

Raasch is appealing his malfeasance conviction. He is under a six-month workhouse sentence. Kinhead prosecuted the case. McMahon said Raasch "had been drinking all three times" he made the statements.

McMahon testified he considers Brown "a particular friend", and added, "I don't think I have an enemy on the force unless I made them today".

Fred Strong, city editor of the St. Paul Daily News, the next witness, said: "I would like to make a statement which I believe has a direct bearing on this case. I would like to read it as I wrote it very painstakingly".

An argument ensued between Connolly and Anderson over whether Strong should be permitted to read the statement.

Both said they had not seen the statement and did not know what was in it. When Anderson asked Strong, "Did anyone try to dissuade you from testifying here?" and "Did anybody try to dissuade you from telling the truth here?" Strong replied, "The answer is in the statement".

Connolly repeated objections to reading the statement. Strong said: "It concerns an intimidation, if it pleases the board. I think the board should hear it".

Walter Ryan, attorney member of the board, asked Strong, "Are you afraid to testify?" Strong replied, "I am not afraid, despite the attempted intimidation. I will not be influenced".

The board did not permit Strong to read the statement and Strong protested. Questioned by Anderson, Strong then identified copies of the

Daily News at the time of the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.

Strong testified information in one story, January 22, 1934, was not received from Brown. The article concerns the delivery of ransom notes at the home of the late Dr. H. T. Nippert, 706 Lincoln avenue. One of the ouster charges against Brown is that he gave the information, then confidential, to the newspaper.

The witness said he told Thomas Dahill, then police chief, and Brown he could not reveal the source of the story. He said Brown berated him for it. Asked by Anderson "Are you a friend of Mr. Brown?" Strong responded, "Certainly. I've known him a great many years."

As the hearing adjourned until 9 A. M. today, Strong refused to reveal the contents of the "intimidation" statement to anyone.

"I know nothing of this purported intimidation," Connolly told the Pioneer Press. "If Mr. Strong has such knowledge it is his duty to give it to the proper authorities; the police, our office, or the county attorney. He refused to give it to our office at my request."

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

404 New York Building

Saint Paul, Minnesota

September 25, 1936

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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Shortly after William Bryan Bolton was sentenced in connection with this case, he was interviewed at the Ramsey County Jail by Special Agent John V. Anderson of this office, at which time he advised that the only information he had concerning the St. Valentine's Day massacre was that which he secured from George Goetz during his association with him, and that this information was given him, Bolton, by Goetz over a period of several years.

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Bolton stated the following individuals were involved in the St. Valentine's Day massacre, that is, the actual slaying: George Goetz, Fred Burke, Gus Winkler, Ray Nugent, and one Conroy. Bolton was not positive as to the last individual, but stated that he believed that this was his correct name, but that he may also have been known as Newberry. He advised that Conroy was killed in New York with his wife in 1933.

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He advised that Jimmie McGruenen, probably dead, and "Jimmie the Swede", whose last name is probably Moran, occupied the building across the street or on the corner from the situs of this crime. Bolton advised that Fanny Moore, Tony Capizio, and an individual known as Shocker, were reported to have burned the car somewhere on the North Side of Chicago in this case; that George Goetz told him that there was no one wearing a police uniform, and that this was just newspaper talk. Bolton advised that the story concerning a medicine bottle traced to him in connection with this massacre was not true; that it was just a newspaper story.

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BOLTON advised that he did not change his name to Monty Carter for any reason connected with the St.

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Valentine's Day massacre; that he changed his name prior to the commission of this crime because Goetz left some bills with his name thereon in an express company holdup in Toledo prior to the St. Valentine's Day massacre; that the police had come to his home, that is, 3201 South 53rd Avenue, Cicero, Illinois, in connection with the express holdup. Bolton denied that he had any connection whatsoever with this particular crime.

Bolton advised that he also received information from Goetz that Charlie Umbergio is the head of the Union Sicilian in the United States, which is in reality the Black Handers, or Mafia.

During the above interview Bolton advised that the syndicate in Chicago still operates as extensively as ever; that the four individuals who control this organization are Capone, who is still the leader of same; Mitti, who is the collector; Cusick, the business manager, and John Patton, Mayor of Berwyn, who has the political connections. He advised that these four men split 20% each of the total receipts of the syndicate.

Bolton related that the following are still members of the syndicate: "Jimmy the Swede", Tony Capizio, John Moore, Phil D'Andrea, Frank Diamond, a Dago by the name of "Banjo", Charlie Vichetti, a Dago by the name of Paul, Louie Campagna, Sam Hunt, and Charlie Umbergio. Bolton at this time could not remember the remaining members of the syndicate, but advised that there were twenty in all who split the remaining 20% of the earnings of the syndicate. Bolton stated that the Italian and Sicilian element in the syndicate are gradually eliminating the non-Italian and non-Sicilian members.

Very truly yours,

*C. W. Stein*

C. W. STEIN  
Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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October 6, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

The Bureau is in receipt of the attached letter dated September 25, 1936 from the St. Paul office, advising that subsequent to the sentence of Bryan Bolton recently, he informed Agent J. V. Anderson of certain details of the St. Valentine's Day Massacre, claiming that this was all of the information which he possessed about this occurrence. The information furnished differs slightly from information previously obtained from him but for the most part names the same individuals as mentioned in his previous interview. Do you desire that we turn over to the Department or forward direct to the State authorities the information obtained in the last interview? This information was received of course subsequent to the sentence of Bolton a few weeks ago and consequently, we cannot be subject to any criticism for withholding the information.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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## Magee Puts New Light On Release

**Brown Case Witness Interceded For Weaver, Colton; Bremer Wish-  
ed To Keep Sawyer Trade.**

Details of the release during the Dahill police administration of two notorious gunmen—one of whom later was convicted of the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping—were revealed today at the ouster appeal hearing of Thomas A. Brown, police detective.

L. L. Anderson, counsel for Brown, drew forth testimony over the strenuous objections of John L. Connolly, city attorney, that William Weaver and J. E. Colton had been enabled to gain their freedom on bonds on gun-toting charges when a St. Paul business man, close friend of the Bremer family, interceded for them.

Waiter W. Magee, the witness, testified he did this on the request of Adolf Bremer, father of Edward G. Bremer, acting at the instigation of Harry Sawyer, who later was convicted as fingerman in the Bremer kidnaping.

### Nabbed At Sawyers.

Weaver and Colton, and two others, had been arrested at Sawyer's notorious Wabasha st. bootleg parlor Aug. 3, 1932.

The elder Mr. Bremer, Mr. Magee testified, asked him to intercede for the arrested men because "Harry Sawyer is a customer of ours, and anything than can be done for them will be appreciated." As result of this, the two gunmen were sent to court, freed on \$500 bonds, and disappeared. Weaver was a member of the Barker-Karpis gang.

Mr. Magee, prominent contractor, was contact man in the Bremer kidnaping, and delivered the \$200,000 ransom which the abductors demanded for release of their prisoner.

### Dahill Not Questioned.

Before Mr. Magee was returned to the stand Mr. Anderson had sought to question Thomas A. Dahill, former chief of police now resigned from the police force, who appeared earlier in the hearing as a city witness. The effort was dropped when it was pointed out that Mr. Dahill could be returned only as a defense witness.

Mr. Brown is appealing from his ouster, ordered on charges that he was implicated in the kidnappings of both Mr. Bremer and William Hamm, Jr.

Mr. Dahill, former police chief, under whose administration the gunmen obtained their freedom, has been one of the city's principal witnesses against Brown. Mr. Dahill has retired from the police force, and now operates a cafe and saloon.

### Quotes Late Governor.

The name of the late Gov. Olson was brought into the hearing when Mr. Magee testified that it was the governor, a close friend of Adolf Bremer, who suggested that the parents indicate to the kidnapers they were willing to pay half of the \$200,000 ransom and by tearing an NRA sign in half as a signal.

Except for the reference to the released gunmen, Mr. Magee's testimony today, which was a resumption of his cross-examination, concerned preparations for payment of the ransom.

Before adjournment for noon Mr. Anderson began the entering of a long list of motions to strike from the records testimony which he termed unusable because of its hearsay nature.

### Meeting At Ryan.

Continued cross-examination of Mr. Magee by Mr. Anderson:

Q. The first man you contacted after getting the first ransom note in the Bremer kidnaping was Chief Dahill.

A. Yes. There was a meeting at the Ryan hotel and during the meeting the newspapers were told of the events.

Q. The next notes you received were those thrown through Dr. Nippert's (the late Dr. H. T. Nippert, friend of the Bremers) home?

A. Yes.

Q. When was Mr. Dahill told about this?

A. I don't know exactly, but I think it was the following Monday.

Q. Who was there when you got the notes?

A. Adolf Bremer, Dr. Nippert, Newcomb (Clarence Newcomb, brewery official) and myself.

Q. Do you know if anyone was told before Dahill knew about it?

### Suggested By Olson.

A. Gov. Olson was told about it when he visited Adolf Bremer. It

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was Olson who suggested cutting the NRA signs in half to show that they were willing to pay half the \$200,000 ransom.

Q. Were you with Mr. Dahill when he was informed of the notes Monday (Jan. 22)?

A. I don't recall, but I think I was.

Q. Was that the first meeting since the newspapers published the story of the notes?

A. Yes.

Mr. Magee then told of meeting with Mr. Newcomb and Adolf Bremer at the latter's home, where the note was read. Mr. Bremer, he said, wanted to go to Ft. Dodge to contact the kidnapers and seek reduction in the ransom demand.

Q. (Resumed by Mr. Anderson) Then as far as you know only three persons knew of the note?

A. Yes.

Worried By Blood Spots.

Q. You and Dahill testified that Dahill wrote a note, at the Ryan hotel, that you were to deliver?

A. Yes. I don't know who wrote it. I was to copy it and deliver it in a package of papers—and have it delivered. It said that the condition of the Bremer car (in which blood was found) had worried us.

Q. Did you tell any one about it?

A. No.

Q. Did you copy it?

A. Yes. That evening at the Ryan hotel.

Q. You had it your possession?

A. No. I copied it and Mr. Tierney brought a box and it was packed. The next day the package was brought to my home.

Q. Who had possession of the original copy, from which you copied?

A. The officers. It was brought in, I think by Chief Dahill. I then copied it.

Earlier testimony in the hearing by the city attempted to show that Mr. Magee and the Bremers were worried about the condition of the kidnaped man. The note was not delivered to the kidnapers, instead a note in the kidnaped man's handwriting was delivered to Mr. Magee. The city contends this proves a leak in police plans.

