 for me when he goes to the Point? His mother-in-law  
 needs me out there to work.  
 Man ans. - I'll tell him but I don't think he is going  
 out until Sunday.

6:35 PM Outgoing Forest 6634 HBD  
 Man calling - This is Davey, Morris. I'm going over and  
 get some seat covers. I'll pick them out and have  
 them call you.  
 Morris - OK.

6:50 PM Incoming EJD  
 Girl calling - This is Baby, Davey, let me know when you  
 are coming out.  
 Davey - OK, Baby.

7:15 PM Outgoing (Recorder out of order) EJD  
 Dave called and asked for Inez. Man answered and said  
 Myers was not home yet; that Inez is working in a grill.

8:00 PM Outgoing (Recorder out of order) EJD  
 Dave called and asked for Tony. Woman replied, "No."  
 Dave said, "Tell her I'll call for her at 2:00 PM tomorrow."

8:05 PM Outgoing Adams 4141 Police Dept. Turnkey EJD  
 Dave asked if there was anything doing and the turnkey replied,  
 "No." Dave asked when the turnkey got off and he said 10:40.  
 Dave said, "I'll be seeing you."

8:10 PM Incoming EJD  
Woman calling - Dave will you get a card to see Virginia  
Hollander?  
Dave - What charge?  
Woman - D. and D.  
Dave - OK.

8:55 PM Incoming EJD  
Woman calling - This is Mrs. Mack from the police woman's  
department is Dave there?  
Myer - No, this is Myer.  
Mrs Mack - I wonder if it will be alright to let Virginia  
Hollander get the rest of her money. I know Dave didn't  
speak any too good about her.  
Myer - I can't do anything now, Davey is gone.

10:30 PM Outgoing ADAMS 4141 Police Dept. Turnkey EJD  
Man calling - Anything new?  
Turnkey - No we ain't took in a damn one except a crazy one.  
Man calling - OK.

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July 14, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. H. J. McCLURE,  
GENERAL AGENT.

There are transmitted herewith three vouchers in favor of the Hertz Drive-Yourself Stations, 420 Water Street, Toledo, Ohio, in the amounts of \$21.60, \$23.20 and \$23.50.

It will be noted that these vouchers represent charges incurred by Special Agents of this Bureau for the rental of automobiles and, in explanation of the matter, you are advised that these automobiles were necessary in order to properly conduct an investigation of the Bremer Kidnaping Case at Toledo. The cars were used in order to maintain a surveillance upon certain individuals who were suspected of participation in this kidnaping. There being no Government cars available, it was essential that the cars in question be rented.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Encl. #1125036.

Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Mr. Carson	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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July 14, 1936

Time: 11:43 AM

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: Alvin Karpis.

Colonel Gates telephoned and inquired about the story appearing in the Washington Herald this morning concerning Karpis and the Warren, Ohio robbery. I stated that I would make no comment on this. Colonel Gates asked if Karpis had been interviewed. I stated that he had been interviewed by the Post Office Inspectors. I also stated that Karpis had plead guilty to the charge of kidnaping.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

- Mr. Nathan .....
- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. Laughman .....
- Mr. Clegg .....
- Mr. Coffey .....
- Mr. Dawsey .....
- Mr. Edwards .....
- Mr. Egan .....
- Mr. Foxworth .....
- Mr. Glavin .....
- Mr. Harbo .....
- Mr. Joseph .....
- Mr. Lester .....
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Washington Field Office, Room 4244  
Washington, D. C.

July 14, 1936.

Administrator of Veterans' Affairs,  
Veterans' Administration,  
Arlington Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Attention: Mr. M. P. McInerney.

Dear Sir:

On February 27, 1934, a flash card was placed on record in your files pertaining to one Charles Preston Harmon to notify this office in the event you received any communication from him. Charles Preston Harmon served in the Army during the World War and your insurance file pertaining to him was identified as No. IC-825449. This flash card may now be withdrawn.

Please accept my thanks for your close cooperation.

Very truly yours,

RFB:EE

J. M. KNITH  
Special Agent in Charge.

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July 10, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -  
VICTIM - KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

This will advise you that the copies of the report of  
Special Agent R. C. Suran, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, June 27,  
1936 were not legible, for which reason they would be of no  
value to the Bureau.

It is desired that hereafter the offices receiving copies  
of this letter in submitting reports to the Bureau take care  
that carbon copies of the original are readily legible so that  
the purpose in forwarding them to the Bureau will be served.  
Hereafter in the event that carbon copies of reports are not  
legible it will be necessary to return the same to the office sub-  
mitting the same with the request that additional legible copies  
be supplied to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-St. Paul  
Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago  
Chicago  
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July 14, 1936.

Administrator of Veterans' Affairs,  
Veterans' Administration,  
Arlington Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BRKID

Attention: Mr. M. P. McInerney

Dear Sir:

On October 15, 1934, a flash was placed of record in your files pertaining to one Bryan Bolton to notify the Washington Field office should any communication be received from him. He enlisted in the United States Navy as an Apprentice Seaman June 14, 1917, at Peoria, Illinois, and was honorably discharged at Great Lakes, Illinois on August 14, 1919. This flash card may now be withdrawn from your records.

Please accept assurance of my appreciation for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

J. M. KEITH  
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL AGENTS  
CHARLOTTE OFFICE

Inasmuch as the apprehension of the following persons is no longer desired by the Bureau, you are instructed to cancel the data relative to these persons in the Pocket Identification Order Booklet in your possession:

WILLIAM ELMER MEAD, with aliases,  
I. O. 1354, WANTED FOR QUESTIONING.  
Booklet number 115.

EDWARD LYNCH, with aliases, I. O.  
1323, UFAP - ROBBERY.  
Booklet number 113.

WADE H. SPIELMAN, with aliases,  
I.I.B. #8, NMVTA.  
Booklet number 161.

Very truly yours,

*G. N. Lowdon*  
G. N. LOWDON, (m)  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: **PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA**

**FBI DETROIT**

**JULY 14, 1936**

**9:30 AM EST**

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**SAC PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA**

**REUR. BREKID. BUREAU RECEIVED TELEGRAM MAY TWO, NINETEEN THIRTY SIX FROM AIRPORT CLEVELAND, OHIO SIGNED LLOYD KENNEDY READING AS FOLLOWS**

**" SUGGEST YOU CONTACT DOCTORS SCHWAB AND DOBS ON KARPIS. SCHWAB AT BOSTON PSYCHOPATHIC HAS NEW SURGICAL TECHNIQUE ON BRAIN PHOTOGRAPHY. GOES AT MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL NOW REPEATING PAVLOV AND NEEDS HUMANS INSTEAD OF DOGS FOR A CHANGE. " INVESTIGATION CLEVELAND AND DETROIT INDICATES LLOYD W KENNEDY PASSENGER PENNSYLVANIA AIRLINE FROM DETROIT TO CLEVELAND ON TRIP NUMBER EIGHT MAY TWO, NINETEEN THIRTY SIX IS SENDER OF TELEGRAM. KENNEDY TRAVELLED ON RETURN PORTION OF TICKET FORM T FOUR NUMBER ONE SIX THREE ONE ISSUED FROM POINT BEYOND CLEVELAND. AT CLEVELAND CANCELLED RESERVATIONS PREVIOUSLY MADE FROM DETROIT TO NEW YORK. KENNEDY EMPLOYED STOCK SALESMAN METAL GLASS COMPANY BUILDING MICHIGAN. KENNEDY'S OFFICE ONE THREE ONE TWO ERIE TRUST BUILDING AND RESIDENCE FOUR TWO NINE SHIMLEY ERIE PENNSYLVANIA. BUREAU DESIRES KENNEDY BE INTERVIEWED RELATIVE TO CONTENTS OF HIS MESSAGE. KENNEDY DUE TO ARRIVE ERIE TODAY POSSIBLY FOR ONE DAY STOP. HANDLE.**

*Edward J. Hoover*

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

July 8, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear sir:

During the course of the investigation presently being conducted at Toledo, Ohio information has been developed that one PAUL/RENO may be the "SAL" who was one of the gang who, in company with Karpis and Campbell, held up the mail train at Garrettsville, Ohio on November 7, 1935. It is requested that the alias and monicker files be checked in an endeavor to ascertain if RENO has any record on file at the Bureau. The following is a description of RENO:

Name	-	Paul Reno alias "Sam"
Age	-	48 to 55 years
Height	-	5' 10" to 11"
Weight	-	180 to 200 lbs.
Hair	-	Brown; slightly grey
Eyes	-	Brown
Complexion	-	Medium
Peculiarities	-	Large Roman nose; slightly stoop-shouldered
Criminal Record	-	Suspected of being an ex-convict (place of incarceration not known)
F.P.C.	-	Not known

No other information relative to this man is available at this time.

Very truly yours,

*J.P. MacFarland*  
RTR  
J. P. MAC FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. J. P. MacFarland, **RECORDED & INDEXED**  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1118 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your communication dated July 8, 1936, regarding PAUL RENO, I am transmitting herewith the criminal record, showing the description, together with a photograph, as reflected by the fingerprint files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation of one Ray Chisto, alias Paul Reno, our file #FPI-682262, who is possibly identical with the person concerning whom you inquire.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Mr. Carson	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Hendon	.....
Mr. McGuire	.....
Mr. Mumford	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Nease	.....
Mr. Gurnea	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Mohr	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

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Bureau Office,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.  
Bureau Office,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

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July 14, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
New York City, N. Y.

Re: WILLIAM ELZER LEAD, with aliases -  
I. C. #1354  
Endeavor to Locate

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of July 10, 1936 with which you transmitted a copy of the report of Special Agent J. E. Dickerson, dated at New York City, March 18, 1936, together with a group photograph, New York Police Department #15477.

Please be advised that this office has located its copies of the above mentioned report and photograph and is, therefore, returning the copies furnished with your letter as requested therein.

Very truly yours,

J. P. YAC FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge.

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July 14, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. H. J. McCLURE,  
GENERAL AGENT.

There is transmitted herewith a voucher in favor of the Herts Drivurself Stations, 420 Water Street, Toledo, Ohio, in the amount of \$23.90.

This voucher represents charges incurred by a Special Agent of this Bureau for the rental of an automobile used in maintaining a surveillance upon certain individuals suspected of participation in the Bremer Kidnaping Case. Due to the fact that there was no Government automobile available for this work, it was necessary that an automobile be rented in order to properly conduct the investigation in question.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Encl. #1125027.

- Mr. Nathan .....
- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. Laughlin .....
- Mr. Clegg .....
- Mr. Coffey .....
- Mr. Dawsey .....
- Mr. Edwards .....
- Mr. Egan .....
- Mr. Foxworth .....
- Mr. Glavin .....
- Mr. Harbo .....
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

July 14, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

There is transmitted herewith the log of the telephone tap being maintained by Special Agents R. A. Guerin and M. J. Kavanagh, on the telephone of Maxine Belmont, telephone number ADams 1556, located at 2501 Warren Street, Toledo, Ohio. This log is for the dates July 9 and 10, 1936.

The log indicates that when trouble arises in connection with the houses of prostitution in Toledo, communication is had with Maxine Belmont by the various madams involved. The name Sadie appearing in the log is Sadie Dann, who operates a house of prostitution at the Oxford Hotel, while the name Rosie is Rosie Buch, who operates a house of ill fame at 900 1/2 Monroe Street.

It is further noted that Maxine states she would communicate with "that party", who is not further identified. The name Johnny mentioned is Johnny Thomas, husband of Maxine Belmont.

There is also transmitted herewith a copy of the telephone log being maintained by Special Agents H. B. Dill and E. J. Dowd on the telephone of the bonding company operated by Earl (Ike) Wittenberg, telephone number MAIn 9711, 538 Erie Street, Toledo, Ohio. This log is for July 9 and 10, 1936.

This log indicates that the bonding company is closely connected with the police department and does considerable "fixing" in addition to the making of criminal bonds and also apparently operates a numbers game.

The Maxine mentioned in this log is probably Maxine Belmont and further investigation is being conducted to determine this. Wittenberg may be "that party" referred to in the log on the telephone tap of Maxine Belmont.

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It is further noted that after the raid by the police department on the house of prostitution at 45 Michigan Street, Toledo, Ohio, on July 10, 1936, two women besides Maxine, called Wittenberg to ascertain what the "beef" was on the place. The women who called are, no doubt, madams of houses of prostitution and this verifies previous information obtained that Wittenberg dispenses information to the various madams concerning the activities of the police department. The reason for these spasmodic raids has not been learned, but as indicated in the log, the bonding company has advised the women who have called that "everything will be all right", which might mean that there will be no general cleanup of the vice conditions.

Municipal Judge Ramey is on the criminal bench this month and he has the reputation of only meting out small fines to the prostitutes and madams brought before him and this might account for the arrests being made at this time.

Copies of the above referred to logs are being transmitted to the St. Paul, Cincinnati and Chicago Bureau offices with copies of this letter.

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- Chicago (Enc. 2)  
- St. Paul (Enc. 2)

Very truly yours,  
*J. F. MacFarland*  
J. F. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge *RTT*

July 9, 1936

11:05 AM

Incoming

MJK

Woman - How are you, Maxine?  
Maxine - Pretty tired, Sadie.  
Sadie - When did you get back?  
Maxine - Last night.  
Sadie - Late wasn't it?  
Maxine - About 10:30.  
Sadie - Nice time?  
Maxine - Too hot to enjoy ourselves.  
Sadie - What have you got on for today?  
Maxine - Going to stay in, you know Rosie had trouble.  
Sadie - What do you mean?  
Maxine - You know, just got in. I have been up since I  
told her last night that I was too tired to do anything.  
Sadie - What time did it happen?  
Maxine - Yesterday afternoon.  
Sadie - I think everybody is going to get it.  
Maxine - I suppose so.  
Sadie - How did she make out?  
Maxine - I don't know, she probably won't be through down  
there till noon.  
Sadie - How about some pancakes and fish?  
Maxine - Too hot Sadie for that.  
Sadie - I mean for dinner tonight.  
Maxine - Where at? Mrs. Schwartz?  
Sadie - Yes.  
Maxine - How is she?  
Sadie - Fine.  
Maxine - When did you see her last?  
Sadie - This week. I told her to have dinner for you and I  
tonight.  
Maxine - Is Virginia still working?  
Sadie - Yes she comes home at 8 and we will be gone before  
she gets home.  
Maxine - I will go if I can get dressed.  
Sadie - You will feel better by 6 o'clock.  
Maxine - I don't know, I am awfully tired.  
Sadie - I had \$25.00 for Anna yesterday, but she refused to  
take it.  
Maxine - What is the matter with her?  
Sadie - I don't know, I saw her again this morning and she  
refused it again so I gave it to her lawyer and got  
a receipt for it.  
Maxine - I was talking to Lena, she is not going to come back.

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Sadie - What is the matter?  
Maxine - Going to rest up for about six weeks.  
Sadie - It is a good idea resting in the summer time.  
Maxine - Yes, she thinks so and knows best.  
Sadie - Did you see Bill?  
Maxine - Yes, but it was so hot we did not enjoy ourselves,  
too hot driving up there and back.  
Sadie - It was hot here too.  
Maxine - Just got home and was soaking wet, had to take my  
clothes off.  
Sadie - Just get one of Rosie's?  
Maxine - Yes, that's all she had she only had two and one left.  
Sadie - I only have one and the other one was supposed to  
come back to work last night.  
Maxine - It is just as well things are slow anyway.  
Sadie - I want to see San Francisco at the Valentine.  
Maxine - I saw it. It is a good picture.  
Sadie - Well, I'll go there after we have dinner.  
Maxine - Well, I'll see you at 6 then.

11:45 AM

Incoming

MJK

Maxine - How did you make out?  
Rosie - \$10 and costs and I paid everything.  
Maxine - Was he alright?  
Rosie - Yes, and the other was ten and costs, \$14.00 and  
I paid off everybody.  
Maxine - I'll bet you were tired sitting there.  
Rosie - Yes, they took her upstairs and photographed her.  
Maxine - They do that to everybody, is she alright?  
Rosie - Yes, I took her into the new place and got her a  
cup of coffee.  
Maxine - If you wouldn't have been there she would have  
been scared. Do you think that is the last of it?  
Maxine - Why sure.  
Rosie - I hope so.  
Maxine - I didn't think so at first but I can see now that  
they just have to call on everybody.  
Rosie - I suppose so.  
Maxine - Why don't you go home and rest?  
Rosie - I am now.  
Maxine - You sound like you were catching cold.  
Rosie - From the fans I guess.  
Maxine - Be careful.  
Rosie - Alright.  
Maxine - Goodbye.

12:40 PM

Outgoing

MAin 0596

MJK

Man - Hello

Man - Anything doing?

Man - No not much, John.

John - Did you take off night before last?

Man - What do you mean, Monday night?

John - No Tuesday, 1740.

Man - No you took that off yourself.

John - How many lemons have you? Nine or ten?

I have to go to Paul's. Anything we need?

Man - Get a bottle of cherries.

John - How about sugar?

Man - Get some bar sugar if he hasn't got that get powdered sugar.

John - OK.

Man - Alright, John.

John - OK.

12:45 PM

Outgoing

ADams 3822

No answer.

MJK

2:14 PM

Incoming

RAG

Maxine - Hello

Woman - Hello.

Maxine - Isn't it warm, Jenny?

Jenny - I'll say it is. How did Rosie make out?

Maxine - Alright. I had to talk to that party.

Jenny - How many girls?

Maxine - They only took one girl.

Jenny - Didn't take the keeper, eh? Who took her?

Maxine - No only one girl, Gilly took her.

Jenny - Gilly and Meyer? What did she get?

Maxine - \$10 and costs.

Jenny - It certainly is hot.

Maxine - I couldn't sleep all night. I got up at 7.

I'm itching all over now.

Jenny - Why don't you go to the lake?

Maxine - I wouldn't go there for the world. I

wouldn't go to Mt. Clemens for \$100.

Jenny - I went to the cottage last night. There was a

little breeze.

Maxine - The only cool place is a movie, but it's too

hot to even get dressed.

Jenny - I'm going downtown and I'm not going to wear a

corset - I don't care how it looks.

Maxine - I couldn't even get mine on now if I wanted.

Jenny - I just came in from the cottage. Will you be down-  
town after while?  
Maxine - Yes, after it gets a little cooler - I'll stop  
over tonight.  
Jenny - Alright, Maxine.

3:08 PM Outgoing ADams 0293 RAG  
Woman - Gassman's (phonetic)  
Maxine - Do you have cold beer?  
Woman - Yes.  
Maxine - Is it the high powered?  
Woman - Yes.  
Maxine - Alright, thank you.

4:40 PM Incoming RAG  
Maxine - Hello.  
Man - What are you doing?  
Maxine - I was laying down.  
Johnny - Did Marie call?  
Maxine - No, anybody down there?  
Johnny - Just Danny.  
Maxine - I'm not going to answer the phone.  
Johnny - Alright, I'll be busy till about 8. When I get  
home I'll show you something.  
Maxine - Alright.

7:50 PM Incoming No answer MJK

8:15 PM Incoming No answer MJK

11:51 PM Incoming RAG  
Maxine - Hello  
Woman - Hello, how are you? Isn't it hot?  
Maxine - It certainly is, Jenny, went over there again.  
Woman - Oh, did she? All my girls are off. It's so seldom  
I want to go though. Virginia's off tonite too - maybe  
tomorrow I'll go. How did Rosie make out?  
Maxine - \$10 and costs.  
Lena - That wasn't so bad - no keeper, eh?  
Maxine - No, or no customer, either; like Jenny says to me -  
"Doesn't Rosie's girls know them when they see them,"  
and I told her Maybe they wanted to know them, Jenny.  
Lena - Why, of course, what's the matter with her anyway.  
She seems to know everything.  
Maxine - I just came in.  
Lena - You were in the Shelby till now?  
Maxine - Yes.  
Lena - How did Lena look?  
Maxine - She's getting fat but she's taking the baths up there.  
Lena - Well It's better you went up there, you can explain  
things better that way than by phone.

Maxine - Jenny asked her up to the cottage but she said  
no she didn't care for Jenny's friends and there was  
no sense beating around the bush about it. She just  
didn't care for those kinds of people.

Lena - You can be sure they'll know every word of it - it'll  
go right back. Say why don't you come up tomorrow?

Maxine - If it's any cooler I may go downtown and then I'll  
stop in and see you, maybe about 1 o'clock.

Lena - Alright, Maxine, just ring the bell. I'll be up.

Maxine - Goodbye, Lena.

11:59 PM Outgoing

MAin 0596

MJK

Man - Hello

Woman - Is John there Irwin

Man - Just a minute

Man - Hello

Woman - Johnny?

Man - Yes.

Woman - How are you?

Johnny - OK

Woman - I guess it's hot down there.

Johnny - I'll say it is, where are you?

Woman - I am home.

Johnny - I have three people here but I am going to close about  
1:00.

Woman - I am going to take a bath, so I thought I would call  
you first.

Johnny - Glad you did.

Woman - I guess you'll be glad to get home.

Johnny - Yes.

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July 10, 1936

9:00 AM      Outgoing      12-3822      No answer      MJK

9:01 AM      Outgoing      Main 3822           MJK

Man - Garage  
Man - Is Red working?  
Man - Hello, who did you want?  
Man - Hello, is Red working?  
Man - Hello, who did you want?  
Man - Red (spelled name out)  
Man - Hello  
Man - Is this Red?  
Man - Yes.  
Man - This is Johnny Thomas (one wire of earphone disconnected  
and by time repaired conversation  
over.)

11:17 AM      Outgoing      (number not recorded)      MJK

Woman - Hello  
Man - Is Frankie there?  
Woman - No.  
Man - Is this Frankie's wife?  
Woman - Yes.  
Man - This is Johnny Thomas. Did Frankie tell you about me?  
Frankie's wife - Yes.  
Johnny - Could I have the pleasure of talking to you for ten  
or fifteen minutes?  
Frankie's wife - Yes. Where? Over here?  
Johnny - That's alright, but I am just getting dressed now.  
How long will you be there?  
Frankie's wife - There are some people here with a car to take  
me downtown. I have some business to attend to.  
Johnny - I have my car here. I will be glad to ride you down.  
Frankie's wife - No thanks. I believe I'll go down with these  
people.  
Johnny - Can I make an appointment to meet you downtown?  
Frankie's wife - Yes. Where?  
Johnny - Do you know where Dyers' Restaurant is?  
Frankie's wife - Yes on St. Clair Street.  
Johnny - No at 216 Superior. Well could you come upstairs there?  
Frankie's wife - What's up there?  
Johnny - My place, a club. Didn't Frankie ever tell you?  
Frankie's wife - No, how about meeting me at Dyers?  
Johnny - What time?  
Frankie's wife - At one o'clock  
Johnny - Alright. One o'clock at Dyers.

11:20 AM           Outgoing                   113 (information)           MJK  
 Operator - This is information.  
 Man - Owens Illinois, please  
 Operator - One moment please.  
 Operator - I am looking for the number.  
 Man - Hello.  
 Operator - One moment please.  
 Operator - What is the address please?  
 Man - Ohio Bank Building.  
 Operator - The number is MAin 7131  
 Man - Thank you.

11:23 AM           Outgoing                   MAin 7131                   MJK  
 Woman - Owens Illinois  
 Man - Mr. Bernard, please.  
 Woman - Hello.  
 Man - Mr. Bernard, please.  
 Woman - He is not in his office. Who is calling please?  
 Man - Mr. Thomas.  
 Woman - I don't know when he will be back.  
 Thomas - Alright, I'll call later.

11:24 AM           Outgoing                   ADams 2261                   MJK  
 Woman - Hello  
 Man - 1615, please. (Hung up before being connected)

11:25 AM           Outgoing                   MAin 0596                   MJK  
 Man - Hello  
 Man - Frank?  
 Man - Yes.  
 Man - Anybody there for me?  
 Frank - No.  
 Man - If they come, I am home waiting for a call.  
 Frank - What was it last night.  
 Man - 1150  
 Frank - OK.

11:26 AM           Outgoing                   ADams 226                   MJK  
 Didn't finish dialing number.

11:57 AM           Incoming   MJK  
 Woman - Hello, Maxine?  
 Woman - Yes.  
 Woman - This is Margaret.  
 Maxine - How are you?  
 Margaret - Alright, how are you Maxine?  
 Maxine - Alright.  
 Margaret - Did I get you up out of bed?  
 Maxine - No I have been up. I didn't sleep hardly with  
 the heat last night.  
 Margaret - I freeze in winter and melt in the summer.



about ten minutes.  
Sadie - It is very hot down there today.  
Woman - It's terrible. I can't stand it.  
Sadie - In the evening if you want to I'll take you for a drive.  
Woman - Johnnie said he would get somebody to take me for a drive, but I hate the idea of getting dressed.  
Sadie - You don't have to get dressed just for the ride.  
Woman - But I couldn't go out without putting my corset on.  
Sadie - I am going out with just a dress on.  
Woman - That's all right.  
Sadie - All right for me, huh?  
Woman - I went up there last night and stayed till 12.  
Sadie - Yes?  
Woman - There were only three playing cards and nobody to take care of the games.  
Sadie - Well.  
Woman - How long could it go like that?  
Sadie - I don't know.  
Woman - I don't either.  
Sadie - I talked to Anna. She wants in equally or not at all.  
Woman - I think she is bluffing. She doesn't realize the nice people you know.  
Sadie - I don't know what to think.  
Woman - Tomorrow I'll be home all day cleaning, give me a ring.  
Sadie - Alright. Do what I told you with the towel. You'll feel better.  
Woman - You know I didn't walk any yesterday and I have that thing in my apron pocket.  
Sadie - Keep it next to you. It will do you good.  
Woman - I am.  
Sadie - Alright. Goodbye.  
Woman - Goodbye.

1:00 PM Incoming

MJK

Woman - Hello  
Woman - Maxine?  
Woman - Yes.  
Woman - This is Margaret.  
Maxine - Yes.  
Margaret - I got lost looking for your place and seeing it is so late and I have to see that party at two, are you going to be downtown.  
Maxine - I had an appointment at two and was waiting for you to come before taking a bath.  
Margaret - That's too bad.  
Maxine - I'll meet you downtown.

Margaret - Where do you want to meet me Johnny's or Secor's?  
Maxine - Johnny's will do.  
Margaret - I'll meet you there at two or two thirty.  
Maxine - I won't be there much sooner than that as I have  
to take a shower and get dressed.  
Margaret - I am ashamed for anyone to see me. My clothes are  
soaking wet.  
Maxine - I know, if you only have a dress on 1/2 an hour  
it is wilted.  
Margaret - I'll see you.  
Maxine - Goodbye.

1:17 PM

Incoming

MJK

Woman - Hello  
Man - How are you, young lady?  
Woman - Alright, how are you?  
Man - OK. Is Margaret there?  
Woman - No. I am supposed to meet her.  
Man - How is everything otherwise?  
Woman - Oh, I don't know Mr. Davis. The heat in this apart-  
ment is terrible.  
Davis - Our place is the same way. You ought to drive out  
in the country.  
Woman - I don't mind the heat so bad, when I am out, but I  
can't get my clothes on and you can't go out without  
any on.  
Davis - I guess not. I have been up since 7.  
Woman - Where do you get all your energy?  
Davis - I don't know.  
Woman - Saw your brother Dave last night with two stunning  
girls.  
Davis - Two redheads?  
Woman - Yes. Who are they?  
Davis - Some performers from Detroit. They come over here  
every chance they get.  
Woman - They are good looking. I thought they were entertainers.  
Davis - I saw them this morning.  
Woman - You leave them to your brother.  
Davis - Do you think they are too dangerous for me?  
Woman - Yes.  
Davis - I don't know what he does. He has a strike on in  
Scranton and had to pull men off another strike to  
help but I think it is settled now.  
Woman - Some people are never satisfied when they are making a  
living.  
Davis - No they are not.  
Woman - Too many Communists in this country.  
Davis - I think so.

Woman - Did you want to see her?  
Davis - No she told me to call you up.  
Woman - I am supposed to meet her at Johnny's between  
two and two-thirty.  
Davis - Had her talk with him this morning.  
Woman - How did you make out?  
Davis - I'll tell you when I see you.  
Woman - Will you be at Johnny's then?  
Davis - Yes, she has the devil in her.  
Woman - I don't know.  
Davis - I'll tell you when I see you.  
Woman - Goodbye.

1:30 PM      Outgoing                      MAin 0596                      MJK  
Man - Hello  
Woman - Is Johnny there Irwin  
Man - Yes, just a minute  
Man - Hello  
Woman - Johnny?  
Man - Yes.  
Woman - How are you?  
Man - Alright.  
Woman - I have to meet Marie there.  
Johnny - She is here now.  
Woman - It will be 1/2 an hour before I can get there.  
Johnny - That's alright. She is sitting down here and I am  
talking to her.

1:23 PM      Incoming    MJK  
Woman - Hello  
Man - Did you want me to come out and pick you up?  
Woman - I won't be ready for about 15 minutes.  
Man - That's alright.  
Woman - Alright.

2:00 PM      Incoming    No answer                      MJK

2:04 PM      Incoming    No answer                      MJK

3:55 PM      Incoming    No answer                      RAG

11:46 PM      Outgoing                      (Recorder not correct; shows 3969                      RAG  
but Rosie's number is ADams 0719)

Woman - Hello  
Maxine - Hello Rosie, isn't it hot?  
Rosie - Isn't it terrible? Where are you?  
Maxine - I'm home. I went to see Heslip for Lena. She  
had two today.  
Rosie - What for?  
Maxine - The same thing - somebody came back and said about  
losing money.

Rosie - Well that's the way it goes - There's no business anyway.  
It's so hot they come in and walk out; they won't stay.  
Maxine - Virginia was there when they came, but she wouldn't  
go with them, so Lena went.  
Rosie - Can you imagine that, getting that kind of money and  
she wouldn't go, I'd throw her out right away - \$15.00  
a week and she wouldn't go along.  
Maxine - I would too, but Lena's easy. She had no customers  
either. I went around to see that party.  
Rosie - Oh, did you?  
Maxine - Yes, so I guess everything will be alright.  
Rosie - Well that's fine.  
(They talk more about the heat and hang up.)

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11:15 AM Outgoing MAIN 0367 HED  
Girl - Hello  
Man - Can you get off? I'll be ready Sunday morning  
and I'm not coming back until Tuesday.  
Girl - I'll be ready and I'll stay until Tuesday too.

11:20 AM Incoming HED  
Harry - Thelma, what is Ruth's number?  
Thelma - ADams 2414  
Harry - Thanks.

11:22 AM Incoming HED  
Man calling - What did you say Ruth's number is?  
Thelma - It's ADams 4214.

11:25 AM Incoming HED  
Man calling - Is Earl Wittenberg there?  
Man answering - He's across the street right now.  
Man calling - I'll call him later.

11:45 AM Incoming HED  
Girl calling - Hello  
Man - Oh, good morning. Put 2½ cents on 512, 172  
and 262.

12:00 AM Incoming HED  
Meyer calling - Is there anything new?  
Thelma - No there isn't and don't bother me, it's too hot.

12:02 PM Man called - Is Earl Wittenberg in?  
Girl answered - No but I expect him in about 10 minutes.  
Man - OK.

12:12 PM Girl calling - Asks for Mr. Earl Wittenberg  
Thelma - He won't be back until about one PM.

12:20 PM Boy calling - Are any of the Wittenbergs in?  
Thelma - No.

1:03 PM Outgoing MAIN 9962  
Man - Hank put my number in will you?  
Bank - Alright, 231.

1:05 PM Girl calling in. Is Mr. Earl Wittenberg in?  
Man - No but he will be in about 20 minutes.

1:10 PM Girl calling - Did you want me?  
Man - Yes, did you want to go to the beach?  
Girl - Yeah, why don't you call Uncle Sam?

1:12 PM           Outgoing                   MAIn 4661  
 Man - Harry is your grandmother in?  
 Harry - No.  
 Man - Well, Thelma will be out at 2:30 for you. Stay home.  
 Harry - Alright.

1:15 PM           Outgoing                   FOrest 4133  
 Girl - Davis Cleaners  
 Man - Is Sam Jacobs there?  
 Girl - No he just left.  
 Man - Thanks.

1:20 PM           Incoming  
 This is Joe Thomas of the "Boys in Blue". I wonder if you  
 will give us an ad for our paper.  
 Earl: I just got back and I don't know what's going on;  
 I'll give you one for the next issue sure.

1:25 PM           Outgoing                   FOrest 9374  
 Man - How is everything?  
 Woman - Everything is OK  
 Man - I'll see you about 5:30.

1:35 PM           Incoming  
 Is Dave Wittenberg there yet?  
 Man - No, not yet.

2:05 PM           Outgoing                   FOrest 0281  
 Thelma called Mercy Hospital and asked about somebody's  
 condition.  
 Girl answered - Not very good.

2:08 PM           Incoming   EJD  
 Freda - Dave can you use me Saturday?  
 Dave - I'm going down Sunday morning. Do you want to go?  
 Freda - Yes.  
 Dave - I'm not coming back until Wednesday.  
 Freda - That's OK with me.  
 Dave - I'll pick you up at about nine Sunday morning.

2:40 PM           Outgoing                   ADams 4141 police dept.           EJD  
 Man calling says this is Wittenberg, let me talk to John.  
 Wittenberg: John, have you got my stuff ready?  
 John: Yes.  
 Wittenberg: Can you send it over to my office?  
 John: You bet, I'll send it right over.

2:41 PM           Incoming  
 Girl calling: Dave, Toney went to the beauty parlor and said  
 it will be alright for 7:30 tonite; that she has  
 arranged to get Elsie.  
 Dave: Tell her I will get hold of Ken and ring her back.

2:45 PM Incoming EJD  
Girl calling for Dave.  
Dave answers and says, Honey, Thelma will be right out,  
she has been delayed waiting for the car. Have  
you got your bathing suit?  
Girl ans. - Yes, I have it on.  
Dave - Alright, I see you out at the beach tonight.

3:10 PM Incoming EJD  
Man calling - Stocks 915, Bonds 418.  
Man ans. OK.

3:12 PM Incoming EJD  
Bill calling: Dave a good friend of mine named Leonard  
Greenberg, a partner in the Cleveland Exchange  
Machinery, got a ticket. Will you take care of it  
and if a bench warrant is issued have it torn up.  
Dave - Did they notify him to appear in court yet?  
Bill - No.  
Dave - Well, the night before let me know and it will  
be taken care of, he won't have to appear.

3:30 PM Incoming EJD  
Girl calling from William Finn's office, attorney for  
Earl Wittenberg.  
Earl - The accident happened on July 29th at 3:50 PM,  
last year not July 9th. Check it will you.  
Girl - I will Mr. Wittenberg, thank you.

3:45 PM Incoming EJD  
Girl calling - Have you an Abe Shapiro working there  
and if so how long.  
Earl Wittenberg - Yes, He's been here 14 years.  
Girl - How old is he and is he married?  
Earl Wittenberg - 28 and single.  
Girl - Thank you.

4:05 PM Incoming EJD  
Man calling says This is Bill. Say Ike, Marty Watson  
got a ticket and a bench warrant is out for  
him, they were at the house this morning.  
Will you take care of it, and let me know  
right away.  
Ike - Call up at 8 o'clock tonight.  
Bill - Will you be there then?  
Ike - No the Muzzler will let you know about it. He's  
on then.

4:10 PM Outgoing MAIN 6821 EJD  
Earl calling - Time please?  
Lady answers - 4:10 PM

4:43 PM Outgoing ADams 0350 EJD  
Man calling - This is Morris, is the Muzzler there?  
Man ans. - Wait I'll see.  
Muzzler - Hello.  
Man calling - This is Morris, what time do you go to work tonight?  
Muzzler - six o'clock  
Morris - I'm at your office now; stop by the store on your way home.  
Muzzler - I'll be there in ten minutes.

4:50 PM Outgoing MAIN 8623 EJD  
Morris Infield calling - Stanley do you know the Rimset Loan Co. on the Gardner Bldg.?  
Stanley - Yes, the man who is at the head of it is also with the Southworth Company.  
Morris - Will you call them and fix things for a loan?  
Stanley - Give me more about it. Who is it for?  
Morris - Abe Shapiro, I'm a co-signer.  
Stanley - OK, I'll attend to it.

4:52 PM Incoming EJD  
Stanley calling. Asks for Morris Infield.  
Morris - Hello Stanley  
Stanley - Everything is all fixed up.  
Morris - Fine. OK.

5:25 PM Incoming EJD  
Man calling says, Earl this is Bill Ryan, the police just picked up a good friend of mine. He gave the name of James Taylor, get him out on bond. Call me at MAIN 1980.  
Earl - I'll let you know after I know what the charge is.

5:26 PM Outgoing ADams 4141 police turnkey  
Earl asks if they have a James Taylor and if so what charge.  
Turnkey - Yes, he be held here on suspicion.  
Earl - Who are the officers?  
Turnkey - Langendorf, Manson, Eggleman and Fielding.  
Earl - Uh. OK

5:28 PM Outgoing MAIN 1980 EJD  
Earl calling - Say Bill that guy is being held on suspicion. We can't do anything until there is some charge against him.  
Bill - Can't you get in touch with the officers and arrange that he gets out on bond.  
Earl - Alright, I'll try and get the charge changed

and call you.

5:30 PM      Outgoing      Unable to get number      EJD

Earl calling      Woman answers  
Earl -      Takes a long time to answer  
Woman -      I was down in the cellar and had to come  
                 up. I was preparing some warm water for  
                 your bath.  
Earl -      What do you want me to bring home?  
Woman -      Oh, get about 25 cents worth of Salami  
                 and baloney from the delicatessen  
Earl -      OK

6:00 PM      Incoming      EJD

Bill Ryan calling from Main 1980, talks to Meyer Wittenberg,  
and asks him what he did about getting the man out.  
Myer - I just came from the Safety Building and talked to  
the officers. They said the man beat a hotel bill  
at Akron, and are now waiting for a release.  
Bill - I already sent the money. They got the wrong man, but  
don't tell them anything about it.  
Myer - The officers know that the money was sent and just as  
soon as the Chief of Police at Akron notifies them to  
release the man, he will be turned out.

6:15 PM      Incoming      HED

Man calling asks if Eddie is there.  
Man answering says, No we have no Eddie, this is Main 9711.  
Man calling said I guess I have the wrong number.

7:00 PM      Incoming      HED

Man calling - Myer, this is Steve Gardner. I called the  
other day about a ticket they had for me, but you  
didn't do anything about it and they've got a bench  
warrant out for me. They had a patrol wagon out  
here for me.  
Myer - I'll see that it's taken care of this time.

7:45 PM      Outgoing      HED

Girl calling - This is Helen. Is Abe there?  
Man ans. He's across the street.  
Girl - Have him call me, please.

7:50 PM      Outgoing      Forest 5459      HED

Girl ans. I'm going up into Michigan tomorrow with Tony.  
Abe - Alright.

8:25 PM Incoming HED  
 Girl calling - This is Georgia. Have you heard my folks?  
 Man - No, I haven't.  
 Girl - Well, I'll be down at the place all night.  
 Man - I'll call you later.

9:30 PM Outgoing ADams 5022 Busy Signal HED

9:32 PM Outgoing ADams 5022 HED  
 Man calling - Mabel, is the Sheriff there? This is Myer.  
 Girl ans. - Yeah, he's here. He's making faces at me.  
 Man - We'll have to tell the big sheriff on him.  
 Man - Hello. What now?  
 Myer - Can you fix one up for the Rvoli (theatre)  
 I'm sending him right over.  
 Man - OK.

9:35 PM Incoming HED  
 Girl calling - Let me speak to Davey Shapiro.  
 Davey - This is Davey.  
 Girl - Where were you last night?  
 Davey - I went out to Reno Beach. We are going again tonight. Do you want to go along?  
 Girl - Yeah, I want to go what time are you going?  
 Davey - We are going about 12:30.  
 Girl - You won't disappoint me, will you?  
 Davey - No, I won't disappoint you. I'll be there as soon as I close up. That will be about 12:30.

10:00 PM Outgoing ADams 4141 police dept. turnkey HED  
 Myer calling - What was Libby Johnson's address?  
 Turnkey - 2440 Franklin.

10:25 PM Incoming HED  
 Steve - Myer, this is Steve again. Did you see Abe about that? They came over here again for me.  
 Myer - He said he would fix it but I'll see him again.

11:30 PM Outgoing MAIn 6568 HED  
 Myer - Helen, what are you doing?  
 Girl - I'm ironing.  
 Myer - Are you going to take the old man back to the beach tomorrow?  
 Helen - No, I'm going to let him take a bus.

12:00 PM Outgoing MAIn 0871 HED  
 Man calling - Is Chink there?  
 Man ans. - No, he's gone home.

12:32 AM July 10, 1936 Incoming HED  
 Man calling - When are you coming out?  
 Myer - I'm leaving here in just a minute.

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9:55 AM Incoming HED  
Girl calling - What is Joyce's number, Thelma?  
Thelma - MAIn 6335.  
Girl - I mean her home phone.  
Thelma - ADams 7061

10:30 AM Incoming HED  
Man calling - Dave there?  
Thelma - Call Adams 4141 and ask for the Clerk's  
office.

10:37 AM Incoming HED  
Girl calling - Happy birthday, Thelma.  
Thelma - what's happy about it?

10:40 AM Outgoing Forest 5079 HED  
Thelma calling - Bran and I were out to your house  
last night, but the lights were out so we didn't  
come in.  
Girl - I went for a ride.  
Thelma - Barney won \$50 last night.

11:05 AM Incoming HED  
Man calling - Is it hot?  
Thelma - Yeah, Barney won \$50 last night.

11:30 AM Outgoing Adams 5121 EJD  
Man calling - Is Reuben in?  
Girl ans. - No he will be back about 1;2 hour.  
Man calling - Alright, I'll call later.

11:33 AM Outgoing call Adams 4141 police dept.  
Girl - Give me the Clerk's office.  
Man ans. - Clerk's office.  
Girl calling - Let me talk to Mr. Wittenberg.  
Wittenberg - Hello  
Girl - Mr. valentine is here with a package. Will I send  
him over to see you.  
Wittenberg - No. Pay him the money. Get it from Davey.  
Girl - OK.

12:15 PM Incoming  
Man calling - Who is this?  
" answering - Benny.  
" calling - This is Bill Ryan. What did you do about  
getting that fellow Taylor out?

Benny - I understand the cops from Akron are coming to get him on a warrant.  
Bill - This is a bum rap the warrant is out for a man named Clabby. Anyway the bill is paid, and I don't see how they can prosecute Taylor.  
Benny - Sorry we can't do anything, it is now up to Taylor to prove that he is not the man, but if the hotel accepted the money they can't prosecute him.

1:05 PM Outgoing MAIN 7629

Man - Is Max there?

Girl - I'll see.

Max - Hello Davey, I'm terribly busy now

Davey - What do you mean? What I wanted to say is that you got it suspended, I want the costs separate.

Max - Alright, I'll be finished here in half hour.

1:10 PM Outgoing MAIN 9628 EJD

Man calling says hello to woman answering. I found the \$5.00 in my pocket after changing clothes. How is Izzy?

Woman - Oh, there is no change.

Man - Say, Valentine left that stuff and it is all paid for, when I get home, I will straighten out with you on 630 and 210.

Woman - When are you coming home.

Man - I will leave here at 5:30

(Man sounded like Ike Wittenberg)

1:30 PM Incoming

Man - Is this Frances?

Woman - No this is Ruthy.

Man - What's the matter with you, the numbers are not out yet.

Ruthy - What's the matter with yourself. I don't want any.

1:44 PM Incoming HED

Girl - Where's papa?

Thelma - He's not here.

Girl - What's Ruth's number.

Thelma - Adams 4214.

2:25 PM Man calling - Dave did you cash a \$100 check for Dewey? HED

Dave - Yes, I cashed three of them and gave him back his security.

2:28 PM Adams 4121 Outgoing HED

Dave - Is John Rubin there?

Girl - No he isn't.

Dave - Have him call Dave Wittenberg at MAIN 9711.

2:30 PM Outgoing ADams 1435 HED  
Operator - What number did you call?  
Dave - ADams 1435  
Operator - That number has been changed. It is now ADams 0397.

2:35 PM Outgoing ADams 0397  
Dave - Let me speak to Fred Tanner.  
Fred - Hello.  
Dave - Fred, have you got the key to downstairs? I want  
to get a counter out of there.  
Fred - Yoah, I've got it.

2:36 PM Outgoing ADams 7023 HED  
Dave - Sidney, that counter is all ready to take out.

2:40 PM Outgoing ADams 0239  
Dave - This is Dave Wittenberg. Is my car ready?  
Man - Yes.  
Dave - Have Otis bring it down.  
Man - OK

2:45 PM Incoming HED  
Man calling - Is (couldn't get name, man spoke with Jewish  
accent) there?  
Dave - No, he isn't.  
Man - Have him call MAin 7723.

3:15 PM Incoming HED  
Girl - Is Myer there?  
Thelma - No, he'll be here about six.

3:16 PM Incoming HED  
Rubin - Is Dave there?  
Thelma - No, he isn't.  
Rubin - Tell Dave that John Rubin returned his call.

3:18 PM Incoming HED  
Man - Dave my Dick got caught on Broadway. Will you fix  
it up?  
Dave - How fast was he going?  
Man - 45 miles.  
Dave - What officer got him?  
Man - Al Tobey.  
Dave - When is he supposed to appear?  
Man - Nine o'clock July 16th.  
Dave - Alright, I'll fix it.

3:20 Outgoing ADams 5121 HED  
Man - Stock 899, Bond 136.

3:30 PM Incoming HBD  
 Girl - What time will you be ready, Thelma?  
 Thelma - About fifteen minutes.  
 Girl - I'll come by for you.

3:45 PM Incoming HBD  
 Girl - Why didn't you meet me?  
 Thelma - I was there. I waited for a long time.  
 Girl - What are the numbers?  
 Thelma - 899 and 136.

4:25 PM Incoming HBD  
 Girl - Is Thelma there?  
 Man - No.

4:28 PM Incoming HBD  
 Man - Dave, that's all set now kid.  
 Dave - All right, we'll leave Sunday.

4:45 PM Incoming HBD  
 Woman - Get a half of loaf of rye bread before  
 you come home.  
 Man - Alright.

4:46 PM Outgoing ADAMS 4141 police dept. turnkey HBD  
 Ike - This is Ike. Have they changed that charge on  
 Carl Scott yet?  
 Turnkey - No yet. I'll give you a ring.

4:48 PM Incoming HBD  
 Mike - Ike, this is Mickey. There's a tag for Harold G.  
 Watkins, 1071 Lincoln St.  
 Ike - I'll see if I can catch it tonight. If I can't I'll  
 get it in the morning.

4:50 PM Outgoing MAIN 8949 HBD  
 Ike calling, Hosey, this is Ike, have you got some bread  
 there for us?  
 Hosey - I surely have.  
 Ike - I'll come out and get it in a little while.

5:30 PM Incoming HBD  
 Man - That Carl Scott charge is changed now to driving  
 while intoxicated.  
 Man - Alright. I'll be right up.

5:45 PM Incoming HBD  
 Woman - Is one of the Wittenbergs there?  
 Woman - No, but Mr. Myers is just across the street.  
 Woman - Tell him to get a girl from 45 Michigan St. out.  
 Woman - OK.

5:48 PM Incoming HBD  
Woman - Myer, what's this about that second beef on  
45 Michigan St.? Some guy said he lost some  
money.  
Myer - Who is this?  
Woman - This is Maxine.  
Myer - We just got a man by the name of Brown out.  
Maxine - You find out about it and call me at ADams 3658.

5:50 PM Outgoing ADams 4141 police dept. Matron HBD  
Myer - Have you got a girl over there from 45 Mich.?  
Matron - Yes, her name is Beatrice; they got her for  
petty larceny.  
Myer - Thanks.

5:52 PM Outgoing ADams 3658 HBD  
Myer - Maxine she's in for petty larceny. Do you want me  
to get her out?  
Maxine - Sure and let me know what it is all about. We  
don't know.  
Myer - All right. I'll get her and let her talk to you  
from our office.  
Maxine - OK

5:59 PM Incoming HBD  
Man - Is lawyer Jacobs there?  
Woman - No, he's across the street. You want him to call  
you?  
Man - No, this is his father, and I wanted to tell him to  
come home.

6:05 PM Outgoing ADams 3658 HBD  
Myer - Maxine, the bond was \$300. She's here. I'll let  
you talk to her.  
Girl - Hello.  
Maxine - What's the matter?  
Girl - I don't know. He must be crazy.  
Myer - The man is crazy. He'll be in all night. You don't  
need to worry, they haven't got a case against her.  
Maxine - How about two charges in one day.  
Myer - That's all right they won't do anything.  
Maxine - How much is the bond going to cost?  
Myer - You can see Ike about that tomorrow.

7:30 PM Incoming HBD  
Man - Is Mr. Shapiro there?  
Myer - No, but he will be here in the next hour. Who is  
this please?  
Man - Just tell him to call MAIn 8623, I'll be here.  
Myer - Alright.

7:35 PM

Outgoing MAIN 8263

Man - Art, kinda hot today, where are you going tonite?

Art - I don't get through until nine, I think I'll go to a picture show and cool off.

Man - Why don't you take a ride to the beach with us.

Art - Alright, I'll see you after nine.

7:37 PM

Outgoing MAIN 5459

Man - Hello Helen, how are you? It's surely hot.

Helen - Yeah, I want to close the doors, the curtains are blowing, but no breeze. Now what you saying?

Man - Got your car.

Helen - Yeah, but I have been trying to take a bath four times already, but one of the other girls is now using the bathroom.

Man - Am I going to see you tonight. We can take a ride out in the country and have a bottle of ale or so, and get back about 1:30 or 2 o'clock.

Helen - Nothing doing. I have someone coming here at 8 and another at 9, besides I got to get up early tomorrow morning. Besides I don't think I want to go the way you treated me the last time.

Man - What the hell are you talking about. Have you got something that money can't buy.

Helen - I know you think you can get me half stiff, and do what you want.

Man - It's five weeks since I last saw you, what are you beefing about. Let me know one way or the other whether I'm going to see you.

Helen - Alright, pipe down, I'll be seeing you at your office after nine.

8:25 PM

Incoming

Woman - Asks if the big boy is there.

Man (Myer?) Which one do you mean.

Woman - Ike. What is this I hear.

Man - They knocked off 45 Michigan, but otherwise everything is alright.

Woman - Carried on a conversation in Jewish with the man, and then in English said, "I'll be right over to the office."