Details Not Discussed.

Mr. Magee specifically pointed out that he did not discuss details of the negotiations with persons not in the investigation.

Q. After the first note was received, all subsequent notes were either kept by you or given to federal agents?

A. That's right.

Q. And aside from telling Chief Dahill something about the Nippert notes, you didn't give anyone any information?

A. No.

Questioned by Mr. Connolly, Mr. Magee showed surprise when asked: "Do you know of your own knowledge who directed a man of the federal bureau of investigation to ride on that bus (after the Nippert note was received) to Iowa after you decided not to go?"

A. I do not.

He had previously testified that the suggestion for taking the bus trip had been kept secret.

Fair, Cooler.

Generally fair weather is predicted for St. Paul area today with cooler for Tuesday. The highest temperature Sunday was 79 at 4 p. m.

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1508 Masonic Temple Building  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
September 25, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Re: Brekid

Dear Sir:

There are attached hereto two photographs  
in the above entitled case.

These photographs were charged to Special  
Agent John E. Lunsford when he was in the Birmingham  
Bureau office.

Very truly yours,

L. Tollett, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# **Toledo Favorite Hideout of Outlaws, Police Say**

Toledo.—Police believe Toledo is on the criminals' main highway across the country, and officials say they are going to do something about it.

Strategically located from the gangster's point of view on a line between New York and Kansas City, Toledo has made a good hideout for fugitive criminals, Harry Manson, city detective on special assignments, points out.

John Dillinger and his machine gunners lived in Toledo three weeks in January, 1933, Manson said he had learned. At various times in pre-repeal days, Detroit's Purple Gang, the Touhy mob of Chicago and Al Capone's henchmen slipped into Toledo hideouts, he added.

The police system, not the police, are to blame for Toledo's reputation as an underworld hideout, police officials here agree. Records are antiquated, they declare, and local patrolmen are not provided with photographs of criminals.

Between New York and Kansas City, Manson said, were five stations along the "main stem" of crime—Buffalo, Cleveland, Toledo, Chicago and St. Louis. Although criminals consider Detroit to "hot," that city nevertheless offers a stepping-off place into Canada.

Toledo's new chief of police, Ray Allen, has indicated a determination to cancel all "stop-over tickets" of voyaging criminals. He has pledged fullest co-operation with the county prosecutor's office in investigating criminals and suspicious persons appearing in Toledo. Uniform exchange of data between the key cities along this main highway of criminals, by means of a teletype system, has been suggested by Manson as a step toward closer surveillance of criminal's interstate movements.

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1508 Masonic Temple Building  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Re: Brekid

Dear Sir:

Attached are photographs of William E. Meade,  
William J. Harrison, and Joseph P. Moran.

These photographs were changed to Special Agent  
John E. Lunsford when he was working in the Atlanta Bureau  
office. They are being returned for your file.

Very truly yours,

E. L. Tollett, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# GANG WOMAN SAYS BROWN GAVE

## KIDNAPERS TOLD TO SKIP RANSOM DATE, SHE AVERS

Edna Murray Declares Sawyer  
Warned Mob When Time-  
Lock Held \$200,000.

MRS. SAWYER'S STORY  
WILL BE HEARD TODAY

Advice not to keep an appointment to collect ransom money was given abductors of Edward G. Bremer by Detective Thomas A. Brown and Harry Sawyer, convicted kidnaper, it was testified here Monday.

The testimony, contained in a deposition obtained from Edna (Rabbits) Murray, gangster woman, was read at the statutory board hearing on the appeal of Brown, a former chief, from his dismissal from the St. Paul police force.

John L. Connolly, city corporation counsel, announced that the city probably will complete Wednesday its case against Brown, who is accused of aiding the kidnapers of both Mr. Bremer and William Hamm Jr.

Obtained under oath last week at the Missouri State penitentiary at Jefferson City, where Mrs. Murray is serving a sentence, her deposition stated that the two men warned Mr. Bremer's abductors not to keep the appointment because the kidnap money could not be delivered.

### MONEY IN VAULT.

The gang, Mrs. Murray said, made the appointment in a ransom note. However, the note was delivered so late that the Bremer family was unable to get the \$200,000 ransom from a bank vault closed by a time lock. The "tip-off" followed, according to Mrs. Murray, member of the Barker-Karpis gang.

A feature of her deposition was that John Dillinger, John Hamilton, and Homer Van Meter took refuge in the apartment she and Volney Davis occupied at Aurora, Ill., after the three desperadoes fled from Little Bohemia, Wis., to St. Paul and then to Chicago. Mrs. Murray testified by deposition that Hamilton, shot in flight by a Dakota county deputy sheriff as the trio approached St. Paul, died in her Aurora apartment. She was not present, she said, having been sent away previously by Davis, who was a member of the Barker-Karpis mob and is now serving life for the Bremer kidnaping.

## TIP-OFF

### FIRST DILLINGER LINK.

This was the first time in court proceedings here that the Dillinger gang and the Barker-Karpis gang have been linked. It has been previously brought out that both frequented the saloon in St. Paul of Harry Sawyer. Sawyer is now serving a life sentence as the "finger man" in the Bremer case.

Mrs. Murray also referred to the \$30,000 payroll robbery in South St. Paul on August 30, 1933, in which she intimated members of the Barker-Karpis gang took part. She also mentioned a shooting affray outside Chicago when kidnapers came to collect ransom for John (Jake the Barber) Factor. At that time the kidnapers fought a gun battle with several hundred officers who were "planted" to capture them at the payoff, and escaped.

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September 23, 1936.

Mr. Archie Negleson,  
Pen. #48925,  
P. O. Box 1733,  
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of August 13, 1936, in which you request the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in securing you a parole. I regret to advise you that the matter of paroles to Federal prisoners is not within the purview of this Bureau. Such matters are within the sole jurisdiction of the Parole Board of the Bureau of Prisons, United States Department of Justice.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>CINCINNATI, OHIO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9-26-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9-23-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. A. CIMPHERMAN MGR</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; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Secretary of State Office and Corporation Franchise Tax Office, Columbus, Ohio, have no record of Avenue Catering Co. as being incorporated in Ohio. An Avenue Company, 4500 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, was originally incorporated on 5-6-05 to transact a Real Estate business. The franchise expired on 7-11-34 for non-payment of taxes but a new charter for that company was taken out on 12-22-34 and is in business at the present time under above name and address. License AZ 849 issued to G. Gebat, Berea, Ohio; license TS 16 issued to Dorothy H. Smith, Lakewood, Ohio, and license AS 584 issued by Deputy William Tanna, Cleveland, Ohio.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter from Cleveland, Ohio, dated 9-19-36. " " " " " " 9-21-36.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT COLUMBUS, OHIO</u></p> <p>Mr. John Smith, Corporation Clerk, Secretary of State Office, State Capitol Building, stated that their records failed to disclose the Avenue Catering Company of Cleveland, Ohio, or of any other town in Ohio, as being incorporated and a record of same maintained in their office. He further stated, however,</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>[Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <i>[Signature]</i>	
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that their records disclosed an Avenue Company as being incorporated in Cleveland, Ohio, having filed their Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State on 5-6-05. An examination of these Articles by Agent disclosed that same listed the following men as incorporators:

Willard H. Mason  
H. Weed  
Charles B. Miller  
Louis E. Spooner  
Albert William Rothenberg  
B. S. Hubbell, Agent.

New Articles of Incorporation were filed on 12-22-34 by Mr. Paul W. Frum, Dwight B. Buss, Murray Hanson, as incorporators for the purpose of transacting a Real Estate Business, under articles No. 161405. The articles recite that the number of shares authorized to be outstanding are 2000, without nominal or par value, and that the amount of Capital to begin business is \$500.00.

On same date, 12-22-34, there was filed a certificate appointing Benjamin S. Hubbell, Jr., 4500 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, as agent, upon whom processes and tax notices may be served. The articles failed to note any other pertinent information.

Miss M. VanDeusen, Assistant, Department of Finance Corporation Franchise Tax Office, State Building, S. Front Street, stated that their records failed to disclose an Avenue Catering Company as paying a corporation franchise tax. She stated, however, that their records did disclose an Avenue Company, 4500 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, as being incorporated on 5-6-05, but that the franchise on this company automatically expired on 7-11-34 for non-payment of the 1934 tax. She further advised that on 12-22-34 this same company took out a new charter.

Agent also examined the 1935 Annual Report (198) of this company which was made out by B. S. Hubbell, Jr., on 3-14-36, and same listed the following men as Officers and Directors:

President -	Benjamin S. Hubbell, Jr., 4500 Euclid Ave., Cleveland
Secretary	Ben S. Hubbell
Treasurer	Ben S. Hubbell.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:  
B. S. Hubbell, Jr., 4500 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.  
B. S. Hubbell, 4500 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.  
Gustave Schneider, 1865 Belmore Road, East, Cleveland, Ohio.  
Virginia Hubbell, 4500 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

The Annual Report also disclosed that the nature of business was Real Estate and that it had the following stock issued and outstanding;

a. Common, 1674 shares, par value total,	\$167,400.00
b. Surplus	20,639.25
c. Reserves	4,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$192,539.25</b>

Gross Book value of all property used and owned in Ohio	519,140.02
Amount of Liabilities	331,100.77
Assessed Value of Real Estate (1-1-36)	252,920.00
Amount of Ohio business done during 1935	32,261.31

The stock value on which the tax is to be based was set at \$192,539.00. The total amount of the tax was \$192.54.

Miss Frances Aber, Tax Collector's office, Treasurer's Department, State Capitol Building, stated that their records (Recordak) disclosed that the above amount of \$192.54 was paid by check dated 7-7-36 by Ben S. Hubbell, Jr., check no. 9125 of the Avenue Company, drawn on The Cleveland Trust Company East End Office.

With respect to the license information requested by the second letter of reference, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Columbus, Ohio, advises that 1936 Ohio License AZ 849 was issued to G. Lebat, Sprague Road, Berea, for a 1927 Chevrolet landau, Motor #21396, serial #1AA 59509. License TS 16 was issued to Dorothy H. Smith, 13314 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, for a 1935 Chevrolet Coupe, Motor #5161072, serial 12KA 08-30490.