8:30 PM

Incoming

EJD

Man - Asks if Ike or Dave is in.

Man - Now they are not, this is Myer. I expect Dave back in about ten minutes. What's on your mind?

Man - I'll be over to the office. I got to get a little fix put on, see you later.

8:35 PM Outgoing ADams 2549J (?) EJD  
Man - Asks for Joe  
Joe - Hello.  
Man - This is Abe, I got two friends of mine who want to  
go to the show at the Rivoli, can you fix it up for  
them.  
Joe - You bet I can. OK go ahead, use my name.

8:40 PM Outgoing MAIn 8823  
Man - Morris did you call.  
Morris - No. Not necessary to fix it up. Peaches is here.  
Man - That's fine, tell her Thelma called.  
Morris - OK.

8:55 PM Incoming EJD  
Woman (sounds like foreigner) Is the big boy there?  
Man - No he won't be here until tomorrow morning.  
Woman - What's the beef on 45 Michigan?  
Man - The cops knocked the place off this afternoon.  
Nothing to worry about.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

Cleveland FILE NO. **7-1**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Cleveland, Ohio</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7/14/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6/26/36 and 7/7-13/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>C. E. SMITH</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>EJB</b></span>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mrs. Liba Campbell called at Cleveland Bureau office for Harry Campbell's money. Had no information to offer. Joe Rich sentenced 5/18/36 by Federal Judge Samuel West at Cleveland, O. to serve two years in U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, for violation of Narcotic laws. Daisy Farmer, prostitute in Edna Haney's house denies knowing Karpis, or any other subjects. Denies being transported from Pittsburgh, Pa. to Canton, O. for immoral purposes. Helen Ross, prostitute in Edna Haney's house, denies knowing or ever seeing Karpis at Haney's house. Edna Haney admits operating house of prostitution in Canton, O. for past fifteen years; states she did not know Joe Rich's business; denies knowing or having seen Karpis or other subjects of this case.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, 7/7/36.

**DETAILS:**

This is a joint report of Special Agents R. C. Connell, J. B. Fitzgerald and Clyde E. Smith.

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Mrs. Lina Campbell, mother of Harry Campbell, and her daughter, Pearl, called at the Cleveland Bureau office and were interviewed by Special Agent C. E. Smith. Mrs. Campbell stated that the purpose of her visit to the office was to secure the \$2,400.00, which Harry had requested be turned over to her. Pursuant to prior Bureau instructions and instructions of Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland, Mrs. Campbell was advised by Special Agent C. E. Smith that the money would be sent to the Oklahoma City office and she could, upon proper identification, secure it from the Agent in Charge there.

Agent endeavored to question Mrs. Campbell relative to what Harry or Gertrude Billeter Miller (Campbell) had told her, however, Mrs. Campbell merely stated that Gertrude was a nice girl. Both Mrs. Campbell and Pearl denied knowing any of Harry's associates, stating he had never brought any of them home.

Mrs. Campbell advised that in due time they intended to take steps to secure the release of Campbell from the penitentiary, and desired to know who to contact. Agent advised them he had no information to offer in regard to that matter.

Mrs. Campbell stated that she could be reached at the home of Eli Banoff, Route #3, Harrisville, Pennsylvania, and would return to Tulsa, Oklahoma about July 15, 1936.

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The following information relative to Joe Rich was obtained from the files of the United States Clerk of Court at Cleveland, Ohio, by Special Agent J. B. Fitzgerald:

Case #15445. On May 13, 1936, Joe Rich was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury at Cleveland, Ohio, on two counts for violating Section 174, Title 21, USCA, and Sec. 1043, Title 26, USCA (selling and concealing narcotics) and on May 15, 1936, Rich was arraigned and pleaded not guilty. On May 18, 1936, Rich withdrew his plea and entered a plea of guilty and on the same day Federal Judge Samuel West imposed a sentence of two years and \$27.00 costs, which sentence is presently being served in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

Thomas W. Andrew, Narcotic Agent, 502 Federal Building, Cleveland, Ohio, was interviewed by Special Agent J. B. Fitzgerald relative to the LaSalle automobile formerly owned and used by Joe

Rich, 309 Walnut Street, Canton, Ohio. He stated that at the time of his arrest Joe Rich owned the following described automobile: 1935 model LaSalle Convertible Coupe, motor #2202103, light green in color, with khaki top and disc wheels. This car was purchased by him on June 13, 1935 from the Cadillac-Oldsmobile Company, Canton, Ohio. Ray F. Whiteleather signed the bill of sale #366-830, for said company, and the purchase price was \$1,676.77, plus tax. Said bill of sale is now in the possession of Mr. Andrew. Upon the arrest of Joe Rich this car was seized by narcotic agents and turned over to the Customs Bureau. It is presently in the possession of the Narcotic Division, being stored in the Astor Garage, 1719 East 17th Street, corner of Walnut Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Andrew stated that Lyda Orr Jackman, alias Minn Kate, alias Minn Staley, South Patterson Street, Alliance, Ohio, was a connection of Rich's in that town and that Jean Morgan, 960 Broadway, Lorain, Ohio, was also a dope connection of Rich's and Jean Morgan is now on probation to George H. Knapp, Police Inspector, Lorain, Ohio.

Mr. M. R. Collegeman, Agent in Charge, Narcotic Division, 502 Federal Building, Cleveland, Ohio, stated that the only photographs which he has of Rich's car are posted on large cards and are a permanent part of his file, but gave his permission for Agents to photograph this car if they so desired, it being presently in the Astor Garage in Cleveland, Ohio, bearing 1935 license #M-972-W.

#### AT CANTON, OHIO

Daisy Farmer, prostitute in the house of Edna Haney, was questioned by Special Agent J. B. Fitzgerald, and she stated that her maiden name was Daisy Guido, and her home was in Morgantown, West Virginia. Daisy further stated that on November 22, 1932, she married Alex K. Farmer in Morgantown, and had a son, Al Victor, age two and one-half years of age, by Farmer.

Daisy Farmer further stated that she had never got along with her husband as he did not support her and her son, and she had finally separated from him. She stated that about February, 1936, she left Morgantown, West Virginia, and came to Canton, Ohio, looking for work; that she asked a taxi driver where she could get work and he drove her to Sadie's Cook's house of prostitution at 418 Rex Street, where she remained for about one month practicing prostitution, at which time she transferred to the house operated by Min Staley at 410 Fourth Street, S. E., where she remained until the middle of June,

1936, Daisy Farmer advised that she could not get along with Min Staley so she called up Edna Haney and asked her if she could work for her, to which Edna agreed and Daisy had been at her place, up to the present time.

Continuing, Daisy admitted she had practiced prostitution in Washington, D. C., soliciting in the vicinity of the Ambassador, Willard and Shoreham Hotels, but denied being placed there by any man or woman. She stated that after she left Washington, D. C. she returned to Morgantown, West Virginia, before she came to Canton, Ohio.

When questioned relative to Eddie Danforth (not Danford) she stated that she became acquainted with him while she was working at Min Staley's place and had numerous dates with him, but had recently dropped him as she found out he had a girl in another house. Daisy emphatically denied that Danforth was her pimp, and further denied that he had brought her from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, stating that any money she made she kept for herself and the support of her son, for whom she pays \$5.00 per week board. With reference to the tariff in the business, Daisy stated that fifty percent made went to the madam, or landlady, and out of the remainder, the girls paid usually about \$1.00 per day to the madam for board and room, and also paid for their own laundry.

Numerous photographs of subjects in this case were exhibited to Daisy Farmer, however, she did not identify any of them, with the exception of Joe Rich. Daisy Farmer was questioned closely as to any conversations she had ever had with Edna Haney relative to Joe Rich, or any of his associates, and she advised that Edna was not in the habit of discussing anything with the girls, and all she knew about Joe was that he was on the dope and now in jail.

Agents questioned Mrs. Farmer as to the identity of the prostitutes presently in Edna Haney's house, and she advised that there was one by the name of Helen, last name not known, who has been there for about a year, and one by the name of Bobbie, last name not known, who came about the same time she did. Continuing, Daisy stated that her husband had instituted civil proceedings in order to have her child taken from her, however, when the judge was advised of the identity of the people in whose care the child was, the suit was dismissed. Daisy further stated that her husband had visited her on July 4, 1936, however, the purpose of the visit was mainly to see the child.

Inasmuch as additional information has been secured relative to Daisy Farmer's description and relatives since previously set forth in report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, dated at Cleveland,

Ohio, the following description is set forth:

Name	-	Daisy Farmer (married) Daisy Guido (maiden)
Age	-	22 years
Height	-	5'2"
Weight	-	126 pounds
Hair	-	Black - bobbed
Eyes	-	Dark, chestnut
Complexion	-	Medium
Build	-	Medium
Color	-	White
Nose	-	Rather large
Nativity	-	Italian descent
Marital Status	-	Married
Police #	-	Canton, Ohio 6112
Occupation	-	Prostitute
FPC	-	9 U 00 2 3 A 0
Relatives	-	Husband - Alex M. Farmer, 428 Duquene Way, Pittsburgh, Pa. Attendant - Dixmont Hospital for the insane, Pittsburgh, Pa. Son - Al Victor, age 2½ years  Father - John Guido, 527 Dunkard Ave., Morgantown, West Virginia. Mother - Victoria Guido, same address Brothers - Patrick Guido, age 27 yrs. Anthony Guido, age 15 yrs. same address Salvatore Guido, age 36 yrs. Frank Guido, age 18 yrs. Ettore Guido, age 13 yrs. Louis Guido, age 25 yrs., Washington, D. C. Sister - Rose White, age 20 yrs. California.

Immediately upon the termination of Agent's interview with Daisy Farmer, according to Edna Haney, Daisy packed her clothes, picked up her son and left town and her present whereabouts is not known.

In view of the fact that Detective Tim Lloyd of the vice squad had advised Agents that Eddie Danforth had possibly transported Daisy Farmer from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to Canton, Ohio, Agents checked the records of the Schlaun Hotel where Danforth had been residing, however, the clerk on duty advised that Danforth had not been seen around for several weeks. Further effort will be made to locate Danforth in order that he may be questioned relative to a possible White Slave Traffic Act violation, as well as any information he may have about Edna Haney's and Joe Rich's activities.

The following description and criminal record of Edward Danforth as obtained from the Canton Police Department, is set forth for future reference:

Name	-	Edward Danforth
Age	-	32 years
Height	-	5'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	-	155 pounds
Hair	-	Dark chestnut
Complexion	-	Medium
Build	-	Medium
Nativity	-	America (born in Ohio)
Color	-	White
Occupation	-	Fimp
Residence	-	608 S. Market St., Canton, O.
Police Number	-	Canton, Ohio 6029
FPC	-	$\frac{1}{1}$ UA $\frac{4}{4}$
Criminal Record	-	Obtained from Canton PD

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Special Agent R. G. Connell interviewed Helen Ross, a prostitute located in the house operated by Edna Haney at Canton, Ohio, and she stated that she had been associated with the Haney woman for the past twenty months, with the exception of the period between March 15th and about May 28th, 1936, when she was staying at the home of her sister, Dolly Tuhalla, who operates a beauty parlor in Barberton, Ohio. She stated that she had been hustling for three years, having turned out at Canton, Ohio, but denied that she had ever worked on the line in any other state. She further stated that she was married at Barberton, Ohio, at the Catholic Church, and that Ross is her marriage name, her maiden name being Misura. She denied ever having seen Karpis at Edna's house, or even knowing him at all. She also denied that she had ever seen Joe Rich bring any friends to the house, or that she had seen anyone come there looking for him. She advised that Edna had a son named Francis, who is about 26 years old, and who is married and living in Canton, and working at the Timken works there. She admitted knowing that Joe had a LaSalle car, but denied that she had ever seen anyone except herself driving this car, other than Joe. She further advised that there had been another prostitute working at Edna's last January, whose name was Dolly Rogers, and who was now at Akron, Ohio.

The information regarding Edna's son was corroborated by Edna upon questioning later, who stated that she has a son whose name is Francis Bishop, and who is married and living respectably in Canton, and working at the Timken Company. Edna further stated that her son never concerned himself with her business or her association with Rich, and although he visited her quite frequently, he had no knowledge of what went on at the house.

A description of Helen Ross as obtained from the Canton Police Department and also from observation is as follows:

Age	-	27 years (born New York City 11/4/08)
Height	-	5'6"
Weight	-	137 pounds
Hair	-	Dark chestnut
Eyes	-	Blue-orange (slanty)
Build	-	Medium
Complexion	-	Medium
Teeth	-	Fair and even
Education	-	9th grade
Nationality	-	Bohemian

Home	-	Barberton, Ohio
Marital Status	-	Married
Police #	-	Canton PD 6085
Relatives	-	Sister - Dolly Tubella, Barberton, Ohio.

This girl denied that she had been hustling since March, but this was contradicted by Edna in her presence, and also by the fact that at the time she was picked up she was wearing the usual garb of a hustler, consisting of a pair of abbreviated rompers.

The following description of Dolly Rogers, as obtained from the files of the Canton, Ohio, Police Department is set forth:

Name	-	Dolly Rogers
Age	-	25 years
Height	-	5'5"
Weight	-	132 pounds
Hair	-	Dark chestnut (now peroxide blonde)
Eyes	-	Dark blue
Complexion	-	Fair
Teeth	-	One gold upper visible
Build	-	Medium
Race	-	White
Occupation	-	Prostitute
Police #	-	Canton PD 6086
FPC	-	29 00 0 32 0 12

Edna Haney was questioned by Special Agents J. B. Fitzgerald and C. E. Smith after being brought to the Canton Police Department, and she advised that she operated a house of prostitution at 309 Walnut Street, SE, and had been engaged in that business in various locations in Canton, Ohio, for the past fifteen years, and for ten years prior to that time she had engaged in prostitution herself.

Edna Haney whose maiden name was Littman, advised that about twenty years ago she married Harry Haney and was divorced from him about nine or ten years ago and about one year later married Floyd Werner, 422 Walnut Street, SE, Canton, Ohio, and divorced him about June, 1935. (Floyd Werner was killed shortly afterward in what is generally supposed to have been a "dope" killing). During August, 1935, Edna Haney married Joe Rich at Wellsburg, West Virginia. She further stated that she first met Joe Rich when he was working part time as a bartender at the Dew Drop Inn, at which time they became quite friendly and later married. Mrs. Haney was questioned closely

as to the manner in which she obtained her girls, and she advised that any girl who was in the racket knew of numerous houses in various cities and when they desired to change, they would usually telephone a house to see if they could work there. Edna stated that she had been so long in Canton, her place was known by the girls and as she only kept two or three at any time, she experienced no difficulty along those lines. Edna very strongly denied that Joe Rich, or any other man or woman, kept her supplied with girls and stated she did not belong to any syndicate or association and paid off to no one.

When questioned as to the number of times she had been arrested, Edna stated that she had been picked up several times and charged with being a suspicious person, but had never been fingerprinted or photographed. When questioned as to the locations where she had operated houses, Edna advised that up until February, 1936, she was located at 410 Fourth Street, at which time she moved to 309 Walnut where she presently operates a house.

Edna Haney was interrogated as to the identity of the girls who worked for her since December, 1935, and she stated that Helen and Bobbie, last names not known, were presently at her house, and there also had been one by the name of Daisy Farmer, but she had left immediately after being questioned by Agents. Edna stated that Helen had worked for her for approximately the last twelve or fourteen months and Bobby and Daisy for the last three or four weeks. Edna was unable or unwilling to advise as to the names of the girls whose places Bobbie and Daisy took. At this point Edna demanded to know the reason for the interview, and Agent advised her he was merely ascertaining the movements of prostitutes and also the identity of her husband's (Joe Rich's) friends.

Continuing, Edna stated that she knew nothing of the prostitutes' movements, only hiring one when she needed one, and in so far as Joe's friends are concerned, she knew nothing about them as Joe very seldom brought any of them home. When questioned as to how many and who would stay overnight, Edna stated that none of Joe's friends had ever stayed over night. Agents questioned Edna relative to the number of times Joe was away from home for any period of time, and she stated that owing to Joe's habit of using dope, she could not recall any specific time, advising that he spent the greater part of time in bed, never getting up before nine or ten o'clock in the morning. Edna Haney was then questioned as to Joe's whereabouts in January, 1936, and especially on the 19th, 20th and 21st, however, Edna was unable to recall anything unusual in Joe's movements at that time.

Upon questioning, Edna stated that the only friends of Joe's that she could recall having stopped at the house were Ed Brennan, and possibly Eddie Seaman and Jake Gilmore. According to Edna, Brennan was the cause of Joe's using dope. When questioned as to the present whereabouts of Brennan, Seaman and Gilmore, Edna advised that she knew nothing about them.

The various known aliases of Karpis, <sup>John</sup> Hunter, <sup>John</sup> Lett, Brock, Grace Goldstein, and Campbell were then related to Edna, however, she stated she had never heard Joe mention any one by any of those names. Photographs of all the subjects in this case, as well as possible contacts of the subjects were exhibited to Edna Haney by Agent, however, the only one she identified was the photograph of Jake Gilmore.

Edna Haney was then asked if she knew who Alvin Karpis was, and she stated she did and advised that at the time the narcotic men raided her home and arrested Joe the newspaper had carried an article in which it stated that Karpis was supposed to have stayed at her house on occasions. However, Edna absolutely denied that she had ever seen Karpis or Grace Goldstein and emphatically denied ever having heard Joe speak of them, other than to remark when he read the account in the paper, "Can you imagine that."

Edna was interrogated at length on her activities, as well as Joe's during the month of January, 1936, however, she continually denied knowing anything about Karpis, or any of his associates.

When questioned relative to her son Francis Bishop, age 26 years, an employee of the Timken Company at Canton, Ohio, Edna became quite incensed and advised that her son and his wife did visit her on occasions, but were absolutely straight and knew nothing of Joe, his background or associates, and had never questioned her about the business she was in.

Upon further questioning Edna stated that there had been a girl by the name of Kitty working for her during the winter of 1935, and early spring of 1936, however, she did not know her last name, or her present whereabouts. Edna also advised that she had a colored woman by the name of Emma Simpson doing housework, but she was unable or unwilling to furnish Agent with her address.

The following description of Edna Haney, as obtained by observation and questioning, is herewith set forth:

Name	-	Edna Haney, alias Edna Rich, alias Edna Werner, maiden name Edne Littman
Age	-	44 years (born 8/30/98)
Height	-	5'5"
Weight	-	147 pounds
Hair	-	Black
Eyes	-	Gray
Teeth	-	Good
Complexion	-	Medium
Build	-	Medium
Race	-	White
Nativity	-	American (born Wilkes-Barre, Pa.)
Occupation	-	Madam of house of prostitution
Marital Status	-	Married
Residence	-	309 Walnut St., Canton, O.
Relatives	-	Husband - Joe Rich, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. Son - Francis Bishop, Canton, Ohio. employed at Timken Company, Canton, O.

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Special Agent N. E. Manson related to the writer that during an investigation he had conducted at Canton, Ohio, he had heard that a night watchman by the name of H. Bordon, 1721 Clark Street, Canton, Ohio, had stated that Joe Rich had another house somewhere in the outlying district of Canton, Ohio; further investigation will be conducted relative to this matter.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The CLEVELAND OFFICE at Canton, Ohio, will locate and interview H. Bordon, 1721 Clark Street and secure from him any information he may have relative to Joe Rich.

At Canton, Ohio, will locate Emma Simpson, colored woman, who worked for Edna Haney, and interrogate her relative to the identity of the individuals visiting Edna Haney and Joe Rich, and in particular the ones who visited, or stayed at the house located at 410 Fourth Street in January, 1936.

Will reinterview Edna Haney for any additional information obtainable relative to Joe Rich's activities and associates.

Will ascertain from the Police Department at Canton, Ohio, any information available relative to the whereabouts of Eddie Brennan, Jake Gilmore, and Eddie Seaman.

Will check the records of prostitutes at the Canton Police Department in an effort to ascertain the true identity and whereabouts of "Kitty", former prostitute in Edna Haney's house.

At Akron, Ohio will endeavor to locate Dolly Rogers, former prostitute in Edna Haney's house and interrogate her relative to the identity of persons visiting Edna and Joe Rich during January, 1936.

The PITTSBURGH OFFICE at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, at 428 Duquene Way, or at the Dixmont Hospital for the Insane, locate and interview Alex M. Farmer, husband of Daisy Farmer, prostitute in Edna Haney's house, relative to any information his wife may have given him concerning Edna and Joe Rich's activities and associates, and also question him relative to the possible interstate transportation of his wife by Eddie Danforth for immoral purposes.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minnesota.** FILE NO. **7-2**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Little Rock, Arkansas.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7/13/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/8/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>C. A. MAHAN</b> <b>COH</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MOHAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGI- TIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>L. M. Lynch, Special Night Watchman, Hot Springs, Arkansas, interviewed and corroborated former written statement made by him to Park Police at Hot Springs, Arkansas, to the effect that on Saturday, March 25, 1936, he was approached by Herbert Akers, Chief of Detectives, Hot Springs, Arkansas, and told not to interfere with the occupants of the Judge Davis home, Hot Springs, Arkansas, whom he, Akers, had been watching for four days, as he suspected that Alvin Karpis had not left Hot Springs and that anything that happened at that point was to be told to Akers and to nobody else and that this was stated in a threatening manner. Lynch stated he had not obtained the license number on the Illinois car as upon Karpis' arrest, he had dismissed the matter entirely.</b>			
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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent B. L. Damron, Little Rock, July 3, 1936.			
DETAILS:  Agent contacted Mr. Lewis M. Lynch, Special Night Watchman, Hot Springs, Arkansas, who resides at 101 Lynwood Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas, relative to the signed statement concerning his experience which he had with Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers, Hot Springs, Arkansas.			
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Mr. Lynch stated he was not at all sure that he could remember all of the details as occurred on that night but stated he had made a written statement at the time or shortly thereafter in which was included all information in his possession, and that he was sure that all facts in that statement were correct. Agent exhibited to him signed statement which was in his possession and same was identified by Mr. Lynch as being that which was made by him to officer Bolton of the Park Police, Hot Springs, Arkansas. The signed statement is as follows:

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10:15 AM

John McTaggart

&

L. M. Lynch - Spl. Watchman  
121 Linwood St. (Quapaw & Prospect)

Karpis et al.

Akers - In front of Creasons Res. on Quapaw  
Akers approached down Violet St.  
(At night) 9:30 PM-Saturday 5/21/36

During regular neighborhood patrol when I met McTaggart who has a watch adjoining mine we were comparing notes & talking when Herb Akers & Charley Sellers came down Violet St. & got into a car parked on Quapaw in front of W O Creasons House. He called me to his car & told me that he had been watching the house known as the Judge Davis home for 4 nights & that Karpis was supposed to be therein that I was not to throw any torch light around the house or into cars nearby or investigate anything around there that Karpis had never left town & for us to keep the matter quiet & say nothing to anybody whatsoever, but give him, Akers all the information I had or gathered as to what transpired at Judge Davis house. I later went to Police Hdq. Hot Springs & requested Akers to let me see their photos & identification papers on Karpis & he refused to give it to me saying he would have some more & later dope in a few days. He stated Karpis was driving a Packard Car. If you see anything that don't look right you call me. That same night about 10:30 PM a large car drove into the garage of the Judge Davis home,

he turned on the light as he got into the garage to see how to take out 2 large & heavy suit cases; he got them out the car, switched off the light & took the cases into the house. I saw 3 or 4 men through the windows welcome this man. I left and went to the residence of Major Green, who is on duty at Army & Navy Hospital & called Akers. He said all right & that was all. Later on, 30 minutes, the men all left in a car that had been parked in front of the house. Nothing else of interest transpired up to 3: A.M. next morning when I went off duty. Akers informed (when I asked for Picture) me that that man I saw had left town the next night. I told him about the crowd leaving 30 minutes after I had called him & he said nothing except that he would have some more dope.

There is a car with Illinois license number - - - that is still at the house & which comes & goes at intervals. I am suspicious of the whole matter & make this statement of my free will & accord as I am employed by the Residents of this neighborhood & I don't want any battle start in my district which might endanger them. The folks whom are the tenants of the Judge Davis house are going under the name of Robinson & the place is still occupied being lighted late at night. I see a servant taking care of a little girl & a lady & some times a man, all playing a game of cards at times. The number of this house is either 207 or 209 Violet St. the 1st house on left hand side going up from Quapaw there is an alley from Fern St to Violet St which goes past the garage. The place in rear is open with a hedge fence no wiring, around the garden or house plot of the Davis home.

(Signed) L. M. LYNCH

Major Green - Interviewed at Army & Navy Hospital AM 5/1/36  
Violet & Prospect. Residence

States that Lynch came to his house & asked to use the phone, that he called a number & asked for Akers. He reported a man arriving in a car at garage the Judge Davis house & taking 2 heavy suit cases into the house. After which a party started. Major Green states that he had chipped in \$1.50 per mo to Lynch as payment as private watchman. That he thinks he talks too much but otherwise seemed OK.

(Signed) Bolton

The original of this statement is being retained in the Little Rock file.

Mr. Lynch stated that Akers had never contacted him again relative to this matter and that he had never gone to the police station for any further information since that time mentioned in the signed statement.

Mr. Lynch further stated that if there was any one thing in the statement which he was in doubt about it was the exact date on which he had encountered Akers but he stated that he had recently spoken with Major Green, at whose house he had telephoned to Chief of Detectives Akers, and that Mr. Green had verified the date as being correct. Mr. Lynch stated that at the time Akers had told him not to disturb the people in the house and not to notify any body but Akers; that he had said this in a very threatening manner and had left no doubt, whatsoever, in Lynch's mind as to what would be the outcome if he, Akers, should discover that Lynch had given any information to any body else. He stated that Akers was very much of a power in Hot Springs and that if it became known that he had given this information, Akers would revoke his commission, which would make it impossible for him to work as a night watchman which is Lynch's only means of livelihood.

Mr. Lynch also stated that he had made no further effort to obtain the license number of the Illinois car, which was at that time at Judge Davis' house, due to the fact that after the capture of Karpis, he had dismissed the entire matter from his mind. He stated, however, that he was of the opinion that the Illinois car was still at the Davis home and, furthermore, that there was another Illinois car owned by the people who only recently moved into the house adjoining the Davis house. He stated that the people living at present in the Davis house are the same who occupied it on the night he was contacted by Chief of Detectives Akers, and that they are going under the name of Mr. and Mrs. Roberson. He stated that they contributed, along with other people living in that neighborhood, \$1.50 per month for him to act as night watchman but, he stated, he had never seen Mr. Roberson and had always been paid by Mrs. Roberson. He stated that Mr. Roberson was supposed to be a traveling salesman, which accounted for the fact that he had never seen him.

Mr. Lynch stated that he would obtain the number of the Illinois car and would preserve the same in case it should later be needed for any purpose. He stated that he would be only too glad to cooperate with the Government in any way possible but requested that, unless absolutely necessary, this matter be kept confidential, as it would interfere with his work as a private policeman should it become known.

No lead is being set out to obtain the Illinois license number mentioned in the signed statement, it being left to the discretion of the office of origin to request this if it is thought to be of sufficient importance.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

629 First National Bank Building  
July 11, 1936  
Omaha, Nebraska

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Air Mail  
Special Delivery

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

There are attached hereto four sets of fingerprint cards upon which appear the fingerprints of William Elmer Mead, I. C. 1354.

Inasmuch as Mead had his fingerprints mutilated, I believed it advisable to have him fingerprinted several times as the fingerprint experts in our Identification Unit may desire to make a special study of Mead's fingerprints as they now appear.

Mead advised Special Agent J. L. Flood that he was introduced to Dr. Wilhelm Loeser at Chicago, Illinois by Louis Biquett who was John Dillinger's attorney and Biquett was accompanied by Art O'Leary. Mead stated he met Dr. Loeser at the Louisville Hotel, Louisville, Ky., in May 1934. Mead stated that Dr. Loeser claimed he made a speciality of changing fingerprints but he did not name any individuals whose fingerprints he changed. Continuing, Mead said Dr. Loeser rubbed a liquid on his fingerprints which he believed contained acid. The surplus liquid was robbed off with an instrument and the same process was repeated three or four times.

*Edw. J. ...*

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Very truly yours,

7-576-1538

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R. A. ...  
Special Agent in Charge.

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*[Handwritten signature]*

## Wife Weeps at Mead Hearing

### "Klondike Kate" Hurries to Assistance of Big-Time Swindler

William Elmer Mead, 63-year-old glib international swindler, who reputedly got hundreds of thousands of dollars in his long career, was in the county jail Saturday night awaiting transfer to Jacksonville, Fla., where he will face a 16-year-old indictment on charge of using the mails to defraud.

Federal agents are under orders that Mead's removal shall be conducted in secrecy and that only the most trustworthy guards should accompany him. It was feared he might attempt to talk his way to freedom.

United States Commissioner Mary Mullen Saturday increased Mead's bond from 50 thousand dollars to 200 thousand dollars at the request of Attorney General Homer S. Cummings. Mead waived examination and Federal Judge James A. Donohoe signed the order of removal.

#### Tears Worked Once.

Present, but unable to aid him, was Mead's once beautiful wife, known as "Frisco Kate," "Klondike Kate" and "California Kate." The now gray-haired woman of 58 stood by her husband and dabbed tears with a small handkerchief. When Mead was up for sentence in Denver 16 years ago in connection with a million dollar confidence game in which 34 men were arrested, "Frisco Kate" made a tearful plea and won for him the minimum sentence of three years.

Mrs. Mead learned of her husband's arrest through Chicago newspapers. She hired Bernie Boyle, local attorney, by telephone. She arrived here Saturday morning.

#### Wanted in Missouri.

Postal Inspector Batie revealed Saturday Mead is also wanted in connection with the swindling of Martin Wunderlich, Jefferson City, Mo., contractor, who lost 200 thousand dollars to confidence men in South Bend, Ind., in 1933. In this case, Batie said, Mead worked with Charles Long, Fred Flowers and George W. Ferry, alias "Mile-a-Minute," formerly of Council Bluffs. Batie also said he understood Mead was an associate of a ~~man~~ which swindled ~~him~~ Ruth out of 50 thousand dollars.

*Batie \* Ruth*

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-5**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>DENVER, COLORADO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>7-12-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>7-2-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>L. G. HEALEY</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE; I.O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING, HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="text-align: center;">Oliver Green, State Penitentiary, Rawlins, Wyo., states he is not personally acquainted with William Mead, and declines to furnish any information on W. E. Mead.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p>			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent L. G. Healey, Denver, dated 3-18-36.			
DETAILS: <p>At the Wyoming State Penitentiary, Rawlins, Wyoming, Agent ascertained that Oliver Green, #4927, was received at the above institution on January 22, 1935, from Carbon County, being sentenced in the State Penitentiary, 3 to 5 years, for the crime of passing a weapon into a state penitentiary. Warden McPherson advised that Oliver Green proved to be a difficult prisoner, and he had been forced to place him in solitary confinement several times, and that Green's attitude was due to the fact that he believed he had been "framed" on the charge on which he had been convicted.</p> <p>Agent interviewed Oliver Green, who proved to be most bitter towards the prison, and all law enforcement officials, and absolutely declined to give any information concerning himself, his activities, etc., and stated that he did not know William Mead. However, he later admitted that he would be able to locate Mead, but when questioned as to what means he would use, he</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</small></p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>R. P. Brown</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-12339	
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declined to talk any further. No attempt was made to press the interview with Oliver Green, in view of his attitude at the time of Agent's visit.

The Warden's Office advised that Oliver Green was known in Sacramento, California, as Oliver Green, and that he also used the names Francis O. Green, Jack Rankin, Jack Reed, and F. O. Greer. A photograph of Oliver Green was secured by the writer, and is being retained in the Denver Office file. The following description of Green was furnished Agent from the prison records:

Name	Oliver Green, with aliases
Height	5 feet 11 inches
Weight	148½ with cork leg.
Build	Medium light
Complexion	Dark
Hair	Black
Teeth	Good
Eyes	Brown
Age	35 (1936), born 8-26-01.
Nativity	California
Occupation	Brakeman and gambler

In view of the information that William Mead has been taken into custody at Omaha, Nebraska, Oliver Green will not be interviewed again.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **7-3**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Louisville, Ky.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7/14/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/6/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>Z. J. VANLANDINGHAM CAK</b>								
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232 - FUGITIVE; et al; GEORGE EDWARD BREMER - VICTIM;</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING - HARBORING - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>								
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Betty Smith visiting brother-in-law, George Rouse, Rt. 2, Hitchens, North Carolina. She is expected to go from there to Toledo, Ohio, in about two weeks. Stop notice withdrawn by circular letter to all County Clerks in Kentucky on maroon-colored 1936 model Four-door Buick Sedan, Motor #63-062198, Serial #2895972. Stop notice placed by circular letter to all County Clerks in Kentucky on 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor #FJ-322772 and 1935 Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, Motor #2044337.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p>											
REFERENCE: Letter from the Cleveland Office dated June 19, 1936.											
DETAILS:  <p style="margin-left: 40px;">AT CATLETTSBURG, KENTUCKY.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">A. Frank White, Rural Mail Carrier for Route 2 out of Catlettsburg, Ky., advised Agent that he had no one on his route by the name of Betty Smith. He promised to inquire during his next trip over this route to determine if she was visiting anyone on this route. He later informed Agent that he had inquired and had learned no information of a Betty Smith but that a Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith had been visiting Mr. J. C. Dartery on Johnson Fork four miles from Catlettsburg, Ky.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">AT JOHNSON FORK, KENTUCKY.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Mr. J. C. Dartery informed Agent that the daughter of</p>											
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his brother-in-law, Minnie Smith and her husband, Harry Smith, had visited him for two weeks but had left on June 23, 1936 to visit her brother-in-law, George Kouse, who lives on Route #2, Hitchins, North Carolina.

Mr. Dartery stated that this girl's name was Minnie Smith and that he had never heard her called Betty Smith until she came on this visit; further that she was from Toledo, Ohio, and the man with her was named Harry Smith, who was her husband. She related to Mr. Dartery at the time she left for Hitchins, N. C., that she was going to visit there about a month and was then going back to Toledo, Ohio, where she had come from.

In accordance with letter from the Chicago Office to the Cincinnati Office dated May 13, 1936, copy of which was designated for all Field Offices, the Louisville Office sent circular letters dated June 4, 1936 to all the County Clerks in Kentucky requesting that the "stop notice" placed against a maroon-colored 1936 Model Four Door Buick Sedan, Motor #63052198, Serial #2895972 be withdrawn.

In accordance with letter from the Chicago Office to the Cincinnati Office dated June 15, 1936, copy of which was designated for all Field Offices, the Louisville Office sent a circular letter to the County Clerks of all the Counties in Kentucky requesting that a "stop notice" be placed against a 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor #PJ-322772, and a 1935 Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, Motor #2044337, which was registered in 1935 in the State of Kansas to J. M. Lett, Coffeyville, Kansas.

For the information of the Charlotte Office there is forwarded herewith a copy of the reference letter requesting an interview with Betty Smith.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE CHARLOTTE OFFICE at Hitchins, N. C.

Is requested to interview Betty Smith in accordance with the request in the reference letter. Betty Smith, known as Minnie Smith and Mrs. Harry Smith, is visiting George and Hattie Kouse, Rt. #2, Hitchins, N. C.

P E N D I N G

Post Office Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
July 14, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter dated July 2, 1936, please be advised that the currency, in the sum of \$2,400.00, taken from the possession of Harry Campbell at the time of his arrest at Toledo, Ohio was delivered to his mother, Mrs. Lissa Martha Campbell, 818 South Rockford Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, on July 12, 1936 by Special Agents L. E. Kiamar and Vaughn I. Parry of the Oklahoma City Office.

An executed copy of the receipt obtained from Mrs. Campbell is being furnished to all offices receiving a copy of this letter, and the original is being retained in the files of the Oklahoma City Office.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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*Edward H. Zimmerman*

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General Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice

Tulsa, Oklahoma  
July 7, 1936

I hereby certify over my signature in the presence of witnesses that I have today received from Special Agent L. E. Kingman the sum of Two Thousand Four Hundred (\$2,400.00) Dollars in currency, delivered to me at the request of my son, Harry Campbell, who is in Federal custody, and at the time of his arrest had this sum in his possession.

*Mrs. Lissa Martha Campbell*  
Mrs. Lissa Martha Campbell,  
618 S. Rockford,  
Tulsa, Okla.

WITNESSES:

*L. E. Kingman*  
L. E. Kingman, Special Agent,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

*Vaughn I. Parry*  
Vaughn I. Parry, Special Agent,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

7-576-12341

144 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

July 15, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir:

RE: BARKID

Recent investigation conducted at Toledo, Ohio, in connection with the harboring case being developed, has established that some members of the Barker-Karpis gang were interested in purchasing a speed boat, and that two of the gang, identified as "Slim" Gibson and Fred Barker, were negotiating with Ludy Fleming, a former Ohio state prohibition officer, for the purchase of his speed boat, which he maintained at the Bayview Yacht Club in Point Place, a suburb of Toledo, Ohio, and that on one occasion in June, 1934, they went riding in Fleming's speed boat and tore off a plank.

Ludy Fleming at that time was a close associate of Bert and Ned Moran, who operated the Casino Club in Point Place, a short distance from the Bayview Yacht Club. It is definitely known that various members of the gang, such as Karpis, Campbell, the Barker brothers, Ollie Berg, "Slim" Gibson, Alvin Wilson, Willie Harrison, Dr. Moran, and the various "molls" of the gang were constant visitors at the Casino Club, where they spent entire afternoons and evenings drinking and carousing.

On the occasion of the ripping off of a plank of Ludy Fleming's boat, as stated above, Walter and Ethel Burwick were living in a boat at the Bayview Yacht Club and were close personal friends of Ludy Fleming, and as a result of this friendship they came in contact with these two men, believed to be Fred Barker and "Slim" Gibson, who were interested in buying Fleming's boat. It is known that Mr. and Mrs. Walter Burwick told Mrs. Paul Becker, wife of the caretaker of the Bayview Yacht Club, that they, the Burwicks, when they first met the two men, were under the impression they were nice fellows, but later advised Mrs. Becker these two men were no good.

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According to Mrs. Paul Becker, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Burwick moved to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in the fall of 1934, and are presently located there somewhere in the vicinity of the beach, where Walter Burwick peddles doughnuts.

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It is requested that you institute early investigation for the purpose of locating Walter and Ethel Burwick, and interview them as to the identity of the two men, thought to be "Slim" Gibson and Fred Barker, who were interested in buying Lady Fleming's boat, as set out above. In this connection the photographs of the entire Barker-Karpis gang and their women associates should be exhibited to the Burwicks. They should be interrogated in detail as to just how they met the two men, what information they obtained, and from what source, and as to just how they arrived at the conclusion these two men were no good. They should also be interrogated as to whether or not they ever visited the Casino Club, and if so, whether they observed these men there, and if they did, under just what circumstances and in whose company. In this connection, Mr. Paul Becker stated that from his connection with Walter Burwick he arrived at the conclusion that Burwick is close-mouthed.

Very truly yours,

BJB/BJB

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- Chicago  
- Cincinnati  
- St. Paul

J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

July 15, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to letter from St. Paul office to the Cleveland office dated May 13, 1936.

Mr. Russell McKinley Bacon, 1090 Wymore Avenue, East Cleveland, Ohio, copy reader and short article writer for the Cleveland Plain Dealer, a daily newspaper, was interviewed relative to his interest in the edition of the St. Paul Daily News dated April 18, 1936, which edition contained a summary of the activity of Karpis, Campbell and the Barker boys in connection with the Bremer kidnaping.

Mr. Bacon stated that his pen name is Mack Russell and under said name he wrote an article relative to Eliot Ness, Cleveland, Ohio, Safety Director, entitled, "Smasher of Al Capone Now Cleans Cleveland," which article he forwarded for sale to the St. Paul Daily News, and expected it to appear in the edition of April 18, 1936, and he, therefore, requested that he be furnished with a copy of this edition in order to see the article as contained therein. He stated that his article did not appear in this edition, but that an article about the Barker-Karpis gang was carried, which article was of no particular interest to him.

Mr. Bacon displayed to Agent copies of several other newspapers which carried his article, which he expected to find in the St. Paul Daily News. He further volunteered to forward to the Cleveland office a copy of this article for what interest it may be to the Bureau.

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- Cincinnati

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Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

JUL 17 1936

*Mr. Bacon*

*Handwritten mark*

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

July 15, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

RE: BARKID

Reference is made to the letter from the Cleveland office dated June 29, 1936, enclosing the report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, June 23, 1936, with reference to employees of the Pittsburgh Steamship Company, who were in Bayview in the summer of 1934, and who are thought to have visited the Casino Club.

Recent information obtained from Captain W. J. Whipple, Monroe, Michigan, who was employed on a private yacht, indicates that George Chambers, mentioned in the above referred to report of Agent Smith, was a frequent visitor at the Casino Club in the summer of 1934, where he was friendly with the bartender, Charles Becker, also known as "The Skipper", who is presently working for the Pittsburgh Steamship Company, and that Chambers was in the habit of becoming drunk and spending whole afternoons at the club.

Inasmuch as the various members of the Barker-Karpis gang at that time made a practice of frequenting the Casino almost every afternoon, where they drank freely among themselves and also bought drinks for the "house", it would appear likely that Chambers conversed and drank with them. Very recent information indicates the likelihood of the gang giving the impression that they were prohibition officers at the time they frequented the Casino Club, partly due to their association with Ludy Fleming, a state prohibition officer, who also frequented the Casino Club, and who was generally considered to be on the "take."

This information may be of use to you in interviewing Captain Chambers, and in the event he is located he should be questioned as to whether he gained the impression that the gang were prohibition officers, and if so, whether either Bert or Ted Angus told him so.

It has been established that Bert and Ted Angus aided the gang in renting places to live in Toledo, Ohio, in 1934, and that they represented that various members of the gang were employed by the house

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at Bayview. The various employees of the Pittsburgh Steamship Company, whom you are to locate at Saulte Ste. Marie, Michigan, including Captain Chambers, should be questioned as to whether Bert or Ted Angus ever told them that the members of the gang were so employed. The purpose of this inquiry is to establish, if such is the case, that Bert and Ted Angus represented to different people that the gang members were engaged in various pursuits.

Very truly yours,

WJ/KJB  
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- Chicago  
- St. Paul  
- Cincinnati

J. P. McFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

July 15, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to the letter from the St. Paul office to the Cleveland office dated May 22, 1936, requesting that, in compliance with Bureau request for additional specimens of the handwriting of Harry Campbell, effort be made to secure the original letters he has written to his wife, inasmuch as Campbell refused to furnish specimens, and as of the date of the request had been transferred to the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

Please be advised that Mrs. Gertrude Billeter Miller, wife of Harry Campbell, at such times as she has been interviewed in the past has indicated a definite reluctance to relinquish the letters she has received from Campbell, even temporarily.

In the event specimens have not as yet been secured, it is suggested that the Bureau request the Kansas City office to make arrangements with the Warden at the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, for the photostating of Campbell's outgoing letters, and in this way secure specimens of his handwriting.

Very truly yours,

*J. P. MacFarland*  
J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

EJW/EJB

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- Cincinnati  
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- Kansas City (2)

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July 27, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
ET AL;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim;  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau's Technical Laboratory has received certain handwriting specimens which were obtained by the Kansas City Office from Harry Campbell. These specimens, however, are not considered adequate for the purposes which they are intended to serve.

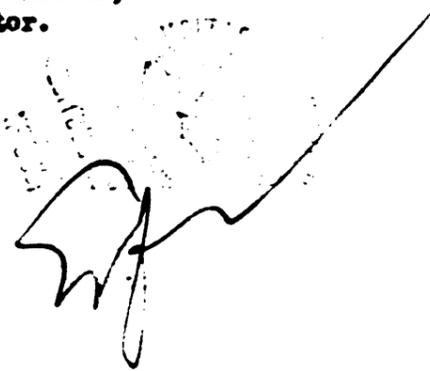
It is, therefore, requested that you refer to the letter of the Cleveland Office to the Bureau, dated July 15, 1936, a copy of which was furnished the Kansas City Office, and arrange through the Warden of the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, for the photostating of Campbell's outgoing letters, forwarding such photostatic copies to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Foxworth	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Joseph	
Mr. Lester	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Schilder	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

COMMON RECORDS SECTION  
 M. E. D.  
 cc - Cincinnati  
 Cleveland  
 St. Paul  
 Mr. Connelley  
 at Chicago.



Laboratory Report

Case: Re: ROMB  
REYNOLDS  
STOLIAF

Number: 7-576-12346

Specimens:

- 7-576-12346 A. Four pages of the sample handwriting of Harold V. Alkerton.
- " B. Four pages of the sample handwriting of Harry Campbell.
- " C. Four pages of the sample handwriting of Thomas H. Robinson, Jr.

Examination requested by: Kansas City

Date received: 7-17-36 jwp 2:00 PM

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

Examination by: Appel

- CC: St. Paul
- Cincinnati
- E. J. Connelley - Chicago
- Cleveland
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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID  
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Reference is made to Bureau letter dated July 1, 1936, addressed to the Atlanta Bureau Office, copy of which was forwarded the Kansas City Office, requesting that specimens of the handwriting of certain individuals involved in the above captioned cases be obtained and forwarded to the Bureau.

Enclosed herewith are four sheets of handwriting and hand-printing of the following individuals:

Harold V. Alderton, Register Number 47102,  
United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

Harry Campbell, Register number 48996, United  
States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., Register Number 49074,  
United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

This office was advised by J. M. Sanders, Warden, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, that Edna Murray, inmate, is now attending court, on subpoena, at St. Paul, Minnesota, and will not be available for an interview for approximately ten days. Handwriting specimens of Edna Murray will be obtained and forwarded to the Bureau as soon as possible.

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Very truly yours,

*W. A. Smith*

W. A. SMITH VRC  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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July 15, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated July 9, 1936 (7-576) calling attention to Bureau letter dated May 14, 1935, enclosing photostatic copies of sections of the Toledo News-Bee for May 7, 1936, on which were written comments about George Timiney and Red Nose Charlie Webb, by an anonymous person. b7c b7d

Please be advised that [redacted] has been endeavoring to secure information of value with reference to Red Nose Charlie Webb, and so far as he has been able to learn, Webb served a long term in some state prison, and has been out a little over a year, and since that time has been associated with one Ruth Schuler, who operates a bootleg joint in Toledo, Ohio, the telephone number of which is ADams 7641.

With reference to the information endorsed on the newspaper concerning Timiney's association with the Barker-Karpis gang, reference should be made to the recent reports covering the investigation at Toledo, Ohio, in this case, namely, report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, June 13, 1936, reports of Special Agent R. C. Suran, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, June 19, 1936, June 20, 1936, June 27, 1936, July 3, 1936, and July 11, 1936, all of which reflect investigation tending to establish the association of Timiney with the gang and his position in Toledo as an associate of various underworld characters.

Immediate investigation is being made of the Red Nose Charlie Webb incident, and the Bureau will be promptly advised in the premises.

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Very truly yours,

EJW/EJB  
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- Cincinnati  
- St. Paul

J. P. MacFarland  
Special Agent in Charge

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FILE NO. 7-24

REPORT MADE AT <b>Jacksonville, Florida.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-15-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6-17, 18-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>F. F. YEARSLEY</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Karpis identified employees Strong Motor Co., Sarasota, Florida, as "Mr. Collins" who on April 18, 1936 had Terraplane Coupe serviced. On April 17 and 18, 1936, Karpis and Connie Morris went fishing on Capt. Clarence Robert yacht, Sarasota, and Capt. Roberts and son identify Karpis and Morris. On April 17 and 18, 1936, Karpis and Morris as man and wife, stopped at Fred's Tourist Camp Sarasota, under the name of Mr. and Mrs. Collins and had Terraplane Coupe, 1936 model, La. license #18-460. Persons at Strong Motor Co. and Fred's Tourist Camp state Karpis had guns and ammunition. Potts women deny knowing Karpis or associates.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of Special Agent L. Lowman, New Orleans, 5-15-36.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> AT SARASOTA, FLORIDA:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Mr. C. D. Hanson, 311 Adelia street, Sarasota, is the Manager of the Strong Motor Co., 528-30 Main Street, and upon displaying to him Strong Motor Co. Repair Order No. 6048, dated April 18, 1936, lecting work upon a 1936 Terraplane Six, in the name of "Mr. Collins", the work amounting to \$6.50, he immediately identified same as one of his repair orders.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. B. Nathan</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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Upon displaying to Mr. Hanson the photographs of Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Fred Hunter and Connie Morris, he was unable to identify any of them except Alvin Karpis, insisting that he had never seen Campbell, Hunter or Connie Morris. The descriptions of the above named individuals as well as their aliases were also used in attempting to make the identifications.

Mr. Hanson identified Alvin Karpis as a man known to him as "Mr. Collins" who at about 9:30 A. M. on April 18, 1936, stopped a new 1936 blue-black, Terraplane Six Coupe, bearing 1936 Louisiana License, the number of which was not recorded and is not at this time known, in front of the Strong Motor Co., and as Mr. Collins was getting out of the car, L. H. Kohler, stock room employee of the Strong Motor Company walked out to the car and inquired whether Mr. Collins desired to have the same worked upon. The man known as Mr. Collins then instructed Mr. Kohler to make the repairs and do the work upon the car noted upon said repair order, and pointed out to Mr. Kohler a certain rattle in the left front fender on the car.

Alvin Karpis then stated that he had already made arrangements to go fishing that day and was going to leave from the City Pier, adding that he would like to have Mr. Kohler drive him to the Pier in the Coupe return the car to the garage for the work and bring it back to the City Pier and meet him at 5:00 P. M. This Mr. Kohler agreed to do and upon getting into the car with Karpis, Kohler observed that there were two fishing rods and other equipment in the space back of the front seat. Mr. Kohler stated that he also observed numerous boxes of shells, a Navajo blanket, a brown leather jacket, one Alligator Gladstone bag, a rifle in a case and a black zipper bag in the car. Karpis inquired of Kohler whether the things in the car would be safe, stating that he had a .22 rifle and a pistol that he used for target practice and did not want to lose them. Kohler assured Karpis that all of his property would be safe and he need not worry about it.

Upon arrival at the City Pier which is several blocks from the Strong Motor Company, Karpis got out of the car and took with him the black zipper bag, which according to Kohler he could not tell whether said bag contained a gun or what was in it, but in any event Karpis kept this bag close to him at all times.

Mr. Kohler is the individual who took the order and recalls distinctly that Karpis gave him the name of Mr. Collins, but that Karpis did not enter the place of business of the Strong Motor Company.

The above information was secured from C. D. Hanson and L. H. Kohler in a joint interview, both positively identifying Karpis from photograph, and description as Mr. Collins.

The work upon the Terraplane Coupe of Karpis was performed by A. J. Hanson, who advised Agent that he believed this automobile had been wrecked, inasmuch as the left front frame and fender were damaged and apparently repaired. A. J. Hanson also noticed in the automobile the articles above described, but neither he, C. D. Hanson or L. H. Kohler were able to supply any detailed or accurate description thereof. None of them were able to state the calibre of the shells or the guns, but believed that the shells were for revolver and rifle and not for a shot gun.

Mr. A. J. Hanson also positively identified the photograph, description, etc., of Karpis as the individual known to him as Mr. Collins, in fact Mr. A. J. Hanson made the entries of the work upon the car as they appear upon the above noted repair order.

A. J. Hanson finished the service on this car at 4:00 P. M. and L. H. Kohler then took the car to the City Pier at Sarasota, Florida, and there picked up subject Karpis who returned him to the Strong Motor Company at which time Karpis paid the \$6.50 upon the car in cash and did not display a large roll of bills when doing so. He then left the garage in the car and was not again seen.

A. J. Hanson then stated that when the car was greased and before Karpis paid the bill he drove Karpis around the block in the car to make sure that the service was satisfactory. A. J. Hanson advised that this Terraplane Coupe had a power dome on it, that is, a fast head. It is here stated that A. J. Hanson is very much interested in fingerprint work and criminal identification and that at the time Karpis was in Sarasota, Fla., A. J. Hanson possessed an I.O. upon Karpis as well as Campbell and other better known fugitives from justice.

All of the above individuals were questioned in detail as to any reason why they did not notify the Sheriff's Office or the local police concerning the man then known to them as Mr. Collins, and the fact that his automobile was loaded with shells and guns, and they added that they had seen numerous people with guns, shells, etc., who were interested in hunting and who were tourist and in Florida for the purpose of hunting and fishing and further, Mr. Collins was so pleasant, agreeable and apparently a man of respect they did not suspicion him. They all agreed that he was

very quiet, did very little talking, was not the braggart type, was well dressed and well groomed, his nails were polished and his appearance considerably above the average. They all recalled that he wore octagon shaped rimless glasses, was of thin build and did not look any too healthy. All of the above individuals agreed that they remarked when Karpis left with the automobile that the man known to them as Mr. Collins was unusually agreeable, and an excellent customer, having no kick to make about the service upon his car or any of the other usual "crabs" of most of their patrons.

All of the above individuals insisted that there was not a woman with Karpis when they saw him, and Mr. Kohler stated that he observed Karpis with no female at the City Pier when he took him there to go fishing or when he returned for him after the car had been repaired. It was thought possible that Karpis might have had a woman with him but would not let any one see him with her, particularly the individuals at the Strong Motor Company.

Agent questioned all of the above persons at length but further information concerning this matter was not available from them. They insisted that they did not secure the license number on the automobile, but in most cases the license and motor numbers are secured. The original repair order transmitted to the Jacksonville Office with reference report is herewith returned to the New Orleans Office.

It is recalled at this time that previous investigation has been made at Sarasota, Florida, relative to the possibility that Ruth Potts, Ada Potts, and a Mrs. E. A. Mead might have been contacts for Karpis, Campbell and other associates and also probably for William Elmer Mead. It is further recalled that Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Long were residents in Sarasota, Florida, and that Mrs. Long was interviewed concerning possible information relative to Mead. In view of the above information Agent thought that possibly when Karpis was in Sarasota, Florida, he contacted the Potts women or possibly the boy friend of Ruth Potts, who is Captain Clarence Roberts, operator of a fishing yacht out of Sarasota, Florida.

Agent immediately contacted the following Captains on fishing boats at Sarasota, Florida, in an effort to ascertain in which boat Karpis had taken when he went fishing and if he was accompanied by anyone.

Captain Clarence Roberts	- "Ruth Marion"
" Sam Hall	- "Nemo"
" M. P. Sturges	- Private boat
" Darling	
" Clarence Roberts, Jr.	

The above boat Captains all insisted that they had not taken anyone corresponding to the photograph, descriptions, etc., of Karpis Campbell, Hunter, on a fishing trip. It was possible that Karpis went fishing alone, and all these Captains insisted that they had no lone fishermen this season.

None of these Captains maintained logs upon their boats and had no records of the identity of individuals whom they had taken fishing but stated that during the season and up as far as May 1st, they had numerous fishing parties and it was most difficult to remember the identity of the fishermen unless they used their boats on more than one occasion.

During the interview with Captain Clarence Roberts, Agent mentioned the Potts girls, knowing that his relations with them was anything but legitimate, and left the matter with him.

Agent then proceeded later during the day to the Central Park Manor Hotel, 334 East 8th Street, which is operated by A. L. Kline, and to the Villa Goodrich Hotel, which is operated by Ed Ropp, these two Hotels being known as resorts for Chicago hoodlums who come to Florida upon vacations. It may also be stated that at one time Emil Gonderman, Sam Alport and other Chicago characters operated the Villa Goodrich Hotel, Central Park Manor and El Verano Hotel, and other such establishments in Sarasota, Florida, all of these individuals being from Chicago. Emil Gonderman sold the El Verano Hotel, which is now known as the Ringling Hotel, and moved to Venice, Florida, where he operates the Southern Hotel or he might be in South Bend, Ind., operating the Southern Hotel at that point.

Agent checked the records of the Central Park Manor and the Villa Goodrich Hotel, interviewing Ed Ropp, Manager, and James Shuler, Porter, at the Villa Goodrich, but was unable to interview A. L. Kline, of the Central Park Manor, inasmuch as he was out of the City, and this investigation failed to reflect that Karpis by name or aliases, Fred Hunter, Harry Campbell or Connie Morris, were located at either Hotel or had ever resided there. The descriptions and photographs of these individuals were used in an effort to make an identification, but the results were unaffected thereby.

While at the Central Park Manor Hotel where the two Potts sisters are now residing, Agent observed Captain Clarence Roberts out of their room, whereupon he was requested to return with Agent and

the Potts women were interviewed in detail. They denied that they knew subject Karpis under correct name, aliases, description or from photograph, the same being true as to Harry Campbell, Fred Hunter and Connie Morris, and William Elmer Mead. Agent was insistent that Karpis had been in Sarasota, Florida, and had probably contacted friends there, informing the Potts women and Captain Roberts that certain information led Agent to believe that they might have been the contacts and further that Agent was of the opinion that Roberts was the man who had taken Karpis fishing. These statements perturbed both the Potts women and Roberts a bit but they still insisted that they had not been contacted by Karpis or any of the individuals mentioned, Ruth Potts, advising as previously reported, that she had left Sarasota, Florida, on April 10, 1936, with one W. C. Hoffman, 1842 Oliver Street, Whiting, Indiana, where she had visited until only a few days before the interview, and then returned to Sarasota, Florida.

Ruth Potts admitted that she knew [redacted] and that she had talked to [redacted] and that she had received the information [redacted]

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[redacted] Ruth Potts admitted that she [redacted]

[redacted] has been identified and considerable investigation was made in connection therewith as set forth in previous reports in this case.

Ada Potts, who has been in Sarasota, Florida continuously for the past two years, and who is employed at "Ye Boston Coffee Shop" as a waitress, is known to be of loose morals and takes dates with any man who might so approach her. She was not as reluctant during the interview as was Ruth Potts, and was frank enough to state that had she been out with Karpis she would admit it, but that she did not know the man and had never been contacted by him or any of his associates; that she had never been out with any man who had a Terraplane Coupe of the description of that in the possession of Karpis when he was at Sarasota.

Further interrogation of the two Potts women was not conducted in view of their apparent lack of knowledge. It is stated here that the associate of the Potts women, Mrs. E. A. Mead, is no longer in Sarasota, but has returned to Chicago, it being definitely established that her husband was not William Elmer Mead, and that she had no connection with Elmer Mead. This information was secured from Jack Knight, Clerk, Post Office, Sarasota, Florida, who aided in this investigation considerably in the past.

Upon further questioning of Roberts and displaying to him the photograph of Connie Morris, he then recalled that he had taken a man and a woman fishing on April 17, 1936, and identified the photograph of Connie Morris as the woman, and stated that her description filled that of the woman he had taken fishing with the man.

Agent then pressed Roberts upon the description of Karpis and displayed various photographs of Karpis to Roberts and he then stated that he recalled that Karpis had gone fishing with him on the morning of April 17, 1936, accompanied by Connie Morris, and that arrangements for the fishing trip had been made about 8:30 or 9:00 o'clock in the morning by Karpis who was alone and who came to one of the port holes of the yacht and inquired about a fishing trip, at that time making definite arrangements and stating that he would return within an hour. Roberts insisted that as far as he knows no one had sent Karpis to him specially, and both the Potts women denied that they had sent Karpis to Roberts for the purpose of going fishing.

According to Captain Clarence Roberts he, Karpis and Connie Morris went fishing for sail fish, and that he observed that Karpis had on an apparently expensive wrist watch and a diamond ring and Roberts informed Karpis that he had better take the ring and watch off as some fishermen had lost such jewelry in landing a good sized fish. To this suggestion Karpis replied that he had not purchased the ring and watch, and since they had been given to him he was not worried a great deal about them, adding that if he had to buy such jewelry he would not have it.

During this fishing trip Karpis had with him a zipper bag, the color of which Captain Roberts could not remember, but in any event, the zipper bag was close to Karpis at all times, and when they returned from the fishing trip, Karpis took the bag with him. On this fishing trip, several good sized King fish were caught and Karpis had same cleaned, stating that he had never tasted king fish and added that he wanted to take them with him and cook them for dinner. The fee for this fishing trip was \$20.00, but Karpis tipped Roberts \$5.00, and stated that he would like to go fishing the next day, that is on the 18th of April. Since Captain Roberts is training his son as a fishing guide, he suggested that Karpis might like to go on another boat, and at that time made arrangements with Captain Clarence Roberts, Jr., to take Karpis and Connie Morris fishing the following day. Karpis left instructions with Captain Clarence Roberts, Jr., to get a case of beer for the trip the following day, which was done.

At the time Karpis left Captain Roberts, Sr., the latter inquired as to where he could get in touch with Karpis in the event it rained or conditions were such it might not be desirable to go fishing. Karpis told him he had observed a tourist camp on the highway just outside of Sarasota, Florida, coming in from Miami, Florida, which camp looked very desirable and that he thought he would stay there that night. Karpis further related that he had just come from Miami, Florida, but had stopped over in Everglades City and done considerable fishing there having caught a number of fish and various persons wanted to buy them from him. Other than the above conversation, Captain Roberts stated that both Karpis and Connie Morris, whom he understood was Karpis' wife, had very little to say, were quiet, pleasant, agreeable and from all appearances vacationists.

Upon further questioning Capt. Roberts recalled that Karpis told him that he was engaged in the electrical business at New Orleans, La., but did not state that he was returning to that point immediately.

Upon interviewing Captain Clarence Roberts, Jr., he also recalled with certain prompting on the part of his father, that he had taken Connie Morris and Karpis, whom he also believed to be man and wife, fishing on April 18, 1936, and they had remained out fishing all day up until about 4:00 P. M., during which time Karpis and Connie Morris neither drank any of the beer, and when they returned they asked that their fish be cleaned and also tipped Captain Clarence Roberts, Jr., \$5.00.

Agent questioned Captain Roberts and his son at length, but information in addition to the above and which might be of value to this investigation was not available. They insisted that it was difficult to remember the various individuals they took fishing and both insisted very emphatically that they did not know Karpis was a Fugitive from Justice or that they had such an individual as a guest on their boat, both insisting that they then recalled that he gave them the name of "Mr. Collins". Captain Clarence Roberts, Jr., confirmed the identification of his father of Karpis and Connie Morris as Mr. and Mrs. Collins.

Upon interviewing Fred A. House, owner of Fred's Tourist Camp, Sarasota, Florida, and H. S. O'Neil, attendant at said Camp, they permitted Agent to check the Camp Registration Book, wherein Agent found under the date of April 17, 1936, the following quoted registration, written in pencil, the original of which was cut from the book and is transmitted

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herewith to the New Orleans, Office.

"Mr & Mrs Collins, N.O. La."

Above this and in the same space  
the following is written:

"Terraplane 18-460, La. Cottage No. 4. \$2.50".

Agent then interviewed Mr. House and Mr. O'Neil jointly, but Mr. House was unable to supply any information inasmuch as O'Neil handled the renting of the cottages. O'Neil then stated that on the afternoon of April 17, 1936, subject Karpis and Connie Morris, whom he identified from their photographs and descriptions drove in to the camp grounds in a 1936 Terraplane Coupe, dark blue or black in color, which carried Louisiana license 18-460, and rented Cottage No. 4, under the name of Mr. and Mrs. Collins. Subject Karpis handled the registering, and at this time after placing them in Cottage No. 4, he O'Neil made the notation of the make of car, the license number and the rent for the Cottage upon the Registration Book.

O'Neil distinctly recalls that the car had two fishing rods, fishing tackle and other such equipment, a brown leather jacket, suit cases and other articles which he could not distinctly recall. O'Neil stated that sometime during the 17th or 18th of April, exact time not recalled, Karpis told him that he was going fishing and that he had an expensive rifle, which he did not like to take with him and which he did not want to lose, and asked if it would be safe to leave the rifle in the cottage. To this inquiry O'Neil replied in the affirmative and Karpis left the rifle in the corner of the cottage, all of which was observed by O'Neil but he did not make any notation as to the make of rifle, calibre, etc.

According to O'Neil, Karpis paid \$2.50 in advance, and the first evening they were there they cooked their own fish. This would indicate that Karpis and Connie Morris did not go to these cottages until after their fishing trip on April 17, 1936. O'Neil also recalls that he did not send Karpis to Captain Roberts or any other Captain for the purpose of going fishing, but stated that it might have been possible that he told him to go to the City Pier as he directs all tourists to that Pier for fishing purposes. According to O'Neil Karpis and the woman whom he thought was his wife, left Fred's Tourist Camp on the afternoon of the 18th, 1936, probably around 4:00 or 5:00 o'clock, exact time unknown, since which time Karpis or Connie Morris have not been seen.

Agent also displayed to House and O'Neil the photographs of Campbell and Hunter, but they were unable to identify them as any one who had ever been a guest at said cottages, or whom they had ever seen. Both of these individuals stated that they had never before seen a photograph of Karpis, did not know that he was wanted and that his actions were as described by other witnesses set forth in this report; that he was the type which would not create suspicion, and the fact that he possessed a rifle was nothing unusual, hence they did not inform the Sheriff or any other law enforcement agency of the presence of the man known to them as Mr. Collins at the said tourist camp.

One J. Earl Mickle, cleaner and presser, located next door to the Strong Motor Company, advised that on April 18, 1936, sometime during the morning, according to his best recollection, or possibly in the afternoon, subject Karpis whom he identified from photographs, brought in a pair of white strip trousers and had them pressed and waited about 5 minutes for them, and that he, Mickle, noted that Karpis was driving a Terraplane Coupe, dark in color, that he was a very clean cut man, pleasant but had little to say. Outside of this transaction J. Earl Mickle has no other information concerning this case.

All of the persons interviewed herein, denied having any information as to where Karpis might have gone when he left Sarasota, Florida, and Agent was unable to establish that any of the persons interviewed knew who the "Mr. Collins" really was.

The fact that Karpis went fishing upon the boat of Captain Roberts does not have any peculiar meaning, since Roberts has one of the finest boats or yachts available for fishing trips out of Sarasota, Florida, and is the type of person who maintains his boat in excellent shape and is always on the alert for business. This statement is made inasmuch as it is known that Captain Roberts is a contact of the Potts women and previously there was some indication that the Potts women or Mrs. E. A. Mead might be the Sarasota contact for the subjects of this case.

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775 Starke Building  
Louisville, Kentucky

July 18  
1958

Special Agent in Charge  
Cincinnati, Ohio

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

With reference to the above captioned case, all pending investigation has been completed in the Louisville district, and no leads are outstanding.

It is requested that you advise this Office as to whether or not the above entitled case may be closed in the Louisville district.

Very truly yours,

O. C. DENNY  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
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REPORT MADE AT <b>PITTSBURGH, PA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-14-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7-11-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. C. RIDER</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1523, et al; EDWARD GEO. BREMER, Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Former Lieutenant Frank Ferris, now City Detective, Pittsburgh Police Department, is not informed concerning Sergeant Bernard Wolf, Cleveland, Ohio, Police Department, having connection with harboring fugitives or affiliations with racketeers at Cleveland. Ferris last met Wolf during February, 1931, at which time Wolf at Pittsburgh was in search of, and later arrested, Hymie Martin alias Pittsburgh Hymie upon information received from Ferris.

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**REFERENCES:**

Report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, June 30, 1936.  
Letter, Cleveland, Ohio Office, July 1, 1936.

**DETAILS:**

**AT PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA.**

Former Lieutenant FRANK FERRIS, now a City Detective, Pittsburgh Police Department, stated that on or about February 10, 1931, Sergeant Bernard Wolf, of the Cleveland, Ohio, Police Department, appeared in Pittsburgh and contacted him in the matter of locating and identifying one "PITTSBURGH HYMIE" who was being sought in connection with the murder of Councilman WILLIAM POTTER, Cleveland, Ohio, and that he, Ferris, furnished Wolf with information leading to the apprehension of Hymie Martin alias Pittsburgh Hymie, who according to the records of the police department was arrested by Wolf, and City Detective Frank Dodson, February 12, 1931, and

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subsequently removed by Wolf and other Cleveland, Ohio, detectives to Cleveland, Ohio, where Martin was convicted on a charge of murder and later released from the State Penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio.

Detective Ferris stated that some time later, while at Cleveland, Ohio, on another matter, he consulted with the District Attorney of Cuyahoga County, and presented a claim for a part or all of a \$10,000.00 reward for the location and apprehension of Martin which was not paid to him or other peace officers insofar as he had ascertained; that in this connection he did not consider that he had been double-crossed by Wolf, concerning whom he had no information whatever indicating that Wolf has been involved in the matter of harboring fugitives or affiliated with law violators at Cleveland, adding that although Wolf is regarded as a publicity "hound" he has been referred to indirectly to Ferris by others as a "tough guy" on racketeers, and law violators at Cleveland.

With reference to Wolf or others having harbored or been involved in the harboring of fugitives Detective Ferris stated that he had received no information to that effect and concluded with the advice that on no occasion while at Cleveland, Ohio, had he been arrested in fact, he had only visited the Police Department at Cleveland, on one or two occasions.

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JULY 15, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

RE: REXID

Reference is made to your letter dated July 6, 1936,  
in the above captioned matter.

Special Agent A. E. Farland, of this office, called at  
the United States Penitentiary Annex, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas,  
and ascertained that Joseph Rich, alias Joe Rich, Register number  
8627, is now an inmate of that institution, having been received  
there on June 5, 1936 from Cleveland, Northern District of Ohio.  
The records of that institution reflect that Rich was sentenced  
on May 18, 1936, to serve two years. His minimum term expires  
December 21, 1937; maximum term expires May 17, 1938, and Rich  
will be eligible for parole on January 17, 1937.

At the time Rich was received at the United States Peni-  
tentiary Annex he gave a list of persons who would correspond  
with him, as follows:

Mrs. Mina Rich, wife, 309 4th Street,  
Canton, Ohio.

Margaret Brill, sister, 97 Fulton Street,  
Akron, Ohio.

Dorothy J. Rich, daughter, 868 Concord  
Avenue, Akron, Ohio.

Francis Bishop, stepson, 2019 15th Street,  
South, Canton, Ohio.

L. H. Scott, no address given, and no letters  
sent or received.

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A cover was placed on all incoming and outgoing mail,  
tracings of which will be furnished the Kansas City office.

It was deemed advisable to await receipt of tracings  
of correspondence in order that same might be examined before

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interviewing Rich. Two late photographs of Rich, containing his description and fingerprint classification, are attached to the Cleveland copies of this letter.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH                      WRC  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

AM:os  
Encl.

cc - Bureau \_\_\_\_\_  
Chicago  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
AND  
PRIVACY ACTS**

**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG**

**BREMER KIDNAPPING**

**FILE NUMBER: 7-576**

**SECTION : 216**



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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812

Chicago Illinois

July 16, 1936

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

RE: BREKID  
WEYNAP  
STOLNAP

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated July 1, 1936, addressed to the Atlanta office.

Assistant Warden Browning Robinson, Joliet Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois, was interviewed in the absence of Warden Ragen, and advised that he doubted if Oliver A. Berg would willingly give samples of his handwriting. Mr. Robinson was very cooperative, and through prison censor Charles E. Smith, supplied two forms filled out in ink by Oliver A. Berg, each listing respectively the name of a correspondent. Mr. Smith also called Berg into his office, and had him write in pencil on a blank piece of paper information to be filled into a similar form.

Mr. Smith will endeavor to have Berg write his next outgoing Sunday letter in pencil and the following one in ink. These will be subsequently forwarded to the Chicago office. Mr. Smith is also going to devise a form requiring Berg to print, which he will have him fill out. This will be forwarded to the Chicago Bureau office also.

These letters and the forms which will be in the handwriting of Berg will be sent immediately to the Bureau upon receipt. Enclosed are the forms and blank piece of paper containing specimens of the handwriting of Oliver A. Berg.

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Very truly yours,  
INDEXED

*D. M. Ladd*  
D.M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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Laboratory Report

Case: BREKID  
WEYNAP  
STOLNAP

Number: 7-576-12351

Specimens: 7-576-12351 A Sample handwriting of Oliver A. Berg consisting of  
3 pieces of paper.

Examination requested by: Chicago

Date received: 7-18-36 (12:00 Noon ft)

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

Examination by: Appel

cc-St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
Mr. E. J. Connelley-Chicago.  
Cleveland.  
Portland  
Louisville  
Nashville.

*all specimens*  
7/18 Will examine with  
others next week.

*answered*  
3AA 7-23-36

JOHN EDGAR HOOVE  
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

General Bureau of Investigation

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

July 15, 1936.

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Baughman	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Dawsey	.....
Mr. Edwards	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Foxworth	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Joseph	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Schilder	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

Time - 8:30 pm

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

During a telephonic conversation which I had with Special Agent R. T. Ross, acting in charge of the Cleveland Office, he referred to a letter from that office dated July 10, 1936 with regard to extending the lease on the temporary office at Toledo for another 30 days, and he was wondering what action had been taken on this request.

I told Mr. Ross that while this letter had not been received in the Bureau until the 14th, the request is going to granted and the lease may be extended for another 30 days.

Respectfully,

*EAT*  
E. A. TAMM.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 11, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

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Eddie Green was born and raised in St. Paul, Minnesota. His family still resides there. He was an outstanding gangster of St. Paul, Minnesota, and associated with many of the more notorious hoodlums. He was living with a common-law wife known as Bessie Green, who for some time had owned and operated a roadhouse known as "The Alamo", at St. Paul, Minnesota.

During the summer of 1933, Green associated with Jess Doyle and Doris O'Connor, convicted members of the Karpis-Barker gang. He was friendly with Harry Sawyer, another convicted subject and undoubtedly gained his entry into the Dillinger gang through Harry Sawyer.

During the investigation to locate John Dillinger, certain baggage belonging to members of the Dillinger gang was located by Special Agents and a surveillance placed to apprehend whoever called for the baggage. Eddie Green, on April 3, 1934, secured the baggage and attempted to hurry away with it. He was ordered to halt, whereupon he made a menacing gesture and was shot by Special Agents. On the night of April 11, 1934, he died as a result of the gunshot wounds. However, prior to his death it was learned from him that certain members of the Dillinger gang had robbed the Security National Bank at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, March 6, 1934, and the First National Bank at Mason City, Iowa, on March 13, 1934, the two robberies providing a loot of over \$100,000.

A copy of his photograph and criminal record is attached.

Respectfully,

*C. E. Weeks*  
C. E. Weeks.

Enclosure

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REPORT MADE AT <b>ATLANTA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-15-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7-14-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>P. M. Breed</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232, et al; Edward George Bremer - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

\*Dixie Drive-It-Yourself System employed only one man, A. C. Skinner, to do their driving in late 1934 and early 1935. Skinner died August 27, 1935. Company has no other record of trip to Etowah, Tennessee having been taken by any party about that period of time, although it is possible that such a trip may have been taken by one of their cars.

- RUC -

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent P. M. Breed, Atlanta, Georgia, 5-20-36;  
Report of Special Agent W. E. Hopton, Kansas City, Missouri, 6-3-36.

**DETAILS:**

Agent made inquiries at the Dixie Drive-It-Yourself System, 14 Houston Street, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia, and again ascertained that they had no record of the trip to Etowah, Tennessee from Atlanta having been made in the latter part of 1934 or early part of 1935. It was stated that it was possible that such a trip could have been made but records did not reflect any trip to Eastern Tennessee. They had no record of any individual by the name of Randall having made a long trip at that time and the only individual who at that period of time drove cars for them was one A. C. Skinner who died August 27, 1935.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>E. P. Conway</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>7-15-36-12354</b>
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There is no further investigation pending in this case in the Atlanta Bureau Office, and in view of the fact that all Subjects have been apprehended, except Joseph P. Moran, the case is being

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN

VC

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
July 15, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL SPECIAL AGENTS  
OF THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE:

Re: Pocket Identification Order  
Booklet.

The apprehension of the following named fugitive, data on whom appears in the Pocket Identification Order Booklet, is no longer desired by the Bureau:

No. 115 - William Elmer Mead, with aliases

An appropriate cancellation should be made on this order and a stamp for this purpose is available in the office of the Chief Clerk.

*Dwight Brantley*  
DWIGHT BRANTLEY  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

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~~PERSONAL AND  
CONFIDENTIAL~~

July 16, 1936

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Charles O. Long, informant, F.B.I. No. 168591. Will you please advise this office whether there are any Wanted Notices still appearing in the fingerprint files of the Bureau for Charles O. Long.

One of the conditions upon which Long agreed to become an informant in the locating of William Elmer Mead, recently apprehended in Omaha, Nebraska, upon information furnished by Long, was that Wanted Notices placed by State authorities in the fingerprint files of the Bureau be removed if it was ascertained that he is no longer wanted by those authorities. It will be noted on page 9 of the report of Special Agent C.B. Winstead, Jacksonville Florida, dated 4-28-36, that the sheriff's office at Sarasota, Florida, contacted all State authorities which had requested that Wanted Notices be placed in the files of the Bureau, and that they advised that they would not come for him in case he was arrested. Subsequently Long was arrested by this office, and undoubtedly the officers having Wanted Notices in the Bureau file were notified of his apprehension, but none of them requested that he be turned over to them. Subsequently he was turned over to the State's Attorney office, Chicago, Illinois, and the case pending against him was nolle prossed.

Long has further informed that he has recently been offered \$150,000.00 worth of stolen bonds at 30% on the dollar, which bonds he understands were stolen in New Jersey or thereabouts about six months ago. It is his information that these bonds are presently in Chicago.

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Long further advises that he knows one of the principal outlets in Chicago for counterfeit money.

Long has advised that he is willing to work as an under-cover informant for this Department. He has, as has been indicated in the investigation leading up to the apprehension of William E. Mead, contacts with crooked politicians, criminals, and questionable police officers in practically every large city in the United States.

No promises have been made to him as to future employment by this Department as informant or otherwise. He understands that if arrested by local authorities for previous or subsequent offenses, or by the police to be merely "shaken" down, that this Department will not come to his aid.

Very truly yours,

*D. M. Ladd*  
D.M.LADD *a.k.a.*  
Special Agent in Charge

VEC:FB

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7-576-12357

August 2, 1936.

Mr. Thomas J. Courtney,  
State's Attorney,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim; KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

The files of the Identification Division of the  
Federal Bureau of Investigation reflect a wanted notice is posted  
therein indicating that the apprehension of the following person  
is desired by your office:

CHARLES O. LONG, with aliases: "Blackie", Charles  
Holmes, Carl Leuerman, Charles Leamington, Charles  
Owen Long, Charles Long.

The criminal record of Long discloses

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In view of the fact that it does not appear Long's  
apprehension is any longer sought by your office, the wanted  
notice so posted by your office will be withdrawn after the  
expiration of an appropriate period of time unless a request to  
the contrary is received from you within the near future.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc - Chicago.  
Cleveland.  
Cincinnati.  
St. Paul.

*E. J. Connelley*  
8/12/36

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August 3, 1936.

Mr. Fred Harshman,  
Superintendent of Police,  
Peoria, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim; KIDNAPING.

My dear Superintendents:

The files of the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reflect a wanted notice is posted therein indicating that the apprehension of the following persons is desired by your office:

CHARLES O. LONG, with aliases: "Blaskie", Charles Holman, Carl Laurman, Charles Leanington, Charles Owen Long, Charles Long.

I should like to be advised as to whether your office is interested in the apprehension of Long. If not, it is desired information to that effect be furnished this Bureau so the wanted notice can be removed from the files of the Identification Division.

Assuring you of my desire to cooperate with you at all times in matters of mutual interest, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc - Chicago.  
Cleveland.  
Cincinnati.  
St. Paul.  
St. Louis.

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*[Handwritten initials]*

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August 3, 1936

Mr. C. S. Morrill,  
Chief, Division of Criminal  
Identification and Investigation,  
Sacramento, California.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim; KIDNAPING.

My dear Chief:

The files of the Identification Division of the  
Federal Bureau of Investigation reflect a wanted notice is  
posted therein indicating that the apprehension of the  
following person is desired by your office:

CHARLES O. LONG, with aliases: "Blackie", Charles  
Holmes, Carl Lauerman, Charles Leemington, Charles  
Owen Long, Charles Long.

I should like to be advised as to whether your  
office is interested in the apprehension of Long. If not,  
it is desired information to that effect be furnished this  
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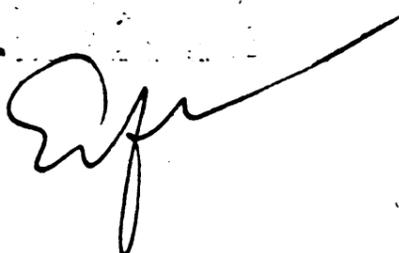
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all times in matters of mutual interest, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

July 16, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BRKID

There is transmitted herewith a copy of the log being maintained on the telephone of Maxine Thomas, alias Maxine Belmont, 2501 Warren Street, Toledo, Ohio, for the dates of July 11 and 12, 1936. This log is being maintained by Special Agents R. A. Guerin and M. J. Kavanagh.

The name Mabel mentioned in the log is Mabel Green, who operates a house of prostitution at 1003 Summit Street, Toledo, Ohio. The name Viola is Viola McClary, a colored maid, who has worked at the Shelby Hotel, a house of prostitution, since 1929. It is believed that the Jessie mentioned is also a colored maid at the Shelby Hotel.

The name Lena referred to in the conversation at 2:57 P. M. on July 11, 1936 is Lena Miller, who operates a house of prostitution at 45 Michigan Street, Toledo, Ohio.

The name Pauline is no doubt Pauline Neinstein, who operated a house of prostitution at 921 Summit Street, Toledo, but which house is presently closed and it is our information that Maxine Belmont and other madams in Toledo are attempting to keep the place closed permanently and one Julius Davis is endeavoring to purchase the place. The Davis mentioned in the log is probably Julius Davis. Further information, as obtained from [redacted] is to the effect that the underworld in Toledo is of the opinion that Pauline Neinstein furnished all of the information in her possession to Agents involving several police officers, however, the Neinstein woman has furnished us no information of value.

The identities of Jeanette, Jane, Bernard, Bill, Smith, George, Walter, Miss Kavanagh, Flo and Sam are not known at the present time. The Bureau has previously been furnished with the information concerning the other names mentioned in this log.

There is also transmitted herewith the log of the telephone tap being maintained by Special Agents E. J. Dowd and H. B. Dill on the telephone of Earl (Ike) Wittenberg, 538 Erie Street, Toledo, Ohio, for the date of July 11, 1936.

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The Cincinnati, St. Paul and Chicago offices are being furnished with copies of these logs with copies of this letter.

RCS/EJB  
Enclosures (2)  
CC - Chicago (Enc. 2)  
- Cincinnati (Enc. 2)  
- St. Paul (Enc. 2)

Very truly yours,  
*J. P. MacFarland*  
J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge



11:16 AM

Incoming

RAG

Maxine: Hello

Woman - How are you? It's terribly hot isn't it?

Maxine: It's awful.

Woman: Well \$25 and costs for me, \$10 and costs for the girl and \$10 and costs for the man, but he didn't show up.

Maxine: Well.

Woman: If you're going to be home, I'll be up this afternoon, what's your address?

Maxine: Yes, I'll be here, 2105 Warren, apartment #5.

Woman: (writes down address) Alright, I'll be up.

11:58 AM

Incoming

MJK

Woman: Hello

Woman: Hello

Woman: (Maxine) How are you?

Sadie: Alright. How are you?

Maxine: I'm warm.

Sadie: Pretty hot today.

Maxine: Yes it is.

Sadie: I met Anna last night.

Maxine: You did?

Sadie: She said she is sick for you to pay for a month's rent and that she is going to the hospital for examination.

Maxine: In the meantime wait for developments.

Sadie: Did you see your party yet, you was waiting for?

Maxine: I met her downtown.

Sadie: Yes.

Maxine: She thinks she is going to do business with Pauline.

Sadie: Did you say anything to her about the other?

Maxine: No, I didn't suggest the other because she was with Davis and everything seemed to have been prearranged.

Sadie: I'll tell you Pauline wants \$75 a month rent.

Maxine: Well she is dealing with a smart girl.

Sadie: Yes.

Maxine: If the deal doesn't go through Monday, it's my turn to step in.

Sadie: Well.

Maxine: This is another hot one today. I think I'll stay in until dark and then go to see Jenny.

Sadie: I am going to see that other party tomorrow and let you know how I come out Monday.

Maxine: Alright. Goodbye.

Sadie: Goodbye.

12:16 PM

Outgoing

Adams 4941

RAG

Woman: Hello

Woman: How are you? Did anybody call me?

Woman: I don't think so, wait a minute. No Virginia says no calls.

Woman: Alright then, I'm going home to rest for a couple of hours. I'll be down about 4:30 or 5 o'clock.

12:18 PM      Outgoing                  ADams 2114                  RAG  
Man: Red Cab.  
Maxine: Will you send a cab to 2105 Warren, apt. #5, the name is Thomas?  
Man: Alright, right away.

1:15 PM      Incoming                                  RAG  
Maxine: Hello, Johnny.  
          What are you doing?  
Johnny: Waiting for that party to call.  
Johnny: There's a box of #631 matches in my grey suit with a telephone number on it. See if you can find them and call me.  
Maxine: I'll look and call you back.

1:18 PM      Outgoing                  MAin 0596                  RAG  
Man: Hello  
Maxine: That number is Jefferson 1568J, but the matches were in the kitchen, not in your pocket.  
Johnny: I sent that stuff to Heslip so it should have been there by 12.  
Maxine: Isn't it hot out? You got that number?  
Johnny: Yes, it is alright. Tear up that number.  
Maxine: I will.

2:15 PM      Incoming                                  MJK  
Maxine - Hello  
Man - How are you feeling? Hot enough for you?  
Maxine - I'll say it is.  
Man - Are you cleaning house?  
Maxine - Yes.  
Man - Holy gee.  
Maxine - How are you feeling?  
Man - I walked around four blocks before I found the car.  
Maxine - What did you do forget where you parked it?  
Man - Yes. You know where it was?  
Maxine - Near Johnny's place?  
Man - In back of the hotel.  
Maxine - I wonder how hot it is today?  
Man - Hotter.  
Maxine - I would like to see it pour down rain.  
Man - Paper says tomorrow.  
Maxine - I hope so.  
Man - I'll see you tomorrow.

2:30 PM      Outgoing                  ADams 3271                  No answer                  RAG

2:45 PM

Incoming

RAG

Maxine: Hello

Woman: How are you. You know who this is?

Maxine: No, I don't think I do.

Woman: This is Jeanette. I just got off the train.

Maxine: Oh, how are you Jeanette?

Jeanette: Fine, I'm going back tomorrow, but this is one trip that I'll see you.

Maxine: That will be fine.

Jeanette: I thought I'd die on the train. How's Johnny? Does he still have his place?

Maxine: Yes, but there isn't much business. Is Gussie back?

Jeanette: No, not until September or October.

Jeanette: I came to see what's going on here. My brother Al married some young girl, but they've broken up already. Al got a little four year old boy out of Columbus and he had him with him in Cleveland. He's a perfect doll and I told Stubby I might bring him back with me.

Maxine: How is Stubby?

Jeanette: Oh, he's fine. What are you going to do?

Maxine: I'm going out tonite. How about coming over tomorrow afternoon?

Jeanette: Well, I have to see a Miss Kavanaugh out on Walnut Street in the 1500 block tomorrow.

Maxine: I guess Mamie's still there - last name Smith.

Jeanette: I may come out before I go over there tomorrow. I'll call you later.

Maxine: Alright, Jeanette.

2:55 PM

Outgoing

ADams 3271

MJK

Woman: Cleaners.

Maxine: Is the boy going to stop at Mrs. Thomas' for the cleaning?

Woman: Yes, he'll stop.

Maxine: What is it?

Woman: That's 2105 Warren

Maxine: Yes, that's right.

2:57 PM

Incoming

MJK

Woman: Hello

Maxine: Hello

Woman: How are you?

Maxine: How are you?

Woman: Pretty hot.

Maxine: It is warm.

Woman: Are you house cleaning today.

Maxine: Yes. How is it out at the cottage?

Woman: Not as hot as it is here in the city.

Maxine: It is terrible here today. I thought we would probably have a change today.

Woman: It's terrible.  
 Maxine: I haven't slept for three nights.  
 Woman: I left here at 5 and got there about 5:30 and slept about an hour and a half. Are you going to be up to the Shelby tonite?  
 Maxine: Yes, after the sun goes down.  
 Woman: Lena got \$25 and costs.  
 Maxine: Yes, I spoke to her.  
 Woman: The others got thrown out.  
 Maxine: That's one good thing.  
 Woman: Yes, it is.  
 Maxine: It could be worse.  
 Woman: I'll see you later

6:25 PM

Outgoing  
 Man: Hello  
 Maxine: Hello, Johnny?  
 Johnny: Yes.  
 Maxine: How are you?  
 Johnny: Alright, what are you doing?  
 Maxine: Just took a bath and am sitting on the couch. What are you doing?  
 Johnny: Just sitting here.  
 Maxine: Are you busy?  
 Johnny: Yes.  
 Maxine: You take care of yourself, honey.  
 Johnny: I will.  
 Maxine: Where are you going to eat.  
 Johnny: I don't know. I wish that kid would come back, I want to get a shave. I am going to meet some people.  
 Maxine: Didn't you eat yet today, honey?  
 Johnny: Yes, I had breakfast, eggs, ham, toast and coffee.  
 Maxine: That's good. Are you going to that meeting tonight?  
 Johnny: No. Where.  
 Maxine: I see in the papers that there is a meeting at Adams and Ontario. One of those that most everyone can get into.  
 Johnny: I won't be back until about 8:45. You had better go to the show and call me later.  
 Maxine: Alright, honey.  
 Johnny: I'll wait for your call.  
 Maxine: Alright.  
 Johnny: Goodbye.

MAIN 0596

MJK

10:30 PM Incoming No answer MJK  
 11:55 PM Incoming No answer MJK  
 11:59 PM Outgoing MAIN 6221 MJK  
 Maxine - What time is it please?  
 Woman - 12 o'clock.

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12:01 AM Incoming MJK  
Man: What are you doing?  
Maxine: Nothing.  
Johnny: I am a little busy, do you know what \_\_\_\_\_ number is?  
Maxine: I think the phone is disconnected.  
Johnny: Yes.  
Maxine: She will be here in the morning.  
Johnny: I wanted to talk to him tonight.  
Maxine: You might try his home.  
Johnny: What is the number?  
Maxine: I don't know it is probably in the book.  
Johnny: Look it up and call me back at ADams 4261, room 717.  
Maxine: Alright.

12:05 AM Outgoing 113 (information) MJK  
Maxine - Please give me the number of Browns at 825 Summit.  
Operator - Just a moment please. There is a telephone listed for Brown at 825 Summit Street, but they have requested that the number not be given out.  
Maxine - Alright, Thanks.

12:06 AM Outgoing ADams 4261 MJK  
Man: Hillcrest  
Maxine: 717 please.  
Man: Surely.  
Johnny: Hello  
Maxine: There is one listed on Chatam Street, initials J. E. and one W., but I don't know which is right.  
Johnny: Did you call information?  
Maxine: Yes, but the telephone is unlisted.  
Johnny: What is the idea of an unlisted phone. Is she afraid somebody will call her?  
Maxine: I don't know, Johnny. When I see her tomorrow I'll ask her.  
Johnny: I'll call you in about an hour.

12:08 AM Outgoing MAin 0116 MJK  
Girl - Hello  
Maxine - Mabel?  
Girl - Hold it a minute (called Mabel)  
Maxine - Hello Mabel?  
Mabel - Yes.  
Maxine - How are you?  
Mabel - Alright, I just wondered what happened to you.  
Maxine - Well I have been away and then I was in Detroit last week and saw Bill.

Mabel: Yes, I have been sick.  
Maxine: Listen, Mabel, do you know Sadie's telephone number?  
Mabel: No, but maybe I can find out for you. Just a minute.  
(called some other girl in house and asked her)  
Hello, it's Main 2583.  
Maxine: I know she has a phone, but I forgot the number as  
I never had any occasion to use it.  
Mabel: Yes.  
Maxine: Do you know how much it cost Lena yesterday, About \$150.  
Mabel: Yes? How's that?  
Maxine: Got it twice in one day.  
Mabel: How?  
Maxine: Came once and then came back again on a petit larceny charge.  
Mabel: That's too bad. How did Rosie make out?  
Maxine: Alright. \$25 and costs, she only had one there you know.  
Are you there every night?  
Mabel: Yes, why don't you come over?  
Maxine: I'll be over some night the first of the week. I am  
going to Detroit either Tuesday or Wednesday.

12:10 AM Outgoing MAIN 2583 MJK  
Maxine - Hello  
Operator - What number are you calling please?  
Maxine - Main 2583.  
Operator - Are you calling Anna Plummer?  
Maxine - (Hesitatingly) Why, yeah.  
Operator - That telephone has been disconnected.

12:11 AM Outgoing MAIN 0116 MJK  
Woman - Hello  
Woman - This is Maxine, I spoke to Mabel and she gave me the  
old telephone number.  
Woman - This is Flo, why don't you call information?  
Maxine - They won't give out the number.  
Flor - Do you want to talk to Mabel again.  
Maxine - No thanks, Flo, I'll be seeing you.

10:05 AM Outgoing Adams 4261 RAG  
Woman - Hillcrest Hotel  
Man - Mr. Smith in room 717  
Operator - Just a minute  
Man - Hello  
Man - Smitty?  
Man - Wait a second, Walter and George are here too. Who is this  
Johnny Thomas?  
Johnny \* Yes, I'll talk to Bill.  
Bill - Hello Johnny.  
Johnny - How are you Bill? I went over to see that guy and believe  
me I told him plenty. If she can't keep anything quiet  
and confidential something ought to be done. I told him  
if it wasn't his wife I'd give her a bust in the nose.

Bill: Well, you better control your temper, Johnny, and talk to her later.

Johnny: I'll talk to her a little later on.

Bill: Will you call after you see her?

Johnny: Yes, I will. Say that fellow got out at 6 AM this morning.

Bill: That's OK, but don't leave yourself open for those people. You know what kind of a b\_\_\_\_\_ she is. Take it easy.

Johnny: Alright, Bill, I'll talk to you later.

Bill: Goodbye, Johnny.

11:26 AM

Incoming

RAG

Maxine: Hello

Sam: How are you, Maxine?

Maxine: Pretty warm Sam, how is it up there?

Sam: Terrible.

Maxine: I can't get dressed it's so hot. How's Lena?  
Did Pearl come in? (She can't hear him and tells him to get better connection)

Sam: Operator give me a different line. (After a lapse of two minutes)

Maxine: Hello

Sam: We were in Detroit till about four this AM

Maxine: Did Pearl come in?

Sam: No she didn't. When are you coming up?

Maxine: Maybe Tuesday or Wednesday, I'll go to Detroit. I won't go to your place.

Sam: Why not? The baths will help you.

Maxine: I won't go there you know on account of Bill. Listen, I'll call you about 5 PM Tuesday. Will that be alright?

Sam: I'll meet you in Detroit.

Maxine: Either Tuesday or Wednesday.

Sam: Alright, goodbye, Maxine.

12:27 PM

Outgoing

MAin 0185

MJK

Boy ans. - Hello

Maxine - Hello, Bernard?

Bernard - Yes.

Maxine - Is your daddy there?

Bernard - He has left.

Maxine - Did you tell him what I wanted?

Bernard - Yes, he'll be there in about an hour. Watch for him.

Maxine - You told him the address 2105 Warren?

Bernard - Yes, apartment 6.

Maxine - No, apartment 5.

Bernard - I gave him the address and everything and told him to look at the mail box.

Maxine - You did.

Bernard - Yes.

Maxine - Alright then Bernard, I'll be seeing you.

1:28 PM

Outgoing

ADams 0655

RAG

Maxine: Hello Viola, how are you?

Viola: I got a headache.

Maxine: Are both girls there?

Viola: Yes.

Maxine: Let me talk to Jessie.

Jessie: Hello.

Maxine: How are you Jessie?

Jessie: Fine, Miss Maxine.

Maxine: Can you get a hold of Maude who used to be with Rosie. Jenny will take Maude and she'll have a steady job.

Jessie: Well she didn't like things before.

Maxine: That was all a misunderstanding and I straightened things out with Jenny last night. She wants Laude now.

Jessie: I'll see her tonight then and if I tell her you said to go over there she will.

Maxine: Yes, tell her it was a misunderstanding before and to go over there at two tomorrow; if you get time call up Mary tonite.

Jessie: Alright, Miss Maxine.

2:49 PM

Outgoing

MAin 0596

RAG

Man: Hello

Maxine: Are you hot up there, Johnny?

Johnny: It's terrible.

Maxine: Mr. Davis just left, he brought some eggs and some jelly. Do you think we're going out?

Johnny: I don't know, but I'll call you about 6.

Maxine: Well there's no use for me to get dressed.

Johnny: Not before seven.

Maxine: I'll wait until you call.

2:53 PM

Outgoing

Long distance

RAG

Rochester, N. Y., Monroe 6349J

Woman - Hello

Maxine - Hello mama, how are you?

Woman - Pretty hot

(Long discussion on the heat)

Maxine - Did you get my letter?

Woman - Yes, I was glad to hear from you. You know you left some handkerchiefs here.

Maxine - Well, whenever you get to it you can send them. Do you need anything?

Woman - No, not right now. Jane is not going to the hospital tomorrow - not for a while.

Maxine - Well, that's good - it's too hot now. Listen, mama,

4:05 PM Incoming RAG  
Maxine - Hello  
Johnny - How about dinner at the Hillcrest?  
Maxine - Oh, I don't know, that's a hot box.  
Johnny - No it's air conditioned and I want to see somebody there.  
Maxine - You go there and I'll eat some place else.  
Johnny - Every place is the same in this weather - what the hell's the matter with you?  
Maxine - Alright, we'll go there then.  
Johnny - I'll be home at 6.

5:55 PM Outgoing MAIN 0596 RAG  
Man - Hello  
Maxine - Are you coming home, Johnny?  
Johnny - Yes, I'm leaving right now.  
Maxine - Are you going to get cleaned up?  
Johnny - Yes.  
Maxine - Alright.

6:21 PM Incoming RAG  
Maxine - Hello  
Woman - I'm down in the store. You're lucky to be in the house.  
Maxine - It's plenty hot here.  
Woman - Miss Kavanaugh is down here but I didn't get much of a chance to talk. Are you going out?  
Maxine - Yes we are.  
Woman - It sounds like somebody is trying to get you.  
Maxine - Yes.  
Woman - Am I going to hear from you?  
Maxine - Yes, I'll drop you a line.  
Woman - Alright, goodbye.

9:45 PM Outgoing 110 (long distance) MJK  
Operator - Long distance  
Maxine - Get me Rochester, N. Y., Mrs. Di Lario on Gerold St.  
Operator - Will you talk to anybody at that address?  
Maxine - Yes. (Operator made necessary connections)  
Operator - What is your number please?  
Maxine - Adams 1556.  
Operator - Mrs. Di Lario's telephone number is Stone 1516 J if you care to make a note of it.  
Woman - Hello  
Maxine - Hello, Jane?  
Jane - How are you. We're waiting for your call.  
Maxine - Yes?  
Jane - How are you?

Maxine - Hot. Can't get my clothes on.  
Jane - I am not going tomorrow. I have to take care of Mary.  
- You know her ear.  
Maxine - How do you think her ear is now?  
Jane - It is still draining and the doctor said to let it drain  
itself as he did not want to give an anesthetic.  
Maxine - I hope it will be alright.  
Jane - Did you have a nice trip home?  
Maxine - Yes.  
Jane - you had good time too.  
Maxine - Very good.  
Jane - Johnny alright?  
Maxine - Yes, I called mom this afternoon. She said she didn't  
think you were going.  
Jane - I know she told me.  
Max - How are Francis and Mickey  
Jane - Alright  
Maxine - Well, Jane, write to me.  
Jane - Alright. I will.  
Maxine - Tell Phil I said hello.

9:55 PM

Incoming

MJK

Man - Hello

Maxine - Hello

Man - Listen I have to run out to Dorr Street then I'll be  
right home.

Maxine - Alright.

Man - What are you doing?

Maxine - Just drunk a glass of lemonade and am going to make  
some more and put it in the ice box.

Man - I am still at the Hillcrest, but am leaving now and will  
be home in about an hour.

Maxine - Alright.

Man - Put \_\_\_\_\_ on ice

Maxine - Alright. I will.

10:30 PM

Outgoing

MAIN 6221

RAG

Man - Knight Cab

Woman - What is the time?

Man - 10:30

Woman - Thank you.

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LOG OF TELEPHONE TAP ON  
EARL (IKE) WITTEBERG  
July 11, 1936.

11:45 AM

Incoming

Man calling - Ike in?