License AS 584 is not yet recorded at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, but was issued by Deputy William E. ana, Cleveland Auto Club, Cleveland, Ohio.

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to read it at the time was refused by the board.

Today Anderson asked, "Have you been approached by any one to try to dissuade you in telling of the happenings at that time?"

Connolly objected - vigorously, contending Strong had no right to answer "unless a tieup is shown with the police force or our office."

**OTHER TESTIMONY STRICKEN.**

As the board refused to let Strong tell of the purported "intimidation" Anderson asked to strike from the record that portion of the deposition of Mrs. Harry Sawyer in which she tells that a friend of an Omaha police officer asked her to leave the city so that the deposition could not be taken.

The portion of the testimony then was ordered stricken.

A recess followed in which Connolly and Strong engaged in a vigorous verbal argument on the contents of the "intimidation" statement. As the recess ended, Anderson objected to the board "to the intimidation of this witness by counsel."

As the hearing was resumed, Connolly persisted in his efforts to block the naming of the "intimidator." Anderson repeated his questions and finally Connolly stated, "All right, go ahead."

Strong then named Thomas G. O'Connell, deputy St. Paul commissioner of public safety at the time of the kidnaping as the alleged "intimidator." O'Connell was in the court room when Strong made his statement, which was greeted with laughter.

**INFORMED BY GLECKMAN.**

On cross-examination by Connolly, Strong disclosed he received the information concerning the notes contained in a milk bottle thrown through Dr. Nippert's window from Leon Gleckman, former St. Paul political figure and now serving a term in Leavenworth prison for income tax fraud.

Louis Gollop, Daily News reporter, testified briefly concerning an interview he had with Edna (Rabbits) Murray, the "kissing bandit," who once was a defendant in the kidnaping of Bremer. The defense, through Gollop's testimony, sought to show that Miss Murray had given testimony in conflict with that contained in a deposition obtained from her and read into the records.

A fight nearly resulted at the conclusion of the hearing. Feeling on both sides ran high

following testimony of alleged "intimidation." As the hearing adjourned, O'Connell approached Brown. Near Brown stood Strong. What precipitated the altercation has not been revealed, but suddenly Brown bellowed: "If anybody wants to fight, we'll have a fight." Connolly walked up to Brown and asserted: "You're not going to bluff me, Tom Brown."

"I want it understood there's nobody going to push me around this court room," Brown retorted.

The milling continued but no blows were struck.

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September 23, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. H. J. McCLURE,  
CHIEF AGENT.

There are transmitted herewith three vouchers in favor of the  
Hertz Drive-Yourself Stations, Toledo, Ohio, in the amounts of \$22.00,  
\$16.10 and \$24.50, which represent payment for the rental of automobiles  
by Special Agents of this Bureau.

You are advised that the rental of these machines was necessitated  
by the investigation being conducted by the Bureau in connection with the  
Bremer Kidnaping Case. It was necessary that certain persons be kept under  
constant surveillance and, there being no Government cars available, the  
rental of these automobiles was essential. This was the cheapest means of  
transportation available for the proper conducting of this investigation.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Encl. #1021819.

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Laughman .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Dawsey .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
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Mr. Glavin .....  
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Mr. Lester .....  
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September 28, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. H. J. McCLURE,  
GENERAL AGENT.

There are transmitted herewith two vouchers in favor of the  
Hertz Drive-Yourself Stations, Toledo, Ohio, in the amounts of \$24.90  
and \$24.80, which represent payment for the rental of automobiles  
by Special Agents of this Bureau.

You are advised that the rental of these machines was necessitated  
by the investigation being conducted by the Bureau in connection with the  
Bremer Kidnaping Case. It was necessary that certain persons be kept  
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Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Cleveland FILE NO. 7-1

REPORT MADE AT Cleveland, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE 9/26/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/18 to 24/36	REPORT MADE BY J. V. MURPHY EJB
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; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Ruth Slavin, alias Ruth Fisher, made signed statement that she attended party at Phyllis Crawford's apartment in Toledo, early part of 1934, but was unable to identify photographs of members Barker-Karpis gang as men at this party, or as persons she saw or had dates with at Casino Club in summer of 1934. Detective Harry Hanson, Toledo Police Department, states it is rumored that Captain George Timiney has tap on telephone in temporary office at Toledo, and furnished details how such tap could be connected. Interviews with employees where Esther Goulet is employed developed no information of value. Paul "Dutch" Renz, Bay View Golf Course, stated he informed Owen Green and Ray Sheets, Toledo Police Department, in summer of 1934 that he saw on golf course persons he suspected were members of Barker-Karpis gang. Harry Hazelbaker, alias "P.K.", bell boy Waldorf Hotel, Toledo, denies visiting Edward McGraw in past three years. Summary of pertinent information from telephone tap logs set out. Telephone tap Fretti brothers' business telephone discontinued 9/24/36. Investigation at 2831 - 131st Street, Point Place, Ohio, and neighbors fails to develop the identity of Toledo police officers who conducted investigation that vicinity about 9/8/34. Toledo Police Department has no record of "Pug" Smith.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, 9/19/36.</p>			
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DETAILS: AT TOLEDO, OHIO

This report covers the investigative activities of Special Agents A. Dickstein, A. J. Norstrom, H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy, who have been engaged on the harboring investigation at Toledo, Ohio.

Special Agent E. J. Dowd has been maintaining a telephone tap on the telephone of the Amusement Games & Novelty Company (Star Vending Company), 514 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio, which is the business address of Joe and Ben Fretti, who are prominent in the gambling activities in Toledo. This telephone tap was discontinued on September 24, 1936.

Special Agents R. A. Guerin and A. J. Norstrom have been maintaining the telephone tap on the residence telephone of Maxine Belmont Thomas, 2105 Warren Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, who is prominently engaged in the vice racket in Toledo. Special Agent N. S. Harzenstein relieved Special Agent Norstrom on this assignment on September 19, 1936. On September 21, 1936, Special Agent Norstrom relieved Special Agent Guerin on this assignment, the latter leaving for Detroit, Michigan, to attend court as a witness.

Some of the conversations overheard over the above-mentioned telephone taps, as appear to be significant to this investigation, are being included in this report.

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Reference is made to report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Cleveland, Ohio, September 5, 1936, quoting statement of Ovel Webb, alias Phyllis Crawford, dated September 1, 1936, in which she states she recalls that among the girls who went out on dates with members of the Karpis-Barker gang, mentioned in her statement, was Ruth Fisher, who resides at 1821-1/2 Adams Street.

On September 22, 1936, Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy located Ruth Slavin, alias Ruth Fisher, at 1821-1/2 Adams Street and brought her to the temporary office in Toledo, Ohio, where she was interviewed in detail, and she made the following signed statement, the original of which is being retained in the files of the Cleveland office:

"Toledo, Ohio  
September 22, 1936

"I, Ruth Slavin, make the following free and voluntary statement to H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy, who I know to be Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. I make this statement without any threats or promises having been made to me.

"My name is Ruth Slavin, and I am the wife of N. J. Slavin, whom I married at Monroe, Michigan, March 28, 1930. I am 28 years of age and was born in Monroe, Michigan. My maiden name was Wilhelm. My husband is a musician, plays the banjo, and at present is working with an orchestra in Detroit, Michigan. I have never worked in a house of prostitution, but have answered "call" dates, although never worked out at any "call" house. I use the name of Ruth Fisher in answering "calls". I now reside at 1821-1/2 Adams Street, Toledo, Ohio.

In early part of year 1934 my husband and I were living at the Miami Hotel, 10th and Jefferson, Toledo, Ohio. In the early part of the summer of 1934 the date or month I do not recall, but it was warm weather, I received a call from Phyllis Crawford to come to her apartment as she had some friends there. At that time Phyllis had an apartment in the Mayville Apartments, 12th and Jackson, Toledo, Ohio. Shortly before I received the call from Phyllis, my husband left the hotel, stating he was going to town to work, play the banjo, and before he left we had a couple of drinks of beer. My husband does not know that Phyllis asked me to come to her apartment to entertain some of her friends, and I have never told him about it. I went to Phyllis' apartment and there were three or four men and a couple girls besides Phyllis there. I was introduced to them, and their first names were mentioned to me, but I do not recall what they were. Shortly after I arrived at Phyllis' apartment I started drinking with the other at the apartment, and as I was not used to drinking I became sick. I do not recall having entertained any of the men, because I became ill from drinking. Phyllis never gave me any money as payment for answering her "call" to entertain her men friends.

"I have been shown a number of photographs of persons whom I have been informed are Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Dr. Moran, Jimmie Wilson, Doc Barker and Fred Barker, Russell Gibson, alias Slim Gray. I am unable to identify any of them as being the men who were at the apartment of Phyllis Crawford when I went there in summer of 1934. I have been to the Casino Club on Summit Street, Point Place, Ohio, on several occasions during summer of 1934 but do not recall ever having seen any of these men at the Casino Club.

"I do not personally know Captain George Timiney, of the Toledo Police Department, although I have seen his picture in the Toledo newspapers at various times. I have never seen Captain George Timiney at the Casino Club. I do not know Art Langendorf nor Ludy Fleming. I know Ted and Bert Angus, who used to operate the Casino Club on Summit Street, Point Place, Ohio, and who now operate the New Casino Club on Dura Street, Toledo, Ohio, and have seen both of them in the Casino Club on the occasions I have visited that place. I went to the Casino Club only with girl friends, and did not drink with or entertain any men while there. I have never seen Ted and Bert Angus drinking with several men in the Casino Club. I have never been to Middle Island and do not know Joe Roscoe.

"I am acquainted with Jean Bennett, Patsy Kelly, a girl called "Billie", but do not know her last name or where she lives. I also knew Billy Taylor, but believe she is now married, however, I do not know where she is living. I believe I last saw Billy Taylor in early part of this summer, and at time I saw her she was on Adams Street in Volmers place. I have met these girls at hotels when I answered "call" dates; they were at the party when I arrived at the hotel.

"I have read the foregoing statement, consisting of this and one other page, and same is true and correct to best of my knowledge."

/s/ "RUTH SLAVIN"

"WITNESSES:

J. V. Murphy \_\_\_\_\_ /s/

H. B. Dill \_\_\_\_\_ /s/  
Special Agent, Federal Bureau of  
Investigation, U. S. Department of  
Justice, 1442 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Ruth Slavin was very emphatic in her denial that she had ever visited the Casino Club in the summer of 1934, with any men who resembled the photographs of any of the Karpis-Barker gang. Notwithstanding the fact that she was confronted with that part of the statements of Jean Bennett and Phyllis Crawford relating to her association with the Karpis-Barker gang, Ruth Slavin continued to deny that she was able to identify the photographs of Jimmie Wilson, Dr. Moran, Arthur "Doc" Barker, Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis and Russell Gibson, as well as other members of the Karpis-Barker gang, as persons with whom she had ever had "dates" or association with at the Casino Club or elsewhere during the summer of 1934 or at any time.

On September 20, 1936, Kenneth Larson, Motorcycle Officer, Toledo Police Department, informed Special Agent J. V. Murphy that he ascertained from a prostitute informant of his that Billy Taylor, who is referred to in statement of Ovel Webb, alias Phyllis Crawford, report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Cleveland, Ohio, dated September 5, 1936, was at one time, married to a man named Bill Taylor, but was divorced about five years ago; that Bill Taylor is a baker at the Felman Bakery, 1905 Canton Street, Toledo, and he may know of the present whereabouts of Billy Taylor. Larson further stated that his informant informed him that Billy Taylor was said to have married a man by the name of "Sandy", and was living in the vicinity of 22nd and Monroe Streets. Larson stated that the Motor Meter Gauge Company, was taken over by the Electric Auto-Lite Company. Larson stated he never heard of a prostitute by the name of "Tillie". Further efforts are being made to locate Billy Taylor and "Tillie" and interview them regarding their association with members of the Karpis-Barker gang at the Casino Club and in Toledo during the summer of 1934.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. Dickstein on September 22, 1936:

Detective Harry Manson of the Toledo Police Department was interviewed at his home 1476 Gould Road, Toledo, Ohio. During the course of this interview he stated that the day Campbell was apprehended, he and two other detectives were instructed by the Prosecutor's office to conduct an investigation in the vicinity where Campbell was apprehended, in an effort to ascertain the names of persons who may have had knowledge of Campbell's true identity. During the course of this neighborhood investigation, Detective Manson had received information that thirty minutes after Campbell was apprehended by Bureau Agents, Esther Goulet called Sheriff Jim O'Reilly from the telephone located in Goulet's Grill and said, "Jim, they got Campbell," and a three minute conversation ensued. As to the source of this information, Detective Manson advised that a young married woman, occupying the apartment directly across from Campbell's was the individual who furnished this information to the police investigators. However, this information was not reported to the Prosecutor's office for the reason that if the telephone call made by Esther Goulet was made of record it would have caused embarrassment to the Sheriff's office.

Efforts will be made to ascertain the names of Sheriff James O'Reilly's ex-sweethearts, who may be able to furnish information pertinent to this investigation. Manson advised further that Esther Goulet was recently employed at the Owens Illinois Glass Co., 1510 North Westwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, and if her co-workers were interviewed it is possible that Esther Goulet may have disclosed her personal affairs to them.

Manson also advised that since Campbell's apprehension Captain George Timiney has been extremely upset; that he has been drinking to excess, and because of this he has lost the respect of most members of the Toledo Police Department and those who work under him. In further reference to Captain Timiney, Manson advised that Timiney has been exerting every effort to obtain details concerning the movements of Bureau Agents at Toledo, Ohio. In this connection Manson stated that it is rumored that "Timiney is in on the line", meaning that he has tapped the telephone which is located at the temporary offices at Toledo, Ohio. Manson advised, however, that this information is not authentic, but the rumors he heard at detective headquarters is to the effect that Timiney was connected on a telephone which enabled him to know what the "G-Men" are doing. Manson states that the attitude of most police officers is in accord with what the Bureau Agents are doing, inasmuch as Timiney is disliked by many.

Agent was very discreet when discussing the manner in which the Toledo Police Department makes its taps on telephones. Manson confidentially advised that the Toledo Police Department does not have the proper equipment for telephone tapping, and that very few men in that department can connect a wire tap properly. For the past few years the police department has obtained the services of the telephone company at Toledo, and because of a close connection between a few members of the police department and officials of the telephone company, a tap on a wire is easily obtainable.

Manson stated that the most likely place that Timiney could get in on the tap would be at the City Manager's office, located in the Safety Building at Toledo, Ohio.

In order to connect a wire tap directly to police headquarters the following procedure would take place: There are a certain number of police call boxes throughout the city. At least one call box is located in the vicinity of each central exchange, for example, Main, Adams, etc. There are two switchboards at police headquarters, one of which is used in calling city and police officials, and the other is connected directly to all police call boxes throughout the city. An officer on duty in the vicinity of a police call box calls headquarters directly by merely raising the receiver. In other words, the police call boxes are connected directly with police headquarters. For example, if the police placed a wire tap on telephone Adams 5000, a police call box is then located nearest this number, which bears the same central exchange. The service of this call box is then temporarily discontinued. Adams 5000 would then be connected with the police call box, and by this procedure the circuit is completed. Once the wire is connected with the call box and then carried to police headquarters, it would then be easy to connect the telephone to a private room in the same building. The connection for the tap would have to be made by the telephone company when jumping the call box wire to Adams 5000.

The aforementioned details were discussed with Manson, in order to obtain for the record what procedure would have to be followed by the police in order to place a tap and then carry the circuit directly to police headquarters. Manson advised that he would make an effort to ascertain the authenticity of the rumor that Timiney had tapped the telephone.

Manson then stated that Joe Roscoe, owner of the 42nd Street Cafe, is walking about with an air of confidence, and does not appear a bit worried about the investigation being conducted by Bureau Agents in connection with Campbell's recent apprehension. Manson advised that in order to check the activities of Roscoe, it would be necessary to

interview Phyllis Crawford, who is alleged to be close to Roscoe. However, a review of the files in this case reflects that Miss Crawford had previously been interviewed by Bureau Agents at which time she furnished a favorable statement. Further discussing Joe Roscoe, Manson advised that the Red Cab Company has the concession at the 42nd Street Cafe, and most calls from that place are handled by the Red Cab drivers. However, from investigation already conducted by Bureau Agents, it was ascertained that Roscoe possesses two of his personally owned cars, and it is not likely that a cab would be used by Roscoe in taking care of his personal matters. If at a later date it becomes necessary, the Red Cab drivers will be contacted and interviewed. It is also reported that Roscoe had recently purchased a Cabin Cruiser motor boat, and this boat is being kept at Middle Island.

Manson informed further that Anna Smith, the lady friend of "Greenie" the taxi driver, is no doubt in possession of pertinent information. Miss Smith was the individual who received all telephone calls for Greenie, while she was employed as hat check girl at the Casino Club, which is operated by Ted and Bert Angus. Anna Smith is presently employed as a waitress at the Algeo Hotel, Toledo. Arrangements are being made to interview Anna Smith in the near future.

George M. Walter, general manager, Owens Illinois Glass Company, Closure Division, 1510 North Westwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, was interviewed and he furnished the employment record of Esther Goulet. As employee #D 217, Miss Goulet was employed on April 16, 1936, and was assigned to the Metal Cap Manufacturing Department. She worked in this department until May 28, 1936, on which day she was transferred to the Molded Cap Department, and worked in this department until June 17, 1936, at which time she left the employ of the above company. Her reason given was that she was operated on for a goitre. A subsequent investigation conducted by George I. Brown, employment manager, failed to disclose that Miss Goulet was operated on for a goitre. On September 8, 1936, Miss Goulet returned to the employ of the Owens Illinois Glass Company and she remained at her work for one day, when on September 9, 1936, she again left. On this latter date Miss Goulet had a dispute with Mr. Brown, her employment manager, because he declined to give Miss Goulet her pay. Mr. Brown advised Agent that the reason the pay for Miss Goulet was held up was due to a court order served upon their company by The Industrial Finance Company, 215 Spitzer Building, Toledo, Ohio, which order reflects that a garnishment against Miss Goulet's salary had been obtained by that company for a balance of \$70.00 on a note which Miss Goulet had signed. The court order on file with the Owens Glass Company fails to indicate the reason for the loan, or the names of the persons for whom Miss Goulet acted as reference.



With the cooperation and assistance of George H. Walter, general manager, and George I. Brown, employment manager of the Owens Illinois Glass Company, arrangements were made whereby the foreman of the various departments under whom Miss Goulet was employed, were to obtain the names of the girls who had sat at the same bench with Miss Goulet in order that Agent interview each individually for the purpose of obtaining from them any conversation had between them and Miss Goulet, while the latter was employed there.

Pursuant to the above arrangements, Agent conducted interview with numerous employees who have known Esther Goulet, and all of them so interviewed stated that Miss Goulet was tight mouthed, and never mixed with any of the girls at the factory. Furthermore, that the only talk had between them was pertaining to the work in question. Persons interviewed were unable to state whether Miss Goulet was called for by any person after her working hours.

Agent was then advised by Edward H. Johnson, foreman of the Metal Cap Department, that during Miss Goulet's employment he had observed one individual who appeared friendly to Miss Goulet. This lady's name is Aureli Boudrie.

Aureli Boudrie, employee #C 204, residing at 919 Collins Street, Toledo, Ohio, was interviewed at the Owens Illinois Glass Company, 1510 North Westwood Avenue, and she advised that while Miss Goulet was employed at the glass company, on three separate occasions Esther came to ask her about the work. Miss Boudrie also stated that even though she does not chum with Miss Goulet, yet she has known her for many years and this due to the fact that Esther Goulet and Miss Boudrie are first cousins.

Miss Boudrie stated that her mother and Fred Goulet are brother and sister and although they were so closely related yet very little was seen of the Goulets. That prior to Esther Goulet's employment at the glass company, Miss Boudrie had not seen Esther for many years, and because of the bad reputation of the Goulets, Miss Boudrie stated that her family had very little to do with them. In view of the relationship of the Goulets and Boudries, agent discussed the family history of the Goulets. On reference being made by agent of Esther Goulet, the daughter of Fred and Catherine, Miss Boudrie advised that Esther Goulet is not the real daughter of the Goulets and when she was a little child, the Goulets adopted her. Miss Boudrie further stated that Esther knows this and the only other persons having knowledge of this fact are her family, the Boudries. Because of Esther's mixing with persons of ill repute, Aurelie Boudrie never had anything to do with her, and, therefore, could not furnish any information of value concerning the Goulets or Esther.