Girl ans. - No, I'm here all alone.

Man calling - Anything new?

Girl ans. - No, things are very quite.

Man calling - So long, I'm going to the beach to take a swim.

11:55 AM

Outgoing ADams 4124

Thelma - Girl answers - Will you go to the hospital with me?

Girl ans. - Yes, I'll meet you over there. What is the room number?

Thelma - 121.

12:16 PM

Outgoing ADams 0350

Man - Stocks 671, Bond 608.

1:00 PM

Outgoing ADams 4141 police dept.

Ike - Turnkey

Turnkey - Hello.

Ike - Anybody ask for me?

Turnkey - No, there's nothing doing. Nobody in jail.

2:05 PM

Incoming

HED

Man - That Frances Buchanan stole \$19.00 from a man. She lives on Evers St. in Bowling Green.

Man - Thanks, I'll write her a letter.

2:15 PM

Outgoing MAIN 4141 police dept.

HED

Ike - Ike talking. Anybody want me?

Turnkey - Not a thing. Only a couple of drunks.

3:05 PM

Outgoing

Main 5464

No answer.

HED

4:00 PM

Incoming

HED

Tom - Davey, this is Tom Rubin. Do you know Jacobs' address in Detroit?

Davey - No, I don't.

Tom - Is Benny there? He knows it.

Davey - He's not here.

Tom - Tell him to call me, Jefferson 1671





6:22 PM Outgoing Adams 4141 police dept. Turnkey HBD  
 Man - Is Davey there, Pitt?  
 Turnkey - Yeah.  
 Man - Tell him his father called and wanted to know if  
 he wants me.  
 Turnkey - He says wait there in the office.

6:25 PM Incoming HBD  
 Man calling - This is the telephone man testing your phone.  
 What number is this?  
 Man ans. - Main 9711. I just got here and I don't know  
 anything about it, but I just put in a call.  
 Telephone man - Somebody called and said your phone was out  
 of order. I'll hang up and you call me back at  
 Main 9941.  
 Man ans. - Alright. (The man at Wittenberg's tried to call  
 for some time and then he finally got the number.  
 When he got the number he told the man at the  
 telephone that he had a hell of a time getting it.  
 The man said he had the lines fixed; that the  
 telephone was OK.

6:30 Incoming HBD  
 Girl - Izz there?  
 Man - No, he isn't.  
 Girl - Tell him to call MAIN 6321.

6:35 PM Outgoing (recorder did not work) HBD  
 Man calling - Mrs. Carter, Patton does not want to leave  
 the jail.  
 Woman - I'll send out and get his woman and we'll go over  
 to the jail and talk it over with him.

6:40 PM Incoming HBD  
 Charlotte - Davey, this is Charlotte. Are you going?  
 Davey - Yes, I'm going to leave at 9:00 o'clock and I'm  
 not coming back until Wednesday.

6:45 PM Incoming HBD  
 Thelma - Is Benny there?  
 Man - No, he's gone.

6:50 PM Outgoing MAIN 4680 EJD  
 woman - Is this you Beckey  
 Girl - yes.  
 Both carry on conversation in Jewish.

6:57 PM Outgoing call to Valentine's theatre EJD  
 Man - Says this is Abe, say Joe I got two friends of mine  
 who want to take in the show tonight. Can you fix it  
 up.  
 Joe - Sure.

Abe - Put the tickets in my name.

7:05 PM Outgoing ADams 0607 EJD  
Man calling asked to talk to Carrie; girl answering -  
Carrie - Hello, I hear your'e going away.  
Man - Yeah, and I'm going to be gone until Wednesday. Say  
did you get that letter?  
Carrie - Yes.  
Man - How is your friend doing with that big place she  
opened in Cleveland, Ohio.  
Carrie - She has a fine place, but things are slow just now,  
I think she will get along fine. On account of the  
hot weather we are not doing much. Before you go,  
stop by.  
Man - OK.

7:30 PM Outgoing ADams 4141 police dept.  
Man - Turnkey  
Turnkey - Hello  
Man calling - Say, Pitt, anyone in there for liquor  
Turnkey - Yeah, that fellow Davis.  
Man calling - OK.

8:00 PM Outgoing ADams 4141 police dept.  
Man calling - Turnkey's office.  
Anything doing?  
Turnkey - No.

WRG:EW

July 17, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. H. J. McCLURE,  
GENERAL AGENT.

There is transmitted herewith a voucher in favor of the Hertz Drivurself Stations, 420 Water Street, Toledo, Ohio, in the amount of \$15.80.

ca. 2  
This voucher represents charges incurred by a Special Agent of this Bureau for the rental of an automobile which was being used in order to maintain a surveillance upon a suspect connected with the Bremer Kidnaping Case. Due to the fact that there were no Government automobiles available, it was essential that this expense be incurred. This was the cheapest manner of transportation available in this instance.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Encl. #1125041.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Chicago, Illinois</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-16-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6-27-36 to 7-8-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>V.E. CRISS</b> <b>VEC:FB</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232; et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><i>Informant C.O. Long</i></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Informant C.O. LONG through MRS. ELMER MEAD obtained contact with WILLIAM ELMER MEAD over telephone; arranged to meet him Fontenelle Hotel, Omaha, Nebraska 7-8-36. MEAD to use name DR. NILES. LONG went to Omaha and met MEAD. MEAD apprehended Omaha, Nebraska 7-8-36. Attorney JOSEPH P. EWING, Atlanta, Georgia, said to have obtained approximately \$2600.00 from MRS. MEAD to fix case pending at Jacksonville against WILLIAM ELMER MEAD. EWING claimed to have influence with post office inspector GRAHAM. Informant LONG advises GRAHAM has reputation of being "unfixable".</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b>      Report of Special Agent V.E. Criss, Chicago, Illinois dated 6-27-36.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b>      <b>AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">On June 7, 1936, LOUIS NATHAN, owner and operator of the 606 Club, beer tavern and night club located at 606 S. Wabash Avenue, was interviewed and claimed not to have any knowledge of the present whereabouts of WILLIAM ELMER MEAD.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>D.M. Ladd</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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although he admitted knowing him, but claimed not to have heard from him in several years. He stated he knew of no contacts of MEAD. He also stated that MRS. MEAD had been in to see him recently to borrow some money but that she did not mention her husband. NATHAN was advised of two outstanding Federal warrants for WILLIAM ELMER MEAD.

Informant LONG had previously advised that MRS. MEAD had been to NATHAN trying to collect money due her, and that he, LONG, had accompanied her on one occasion and had backed NATHAN into a corner, forcing him to pay \$100.00; that MRS. MEAD went thereafter to see NATHAN and was forcibly put out of the tavern.

LONG further advised that JOHN J. McMANIS, attorney representing MRS. MEAD did not go to Jacksonville to talk over MEAD'S case with the U.S. Attorney, but, instead went to Atlanta, Georgia, where he saw Attorney FRANK A. DOUGEMAN, who was to go to Jacksonville and see what he could do; that MRS. MEAD had previously paid about \$2800.00 to an attorney by the name of JOSEPH B. EWING, Atlanta, Georgia, who claimed to have influence with post office inspector GRAHAM, and would fix the case then pending against WILLIAM ELMER MEAD. LONG stated that as far as he knew GRAHAM has never taken any bribes, and he, EWING was merely "shaking" MRS. MEAD down.

On July 2, 1936, LONG stated he was to meet MRS. MEAD at 8 P.M. at 120 S. LaSalle Street. Agent Jerome Doyle shadowed LONG and observed him contact MRS. MEAD at the appointed time and place, and then followed them to the Budweiser Inn, 55 W. Monroe Street, which they entered and where they conversed. Agent Doyle did not stay to watch them for fear that MRS. MEAD or LONG might possibly see him.

LONG upon subsequent interview stated that MRS. MEAD maintained she was still waiting to hear from her husband. LONG told her he had to leave on July 5, 1936, and get to work on his victim and he would have to take him elsewhere or lose him. MRS. MEAD asked him to wait until Monday, July 6th before leaving as she was sure she would be in touch with her husband. LONG advised on July 3rd that he was again to meet MRS. MEAD at 3:00 P.M. Agent Doyle again observed MEAD and submitted the following memorandum thereon:

"Surveillance of 120 S. LaSalle Street begun at 3 P.M. Informant LONG made contact with MRS. MEAD at 3:10. She had been waiting for him since 3:00 at LaSalle Street entrance.

3:35 P.M. - LONG and MRS. MEAD came out of building. Proceeded north to Hotel LaSalle Tap Room.

4:50 P.M. - They came out of LaSalle Tap Room and went north to Washington & LaSalle. MRS. MEAD proceeded east on Washington St. alone. Went into Woolworths 5¢ and 10¢ store Washington St. entrance. Agent caught her about two minutes later coming out of State St. entrance of same store. She went across State Street and into the main Marshall Field Building. As Agent was not to "be made" by MRS. MEAD he stayed out of the building - waited ten minutes and dropped surveillance at 5:15 P.M.

MRS. MEAD was dressed in dark green and white flowered chiffon dress, and a black straw hat."

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LONG advised upon interview that MRS. MEAD still maintains she was waiting to hear from her husband. On the night of July 5th LONG advised over the telephone that MRS. MEAD had advised him she was to get in touch with her husband on July 6th; that he, LONG, was to meet her the next day, July 6th at 4:00 P.M. and arrange for the contact. About 5:30 P.M. LONG advised over the telephone that he was to meet MRS. MEAD in the lobby of his hotel at 8:45 P.M., and she was to take him to a telephone where MEAD was to 'phone at 9:00 P.M. LONG agreed that it was all right to follow if possible.

Special Agent Doyle observed the meeting of LONG and MRS. MEAD and followed them. This Agent was ready in an automobile to pick up Agent Doyle in case LONG and MRS. MEAD took a taxicab, but immediately left when they were observed to walk away from the hotel. Agent Doyle submitted the following memorandum on his observations:

Agent started surveillance in the vicinity of the Washington Hotel at 8:35 P.M. July 6, 1936, and upon approaching the corner of LaSalle and Washington Streets, Agent noted MRS. WM. E. MEAD standing on the north-west corner of the street looking in all directions for a period of five minutes before approaching the Hotel Washington at 167 West Washington Street. She entered the hotel at 8:45 and emerged with informant at 9:15 P.M.

Agent tailed the pair through the "Loop" to Walgreen's Drug Store at the north-east corner of State and Randolph Streets. They entered and proceeded to the rear of the store and through a door into the lobby of the building of which the drug store was a part.

Agent noted informant standing in an alcove on the far side of this lobby. The alcove was made up of phone booths, two of which were not perceivable from anywhere in the lobby.

At 9:35, Agent entered the alcove and went into a phone booth situated three booths away from the booth being used by MRS. MEAD and informant. At this time, Agent noted the booth being used by them was the one on the extreme end. Informant was then talking on the 'phone in the booth. MRS. MEAD was standing outside the booth, still in the alcove. Agent made a local phone call and left the vicinity immediately. The surveillance was resumed and at 9:45 Mrs. Mead and informant came out the State Street entrance of the building (which was 159 N. State Street), and walked north on the east side of State Street. After proceeding about two hundred feet, MRS. MEAD suddenly turned around and ran back to 159 N. State, and into the building. Informant walked back to the entrance and waited for MRS. MEAD. She came out again in about a minute, and they again started walking north on State Street. Just before reaching the corner of State and Lake Streets informant went into a Blatz beer tavern, and MRS. MEAD, seemingly against her wishes, followed him into the tavern.

Agent proceeded north on the west or opposite side of State Street beyond the point opposite the tavern and saw MRS. MEAD sitting facing the doorway and looking out on State Street. Agent called the Chicago office and informed Agent Criss of the facts of the surveillance and stated that it was quite possible MRS. MEAD had "made" the Agent as he passed the tavern on the opposite side of State Street, although the sidewalks were fairly well crowded at that time. Agent returned to 159 N. State Street and in the lobby noted the phone number of the booth used by MRS. MEAD and informant as being Dearborn 4462. Agent then returned to the Chicago office, having been advised to so act by Agent Criss."

Agent Jerome Doyle on the evening of July 10, 1936, contacted MOLLY LATHAM, hat check girl at the 606 Club, 606 S. Wabash Avenue, which club is operated by LOU NATHAN. MISS LATHAM informed Agent that early in the evening of July 8, 1936, some friend of Nathan's came into the 606 Club and stated to NATHAN that he had just heard on the radio that MEAD had been picked up by the Dept. of Justice men in Omaha, Nebraska. MISS LATHAM stated further that NATHAN then told everyone within hearing that he, NATHAN, was the only person in the world MEAD trusted and that he, NATHAN, thought the world of MEAD. MISS LATHAM added that since Wednesday night NATHAN has been in a much better frame of mind. For sometime previous he had been surly and grouchy, but the news of MEAD'S arrest had brought about a change. MISS LATHAM added that she now knows definitely that both NATHAN and his wife are dope addicts, as they leave the club two or three times a night and return with their spirits revived."

LONG was subsequently contacted by the writer and advised that MRS. MEAD and he had talked to MEAD over the telephone located in the far booth in the hallway of an office building at 159 North State Street; that he, LONG, had agreed to meet MEAD at the Fontenelle Hotel, Omaha, Nebraska, between 10:00 A.M. and noon on July 8, 1936; that MRS. MEAD had said that MEAD had driven in 100 miles to talk to him, LONG. MEAD did not say where he was telephoning from, and MRS. MEAD did not state. An immediate effort was made to trace the source of the telephone call, but the telephone company advised that incoming calls could not be traced until the point of origin was known.

LONG advised he would go through with MEAD if desired, though he believed it possible that MEAD would not be at the Fontenelle Hotel but would contact him, LONG, by telephone, and have him come to some other hotel or possibly send another person for him.

The Bureau was notified of the above information, and authorized taking LONG to Omaha. The Omaha office was accordingly notified. On July 7th LONG advised that MRS. MEAD had 'phoned and said MEAD was using the name DR. NILES. Agent and informant left for Omaha, Nebraska on the evening of July 7, 1936.

Special Agent Albert Franz, and Special Agent R.J. Abbaticchio, Jr. from the Omaha office, boarded the train at some point about 75 miles east of Omaha, and LONG was pointed out to them. Agents from the Omaha office took over all the investigation from that point on.

MEAD was subsequently apprehended in the lobby of the Fontenelle Hotel about an hour prior to the agreed meeting with LONG, which will be reported by the Omaha office. LONG went through his part of the meeting as if not knowing of the apprehension, and subsequently wired MRS. MEAD requesting her to get in touch with him at Omaha, Nebraska. Agent does not at this time know the results of the conversation. LONG has promised to contact Agent when he returns to Chicago.

PENDING

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 1469,  
Little Rock, Arkansas,  
July 17, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter from the St. Paul office to the Little Rock office under date of July 10, 1936, concerning statements made by Alvin Karpis as to information he had received and as to activities in the State of Arkansas.

It will be noted from this letter that Karpis is alleging he received certain information from a friend of his and who, it is apparent, is identical with [redacted] as mentioned in the report of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley reporting the apprehension of subject Karpis. b7d

On July 11, 1936, [redacted] called at the Little Rock office for a visit and during a general conversation with acting Special Agent in Charge B. L. Demron a discussion arose as to the Agents seen by Karpis in Arkansas and other states. [redacted] no Agent had ever been pointed out to Karpis by the informant and to the informant's knowledge, Karpis had never followed any Agent in the State of Arkansas or elsewhere. [redacted] stated that the descriptions of Special Agents R. C. Coulter and B. L. Demron were provided Karpis by the caretaker of the cabin at Dyer's Landing, Hot Springs, Arkansas, subsequent to the investigation at that point.

From the information appearing in the letter from the St. Paul office, it would appear that Karpis received his information concerning activities in Hot Springs and vicinity from this confidential informant and subsequent to the raid near Hot Springs, Arkansas, which information he has "colored" extensively for the purpose, admittedly, of impressing the interviewing

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Agents.

With reference to the second paragraph of the letter from the St. Paul office, it may be stated that the activity mentioned therein was reported to the Bureau in an investigative report.

With reference to the third paragraph of said letter, it would appear that this information, or statements of Kerpis, is erroneous as the friend mentioned was not interviewed openly by Agent Dameron until March 29, 1936, which was the day preceding the raid and, it is my understanding, that Kerpis did not return to Hot Springs or Little Rock subsequent thereto, except for a few minutes when he discharged a passenger from his automobile in or near Hot Springs, Arkansas, and immediately returned to his hide-out.

Very truly yours,

*Chapman Fletcher*  
CHAPMAN FLETCHER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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KANSAS CITY, MISS. LRI  
JULY 17, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to your letter to the Bureau dated July 15, 1936, copy of which was furnished this office, relative to procuring handwriting specimens from Harry Campbell.

Reference is also made to Bureau letter dated July 1, 1936, requesting that handwriting and hand printing specimens be obtained from Harry Campbell, and others.

Please be advised that Special Agent A. E. Farland, of this office, secured specimens of handwriting and hand printing, both in pencil and ink, from Harry Campbell, register number 43996, United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, and same were forwarded to the Bureau by letter dated July 15, 1936.

In view of this fact please advise whether or not it will be necessary to secure the original or photostatic copies of letters from Harry Campbell to his wife, Mrs. Gertrude Ellisor Miller.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH      VEC  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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RE  
Edward G. Brennan

329 First National Bank Building,  
Omaha, Nebraska.  
July 14, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID.

In accordance with your telephonic instructions received by this office on the evening of July 15th, 1936, requesting that a Special Agent of this office contact Mrs. Gladys Sawyer, 825 Park Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska, and arrange transportation in order that she might proceed to St. Paul to appear as a witness in the above entitled case, Special Agent J. N. Franz contacted Mrs. Sawyer and arranged that he would meet her and procure transportation for her to St. Paul.

At that late hour it was impossible to procure a lower berth for Mrs. Sawyer on the Pullman attached to Chicago and North Western Train leaving Omaha, Nebraska, at 9:15 P.M.; therefore a reservation was made for Upper Berth 6, Car 61, on said train.

The following expenditures were made by Special Agent J. N. Franz:

First Class, Round Trip Ticket	
to St. Paul - - - - -	\$ 14.10
Upper Berth - - - - -	2.00
Additional to cover expenses - - -	10.00
	<u>\$ 26.10</u>

At 8:45 P.M. Special Agent J. N. Franz called at 825 Park Avenue and escorted Mrs. Sawyer to the Union Depot, where she boarded Pullman Car 61 of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Train.

Very truly yours,

7-576-12363

R. A. AEE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Bureau  
CC Cincinnati  
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404 New York Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.  
July 17, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

BRAND

Reference is made to Bureau letter addressed to  
your office under date of June 26, 1936.

Pursuant to instructions contained therein, I am en-  
closing an order signed by Alvin Karpis directing that his per-  
sonal effects be forwarded to his father in Chicago.

You will note that several articles of men's apparel  
listed in the memo of Special Agent B. P. Cruise are not listed  
in the signed order. Karpis has stated that such articles are  
not his property but probably belong to Fred Hunter.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **7-56**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Oklahoma City, Okla.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-16-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7-1, 15-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>L.E. Kingman</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232, FUGITIVE; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>Kidnaping; Harboring; Obstruction of Justice; National Firearms Act.</b>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: .45 Calibre Colt Automatic pistol #C-177278, was sold by Harry Goldstein, 108 East 1st St., Tulsa, Okla. on 8-21-36 and application to purchase required by city ordinance was signed by James Brown giving the address of Jenks, Okla. No such person located at Jenks. Goldstein failed to comply with ordinance when selling this gun in having the purchaser submit his fingerprints. Tulsa Police will prosecute Goldstein for violation the ordinance.

P.

REFERENCE: Letter from the Cincinnati Office, dated 6-24-36.

DETAILS: At Tulsa, Oklahoma:

On July 1, 1936, this agent and agent Vaughn I. Parry called on Harry Goldstein and requested him to produce his records covering the sale of Colt's Automatic .45 Calibre pistol No. C-177278. Under Section 131 of the Penal Code of the City of Tulsa, all sellers of pistols are required to have the purchaser make application with their description and fingerprints on the original copy of same. This original is furnished to the Police Department. The penalty for failure to comply with any part of the requirements is a maximum fine of \$20.00. The duplicate remains with the dealer. This duplicate was numbered A 709 and was made out to cover a sale of this gun as of 8-21-35. The purchaser was James Brown, giving the address of Jenks, Oklahoma. The description recorded was, age 60, weight 170, height 5' 9", hair light, complexion light, eyes light. The price of the gun was \$36.75 paid in cash. The application was endorsed with the initials H.A.G. and Harry Goldstein said he had personally made the sale and filled out the application.

After checking with Goldstein, the original application was examined at the Police Department, where it was on file in the Record Room. No finger-

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prints had been taken in the space provided on the back of this blank. Tracings were made of the handwriting of the purchaser which consisted only of the signature. Three tracings of this signature are being forwarded to the Cincinnati Office.

Agent conferred with George Reif, Captain of Police, on July 15th, relative to the failure of Goldstein to comply with the city ordinance, and Captain Reif ordered Harry Kiskadden of the Pawn Shop detail to file a complaint against Goldstein for this violation in his failure to record the fingerprints of this purchaser.

**At Jenks, Oklahoma:**

A. G. Curtis, Deputy Sheriff, who has lived for many years in the small village of Jenks, said he did not know any James or Jim Brown or anyone named Brown, answering the description on this application. Mrs. D. E. Grubbs, Postmaster, said no James or Jim Brown was a patron of the Jenks Post Office, but directed this agent to the home of Willie Brown, white farmer, who lives 2½ miles west of Jenks. Willie Brown said his was the only Brown family living around Jenks and that he had no relatives named James or Jim Brown and knew of no such person. It is apparently impossible from the data available to develop the identity of the purchaser of this gun.

P E N D I N G



10-15-28 - Two Thompson machine guns, Nos. 6920 & 7609.  
10-19-28 - Three machine guns Nos. 6920, 7580 & 7662  
1-24-29 - Two machine guns Nos. 7501 & 7703  
1-30-29 - Two machine guns Nos. 7501 & 7831

The testimony of Peter Von Frantz was checked, but he stated that he did not know the disposition made of these guns by Frank Thompson. Reading through the transcript of record, it was ascertained that Frank Thompson had been arrested by the Chicago Police Department and had testified before the coroner's jury. Attempt is being made to locate the testimony of Frank Thompson made under oath before the coroner's jury before interviewing him.

It was noted that one of the machine guns, namely No. 7660, which was sold to Frank Thompson was one of the guns identified as being used in the Valentine massacre.

Interview concerning this matter will be had with Frank Thompson, and the information obtained will be covered in a subsequent report.

Very truly yours,

H. K. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Bureau ✓  
Little Rock  
St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
Cleveland

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July 27, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
ET AL,  
Edward George Bremer, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of the Chicago Office to the Pittsburgh Office, dated July 16, 1936, in which it is shown that machine gun No. 7609 which was until recently in the possession of Alvin Karpis, had actually been sold by Mr. P. Von Frantsius, 608 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Illinois, to Mr. Frank Thompson on October 15, 1928. This letter discloses that Thompson was not in fact a Deputy Sheriff of DeKalb County, Kirkland, Illinois, as he had represented himself.

The letter further indicates that certain other machine guns were sold by Von Frantsius to Thompson, who presumably represented himself as a Deputy Sheriff on the occasion of the purchase of the said guns. It also indicates that Thompson is well known to the Coroner's Office and also to the Police Department in Chicago.

It is desired that you immediately make extended efforts to locate the testimony of Thompson which was given before the Coroner's Jury relating to the St. Valentine's Day massacre. It is likewise requested that you immediately ascertain the full background of Thompson and determine the manner in which he purchased machine guns and disposed of them to underworld characters. Particular reference should be made to the disposition of the gun purchased by Thompson which was later found in the possession of Alvin Karpis. Thompson should likewise be thoroughly interviewed and the Bureau should be advised in the immediate future as to the results of this inquiry.

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Foxworth
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Joseph
- Mr. Lester
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Schilder

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director

cc - Cincinnati  
Cleveland  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER

DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 18, 1936.

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Time - 9:27 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

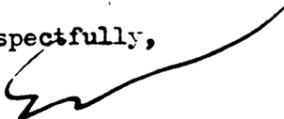
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Re: Bremer Case.

During a telephonic conversation which I had with Special Agent R. T. Ross of the Cleveland Office, I mentioned the Bureau-memorandum-lost-in-a-house-of-prostitution matter, and told him that the Bureau desires that one of the Agents at Toledo try to locate the Deputy United States Marshal to whom this memorandum or communication is supposed to have been turned over. I told Mr. Ross discreet inquiries should be made as to the identity of the person or persons who are spreading these stories.

Mr. Ross said he would get Mr. Wynn right on the investigation of this matter, and if anything tangible is developed, he will telephonically inform the Bureau.

Respectfully,



E. A. TAMM.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer case

While talking to Mr. Ross, Acting in Charge of the Cleveland Office, on other matters, I authorized him to expend an additional sum of \$100 in small amounts in connection with the activities of a confidential informant there.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

- Mr. Nathan .....
- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. Baughman .....
- Mr. Clegg .....
- Mr. Coffey .....
- Mr. Dawsey .....
- Mr. Edwards .....
- Mr. Egan .....
- Mr. Foxworth .....
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San Francisco, California  
July 15, 1936.

Mr. J. A. Johnston, Warden,  
United States Penitentiary,  
Alcatraz Island, California.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

Reference is made to your letter dated July 9, 1936, in which you have enclosed copies of all incoming and outgoing mail for prisoners Francis Keating, #130-Az, and Thomas Holden, #138-Az.

As you suggested, in checking this correspondence, if it discloses anything which you believe is of interest, we will be more than glad to advise you immediately.

I want to again thank you for your excellent cooperation in all of these matters, and assure you that we appreciate it a great deal.

Very truly yours,

W. L. LISTERMAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc. Bureau.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. 7-27

REPORT MADE AT <b>Salt Lake City, Utah</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-15-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7-11-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. T. McLAUGHLIN</b> OS
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <div style="float: left; width: 20%; font-size: small;"> <i>Original record of the original 12/27/37 11404</i> </div> Records Reno Sporting Goods Company reflect .45 calibre automatic pistol, model No. <u>C162893</u> , was received 11-10-33 and sold 11-10-33, no record as to purchaser. James Germain, owner of store, has no recollection as to purchaser of gun.  P.  Report of Special Agent W. C. Dorwart, Cincinnati, 7-8-36.			
DETAILS: <b>RENO, NEVADA.</b> James Germain, owner of the Reno Sporting Goods Company, was interviewed, and after examining his records it was ascertained that a .45 calibre automatic pistol, model number C162893, was received at the store 11-10-33 and was sold on the same day to an unknown purchaser for \$38.75. Mr. Germain stated that the laws of the State of Nevada do not require sporting goods houses or dealers in firearms to keep a record as to who purchases firearms, and that he had no recollection as to who purchased this pistol.  Photographs of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell were exhibited to Mr. Germain, as well as his clerk, Everett Cobb, but they could not identify either of these individuals as being in their place of business. Mr. Germain confidentially advised that in his opinion these individuals would not come to the sporting goods			
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store and that possibly the gun was purchased through some member of the Bank Club, a gambling house owned and operated by Graham and McKay. He stated that a number of guns in the past had been purchased by members of the Graham-McKay organization, and that he never made any notes as to what guns they had purchased, and that he was only expressing an opinion in connection with this matter.

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404 New York Building  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
July 18, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge  
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

BREKID

Reference is made to your letter of July 13, 1936, in which you refer to prior letter of the Cincinnati Office under date of June 21, 1935, addressed to the Director as to Stop Notices to be placed against certain \$1,000 bills presumably obtained by Cassius McDonald in Havana, Cuba, in exchange for the Bremer ransom money, particularly those described as Atlanta Federal Reserve \$1,000 bills, serial numbers F00022451A to F00022500A. *Proceeded of bank note, serial 19111111, 1-26-36*

At the present time considerable Bremer ransom money represented by the money obtained in exchange has not been accounted for and should any of these bills appear, it is possible we might be able to trace them to some connection of the members of this particular gang, and for that reason these Stops should be allowed to remain with the banks as previously placed.

As to Plymouth 1935 Sedan, motor number PJ322,772, as previously covered in memorandum of the Cleveland Office to all offices December 12, 1935, and letter of the Chicago Office dated June 15, 1936, we still desire to locate this automobile which was purchased by Milton Lett under the name of Carl Baker October 25, 1935, and used in the Garrettsville train robbery and subsequently not found. Also, the same instructions should continue as to 1935 Ford V8 Tudor Sedan, motor number 2,044,357, registered in Kansas in 1935 by J. M. Lett, 113 East 8th Street, Coffeyville, Kansas. We desire to locate these cars for the purpose that either may lead to the location of Milton Lett, against whom we have a possible harboring charge in the Northern District of Ohio, and also they might lead to the location of SAM, otherwise unidentified, who participated in the Garrettsville train robbery November 7, 1935.

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As to all offices having nothing remaining except the Stop Notices above referred to and other Stop Notices as to other automobiles, they should use their own judgment as to how they maintain these active and alive for future consideration and if it is necessary, the file should be kept pending for this purpose.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID AUG 18 1936

Dear Sir:

Reference is had to the letter of SAs E. J. Connelley, Cincinnati Office, dated June 2, 1936, concerning the above captioned matter, in which he reports the swindling of Mr. F. C. Tuttle, of Cincinnati, of the amount of \$30,000.00 by a group of confidence men, one of whom was believed to have been William Elmer Mead.

Special Agent P. M. Plunkett of this office, upon the receipt of advice from Mr. Harry L. Barker, Operative-in-Charge of the U. S. Secret Service at Boston, to the effect that an informant of his had reported that confidence men were operating from Portland, Maine and enjoy the protection of the police of that city, had a conversation with Mr. Barker's informant, whose name is known only to Mr. Barker, and sought at that time to obtain any information which might lead to the apprehension of William Elmer Mead as well as obtaining as much information as possible concerning operations of confidence men in this district.

Mr. Barker had advised Agent Plunkett that the informant was not willing to furnish information unless paid therefor and at that time the informant was advised that the Bureau would pay for information that would lead to the location and apprehension of William Elmer Mead. The informant frankly stated that William Elmer Mead was not known to him directly but only by reputation, but did state at that time that Mead had been, according to his information, a long time partner of one Frank Davis of New York City. The informant further advised that he had spoken with Davis within the past few weeks and Davis, who formerly resided at 865 West End Avenue, New York City, had advised him that he had not heard from Mead since he, Davis, was released from the U. S. Northeastern Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania about a year ago. The informant at the same time, concerning Mead, advised that one Jimmie Knowles, a confidence man who resides in Boston and usually frequents the lobby of the Copley-Place Hotel in this city, was well acquainted with Mead, was "broke" and might be

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willing to furnish information as he is not presently friendly with many of the confidence men.

During this same conversation Agent Plunkett mentioned to the informant an operation of a group of swindlers who had induced a victim in the Middle West to visit Portland, Maine on or about May 8th last. Without any further information having been given to the informant he replied that he knew this group very well and described the "steerer" as a person thirty-six years of age, five feet six inches in height, and weighing 120 lbs.. The informant further stated that he could say to Agent Plunkett that this "steerer" had probably used the name Huntington and had used the ruse that he represented Vickers, Limited, and desired to open an ammunition plant in this country. It there seemed apparent in the light of this information that the informant does know the persons who swindled Mr. Tuttle. The informant stated, however, that he desired payment for full information in this connection, and that he can furnish the correct name of each of the persons involved as well as their addresses to within a month or so. The informant claimed that he could probably give enough information so that their photographs and criminal records could be obtained. The informant did not name a price for this information, but suggested that the Bureau make him an offer, stating that the obtaining of the information would require his journeying to New York. He advised gratuitously, however, in order to show his good faith, that the name of the "steerer" mentioned above is one Happnie, alias Happney alias Happy. He further stated that Happnie is the brother of a Boston contractor and was employed by the "Boston Daily Post" in its advertising department some years ago; that Happnie is from the Dorchester District of Boston and has a family residing at either 20 Stonehurst Street or 5 Dever Street in the Dorchester district. The informant further advised gratuitously that the "booker", that is to say, the man who produces the winnings in the fictitious race, for the edification of the victim, has a wife who is in business in New York City, and that two of the other persons involved are from foreign countries, one of them being from Australia and the other from England, both of whom have no records in this country. This informant understood that Happnie has a record with the Boston Police Department.

The informant also stated that once a victim has been "steered" to the original contact he is thereafter constantly followed by another member of the group to observe his movements and whether or not he has become suspicious of the activities of the confidence men, this member of the group following him to the extent of riding on the same train with him and maintaining a surveillance of his contacts.

The Boston Police Department furnished this office with the photograph of one Matthew Happnie, which is being enclosed with copy of this letter to the Cincinnati Office for the use of the latter office in showing to Mr. Tuttle for identification. It is noted, however, that this picture carries Massachusetts Reformatory Number 20376 and it is not absolutely certain at this time that this is the same individual referred to by the informant.

It is believed that this informant can produce the information he claims and if the Bureau feels that his services could be utilized in connection with the furnishing of information concerning confidence men, it is respectfully requested that the Bureau advise this office immediately concerning authority to pay the informant as well as the amount of payment or payments to be made.

c. c. New York  
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Very truly yours,

  
C. D. MCKEAN  
Special Agent in Charge.

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August 3, 1936.

7-576 -10372

Special Agent in Charge,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated July 18, 1936, reflecting an interview by Special Agent F. M. Plunkett with a confidential informant of Mr. Harry L. Barker, Operative-in-Charge of the United States Secret Service at Boston, Massachusetts.

It would appear that the informant has considerable information of value in his possession concerning the identity and activities of confidence men. It is desired that your office take steps to encourage this individual to become an informant of the Bureau.

The Bureau is making extensive investigations in various parts of the United States relating to the activities of confidence men in the belief that information of value will be obtained which will be of assistance in solving violations of the National Stolen Property Act.

It is suggested that if this individual can be encouraged to become an informant of the Bureau, he may be able to provide information in the future which will enable the Bureau to obtain advance information as to confidence schemes involving the interstate transportation of money and other items of value in sufficient quantities as to constitute a violation of the National Stolen Property Act.

It is not possible for the Bureau to advise you as to the amount of money which should be offered this informant. However,

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

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It is believed that through a careful discussion of this matter with him your office may arrive at a working basis upon which information of value may be obtained in the future. This individual should be thoroughly interrogated as to the type and extent of information which he is in a position to furnish or will be able to obtain on behalf of the Bureau.

He should be advised the Bureau will be willing to compensate him with a reasonable sum of money commensurate with the type and value of the information he procures. You should, of course, ascertain from him immediately the conditions under which he wishes to operate.

It is desired that you give this matter your immediate attention and advise the Bureau without delay as to the results of this interview.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc - Cleveland.  
Mr. Connelley,  
Chicago.  
St. Paul.  
Cincinnati.

Post Office Box 1438,  
Little Rock, Arkansas,  
July 17, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: Brekid.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter from the  
Oklahoma City office to the Little Rock office under date  
of July 8, 1936, concerning the photographs of Mr. and  
Mrs. John Stover of Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Please be advised that the files of the  
Little Rock office in this case and the Kansas City ~~case~~  
case fail to reveal any photograph of either Mr. or Mrs.  
Stover.

Kindly advise if a direct contact with Mr.  
Stover is desired for the purpose of securing these photo-  
graphs, as it appears that this is the only means of se-  
curing the same.

Very truly yours,

CHAPMAN FLETCHER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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P.O. Box 1517  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
March 1, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:                    Re: LARRY E. POTTER  
                                     UNKNOWN VICTIMS  
                                     White Slave Traffic Act.

Reference is made to your letter dated March 20, 1936, concerning one Larry E. Potter, who is now in Sacramento, California.

Special Agent W. J. Fairright, of this office, has interviewed Potter, and from the information obtained, it is not believed that further investigation is warranted at this time.

It is noted that Potter is reported to be conducting a legitimate business at the Moderne Bar and Restaurant, and are both living at the Olympic Hotel with two women, apparently their wives.

Special Agent W. J. Fairright also was advised by ex-Sergeant of Police Tex Payne, of Salt Lake City, who was in Sacramento for the International Footprint Association Convention, that he had known Potter for many years in Salt Lake City, and that he formerly conducted a welling business, and subsequently went into the business of small hotels in Salt Lake City. Tex Payne further advised that he does not believe that Potter would maliciously transport girls in interstate commerce for the purpose of practicing prostitution.

Inasmuch as there appears to be no direct evidence of interstate transportation of girls, in violation of the White Slave Traffic Act, no further investigation is

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being conducted by this office, and the file in this case  
is being considered closed.

Very truly yours,

M. L. LISTON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

M. L. Liston.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Cleveland, Ohio</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7/17/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/1, 2, and 8 to 15/</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>E. J. WYNN EJB</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Arthur J. Pfund, former waiter Casino Club, identifies Jimmie Wilson, Doc Barker and Wynona Burdette as customers in summer of 1934; also recalls occasional visits by George Timiney. Richard Vogt, the "Dutchman", former hanger-on at Casino Club recalls Fitzgerald, Willie Harrison, Harry Campbell, Jimmie Wilson, Fred and Doc Barker and Gibson as regular afternoon customers at Casino in June and July, 1934, where they spent money freely, having stacks of bills on bar, and bought drinks for the "house"; also, that Timiney and vice squad and Ludy Fleming, Ohio state prohibition officer, visited club during this period. Captain M. J. Whipple, Louroe, Michigan, identifies Karpis, Campbell and Willie Harrison, who, with group of men and women, he observed on two occasions at Casino Club in May, 1934, and who bought liquor freely, placed large bets on race horses and so impressed him as "racket" that, although a regular customer, he stopped visiting the place. Otto Albrecht recalls Karpis being at Casino Club in June and July, 1934. Fred Barker and Slim Gibson interested in purchasing speed boat in summer of 1934 and considered boats of Ted Angus, Ludy Fleming and Joe Roscoe. Edith Marks states Timiney and Bert and Ted Angus are at odds but claims not to know reason for disagreement. One Paul Reno, residing in Toledo, O., may be the "Sam", who participated in Garrettsville, Ohio, mail train robbery. Sarafino Sinatra, alias Wop English, Licovoli gangster, serving life sentence Ohio State Penitentiary for murder, claims Frazier Reams, Lucas County Prosecutor, and Timiney, "framed" him, but will not "rat" on latter although expressed opinion he was collecting protection money.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: *[Signature]* SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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and provided names of gamblers who are antagonistic toward Timiney. Donald McGregor, Toledo police officer, intimates dropped from vice squad because too active. Rev. Chas. B. Harrison, Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Toledo, O. advises copy of his personal investigation of corruption in possession of Rev. Harlan Frost, Toledo; also, Eva Epstein Shaw, Toledo attorney, has confidential report of Social Hygiene Society on vice conditions. Lynn Mathews, Toledo police officer heard that Timiney split \$5,000 with Karpis in room at Algeo Hotel where Karpis hid out for six weeks, but claims not to recall person from whom received information, although has promised to cooperate. Part of log on telephone tap maintained by Prosecutor's office on Licovoli mob in 1934, in possession Detective James Ford, examined indicating a "fix" at that time. Charles M. Cady (not Kadie) has no information of value. Charles E. Murray presently in hospital. Partial check of Toledo, Ohio, newspapers made and publicity appearing therein on Karpis-Barker gang set out. Telephone taps being maintained on telephones of Maxine Belmont, alias Thomas and Earl (Ike) Wittenberg.

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Lynn Mathews log  
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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 7/11/36; report of Special Agent W. B. Matney, Detroit, Michigan, dated 7/10/36; Bureau letter dated 5/7/36.

DETAILS: AT TOLEDO, COLUMBUS, OHIO and MONROE, MICHIGAN

This report covers investigation of Special Agents J. V. Murphy, R. C. Suran, D. P. Sullivan, E. J. Dowd, H. B. Dill, E. J. Wynn, R. A. Guerin, and M. J. Kavanagh, in connection with harboring situation at Toledo, Ohio.

Special Agent D. P. Sullivan left Toledo, Ohio, on July 11, 1936 on subpoena, and Special Agent R. C. Suran, departed Toledo, Ohio, on July 13, 1936, on subpoena.

Special Agents E. J. Dowd, H. B. Dill, R. A. Guerin, and M. J. Kavanagh, have been engaged on telephone taps of Maxine Belmont and Earl (Ike) Wittenberg, since July 6, 1936, at Toledo, Ohio.

The following investigation was performed by Special Agents J. V. Murphy and E. J. Wynn on July 9, 1936:

In view of the fact that Arthur J. Pfund, 16 W. Woodruff, Zora Apartments, Apartment F, was a waiter at the Casino Club in the summer of 1934, he was brought to the temporary offices being maintained in Toledo, Ohio, and the following signed statement, the original of which is being retained in the Cleveland Bureau office file, was secured:

"Toledo, Ohio,  
"July 9, 1936.

"I, ARTHUR J. PFUND, make the following free and voluntary statement to E. J. Wynn and J. V. Murphy, whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. I make this statement without any threats or promises being made to me.

"My name is Arthur J. Pfund, age 45 years and married. I reside with my wife and her daughter at 16 West Woodruff Street, Toledo, apartment F, Zora Apartments. I am a waiter by occupation, and have followed that occupation about 26 or 27 years.

"I worked as a waiter at the Casino Club on Summit Street in Point Place, Toledo, in the summer of 1934, beginning work there about the first part of May, and left shortly after July, 1934. During the time I was working at the Casino Club as a waiter, I worked extra. That is, I worked every Saturday night to help out the other waiter, Jack Schmidt, and worked during the week on nights that Jack Schmidt was off. I would say that I averaged about three nights a week at the Casino Club. Near the end of my service at this club, I recall that I worked straight for a week or ten days as Schmidt was away at that time. I usually went to work about 7 or 7:30 in the evening, and worked until the club closed, which was usually in early part of next morning, anywhere from 2:30 to 5:00 AM. It was my understanding that Bert and Ted Angus ran this club, inasmuch as they paid me my wages and gave orders at that club. Bert and Ted Angus were both usually present at the club during the hours that I was there, and Bert acted as bartender.

"I recall that during the time I was working at the Casino Club as waiter, there was a Polish fellow called 'Babe', who was also a bartender and is now dead; that Jack Schmidt was the regular waiter, and there was a bartender there by the name of Jack Murtha. I also recall there was a porter worked at this club by the name of Charlie Becker, who was also known as 'The Skipper', and also there was employed there a woman cook whose first name is Marie.

"As a general rule there were very few people who ate their evening meals at the Casino Club, and the crowds did not begin to come in until after the orchestra arrived, which would be about 9:30 or 10:00 PM. I have examined a large number of photographs and have picked from these photographs those of persons I am now told are Jimmie Wilson, Arthur 'Doc' Barker, and Wynona Burdette, and have signed my name on the reverse side of these photographs as an indication of my identification. I have noted on the reverse side of these photographs there is typewritten their respective names. In referring to these people in this statement I shall refer to them by the names they are now known to me. I recall that on several occasions during my employment as a waiter at the Casino Club during 1934 I observed Wynona Burdette and Jimmie Wilson eating together and also have observed Jimmie Wilson and 'Doc' Barker eating together. I recall that on several occasions Wynona Burdette, while eating with Jimmie Wilson, would play on a ukulele and sing, and as I have stated before, there were very few people present in the club at this time in the evening.

"I also recall seeing these people, that is, Jimmie Wilson, 'Doc' Barker and Wynona Burdette present at the Casino Club on occasions later in the evening, and have observed other people sitting at their table, the crowd sometimes numbering as many as six or seven, but I do not know who the other people were. I do recall that Ted Angus would come over to their table and stand and talk a few minutes, and have observed the men in the party go up to the bar and converse with Ted and Bert Angus.

"I recall that some time after I quit working at the Casino Club I saw the photograph of 'Doc' Barker in either a Toledo newspaper or a magazine. As I recall, about this time there was some publicity about the gang of kidnapers that hung out at the Casino Club, and it was the result of this publicity that I learned the Karpis gang associated together at the Casino Club.

"Among the photographs which I have viewed I have picked out two of a man wearing glasses, who I am told is Ollie Berg, and also a photograph of a woman, who I have been told is Edna Murray. The photographs of this man and woman appear familiar, that is to say, I am of the opinion that I have seen them at some time in Toledo, Ohio, but I am unable to recall just where or under what circumstances.

"Among other persons whom I recall having visited at the Casino Club are Madeline Angus, Ruth Angus, and Madeline's sister, Rene. Also Ludy Fleming, who was formerly a State Prohibition man. I also recall having seen George Timiney and members of his squad visit the Casino Club usually around midnight, and the officers I recall who were with Timiney were Brennan, Brown and Tafelski.

On such occasions I would observe Timiney at times would sit at tables, but I don't recall whom he sat with.

"I have read the above statement consisting of two pages, and have signed my name at the bottom of page one and my signature to this second page, and have also marked with my initials several corrections appearing in this statement, and desire to state that the facts given by me in this statement are true to best of my knowledge and belief.

WITNESSES:

J. V. Murphy  
E. J. Wynn,  
Special Agents,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1448 Standard Bldg.,  
Cleveland, Ohio."

/s/ ARTHUR J. PFUND

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Pfund was more or less reluctant to talk when first interviewed and it was only after he was interrogated for several hours that he made the identifications as set out in his signed statement, although he stated he had been expecting to be interrogated with reference to this matter after reading the publicity about the gang having been at the Casino Club during the time he was a waiter there in 1934.

With reference to the association of Bert and Ted Angus with those persons identified by him, Pfund stated that so far as he could observe Ted and Bert were not more friendly with them than with other customers of the Casino Club.

Although questioned in detail, and shown all of the photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang, he was unable to make any identifications than those set out in his signed statement.

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The following is submitted by Special Agent E. J. Wynn covering investigation on July 9, 1936:

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[redacted] was interviewed and stated that Jack Schmidt, alias Cum Cum, after he was interviewed [redacted] stated that he had not told everything he knew; [redacted] that on one occasion Dr. Moran was at the Casino Club raising hell and was abusing Schmidt and had a gun on him; that Schmidt complained to Ted Angus and the latter told him, "I'll take care of that s\_\_b\_\_"; that Schmidt also said that he had seen some of the gang, particularly Karpis, in the Casino Club with bandages on their hands and faces.

[redacted] also said that a few days prior he had gotten drunk with Ted Angus and Ted stated that he was going to Michigan for a month or so; that he planned on visiting Killer Burke at the Michigan Penitentiary; that Killer Burke at one time lived with Bert Angus in Chicago, Illinois, and that at such times as Killer Burke was in Toledo before his apprehension he would visit Bert and Ted Angus. He stated that Ted Angus made no reference to the present investigation being conducted in Toledo, Ohio.

[redacted] stated that he understood that some relative of Nig Cousins, whose first name he thought was Charlie, was a bartender at the Casino Club for a while; also, that Art Pfund was a waiter there in 1934.

[redacted] Jack Schmidt is greatly shaken up over his being interviewed, and immediately after the interview was very frightened. Jack Schmidt will again be interviewed.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and E. J. Wynn on July 10, 1936:

While Agents were interviewing Mr. Arthur E. Herman, a boat mechanic, near the Bayview Yacht Club, Point Place, a man was observed to come over to the automobile on the running board of which Agents and Mr. Herman were sitting, and this man, as he passed, was called "Dutch" by Mr. Herman. Inasmuch as Agents had been endeavoring to locate a man known as "The Dutchman", who was reported to have been an employee of the Casino Club in 1934, Mr. Herman was asked as to whether "Dutch" had been so employed, and Mr. Herman replied in the affirmative. This man, who is Richard Vogt, also known as "The Dutchman" was brought to the temporary office in Toledo for interview, and a signed statement, which is quoted below, secured from him.

It developed that Vogt had just finished cleaning up the speed boat of Joe Roscoe, and that Roscoe was then at his boat house about seventy-five yards away, looking over his speed boat, and that the car, on the running board of which Agents and Mr. Herman were sitting, was Joe Roscoe's Buick automobile.

The following signed statement, the original of which is contained in the Cleveland Bureau office file, was secured from Vogt:

"Toledo, Ohio  
"July 10, 1936

"I, RICHARD VOGT, make the following free and voluntary statement to E. J. Wynn, and D. P. Sullivan, who I understand to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice:

"I am 55 years of age. I was born in Bremen, Germany, July 4, 1881, and came to the United States in 1901. In 1926 I came to Toledo, Ohio, to live. I have never been married. For many years I earned my living by working on freight boats on the Great Lakes.

"About 1929 I began working for Joe Roscoe off and on when I was not working on the steamboats. I worked for him at the Jovial Club, and cleaned up his speed boat and did odd jobs around his house, and I am still working for Joe Roscoe off and on cleaning his boat and working around his home. I have not worked at the Jovial Club for about a year or a year and a half ago when I got canned by Ed Warndke for being drunk.

"About the first of June 1934 I was working as a handy man at the Roadway Inn on Summit Street in Point Place next door to the Casino Club. The entrance to the Roadway Inn was in the back in the basement. Tom Worland owned the

Roadway Inn and Sam Hessler and a pimp named Kelly ran it for him. They had liquor and a dance hall in the Roadway Inn. This place opened around eight or nine in the evening. Bert and Ted Angus were running the Casino Club at that time. Charlie Becker, who is also called 'The Skipper' tended bar in the Casino Club during the day until about four or five o'clock in the afternoon, when either Bert or Ted Angus would show up.

"I used to go up to the Casino Club in the morning and afternoon to see Charlie Becker. Sometime around the first of June, 1934 I remember seeing a man by the name of Buff in the Casino Club. I have been shown a bunch of photographs and have picked out a photograph which I am told is that of Harry Campbell. That's the guy named Buff. I have signed my name on the back of this picture.

"About the same time, I saw a guy whose name I don't know. I have picked out of a bunch of pictures one which I am told is a picture of James J. Wilson. That's the guy I am talking about. He used to be with Buff. I have signed my name on the back of this picture.

"Then there was a guy named Willie who used to be around there with Buff. From a bunch of pictures I have picked one which I am told is a picture of William J. Harrison. That is the fellow I knew as Willie. I have signed my name on the back of the photograph.