Subsequent to interviewing Miss Boudrie, agent re-contacted Mr. Brown, the employment manager for any further information he might be able to furnish concerning Miss Goulet. In this connection Mr. Brown stated that it is his duty to investigate complaints made by employees at the plant, and when Ester left their employ saying that she was to be operated for a goiter, he conducted an investigation at the home of the Goulets and ascertained that Esther's statements were untrue, and that she was not working, but sitting around the Goulet Grill obviously in good health.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. Dickstein on September 23, 1936.

Lester D. Alexander, Manager of Industrial Finance Company, Room 215 Spitzer Building, Toledo, Ohio, was contacted and he furnished the following information in connection with the judgment that is held by his company against Esther Goulet.

On January 12, 1935, a loan of \$250.00 was made by Esther Goulet on a car which she had purchased. The instant car was a 1933 Pontiac Coach, motor #916990, serial #799619, purchased by Miss Goulet at the Standard Finance Company, 11th and Madison Avenue. The address given at the time of the sale was 2017-1/2 Adams Street, and Miss Goulet gave her occupation as waitress at the Bulldog Cafe, located at Summit and Locust Streets, Toledo. The record of the finance company reflects that at the time of the sale of instant car, Esther Goulet gave as reference - Father Roberdean, St. Johns School, Point Place, and an individual named Remue, no address, who alleged he has known the buyer for fifteen years, and Sheriff James J. O'Reilly was the person who guaranteed Esther's account. On April 1, 1935, a replevin was placed against the car because of non-payment on the installments. On April 12, 1935, Sheriff O'Reilly called Mr. Alexander over the telephone advising him to be lenient with Miss Goulet and return the car which the finance company had taken, to Esther Goulet. On the same day, Mr. Alexander released the car to Miss Goulet upon the guarantee of Sheriff O'Reilly. On July 1, 1935, the instant car was wrecked and on July 9, 1935 the wrecked car was sold for junk by the Industrial Finance Company. The balance due from Esther Goulet at the present time is \$63.22 and for this amount an attachment was made on the salary of Esther Goulet at the Owens Glass Company.

Mr. Alexander stated that he had encountered much difficulty in trying to collect the balance due on Esther Goulet's car from Sheriff O'Reilly. Mr. Alexander furnished agent with a copy of a letter he had sent to Sheriff O'Reilly, who had been showing a great interest in the welfare of Esther Goulet and the contents of this letter are being set out herewith, the copy being retained in the files of the Cleveland office.

Mr. James J. O'Reilly  
Lucas County Court House  
Toledo, Ohio

September 30, 1935

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

On April 12, 1935, in consideration of our returning to Esther Goulet the automobile held by this company as security for a loan, which had been repossessed for non-payment of the said loan, you guaranteed full payment of the account. In July 1935 our security was removed from us by virtue of the automobile being wrecked. Since that time we have been unable to make collection on this account and we, therefore, find it necessary to call upon you to make good your guarantee. The amount of balance is \$124.00, which amount will have to be paid to liquidate the account.

We hope you will not make it difficult for us to collect this amount since we have relied all along on your good faith in this matter.

Very truly yours,  
INDUSTRIAL FINANCE COMPANY

Lester D. Alexander

Mr. Alexander stated that Sheriff O'Reilly had evaded paying the balance due on Esther Goulet's account, and he was compelled to replevin the cash register which was located in the Goulet home in 1935. There is a balance due of \$63.22 which Sheriff O'Reilly declines to pay as the guarantor of Esther Goulet's account.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Cleveland, Ohio, dated September 19, 1936, pages 42 and 43, wherein is set forth interview with Mr. Ray Sheets, Detective, Toledo Police Department, in which Detective Sheets informed Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy that in the summer of 1934, he, Sheets, received some information from a man by the name of "Dutch" Renz, who is the assistant golf "pro" at the Bay View Golf Course, Point Place, Ohio, to the effect that some of the Barker-Karpis gang were hanging out around the golf course at that time, the summer of 1934.

Mr. Paul "Dutch" Renz, address 1247 Moore Street, Toledo, Ohio, was interviewed by Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy, on September 21, 1936, at the club house of the Bay View Golf Course. He stated that in the early part of the summer of 1934 his suspicions were aroused by the activities of certain men who were seen by him around the golf course; that the reason his suspicions were aroused was because as he, Renz, passed near green number two, a short distance from the Bay View lagoon, he saw a short, stocky man, who was near green number two, and as he, Renz, approached this man, the man put on some colored glasses; that the man appeared to be nervous and seemed to be trying to prevent being recognized. Renz stated that prior to seeing this man near green number two of the golf course, he received several identification orders of the Barker-Karpis mob at the club and caddy house of the Bay View Golf Course from this Bureau; after observing this man on the golf course, Green number 2, and thinking it might be one of the Barker-Karpis mob, he returned to the caddy house and removed the identification orders, which were on display in a show case, because he had heard of the dangerous character of the Barker-Karpis gang and he was afraid some of them would come into the caddy house and see their pictures on the identification orders on display in this place and attempt to do him some harm.

Mr. Renz stated that shortly after he saw this suspicious man on the golf course, he was talking to a friend of his by the name of Russell Simpson about the matter; that Simpson stated to him that he, Simpson, had taken some pictures of the Bay View docks and that he thought he might have some pictures of this mob; that Simpson also told him that some members of the mob had tried to purchase a boat from him, but that they had not completed the deal; that he showed the identification orders of this mob to Simpson, and Simpson stated to him that he believed that they were the same men he had seen around the Bay View docks.

Mr. Renz stated that he knows Detectives Owen Green and Ray Sheets of the Toledo Police Department; that these Detectives frequented the Bay View Golf Course and came into the caddy house; that

on one occasion while they were at the caddy house he, Renz, told them about these men, whom he believed to be part of the Barker-Karpis gang, and also told them about Simpson, who claimed to have taken some pictures of these men; that, to his knowledge, the detectives made no investigation regarding the matter, but they told him to try to get some more information about the location of these men. Renz stated that he never saw these men after that, and that he dismissed the matter from his mind until the newspapers started to print stories to the effect that members of the Barker-Karpis mob had been hanging out at Toledo; that when he read these stories in the papers he asked Russell Simpson if the pictures taken of the boats had any of the mob on them and that he was informed by Simpson that the pictures did not "come out good."

Mr. Renz was shown the pictures of the Barker-Karpis mob, but he stated he did not get a good look at any of the men and that he would not be able to identify any of them. When referring to the suspicious persons, Renz always spoke of "these men", however, until this time he had only mentioned to Agents one man, whom he thought to be suspicious. On further questioning by Agents, Renz stated that he saw the man who put on the colored glasses for the apparent purpose of preventing recognition (mentioned above in this report) again about a week later and at that time this man was with several other men, who also looked suspicious; that he could not describe these men as he did not observe them very closely; that at the time he saw them they were near green number two, about the same place that he had seen the man with the colored glasses.

Renz was questioned as to a more specific date on which he had seen these men, however, he stated that he could not recall even the month, but that he was quite sure that it was in the summer of 1934, prior to July 4th. Renz stated that Russell Simpson operates a garage at the intersection of Stickney and Paxton Streets.

After concluding interview with Paul Renz, Agents proceeded to 2806 Stickney Avenue, Toledo, where Russell Simpson was interviewed. Mr. Simpson stated he operates an automobile repair shop in the rear of his residence, and also repairs gasoline boats at the Bay View docks; that during the summer of 1934 he had in his repair shop a number of outboard motors, which were for sale, and some time during the summer of 1934, the exact date he does not recall, two men came to his repair shop at 2806 Stickney Street and stated they were interested in the purchase of a motor and boat; that he told them to look over the motors he had in his shop and answered these men's questions

about power and speed of the motors, and these men stated these motors were not what they wanted and they did not purchase a motor; that he particularly remembered these two men as one was very short and gruff in his speech; that he did not know the identity of these men and they did not tell him their names or who sent them to his place to see the motors he had on hand. Simpson stated he recalls that the taller of these two men wore green colored sun glasses. He stated he never saw either of these men before they came to his shop, or after they left there. He stated he never frequented the Casino Club on Summit Street, near the Bay View docks, as he does not drink and does not go to places where liquor is sold.

Photographs of the members of the Barker-Karpis gang were exhibited to Mr. Simpson, and he selected the photographs of Alvin Karpis and Arthur "Doc" Barker as persons resembling the two men, who called at his shop to look over the outboard motors he had for sale during the summer of 1934. Mr. Simpson stated that no members of the Toledo Police Department ever contacted him to ascertain if he had any information about the Barker-Karpis gang, and as he did not want anything to do with such a gang, on account of their dangerous character, he never mentioned to any law enforcement official that the two men, Karpis and Barker, called at his place to buy an outboard motor, until Special Agent Smith of this Bureau, called and interviewed him about this matter, the latter part of 1935, or early part of 1936, at which time he related the above information to Agent Smith.

With reference to the photographs which Paul Renz stated that Simpson claimed he took at the Bay View docks and thought the pictures of the suspicious men might appear therein, Mr. Simpson stated that during the summer of 1934 he was at the Bay View docks subsequent to the time the two men came to his repair shop, and took some snapshots of some outboard motor boats in the docks, and when Paul Renz mentioned to him that the suspicious men Renz saw on the golf course might be members of the wanted Barker-Karpis mob, he, Simpson, mentioned to Renz that he had taken some snapshots of outboard motor boats at the Bay View docks and maybe when the pictures were developed the men might show in the pictures, as there were several persons at the docks at the time he took the snapshots; that upon developing the snapshots, several of them were no good, and the good pictures did not show anyone in them whom he did not know.

Russell Simpson further stated that one of the men who called at his shop, and whom he identified from photograph as being Arthur R. "Doc" Barker, had a fresh scar on each side of his face, just below the temples and in front of each ear; that he took particular notice of these scars on this man for the reason that they were in about the same position on each side of his face. Mr. Simpson stated at the time these

two men, Karpis and "Doc" Barker, were in his shop looking at the outboard motors, he was very busy making some repairs, and he did not take particular notice of what means of transportation they were using, or if there was any one with them, but believes they were alone.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on September 19, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent H. C. Suran, dated September 5, 1936 at Cleveland, Ohio, wherein on page ten, it is stated by Frank Greenwald that he had seen from time to time at McGraws place, 2011 1/2 Adams Street, one Pekay, who was a bell boy at the Waldorf Hotel at Toledo, Ohio. In an effort to locate and identify Pekay inquiries of bell boys made at the Waldorf disclosed that Pekay also known as Harry, resided at the Court Hotel, Toledo, Ohio. Further inquiry at the Court Hotel revealed that Pekay's true name was Harry Hazelbaker, and he was located at the Court Hotel, 434 North Erie Street, and brought to the temporary offices, room 513 Edison Building, Toledo, Ohio, and there interviewed.

Hazelbaker was closely and vigorously questioned as to his having been seen at the McGraws rooming house, which he emphatically denied. He, however, admitted that he was formerly employed by Steve McGraw, now deceased, as a taxi cab driver, and that in the past few years he had only seen Edward McGraw on one occasion. In view of Hazelbaker's denials, a signed statement was secured from him, the original of which is being retained in the Cleveland office files, and which is hereinafter being set forth:

"Toledo, Ohio  
"September 19, 1936

"I, HARRY HAZELBAKER, also known as 'P. K.', do hereby make the following signed statement to Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. I make this statement voluntarily, without threats or any promises of reward.

"I have been residing in Toledo, Ohio, from 1915 to 1924. From 1924 to 1930 I resided at Detroit, Michigan, and from 1930 to this date I have been living in Toledo continuously. I have known Edward McGraw and Clara his wife, for the past fifteen years. My acquaintance with them was through driving a taxi-cab for Steve McGraw, a brother of Edward, who had died about four years ago. During my employment as cab driver for Steve McGraw, I have never visited the home of Edward McGraw. I am employed as bell hop at the Waldorf Hotel located on Summit Street and Madison, Toledo, Ohio, for the past 3 years, and during this time I have never had occasion to visit or telephone Edward McGraw, although I have heard on many occasions that the McGraws run a call house.



"When I left Toledo, Ohio, in 1930, I went to Detroit, Michigan, where I purchased 12 slot machines and operated them in a suburban town known as Belvedere, Michigan. I operated these slot machines for six months, and for 4 years I ran bootleg whiskey. Upon my return to Toledo, Ohio in 1930, I was interested in a number of cafes and for three years I have been employed with the Waldorf Hotel in Toledo, Ohio.

"I have been shown photographs of Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, John Brock, Slim Gray, Milton Lett, William Weaver, Fred Hunter, C. J. Fitzgerald, Volney Davis, Sam Coker, Jimmy Wilson, and Willie Harrison, but I do not recognize any of these individuals. I have never seen Harry Campbell, alias Bob Miller until his photograph was shown in the Toledo papers.

"I am acquainted with Benjamin and Joe Fretti, of 504 Monroe St., who I know control the pin ball game machines in the city of Toledo. I am acquainted with Captain George Timiney only casually. I have never heard of Joe Roscoe, but I do know that Jack Broadway operates the 42nd Street Cafe. I know Benny Harris runs a book on Superior Street. Tom Worland operates the Dugout, a cabaret located on Hill Avenue, and is also in the pin ball machine racket. Benny Aronoff operates the Buckeye which is run as a race book, and crap game joint. I have known Fred Coulet, Catherine and Esther for the past three years and have known them to operate the Coulet Grill, located at 2130 Monroe Street. I know Heinie Billeter who is a wrestler. Joker Kennedy is known to me as a bartender and is presently located on Adams Street. I also know Art Bystrom who operates a cabaret on Washington Street. Jean Ford and Bill Cosman I know to be running houses of prostitution. Art Hand and Joe Groves operate the Dutch village. However, I deny ever visiting McGraws house on Adams Street, and I have never seen the picture of Harry Campbell alias Bob Miller until the newspaper have printed them at the time Campbell was apprehended.

"About four years ago I asked Captain George Timiney for permission to operate a few slot machines, but he refused to let me operate, saying that he would destroy them. I was planning on placing about twelve machines in stores in Toledo.

"Up until three years ago I have been in the slot machine racket and prior to repeal of prohibition, I had been bootlegging whiskey but since 1933 I have been employed as a bell hop at the Waldorf Hotel, Toledo, and I have stayed away from all rackets.

"I have read the foregoing statement consisting of two typewritten pages and the same is true to the best of my knowledge and recollection. I have signed the first and second pages.

A. J. Norstrom  
A. Dickstein  
Special Agents, Federal Bureau  
of Investigation, U. S. Department  
of Justice, 1448 Standard Bldg.,  
Cleveland, Ohio."

/s/ HARRY HAZELBAKER  
Harry (P. K.) Hazelbaker  
Court Hotel, 434 N. Erie St.,  
Toledo, Ohio

In addition to the above, Hazelbaker related that although out of the rackets at the present time, he is desirous of again operating slot machines and pin ball games, and is endeavoring to raise enough money to buy machines at this time. He stated that to operate, he would not have to "pay off" to police officials, nor would he have to fear reprisals on the part of Fretti brothers, or other big operators. He stated that he had never heard of graft payments in the police department in Toledo, nor was he in a position to speak with authority as to vice conditions in this city. He further stated that operating slot machines was illegal, but that he would have to take his chances along with the other operators in being caught.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on September 21, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, September 5, 1936, in which report it was alleged that George M. Hancock drank beer at Lamb's Grill while Campbell was there. Mr. Hancock, who had operated the Serval Apex Refrigerator Service at 2021 Adams Street, a few doors from Lamb's Grill was located and interviewed at the aforementioned address.

Mr. Hancock, who resides at 459 Fifth Street, Toledo, Ohio, advised that until September 8, 1936, he was the owner of the Apex Refrigerator Service, which business he opened three years ago. Since 1935 he had been patronizing Lamb's Grill on Adams Street about three days a week, eating his lunch at that place.

Photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang were exhibited to him, but no identifications were effected. He stated that while stopping at Lamb's Grill he never befriended strangers, and the persons with whom he drank were known to him. Mr. Hancock advised further that his wife is employed as a nurse at the City Hospital, Toledo, Ohio, and about two months ago he was told by his wife that the newspapers reported that Campbell had been living at the McGraws' rooming house, and because his store had been nearby, his wife had called this incident to his attention; that all other information gathered in connection with this matter was read in the newspapers. In connection with the presence of Captain George Timiney at Lamb's Grill, Mr. Hancock stated that he knew of him only from reading in the papers, and if he had met Captain Timiney on the street he would not recognize him. Further, that his refrigeration business had occupied most of his time, and therefore he was unable to make the acquaintances of persons visiting there. Agents discussed with Mr. Hancock the vice and gambling

conditions existing in Toledo, Ohio. In reply he stated that for twelve years he was the superintendent of the City Hospital at Toledo, Ohio, during which time he had very little occasion to keep in touch with civic affairs because the hospital had been handling isolated cases, which compelled him to remain at the hospital most of the time.

However, when the name of the Fretti brothers was discussed he stated that he came in contact with them through his refrigeration service. He stated that the Fretti brothers had an apartment on 13th Street, between Washington and Monroe Streets, Toledo, and that he had the contract to keep the refrigeration in that building in good condition; that due to the bad reputation they had in paying their bills, Mr. Hancock discontinued doing business with Fretti brothers. He was unable to furnish any information of value which would tend to show that the Fretti brothers had a controlling monopoly of the pin ball machine racket, or was he able to furnish any information concerning Sheriff O'Reilly.

Abraham Haddard, operating and doing business under the name of Haddard Brothers Confectionary Company, 2147 Monroe Street, Toledo, was interviewed in connection with any visits that Campbell may have made at his store. He stated that the first information he had relative to this matter was on the day of Campbell's apprehension when Detective Harry Manson and two other detectives from the Lucas County Prosecutor's office appeared at his confectionary, which is nearly directly across the street from Goulet's Grill on Monroe Street, and questioned him relative to any visits that Campbell had made to his store. This was the first intimation he had that Campbell was residing in the neighborhood. He further stated that he was unable to later recognize the newspaper photographs of Campbell which appeared following his apprehension, as the likeness of any one who ever frequented or had been a customer of his store. Photographs of Campbell and the Barker-Karpis gang were exhibited to him, but he failed to recognize any of them as the likenesses of anyone he had previously met or known. He did state, however, that it would have been possible for Campbell to have been a customer of his store, but not having business or social relations with him, he would be unable to recall him as he does a large volume of business and of necessity, would have a great number of customers who he would not recall.

Haddard further stated that he was the local distributor for Play and Cleo Cola, and consequently occasionally visited the Goulet Grill for business purposes, Goulet being the user of these beverages. He recalled having heard the name of Gertie mentioned, but could not recall in what connection, nor could he recall her last name, or ever having met her, although he was acquainted with

the members of the Goulet family. He further informed that at no time did he ever see Sheriff James O'Reilly at the Goulet Grill, or Captain George Timiney at that place. He stated that both of these latter individuals are well known to him and that he had heard that O'Reilly frequented Goulet's prior to Campbell's apprehension, although he never saw him there.

Haddard also informed that several years ago, prior to his marriage, he played cards at Fretti brothers gambling place and consequently came to know a number of well known figures in Toledo criminal circles, including members of the Licovoli mob, yet despite these acquaintances he had no knowledge of pay offs or organized vice in the city.

Haddard operates one pin ball machine in his store, which he states was installed by the National Coin Machine Exchange of Toledo on a fifty-fifty basis. The pay off on the machine is in merchandise, according to Haddard, and the collector is an individual known to him as "Happy." Haddard further stated that the store is owned by his mother and operated by his wife and him, Haddard Brothers merely being a trade name established by his father, now deceased.

Interview was also had with Arthur Marleau, who with his father operates the David Marleau Hardware Company, 2139 Monroe Street, across the street from the Goulet Grill. He stated that on the morning of Campbell's apprehension, newspaper reporters questioned him as to any knowledge he might have of Harry Campbell, his wife or the Goulets. He told them that he had never seen Campbell, but that Goulets were known to him because they made occasional purchases at the store, but that Campbell's wife was unknown to him, although she may have visited his store. The newspaper men misquoted him stating that Campbell's wife was a regular customer at the store. Other than the above he had no further information to offer, and was unable to recognize photographs of Campbell or members of the Barker-Karpis gang. Interview was also had with the elder David Marleau, who informed that Sheriff O'Reilly was well known to him for many years, but that the only time he had seen O'Reilly at the Goulet Grill was several days prior to the opening at their present location, when delivering paint to that address, at which time he noticed O'Reilly there, although he could not recall having talked with him at that time.