"One day at the Casino Club, Buff told me he wanted me to go over and clean up his house as his wife was coming home from the hospital. Buff and the Wilson fellow took me over to Buff's house which was a two story frame house with a drive way on the left side of the house. It was on 131st Street in Point Place, about two or three houses off of Summit Street. Buff drove the car which was a blue coupe. I think it was a Ford automobile. They left me alone in the house, and they told me to go ahead and clean up and that they were going to the hospital to get Buff's wife. I cleaned up the place, and I saw three blue caps with gold eagles on the front of them. They looked something like Coast Guard caps. There were a couple of large nickel plated revolvers in a drawer, and I figured right away that these guys must be prohibition officers. About two hours later Buff and the other fellow and Buff's wife came back. She was pretty weak and Buff helped her in the house. I had snatched a drink but Buff gave me another one and on top of it gave me \$10.00 for cleaning up the house. I never will forget that guy. That was the best job I ever had. I went down to the Casino Club and spent four bucks of that money getting drunk with Charlie Becker, and I told Charlie Becker that those guys must be prohibition officer, but I couldn't figure out where they got all their dough, and Charlie told me that prohibition officers got \$175.00 a month, and all

they could shake out of bootleggers. I figured they must have gotten plenty because they were in the Casino Club almost every day and spent four or five hours there and always had a pile of bills laying on the bar. I know that I wished that I had been born in this country so I could have gotten that kind of a job.

"From a bunch of pictures I have looked at I pick out a picture of a man I recall as a short man and whom I am told is Fred Barker. I have signed my name on the back of this picture. I also have picked out a picture of an old man with a cane, and have been told that it is a picture of Charles J. Fitzgerald. I have signed my name on the back of the picture. I have also picked out a picture of a man whom I am told is Russell Gibson, and I have signed my name on the back of the picture. I recall that he was a tall fellow. I have also picked out a picture of a man I am told is Arthur R. 'Doc' Barker, and I have signed my name on the back of this picture. I recall that he was a short man. I have picked out a picture of a woman I recall was the woman Buff said was his wife. I am told now that this photograph is that of Wynona Burdette, and I have signed my name on the back of this picture. She had dark hair and had dark skin. I just saw her the one time at her house when she came home from the hospital.

"All of the men whose pictures I have picked out, I have seen at the Casino Club at different times drinking together in the day time. I usually left there around eight o'clock at night as I had to go home and sleep. These men would start coming in the Casino Club from eleven o'clock in the morning. Sometimes they would spend as much as four or five hours drinking there. They drank plenty of good whiskey, and spent I guess about a hundred dollars a day there, because they would buy me drinks and anybody else who was in the Club. I never saw the men wearing the caps I saw out at Buff's house, and nobody ever told me what these men did but I do recall hearing them talking about the old man with the cane being a real estate man. When he first came there some of the men said that he was Willie's father. This old man is the one I am told is Fitzgerald. The old man would always make everybody drink a whiskey and a beer, and would get mad if you didn't drink a whiskey and a beer and he used to get drunk and mad and bang his cane down on the bar and swing it around in the air. All of these men had their money in piles on the bar, and they would all buy drinks for the house. I got so I would watch for them every day as I knew I could get plenty of free drinks.

"All of these men would have a good time in the Casino, and they would play the electric piano and have the radio turned on, and they would sing and dance around there, and would kid and joke with me and Charlie and Bert and Ted Angus and anyone who was in the Casino Club. They all seemed like good friends. I don't know if anybody knew who these guys were as other people

would be at the club and sometimes Chris Brennan, Tafelaki and George Timiney and other guys on the vice squad would be there. Captain Timiney is a good friend of mine and calls me the Monkey. \* Vogt Ludy Fleming who was a state prohibition officer used to come to the Casino Club around two or three times a week during the summer of 1934, and he would be in the Casino Club at the same time these men were in there. I used to clean up Ludy Fleming's speed boat the "Cum Cum" at that time and he would pay me \$5.00 to clean it up.

"I remember these men whose pictures I have picked out were around the Casino Club a couple of months, and I got plenty of drinks out of them. I remember when they left Buff was driving the car and two of the others I don't remember now which ones they were were with him and they had two suit cases at the Casino and Ted told me to put the suit cases in the car and I would get a tip and I went out and put them in the car but I did not get a tip but they bought me a couple of drinks before they left. Ted told me they were transferred to Minneapolis, Minn., and that he was losing some good customers and I know that I lost a lot of free drinks. I never did see them after that. After they left there were hardly any customers left the Casino Club, and the Roadway Inn had closed so I shipped away on the boat.

"I have read the above statement consisting of three pages, and have signed my name at the bottom of pages one and two, and to this, the third page, and have signed my initials to corrections appearing in this statement. I desire to state that this statement is true to the best of my knowledge, and that the facts have been given by me freely and no threats or promises have been made to me.

/s/ RICHARD VOGT

WITNESS:

E. P. Sullivan  
E. J. Wynn, Special Agents,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice."

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The photographs identified by Vogt, and signed by him as an indication of the identification, are also retained in the Cleveland Bureau office file.

Vogt resides in Toledo, Ohio, at the Northern Hotel on Superior Street, and stated that he can be contacted there; also, that he keeps in close touch with Mr. Pole (phonetic), Shipping Commissioner, who is located at Grange and Summit Streets, and that in the event he, Vogt, is

on the boats Mr. Pole will know how to get in touch with him. He also stated that he has a sister, Mrs. Charles Carclins Weber, residing at 244 Eagle Street, Buffalo, New York.

Vogt related that there was formerly a porter working at the Casino Club in the summer of 1934 whose name he is unable to recall, but who is now employed at the interurban station stacking baggage; that on one occasion Fitzgerald came in the Casino Club and insisted that this porter drink a whiskey and a beer, but that the porter did not want both drinks and Fitzgerald insisted and finally swung at the porter with the cane and narrowly missed hitting the porter in the head. Effort will be made to locate and interview this unknown porter.

Vogt stated that he is acquainted with Maxine Belmont, who runs the Shelby Hotel, a house of prostitution, and that he has been visiting her place for several years as a customer; that he has observed her at the Casino Club in 1934 on occasions, and that she has also been to the New Casino Club, but he could not state that he ever observed anything particular about her visits and she appeared to be just a regular customer.

He stated that during the past winter he was employed at the New Casino Club operated by Bert and Ted Angus, and that Marie, who is the cook at the New Casino, and was also the cook at the Old Casino, told him that the gang who were hanging around the Casino were a bunch of kidnapers and bank robbers, but that he would not believe it until he read about the arrest of Harry Campbell in Toledo, Ohio, on May 7, 1936, and recognized his photographs as those of the man he knew as Buff.

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The following investigation performed by Special Agent H. B. Dill and E. J. Wynn on July 12, 1936:

Mr. M. J. Whipple, 119 Scott Street, Monroe, Michigan, a former captain on a private yacht which docked at Bayview, was interviewed and stated that he has been acquainted with Bert and Ted Angus for several years, and visited the Casino Club when it was a bootleg joint; that in the fall of 1932 he was introduced to a man by the name of Willie at the Casino Club by Ted Angus, and given to understand that Willie was in the liquor running business and came from Indiana. He identified a photograph of Willie Harrison as Willie; that thereafter, on several occasions, he saw Willie at the Casino Club, and recalled that Willie was always sort of a "cut up"; that in May, 1934 the yacht on which he was working tied up at Bayview and he took a week's leave and hung around the Casino Club, and he recalled that at that time the club was undergoing some construction work and preparations were being made for a grand opening; that the following week he was back at work, and went over to the Casino Club at noon time to get some lunch, and noticed a group of five or six men accompanied by several women come in and sit at the bar, accompanied by Willie; that he spoke to Willie, and the latter and several of the men in the group insisted on buying him drinks; that he observed that all of the men had plenty of money, large rolls of it in their pockets, and that they flashed this money freely; that he was sitting near the telephone booth and heard several of the men go into the booth and call some bookie and place bets of \$50 and \$100 on horses; that the group of men, as a whole impressed him as being short in stature and of small build, as being "hoodlums." Whipple identified the photographs of Alvin Karpis before and subsequent to his apprehension as being one of the men; the photograph of Harry Campbell dressed in a sweater which appeared on the Identification Order, as another of the men; and the photograph of Wynona Burdette as being the likeness of a woman who was with the group and who he associated with Harry Campbell, although he was not positive in his identification of her. As an indication of identification, Captain Whipple signed his name on the reverse side of the photographs of Willie Harrison, Alvin Karpis, and Harry Campbell and these particular photographs are being retained in the Cleveland Bureau office file.

Continuing, Captain Whipple stated that the following day he again went to the Casino Club about noon for some lunch, and again saw the group of men, and they insisted again on buying him drinks, and he again saw them flashing rolls of money and heard them over the telephone, placing large bets with a bookie; that he sized up the crowd and decided that they were big time hoodlums and that it would be best for him to stay away from the Casino Club, and as

a result he had his wife pack his lunch each day and he did not again, during that summer, visit the Casino Club; that he remained in the vicinity of Bayview for about a month or five weeks, which would have been most of the month of May, and possibly the first week in June, 1934, and then left on a cruise; that he had never observed a crowd of men such as these men at the Casino Club before this time.

Whipple stated that at such times as he saw these men at the Casino Club, neither Bert nor Ted Angus was present, as they usually did not get to the club until the late afternoon; that Charlie Becker was the bartender on duty; that Coolie Monroe was also hanging around the Casino Club in the spring of 1934; that on an occasion after the summer of 1934, he met Monroe in the Jovial Club in Toledo, and drove Monroe to the cottage of Walter Belpash at Niles Beach, Ohio, and shortly thereafter Monroe was picked up by Agents of the Bureau and questioned at the Commodore Perry Hotel. (This was February 1, 1935. See report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, dated at Chicago, Illinois, March 23, 1935); that some time later he again met Monroe and the latter told him that Agents had questioned him, Monroe; that after Bert and Ted Angus opened the New Casino, he, Whipple, visited the place and as best he could recall it was shortly after they opened (May, 1935), he talked with Bert and Ted Angus and told them that he was sorry that he ran into the bunch of "mugs", who were around the Casino in the summer of 1934, and Ted and Bert told him that they were also sorry that the bunch had been there as it had caused them a lot of trouble.

With reference to the race horse bets mentioned by Whipple, reference should be made to the report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, dated at Detroit, Michigan, September 25, 1934, pages four and five, reflecting information received from Ben Wise, through Detective R. L. Peters, to the effect that Wise had talked with Nig Cousins at the latter's "book shop", 428 Superior Street, (which is the R. & K. Cigar Store), at a time when Cousins was accepting bets over the telephone, and that Cousins at that time stated that these "sucker" bets were from friends of Bert and Ted Angus, who were in Toledo from Chicago, cooling off.

Captain Whipple stated that Captain George C. Chambers, who is mentioned in the report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, June 23, 1936, was a frequenter of the Casino Club, where he usually became intoxicated and that he was a good friend of Charlie Becker's, and that Chambers should have some pertinent information about the gang. A lead is presently outstanding to the Detroit office to locate Chambers and other boat men, who were at the Casino Club in the summer of 1934.

Reference should be made to the report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, June 13, 1936, indicating that Bert and Ted Angus, when arranging for the rental of houses for the gang, represented that they were working on the boats at Bayview. Captain Whipple stated that if Bert or Ted Angus had told him that the men were mariners, he would not have believed them, because the men observed by him did not have any of the marks of mariners; for instance they did not have "slack knees"; also, they did not have the general appearance of mariners; that, as stated above, they so impressed him as hoodlums that he refused to go back to the Casino Club after his two contacts with them. In this connection, Captain Whipple stated that he would have continued visiting the Casino Club if it had not been for this crowd.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents J. V. Murphy and E. J. Wynn at Toledo, Ohio, on July 15, 1936:

Mr. Otto Albrecht, 5916 Edgewater Drive, Point Place, Toledo, Ohio, mentioned on page eleven of report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, July 11, 1936, as having been a frequent visitor at the Casino Club in 1934, as related by Mrs. Edith Marks, and also mentioned in report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, June 20, 1936, wherein his activities as a former slot machine operator are set out, was interviewed at his residence for the purpose of effecting any identifications on his part of the Barker-Karpis gang having frequented the Casino Club during the summer of 1934.

He stated that he has known Bert and Ted Angus for eight or ten years, but is not intimately acquainted with them; that he often went to the trap shootings held on the waterfront in Bayview Park across from the Casino Club, on Saturday afternoons, and on such occasions would frequently drop into the Casino Club for some beer. The various photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang, who were known to have been in Toledo during the summer of 1934, together with their women associates, were exhibited to Mr. Albrecht and he identified various photographs of Alvin Karpis, taken both prior and subsequent to his apprehension, as being a man observed by him in the Casino Club in the summer of 1934, about June or July, and that on such occasions as he observed this man the latter was usually with a group of men, none of whom he could identify from photographs exhibited to him. In this respect he stated that he spent not more than fifteen minutes on each visit he paid to the Casino Club, and he was never there during the evening or night entertainment. As he recalled, he never entered into discussions with any strangers in the Casino Club and never noticed anything suspicious about Karpis or associates, which in any way served to attract his attention. He stated that he had a faint recollection there was an elderly man with the group, who had a cane, but he was unable to identify the photograph of Charles J. Fitzgerald, and he further stated he did not recall any women being with the group of men, and also that he had no recollection of Karpis, or the group of men, buying drinks for the "house."

Mr. Albrecht advised that he first learned that the Karpis gang hung out at the Casino Club in the summer of 1934, from newspapers which accounts appeared some time thereafter, and when he read these newspaper accounts he decided not to make any mention of his visits to the Casino Club to anybody as he did not desire to become involved in the matter in any way.

Mr. Albrecht impressed Agents as being reluctant, and stated as he was old and in bad health he hoped he would not be called as a witness in the matter, and further stated to Agents he appreciated that the inquiry of Agents was being made in connection with possible charges of harboring against those persons who protected the gang while they were in Toledo, Ohio.

In conclusion he stated that he never discussed this matter with either Bert or Ted Angus, or any other persons, but did state that he heard from some person in Point Place, whom he could not recall, that some of the gang lived in Point Place in the summer of 1934. Also he stated that on his visits to the Casino Club, as set out above, he noticed Captain George Timiney of the Toledo Police Department, either sitting in a car in front of the club, or in the club, but he could not recall any particular instance of Timiney's being in association with the group of men in the club, or with any other persons. Nor could he recall any specific instance of Timiney's drinking in the Casino Club, and he stated he presumed that Timiney was at the club on official business.

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The following investigation was performed by Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and E. J. Wynn on July 10, 1936:

Mr. Arthur E. Herman, 2844 116th Street, Point Place, who operates a boat repair shop and agency for the Criss Craft Boat Company, at Bayview, Point Place, and who, during the summer months lives in his cabin boat, was interviewed and stated that he is acquainted with Ted Angus, and has repaired Angus' speed boat in the past; that Ted Angus kept the speed boat, the Hay Bag, in a boat house near his repair shop; that Angus recently sold his speed boat.

He stated that in the summer of 1934, Ted Angus had the boat for sale, and that two men, who he identifies from photographs as Fred Barker and Russell Gibson, were riding with Ted Angus in this boat; that Ludy Fleming, a state prohibition agent, interested these men in his boat and they were about to buy it.

It was necessary to rather abruptly terminate this interview with Mr. Herman, inasmuch as Richard Vogt, known as the Dutchman, an important witness for whom Agents have been looking for some time, was spotted in the vicinity, and it was necessary to bring Vogt to the temporary offices in Toledo, Ohio, for interview.

On July 11, 1936, Special Agents J. V. Murphy and E. J. Wynn interviewed Mr. Arthur E. Herman more in detail as follows:

He again identified the photographs of Russell Gibson and Fred Barker. The photographs of Russell Gibson identified by him are the full length photo showing Gibson dressed in dark suit, double-breasted, wearing spats, and the bust photograph marked, "Mo. State Pen. 32487", and the photograph of Fred Barker is that one marked on the face with the number 3204. He stated he never learned their names. He further stated that he recalled that on one Sunday, in the summer of 1934, Ted Angus, and the two men started out from Angus' boat house in the Hay Bag; that they were all pretty well "crooked"; that they started out of the slip and Ted Angus, who was driving the boat, slipped the clutch and broke a dog lock; that they pulled the boat into his repair shop and he fixed the broken part; that Ted Angus told Herman that the two men (Fred Barker and Slim Gibson) were interested in buying the boat and that Ted regretted that the trouble had happened when he was demonstrating the boat; that he, Herman, understood from previous conversations with Ted Angus that the latter wanted between \$2,500 and \$2,700 for the boat; that on this occasion the three men went out in the lake for a short distance and returned at a terrific rate of speed, in violation of the rule that boats are to enter the slip at not more than four miles per hour, and as a result, rocked the boats which were tied

up along the docks and the owners complained about this conduct; that he, Herman, on two occasions saw these men (Fred Barker and Slim Gibson) at the Casino Club in the afternoon, but could not recall that he observed either Bert or Ted Angus with them, however, Bert Angus was usually attending bar at such times as Herman was at the Casino Club, which was on rare occasions; that for some reason Herman was under the impression that the two men were prohibition officers, but would not state that he heard this information from Bert or Ted Angus, but was of the opinion that he gained this idea from seeing the men in association with Ludy Fleming, a state prohibition officer, who was also trying to sell these men his boat, or from the various mariners at Bayview, who visited the Casino Club; that a short time thereafter, he saw these men on one occasion with Ludy Fleming at the Bayview Yacht Club, and then later saw the two men riding in Ludy Fleming's speed boat at which time they were coming into Bayview Yacht Club at a fast rate of speed, having ripped a board off the bottom of the boat and were trying to make dock before it sank; that this boat was hauled out of the water at the Bayview Yacht Club, and the two men (Fred Barker and Slim Gibson) came over to see Mr. Herman about repairing the boat, and he looked it over and gave them a figure of \$400.00, and they told him they were buying the boat from Ludy Fleming, and were going to Cleveland on business and authorized him to repair the boat; that he endeavored to get the boat from the Bayview Yacht Club and was told by Paul Becker of the club that there was a bill against the boat and he would not release it until the bill was paid; that about two weeks later the two men (Fred Barker and Slim Gibson) came to see if the boat had been repaired, and when told of the unpaid bill they all went to see Paul Becker and learned that the bill was only \$3.00, or so, which was paid by the men and they told Herman to go ahead and repair the boat; that about ten PM that night Mrs. Ludy Fleming called Mr. Herman on the telephone and told him that she was having trouble with Ludy Fleming, her husband, and understood that he was trying to sell the speed boat, which he had no right to do as it was her property, and warned Mr. Herman against doing any repair work on the boat, and that as a result Mr. Herman manifested no further interest in the boat and had no further contact with the man.

Mr. Herman stated that in the early spring of 1935 he had occasion to ride in an automobile from Toledo, Ohio, to Detroit, Michigan, with Joe Roscoe for the purpose of buying some parts for the latter's speed boat; that at that time Joe Roscoe asked Mr. Herman if he recalled the two men who were trying to buy Ted Angus' speed boat, and if he ever knew who they were, and at that time told Mr. Herman that they were part of the Karpis mob, who had been hanging out at the Casino, and that one of the men was in jail and the other one had been killed in a fight with Federal officers. Roscoe further told Mr. Herman that he, Roscoe, had the two men out riding in his speed boat, but that when

he informed these two men he wanted \$5,000 for his boat, they would not consider purchasing it. Mr. Herman stated he never knew that these two men had ever been out in Joe Roscoe's boat until Roscoe told him.

Mr. Herman stated he understood Mrs. Fleming has obtained a divorce from Ludy Fleming, but he does not know where divorce proceedings were instituted, or where she is now residing.

As has been indicated in previous reports on this investigation, Ludy Fleming is presently residing in Cincinnati, Ohio, with Rene Holst, and will be interviewed at a later date.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents E. J. Wynn and J. V. Murphy on July 13, 1936, at Toledo, Ohio:

Mr. Paul Becker, general caretaker and handyman at the Bayview Yacht Club, Point Place, Toledo, stated that he recalls that in the summer of 1934, Ludy Fleming, a state prohibition officer, had his boat at the Bayview Yacht Club; that on the day this boat was taken off the drydock and put into the water, Ludy Fleming advised him that he was going to sell the boat to two men whom he had met a short time previous; that Ludy Fleming came down to the slip accompanied by two men and they took a ride in the boat, although Becker recalled he had warned Fleming against taking the boat out until it had been in the water a few days longer because of the likelihood of ripping off a plank, which is likely to happen to a fast speed boat when it has not soaked long enough in water to make the planking pliable; that Ludy Fleming nevertheless took the two men out and they returned in a short time without a mishap; that later that day these two men, accompanied by two women, came to the Bayview Yacht Club to go riding in Fleming's boat, unaccompanied by Ludy Fleming; that he, Becker, warned the women against going out in the boat, and they heeded his warning and remained in their automobile while the two men took the boat out; that shortly thereafter the two men drove the boat into the Bayview Yacht Club slip at a terrific rate of speed and were obviously experiencing trouble and called to him that they had ripped off a plank, whereupon he pulled the boat out of the water; that he recalled that Art Herman came over to look at the boat to see about repairs, but inasmuch as he, Becker, had not been paid for hauling the boat out of the water, he would not release it to Herman; that he recalled that about a week or so later the two men came back and paid him for hauling the boat out, and as he recalled, Alfred Boehk, a carpenter, who is presently employed by the Harrison Boat Works at Bayview, repaired the boat, and, he thought, saw considerable of these two men.

Mr. Becker, who incidentally is no relation to Charlie Becker, a former bartender at the Casino Club, was shown the photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang, but was unable to identify any of the photographs as being the likenesses of the two men to whom Fleming was trying to sell his boat. He described one of these men as being about six feet tall, slender build, sallow complexion, high cheek bones, black hair, which would fit the general description of "Slim" Gibson, but whose photographs he was unable to identify, stating that he only talked to these two men but a few minutes and did not pay much attention to their description. He stated the other man was a much shorter man, but could not recall just what he looked like. It is to be recalled that Mr. Arthur Herman, when interviewed recently, identified the photographs of "Slim" Gibson and Fred Barker as the two men who damaged Ludy Fleming's boat.

Mrs. Paul Becker, wife of Paul Becker, was present during the interview with her husband, and she stated that she recalled the incident of the two men being interested in buying Ludy Fleming's boat, and the

occasion of their tearing off a plank of the boat while making a trial trip in it; that she never engaged these two men in conversation and was not close to them while they were at the Bayview Yacht Club, as she only observed them from the porch of the club house; that while she noticed that one was a tall man and the other a short man, she could not furnish much of a description of them, and was unable to identify any of the photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang as being these two men.

Mrs. Becker produced a used receipt book containing the stubs of receipts, which included a receipt stub dated June 19, 1934, reflecting the receipt of \$1.30 from Fleming. She stated this represented the payment for hauling out his speed boat from the water at the rate of five cents per foot, and as the speed boat was twenty-six feet in length, the cost was \$1.30. Both she and her husband stated that, as they recall, Fleming himself did not make the payment, but the payment was made by the two men about a week after the boat was pulled out of the water, as related above, and this was the bill standing against the boat when he refused to let Art Herman have the boat to make repairs.

Mrs. Becker further stated that Walter and Ethel Burwick, who at that time lived in a boat at Bayview, were close personal friends of Ludy Fleming; that Walter Burwick at that time drove a bakery wagon; that Mr. and Mrs. Burwick told her that when they first met the two fellows, who were going to buy Fleming's boat, they thought these two men were nice fellows, but later told Mrs. Becker that these two men were no good; that Mr. and Mrs. Burwick, in the fall of 1934, moved to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where Mr. Burwick peddled doughnuts somewhere in the vicinity of the beach; that she has not heard from them directly since they moved away, but is of the opinion that they are still located in the vicinity of the beach at Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

The Jacksonville office is being requested by separate letter to locate and appropriately interview Walter and Ethel Burwick in this connection.

Mrs. Becker further stated that it was her understanding that Eva Fleming, the wife of Ludy Fleming, very recently divorced him at Toledo, Ohio, and that Eva Fleming is employed in some capacity by the Kopf Motor Sales Company, which is located at 1214 Jefferson Street, Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Becker both stated they have no recollection of seeing these two men or any other persons riding in the speed boats of Joe Roscoe or Ted Angus, explaining that Roscoe and Angus kept their boats in boathouses, and they saw them only when they purchased gasoline for their boats.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents J. V. Murphy and E. J. Wynn at Toledo, Ohio, on July 15, 1936:

Mr. Alfred Boehk, 547 Spencer Street, Toledo, Ohio, a boat carpenter, and the man mentioned by Paul Becker as having repaired Ludy Fleming's boat in the summer of 1934, was interviewed at the Harrison Boat Works near Bayview Park, Point Place, Toledo, Ohio. He was rather hazy at first with reference to the incident, but after some little conversation stated that he recalled working on Fleming's boat in the summer of 1934; that he understood from conversation around the Bayview Yacht Club that the boat had been operated shortly after it was placed in the water from dry dock, and before the hull had time to sufficiently water soak, and as a result several of the planks on the underside of the boat were pulled off; that, as he recalled, he was engaged to do the repair work by Walter Burwick, who was a friend of Ludy Fleming, and was so engaged after the boat had been pulled out of the water for several weeks; that he knew that Arthur Herman had originally figured on the job and wanted to make a big job of it by replacing almost the entire bottom; that, as he recalled, Walter Burwick paid him for the job, which amounted to about twelve or thirteen dollars, but he did not get his money until about two weeks after the job was finished; that he at no time recalled seeing two men, who were supposed to have damaged the boat.

Mr. Boehk stated that Ludy Fleming was commonly known in Point Place by the nickname of Dusty.

He also stated that Burwick had moved somewhere in the state of Florida. This coincides with information obtained from Mr. and Mrs. Paul Becker.

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On July 10, 1936, Mrs. Edith Marks was again interviewed at Lakeside, Michigan by Special Agents J. V. Murphy and R. C. Suran. Mrs. Marks stated that she had not been in communication with George Timiney since she was last interviewed, but that she would no doubt hear from him in the near future as she contemplated going to the Algeo Hotel to obtain the possession of her golf clubs, which Timiney had given to a manicurist at that place. She stated that if Timiney made any remarks concerning the present investigation she would advise Agents at the time she was next interviewed. She stated that the last time she saw Timiney, as related in the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, dated July 11, 1936, Timiney remarked to her that Agents had accused him of being the pimp for Kitty Diamond, madam of a house of prostitution, and Timiney stated that he was going to punch the first Agent he saw in the nose for making that accusation against him. Agents, while making an investigation at the house of Kitty Diamond, on June 12, 1936, did question Kitty Diamond about whether she was friendly with Timiney, or other members of the Toledo, Ohio Police Department, but never at any time accused Timiney of being a pimp, although it appears from the information obtained during the investigation that Timiney did accept money collected from houses of prostitution.

Mrs. Marks stated that for the past two years Timiney has done considerable drinking and she has seen him "shaking like a leaf" before he would eat breakfast. She stated she use to berate him for frequenting the "honky tonk" joints in Toledo as she would want to go to nice places and Timiney would always give her the same answer that you could not get information in a church. She stated that one of the joints which is strictly underworld is the Turf operated by a woman named Buckley and a man named George Sullivan; that the Buckley woman and Sullivan, an underworld character, are expected to get married soon. She stated the Turf is a drink joint and that Timiney spends a great deal of his time at this place.

Mrs. Marks stated that she firmly believed that Bert and Ted Angus were no longer friendly with Timiney and that their enmity was not just a "show". She stated that after the Angus brothers opened the New Casino on Dura Drive in Toledo, Timiney sent a squad of officers out there to close the place for violation of the one o'clock closing law. As previously related by her, Mrs. Marks, she had no information concerning the reason for the quarrel between the Angus brothers and Timiney.

Mrs. Marks was questioned concerning any places Ted Angus might own or operate in the state of Michigan, and she stated that to her knowledge the Angus brothers have no places in Michigan, and the only place she knew of that Ted might go in Michigan is wherever Ruth Wells is located.

Concerning Joe Roscoe, she stated that Roscoe came to her home about the middle of June, 1936, and advised her that he had fallen off the roof of the building at Middle Island while repairing it and had broken several ribs. She stated that Roscoe at that time had his sides taped.

Mrs. Marks insists that she has furnished all the information in her possession concerning Timiney and the Angus brothers, but did make the remark that a good time to talk to her would be after she had seen the manicurist at the Algeo Hotel about her golf clubs.

Mrs. Marks stated that she would call Agents when she went to the Algeo Hotel and she was advised by Agents that there was no place she could call. It was not deemed advisable to furnish her with the confidential number of the temporary offices in the Edison Building, or the residence number of Agents. Mrs. Marks stated that she would call number ADams 1696, which number she obtained from the telephone while being interviewed at the Edison Building. Mrs. Marks was not advised that this number was fictitious, having been placed on the telephone by Special Agent in Charge Connelley to avoid the correct number of the office being obtained.

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On July 9, 1936, Special Agent D. P. Sullivan interviewed Sarafino Sinatra, alias Wop English, #67853, at the Ohio State Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio. The file on English shows that he was received at the penitentiary on January 5, 1934 to await execution under a death penalty for murder in the first degree. This penalty was inflicted as a result of the killing of Jackie Kennedy, a Toledo racketeer. On June 10, 1935, English received a commutation of his sentence to life imprisonment.

English was quite bitter, stating that he was serving a "bum rap"; that Frazier Reams, Lucas County Prosecutor, and George Timiney had framed him for the purpose of getting publicity. English denied that he was ever connected with the Licovoli gang, although he admitted having been acquainted with the various members of the mob. He stated that he has known George Timiney for many years; that about three months before the death of Jackie Kennedy, Timiney met him on the street and told him that the Licovoli mob was going around and shaking down gambling places, houses of prostitution, and slot machine operators and the members were getting money in this way that they were not entitled to. Timiney wanted English to tell the Licovoli gang to get out of town, but English refused, stating that even though he was an Italian he would not put himself on the spot by doing what Timiney wanted, especially since it was Timiney's job to get rid of the gang. Timiney then told English that from then on he and English would be enemies; that he intended to throw all of the Licovoli gang in jail and if he got a chance to throw a rap on English he would do so at the first opportunity.

English continued that after Kennedy was killed, he was arrested in Toledo, was kept in the Lucas County Jail for eleven days and was viewed by various witnesses and then released. Some time later he was arrested in Akron, Ohio. English stated that at the trial two young boys identified him as one of the men at the scene of the killing. Later, according to English, at the trial of Yonnie Licovoli, these two boys admitted on the stand that Timiney had taken them to the Lorain Hotel where he kept them in a room. Each boy was given \$25.00 by Reams, or Timiney, a suit of clothes and a job and English stated that Timiney provided the boys with liquor and women while they were at the hotel. English stated further that during Yonnie Licovoli's trial, Timiney produced a prostitute, who did not appear against English and who testified that she saw English kill Kennedy.

English stated that while he was awaiting execution at the penitentiary, Governor White had some special investigators make an investigation of his case, and they later told him personally that it was their opinion that the two boys who testified against English were liars.

Although English is quite bitter against both Reams and Timiney he denied knowing or having any information that Timiney had protected criminals hiding out in Toledo. He stated that it was apparent that Timiney was probably receiving protection money; that he had heard that Ted Angus was the pay off man for gambling houses, slot machines and houses of prostitution. He denied knowing who paid off or the manner in which Ted Angus collected.

English stated that Harry Bernstein formerly was a power in the gambling racket in Toledo and Timiney kicked him out; that it is probable that Bernstein will talk; that a slot machine operator in Toledo named House, was run out by Timiney; that House is presently operating a few slot machines in East Toledo, and it is probable that some valuable information may be obtained from House concerning Timiney's activities; that Aronoff hates Timiney and should be willing to tell what he knows concerning Timiney; that Johnnie Thomas is considered rather weak and should talk. English, although questioned, refused to give any definite reason why Thomas would "squawk" on Timiney.

Throughout the interview it was apparent that English had information concerning pay offs and protection, but was reluctant to provide any information about these things. He stated that he expects to spend the rest of his life in the penitentiary and expressed a fear for his safety if it should become known that he had provided any information to a law enforcement officer; that although he thoroughly hated Timiney and Reams, he would not "rat" even on them.

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Press dispatches in Toledo, Ohio, indicated that on July 1, 1936, Donald McGregor, who had been a member of the vice squad of the Toledo Police Department, had been transferred back to the uniform service. McGregor, it will be recalled, is the officer, who on June 11, 1936, visited the house of prostitution operated by Kitty Diamond, at the time when Agents were conducting an investigation there. McGregor at the time was accompanied by Officer Cook. These officers stated at the time that they were making a routine check of the house.

On July 10, 1936, Special Agents J. V. Murphy and R. C. Suran interviewed McGregor at his home, 4022 Overland Parkway, Toledo, Ohio. McGregor advised that he had been on the Toledo Police force for approximately seven years; that during the years 1930 and 1931 he was on the vice squad of the department and worked under various officials who were in charge of the squad at different times, namely,

Officers Mead, Langendorf, Timiney, and Ford. He stated that in 1931 he was transferred back to the uniform force and remained there until May, 1936, when he was again given the vice squad assignment under Captain Fauble; that he continued on the squad until July 1, 1936, when he was again put in uniform.

McGregor stated that he was given no explanation as to why he was taken off of the vice squad, but had heard various stories why the transfer was made. He stated that the story that he had heard from several sources was that he had "run" into Federal Agents too frequently and was too friendly with them; that he, McGregor, was also too friendly with a police official who had been talking too much with Federal Agents. McGregor did not name the official to whom he referred, but it is known that Captain Hennessy is friendly with McGregor and lives about a block from him. McGregor stated that while he had only met Agents on the one occasion at Kitty Diamond's house, he had observed the Agents frequently in the vicinity of the various houses of prostitution.

Another story McGregor stated he had heard was that he had been too active on the vice squad and had stepped on somebody's toes. He refused to state who had objected to his activities on the squad and stated that he would not put the "finger" on any policeman, although a policeman had put the "finger" on him. McGregor stated that he made a case whenever and wherever possible and on June 18, 1936, he, with Officer Cook, arrested Jane Evans at the Shelby Hotel, who was operating the place in the absence of Jennie Whitie. Jennie Whitie operates the Shelby for Maxine Belmont, whose telephone is presently being tapped by Bureau Agents.

McGregor stated that Jennie was not in the house and the Evans woman was arrested as the keeper; that a prostitute, Martha Martin was arrested as she was having a date with William Kennedy, 1108 Madison Street. He stated that Judge Ramey was on the bench and fined the Evans woman \$15.00 and costs for keeping a house of ill fame; that the Martin woman was fined \$10.00 and costs and Kennedy forfeited a \$50.00 cash bond and a capias has been issued for him. McGregor stated that Kennedy is a married man and would have been fined only \$5.00 had he appeared in court, but Kennedy, due to his marital status, chose to forfeit the \$50.00 bond. McGregor stated that Judge Ramey is never very hard on the prostitutes when they appear before him.

McGregor stated that in less than two weeks after the above arrests were made he was removed from the squad. He refused to elaborate further on this matter. He stated that Cook, who participated in the arrests, was not removed from the squad, McGregor explaining that Cook is the brother-in-law of Captain Fauble; that

Cook went on his vacation the same day he, McGregor, was removed from the squad and he does not know who will be Cook's partner when Cook returns to work.

McGregor stated that Captain Fauble placed him on the vice squad over the wishes of Chief of Police Ray Allen, and that he, McGregor, did not ask for the assignment and did not care for it.

McGregor stated that Captain Fauble is a good officer and he firmly believes that Fauble is honest and would never remove an officer for doing his duty; that Fauble was not instrumental in his, McGregor's, removal from the vice squad.

Concerning Captain Timiney, McGregor stated that he would consider a man honest until evidence was produced to the contrary; that he had nothing but hearsay concerning Timiney and he would make no statements concerning Ted Angus, but did state that he never liked Ted Angus and if Ted Angus was sent to the penitentiary he, McGregor, would be glad of it.

McGregor advised that Itchy Levine, who operates the night club known as the Walk of the Town, was formerly the operator of the Palm Hotel in Toledo, Ohio, which place was a house of prostitution. He stated that several years ago the Palm Hotel became so "rotten" that in the false front cigar store of this hotel, a girl, practically nude, would sit as an advertisement and inducement to men to enter the place. Dave Britz, who is alleged to have framed Detective James Ford, was also connected with this house at one time. McGregor advised that Itchy Levine is a dope addict and also peddles narcotics.

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On July 9, 1936 at Columbus, Ohio, Special Agents J. E. Thornton and D. P. Sullivan interviewed Reverend Charles B. Harrison, North Methodist Episcopal Church, 32 East Tompkins Street. Harrison stated that he was assigned to a church at Toledo, Ohio, for several years; that he realized that Toledo was a hotbed of corrupt politics and upon receiving the cooperating of a group of citizens with whom he was working he proceeded to make a personal investigation of vice and corruption in Toledo. Harrison refused to provide the names of the persons who supported him, but indicated that the Council of Churches was interested. Harrison stated that he met and interviewed practically every public official in Toledo, visited gambling houses and houses of prostitution to get the actual facts. Harrison stated that he was astounded by what he found. He submitted a thirty-six page double spaced typewritten report in January of this year, and

he distributed seven copies and retained one for himself. Harrison stated that his copy was misplaced, but he told Agents that Reverend Harlan Frost, the present head of the Council of Churches in Toledo had a copy which he would undoubtedly lend to Agents.

Harrison stated that he was transferred in the first of February, 1936, but had completed his investigation at that time. He said that his inquiry covered the following phases of lawlessness: prostitution, slot machines, protection, gambling. Harrison, upon questioning, stated that he would not divulge the sources of his information because he had given his solemn word to the various persons interviewed that he would never mention their names. Harrison had some information about pay offs, gambling, etc., but it appeared to be of a general nature. He stated that his "secret" investigation disclosed that Ted Angus had been the pay off man in Toledo for years. Harrison did not know, however, what individuals paid off to Ted Angus, how, when or where this money was paid, and who received the benefits. He stated that he had found that Timiney was an intelligent and capable officer, but was not entirely honest; that Timiney could not be trusted in matters concerning houses of prostitution and gambling because he was certain that Timiney was receiving protection money. Harrison either would not or could not tell Agents the person or persons from whom he had received this information.

Harrison stated that when Mayor Klotz came into office in January of 1934, some individual ordered seven suits from a tailor, and Klotz was seen wearing a new suit of clothes a short while after the suits were ordered. Harrison stated that a former Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Frazier Reams' office might have information about this accident. This man resigned as Assistant Prosecutor about a year ago and is presently practicing law in either the Nicholas Building, or the building directly across the street, in Toledo, Ohio. Harrison said that this man likewise had complete information on the elaborate system of slot machine operations in effect, including the persons paying off and collecting protection money.

Harrison stated that a woman who operates a house of prostitution at 902 Monroe Street, has a little group of madams having houses in the vicinity, from whom she collects graft or protection money. Harrison did not know this woman's name, but it is probably Rose Bush, 900 $\frac{1}{2}$  Monroe Street, who is a close friend of Maxine Belmont. Harrison heard that Maxine Belmont likewise was a collector of graft, and a man named Mose. Harrison stated that Timiney never collected in person, but that the above persons collected for him.

Concerning the police department, Harrison stated that Captain Hennessy and Detective James Ford were entirely honest; that he thought Ford was the best detective on the force and had more information concerning the underworld, corruption and protection than any other man in the police department. Harrison stated that Glenn Berning, a detective working in the downtown district, was well informed, but Harrison would not vouch for his honesty. Concerning the municipal judges, Harrison said that Lee Merlin and Judge Morris were absolutely honest and trustworthy; that Merlin was a former Assistant United States Attorney and Harrison had given him a copy of his investigative report. Harrison stated that Judge Ramey is not entirely trustworthy and is more the politician type.

Harrison was interviewed over a period of three hours. He appears to have a great deal of general information, such as that which appears in newspapers and Agents gathered that most of his information concerning individuals was obtained by him from Captain Hennessy and Detective James Ford. Harrison refused to disclose the names of any of his informants, stating his word was his bond and he would not disclose their identities.

Harrison stated that The Social Hygiene Society in Toledo hired one of the best detectives they could find in the year 1934. This man visited houses of prostitution, talked to madams and inmates, and submitted a lengthy report on vice conditions in Toledo. Harrison said he found this report to be accurate and that Mrs. Eva Epstein Shaw, an attorney in Toledo, has a copy of this report and would probably be glad to lend it to Agents for use in this investigation.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents H. B. Dill and E. J. Wynn on July 2, 1936 at Toledo, Ohio:

Mr. Joe Remue, 1747 Spencer Street, advised that very recently he had a conversation with Sergeant Lynn Mathews of the Toledo Police Department, who stated that he was acquainted with a man who knew that Karpis at one time, after an escape, was at the Algeo Hotel for a period of six weeks, never leaving his room and having his meals sent up; that the man who is known to Mathews either secured \$5,000 for Karpis or knew a person who did secure it, and was in the room when the money was divided evenly between Karpis and Captain George Timiney of the Toledo Police Department.

Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and E. J. Wynn contacted Joe Remue on July 8, 1936, at which time Remue advised that Mathews resided at 529 Lodge Street, Toledo, Ohio, and that he, Remue, since previously interviewed had contacted Mathews and told Mathews that he would send a couple of Federal Agents to see him, and Mathews told Remue that he would not talk because he was only a sergeant and did not care to become involved with Captain Timiney.

On July 13, 1936, Special Agents J. V. Murphy and E. J. Wynn interviewed Sergeant Lynn Mathews at his home, 529 Lodge Street, Toledo, Ohio. He advised that he is a sergeant of police, in charge of the police department garage, where he meets all uniform officers and detectives who are motorized; that at one time some years ago he was on the vice and hoodlum squad. In connection with his work as garage mechanic he stated he has heard frequent reports from uniform officers and detectives that Federal men are working in Toledo, and have been here since Harry Campbell was apprehended.

He stated he did not desire to become involved with Captain Timiney, and did not desire to be known as a "squawk" in the police department, stating, "You fellows know how it is in this department, if they get down on you for squawking, you are done." He advised, when assured that the matter was confidential, that several months ago, while he was on duty at the police garage, some civilian, who occasionally saunters into the garage, whose name and occupation he has never learned, began talking about the Karpis gang and this man claimed to know a man who either secured \$5,000 for Karpis, or was present in Karpis' room in the Algeo Hotel when \$5,000 was split equally between Timiney and Alvin Karpis; that this man also claimed to know that Karpis, after some escape, time not stated, laid up at the Algeo Hotel for a period of six weeks never leaving his room.

Mathews stated that he would make it his business to watch for the man from whom he learned this story, and to secure his name and occupation and furnish it to Agents, who made arrangements with Mathews to again interview him at his home in the near future.

Joe Remue, with reference to Sergeant Lynn Mathews, advised that some years ago the horses belonging to the Toledo Police Department were stolen and there was quite a scandal about it; that there was some rumor that Mathews took part in this theft, and he, Remue, knew that Mathews shortly thereafter, was driving a big, powerful car, and as he recalls it it was a Cadillac. Remue also confidentially advised that it was his understanding that Sergeant Mathews had the reputation of being crooked.

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Following investigation was performed by Special Agents E. J. Wynn and J. V. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio, July 15, 1936:

Joe Remue was interviewed at his residence 1747 Spencer Street, Toledo, Ohio, and he stated that on Wednesday, July 15, 1936, he visited the Identification Division of the Toledo Police Department and talked to Inspector Jack Irwin, who told him that Lynn Mathews, Sergeant in Charge of Police Garage, informed him that two G-Men were out to see him at his house about the incident of Timiney having split \$5,000 with Karpis at the Algeo Hotel; that Jack Irwin indicated to Joe Remue that Lynn Mathews told Irwin that he, Mathews, had told Joe Remue about this and Remue had in turn contacted the G-Men. Remue further stated that in his conversation with Jack Irwin, Irwin seemed to possess some information with reference to activities of Agents in Toledo, and expressed his opinion that the G-Men had Timiney pretty well in the "bag."

Remue said that after he left the office of Jack Irwin he met Lynn Mathews outside the door and Mathews told him about the G-Men being to see him and that he told them he did not know who the man was who told him about the matter at the Algeo Hotel, but he was going to find out who he was, but he would not, under any circumstances, give this information to the Federal Agents, but would give it to Joe Remue, indicating he desired to take this round-about way to get the information to Agents.

Joe Remue stated that it was his impression that Lynn Mathews was being evasive, and he in fact knows who the man was who told him about the transaction, inasmuch as when Lynn Mathews first told Remue about the matter, he stated he knew the man who saw the division of the money take place, but did not know whether or not the man would so testify. Remue stated as soon as he secures the name of the man from Mathews he will inform Agents.

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During the course of the investigation conducted by the Prosecuting Attorney's office at Toledo, Ohio, in conjunction with certain members of the police department concerning the Licovoli mob in Toledo, Ohio, in January, 1933, a telephone tap was maintained by officers James Ford and Merle Unkle on the telephone of Jake Sulkin, alias Firetop, who was then residing at 4523 Overland Parkway, Toledo, Ohio. Sulkin's telephone number was Lawndale 7490. Ford maintained a part of the log of this tap and Unkle, who is now Chief of Police at Mansfield, Ohio, is reported to have maintained a portion of the log.

The portion of the log now in the possession of James Ford was examined by Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and R. C. Suran, and there appeared to be little in the log of value to the instant investigation. Two conversations of possible interest were noted and they are as follows:

Telephone call in to number Lawndale 7490 made at 3:50 P. M. on January 11, 1933.

In - (Firetop) Hello.  
Out - (Jerome Starsky, an attorney) Hello Fire, it looks like something was doing over at the police station.  
In - What is wrong?  
Out - It looks like Harry (Harry Jennings, former Chief of Police) is the man who is putting the men on the new jobs.  
In - Do you think so?  
Out - It is the same old vice squad that he formerly had. I am going to the council meeting tonight to see if I can see Ad. (Addison Q. Thatcher, former Mayor)

Telephone call out of number Lawndale 7490, made at 4:35 P. M., on January 11, 1933:

Out - Man - Hello.  
In - (Firetop) Hello this is Firetop. Is Hunts or Mose (Shapiro) in? (This call made to Grand K. Smoke Shop, Adams 7023.)  
Out - Hello, Mose talking.  
In - Hello Mose this is Firetop talking. Do you think you can handle that.  
Out - I do not know what you mean.  
In - The fix.  
Out - I do not know. Is there anything to it?  
In - Don't be silly, of course there will be.  
Out - I'll talk to Hunts and let you know.

The above conversations indicate that the Licovoli mob had a "fix" in with the local administration under Mayor Thacher. Firetop Sulkin was subsequently convicted of murder and the telephone conversations overheard played a prominent part in the trial of Sulkin, and also at the trial of Yonnie Licovoli for murder and the conversations used at the trial were reported at some length in the Toledo News Bee of October 26, 1934, and in the Toledo Blade of March 13, 1935.

The Mose referred to in the above conversation is probably identical with the Mose mentioned by Rev. Charles Harrison as being the "fix" in Toledo, Ohio, at the time Reverend Harrison was conducting his investigation in Toledo concerning gambling and vice conditions.

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On July 1, 1936, [redacted] furnished the following information to Special Agent E. J. Dowd:

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[redacted] he has been visiting Zeik's beer joint at 825 LaGrange Street, a place frequented by underworld characters, due to the fact that Zeik is known as a "right guy", and is a close friend of Joe Roscoe, and he noticed that there is a man who spends a good deal of his time there, and answers the description of "Sam", who is wanted as the fifth man in connection with the Garrettsville mail train robbery on November 7, 1935. [redacted] this man is a quiet sort of fellow, who seems to mind his own business, however, when a stranger enters the place, he carefully observes him.

[redacted] he made discreet inquiry regarding this man from Zeik, who advised that the man, who is known as Paul Reno, "is from the old school, and 100%; that he served time and was released from prison last year." [redacted] heard Paul Reno talking to one "Joe the Polak", who worked at one time for Fretti brothers, and during the conversation Joe related an experience he had while travelling in a speed boat to Middle Island, at which place he visited with Joe Roscoe. Reno told Joe that he was acquainted with Roscoe.

[redacted] succeeded in getting an introduction to Paul Reno and accompanied him to Bobby Surtman's beer joint; that while he was with Reno, the latter did very little talking [redacted] stated that he satisfied himself that Reno is an ex-convict and acquainted with Joe Roscoe. [redacted] described Reno as being about 55 years of age, 5 feet 10 or 11 inches tall, weight 180 to 200 pounds, medium complexion, large Roman nose, wrinkled crease around mouth, brown eyes, slightly stooped shoulders, hair greying at temples and hair line. Reno walks and talks slowly. The description of Reno fits the description of the fifth man wanted in the Garrettsville mail train robbery, therefore, a further discreet investigation will be conducted to determine whether Paul Reno is the man wanted by the Post Office Inspectors.

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The following investigation was conducted on July 13, 1936 by Special Agents E. J. Wynn and J. V. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio: -----

[redacted] was interviewed and stated that Ben Wise is still located in Toledo, Ohio, but he does not know his home address; that Wise and Nig Cousins are said to operate a saloon at 531 $\frac{1}{2}$  Superior Street; that when Ludy Fleming was a state prohibition agent at Toledo, he would knock off a load of smuggled liquor and would sell it through Ben Wise; that Ben Wise is of Jewish descent; is about 45 years old, but looks younger, and hangs out quite a bit in the R. & K. Cigar Stand, a book shop operated by Jake Romanoff and Nig Cousins at 428 $\frac{1}{2}$  Superior Street; that Wise was convicted in Federal Court at Toledo in 1926 or 1927, and sentenced to serve a term in Atlanta Penitentiary, but secured a transfer to the Federal Reformatory at Chillicothe, Ohio, where most of his sentence was served. It will be noted [redacted]

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[redacted] was presently at 428 $\frac{1}{2}$  Superior Street at a time when Nig Cousins was taking bets over the telephone and that Cousins informed him these bets were from friends of Ted Angus who were in Toledo from Chicago "cooling off." Both Ben Wise and Nig Cousins will be interviewed in this regard in the near future.

[redacted] stated he has made a number of discreet inquiries in the underworld at Toledo for Cooley Monroe, but is unable to secure any information regarding him or his whereabouts; that he does not recall such a person as Cooley Monroe, but may know the individual under some nickname.