The Toledo Morning Times was reviewed for the months of March, May and June, 1935, by Special Agents N. S. Harzenstein and R. A. Guerin. The April 1935 volume has been taken from the library to be rebound and will be checked upon its return.

March 28, 1935  
Page 3, Col. 2

Full-face photograph of Wynona Burdette, with notation that she had been sentenced to 5 years at Miami for harboring Alvin Karpis.

May 1, 1935  
Page 2, Col. 8

St. Paul, Minn. (AP)  
John L. Madala, Federal Agent, pictures Doc Barker as underworld general in charge of changing \$200,000 ransom according to information he obtained in conversation with Oliver Berg. During the trial Alvin Karpis and Doc Barker have been named as the actual kidnapers.

May 4, 1935  
Page 3, Col. 8

St. Paul, Minn. (AP)  
For the second time in two days, Arthur "Doc" Barker and Alvin Karpis were named as kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer. Elmer Farmer named Harry Campbell and Fred Barker as members of the gang.

May 5, 1935  
Page 1, Cols. 2 & 3

New Orleans, La. (AP)  
Harry Sawyer, finger man in Bremer case, arrested.

May 8, 1935  
Page 3, Col. 4

St. Paul, Minn. (AP)  
James Wilson testified he associated unknowingly with Karpis, the Barkers and Harry Campbell. He admitted living with Barker and Campbell in Toledo.

May 9, 1935  
Page 3, Col. 1

St. Paul, Minn. (AP)  
Deputy Commissioner of Police John H. Alcock of Chicago testified he knew Boss McLaughlin as a law-abiding citizen.

May 16, 1935  
Page 3, Col. 4

St. Paul, Minn. (AP) Bremer case nears jury.

May 18, 1935  
Page 2, Col. 1

St. Paul, Minn. (AP)  
Arthur "Doc" Barker and Oliver Berg given life sentences for kidnaping of E. G. Bremer. Penalties brought to 18, the number of life sentences since passage of Lindbergh Law. Karpis, Campbell, Weaver, Harrison, Myrtle Eaton, Dr. Moran, Volney Davis still being sought.

May 22, 1935 (AP) Picture of "Doc" Barker, who received life  
Page 3, Col. 5 sentence for kidnaping of E. G. Bremer.

June 1, 1935 Tacoma, Wash. (AP) (5/31)  
Page 1, Col. 3 Volney Davis and Alvin Karpis suspected in Weyerhauser  
case. Davis and Karpis named as leaders of mob which  
kidnaped Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul.

June 2, 1935 Tacoma Wash. (US 6/1)  
Page 1, Cols. Alvin Karpis gang not kidnapers in Weyerhauser case.  
5 & 6. con'td  
Page 2, Col. 6

June 3, 1935 Headline: KARPIS AID SEIZED IN KIDNAPING. Article:  
Page 1, full page Chicago, Ill. US 6/2) Volney Davis captured at  
headline, also Chicago. Named as member of Alvin Karpis kidnap  
Page 1, Col. 5 gang. Involved in Weyerhauser kidnaping.  
cont'd Page 2,  
Col. 3.

June 4, 1935 Tacoma, Wash. (AP 6/3)  
Page 2, Col. 3 Volney Davis, Alvin Karpis gangster, not involved in  
Weyerhauser case.

June 4, 1935 St. Paul, Minn. (AP 6/3)  
Page 3, Col. 1 Volney Davis, known to department of justice agents as  
one of the slippiest and toughest members of the Barker-  
Karpis gang, plead guilty to conspiracy to kidnap  
Edward G. Bremer for \$200,000 today.

June 4, 1935 Headline: KIDNAP SUSPECTS, REFUGE.  
Page 3, Cols. Photo of house of George Bonifas of Weyerhauser case.  
2, 3, & 4 Photo of Alvin Karpis, profile; photo of Harry Campbell,  
full face. Caption identifies photos by name, and says  
that Campbell is member of Karpis' gang.

June 8, 1935 St. Paul, Minn. (AP 6/7)  
Page 1, Col. 2 Five kidnapers sentenced. Relates terms received by  
Volney Davis, Arthur "Doc" Barker, Oliver Berg, Harry  
Alderton, Elmer Farmer, John J. "Boss" McLaughlin,  
James J. Wilson; Byron Bolton remains to be sentenced.  
"Only Alvin Karpis, leader of Barker-Karpis gang, named  
as abductors of Bremer, had eluded capture \* \* \*."

June 9, 1936 New York, N. Y. (AP 6/8)  
Page, Cols. Relates how various criminals were captured because of women.  
2, 3, 4, & 5 Speaks of Volney Davis, a big gun of the midwest mob that  
have been responsible for crimes ranging from murder and  
kidnaping to robbery.

The Toledo News-Bee for the month of June, 1934 was examined  
by Special Agent R. A. Guerin; and for the month of July, 1934, was ex-  
amined by Special Agent N. S. Harzenstein. Nothing of value to the  
instant investigation was found in the issues of either month.

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The following are telephone calls which have been overheard on the telephone tap being maintained on the telephone of the place of business of Joe and Ben Fretti, 514 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio, which calls appear to have some significance to the present investigation:

SEPTEMBER 17, 1936

Incoming call at 12:10 p.m.

*x Telephone Log*

Man calling (Voice sounded like Clarence Vena) - Let me talk to Joe Fretti.  
Girl Answers He's talking on the other phone.  
Joe Fretti Hello  
Man calling Joe, what have you been doing, ducking the issue on me? I have called you a number of times and left my phone number but you have not called me. The campaign is now under way and I want to get you started, there is lots of work to be done.  
Joe Fretti I don't know whether I'm ducking the Republicans or not, but I have been giving this serious thought, and maybe I'll be with the Democrats.  
Man calling Come over and see me and after I get through talking to you I don't care whether you are the Democrats or not.  
Joe Fretti Are you going to be in your office all day?  
Man calling Yes, the better part of it.  
Joe Fretti I'll take a run over and see you in half an hour.

The above conversation was overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd. As it has been previously mentioned, Clarence Vena, who is no doubt the person talking to Joe Fretti, in above conversation, is a colored Republican and reported to be a "fixer". The Fretti brothers are reported to control a good number of votes in Toledo.

SEPTEMBER 18, 1936

Incoming call at 4:30 p.m.

Man calling This is Tim Murphy, let me talk to Benny Harris.  
Benny Harris Hello -  
Tim Murphy There is a fellow named Milton Starkey with the Home Parking Company called you up and wants to talk to you on important business. I wouldn't tell him where you were, if you know him you can call him. Say, also, there are four colored boys here who want to cash checks.  
Benny Harris I don't want to bother with Starkey and cash one check at a time for the colored boys.

This conversation was overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd. Tim Murphy, mentioned in the above conversation, is an employee at the Superior Sports Center, a gambling house operated by Benny Harris, and Murphy is said to be a cousin of George Timiney, Captain of Detectives, Toledo Police Department.



SEPTEMBER 19, 1936

Incoming call at 10:55 a.m.

Man calling Is Joe there?  
Ben Fretti No, he is not, is this Lucas?  
Man calling Yes, have him stop over at the radio (police)  
barn.

This conversation was overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd.  
Lucas is a Police Officer assigned to the radio building, Toledo  
Police Department.

SEPTEMBER 19, 1936

Outgoing call at 1:58 p.m., calling  
Adams 4141 - (Toledo Police Dept.)

Man answers Police Department.  
Man calling Mr. Henry Semback please.  
2nd man answers Identification Bureau  
Man calling Henry Semback, please.  
2nd man answers He won't be back until a week from Monday, he is  
on his vacation.

This conversation was overheard by Special Agent N. S.  
Harzenstein. Henry Semback, mentioned in this conversation, is  
the police photographer in the Identification Bureau, Toledo Police  
Department.

The following conversations were overheard over the tele-  
phone tap being maintained on the telephone, Adams 1556, of Maxine  
Belmont Thomas, 2105 Warren Street, Toledo, Ohio, which conversations  
appear to have some significance to the present investigation.

SEPTEMBER 17, 1936

Out going call at 11:22 p.m.,  
calling Adams 0719.

Maxine calling (Talks about the heat, health, etc.) - Went  
over to Lena's last night.  
Rosie I lost another girl, her man didn't want her  
here so he took her back to Michigan. I only  
have four girls now with Friday and Saturday  
coming on.  
Maxine Well, you can't help it.  
Rosie It's heart breaking and business is tough.  
Maxine Maybe its the change in the weather.  
Rosie I only had two girls today. Did you send those  
cards?  
Maxine Yes, I did, is he through fixing up?  
Rosie You should see the step though. Will you  
send a card to Lena for me and thanks for your  
card.  
Maxine Sure I will. I'll see you tomorrow.

(When talking to Maxine about the girl who had gone to Michigan, Rosie mentioned something that sounded like "Peggy", although it is not certain). This conversation was overheard by Special Agent R. A. Guerin.

SEPTEMBER 18, 1936

Outgoing call at 11:41 p.m. calling Adams 4530.

Maxine calling

Helen

Maxine

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Maxine

Helen?

Yes, how are you?

I just got home from Jenny's. She is awful sick, too much Jewish New Years.

Is that right? Gee, things are terrible.

Such a change is unbelievable.

Don't think about it, you have to take the bitter with the sweet.

Say, a party was in here tonight -- hold the line a minute (tells Mary to take them in the other room and close the door) -- This party Kline was around, never has been here before and I don't know what to do. What should I have?

Nobody else does, you were right.

Said he was going on a vacation.

That's most probably it, he had a lot of nerve.

Sally got a "beef". Party was supposed to have said, didn't you know? They were different people entirely.

You sure sound as though you were sick tonight.

Well, I am.

Helen, don't worry, it's Friday night, it's only 12 o'clock and something might turn up.

I didn't want to call up Sadie as she is such a talker and I didn't want to get her started.

I wanted to know about the doctor, but Mary's husband goes up to Erie Street a lot. I don't want to start with her.

Say, the former proprietors wrote to Mary and "Blonde" Helen. They were supposed to have written to me, as Mary got a letter from them saying they had written to both Helens and were disappointed in getting no response. She wrote back and now she's worried.

She has nothing to worry about.

Will you call tomorrow?

Yes, I'll call early.

This conversation was overheard by Special Agent A. J. Norstrom. The person "Kline" mentioned in the above conversation as having called at the place where Helen is located, the Shelby Hotel, a house of prostitution, is evidently Police Officer Kline, Toledo Police Department, who is assigned to the liquor squad and from the conversation above it appears he was endeavoring to do a little "collecting" of his own.