With reference to the man known as Paul Reno, who is believed might be the same person as "Sam" who participated in the Erie mail train robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, November 7, 1935, [redacted] stated that Paul Reno has a room at 729 LaGrange Street, but he is a regular frequenter at Zeke's saloon, 825 LaGrange Street; that he has been trying to discreetly ascertain if and where Reno served time, but so far has been unsuccessful as Reno is very close-mouthed and always manages to change the subject when it is mentioned. This matter will be held in abeyance pending the receipt from the Bureau of information and photographs of any Paul Renos of whom they have record. When photographs are received efforts will be made to ascertain if any can be identified as the man "Sam", who stayed overnight at the farm house of Clyde Rochat, near Newton Falls, Ohio. The Cleveland office has requested the Bureau by letter to furnish photographs of all persons by the name of Paul Reno.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents J. V. Murphy and E. J. Wynn at Toledo, Ohio, July 15, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. B. Matney, Detroit, Michigan, July 10, 1936, containing information to the effect that Mr. Charles Kadie, an engineer at the Cherry School, Toledo, Ohio, was reported to have information with reference to the manager of some night club on the Dixie Highway having harbored Karpis and Campbell while they were in Toledo.

Investigation developed that the person referred to in report as Charles Kadie is in fact Charles M. Cady, who resides at 4302 Commonwealth Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, and who has been employed as an engineer at the Cherry School in Toledo, Ohio, for the past eleven years. He was interviewed at the Cherry School and advised that he is a married man, with a grown family; that due to the fact that his income has been limited by extensive pay cut during the last five years, he has not had an opportunity to do much else in his spare time other than stay at home; that the only knowledge he has concerning the Barker-Karpis gang is that gained from newspaper accounts; that he never obtained any first hand information, or information from any other persons concerning the gang, and is at a loss to understand how his name ever came up in the matter, as he had no information whatsoever concerning any person having harbored Karpis and Campbell, and should he have any such information he would readily disclose same as he is not in sympathy with persons of that character.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents J. V. Murphy and E. J. Wynn at Toledo, Ohio, July 15, 1936:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of May 19, 1936 (62-42897) enclosing a letter directed to the Bureau by Charles E. Murray, 1313 Ontario Street, Toledo, Ohio, dated at that point May 11, 1936, said letter containing a request by Murray to have an Agent call on him in order that he might point out a criminal hideout on Jefferson Avenue known as Louie the Greek's place, at which point he alleged, Sheriff O'Reilly frequented.

Agents called at the home of Mr. Charles E. Murray, 1313 Ontario, Toledo, Ohio, and observed that the premises have the general appearance of being occupied by a very poor class of people, and the residence is located in the cheap rent district of the city. A young boy, who stated he was Mr. Murray's son, advised that his father, Charles Murray, was in the County Hospital, where he was to undergo an operation.

A lead is being set out to interview Mr. Murray in the near future.

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The Toledo News-Bee newspaper was examined by Special Agent H. B. Dill and the following articles pertaining to instant case were found:

January 19, 1934, page 1 col. 5

Picture of Bremer with the following notation: "Edward G. Bremer still in the hands of his abductors."

January 20, 1934, page 1, col. 2

Article states police believe that Bremer is still alive because the last ransom note bore his signature.

January 25, 1934, page 1, col. 5

"Mrs. Bremer gives up hope for her husband."  
"Ransom reported paid."

January 26, 1934, page 1, col. 4

This article states that the ransom money has been paid and Bremer will be released by Saturday night.

January 27, 1934, page 1, col. 6

This article states that the ransom is still unpaid and Bremer is not released.

January 29, 1934, page 1, col. 4

"Fears of Bremer growing."

February 8, 1934, page 1, col. 2

"Bremer freed; \$200,000 paid to kidnapers."  
Picture of Bremer appears in column 3.

April 28, 1934, page 1, col. 4

"Jail Chicago politician as kidnap aid."  
"Politician John (Boss) McLaughlin and William E. Vider reputed gambler and bootlegger charged with conspiracy in the Bremer case."  
"The actual kidnaping of the St. Paul banker had been charged to Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker and Arthur Barker, Oklahoma outlaws \*\*\*."

April 30, 1934, page 1, col. 1

"Party boss admits part in kidnaping."

"McLaughlin confessed to handling \$53,000 of the ransom money paid for the release of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, the Department of Justice announced."

May 25, 1934, page 19, feature article

"Law seeks five leftovers."

Above the article there appears pictures of the following: Mrs. George M. Chase, Holland "Irish" Walter O'Malley, Alvin Karpis, and Volney Davis with the name "Barker" under it. The article mentions kidnapings of victims August Luer, Charles Urschel, Edward Bremer and others. The article also states that the police raided a farm house at Mannford, Okla. and fingerprints of Arthur (Doc) Barker and Alvin Karpis were found on flash lights and gas cans; that these two men are already under indictment for the Bremer kidnaping.

The Toledo Blade newspaper was examined by Special Agent H. B. Dill and the following articles pertaining to instant case were found:

February 13, 1934, page 2, col. 8

"Bremer Kidnap Clue Revealed."

"Hideaway used by banker's abductors believed discovered."

Des Moines, Iowa, February 13 (AP)

Iowa State Police states he believes he has found the Bremer hideaway eight miles south of Des Moines.

April 27, 1934, page 1, col. 3

"Bremer Kidnap Money Seized."

Article states that a man was arrested and \$3,000 of the \$200,000 ransom money was recovered. Name of person arrested and the circumstances were not mentioned.

"Federal men announced Wednesday Alvin Karpis and Arthur (Doc) Barker, sought for questioning in connection with the Bremer abduction, were with John Dillinger at Mercer, Wis. when Federal operatives conducted their unsuccessful raid Sunday."

The Toledo Blade newspaper was examined by Special Agent H. B. Dill and the following articles pertaining to instant case were found:

March 1, 1935, page 1, col. 5

"Karpis reported seen in Indiana."

Detroit, Mich., March 1, (INS)

"Michigan State Police broadcast at 7:30 AM that they had seen Alvin Karpis between Elkhart and Mishawaka, Ind. driving a Packard automobile with 1935 Indiana license plates #1-1557."

May 3, 1935, page 1, col. 6

"Activities of outlaw band while hiding here revealed."

"Witness in trial of ten members of the Barker-Karpis gang for Bremer kidnaping tells of his flight to Toledo and subsequent adventures."

"James J. Wilson described his flight from Chicago to Toledo: 'When I arrived at Toledo I made my way to the Casino Club and asked for Ted Angus, who runs it. I asked Ted where to get in contact with Shorty (Fred Barker, who was slain by Federal operatives in Florida recently) and he said Shorty was in town but he would not say where Shorty was. I stayed at the Casino Club that night in a small room and the next day I walked to the home of Shorty in Point Place.'"

The article stated that the members of the gang to hide out in Toledo were: Wilson, Miss Burdette, Karpis, Ollie Berg, Moran, Slim Gibson, Volney Davis, the Barkers, and Campbell. Paula Harmon and William Weaver were also mentioned.

May 15, 1935, page 1, col. 3

"Bremer kidnap trial near jury."

This article states that the case was expected to go to the jury on that day; that seven persons were on trial, however, no names were mentioned; that Federal Judge M. M. Joyce prepared to instruct the jury.

May 16, 1935, page 1, col. 5

"Kidnap Trial Nearing Jurors."

This article states that the defense in the trial of Arthur (Doc) Barker and six others was on its last lap today. Names mentioned were Barker, William Vidler, Phillip Delaney, and James J. Wilson, all of Chicago. Other names mentioned were: Ollie Berg and Harold Alderton.

May 28, 1935, page 1, col. 1

Weyerhaeuser case - "Hunt spreads across border; Karpis and Kelly pals are suspected."

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The telephone tap on Maxine Thomas, alias Belmont, is being maintained by Special Agents R. A. Guerin and M. J. Kavanagh, and that on Earl (Ike) Wittenberg is being maintained by Special Agents Dowd and Dill.

The tap on the Wittenberg telephone indicates that the people connected with the bonding company are very close to the police department, and that they are able to fix traffic violation tickets and bench warrants, and are able to obtain information with reference to the activities of the police.

Copies of the logs covering these telephone taps are being promptly submitted to the Bureau, Cleveland, Chicago, Cincinnati, and St. Paul Bureau offices.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The CINCINNATI OFFICE at Cincinnati, Ohio, will note the reference in this report to Ludy Fleming, who is now reported to be residing with Rene Holst at Cincinnati, Ohio, and will, at such time as Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley instructs that Rene Holst is to be interviewed, also arrange to interview Ludy Fleming concerning his knowledge of the Barker-Karpis gang having associated at the Casino Club. It may be well to consider Fleming as a prospective subject in the harboring investigation.

The CLEVELAND OFFICE at Mansfield, Ohio, will interview Chief of Police Merle Unkle, who was formerly a detective at Toledo, Ohio, and arrange to examine that portion of the telephone log he has covering the taps on the Licovoli gang in 1934, for the purpose of arriving at a determination as to the "pay off" or "fix" at that time.

At Toledo, Ohio, will reinterview Jack Schmidt, also known as Cum Cum, a former waiter at the Casino Club, in the light of information furnished by [redacted] to the effect that Schmidt did not tell the entire story when first interviewed. b7d

Will again interview Mrs. Edith Marks.

Will consider interviews with Harry Bernstein, a man named House, Benny Aronoff and Johnnie Thomas, all mentioned by Wop English as gamblers who might be antagonistic toward Timiney at this time.

Will interview Reverend Harlan Frost and secure from him a copy of the investigation on underworld conditions made by Reverend Harrison in 1934.

Will contact Eva Epstein Shaw, attorney, and secure a copy of the vice investigation conducted by the Social Hygiene Society.

Will continue investigation as to whether Paul Reno is identical with "Sam" of the Garrettsville, Ohio, mail train robbery.

Will endeavor to contact Charles E. Murray, 1313 Ontario Street, with reference to his allegations concerning a criminal hideout visited by Sheriff O'Reilly.

Will again contact police officers Kenneth M. Larson and James Ford, at their homes, to secure any further information of value they may be able to furnish.

Will again contact Joe Kemue, 1747 Spencer Street, to secure any information he may have obtained from Sergeant Lynn Mathews.

Will thoroughly interview Ben Wise, who is reported to operate a saloon in the 500 block of Superior Street, relative to his knowledge of the Barker-Karpis gang associating at the Casino Club, and their placing "sucker" bets with Nig Cousins, a bookie, during the summer of 1934.

Will thoroughly interview Nig Cousins, who operates a book shop known as the R. & K. Smoke Shop, 423<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Superior Street, relative to his knowledge that the Barker-Karpis gang associated at the Casino Club and placed "sucker" bets on horse races with him, during the summer of 1934, and his remark to Ben Wise that the men placing the "sucker" bets were friends of Ted and Bert Angus from Chicago, who were in Toledo, Ohio, "cooling off."

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Pittsburgh, Pa.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-18-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/13 to 15/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>C. E. Greaney</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases-FUG. I.O. 1232; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><i>11</i></p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><i>11</i></p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Stephen E. Jones, Erie, Pa. advises Lloyd Kennedy, a former law partner, is a neurotic from excessive alcoholism; that he was twice committed to Warren State Hospital by his wife; that a few days after instant telegram was sent to the Bureau from the Cleveland Airport, Kennedy was committed to the Warren State Hospital. Kennedy returned to Erie, Pa. Monday evening 7-14-36 and entered Warren Hospital Tuesday morning 7-15-36 as a mental case. Body of Wm. Fisher with aliases, whose mother is alleged to run a hideout, shipped to Benton Harbor, Michigan.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Teletypewriter message from Chicago Office 7-14-36; report of Special Agent L.C. Taylor, Pittsburgh, 4-17-36.</p> <p>DETAILS: <b>AT ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA.</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Inquiries at the Erie Trust Building developed that LLOYD KENNEDY is an attorney and is associated with a Stephen E. Jones, in a law partnership, in Room 1312 of the said building.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">STEPHEN E. JONES, 1312 Erie Trust Building, stated that Kennedy was graduated from the Harvard Law School in 1932; that he is married and resides</p>			
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at 429 Shanley Drive, Erie, and that he is the son-in-law of Judge Orin Waite of the Orphans' Court; that Kennedy is a maniac depressive and was twice committed to the Warren State Hospital for the Insane at Warren, Pennsylvania; that his second commitment occurred about May 5, 1936, several days after the instant telegram was sent to the Bureau. Jones stated further that Kennedy has a keen legal mind and that he exerted every effort to straighten him out but that he has given him up as hopeless, due to his excessive drinking, which was the real cause of his condition. Jones stated also that shortly before the telegram was sent, Kennedy took a trip to New York City and to Boston on legal business; that after reaching Boston he started drinking so heavily that he was forced to enter the Boston Psychopathic Hospital; that it must have been there that Kennedy met Doctor Schwab who developed some new technique for photographing the brain; that since Kennedy was very much interested in photography, he evidently concluded that since Karpis was in custody it would be a good idea to have Karpis' criminal brain examined for whatever experimental value it might have. He advised also that Doctor Cobb was one of the most eminent members of the Harvard University Medical School Staff and that Kennedy, though insane, had contemplated visiting Cobb periodically when he was having a bad mental spell.

Jones further stated that Kennedy went to Belding, Michigan, to recuperate after being released from the Warren State Hospital and since he knew the President of the Metal Glass Company, he took a temporary job selling stock for the said company.

Arrangements were made with Jones to notify the writer when Kennedy returned to Erie and Jones advised the writer Tuesday morning, July 14, 1936, that Kennedy returned to Erie late the previous night in a highly nervous and excitable condition and that at his wife's suggestion, he voluntarily returned to the Warren State Hospital for treatment, where he is presently hospitalized.

In addition to the above, Jones advised that Kennedy had made application to the Bureau about a year and a half ago for a position as a Special Agent and was interviewed at the Pittsburgh Bureau Office with respect to the same.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent F. M. Ames.

AT GREENSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA.

Captain Jacob Mauk, Troop A, Pennsylvania State Police, advised that his files reflect that one WILLIAM H. FISHER alias JAMES WALKER alias HARRY MATHISON alias THOMAS FINNEGAN, while traveling in a truck, crashed into a bridge at Cassandra, Cambria County, Pennsylvania, and was taken to the Memorial Hospital at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, on September 16, 1934, where he died from injuries sustained in the accident. The file also reflects that the body was delivered to S. J. CONWAY, an Undertaker at Johnstown, and was subsequently shipped to A. DEAN, an Undertaker at Benton Harbor, Michigan. Captain Mauk advised that they have no record of one BILLY FISHER, who was allegedly killed by the police in Johnstown.

AT JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA.

SNEWE CONWAY, Undertaker, 211 Main Street, advised that although his records were lost during a flood in March, 1936, he recalls receiving the body of THOMAS FINNEGAN in September, 1934, from the Memorial Hospital at Johnstown; that the man had been killed in an automobile accident; that the body was shipped via American Railway Express Company to the Dean Mortuary at Benton Harbor, Michigan. Conway advised that he made inquiry at the Albany Hotel in Youngstown, Ohio, at which place an uncle of the deceased was said to be living, but the Finnegan were not known at the hotel.

The records of the American Railway Express Company reflect that on September 19, 1934, a body was shipped by Conway to the Dean Mortuary at Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Superintendent H. G. FRITZ, Memorial Hospital, advised that Finnegan was admitted to the hospital at 2:40 a.m., September 16, 1934, and died at 10:55 p.m. the same date, death being due to fracture of the skull. Finnegan when admitted gave the name of his uncle, also THOMAS FINNEGAN, as Albany Hotel, Youngstown, Ohio. The name of WILLIAM CASTLE, Youngstown, Ohio, appeared on the inside of Finnegan's coat. Superintendent Fritz displayed to agent a letter received by the hospital on September 24, 1934, from N. J. LIPPARD, an attorney at 420 Frick Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, inquiring as to whether or not the hospital had any record of the decedent being admitted and what disposition was made of the body.

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THE DETROIT BUREAU OFFICE at BENTON HARBOR, MICH., will conduct appropriate inquiries at the Dean Mortuary in order to ascertain the name and address of the mother of WILLIAM H. FISHER with aliases. It will be recalled that the report of reference reflects that ARCHIE C. NEGLEMAN stated that one BILLY FISHER'S mother is said to operate a place near the outskirts of Ann Arbor, no doubt at Benton Harbor, Michigan, which was a possible hideout for the Karpis-Campbell gang. Upon ascertaining the location of the Fisher place, will make such investigation as is deemed appropriate to ascertain the character and reputation of the place, and to learn if the place was frequented by the Karpis-Campbell gang.

THE PITTSBURGH BUREAU OFFICE at PITTSBURGH, PA., will ascertain from H. J. LIPPARD, Attorney, 420 Frick Building, what information he may have concerning the relatives of Finnegan alias Fisher.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. H. J. McCLURE,  
GENERAL AGENT.

There is transmitted herewith a voucher in favor of Frank B. Moore, Limited, 1317 Tulane Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana, in the amount of \$215.00, which represents charges for photographic work done in connection with the Bremer Kidnaping Case.

You are advised that this photographic work was done at the scene of the apprehension of Alvin Karpis and was made necessary by the fact that further investigative work in this case was essential. The photographs taken were to be used by Special Agents of this Bureau in the investigation of other angles of the case and because of the exigencies of the situation, the solicitation of bids would have been impossible.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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TITLE: <b>WILLIAM ELMER MEAD with aliases, I. O. 1354.</b>	CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>ENDEAVOR TO LOCATE.</b>
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** I. O. 1354 left with managers of hotels in vicinity of 72nd St., & Broadway. They promised to co-operate with Bureau in the event MEAD stopped at their hotels. Officer NALLY, N.Y.P.D., unable to furnish any information of aid in this case. Person arrested at Ansonia Hotel by Lieut. Brown, N. Y. P. D., December 1935, not identical with MEAD. Inspector GRAHAM furnished information relative to set-up of confidence men in Phoenix, Arizona. Police record and picture of WAXENBURG secured from N. Y. P. D.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent J. B. Dickerson, New York City, dated 5/14/36. Reports of Special Agent V. E. Criss, Chicago, Ill., dated 5/19/36 and 6/27/36. Report of Special Agent H. A. Snow, Phoenix, Arizona, dated 6/8/36. Report of Special Agent T. E. Billings, Los Angeles, Cal., dated 5/1/36. Letter from Buffalo Office to New York Office, dated 6/2/36.

**DETAILS:** The investigation set forth in this report was made prior to the apprehension of MEAD, and in some instances the leads were never completed. The information as to the apprehension of MEAD was received through newspaper accounts. Reference is made to the report of Special Agent V. E. Criss, Chicago, Ill., dated May 19, 1936 in which is set forth information that a hotel located on the southwest corner of 72nd St., and Broadway, is a hang-out for confidence men. Upon investigation in the neighborhood of 72nd St., and Broadway, it was ascertained that there

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is not a hotel located on the southwest corner of 72nd St., and Broadway. However, the Hotel St. Andrew is located on the northwest corner of 72nd St., and Broadway. After making some inquiry as to the manager of this hotel, whose name is MR. THOMAS MARSHALL, it was deemed advisable to interview him, as it was thought that he would cooperate with the Bureau. Upon interview, MR. MARSHALL, after examining the picture of MEAD advised that he was unable to recall any of his guests that resembled the photograph of MEAD. Several of the identification orders #1354 issued on MEAD were left with MR. MARSHALL and he told Agent that, in the event MEAD stopped at his hotel, he would notify the New York Bureau Office. Agent had similar interviews with MR. MILTON C. SMITH, manager of the Hotel Sherman Square, southwest corner of Broadway and 71st St., MR. D. L. KAYECHEK, Hotel Chalfonte, south corner of 70th St., where Amsterdam Avenue crosses Broadway, and MR. CHUNEY, manager of the Hotel Ansonia, 73rd St., and Broadway. Identification orders #1354 were left with all of the above-named persons and they promised to notify the New York Bureau Office in the event MEAD appeared at their respective hotels.

MR. CHUNEY, manager of the Ansonia Hotel, advised that a Lieutenant Brown and Detective Morgan of the New York Police Department, Forgery Squad, arrested a person in his hotel four or five months ago who resembled the photograph of MEAD.

Lieutenant G. C. Brown, Main Office Squad, New York Police Department, Room 221 Police Headquarters, Centre St., New York City, was questioned as to whether or not the confidence man he arrested at the Ansonia Hotel several months ago was identical with WILLIAM ELMER MEAD. After viewing a picture of MEAD, advised in the negative. He then consulted his records and advised that the person he arrested was an Englishman who went under the name of GEORGE STEWART; that he arrested STEWART on 12/6/35 at the Ansonia Hotel and charged him with Grand Larceny; that he was unable to make a case against STEWART and that STEWART was released on 12/12/35; that at the time he arrested STEWART he hoped to get STEWART on a swindle charge. Lieutenant Brown stated that STEWART had been working a confidence game on a victim using a roofing contractor's business as a front. Lieutenant Brown further

advised that STEWART'S New York Police file number is B 140771. A request had been made by letter of the Identification Bureau, New York Police Department, to furnish this Office with a photograph and criminal record of STEWART. It might be stated here, that Lieutenant Brown advised that STEWART is an elderly man, appearing to be between fifty and sixty years of age. If any of the offices receiving a copy of this report desires a picture of STEWART in connection with some of their cases, the same will be furnished by the New York Office upon request, after the same has been received from the New York Police Department.

In the report of reference of the writer's dated 5/14/36 was set forth information that there is no JAMES F. NALLY connected with the New York Police Department. The New York Office had been requested to interview NALLY with reference to his association with WILLIAM DAY in the hopes of obtaining some information relative to MEAD. The Buffalo Office by letter dated 6/2/36 advised after receipt of the writer's report dated 5/14/36, that Officer NALLY'S correct name is WILLIAM NALLY, and that he resides at 105 W. 64th St., New York City. Upon interview Officer WILLIAM NALLY, 105 W. 64th St., New York City, advised that he had been a member of the New York Police Department for more than twenty years; that at the present time he is assigned to the 24th Precinct Station located at 134 W. 100th St., telephone number - Academy 2-4707.

When questioned as to his relations with WILLIAM DAY, Officer NALLY advised that several years ago he met DAY through a MR. MORRIS ADELSON, manager of the Brent Hotel, 249 W. 80th St., New York City; that at the time of the introduction by ADELSON, DAY requested him (NALLY) to give DAY a letter to NALLY'S broker so that DAY might cash in some bonds which he, DAY, had in his possession; that upon ADELSON'S recommendation he gave DAY a letter of introduction to his, NALLY'S, broker; that it later turned out that these bonds were "hot," having been received in a swindle; that last summer he went to Buffalo with Post Office Inspector Herbert Brown to testify against DAY. MR. NALLY advised that DAY is the only confidence man he ever knew. A picture of MEAD was exhibited to Officer NALLY and he was unable to identify it. Officer NALLY advised that the reason he aided DAY in having these bonds cashed was because he thought he was all right having been introduced to him by his old friend MORRIS ADELSON.

In the report of reference dated 5/1/36, Los Angeles, Cal., the New York Office was requested to endeavor to secure information through the Bureau of Identification regarding LOUIS WAXENBURG, with aliases, in order that he might be located, it being noted, as set forth in that report, that he is a contact for confidence men and a former "pal" of WILLIAM ELMER MEAD. The criminal record and photograph of WAXENBURG have been secured from the Identification Bureau of the New York Police Department. His number at the Identification Bureau, New York Police Department is B 37306. However, since MEAD has been apprehended, WAXENBURG'S criminal record will not be set forth in this report. His picture and criminal record will be made part of the New York Office file, and will be furnished to other offices upon request, if the same is needed by any of them.

The reference report of the writer dated 5/14/36 has set forth a lead to keep in touch with Lieutenant MITCHELL, and Detective JIMM LEACH, 18th Squad, New York Police Department, 345 W. 47th St., New York City, for information which might be received relative to NICK the GREEK being a contact man for WILLIAM ELMER MEAD. Detective JIMM LEACH was subsequently interviewed and he advised that NICK the GREEK is presently living at the St. Moritz Hotel, 59th St., and 6th Ave., New York City; that NICK the GREEK would probably go to Saratoga, New York, in the next ten days. LEACH promised to try to obtain some information as to whether or not NICK the GREEK was a contact for MEAD and stated that he would advise Agent if he received such information. NICK the GREEK is personally known to Detective LEACH. Later, upon receiving information that MEAD had been apprehended, Agent telephonically communicated with Detective LEACH'S office and left word in his absence, that MEAD had been apprehended and that it would not be necessary to seek further information relative to NICK the GREEK being a contact for WILLIAM ELMER MEAD.

In the reference report of Special Agent V. E. Criss, dated June 27, 1936, is set forth a lead to conduct an investigation relative to one, I. J. WARNER, Belvedere Hotel, 48th Street west of Broadway, New York City. Mr. R. B. Stratman assistant manager of the Belvedere Hotel, 48th Street west of Broadway, New York City, upon interview advised that he had an I. J. WARNER, living at his hotel, but that he did not have an I. J. WARNER. It was presumed that the I. J. WARNER was the person referred to in the report of Special Agent V. E. Criss and that the name was inadvertently put in that report as I. J. WARNER instead of I. J. WARNER. Mr. Stratman stated that MR. WARNER is an elderly man and has lived at the Belvedere Hotel on and off for the past three years; that he has lived at this hotel continuously since the middle of May 1935, and that he gave his home address as DERBY, N.Y.

MR. WARNER was not present at the hotel at the time Agent was interviewing Mr. Stratman, and he was to be interviewed at a subsequent date. However, as MEAD has been apprehended, no further efforts will be made to interview MR. WARNER unless this office is advised otherwise by the Office of Origin.

In the reference report of Special Agent, H. A. Snow, Phoenix, Arizona, dated 6/8/36, the New York Office was requested to obtain certain information from Post Office Inspector Herbert Graham relative to the set-up of the confidence men at Phoenix, Arizona, and also as to the head of the Confidence Squad of the Phoenix Police Department.

Inspector Herbert Graham upon interview advised that FLOYD WOODWARD who is wanted by the United States Attorney, and States Attorney, Atlanta, Ga., to answer indictments obtained against him for his connections in certain confidence games, is the owner of the "joint" at Phoenix, Arizona and that he keeps in touch with JOE MURPHY, who is supposed to be the head of the Confidence Squad, Phoenix, Arizona, Police Department; that WOODWARD is supposed to live at Los Angeles; and that Detective BILL REID of the Bunco Squad, Los Angeles, Police Department, is supposed to protect him there; that BRANT MOONEY who is an old man, is manager for WOODWARD at Phoenix, Arizona and is well known to JOE MURPHY; that any of the confidence men can work in Phoenix, Arizona if they work through WOODWARD, and pay WOODWARD a certain percentage of the take. Inspector Graham stated that it is possible that WOODWARD may have another man acting as his manager in place of MOONEY at the present time. However, the last information that he (Graham) had, was that MOONEY was the manager for WOODWARD at Phoenix, Arizona. Inspector Graham further stated that although JOE MURPHY is head of the Confidence Squad and may be a protection to the confidence men at Phoenix, Arizona, that there is some other political figure over MURPHY who is also getting a "cut of the take" in the confidence games worked at Phoenix. Inspector Graham advises that he does not know this latter party.

Inspector Graham also stated that SALLY GATES, whose real name is, G. L. GATES is well known to JOE MURPHY and further advised that GATES whose home is at Kansas City, was at Phoenix in either 1931 or 1932 and made his score of \$125,000 from some man from Chicago. The according to the underworld GATES was supposed to be

at San Antonio, Texas during the last season; that the police in San Antonio cannot be trusted as to the confidence men, and he believes that they gave protection to GATES.

Inspector Graham gave further information which will be set forth in this report, as to the other confidence men mentioned in his letter to the United States Attorney Frank E. Flynn, Phoenix, Arizona, which letter was mentioned in the reference report of Special Agent Snow, Phoenix, Arizona, dated 6/8/36. Inspector Graham advised that one, JOHN STEVENSON, was taken for \$6,800 in a swindle worked by WALTER G. KELLY, alias BLAIR, and FRED MARTIN, alias FRED MIA; that MARTIN is a Mexican confidence man; that MARTIN was arrested at Phoenix, Arizona on March 1, 1935 and held on a \$10,000 bond at Los Angeles, Cal., for appearance in New York City, which bond was forfeited September 1935; that MARTIN was connected with the GRAHAM MCKAY case; that WALTER G. KELLY was released from McNeil Island in November 1935; that he had been sentenced to serve five years as a result of a confidence game worked at Birmingham, Ala., in 1922, and that he had been let out on parole and while on parole he took part in the swindle of STEVENSON; that after swindling STEVENSON he was then sent back to prison where he stayed until he was released in November 1935.

Inspector Graham stated that WILLIAM C. DOUGLAS alias S. W. MALONEY, and FRANK CHASE alias WHITNEY, alias "THE BOONE KID" (who is not identical with WILLIAM ELLER MEAD) made a \$25,000 score in Phoenix, Arizona, in February 1935; that it is possible that this confidence game was worked through WOODWARD. As stated before, WOODWARD is the "fix" at Phoenix, Arizona. Inspector Graham advised that he did not know anything about RIES mentioned in the second paragraph, page six, of the reference report of Agent Snow dated 6/8/36. Inspector Graham advised that PORTER was arrested Phoenix, Arizona, March 1, 1935 and was last year given four years at Rochester, N. Y., being convicted on a confidence game and mail fraud charge. He further stated that PORTER and WILLIAM DAY were indicted in New York in connection with the GRAHAM MCKAY case; that JAMES E. DAVIS was indicted April 19, 1934 in the GRAHAM MCKAY case, and is presently a fugitive from justice.

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CINCINNATI OFFICE

Since the apprehension of MEAD the New York Office will consider this case Referred Upon Completion to the Office of Origin, unless it is advised that the leads in the reports listed below should be covered;

Report of Special Agent P. M. Plunkett, Boston, Mass., dated 7/6/36.

Report of Special Agent V. E. Criss, Chicago, Ill., dated 5/19/36.

Report of Special Agent H. D. Harris, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated 6/23/36;

and to make further investigation as to I. J. WARNER, Belvedere Hotel, in accordance with the letter as set forth in the report of Special Agent V. E. Criss, Chicago, Ill., dated 6/27/36.

No investigation will be made on these leads until advice has been received from the office of origin.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

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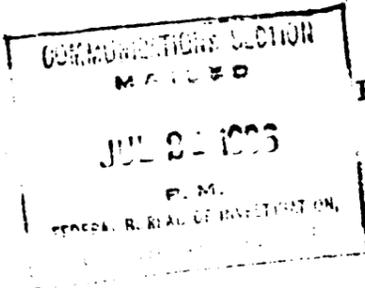
During a telephone conversation with Mr. McMahon he inquired about the progress of the Karpis trial and I stated the case would likely be finished this week and that it was in good shape. I stated there had been some indication that Karpis was to be held at St. Paul until September for the Bremer trial; that there would be have to be a guard kept over him all the time and it would be better to send him to prison and call him back for the trial in the fall. Mr. McMahon inquired if there was any necessity for trying him for the Bremer kidnaping and I stated I had heard the judge wants the second trial in order to prevent him from getting any parole; that the judge is considering a sentence of 99 years instead of life because on the latter sentence a parole may be given at the end of 15 years.

I stated it would be better to take Karpis directly to Alcatraz as he had stated frankly that he would try to escape. Mr. McMahon agreed stating this would have a good effect on the underworld.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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1448 Standard Building  
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July 18, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Referring to Bureau letter dated July 15, 1936, file #62-42897, the attention of the Bureau is invited to the report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, July 17, 1936, in the BREKID case, in which it is stated that effort was made to contact Charles E. Murray, 1313 Ontario Street, Toledo, Ohio, but it was ascertained that Mr. Murray is presently confined to the city hospital at Toledo.

Further effort will be made to contact Mr. Murray at a future date.

Very truly yours,

JPM/LTB

J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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Dear Sir-

Have had an inquiry as to the address of Harry Campbell from one of our attorney's here, as he would like to get service on him in an divorce action started by his wife.

Would appreciate this information if possible.

Thanking you I remain

Very truly yours  
*W.C. Miller*  
W.C. Miller, Cap't.  
Bureau of Iden't.

P.S. This is the man that was connected with the Karpis Gang.  
W.C.M.

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our last information he  
was in Florence with*

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Captain W. C. Miller,  
Bureau of Identification,  
Department of Police,  
Casper, Wyoming.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim -  
KIDNAPING

My dear Captain:

Reference is made to your letter of July 21, 1936,  
in which you inquire concerning the present address of Harry  
Campbell.

This will advise you that he is presently in the  
custody of the Bureau of Prisons of the United States Government.  
The last information in the possession of this Bureau was to the  
effect that he was incarcerated in the United States Penitentiary  
at Leavenworth, Kansas.

Assuring you of my desire to cooperate with you in all  
matters of mutual interest, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Denver  
St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
Cleveland  
Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago

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Record of Telephone Call of Visitor.

*7/17* July 17 1936.

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Name Mr. Milander of the Paul Block  
papers tele locally

Referred to \_\_\_\_\_

Details: Stated that a report had come from their Toledo paper that Agents of the FBI are investigating the aftermath of the Campbell case; that one of the Agents had recently lost a memo in a disorderly house, said memo telling all the details of what he had been investigating; that this memo had been picked up by a member of the underworld and had subsequently come into the hands of a Deputy Marshal from whom the press had heard of it; that the report is that the Agent was dismissed from the FBI because of this.

Mr. Milander further stated it had been reported that the Agents were investigating Police graft as well as the Campbell angle but that he had told the paper this could not be so as it was not within the jurisdiction of the FBI.

Mr. Milander was advised the Director was out of the city. He asked to be advised at Metropolitan 0380 if any word on this matter was received from the Director.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

RE: BUNKIE

With reference to your telegram dated July 30, 1936, relative to Robert Reed, the following information is set forth for your assistance in interrogating him:

From a confidential source at Toledo, Ohio, it has been learned that Robert Reed was a bartender, in 1934, at the Old Casino Club, Toledo, Ohio, which club was operated by Bert and Ted Angus. During that period of time the club was a rendezvous for various members of the Barker-Karpis mob. The gang was apparently "set in" with the Angus brothers by William J. Harrison, who at one time was Bert Angus' partner in a saloon in Calumet City, Illinois.

Such members of the gang as Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Doc and Fred Barker, Willie Harrison, Volney Davis, James J. Wilson, Joseph P. Moran, Wynona Burdette, Dolores Delaney, Edna Murray, Paula Harmon frequented the club and drank freely and associated with the Angus brothers.

Ted Angus is reputed to be the chief vice collector in the vicinity of Toledo, being associated in this connection with Captain George Timiney of the Toledo, Ohio Police Department. Timiney, in the year 1934, during the time the gang was frequenting the Casino Club, was reported to have been a nightly visitor there and associated with members of the gang.

Robert Reed, in conversation with the confidential source, stated that Doc Moran was killed in the immediate vicinity of the Casino Club after he became boisterous; that his body was dumped in a barrel, covered with cement, and after two days dumped into Lake Erie; also, that on one occasion certain policemen picked up two men and three women, possibly members of the mob, took them to police headquarters, and booked them on suspicion, however, Ted Angus called Captain Timiney of the police department and "squired" the matter before the persons were photographed or fingerprinted.

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Reed is described as over six feet in height, very slender, about thirty years of age. It is reported that he is in bad health, suffering with a heart ailment.

Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley desired that Robert Reed be interviewed and that the interview be detailed and exhaustive, obtaining from Reed all of the information he is alleged to have with reference to the murder of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, and the arrest of some members of the gang, and their release through the influence of Ted Angus and Captain George Timiney. He should be questioned extensively as to any and all employees of the Casino Club during that period, as well as any associates of the Barker-Karpis gang. The matter of the association of Captain George Timiney with the gang should also be discussed in detail with him.

It is requested that this investigation be given expeditious attention.

Very truly yours,

CVE/EJW  
AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY  
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- Chicago  
- Cincinnati  
- St. Paul

J. P. McFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Mr. Carson	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

Time - 4:20 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SAC Nathan of the Jacksonville Office telephoned me and said that this morning, he received a telephone call from Mr. Connelley requesting that he have an Agent of his office make a discreet check at Oklawaha and Ocala, Florida, for the purpose of determining if any inquiries have been made there by operatives of the Secret Service into the shooting by the Agents of the Barkers. Mr. Nathan said he sent one of his men down there with these instructions, and he contacted all of those persons who would be the most likely to be contacted by operatives of the Secret Service if they were conducting such an inquiry, and there are absolutely no indications that any inquiry is being conducted into this matter by the Secret Service, or that such an inquiry has been conducted.

Mr. Nathan said that his Agent is proceeding on to Lake Weir for the same purpose, and he will telephonically report the results of this check to me.

I inquired of Mr. Nathan if Mr. Connelley asked him to make this inquiry personally, and he said that while he had brought this up, Mr. Connelley was of the opinion a good, discreet Agent would suffice under the circumstances, especially in view of the fact it is especially difficult at this particular time for Mr. Nathan to get away from the office.

Time - 5:30 P.M.

Mr. Nathan telephoned to report that the results of the inquiry at Lake Weir were likewise negative in every respect, and there are no indications there that any inquiry has been made or is being made by operatives of the Secret Service.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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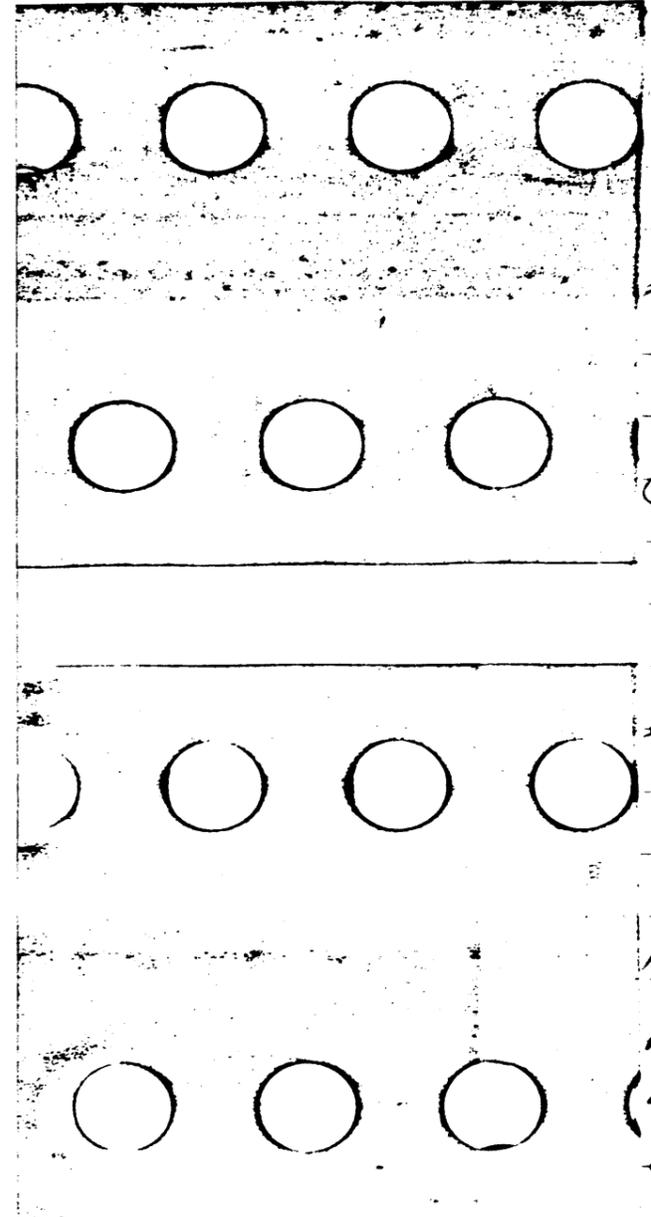
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Dear Sir:  
Please send me the  
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photograph of this man  
Alvin Karpis  
S. Cunningham Attorney  
General of the United  
States under the author-  
ity vested in him by  
Act of Congress approved  
June 6 1934 and  
description of Alvin Karpis  
but did not state the  
crime he has done. So  
I am now writing you  
to know about this  
man and if you have



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I handle the Business  
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Yours respectfully  
Jacob Brewer  
Private Detective  
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July 31, 1936

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Mr. Jacob Brewer, Jr.,  
Private Detective,  
Post Office Box 193,  
Charleston, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

This will advise you that your letter dated July 20, 1936, directed to the office of the Attorney General of the United States, has been forwarded to this Bureau for appropriate attention.

Please be informed that the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, is no longer seeking the apprehension of Alvin Karpis in view of the fact that he was apprehended by Special Agents of this Bureau at New Orleans, Louisiana, on May 1, 1936.

I sincerely appreciate the interest which prompted you in directing your communication to the Attorney General in this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-St. Louis

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
ST. LOUIS  
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Mr. Tamm calls attention to letter from SAC, Omaha, re request of Secret Service operative E. L. Cooley of Omaha to be advised of date of William Elmer Mead's arrest. Mr. Alt states Harry Cooper, Secret Service Operative in Charge at Omaha, has expressed disapproval of Secret Service activities in St. Paul and Chicago.

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629 First National Bank Building,  
Omaha, Nebraska  
July 21, 1936

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
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Mr. Coffey	.....
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Mr. Schilder	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

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*W. R. ...*

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Please be advised that today E. L. Cooley, Secret Service Operative, attached to the Omaha Office, called requesting to be advised of the date of William Elmer Mead's arrest, and the date he was removed to Jacksonville, Florida, so that a detainer could be filed against him.

Operative Cooley stated Mead is wanted by the Secret Service Division in connection with the negotiation of \$18,000.00 in stolen bonds at Chicago, Illinois. Operative Cooley was advised of the date of Mead's arrest and removal to Jacksonville.

In this connection, I desire to state that Harry Cooper is in charge of the Secret Service Office here. He and Operative Cooley have always been very cooperative with the Omaha Office and only recently Mr. Cooper stated that he disapproved of Operative Boatright's alleged investigation of this Bureau in St. Paul and Chicago; that he considers Boatright crazy to have taken such action in connection with this Bureau.

Very truly yours,

R. A. ALT,  
Special Agent in Charge

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July 16, 1936

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to personal and confidential letter dated June 15, 1936.

A review of the file of the Bremer case reflects the following:

The report of Special Agent J.E. Brennan, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated 7-24-35, Chicago file 7-82, serial 4026, page 2, setting out an interview with Bryan Bolton, states that Louis Lipschultz was a former member of the Capone Syndicate, and is now operating a liquor store on Ogden Avenue; that he settled some income tax trouble with a man named Houston.

The same report, page 5, states that no uniforms were used in the Valentine massacre, but badges were used; that Captain of Detectives, Stage was on the payroll of the syndicate at \$5,000.00 a year.

Page 6 of the above report states that "Doc" Barker and Davis obtained machine guns for Dillinger and VanMeter from Jolly O'Brien and Bobby. Page 7 states that Zeigler advised that "Chuck" Fitzgerald and Gus Stone killed Gus Winkler because he failed to compensate them for financing him.

In a letter from the Kansas City office dated September 9, 1935, and report of Special Agent A.J. Norstrom, Kansas City, dated 9-26-35, page 4, Volney Davis states that he believes Gus Winkler was killed by Fitzgerald and VanMeter on account of money owed to them.

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In the report of Special Agent R.C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois dated 12-26-35, page 15, Mrs. Vioski advised that Ball Horn stated that Fitzgerald was interested with Winkler in the 228 Club, Chicago.

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In the report of Special Agent Z.J. VanLandingham, Louisville, Kentucky, dated 12-13-35, confidential file, serial 7-82-53, Chicago file, Mrs. Winkler advises of an Al Lehman, known as "Mounty", a Government Agent with the prohibition department as being an informer for the gangsters; that "Buck" Kempster and Howell assigned to the Chicago office were also informants for the gang, and on the syndicate's payroll. In the same report, page 7 Mrs. Winkler advised that a prominent lawyer in Chicago used his influence to help gangsters not to appear in court, and was the man behind the scenes.

A confidential memorandum by Special Agent R.C. Suran dated 1-6-32, serial 7-82-55, Chicago file, sets out interview with Mr. W.G. Molsie, Superintendent of the Alcohol Tax Unit, New Post Office Building, Chicago, who had been a member of the prohibition department in Chicago during its entire existence. He stated that he knew of no former agent by the name Al Lehman, but that there was an Al Aman, who was in charge of the Special Agents of the Prohibition Department in Chicago prior to August 10, 1933, for several years, and that this man was well acquainted with all the local hoodlums; that Aman was dismissed from the service prior to its merging with the Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice on August 10, 1933. Aman's address was given as 2171 Eastwood Avenue, Chicago, telephone Longbeach 4822.

Aman was subsequently interviewed by Agent Suran under the pretext of attempting to locate John Russell Moran, supposed former bodyguard of Gus Winkler. Aman stated that he had been connected with the prohibition department in Chicago from 1922 to August 1933, and during most of that time he had acted as deputy for the prohibition department, and made it his business to become acquainted with the local hoodlums. He clearly indicated in his conversation that he was well acquainted with Gus Winkler. He also stated that he often worked with Bureau Agents on impersonation cases.

Agent Suran concluded that Aman is undoubtedly the person referred to by Mrs. Winkler as Al Lehman.

In an undated memorandum appearing between the dates of November 17, 1933 and November 20, 1933, in the case involving Jack Klutas, Chicago file 26-2889, serial 284, it is stated that Mr. Purvis and Buck Kempster are planning on spending Sunday at

Buck Kempster's camp near Sterling, Illinois, and how to get in touch with the camp by telephone.

In a report of Special Agent W.A. Smith, Chicago, dated 10-13-33 in the case entitled "August Henry Winkler with aliases, Illegal Possession of Government Property", there appears the information that Gus Winkler was arrested September 24, 1933 in apartment 15-C, 33 Lake Shore Drive, by the Chicago Police Department and the following equipment was listed as seized:

- 1 Winchester Repeating Rifle 33-30 calibre #428053
- 1 Colt automatic pistol, 45 calibre, 5 in. bbl.  
#C-161461 *Premium Pistol 52-5316*
- 1 Clip with 7-45 calibre cartridges
- 1 Colt automatic pistol, 32 calibre, 4 in. bbl.  
and clip, #115108 (undoubtedly an error - this was  
Colt .380 calibre)
- 2 Clips for automatic pistol, 45 calibre, containing  
7 cartridges
- 1 Box containing 39-38 calibre automatic cartridges
- 2 Stocks for 45 calibre automatic pistols (these  
stocks forwarded to Bureau)

*Chicago file*  
In the case entitled "Unknown Subjects, Mrs. Gus Winkler, Kidnaping", Chicago file 7-83, the file in this case consists of several memoranda, the memorandum causing the opening of the case dated 12-26-33, is by former Special Agent in Charge, M.H. Purvis, setting out information to the effect that Mr. Mahoney of the Daily News had advised that he had received information to the effect that Mrs. Winkler had been paid \$25,000.00 by Charley Weber to keep her from printing a book; that she was severely beaten up and robbed of the \$25,000.00, and was at the time at the Sacred Heart Sanitarium, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. A memorandum by Special Agent V.W. Peterson dated 1-4-34 covers an investigation at Milwaukee reflecting that Mrs. Winkler had never been at the Sacred Heart Sanitarium.

A subsequent memorandum by Special Agent W.A. Smith, dated 1-19-34 sets out an interview with Mrs. Winkler in which she denies receiving \$25,000.00 from Weber, but stated that Weber had promised her \$10,000.00, and to pay the funeral expenses of her husband if she would not say anything at the coroner's inquest

in connection with the death of her husband. She stated that she did not receive this \$10,000.00, nor were the funeral expenses paid by Charley Weber, whom she alleges was operating a beer distributing company, which was in fact owned by her husband. She went on to say that she wished Charley Weber would run for some public office, thereby giving her an opportunity to give out information as to his true character. In this same memorandum it is stated that Mrs. Winkler advised that her husband had owned several bullet proof vests and guns; that he moved these out of the apartment, and gave them to his colored chauffeur by the name of Murphy; that the chauffeur kept them some place; that since that time she had decided to get these articles from the chauffeur, and turn them over to Buck Kempster; that she had been unable to get in touch with the chauffeur, who had left her employ without leaving a forwarding address.

The last serial in the said file consists of a photostatic copy of a letter to Special Agent in Charge M.H.Purvis dated 12-14-34, from Mrs. Winkler under the name of Mrs. Marsh, requesting that he contact her as she had several things she wanted to tell him and gave her address as general delivery, Louisville, Ky.. This letter was forwarded to the Bureau, and accordingly a copy of the letter from the Bureau was sent to the Indianapolis office requesting that she be located and interviewed.

Marion Murphy, 4503 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, former chauffeur for Gus Winkler, was interviewed, and stated that at the time Gus Winkler was arrested by the Chicago Police Department they raided his apartment and took all the guns therefrom. He denied that he had taken any guns or bullet proof vests from Gus Winkler's apartment and turned them over to a friend for safe keeping.

It is requested that Mrs. Marsh, formerly Mrs. Gus Winkler, be re-interviewed as to the date of employment of Marion Murphy and his wife, who was Mrs. Winkler's maid. Mrs. Marsh may be mistaken as to the machine guns, as it will be noted above that several .45 calibre automatics with stocks were taken from her apartment by the police when they raided the same.

Further results of this investigation will be reported at a subsequent date.

Very truly yours,

*D. M. Ladd*  
D.M.LADD a.s.j.  
Special Agent in Charge

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

July 22, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: WATTS

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of July 17, 1936, requesting to be advised with reference to securing original or photostatic copies of letters from Harry Campbell to his wife, please be advised that this is not necessary in view of your having secured specimens of his handwriting and handprinting, as mentioned in your letter.

Very truly yours,

J. P. HUGHES  
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to your letter dated July 17, 1936,  
concerning the securing of photographs of Mr. and Mrs. John  
\*Stover of Hot Springs, Arkansas.

It is suggested that photographs of John Stover may be  
secured through the Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C.,  
inasmuch as he is reported to be a licensed airplane pilot, and  
it may be, although it is not known to the Cleveland office, that  
Mrs. John Stover, in view of her frequent trips with her husband  
in his plane, is also a licensed pilot, and if so, her photographs  
can also be secured from the Department of Commerce.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS.

Re: A letter addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer dated February 6, 1934.

In reviewing several of the old major kidnaping cases, Mr. Appel ran across the attached so-called "crank" letter addressed to Adolph Bremer, dated February 6, 1934 and signed "Z. J. Hamilton" of Absecon, New Jersey.

The purpose of the letter is to suggest to Bremer a means by which he could require from the kidnapers as a condition precedent to payment of the ransom, positive proof that his son was not only being held a captive by the kidnapers being negotiated with, but was unharmed or alive. The idea consists of preparing a camera in such a way that a picture of the victim may be taken by the kidnapers, the camera being loaded and prepared before delivery to the kidnapers and being sealed until its return.

It seems to Mr. Appel that this idea, especially after details are worked out so as to make even more positive the difficulty of hoodwinking on the part of the kidnapers, warrants serious consideration. It is understood that the Bureau cannot suggest to the family of victims what action they shall take. If however, a scheme somewhat like this one should be generally followed and it should be generally known that families of victims will require positive proof of the possession of the victim and also of his health, considerable activity on the part of chiselers and those who are not bonafide kidnapers might be eliminated. At the same time those who might consider kidnaping would necessarily have to plan on complying with known means of proving these facts to the victim's family. As a matter of fact, special cameras could be arranged so as to render tampering extremely difficult and at the same time perhaps produce additional evidence for the later investigation by recording part of the background.

*Edw. J. Bremer*

Respectfully,  
E. P. Coffey.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 14, 1936

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER  
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Attached hereto is a letter from Mr. George F. Sullivan, United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota dated July 7, 1936 and addressed to me, in which the suggestion is made that the matter of sentence to be imposed upon one William Bryan Bolton be considered by this Department and taken up with Judge Joyce, the trial judge. With this letter was enclosed a copy of a report prepared in your Bureau, which report is also attached hereto.

Inasmuch as the letter and enclosure indicate that Bolton has cooperated with your Bureau to a great extent in the arrest and conviction of participants in the Bremer and Hamm Kidnapping Cases, and it is indicated that some consideration might properly be given Bolton because of this assistance and cooperation, I would like to have the benefit of your views on the question of a proper sentence to be imposed on this individual.

Because of the fact that the United States Attorney states it is his desire to bring Bolton on for sentence immediately upon the conclusion of the Hamm Kidnapping Case, an early reply is requested.

Respectfully,

*Brien M. Mahon*

BRIEN McMAHON  
Assistant Attorney General.

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Mr. Erien McMahon.....2

July 7, 1936.

I enclose herein a copy of a report of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, dated March 25, 1936. In addition to the matter which appears in this report as to the cooperation of Bolton, beg to advise you that during the month of May, this year, Bolton appeared before the grand jury in St. Paul and gave testimony which resulted in the indictment of the following: Alvin Karpis, Arthur "Doc" Barker, Edmund Bartholmey, John (Jack) Peifer, Charles Fitzgerald, Elmer Farmer, and himself, for the conspiracy and the substantive offense of the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr., at St. Paul, on June 15, 1933, and by and through the information obtained from Bolton and his cooperation, the Hamm kidnaping case, which is approximately three years old, was finally solved by the Bureau of Investigation.

Fitzgerald has entered a plea of guilty to the conspiracy indictment in the Hamm case. It is expected that Karpis and Bartholmey will also plead guilty to the conspiracy indictment in the Hamm case. Bolton has heretofore pleaded guilty to both indictments in the Hamm case as well as the two indictments in the Bremer case. Barker and Farmer, who were convicted in the Bremer kidnaping case, are presently confined at Alcatraz and will not be returned for trial in the Hamm case. It is my opinion that Peifer will probably be the only defendant to stand trial in the Hamm kidnaping case. This case has been set down for trial on July 14, 1936, and should be concluded approximately three weeks thereafter.

It is my desire to bring Bolton on for sentence immediately upon the conclusion of the Hamm kidnaping case.

I respectfully suggest that, in accordance with Judge Joyce's wishes, the matter of Bolton's sentence and such suggestions as the Department may have in the matter be taken up by your Department with Judge Joyce directly, advising me, however, as to the position of your Department.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ George F. Sullivan,  
George F. Sullivan,  
United States Attorney.

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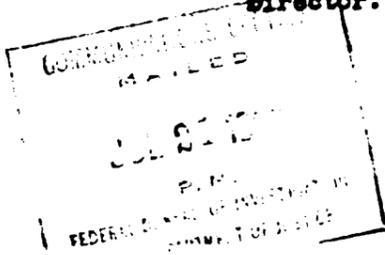
MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL McMAHON

I have received your memorandum of July 14, 1936, transmitting a letter addressed to you under date of July 7, 1936, by George F. Sullivan, United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, pertaining to the sentence to be imposed upon William Bryan Bolton and requesting an expression from me as to the proper sentence to be imposed upon Bolton.

Bolton was of material assistance to the Bureau in the investigation of both the Bremer and Hamm Kidnaping Cases, and testified concerning the facts in his possession at the trial of both of these cases. I believe that Bolton fully and frankly furnished to the Bureau all of the information which he possessed concerning both of these cases. It must be remembered, however, that Bolton was a participant in both of these kidnapings and probably participated in other violations of local laws concerning which he has not furnished information to the Bureau. I believe, however, that it is entirely proper that Bolton be given some consideration for the information and assistance which he furnished to the Bureau in connection with the Bremer and Hamm Kidnaping Cases.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



*Enfor*

- Mr. Nathan .....
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On the day of the robbery, according to Mr. W. Stephen McCormick and Arthur Passehl, two Akron detectives were standing on a street corner talking to a newspaper reporter named Jones, and Sarjint and Labrizetta rode by in an automobile. Mr. Waldrop states this was at the time of the robbery in Warren and, therefore, these men could not have been there. Akron is about 45 minutes automobile distance from Warren. Waldrop states these two detectives made statements to the defense lawyers but would not supply depositions. He states that Sarjint went to a police office in Akron, stating he understood police officers were looking for him in connection with the Warren robbery and gave himself up. Waldrop also states that the Chief of Detectives named Dietz (he has since been removed from office) told these two detectives that if they testified they saw these two prisoners in Akron at the time of this robbery, he would discharge them, and the detectives then testified they saw the two men two days before the robbery occurred. Waldrop states the officer who took Sarjint into custody was sent to Texas at the time of the second trial so that the evidence that Sarjint gave himself up could not be introduced. Waldrop states that the testimony of Kenneth Clark concerning the fact that Villers locked himself in the mail truck was only given at the second trial.

George Sarjint advised Waldrop that the Post Office Inspector secured one statement from him and that they have never been back to see him, and that they have made no effort to find out the identity of the third participant in the mail robbery. It appears that two days after the robbery occurred, two mail sacks were found in one of the Portage Lakes. Sarjint admits having been in that vicinity. He stated that he had dinner there with a man and produced a witness there to this effect. Mr. Waldrop asked Sarjint who he knew at Warren, Ohio, and he stated the only man he knew was Massini, the night club operator, whom he visited for the purpose of borrowing money.

Mr. Waldrop further advised me that Fred Hunter's father runs the Hunter's Tavern at Warren, Ohio, which leads him to believe that possibly the Karpis gang committed this crime. Waldrop states that he has received information that a previous robbery was committed in Warren, Ohio, by Karpis and Barker and also that members of the Karpis - Barker gang were guilty of the Garrettsville train robbery and he feels that their knowledge of the locality is indicative of the fact that they might have had something to do with the Warren mail robbery. He states that Judge West in December, 1935, indicated he was very much disturbed about this case and felt it was not a very strong one.

Respectfully,

  
Clyde Tolson.

# G-MEN PROBE ASKED IN P. O. CONVICTIONS

Officials Fear Innocent Men  
Are in Prison; Similar Hold-  
ups Are Linked to Karpis

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Investigation by Justice Department G-men of the convictions of two men for the \$125,000 Warren, Ohio, mail robbery is being sought by the U. S. District Attorney at Cleveland, the Washington Herald has learned.

George Sarjint and Anthony Labrizetta, small-time gamblers from Akron, were sentenced to 25 years in prison last fall on evidence produced by postal inspectors.

## Inquiry Asked

Emerich Freed, the U. S. attorney at Cleveland, has revealed to a Washington Herald correspondent there that he is so disturbed because of the probability of the men's innocence that he has written to Joseph Keenan, assistant to the attorney-general, asking that the Federal Bureau of Investigation be put on the case.

This latest development in one of the strangest cases in Cleveland's court history, follows in the wake of an allegedly "unofficial" investigation of the G-men by agents of the postal inspection service and secret service of the Treasury.

Agents of these two latter groups, the Washington Herald revealed exclusively Sunday, are trying to collect adverse evidence concerning the way the G-men, under J. Edgar Hoover, have solved the sensational kidnapings of the past three years.

## Will Block Merger

Their objective, it is declared, is to forestall attempts to reduce their units to divisions of a single investigative agency for the Government, with Hoover possibly at its head.

In the Warren mail robbery case officials of the Postal Inspection Service of high rank, who have requested that their names be kept secret, have admitted to the Washington Herald the possibility that two innocent men have been sent to prison.

Said one official:

"Yes, we have recently received some amazing information which we are now checking. It has been substantiated, in part, and it indicates that the wrong men have been convicted."

The Warren (Ohio) mails have been robbed twice and the same pay roll train was held up at Garrettsville, a near-by station, for the third large seizure of cash. The first Warren robbery and the Garrettsville holdup have been identified as the work of the Karpis-Barker gang.

## 10-Minute Conviction

Labrizetta and Sarjint, who have no records of violence, were convicted of the second Warren robbery solely on the evidence of the driver of the mail truck and a boy and girl who, after a reward had been announced in the case, came forward to say that they had seen the robbery and had recognized Sarjint as one of the bandits because of his picture in the newspapers.

When the pair was first convicted, the jury was out only 10 minutes.

## Story Contradicted

Following their conviction, Mark Wolpaw, defense counsel, told the trial judge that two Akron, Ohio, detectives had made a statement to him to the effect that they had seen Sarjint in Akron at the time of the robbery and that he could not possibly have participated in it.

The detectives who arrested Sarjint and Labrizetta confirmed this by saying that the two detectives had told him the same thing. But

before the evidence on the motion for new trial was heard the chief of detectives at Akron publicly announced that if the men testified to such effect he would discharge them.

They then went on the stand and swore that they said that they had seen Sarjint two days before the robbery. The arresting officer flatly contradicted them and repeated the original story.

The judge allowed a new trial, however. When it was called the two detectives who changed their stories were not witnesses. The third, who did not, was on a police mission in Texas and could not be reached by subpoena.

## Points So Conflict

Important conflicts in the testimony of Government witnesses de-

veloped, with no two of the three eye-witnesses giving the same story.

The trial justice, in charging the jury, took particular pains to point out these contradictions and warned the jury that there was no evidence other than these conflicting stories that indicated the guilt of the pair.

He described the Government's case as "none too strong," and warned the jury that it must be convinced beyond any reasonable doubt. The jury, however, returned a verdict of guilty, with a mandatory provision that the men be given 25 years. At that time neither the first Warren robbery nor the Garrettsville robbery had been solved, and indignation was running high.

Whether the Department of Justice can step into the case is not known.

WASHINGTON HERALD

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 1936

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Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

July 21, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

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In connection with the investigation being conducted at Toledo, Ohio, concerning the harboring of the subjects of this case, [redacted] was located one PAUL RENO who answers generally the description of the "Sam" in the Garrettsville, Ohio, mail train robbery on November 7, 1935. The Bureau, by letter dated July 14, 1936, in response to inquiry from the Cleveland office, forwarded the photograph and criminal record of one Paul Reno, FBI #682262, however, he is not identical with the man known as Paul Reno at Toledo, Ohio.

Inasmuch as the man at Toledo, Ohio, is acting in a suspicious manner, and gives every indication of being "hot", it is requested that the Bureau forward to the Cleveland office the photographs of classified, well known criminals, who answer the description set out below:

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Age	ABOUT 50 years
Height	5'10"
Weight	160-170 pounds
Build	Medium heavy; slightly stooped shoulders
Complexion	Medium to ruddy
Hair	Black; gray at temples and edges and streaked with gray
Eyes	Dark brown; heavy black eyebrows
Nationality	French descent
Speech	Talks slowly with broken accent
Features	Large nose, broad at end; crease wrinkles around mouth.
Marks and Scars	Brown mole on left forearm, inner about size tip of little finger.

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Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

CDN:DMS

July 31, 1936.

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Mr. J. P. McFarland,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1448 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated July 21, 1936 setting out a description of one Paul Reno, subject in the investigation being conducted in Toledo, Ohio.

In accordance with your request a search of the Bureau's General Appearance files was conducted which resulted in the location of photographs of a number of individuals whose descriptions are similar to that of the subject. These photographs are listed below:

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K-4020	K-4440	K-4497	K-4518	K-4766	K-4896
K-4948	K-5217	K-5539	K-5862	K-5974	K-5980
K-6345	K-6471	K-8000	K-8394	K-10008	K-10172
K-10239	K-10475	K-10812	K-10815	K-10862	K-10927
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Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

The above-listed photographs are being transmitted to your office herewith. It is requested that they be returned to the Bureau as soon as they have served their purpose.

Very truly yours,

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

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <p style="text-align: center;">All leads in Indianapolis Bureau Office territory have been completed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-RUC-</p>			
Reference:  <p style="text-align: center;">Report of Special Agent J.E. Jones, Indianapolis, Indiana, dated July 13, 1936.</p>			
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July 23, 1936

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to personal and confidential letter of the St. Paul office under date of June 30, 1936, referring to the discussion had between Special Agent J. E. Brennan and Post Office Inspectors S. J. Hettrick and J. F. Cordrey on June 30, 1936.

I am returning herewith the Bureau copy of this letter which was given to me at Washington for my information.

At St. Paul on July 21st I discussed this at considerable length with Special Agent J. E. Brennan and he advised me that the discussion with Hettrick and Cordrey occurred on the street after they had interviewed Alvin Karpis and when he (Brennan) was returning to the office and was concluding his contact with these two individuals. Hettrick and Cordrey at this time apparently were very much elated over the fact that Karpis had said to them that they were responsible for him being in custody, as to which they (Hettrick and Cordrey) had very profusely said "Thank you" to Karpis. Karpis however later advised Agent Brennan that he had told these two individuals this in order to make them feel good as he did not care to have their enmity for the possibility it might cause him trouble in the future. Agent Brennan advised that Cordrey had stated that we had left him sitting in Hot Springs when we apprehended Karpis, but Cordrey of course did not go into the situation as to why he had been left there. Cordrey also took exception to the fact that possibly someone had indicated he was not particularly courageous. I do not know what he referred to. However as will be indicated later he was not particularly courageous in conducting the raid at Hot Springs on March 29, 1936. Inspector Hettrick advised that some Agent who was on a plant with the Post Office Inspectors had learned of the information they had as to Coker being in the hospital at Toledo, and that he had given this information to the Bureau, and this is believed to be the situation.

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wherein they referred to Special Agent in Charge Dowd as "smoothie". Inspector Hettrick of course offered no apology as to why he had not directly furnished this information to us, thereby eliminating the necessity of some Agent inadvertently learning same.

Inspector Hettrick called attention to the fact that he had called the Mercy Hospital at Toledo and made inquiry of the Sister in charge and learned by the type of operation of the treatment of Coker at this place, and thereby the name of the doctor; that the Sister had indicated that it would be unethical to give the name of the nurse; that they would have to obtain this from the doctor. This of course is an untrue statement by reason of the fact that we know that John Brock advised them definitely that Coker had been treated at the hospital under the name of Pratt, and that Coker was intimate with the nurse who had treated him at that time, and they being aware of the name under which he was treated at the hospital they undoubtedly believed this would make it difficult for us to locate the record as we only knew of the names Coleman and Coker. Hettrick added that he did advise Agent Wynn when he asked him as to what he had obtained, that he should look it up for himself. However, notwithstanding this discourtesy and lack of cooperation on his part Hettrick went on to explain that we had later located the nurse and the doctor and had placed a guard on them to see that no one interfered with them while we were making our investigation.

The situation wherein Hettrick refers to a certain confidential informant and the handling of him, particularly as regards myself, this undoubtedly refers to Clayton Hall of Youngstown, Ohio. Inspector Hettrick advised that someone had warned him against the Toledo, Ohio Police due to their possibly not being reliable, and Hettrick advised he had always worked with the Police and found them entirely honest. I recall no instance where we advised them of the crookedness of the Toledo, Ohio Police, this situation being more or less self-evident and they would know it themselves. It is worth noting at this time that Captain Timiney who is under investigation at present and who probably will be indicted with others for harboring the subjects of the Karpis-Barker gang is a very intimate friend of Inspector Casey, as is also Officer Langendorf of the Toledo Police, and

it is my understanding, and as has been stated to me by Inspector Hettrick, these two officers frequently go up into the room of Inspector Casey at Toledo and get drunk with him.

Hettrick advised Agent Brennan in a remark that Alvin Karpis was one of the first ones identified on the job with reference to the Garrettsville train robbery November 7, 1935. This is of course at variance with their story to us over a long period of time that no definite identification of Karpis had been made.

With reference to the alleged contentions of Post Office Inspectors referred to above and also in letter of the St. Paul office indicated in reference, this presents no new situation other than has been covered in reports already submitted and personal and confidential letters as to this situation from the Cleveland office.

The first contention as to our having hindered the operations of confidential informant Clayton Hall, this of course is entirely untrue. As will be recalled and as is reflected in my report of April 11, 1936 in the matter of Alvin Karpis, Clayton Hall had been established as an informant for us by Special Agents E. J. Wynn and W. B. O'Mahoney on March 25, 1936, as reflected in report of Agent Wynn dated April 22, 1936. On March 25, 1936 Agents Wynn and O'Mahoney arranged with Clayton Hall to act as an informant and furnished him with funds, and he was to report to the Cleveland office at 1 P.M. on March 26, 1936. Subsequently, while en route to the Cleveland office he was apprehended by the Post Office Inspectors and numerous other individuals and held incommunicado, notwithstanding the fact that he had a piece of paper upon him with the name of E. J. Wynn and his address thereon, and the explanation of Hall that he was then en route to the Cleveland office of the Bureau. We did not learn, although we had reason to believe they were holding this individual, until about 5 P.M. March 27, 1936, and this was only as a result of our efforts to locate him on the night of March 26 and March 27, 1936. Thereafter Inspector in Charge Briggs and Inspector Hettrick conferred with me on March 28th, as outlined in my report of April 11, 1936, and indicated that Hall would not talk to them; that he would not furnish any information unless he could furnish this jointly to representatives of the Bureau of Investigation and the Post Office Inspectors. As previously reported, I

advised Hall very definitely and conclusively that as far as the Bureau was concerned I would definitely recommend that he not be prosecuted for harboring Alvin Karpis should prosecution be instituted against him; that I was not responsible for any promises or arrangements the Post Office Inspectors might make to him and that this was their individual responsibility. This is undoubtedly the situation Hettrick refers to wherein he indicates that I was supposed to be an egotistical individual. Hettrick's statement that this interfered with Hall furnishing information is a deliberate lie on his part, because he knows very well that on the same day that we talked to him, Saturday March 28, 1936, Hall furnished the information as to the location of Alvin Karpis seven miles from Hot Springs, Arkansas, resulting in the Post Office Inspectors and Agent Smith and myself proceeding to Hot Springs for the raid which was made on March 29th. Hall, including the date of March 28th and subsequent dates, furnished any and all information in his possession and was entirely cooperative.

This brings up the situation of Cordrey's alleged lack of courage, and reference should be had to page 8 of my report of April 11, 1936 wherein it is indicated that Mr. Anderson in the presence of Inspectors Cordrey and Hettrick requested me to place Cordrey on the road with the automobiles, inasmuch as he was not familiar with the use of firearms, and would not be particularly desirable in either one of the two groups which raided the house. Cordrey was present when this was indicated, and in accordance with such request I placed him on the road, where I subsequently learned he was very nervous and tried to burrow under one of the automobiles when he saw a tracer bullet go over the house.

As to the subsequent arrangements with Clayton Hall in accordance with our understanding with the Post Office Inspectors, Agents J. L. Madala and W. J. McNulty took Hall to Little Rock, Arkansas on April 9, 1936 in order that he might establish a contact with Grace Goldstein at 233 1/2 Central Avenue Hot Springs, with the understanding that should anything material be learned through Hall the Post Office Inspectors would be advised, Cordrey being in Hot Springs at the same time Hall was endeavoring to make this contact. Special Agent in Charge Brantley was also there at that time and as is reflected in communication of Special Agent in Charge Brantley to the Bureau, he had a direct personal

conference with Inspector Cordrey in which he was advised that Hall had not been successful as yet in contacting Grace Goldstein; that whatever happened no direct contact should be made with the place of Grace Goldstein, as we expected her to return there on either Friday night April 24, 1936 or Saturday April 25, 1936. Cordrey advised he would do nothing as towards her or her establishment, indicating that he realized definitely that this would interfere with our joint arrangements as to having Hall obtain information through this woman. Notwithstanding this agreement, as previously reported Cordrey together with Chief of Detectives Akers apparently the following day after he had this gentleman's agreement with the Bureau through Special Agent in Charge Brantley, made a raid upon this house and examined all the rooms therein and also interviewed all of the inmates of this house of prostitution. Cordrey advised Chief Akers intimately of the details which we had imparted to the Post Office Inspectors as to our operations in Texas, which was one of the joint operations of the Bureau and the Post Office Inspectors, we however having conducted the actual investigation. This of course interfered with the efforts of informant Hall to contact Grace Goldstein. Also I understand that on either April 24 or 25, 1936 Cordrey disappeared from Hot Springs and apparently went to Memphis en route to Cleveland, Ohio; at least we did not know where he was and of course were unable to impart to him any information we learned through Hall. We carried on with our contact with Hall with reference to this woman, whereby we learned certain information which indicated it was desirable to make inquiry at New Orleans.

On Monday April 27, 1936 I proceeded to New Orleans for such investigation, we of course at that time having no definite information as to the location of Karpis or Hunter. The Post Office Inspectors having violated every agreement and having taken upon themselves to act independently of us, we of course did not concern ourselves further with them and our subsequent inquiry which was by obtaining an informant other than Clayton Hall, led to the location of Alvin Karpis, as to which the Post Office Inspectors had no connection whatsoever, and as to which they were in no way responsible for the success of the operation.

It is believed that the sole purpose of the Post Office Inspectors in expressing themselves as indicated on page 2 of the

letter of the St. Paul office dated June 30th, is to possibly justify their action in obtaining no results, and it is undoubtedly the reason furnished by them to their superiors as to their failure.

As to the first paragraph on page 3 of the letter of the St. Paul office dated June 30th, wherein the Post Office Inspectors advise that we picked up the nurse and doctor, as previously covered in reports and confidential letters to the Bureau, these individuals at the hospital very discourteously refused to cooperate with Agent Wynn, directing him to obtain his own information, although all were present at the hospital and the Post Office Inspectors had presumably already obtained the information we desired. There is no question in my mind that their reasons in this were prompted by the fact that they knew the name under which Coker had been in the hospital, and we did not. As to the allegations that we had picked up the doctor and nurse, ~~this is not entirely true. However we did establish contact with the doctor and had an agent remain with him most of the evening at his office and at his home, in order to verify that he did not communicate with anyone as to the inquiry we had made, in order to avoid the possibility of someone, particularly the newspapers or any contacts this doctor might have, learning anything which might interfere with the investigation looking to the apprehension of Campbell if he was located at the address indicated by the nurse. The nurse was interviewed by us and she was with us willingly during the night of this inquiry, and the same situation applied to her. We had maintained contact with this nurse in order to eliminate the possibility of her warning Coker of our inquiry, it being indicated that she was more or less the sweetheart of this individual and it would have been very foolish to allow her to go about her business after we had contacted her for the purpose indicated. We arranged with Special Agent B. M. Hirsch and his wife to keep this woman company while we were making the inquiry in question, and also in order that we would have her available for any other inquiry necessary should any occasion arise. It is definitely known that the Post Office Inspectors, notwithstanding any information they may have had, did not communicate with the doctor on this evening, nor did they make any effort to communicate with the nurse. It is rather apparent that the information at the hospital being obtained about 5.30 PM, they undoubtedly having arrived at their quitting time on this day, returned to their hotels and did not conduct any investigation~~

by reason of the fact that Agent E. J. Wynn met Inspector Hettrick the following morning at 9 A.M. and he was as yet not aware of the fact that we had apprehended Campbell, or that we had proceeded any further with the investigation than the hospital incident. Their reference to the fact that we were in touch with the doctor and nurse the night of this incident, namely May 6, 1936, is based upon subsequent inquiry apparently, as they not having conducted any investigation on the night of the 6th as to either the doctor or the nurse there could not have been any interference with their plans, although due to their discourteous action in the hospital it is not believed that any cooperation was necessary with them. In fact they eliminated themselves from any possibility of cooperation by immediately leaving the scene of the operation after they had supposedly obtained information at the hospital, definitely stating to us that they wanted nothing to do with us as to the inquiry.

With reference to the last paragraph as to the supposed person located at Toledo, Ohio who was being sought for questioning by the Bureau, I believe Mr. Hettrick is referring possibly to some situation about which he knows nothing whatsoever, as I recall no one that we were desirous of questioning that we have not been able to find; neither do I recall any incident wherein we have asked him for any assistance in locating anybody.

~~As to the possible location of Milton Lett, we are continuing investigation as to this inasmuch as we may have a possible charge of harboring as against him. However, he is very definitely wanted by the Post Office Inspectors inasmuch as he is the man who bought the car which was used in the Garrettsville train robbery, having purchased this car on or about October 25, 1935, and same thereafter being used in the robbery on November 7, 1935. It is very possible that the Post Office Inspectors may have indicated that they knew where Milton Lett was and we did not, in order to promote us in going out and locating him for them.~~

We will of course continue efforts to locate Milton Lett and we are particularly desirous of interviewing him as to

his associates around the Harvard Club at Cleveland, Ohio in  
1935 and 1936.

Very truly yours,



E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

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Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
June 30, 1936

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~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

BRKID

On this date Post Office Inspectors Sylvester Hetrick of Cleveland, Ohio, and Jesse F. Correy of Lima, Ohio, arrived in St. Paul for the purpose of interviewing Subject Karpis. Pursuant to my telephone conversation with Mr. Tamm of the Bureau, these Inspectors were allowed to interview Karpis in the presence of Special Agent John A. Brennan.

The purpose of the interview, as indicated from the conversation had with Karpis and from the explanation given by the Inspectors, was to ascertain whether Karpis would furnish any information which might tend to exonerate George Sargent, who has been convicted of the Warren, Ohio, mail robbery.

Karpis refused to discuss this case unless he could be assured that Fred Hunter would not be prosecuted for the Garrettsville mail robbery. The Inspectors stated that they could give no such assurance, but asked him if he would state whether Sargent was implicated in the Warren, Ohio, mail robbery, to which Karpis replied that he would not state that Sargent was not involved.

Karpis explained to the above Inspectors that he had received information from a source which he considered to be absolutely reliable, to the effect that Sargent, prior to his conviction of the Warren, Ohio, mail robbery, had endeavored to procure information as to the location of Karpis and Campbell for the purpose of informing Government officers as to their location; that he, Karpis, learning of this, had endeavored to locate Sargent so that he could take care of him. Karpis has heretofore stated to Agents of this

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Bureau that Sargent was not guilty of the Warren, Ohio, mail robbery, but because of his activity in endeavoring to cause the apprehension of Karpis he would not in any way assist him in procuring a pardon.

The Inspectors attempted to engage Karpis in conversation concerning the Garrettsville mail robbery, but he refused to discuss it with them.

Subsequent to the interview with Karpis, Inspectors Hetrick and Cordrey stated to Agent Brennan that they were not particularly concerned about the Garrettsville case as they had had all the information they needed for some time; that they understood that there had been a miscarriage of justice in the Warren, Ohio, case in that Sargent was not guilty, and had interviewed Harry Campbell, and being unable to procure any information from him, thought possibly that by talking to Karpis he might exonerate Sargent and, if so, they could procure direct evidence from some person who would furnish this evidence should Karpis authorize him to do so.

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capture.

The Inspectors claimed that they had procured the original information which had led to the apprehension of both Karpis and Campbell, and stated that they had been double-crossed by the Bureau, but that they had nothing against Agents of the Bureau as such as they felt that they were following the instructions of their superiors, and apparently the Director of the Bureau thought that the Post Office Inspection Service would criticize the Bureau for lack of cooperation and that the Director of the Bureau had beat them to it; that they had found upon working with Agents of the Bureau that there were quite a number of Agents who felt it incumbent upon themselves to notify the Director of their and the Post Office Inspectors' activities, which led to some disagreements among various Agents and Inspectors who were supposed to be working together; that they had spent considerable time in developing a confidential informant, who was later interviewed by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley in such a manner that it was indicated that the informant feared to furnish any further information; that they found Connelley to be a very egotistical sort of a person who was going around throwing out his chest telling everyone who would listen that he was E. J. Connelley, and that his name was always in the paper.

They referred to Special Agent Edward J. Dowd as "Smoothy" Dowd, and criticized Special Agent Wynn for procuring information as to the identity of the physician and nurse who treated Sam Coker, and instead of working with the Inspectors, who had the information before Agent Wynn did, picked up the doctor and nurse and held them so as not to be available for interview by the Post Office Inspectors.

what are facts?

Hetrick further stated that six Inspectors had been in Washington when there was a rumor of a Congressional investigation of the lack of cooperation between the two investigative units, to urge that the Congressional investigation be made. He further stated that there is some person now in Toledo whose identity and location he knows who is being sought for questioning by the Bureau, and that he was requested to furnish this information to Agents working in Toledo but he refused to do so; that he likewise knows the location of Milton Lett but will not furnish this information.

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Very truly yours,

C. W. STAIN  
Special Agent in Charge

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July 21, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

re BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letters dated  
December 11, 1935, and April 28, 1936 (7-576).

There are transmitted herewith additional  
lists which were furnished by the Federal Laboratories,  
Inc., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, reflecting sales of  
Thompson submachine guns in the following States during  
the periods indicated:

State	From	To
Alabama	1921	August 20, 1929
Arizona	1921	July 20, 1928
Colorado	1921	July 23, 1928
Delaware	1921	October 20, 1930
Dist. of Columbia	1921	January 10, 1928
Georgia	1921	October 22, 1928
Idaho	1921	July 8, 1933
Indiana	1921	October 6, 1928
Iowa	1921	July 14, 1928
Kansas	1921	February 14, 1929
Kentucky	1921	January 26, 1929
Louisiana -(except New Orleans)	1921	July 24, 1928
Maine	1921	December 11, 1931
Maryland	1921	May 1, 1929
Michigan	1921	September 28, 1928
Minnesota	1921	May 27, 1929
Mississippi	1921	March 12, 1934
Montana	1921	September 23, 1931
Nebraska	1921	February 10, 1930

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State	From	To
Nevada	1921	October 18, 1929
New Hampshire	1921	September 12, 1933
New Jersey	1921	November 17, 1928
North Carolina	1921	March 3, 1930
North Dakota	1921	August 16, 1929
Oklahoma	1921	July 24, 1928
Rhode Island	1921	April 19, 1929
South Dakota	1921	May 2, 1930
Tennessee	1921	October 18, 1933
Washington	1921	December 28, 1928
Wisconsin	1921	February 19, 1929.

Very truly yours, .

*R. L. Shivers*

R. L. SHIVERS.  
Special Agent in Charge.

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HOMPSON SUBMACHINE GUNS SOLD IN  
ALABAMA FROM 1921 TO AUGUST 20, 1929,  
AS FAR AS THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE DISCLOSE

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PURCHASER	DATE	QUANTITY	SERIAL NOS.
Moore-Handley Hdwe. Co., Birmingham, Ala.	6/3/21	1	✓ 338
Moore-Handley Hdwe Co., Birmingham, Ala.	4/20/21	14	✓ 94-141-146 ✓ 149-151-88 ✓ 95-96-98 ✓ 99-100-103 ✓ 110-113
Note: Guns 149, 88 and 113 returned April 1929 for repairs by Wimbedy & Thomas Hardware Co., Birmingham, Ala.			
Moore-Handley Hdwe. Co. Birmingham, Ala. Shipped to: C. R. Hawley, Madisonville, Ky.	9/27/22	2	✓ 1872-1953
Note: Gun #1872 received from and returned April 13, 1935 to Greenville Coal Co., Greenville, Ky. after being repaired. Gun #1953 received from and returned to W. A. Wickliffe Coal Company, Greenville, Ky. after being repaired April 13, 1935.			
Gen. Hartley Moor, Adj. General, State of Alabama, Montgomery, Ala.	9/5/22	1	1290 ✓
Moore-Handley Hdwe. Co. Birmingham, Ala.	3/7/24	1	2239 ✓
Note: Gun #2239 returned for repairs from W. A. Wickliffe Coal Co., Greenville, Ky. on April 13, 1936.			
Moore-Handley Hdwe Co., Birmingham, Ala.	3/26/24	1	2230 ✓
Moore-Handley Hdwe Co., Birmingham, Ala.	4/5/24	1	2461 ✓
Moore-Handley Hdwe Co., Birmingham, Ala.	4/17/24	2	2211-2460 ✓
Note: Gun #2460 returned for repairs and returned to Greenville Coal Co., Greenville, Ky. on April 13, 1936.			
Moore-Handley Hdwe. Co., Birmingham, Ala.	4/30/24	1	2714 ✓
Moore-Handley Hdwe. Co., Birmingham, Ala.	5/3/24	1	2349 ✓
Note: Gun #2349 returned for repairs from W. A. Wickliffe Coal Co., Greenville, Ky. on April 13, 1936.			
Moore-Handley Hdwe Co., Birmingham, Ala.			2378-3033 ✓

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Moore-Handley Hdwe Co., Birmingham, Ala. Shipped to: City of Anneton, Anneton, Ala.	1/26/27	1	4778 ✓
Jefferson County Board of Revenue, Birmingham, Ala.	2/16/27	1	4839 ✓
Police Dept., Birmingham, Ala. Shipped to: Chief of Police, Birmingham, Ala.	2/18/27	2	5059-4351 ✓
Franklin Coal Mining Co., P. O. Box 8, Birmingham, Ala. Shipped to: Franklin Coal Mining Co., 2124 Avenue D, Birmingham, Ala.	3/9/27	2	4997-5263 ✓
Dixie Construction Co., Birmingham, Ala. Shipped to: Dixie Constr. Co., C. C. Davis, Wetumpka, Ala.	4/14/27	1	4907 ✓
Moore-Handley Hdwe. Co., Birmingham, Ala.	5/27/27	2	4729-998 ✓
Note: Gun #s 4729 and 998 were returned to have compensators attached January 18, 1930 by Tennessee Coal Iron & R. R. Company of Birmingham, Ala.			
Long-Lewis Hdwe. Co., 2006-2026 Second Ave., Bessemer, Ala.	5/29/28	1	2276 ✓
Consolidated Coal Co., Birmingham, Ala. Shipped to: Consolidated Coal Co., Bankhead, Ala.	11/9/27	2	4664-3656 ✓
Note: Gun #4664 returned for repair on December 24, 1930 by Phillips & Stanley, Jasper, Alabama.			

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ARIZONA FROM 1921 TO JULY 20, 1928.  
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<u>PURCHASER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>SERIAL NOS.</u>
Geo. B. Marsh Inc., Nogales, Ariz.	10/4/27	1	452 ✓
C. J. Bracker, Nogales, Ariz.	1/3/28	1	3013 ✓
C. J. Bracker, Nogales, Ariz.	2/4/28	2	4147-4626 ✓

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<u>PURCHASER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>SERIAL NOS.</u>
Thos. J. Tynan, Warden Cpl. State Penitentiary Canon City, Colorado	5/13/21	1	✓ 276
✓ Colorado Sporting Goods Co., Colorado Springs, Colo.	12/27/22	1	✓ 1024
Note: This gun sent to us by Police Dept. Colorado Springs, Colo. Compensator was attached and gun returned to Police Dept. May 24, 1933.			
Fred W. Harris, Sheriff, Larimer County, Fort Collins, Colo.	6/2/28	1	✓ 5579
Colorado Sporting Goods Co., Colorado Springs, Colo.	4/29/26	1	✓ 1908
Robert F. Reed, Chief of Police, Denver, Colo.	11/25/27	2	✓ 472-1253

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THOMPSON SUBMACHINE GUNS SOLD IN DELAWARE  
FROM 1921 TO OCTOBER 20, 1930 AS FAR  
AS THE RECORD OF THIS OFFICE DISCLOSE

<u>PURCHASER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>SERIAL NOS.</u>
J. H. Squires, 2420 West 18th St. Wilmington, Del.	7/13/22	1	1186 ✓

Note: This gun #1186 returned to have  
compensator attached July 19, 1934 by  
State Police, State Highway Dept.,  
Wilmington, Delaware.

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 FROM 1921 to JANUARY 10, 1928, AS FAR AS THE  
 RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE DISCLOSE

<u>PURCHASER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>SERIAL NOS.</u>
G. G. Rorke 214 Munsey Bldg., Washington, D. C.	5/6/21	100	<del>111-117-131-137-</del> <del>148-153-163-166-</del> <del>169-173-174-189-</del> <del>207-208-212-217-</del> <del>222-224-225-226-</del> <del>231-236-239-243-</del> <del>249-263-268-279-</del> <del>283-285-112-118-</del> <del>123-132-136-141-</del> <del>154-155-78-80-82-</del> <del>83-84-85-86-81-</del> <del>87-89-90-92-97-</del> <del>102-105-108-109-</del> <del>271-277-280-282-</del> <del>284-288-294-295-</del> <del>296-297-298-301-</del> <del>308-318-319-323-</del> <del>339-341-343-348-</del> <del>350-354-358-357-</del> <del>362-369-371-373-</del> <del>379-380-382-393-</del> <del>401-417-459-488-</del> <del>220-247-254-258-</del> <del>262-265-266-270-</del> <del>299</del>
Geo. T. Wise 219 Metr. Nat. Bk. Bldg., Washington, D. C. For demonstration	8/6/21 Order 2197	1	36
Rosiclare Lead & Fluorspar Mining Co. 307 Mills Bldg., Washington D. C. Shipped to: W. P. Hanson Rosiview via Shawneetown, Ill.	9/9/21	4	1282-1424-1453- 1575
D. B. Gish 204 Cont. Trust Bldg., Washington, D. C.	11/15/21	1	1175
Panama Legation 2400 16th St. Washington, D. C. Shipped to: Br. Belisario Porras Jr., Consul Gen. of Panama 17 State St., New York City	3/30/21	1	47

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<u>PURCHASER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>SERIAL NOS.</u>
Panama Legation 2400 16th St., Washington, D. C. Shipped to: Milton Kohn Export Corp., Pier 67, No. River, Panama RR & SS New York City	6/3/21	29	534-700-608-619- 621-426-633-656- 609-736-743-764- 766-768-769-771- 772-773-775-777- 812-828-853-854- 859-862-869-727- 774
L. E. Hoover, Wardman Park Hotel Annex, Washington, D. C.	11/10/24	1	1124 <i>no record</i>
L. E. Hoover, Wardman Park Hotel Annex, Washington, D. C.	1/21/25	1	2936 - 1-2112-21

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George Gordon Rorke 214 Munsey Bldg. Washington, D.C. Shipped to: Am. Railway Express Co. 46th St. Office N.Y. City.	6/27/21	500	See Below.

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- 1082-1087-1128-1131-1137-1143-1155-1154-1163-1170-1179-1184-1195-1213
- 1218-1235-1244-1257-1258-1262-1007-1010-1011-1014-1017-1020-1030-1032
- 1058-1074-871-883-898-903-904-920-926-937-947-970-976-977-978-989-1013
- 1016-1023-1054-1055-1067-1073-1075-1076-1113-1116-1127-1134-1136-1139
- 1141-928-983-940-945-975-921-1019-1033-1048-1051-1064-1081-1083-1094
- 1104-1107-1109-1110-1112-1114-328-858-908-967-991-1034-1036-1037-1038
- 1044-765-1063-1066-1070-1071-1072-1077-1078-1080-1117-803-825-832-846-
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- 833-848-849-858-1006-1026-1059-1042-1043-708-776-788-793-796-829-855
- 876-901-902-668-753-824-861-868-878-882-905-806-911-460-475-714-758
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- 711-713-718-720-742-749-750-751-784-789-799-800-804-836-838-839-860
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<u>PURCHASER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>SERIAL NOS.</u>
Police Dept, Baltimore, Md.	12/6/22	1	✓ 1327
✓ Bacharack Rasin Co., 14 North Howard St., Baltimore, Md.	6/21/28	2	✓ 5654-6009
Sgt. Geo. D. Faulkner, Tilghman's Island, Talbot County, Md. LOAN	8/29/26	1	✓ 5140

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<u>PURCHASER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>SERIAL NOS.</u>
Police Dept. City of Flint, Michigan	5/7/21	1	✓ 257
Carl E. Schmidt & Co. Detroit, Mich.	5/25/21	1	✓ 779
Detroit Police Dept. Att. Jas. W. Inches Detroit, Mich.	5/7/21	2	✓ 244-256
E. A. Hawks, 1414 Dime Bank Bldg., Detroit, Michigan	6/9/22	1	✓ 1756
Sheriff Zach Baskin Saginaw, Michigan	7/18/22	1	✓ 1548
Michigan State Prison, Jackson, Michigan	12/5/29	6	✓ 5644-7555- 7292-6735- 6381-7127
Dept. of Public Safety, Lansing, Mich.	7/28/22	2	✓ 1668-1723
E. A. Hawks, 1414 Dime Bank Bldg., Detroit, Mich.	11/8/22	1	✓ 830
Dept. of Public Safety, Lansing, Mich.	4/27/23	1	✓ 1766
Henry Ford, Dearborn, Mich. Shipped to: Mr. Frank Campsall, Asst. Sec. to Henry Ford, Dearborn, Mich.	3/30/28	1	✓ 7253
Lou J. Eppinger, 131-7 Cadillac Sq. Detroit, Mich.	5/25/28	1	✓ 7497
Harry Heeby, Under Sheriff, Cass County, Cassopolis, Mich.	5/11/27	1	✓ 5182

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 THOMPSON SUBMACHINE GUNS SOLD IN MINNESOTA  
 FROM 1921 TO MAY 27, 1929 AS FAR AS THE  
 RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE DISCLOSE

<u>PURCHASER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>SERIAL NOS.</u>
Charles P. Pray, 607 Welvin Bldg., Duluth, Minn.	10/27/21	2	✓ 1000-1374
Sheriff Earle Brown, Hennepin County, Minneapolis, Minn.	9/7/22	1	✓ 1129
Wm. R. Burkhard, 143 East 4th St., St. Paul, Minn.	10/29/25	1	✓ 1943
✓ Marshall-Wells Co., Duluth, Minn.	2/19/27	2	✓ 4068-5021
Marshall-Wells Co., Duluth, Minn. Shipped to: C. F. Perrin Hardware Co., Ashland, Wis.	6/5/28	1	✓ 5128
Marshall-Wells Co., Duluth, Minn. Shipped to: Montana State Prison, Den Lodge, Mont.	2/22/27	4	✓ 5102-4787-4926 4727
Marshall-Wells Co., Duluth, Minn. Shipped to: Sheriff, Chippewa County, Chippewa Falls, Wis.	5/4/27	1	✓ 2402
✓ G. A. Ashton Co., 1547 University Ave., St. Paul, Minn. LOAN	10/30/24	1	✓ 929
Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minneapolis, Minn.	12/16/24	1	✓ 3250
Marshall-Wells Co., Duluth, Minn.	12/2/26	1	✓ 4511
Note: Gun 4511 returned October 6, 1932 by Duluth, Minnesota, Police Dept. to have compensator attached.			
✓ C. Zamboni & Sons, Owatonna, Minn.	12/22/26	1	✓ 4507

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FROM 1921 TO MARCH 12, 1934 AS FAR AS THE  
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<u>PURCHASER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>SERIAL NOS.</u>
Henderson & Baird Hardware Co. Greenwood, Miss. Shipped to: S. R. Coleman Jr., Sheriff, Greenwood, Miss.	3/20/28	1	6289
Chief of Police C. L. Bonner, Greenwood, Miss.	7/27/26	1	4380

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MONTANA FROM 1921 TO SEPTEMBER 23, 1931  
AS FAR AS THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE DISCLOSE

<u>PURCHASER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>SERIAL NOS.</u>
Frank C. Levigne, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Lewis & Clark County, Helena, Montana	5/19/27	1	✓ 5190

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FROM 1921 TO FEBRUARY 10, 1930 AS FAR AS  
THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE DISCLOSE

<u>PURCHASER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>SERIAL NOS.</u>
Wright & Wilhelm Co., Tenth & Jackson Sts., Omaha, Neb. Shipped to: Omaha Branch Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, 17th & Dodge Sts., Omaha, Neb.	5/22/28	1	4820

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FROM 1921 TO OCTOBER 18, 1929 AS FAR AS  
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<u>PURCHASER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>SERIAL NOS.</u>
Warden, Nevada State Penit. Carson City, Nevada	1/9/22	1	✓ 2194 <i>UP 1/13</i>

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FROM 1921 TO SEPTEMBER 12, 1933, AS FAR AS THE  
RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE DISCLOSE

<u>PURCHASER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>SERIAL NOS.</u>
Irving F. Goodwin Chief of Police Nashua, N. H.	2/10/22	2	2014-2084

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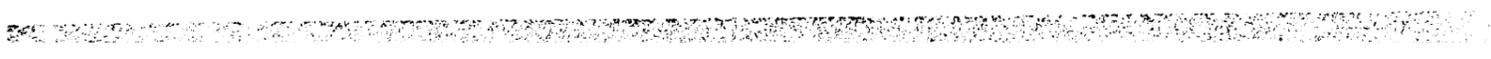
<u>PURCHASER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>SERIAL NOS.</u>
T. T. Pierce Sportsman's Service Station, Tenafly, N. J.	7/21/21	1	✓464
Hercules Powder Co., Fenwick, N. J.	6/19/23	1	✓2970
Col. M. H. Thompson, Col. George Harvey, Deal Beach, N. J.	8/24/23	1	✓2016
City of Trenton, Trenton, N. J. Shipped to: Capt. W. Walter, Police Headquarters, Trenton, N. J.	6/3/25	4	✓3708-3884 ✓4001-4172
Russell's Inc., 220 Market St., Newark, N. J.	11/9/25	1	✓4294
Western Cartridge Co., Box 184, Lodi, N. J. Shipped to: Critt, Peabody Co., Troy, N. Y.	11/19/26	2	✓4578-✓4672
Note: Gun #4578 returned for repairs March 25, 1930 by Western Cart- ridge Co. East Alton, Ill. and gun repaired after being repaired to Chief of Police F. A. Thiessen, Operating Dept, Bellmore & Nelson Co., New York			
Alme's Sport Shop, 370 So. Broad St., Trenton, N. J.	12/22/26	2	✓4402-✓4821
Police Dept., Borough of Franklin, New Jersey Shipped to: Robert G. Irons, Chief of Police, Franklin N. J.	12/30/26	1	✓4665

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF:  
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NORTH CAROLINA FROM 1921 to MARCH 3, 1930  
AS FAR AS THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE DISCLOSE

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<u>PURCHASER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>SERIAL NOS.</u>
Junius P. Harden Piedmont Lt. & Pwr. Co. Burlington, No. Carolina.	5/12/21	11	170-197-259-260 274-275-303-309 327-345-360

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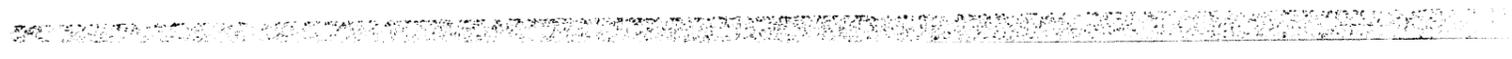


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 THOMPSON SUBMACHINE GUNS SOLD IN OKLAHOMA  
 FROM 1921 to JULY 24, 1928, AS FAR AS THE  
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<u>PURCHASER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>SERIAL NOS.</u>
Thos. F. Meagher 110 N. Nogales St. Tulsa, Oklahoma	7/28/21	1	2691
Mayor J. C. Walton Oklahoma City, Okla.	2/13/22	2	2116-2586
Capt. Clyde H. Finley, Kali-Imla Coal Co., McAlester, Okla.	8/30/24	4	2218-2754- 3172-3203
Chief of Police, City of Bartlesville, Oklahoma	9/16/22	1	2428
Sheriff John J. Creed, Washington County, Bartlesville, Okla.	5/24/27	1	4702

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF:  
THOMPSON SUBMACHINE GUNS SOLD IN RHODE ISLAND  
FROM 1921 TO APRIL 19, 1929 AS FAR AS THE  
RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE DISCLOSE

<u>PURCHASER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>SERIAL NOS.</u>
Andrew Harris, 51 Washington St., Providence, R. I.	9/13/26	1	3064 <i>H. J. ...</i> <i>... SPT</i>



THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF:  
THOMPSON SUBMACHINE GUNS SOLD IN SOUTH DAKOTA  
FROM 1921 TO MAY 2, 1930 AS FAR AS THE  
RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE DISCLOSE

<u>PURCHASER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>SERIAL NOS.</u>
Sheriff A. J. Larsen, Huron, So. Dakota	8/25/26	1	4875

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF  
 THOMPSON SUBMACHINE GUNS SOLD IN WISCONSIN  
 FROM 1921 TO FEBRUARY 19, 1929 AS FAR AS  
 THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE DISCLOSE

<u>PURCHASER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>SERIAL NOS.</u>
F. Geele Hardware Co., Sheboygan, Wis.	4/2/28	1	3798
John Meunier Gun Co., 272 West Water St., Milwaukee, Wis.	9/27/28	1	8094

Note: Gun #8094 returned September  
 19, 1933 for repairs by  
 Milwaukee Police Dept.,  
 Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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THOMPSON SUBMACHINE GUNS SOLD IN  
LOUISIANA FROM 1921 TO JULY 24, 1928, except NEW ORLEANS,  
AS FAR AS THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE DISCLOSE

<u>PURCHASER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>SERIAL NOS.</u>
Gen. L. A. Toombs, The Adjutant General, Louisiana Nat. Guard, Camp Beauregard, Alexandria, La.	8/7/22	1	994-66-3760-19- serial 170
Police Dept., Shreveport, La.	2/24/27	1	4495 66-1980-18 serial 170
Note: Gun #4495 returned for compensator August 23, 1930 by Madisen Hardware Company, Inc., Sheveport, La.			
Sheriff's Dept., Caddo Parich, Shreveport, La.	2/24/27	1	3770 66-1980-18 serial 170

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF:  
THOMPSON SUBMACHINE GUNS SOLD IN MAINE  
FROM 1921 TO DECEMBER 11, 1931 AS FAR AS  
THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE DISCLOSE

<u>PURCHASER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>SERIAL NOS.</u>
<del>The First National Bank, Brunswick, Maine</del>	8/12/24	1	3176 <i>No prior record</i>

9-576-12335

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF:  
THOMPSON SUBMACHINE GUNS SOLD IN WASHINGTON  
FROM 1921 TO DECEMBER 28, 1928 AS FAR AS THE  
RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE DISCLOSE

<u>PURCHASER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>SERIAL NOS.</u>
Auto-Ordnance Corp., %Am. Rwy. Express Co., Seattle, Washington	2/26/23	1	1482
The Overseas Corp. Ltd., 111 Spring Street, Seattle, Washington	11/1/23	1	2343
Art Burnside, North 2208 Dakota St., Spokane, Washington On consignment	1/20/30	2	5574-6666
Andrew Carrigan Co., Dexter Horton Bldg., Seattle, Wash.	11/23/25	10	3455-3349-3554 3504-2883-2733 3370-3174-3621 3416
Brashem Sales Co., 207 Commercial Block, Seattle, Wash.	11/27/25	6	4452-3483-3389 3365-1502-3318
Andrew Carrigan Co., Dexter Horton Bldg., Seattle, Wash.	12/7/25	10	4262-3266-3529 3981-3647-4100 4087-4113-4048 2381
Andrew Carrigan Co., Dexter Horton Bldg., Seattle, Wash. Shipped to: Andrew Carrigan Co., %Reliable Transfer & Storage Co., Seattle, Wash.	12/14/25	5	4854-4697-4684 4793-4401
Andrew Carrigan Co., Dexter Horton Bldg., Seattle, Wash. Shipped to: Andrew Carrigan Co., %Reliable Transfer & Storage Co., Seattle, Wash.	1/22/26	5	3936-3794-1665 4617-3034
Andrew Carrigan Co., Dexter Horton Bldg., Seattle, Wash.	1/22/26	20	3911-3444-4231 4030-4363-4486 4588-4569-4909 5228-5148-4552 4456-4480-5915 5285-4499-4503 4327-4929
Brashem Sales Co.,	2/6/26	6	4376-3391-474

*The following records are from the SPT.*

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 FROM 1921 TO DECEMBER 31, 1928 AS FAR AS THE  
 RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE DISCLOSE

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<u>PURCHASER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>SERIAL NOS.</u>
Andrew Carrigan Co. 676 Dexter Horton Bldg., Seattle, Wash. Shipped to: Andrew Carrigan Co., Reliable Transfer & Storage Co., Seattle, Wash.	2/16/26	5	✓4651-4355- ✓4483-4757 ✓3606
Andrew Carrigan Co., 676 Dexter Horton Bldg., Seattle, Wash. Shipped to: Andrew Carrigan Co., Reliable Transfer Co., Seattle, Wash.	3/27/26	8	✓5605-4260 5121-4521 ✓4223-4558 ✓4712-4895
Hill-Coleman & Co., Hinckley Bldg., Seattle, Wash.	11/11/24	1	✓2595
Mr. Harris Carrigan, Andrew Carrigan Co., 676 Dexter Horton Bldg., Seattle, Wash.	2/5/25	1	✓2589
Andrew Carrigan Co., 676 Dexter Horton Bldg., Seattle, Wash.	2/5/25	7	✓1642-2435 ✓3050-3166 ✓3265-3655 3748
The Andrew Carrigan Co., 676 Dexter Horton Bldg., Seattle, Wash.	3/14/25	5	✓2836-3010 ✓3086-3102 3150
Andrew Carrigan Co., 676 Dexter Horton Bldg., Seattle, Wash.	4/23/25	10	✓3069-3445 ✓3790-3750 ✓3002-3679 ✓3476-3257 ✓3122-3499
Andrew Carrigan Co., 676 Dexter Horton Bldg., Seattle, Wash.	5/27/25	10	✓3570-3040 ✓3863-3781 3101-3839 ✓3031-3652 3582-3074
Andrew Carrigan Co., 676 Dexter Horton Bldg., Seattle, Wash.	6/3/25	7	✓3823-3673 3236-3346 ✓3407-3079 4064
Andrew Carrigan Co., 676 Dexter Horton Bldg., Seattle, Wash.	6/13/25	9	✓1276-3800 ✓3079-3084 ✓3100-3103

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FROM 1921 TO DECEMBER 31 1928 AS FAR AS THE  
RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE DISCLOSE

<u>PURCHASER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>SERIAL NOS.</u>
Andrew Carrigan Co., 676 Dexter Horton Bldg., Seattle, Wash.	6/13/25	10	2668-3540-3757 3940-3740-3833 3576-3332-3601 1706
Andrew Carrigan Co., 676 Dexter Horton Bldg., Seattle, Wash.	5/22/26	10	4160-3167-5151 4871-4859-4980 4082-4743-4084 4754

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 WASHINGTON, D. C. FROM 1921 TO  
 JANUARY 10, 1928 AS FAR AS THE  
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<u>PURCHASER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>SERIAL NOS.</u>
National Service & Supply Company, Inc., 1600 Eckington Pl. N. E. Washington, D. C.	2/1/27	1	✓4067
Mrs. John Blish, The Beacon, Washington, D. C. Shipped to: Mrs. John Blish, Portsmouth, N. H. Wassis Sands, R. F. D. #2	8/15/22	1	✓2203
Lieut. James McDonald, Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, D. C.	4/12/27	1	✓4257
Col. R. M. Cutts, 3101 34th St. N W, Washington, D. C.	12/29/27	2	✓4714-5101
Col. Geo. Harvey, Highwood, 33rd & Rittenhaus Sts., Chevy Chase, Washington, D. C.	12/8/24	1	✓2044
Col. Geo. Harvey, Highwood, 33rd & Rittenhaus Sts., Chevy Chase, Washington, D. C.	12/8/24	1	✓2115
L. E. Hoover, Wardman Park Hotel Annex, Washington, D. C.	7/15/25	1	✓3574
Purchasing Officer, District of Columbia, Washington, D. C. Shipped to: Police Dept., Rm. 13, District Bldg., Washington, D. C.	6/14/26	2	✓3043-4135

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 THOMPSON SUBMACHINE GUNS SOLD IN  
 GEORGIA FROM 1921 TO OCTOBER 22, 1928,  
 AS FAR AS THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE DISCLOSE

<u>PURCHASER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>SERIAL NOS</u>
William Beach Hdwe. Co., Columbus, Ga.	5/14/21	1	160
Crumley-Sharp Hdwe. Co., Atlanta, Ga.	7/11/21	3	1465-1540 1867
Police Dept., City of Atlanta, Ga. Chief T. O. Sturdivant	3/9/34	2	3344-3482
Dr. Peter F. Bahusen, State Veterinarian, Bureau of Live Stock Industry, Georgia Dept. of Agriculture, Atlanta, Ga.	7/25/22	2	1601-1958
Beach-Mosely Co., 1110 Broad St., Columbus, Ga.	1/8/23	4	569-910 1852-1415
Bowen Bros. Hardware Co., 905 Broad St., Augusta, Ga.	3/16/28	1	5919

*Not furnished on any of these*

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THOMPSON SUBMACHINE GUNS SOLD IN IDAHO  
FROM 1921 TO JULY 8, 1933 AS FAR AS THE  
RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE DISCLOSE

<u>PURCHASER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>SERIAL NOS.</u>
✓ Idaho Hardware & Plumbing Co., Boise, Idaho	3/22/27	1	✓ 4010
Idaho Hardware & Plumbing Co., Boise, Idaho	4/6/27	1	✓ 1992

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 THOMPSON SUBMACHINE GUNS SOLD IN  
 INDIANA FROM 1921 to OCTOBER 6, 1928  
 AS FAR AS THE RECORDS OF THIS  
 OFFICE DISCLOSE

<u>PURCHASER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>SERIAL NOS.</u>
Maj. Jack Beattie, Chief of Police Terre Haute, Ind.	5/9/21	2	✓ 273-281
✓ Boetticher & Kellogg Co., Evansville, Ind.	6/26/22	1	✓ 1757
✓ J. F. Dowling, Gen. Master Car Builder Big Four, 408 Majestic Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind.	7/17/22	4	✓ 1840-✓ 1710- 2549-1629
✓ Gen. H. B. Smith, The Adj. General's Office, Indianapolis, Ind.	7/29/22	10	✓ 15-1864-1106- ✓ 1874-1517-1897- ✓ 616-2265-1762- ✓ 2547
Note: Gun #1106 returned from Michigan Dept. of Public Safety, East Lansing, Michigan with serial number on frame and receiver ground off. Number was found to be 1106 - Oct. 23, 1933.			
✓ The Emporium, 220 E. Main St., Fort Wayne, Ind.	8/13/28	1	✓ 7354

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THOMPSON SUBMACHINE GUNS SOLD IN  
IOWA FROM 1921 to JULY 14, 1928  
AS FAR AS THE RECORDS OF THIS  
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<u>PURCHASER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>SERIAL NOS.</u>
Burdick N. Richardson 501 Lane Bldg. Davenport, Iowa	2/17/22	1	74

Note: This gun was loaned, according to the records.

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 THOMPSON SUBMACHINE GUNS SOLD IN  
 KENTUCKY FROM 1921 to JANUARY 29, 1929  
 AS FAR AS THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE DISCLOSE

<u>PURCHASER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>SERIAL NOS.</u>
✓ Watson Hardware Co. Ashland, Ky.	5/25/21	1 1898 4	✓ 781-826-890-8
✓ Watson Hardware Co. Ashland, Ky.	9/17/21	2	✓ 1231-1400
✓ First National Bank Princeton, Ky.	5/12/21	1	✓ 366
✓ J. B. Harlan Union Station 10th & Broadway Louisville, Ky.	10/31/21	2	✓ 322-323
✓ Diamond Coal Co., Providence, Ky.	8/5/30	2	✓ 7866-6092
✓ The Turley Hardware Co., Owensboro, Ky.	7/19/22	1	✓ 2019
✓ Sheriff Chas E. Barnett, Hopkins Company, Madisonville, Ky.	10/16/30	1	✓ 2087
✓ Adjutant General, Kentucky Nat. Guard, Frankfort, Ky.	8/2/22	4	✓ 1807-1895- 2137-2543
✓ Gen. Jackson Morris, 2907 Springdale Road, Louisville, Ky.	3/18/25	1	✓ 2964
✓ Sheriff M. T. Reynolds, Whitesburg, Letcher Co., Kentucky	7/20/26	1	✓ 5001
✓ Armored Car Co. Inc., 306 Pearl St., Louisville, Ky.	3/3/27	1	✓ 4786
✓ The Turley Hardware Co., Owensboro, Ky.	1/26/29	2	✓ 6753-6964

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THOMPSON SUBMACHINE GUNS SOLD IN KANSAS  
FROM 1921 TO FEBRUARY 14, 1929 AS FAR AS  
THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE DISCLOSE

<u>PURCHASER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>SERIAL NOS.</u>
Col. M. H. Thompson %Comm. Officer, Fort Riley, Kansas	8/12/26	2	2391-3079
Note: These guns were left at Fort Riley, Kansas with Sergeant McAlees.			
The Adjutant General, State of Kansas, Topeka, Kansas	8/24/22	10	760-1632-1634 1658-1793-1860 1966-2025-2032 2049
The Adjutant General, State of Kansas, Topeka, Kansas	3/15/28	1	5799
Burns & Goulding, Garden City, Kansas	3/19/28	2	5801-5847
G. F. Dancer, Independence, Kansas	5/14/28	1	7220

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

August 20, 1936

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio		St. Louis	FILE NO. 7-45
REPORT MADE AT <b>St. Louis, Mo.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-22-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7-7, 13-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>F. L. WARD</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases; JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-VICTIM</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Lucille Farris Lett's present whereabouts not known to relatives who did not know she was married. Lucille F. Lett seen on the streets of Coffeyville, Kansas by George Holt a resident and brother of Parilee Farris during April, 1936. Relatives do not know Milton Lett. List of relatives of Lucille F. Lett set forth.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>Report of Special Agent John B. Little, Oklahoma City, Okla. dated 4-24-36.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>AT MEADVILLE, MISSOURI</u></p> <p>Agent interviewed Mrs. Bernice Elliston who stated she had not heard from her niece Lucille Farris (not Ferris) since she left Meadville, Missouri with her mother Constance and her brother Lyle for Coffeyville, Kansas two years ago. She did not know if Lucille Farris was married and had no information whatever concerning the niece. Bernice Elliston stated the members of her family are as follows:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Andrew Farris - father, residence Wheeling, Missouri          Andrew Farris' daughters:--          Bernice Elliston - husband, Elmer, residence Meadville, Missouri          Hazel Hopper - husband, John, residence Kansas City, Kansas (419 N. 7th St.)          Addie Murrain - husband, Ben, residence Carrollton, Missouri.</p>			
REFERENCE:			
DETAILS:			
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Andrew Farris' sons:--  
Clarence Farris - wife, Irma, residence Wheeling, Missouri.  
Vern Farris, single, residence 419 N. 7th St., Kansas City, Missouri.  
Oren Farris, single, residence Gale St., Chillicothe, Missouri.  
Lon Farris - wife, Constance, mother and father of Lucille. (Constance with Lucille and Lyle her children, supposed to be living in Coffeyville, Kansas. Whereabouts of Lon unknown).

Lon Farris married Constance Campbell of Sumner, Missouri January 1, 1917; of this marriage there are two children Lucille now approximately 18 years of age and Lyle now approximately 15 years of age. The parents of Constance are deceased and she has one sister Eva Hooper, approximately 55 years of age and the last known address of Eva Hooper was St. Joseph, Missouri where she lived two years ago with her husband, name unknown, who worked for the railroad, branch unknown.

Bernice Elliston stated she saw Vern Farris and Addie Murrain last Decoration Day and they did not know whether Lucille was married and they did not hear from Constance. On July 4th, Bernice saw Hazel Hopper, Oren Farris and Clarence Farris and they did not know that Lucille was married and they had not heard from Constance. The conversation among the brothers and sisters centered around Lon whom they had not heard from since he left Constance and the children in Meadville, Missouri two years ago. Constance does not communicate with members of the family and has not visited them since she left Meadville, Missouri. Bernice Elliston stated the movements of Lon and Constance since their marriage were as follows:--Married January 1, 1917 and stayed five years at Sumner, Missouri; moved to Meadville, Missouri and operated a restaurant for two years; moved to Chillicothe, Missouri and lived on a farm for three years; moved to Tina, Missouri and lived on a farm for two years; moved to Edina, Missouri and operated a feed business for one year; moved to Fountain Grove, Missouri and lived on a farm for a trucking business for one summer; moved to Meadville, Missouri where Lon left Constance and the children and that is the last the Farris family has heard of Lon and of Constance and her children as she moved to Coffeyville, Kansas. Bernice Elliston stated that the members of her family did not have any photograph of Lucille as the only photograph she remembers of Lucille was taken when Lucille was a baby.

AT WHEELING, MISSOURI

Agent interviewed Clarence and Irma Farris and the father of Clarence, Andrew Farris, who resides with them, and was informed that they had not heard from Constance Farris, the wife of Lon Farris, since

she left Meadville, Missouri. They did not know that Lucille Farris was married and stated that the family did not communicate with one another. During their recent visit at Bernice Elliston's home, Meadville, Missouri, the brothers and sisters spoke about Lon and Constance and no one had heard from them and they believed Constance and the children were living at Coffeyville, Kansas, but they did not know where Lon Farris was. Irma Farris stated that P. Farris, great grandmother of Lucille (Andrew Farris' mother) had received a letter from her brother George Holt, Coffeyville, Kansas in April, 1936 stating that he had seen Lucille and Lyle Farris on the streets of Coffeyville, Kansas but did not speak to them then. P. Farris is living at Brookfield, Missouri.

Investigation was conducted at Wheeling, Missouri by reporting agent as it was within a point of five miles of Meadville, Missouri where investigation from the St. Louis Office was started and although Wheeling, Missouri lies within the Kansas City, Missouri office district, it was deemed expedient to cover same at this time and furnish the Kansas City, Missouri office with a copy of this report.

#### AT BROOKFIELD, MISSOURI

Investigation at Brookfield, Missouri disclosed that Parilee Farris, widow, mother of Andrew Farris, resides at 224 West Sedgwick Street and at the present time was visiting a son, John Farris at St. Catherine, Missouri. Parilee Farris is 89 years of age and is receiving an old age pension from the State of Missouri.

#### AT ST. CATHERINE, MISSOURI

At the home of John and Lillie Farris, agent interviewed Parilee Farris who stated that she never heard from Lon Farris' wife Constance or their children and it was two years since she saw them. Parilee Farris' brother George Holt, 801 Minnesota St., Coffeyville, Kansas wrote her in April last about seeing Lucille and Lyle Farris on the streets in Coffeyville, Kansas but did not mention that Lucille Farris was married. The last letter George Holt sent was in June, 1936 at which time he did not mention anything about Constance Farris or the children. P. Farris stated that she would write her brother George Holt and inquire regarding Lucille Farris. Upon receipt of any information concerning Lucille Farris and her present whereabouts, P. Farris will forward this information to the St. Louis Bureau Office. A self-addressed franked envelope was left with Parilee Farris for this purpose.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: KANSAS CITY OFFICE at Coffeyville, Kansas will interview George Holt, 801 Minnesota Street for information he may have concerning Lucille Farris Lett, wife of Milton Lett. George Holt communicates with his sister Parilee Farris, Brookfield, Missouri, a great grandmother

of Lucille Farris Lett and in his letter of April, 1936 he mentioned seeing Lucille and Lyle Farris on the streets of Coffeyville, Kansas. The present whereabouts of Lucille Farris Lett is desired in an effort to locate Milton Lett. No additional information is being set forth regarding this lead as the Kansas City Office has received copy of the report of reference.

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Laboratory Report

July 23, 1936.

Number: 7-576-12868

Case: BREKID

Specimens:

One .32 caliber Harrington and Richardson gun.

Examination requested by: Philadelphia

Date received: July 16, 1936

Examination requested:

Ballistic - Bring out obliterated numbers

Examination by:

Q. Tamm

Result of examination:

The above-designated gun which is listed as it appeared in your letter, being a .32 caliber Harrington and Richardson gun, has been examined in the Bureau's Technical Laboratory and it has been found to be a "C. H." revolver probably of Spanish manufacture. The original serial number is believed to be "8 11".

Test specimens have been taken in the above gun and they are at present being compared with specimens of such type on file in the Bureau's Technical Laboratory and upon completion of this examination you will be advised as to the results.

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July 23, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Re: BREKID.

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 Bureau July 16, 1936.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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RE BREKID REPORT OF AGENT GS COSHORN JACKSONVILLE DATED JUNE FIFTEENTH IS ONLY DATA CONCERNING ROBERT REED AVAILABLE THIS OFFICE FORWARD DESCRIPTION AND FULL INFORMATION NECESSARY FOR INTERVIEW IF INTERVIEW WANTED SINCE MAIL BEING HELD FOR ROBERT REED GENERAL DELIVERY WHOSE IDENTITY AND LOCATION NOT YET DETERMINED

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: BREKID

Agents working in Toledo, Ohio, have been inter-  
viewing all of the persons who were in any way associated with  
the Casino during the summer of 1934, when members of the  
Karpis-Barker gang were frequenting that rendezvous. Informa-  
tion thus far obtained indicates that there was a close friend-  
ship between members of this gang and Ted Angus. None of the  
persons thus far interviewed have indicated that anyone at the  
Casino Club had any positive knowledge as to the true identity  
of these individuals. It is strongly indicated, however, that  
members of the Karpis-Barker gang were brought to the Casino  
Club by William J. Harrlach, who, many years earlier, had been  
interested in a saloon with Ted Angus in Hammond, Indiana.

Information obtained also indicates that George  
Timiney, formerly in charge of the Vice Squad of the Toledo,  
Ohio, Police Department, visited the Casino Club on numerous  
occasions when members of the Karpis-Barker gang were there.  
Timiney was very friendly with Willie Harrison and on one  
occasion Timiney and Ted Angus concocted a scheme by which  
some of Timiney's men would go to the Algon Hotel in Toledo  
and arrest Willie Harrison, who was at that hotel with Wynona  
Hardette and Edna Murray. This was during February or March,  
1934, shortly after the ransom money had been paid.

Mrs. Edith Marks is the widow of one Chat Marks,  
an underworld character in Toledo, Ohio, who was killed in  
gangland fashion on August 9, 1931. Chat Marks was interested  
in a billiard room and also a dance pavilion. Likewise, he  
was interested in the Green Mill Night Club, and later took  
over certain gambling concessions in Toledo and vicinity.  
After the death of Marks, and in March, 1932, Timiney moved

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into the home of Edith Marks at 2650 Broadway, Toledo, and lived with her until only recently. They have now separated and there appears to be a certain amount of enmity existing between them. Mrs. Marks informed that not long ago Timiney called her and asked her if she had been questioned by Federal Agents, at which time she advised him that she had been questioned by them, but, in fact, she had not, up to that moment, been questioned by Special Agents. She stated that Timiney asked her if she had told anything and she told him she had furnished no information. When asked why she told Timiney that she had talked with Agents, Mrs. Marks stated that she just wanted to worry him. She likewise advised that at the time of the capture of Alvin Karpis, Timiney had called on her, at which time she inquired as to why he was so worried and further asked him if he were afraid of the G-Men, to which Timiney replied that he had nothing to worry about.

Mrs. Marks has further admitted that on numerous occasions she and Timiney attended the Casino operated by Ted Angus. She has cited instances in which it was shown that Timiney was very friendly and well acquainted with Willie Harrison. Timiney she alleged was likewise very friendly with Ted and Bert Angus. Mrs. Marks has identified numerous members of the Karpis-Barker gang as having been in attendance at the Casino Club during the times she and Timiney visited the same. Mrs. Marks has alleged that Addison Q. Thatcher, formerly Mayor of Toledo and now City Councilman in Toledo, was a personal friend of George Timiney and was Timiney's backer in the Police Department. She further alleged that Ted Angus was the pay-off man at the time Thatcher was Mayor, and it is her understanding that this arrangement commenced during the incumbency of Mayor Jackson. She alleges that during 1932 and 1933 on occasions when she visited the Casino, several times she observed women come into the Club to talk to Ted Angus. She alleged that these women were operating houses of prostitution. She further stated that Timiney has always been a free spender and has expended sums of money considerably in excess of his salary; that she would estimate that he had spent sums ranging from \$10.00 to \$15.00 a day.

Memorandum for  
the Director

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You will recall that Wynona Burdette was confined in the St. Vincent's Hospital in Toledo on two occasions during the summer of 1934. Investigation has disclosed that after the gang was "flushed" out of Toledo, Ohio, on September 5, 1934, there was an unpaid balance at the said hospital of \$300.00. Inquiry has now been made of Ruth Wells, the former paramour of Ted Angus. Ruth Wells commenced living with Ted Angus about Thanksgiving Day 1931 and because of differences left him about June 1, 1936. She has informed that neither she nor Ted Angus knew the identity of the gang until the arrest of Wynona Burdette, Gladys Sawyer and Paula Harmon in Toledo, Ohio, on September 5, 1934. She has alleged that she discussed this matter with Ted Angus and that they were both surprised upon learning the identity of the gang. She recalled, however, that some time after September 5, 1934, Ted Angus gave her \$100.00, telling her that on the night previous Harry Campbell had given him the money to be paid to Dr. Douglass who attended Wynona Burdette. Accordingly, Ruth Wells actually paid this money to Dr. Douglass. Examination of the records of the hospital discloses that Ruth Wells actually paid \$200.00 on account on October 12, 1934. It is, therefore, reasonable to assume that Harry Campbell appeared at Ted Angus' place between the dates September 5, and October 12, 1934, and that Ted Angus received this money from Campbell with knowledge of his fugitive character.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO. 7-1

REPORT MADE AT Cleveland, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE 7/21/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/14, 20/36	REPORT MADE BY C. E. SMITH <span style="float: right;">EJB</span>
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

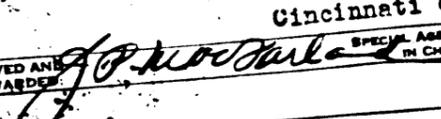
**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mr. Eliot Ness furnished names of matrons on duty at Cleveland City Jail, 9/5/34, together with names and addresses of women in jail during that time. Deputy Inspector Frank Story advises Detective Joe Jacobs (now deceased) is officer who called Harvard Club at time women were in jail. Also advises he is obtaining information to effect a police officer contacted representative of Harvard Club on 9/6/34 at which time police officer was advised of identity of women. Edward Stanton, 606 Terminal Tower Building, probably attorney who contacted Gladys Sawyer, rather than a man by name of Scott. Ass't County Prosecutor Charles McNamee, advises article in newspaper relative to Karpis' presence at Harvard Club, 1/10/36, only a rumor. Frank Smith, joint incorporator with Hebebrand and Patton, probably deputy county treasurer; Gordon Aray advises Hebebrand once pleaded guilty to manslaughter, later permitted to withdraw plea, and later discharged by jury. Detective Norman Kandell advises Seaman and Gilmore be in Toledo, O. Dolly Rogers not located Akron, Ohio.

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**REFERENCES:**

Report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, 7/14/36; letter from Cincinnati office dated 7/6/36; Bureau letter dated 7/5/36; Bureau letter dated 7/1/36; report of Special Agent R. J. Abbaticchio, Jr., Omaha, Nebraska, dated 6/30/36; letter from Cleveland office to Cincinnati office dated 6/22/36.

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DETAILS:

This is a joint report of Special Agents J. B. Fitzgerald and Clyde E. Smith.

Mr. Eliot Ness, Director of Public Safety was interviewed relative to the police matron on duty in the city jail on September 5, 1934, during the time Gladys Sawyer, Wynona Burdette, and Paula Harmon were incarcerated in the Cleveland City Jail, and he furnished Agents with a report dated June 24, 1936, which was submitted by Emma S. Schuller, Sergeant, Women's Bureau, Cleveland Police Department, to George J. Matowitz, Chief of Police. The report sets forth in chronological order the activities of the various police officials who conducted any investigation relative to Gladys Sawyer, Wynona Burdette, and Paula Harmon, as well as the names and addresses of the women arrested and in jail at the time the above named women were taken into custody. Following is the memorandum:

On September 5, 1934 at 6:15 PM Gladys Sawyer, Ethel Matterson and Wynona Burdette were admitted to Central Station by Matron Mollie Bartelheim, who was working from 3-11 PM. Women held for investigation. Ruth Ross admitted at 7:25 PM charge Intox - Rel.

Matron Barbara Marsicek on duty from 11 PM to 7 AM, admitted:

Alice Lee (col.) ORIP  
Marjorie Williamson (col) Viol liquor law

2287 E. 97th - 1916 Scovill

September 6, 1934 Matron Alice Weber on duty from 7 AM to 3 PM

Julia Brown (W) from workhouse  
Mary Davis (W) from county jail  
Wilma Lepelly (W) Intox - Rel.

5616 Hough - 1877 E. 59 - 1717 E 55 #6  
28 W. Glendale Ave., Bedford, O.

Matron Molly Bartelheim from 3 - 11 PM

Rose Reynolds (W) Intox - Rel  
Dorothy Stallworthy (Col) Petit larceny  
Onida Gamble (col) Viol liquor law  
Vera Wald (W) Invest  
Maxine Amas (W) Invest

2328 Rockwell  
3769 Woodland  
3408 Cedar  
1854 E. 19th St - 2049 E 77th  
1962 E 79th Street - 3715 Prospect

September 6, 1934 Matron on duty 11 to 7 AM Barbara Marsicek

Ruth Parker (W) Invest  
Doris Gray (W) Invest  
Dorothy Dean (W) Invest  
Dorothy

3715 Prospect  
1854 E. 19th #10  
1854 E. 19th - 1830 E 19th

Clara/Marian (W) Intox - Rel.

On September 7, 1934 the three women in question were charged with being Suspicious Persons - bond \$5,000.

September 7, 1934 Matron on duty Grace Lynch from 7 AM to 3 PM

Florence Gerhardt (W) Obt. Goods by False Pretense	743 E. 128th
Christian Thomas (Col) Invest	2369 E. 40th
Josephine House (Col) Invest	2369 E. 40th

September 7, 1934 Matron on duty Molly Bartelheim from 3-11 PM

Antoinette Mora (W) Invest	2127 E. 100th
Christine Ross (W) Intox	1435 E. 12th
Estelle Clinton (Col) Assault and battery	2314 E. 55th

September 7, 1934 Matron on duty Alice Weber from 11 PM to 7 AM

Molly Conley (W) Invest	1795 E. 19th
Ruth Carson (W) Invest	2033 E. 77th - 1864 E. 82
Wilma Hyatt (W) Invest	2052 E. 90th
Irene Brenner (W) Invest	1850 E. 85th - 4806 Euclid
Dorothy Lewis (W) Invest	8014 Carnegie - 2043 E. 77th
Anna Morton (W) Invest	1854 E. 19th - 1404 Prospect
Bernice Lee (W) Invest	1854 E. 19th
Eleanore Benntry (W) Intox - Rel	1547 W. 28th

On September 8, 1934 three women in question were turned over to Federal authorities and their case in police court was nolle.

The following is Women's Bureau record on Ethel Matterson, alias Paula, alias Marion Bradford, alias Ethel Marsh, 30, 10515 Parkhurst Avenue, also 4419 W. 171st Street., Wynona Wolcott, 22, 2831 - 131st St., Toledo, Ohio, also 4419 W. 171st Street., Gladys Sawyer, 38, Dayton Bluff Sta., St. Paul, Minn., also 4419 W. 171st St.  
9-5-34 (Mildred Wilcox)

Received call from Hotel Cleveland requesting that three intoxicated women who had a child with them be removed from their Grill Room.

At Hotel. Interviewed manager, who reported that women had paid their bill but had done considerable damage in the Grill Room and were in such an intoxicated condition that the management did not feel women should have child with them.

At Hotel. Attempted to question women who were too intoxicated to answer coherently; women became abusive and attempted to get away. Called for assistance. With officer in district and two traffic men brought women to Central Station for investigation. Detective Bureau notified.

9-6-34 ( C. Heidinger)

Questioned all three women, who told conflicting stories as to why they came downtown. Wynona said that they were shopping in the various stores downtown for a hat for herself. Mrs. Sawyer said that she had purchased a suit at Halle Bros., and Mrs. Matterson drove her downtown to get the suit. Mrs. Matterson said they drove downtown to get a dress for Mrs. Sawyer's little girl. They all agreed that they stopped at the Hotel Cleveland for high balls before shopping.

Interviewed Wynona Walcott who said that she has been separated from her husband for the past two months and about a week ago came to Cleveland. She went to the home of Ethel Matterson and has been staying with her. Wynona said that it was she that had the knife and that she threw it when she heard the officers coming. She also stated that she met Ethel in Toledo about six months ago.

Questioned Gladys who said that she had been in Cleveland for about a month and that she came here from St. Paul, Minn. She knew nothing about the knife or how it was thrown away. She said that after mixing her drinks she became so intoxicated that she did not know what she was doing. She said that she was staying with Ethel and that she met Ethel in St. Paul in 1929 and they have kept up a correspondence since then.

Interviewed Ethel Matterson who said she met Wynona Walcott and Gladys Sawyer downtown and went into the Cleveland Hotel where she bought them some drinks. Questioned as to whether the other two women were staying with her, she was emphatic in her denial. Also questioned Ethel where she had met Wynona and Gladys and she said she met them in a gambling place in Cleveland just recently. She denied that she had ever been in St. Paul and though she said she had been in Toledo several times, she did not meet Wynona there. Questioned her about the knife and she denied that she saw it and said that she never owned one.

Again questioned Wynona about the knife and told her that Ethel denied giving it to her and then she said she fished it out of a five cent machine. When told that Ethel said she did not stay with her Wynona said she only arrived in Cleveland yesterday and went to Ethel's home.

All three women changed their stories considerably and seemed to be covering up each other. At the Detention Home interviewed Francine Sawyer, age 5 years. Child said that she has been staying with her mother at the home of a lady named Paula. Brought child to Central Station where she identified Ethel Matterson as Paula.

At Juvenile Court re: above case but Miss Lucht felt there was not sufficient evidence to file on the mother, and also said as long as the child is not a resident of Cleveland, the entire case should be heard in police court.

9-7-34 (C. Heidinger)  
Again at Juvenile Court, Miss Lucht filed on Francine as a dependent.  
No action taken against child's mother.

Received telegram from Children's Bureau in Minnesota, requesting that  
we refer the case to Children's Bureau in Cleveland.

Contacted C. B. (Miss Sawhill) who said that inasmuch as W. B. had filed on  
girl they will not come into case unless requested by Juvenile Ct. to do so.  
At Juvenile Ct. and talked to Judge Eastman, who felt that it would not be  
necessary for C. B. to come into case.

9-8-34 (C. Heidinger)  
Received second communication from Minn. stating that Francine's correct  
name is Faughnan, and giving the child's parents' names. Called Juvenile  
Ct. and gave them that information. Mr. Wachtell of Juvenile Ct. request-  
ed that I make out a new affidavit, giving the child's correct name, etc.

9-10-34 (C. Heidinger)  
At Juvenile Ct. filed new affidavit. No date for the hearing set, as child  
is to be returned to Minnesota Children's Bureau, directly, who will accept  
the responsibility for her. Conferred with Inspector Cody of the Detective  
Bureau re the disposition of the cases of the three women. Learned that  
S. P. warrants had been issued against the women and bond set at \$5,000.

Inspector Peters of the Dept. of Justice called and said that they are  
interested in this case, as one of the women was from St. Paul, it was pre-  
sumed that she might be one of the Dillinger gang. Also learned that the  
photo of man believed to be Mr. Matterson, was positively identified as  
one of the Bremer kidnapers of St. Paul and known on the police records as  
Fred Barker. He is also wanted for the killing of the Sheriff at Lima, Ohio.

The S. P. charge in P. C. was nolleed and the women turned over to the  
Federal Agents, who will continue on the case.

9-26-34 (C. Piotrowski)

Ethel Marsh, alias Matterson was brought to City Hospital after being  
treated at Lakeside Hospital, into which place she walked. Detectives  
wanted her for further questioning, so transferred her to city hospital  
and at city hospital refused to accept her, assisted in transferring  
her to county jail, Probate Ward, and detectives were to file on her in  
Probate Court.

9-27-34 (C. Piotrowski)

Ethel filed on in Probate Court and sent to city hospital for observation.

9-27-34 (C.L.H.O.)

Received call from Mrs. Gaehr of the YWCA that a woman by name of Ethel  
Harmon was at YWCA and acting in peculiar manner.

Called at the YWCA and interviewed the woman who was Ethel Matterson. She said that she returned from Chicago this morning to get her clothing and furniture that she has in her apartment on W. 171st Street. Mr. Peters, Federal Agent has her keys. Mrs. Gaehr of the YWCA called Mr. Peters (before calling W.B.) and while I was there he returned the call and said that he would follow on the case.

No further action as Federal Agents are handling the case.

9-28-34 (E. Harwood)

Learned that Ethel was taken to Women's Hospital and then transferred to Lakeside. Later police were called and Ethel was transferred to county jail. Charge - Insanity.

On 9-30-34 she was probated by Detective Bureau and sent to City Hospital

10-2-34 (E. Harwood) with Inspector Cody, went to City Hospital and questioned Ethel, whose real name is Paula Harmon, and she comes from Texas.

She was married at the age of 17 to Harry Woods whom she divorced. Later she married a man named Harmon who was shot and killed in a stickup. She then drifted to Minnesota, where she became acquainted with Fred Barker, alias Doc, alias Henry Matterson, a notorious criminal. They came to Cleveland, Ohio, where they established a home.

Regardless of our constant questioning regarding their activities since their arrival in Cleveland, Paula refused to give us any information. She did state, however, that Harry Barker, Fred's brother, Harry Campbell, and Alvin Karpis, all criminals from other states, but whom, as far as we know, have not committed any deprecations in Cleveland, were frequent visitors in her home here.

10-5-34 (E. Harwood)

At City Hospital but Paula would give no additional information, stating that she could not remember.

10-8-34 (E. Harwood)

With Captain Story and Inspector Cody at City Hospital to question Paula. She stated that she had nothing to say as she felt that she would be in trouble regardless of what she said or did. When we left, Inspector Cody said that it was useless to go back again as he felt Paula would not tell us anything.

11-12-34 (E. Harwood)

Called City Hospital and learned that Paula was released by Probate Court to her attorney.

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This report is being retained in the files of the Cleveland Bureau office.

It will be noted that Ruth Ross was also admitted at 7:25 P. M. on September 5, 1934, on a charge of intoxication, and later released. No address appears for Ruth Ross, and inasmuch as Mr. Ness had previously advised Agent that he had heard a rumor that one of the women had given a prostitute a diamond bracelet upon her release, Mr. Ness will again be contacted in order to secure the address of Ruth Ross and the names and addresses of all women who were in jail prior to 6:15 P. M. on September 5, 1934.

Deputy Inspector Frank Story, Cleveland, Ohio Police Department, in charge of the third and fifth precincts, with headquarters at the fifth precinct station, corner of 79th Street and Woodland Avenues, stated that about 5:30 o'clock on the evening of September 5, 1934, as he was about to leave the central police station in company with Inspector Cody, a man from Florian Avenue, this city, came in, said he was a private detective having something to do with The May Company, and that he suspected certain occupants of a west side residence of being members of the Dillinger gang. This man was sent to George Koestle, Superintendent of Identification, to look at photographs of known members of this gang, and other gangsters. Inspector Story related that a little later the Cleveland Hotel called police headquarters and reported that three women were creating a disturbance at said hotel and that a police-woman and some traffic officers brought these women to headquarters. It later developed that these women were Gladys Sawyer, Wynona Burdette, and Paula Harmon.

It is noted that the May Company detective is Archie S. Allen, 10515 Parkhurst Avenue, who was interviewed by Agents, as set forth in report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, December 20, 1935.

~~Agents questioned the Inspector relative to the tip off that these women were in custody and he related that he had learned that Detective Joe Jacobs, now deceased, had called some one at the Harvard Club on the telephone and advised that these women were in jail, but he did not know to whom Jacobs talked at the Harvard Club. He stated that as he recollected, one of these women mentioned something about knowing someone at the Harvard Club; that her husband worked there, or had a slip of paper in her possession with the name of the Harvard Club written thereon. At this point the inspector was asked relative to the piece of jewelry that is alleged to have passed from one of these women to an officer and he stated that he had heard the rumor that a diamond bracelet was given by one of these women to someone, but he has been unable to run down the rumors and knows nothing definite about it.~~

*Cleveland Ohio*

The following morning Attorney Edward Stanton, former county prosecutor, appeared at the jail and advised that he represented these women, but refused to state who employed him, or how he learned the women were in jail.

Inspector Story stated that he has since learned that the day following the arrest of these women a telephone call came to police headquarters for a certain police officer, who was requested to meet a contact man at Franklin Circle (West 14th and Stark Ave.), which meeting was had and at which time and place this officer was advised of the identities of the women and their associates, at which time the officer was warned to lay off that they were "bad paper." The Inspector said he feels sure he knows the identity of this police officer, but does not know the identity of the person who called, but that the call came from the Harvard Club. Agents requested the name of this police officer, but Inspector Story said he would rather not divulge the name at the present time, saying he would contact this officer and endeavor to get him to tell his story to Agents, or come in and lay his cards on the table, as the Inspector put it. Agents will again contact the Inspector after he has had time to contact this other officer.

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Reference is made to Bureau letter dated July 1, 1936, file #7-576, wherein it calls attention to the report of Special Agent R. J. Abbaticchio, Jr., dated at Omaha, Nebraska, June 24, 1936, which reflects on page six, that Gladys Sawyer states she was visited by an attorney whose name she believes to have been Scott, who is likewise believed to be a former city prosecutor in Cleveland, Ohio, with offices on the sixth floor of the Terminal Tower.

It will be here noted that Edward Stanton, former county prosecutor with offices at 606 Terminal Tower Building, did, according to Deputy Inspector Frank Story, contact Gladys Sawyer at the city jail, for the purpose of representing her, however, Inspector Story, whose interview is set forth in more detail in the report, stated he had no knowledge as to who retained Stanton for the women. Gladys Sawyer is undoubtedly referring to Stanton, rather than Scott. Agent was unable to locate any attorney by the name of Scott, who has offices on the sixth floor of the Terminal Tower Building.

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Charles J. ~~McNamee~~, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Cuyahoga County, Cleveland, Ohio, was interviewed at his office relative to an item in the Cleveland Plain Dealer of July 16, 1936, to the effect that "Alvin Karpis may have been behind one of the machine guns that menaced county prosecutors on January 10, 1936, when they raided Shimmy Patton's Harvard Club," and he stated that this article was based upon rumors and he did not know the origin of the rumor. He said he had no information that the Karpis mob was there at the time but he heard they had been at this place on various occasions.

He stated that on the evening of the day of the raid he, in company with about ten private detectives, attempted to raid the Harvard Club, to stop gambling, but were met at the door by Shimmy Patton, manager of the club, who refused them admission, and as about twenty-five hoodlums gathered around to assist Patton, nothing of a raiding nature was done until reinforcements arrived from the Cleveland Police Department. He said he saw no guns of any kind displayed by either side; that only one of his men was armed and he with a pistol which was not drawn.

He related that while awaiting reinforcements, the gambling equipment of the Harvard Club was removed and when admission was finally gained, no gambling was in evidence. Mr. McNamee further stated he had represented Shimmy Patton in legal matters before becoming assistant prosecutor, and considers Patton to be a very tough guy, although a man of his word, therefore, when Patton told him if he went in the club with these officers, "he might get hurt" he did not go in. Later Patton asked

McNamee if he had any "papers" and when McNamee answered, "No," Patton volunteered to take him in alone to see the club. McNamee said he went in with Patton and was amazed at the size of the place, its equipment and the crowd present; about two thousand people.

Mr. McNamee said he was told by a person who ought to know and in whom he has great faith, that Karpis and his gang had frequented this place. He declined to give the name of this person, but agreed to again contact him relative to this matter and learn what he could as to the Karpis gang being at the Harvard Club and will later convey what information he gathers to Agents.

Mr. McNamee will be again contacted in regard to this matter.

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A check of the city directory discloses that Olive B. Ewing is listed as a bookkeeper for the Bonne Bell, Inc., Fairview Village, Ohio. The city directory also reflects the Bonne Bell, Inc. to be a cosmetic concern located at 13616 Detroit Avenue, its president being Jesse G. Bell, 19715 Rocky River, Ohio.

The directory lists Frank W. Smith's address as 3843 Silsby Road, which corresponds with the address appearing in the articles of incorporation. Mr. Smith's occupation is given as Deputy County Treasurer, New Court House, Cuyahoga County.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. B. Fitzgerald:

Mr. George Niggle, 3847 Silsby Road, Lakewood, Cleveland, Ohio, stated that he is and has been for the past fifteen years a merchant policeman in the 17th precinct of Cleveland and is a next door neighbor of Frank W. Smith, who resides at 3843 Silsby Road. He stated that Smith and his family moved into this address about two years ago and are apparently nice people, but he is not well acquainted with Smith because of the fact that he works all night and sleeps most of the day. He stated that Mr. Smith is a county employee of some kind and he believes that Smith works out of the Treasurer's office; that Smith goes to work about nine o'clock in the morning, is home for lunch, home for dinner, and usually home several times during the day, which leads Mr. Niggle to believe that Smith does some kind of outside work for Cuyahoga County, perhaps in regard to real estate valuations. Mr. Niggle also has the impression that Smith is in some kind of real estate business for himself.

Mr. D. C. Reindon, superintendent of mails, West Park Station, Cleveland, Ohio, stated that Frank W. Smith resides at 3843 Silsby Road, but he knows nothing about him except that he receives much mail from a company known as the Service Lubricants Company, which leads the superintendent to believe that Smith might have something to do with the sale of lubricants.

Lieutenant J. Gideon, 17th precinct station, Cleveland police department, discreetly was questioned relative to Frank W. Smith, who lives about one-half block from said station. He stated he had never heard of Smith and knows nothing about him.

Special Agent C. E. Smith, during the course of an interview

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No further information relative to Smith was obtainable from the files.

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Continuing, [REDACTED] stated that the Cleveland Press, a local newspaper, carried an article on February 7, 1930, which stated that Art Hebebrand had pleaded guilty to a charge of manslaughter arising out of an automobile accident, however, prior to receiving sentence, Hebebrand was permitted to withdraw his plea of guilty, by Judge Frederick P. Walther, Court of Common Pleas, and Hebebrand was later discharged by the jury.

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[REDACTED] It will be noted here  
that 2001 Detroit Avenue is the address of the Silver Grill,  
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Clayton Hall called at the Cleveland Bureau office and was questioned by the writer relative to any information he might have regarding the 1933 Ford coupe, probably purchased by Campbell using the name Charles Miller, from the Pollock Davis Ford Company at Cleveland, Ohio, on February 4, 1935, and he stated that it was his impression that a car of that description had been turned in to the Manning-Marino Company at Youngstown on trade for a new Terraplane coupe. Hall was unable to give any further information relative to this automobile.

Hall was questioned generally about his associations with Karpis and Hunter and he related that on one occasion, while he and Karpis were driving around, the conversation turned to the scars on Karpis' face, and Karpis stated that no one had to worry about the guy who did the job as he was dead. Hall was questioned very closely relative to anything Karpis may have said about where or how the body was disposed of, or who killed the man who caused the scars, however, Hall advised he had gone no further into the subject, as Karpis had let it drop.

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Detective Normen Kandell of the Canton, Ohio Police Department, advised that Eddie Seaman and Jake Gilmore may possibly be in contact with "Slim" Martin in Toledo, Ohio, if so they will be in close contact with George Green, paramour of Mabel Green. In view of the close contact supposedly existing between Joe Rich, Seaman and Gilmore, an endeavor will be made to locate Seaman and Gilmore for the purpose of questioning them relative to Joe Rich's activities. Both men are also wanted by the Canton, Ohio Police Department for grand larceny.

AT AKRON, OHIO

Ed Ley, Identification Officer, Akron, Ohio Police Department, was interviewed relative to the presence in the city of one Dolly Rogers, a prostitute, who was said to have been an inmate of the

house of prostitution operated by Edna Haney, during part of the period of time under investigation. He searched his records under the name, and also under the fingerprint classification of Dolly Rogers, but stated he had no record of her. He then made inquiry of other detectives of the vice squad concerning this girl, but none of them knew of her.

Agents also contacted Special Agent R. C. Connell, who has made some investigation relative to vice conditions in Akron, relative to this girl, but her name had not come to his attention. He was requested to keep this girl in mind and attempt to locate her while going about his usual work in Akron.

Officer Ley stated that he had no record or knowledge of the number of houses of ill fame, or prostitutes in Akron, Ohio, and could suggest no way to locate a certain prostitute if known to be practicing her profession in that city. Agent Connell at Akron, Ohio, will be again contacted in regard to this girl.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The CLEVELAND OFFICE at Cleveland, Ohio, will reinterview Mr. Eliot Ness, Director of Public Safety and secure from him the names and addresses of all women in jail on September 5, 1934, prior to 6:15 P. M., at which time Gladys Sawyer, Wynona Burdette, and Paula Harmon were incarcerated.

Will, when deemed advisable, interview the various matrons on duty during the time Sawyer, Burdette and Harmon were in jail at Cleveland, Ohio.

Will continue its investigation into the identity and associates of Olive Ewing, Fairview Village, and Frank Smith, 3843 Silsby Road.

Will, when deemed advisable, interview Edward Stanton, attorney, 606 Terminal Tower Building, for the purpose of ascertaining who retained him to represent Sawyer, Burdette, and Harmon.

Will contact such of the persons incarcerated in the Cleveland City Jail between September 5, 1934 and September 7, 1934, as is deemed advisable relative to the tip off of the presence of the Sawyer, Burdette and Harmon women in that jail and in regard to the rumored gift of a diamond brooch or bracelet to some person by one of the women.

Will obtain the facts relative to a manslaughter charge alleged to have been filed against Art Hebebrand in Cleveland, Ohio, in February, 1930.

Will reinterview Assistant County Prosecutor Charles McNamee at the County Courts Building for the purpose of ascertaining the identity of the individual who made the statement that Karpis was at the Harvard Club on January 10, 1936, the day it was raided, and also secure any additional information he may have secured relative to Karpis' presence at the Harvard Club.

At the Fifth Precinct Police Station, 79th and Woodland Avenues, will again contact Inspector Frank Story, for the purpose of securing the name of the Officer who met a representative of the Harvard Club at Franklin Circle on September 6, 1934.

At Toledo, Ohio, will endeavor to locate George Green, paramour of Mabel Green, madam of a house of prostitution, and through him locate Eddie Seaman and Jake Gilmore and question them relative to Joe Rich's activities and associates.

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Laboratory Report  
July 22, 1936.

Number: 7-576-12351

Case: BREKID  
WEYNAP  
STOLNAP

Specimens: A. Sample handwriting of Oliver A. Berg consisting of three pieces of paper.

Examination requested by: Chicago Bureau Office.

Date received: July 18, 1936.

Examination requested: Document.

Result of examination:

Examination by: Appel

This writing will be compared with the anonymous writings of the various cases as soon as all of the known gangsters are assembled, which will be in about a week. This procedure is being adopted because of the numerous comparisons which must be made in order to save time. Berg was not included in the list of known gangsters, search of which was just completed, and his name will be included in the next list.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: BREKID  
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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 Bureau July 18, 1936.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report  
July 23, 1936.

7-576-12279

Number:

Case: BREKID  
WEYNAP  
STOLNAP

Specimens: A. Sample handwriting and printing of Fred Hunter consisting of two sheets.

Examination requested by: Atlanta Bureau Office.  
Date received: July 14, 1936.

Examination requested: Document.

Result of examination:

Examination by: Appel #1

The known handwritings of Fred Hunter, Alvin Karpis, and others of the gangsters known to have participated in the kidnaping cases, were compared with the numerous anonymous and crank letters and other unknown writings in the Hamm, Bremer, Boettcher and Urschel kidnaping cases. No similar writings were found.

At the time the handwritings of G. E. Barker, Arthur Barker, Lloyd Barker, Fred Barker and Mrs. Kate Barker, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, George Kelly, Katherine Kelly, Vern Sankey, Dainard, Fliss and Fitzgerald were also under observation although not compared in the same detail.

If there are any specific writings which have not previously been forwarded or which should be given particular attention in connection with the handwriting of any individual, the Laboratory should be advised.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Re: BREKID  
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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 Bureau July 14, 1936.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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