SEPTEMBER 19, 1936

Incoming call at 12:30 p.m.

Sadie Dann Calling (After greeting) I got initiated.  
Maxine Yes, I heard.  
Sadie When did you get back?  
Maxine I got back Monday but I went to Detroit for a couple of days.  
Sadie Lena didn't buy it. She changed her mind.  
Anna wouldn't sign over the lease. For a couple of days Lena and Sam were running after her to sign over the lease, then, finally when Anna said she would sign over the lease, Lena backed out.

This conversation overheard by Special Agent N. S. Harzenstein. As set out in previous reports, Sadie Dann was endeavoring to sell her house of prostitution, the Oxford Hotel, and it appears from above conversation that the deal fell through as "Anna", who is, no doubt Anna Plummer, who owns the Oxford Hotel, would not sign over the lease on same.

SEPTEMBER 20, 1936

Outgoing call at 12:20 a.m. calling Adams 0719 (Rosie Bush, 900-1/2 Monroe Street)

Maxine calling Rose, how are you?  
Rosie (After greeting) I got no girl, what am I to do? They come in and walk out --- they come in and walk out, it's awful.  
Maxine That is too bad Rosie. Some time ago you told me about a party who called you up and had a Madel (Jewish for girl), do you remember?  
Rosie No. who do you mean?  
Maxine Peggy's sister.  
Rosie Yes.  
Maxine Do you know who I mean now?  
Rosie No.  
Maxine Jackie Kennedy.  
Rosie Oh yes.  
Maxine I'll put him on.

Man calling

Rosie, this is ~~Hawkins~~ <sup>(Parkins)</sup>. I hope that you don't feel that I abused you. I'm sorry about that and I want to apologize.

Rosie

Oh that's all right. In this kind of business you got to cater, you know to who, and if you don't do it they take them out. If you got girls and they bring them in the house and they want to play, its all right with me, but I can't let them do it here.

Maxine  
Rosie

I think she is more to blame than -- you know. I know that, but if you don't do it they taken them out.

This conversation was overheard by Special Agent N. S. Harzenstein.

SEPTEMBER 20, 1936

Outgoing call at 12:27 a.m. calling Adams 4530.

Maxine  
Helen

Helen are you busy?  
Not much. I can talk. Its kind of slow, like last week.

Maxine  
Helen  
Maxine

You can't help that.  
How are you? How's Jennie?  
She's all right. I stopped in to see her. I stopped at several places but I'm home now.

Helen  
Maxine  
Helen

Did you hear from Lena?  
No, just what I told you.  
I expect to hear from her, I wrote her. I thought she would call.

Maxine

I was up to the Shelby Hotel tonight. Some of our friends came in, three of them, for their New Years Greetings. Our friend is coming back today, you know, Mr. Mayer, he is coming back today.

Helen  
Maxine  
Helen  
Maxine  
Helen

I had a couple in today for the first time.  
Who? So did John, he was kind of worried.  
No, not them, Mr. Brown. (Likely Art Brown)  
You mean -- that used to be?

Maxine  
Helen  
Maxine  
Helen  
Maxine  
Helen  
Maxine

Yes.  
That don't mean a thing.  
He's here now.  
You mean around there?  
Yes.

Well, just use your own judgement.  
I did.

Helen

You're the boss. Whatever you do is o.k.  
After all, we got to tip our hats to them.  
It always was there, and so I figured it would be the same way.

Marine  
Helen

Wasn't nobody in before now?  
I asked why he wasn't around here, and he said  
he understood somebody else was around here  
and they did not want to come in contact, you  
know who I mean.

This conversation was overheard by Special Agent H. S.  
Harzenstein.

SEPTEMBER 23, 1936.

Outgoing call at 12:31 p.m. call-  
ing Adams 0119.

Man calling (Sounded like Benny Aronoff calling) Asks if  
Joe Roscoe was there.  
Man answering He left here about twenty minutes ago.  
Man calling o.k.

This conversation was overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd.

SEPTEMBER 23, 1936.

Outgoing call at 4:30 p.m. call-  
ing telephone company, Irene Moss.

Joe Fretti calling Instructs the telephone company that hereafter  
anyone calling for Fretti Brothers should be  
connected with telephone number Main 2913 and  
not Main 5412, and that no listing is to appear  
in the telephone book, this number to be kept  
private and unlisted.

Irene Moss (She appears to be a friend of Joe Fretti)  
Says the operators will be instructed when any-  
one asks for Fretti Brothers to connect them  
with Main 2913 and the number is not to be  
listed or given out and is for information only.

It appears from the above conversation that the Fretti  
Brothers, whose telephone number is Main 5412 on which this tap  
is being maintained, is either installing an additional telephone,  
which is to be unlisted, or they are going to discontinue the  
use of Main 5412. This will be determined later.

The above conversation was overheard by Special Agent E. J.  
Dowd.

Sept. 23, 1936

Outgoing call at 7:06 PM Called Main 0293

Maxine  
Stella

Stella (exchanged greetings)  
I was trying to call you yesterday. I spoke to Johnnie today.....last night Marie Harrington called me, and I made an appointment for 4:30 today and she told me she has a chance to get a place and if I want to, she will give me one-third. She told me it's been a place and there are girls there, but she couldn't tell me the name of it. I told her whenever she's ready to let me know.

Maxine  
Stella  
Maxine

Did the party see her in the Buckeye?

No, he's a dirty bum.

You know what I did, I can't tell you over the phone can you come over here? I'll send a cab after you.

Stella  
Maxine

Lena went out and she expects Virginia down here.  
I'll send a cab in one-half hour.

This conversation was overheard by Special Agent W. S. Harzenstein. From the above conversation it appears that Marie Harrington, an old time madam of a house of prostitution, is going to open up another house of prostitution, and has offered "Stella", who is at 311 Locust Street, a house of prostitution, an interest in same. The location of the new place is not known.

Sept. 23, 1936

Incoming call at 7:20 PM

Maxine  
Helen  
Maxine

I want to tell you something....the former proprietors.. Back in town?

Yes...and a lot of things, I can't tell you on the phone.

Helen

Yes, she was here before 12... I wasn't here - looking things over, maybe, and over to Mary's asking a lot of information.

Maxine

Listen, he better just keep going West...I don't want to judge - you know - I didn't think they could stay away so long ..... I guess there are lots of places people are willing to sell, and maybe that's what they have in mind, coming back.

Helen

They acted like they thought the place would be run down and everything, with no help, or nothing.

Maxine

They thought they were selling a lemon, that's why - they thought it would turn out to be a lemon. They had to leave because of those other people.

Helen

She just called me and thought she would give me a kibitz. What business has she got, coming in here before noon, and snooping around.

Maxine

They're bad losers. They sold a gold mine, and they can't take....they were afraid of something else, you know. They know what they sold.

Helen Did Lena tell you she wanted me to go to a lawyer and make an agreement for one year, you know.

Maxine It's like that place over the saloon...Bill and Sadie Sherman. They ate their hearts out, too. He's burning up because he can't take it. He's the least of my worries. One thing that hurt me when we knew the other party and you were together, he didn't even say Good Luck. Lena said why didn't he call up, and I said because he begrudged.

Helen He said he should have given Mary, instead, so they could have come back in a month or two.

Maxine They promised her, but they never would.

Helen I go in early tomorrow, come out for breakfast Friday at 1:00.

Maxine Over to .....?

Helen Over to my new house. I'll talk to you tomorrow night.

Maxine Mary is sick and I'm sending her home after lunch, about 10. I'll call you tomorrow night.

The above conversation was overheard by Special Agent N. S. Harzenstein. It is believed the above conversation about the former proprietors being back in town, refers to Pauline Weinstein and her man, who, after Agents interviewed Pauline Weinstein about two months ago, sold her house of prostitution, the Riverside Hotel, and left Toledo.

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On August 16, 1936, a tap was installed and placed in operation on the telephone of the place of business of Joe and Ben Fretti, 514 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio, (The Star Vending Company) and Special Agent K. J. Dowd was maintaining this tap in an empty storeroom located at 24 North Erie Street, Toledo, Ohio, arrangements having been made with a real estate company for the use of this building, gratis.

On September 24, 1936, Special Agent Dowd advised Special Agent J. V. Murphy that four men entered the building, one having a key to the front door; that after he, Agent Dowd, talked to one of the men, who was from the Reuben Realty Company, this man stated he wished to show the building to a prospective tenant. Agent Dowd requested the man to come back later, and the man stated he would return on September 25th.

Agent Murphy communicated with Mr. Smith of the Reuben Realty Company, with whom arrangements had been made for Agents' use of the store building, when Mr. Smith was with the Crosby Realty Company, and Mr. Smith stated they have rented the store building to a Toledo catering company, and if possible would like to have the use of the building by September 25th. Mr. Smith was informed that Agents would discontinue the use of the storeroom, and same would be available to his tenant on September 25th. The Cleveland office was advised telephonically that the tap on business telephone of Fretti brothers was discontinued on September 24, 1936.

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Agents working on the Brekid matter in Cleveland, Ohio, developed, upon examination of the files of the Cleveland Police Department, that after the arrest of Wynona Burdette, Paula Harmon and Gladys Sawyer in Cleveland in the early part of September 1934, the Cleveland Police Department wrote letters on September 7th and 16th, 1936, to the Toledo, Ohio, Police Department, attaching a group photograph of the three above-named women, and photographs of Fred and Arthur "Doc" Barker, stating that at the time of the arrest of Wynona Burdette, Paula Harmon and Gladys Sawyer, Wynona Burdette stated that her address was 2831 131st Street, Point Place, Toledo, Ohio; that it is believed that the three women are in some manner connected with the Barker brothers, who are wanted in connection with the Bremer kidnaping. The Cleveland Police Department requested in their letters to the Toledo Police Department that investigation be made at 2831 131st Street and vicinity in effort to locate Fred and Arthur "Doc" Barker.

On September 20, 1936, Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy interviewed Mrs. Fred A. Rudolph, 2831 131st Street, Point Place, Ohio, who stated that on September 6th or 7th, 1934, two newspaper reporters, a man from the Toledo Blade and a woman from the Toledo News Bee, whose name she does not know, came to her home and asked her about Wynona Burdette and whether or not she lived at that address, and how long she, Mrs. Rudolph, had been living there. These reporters, Mrs. Rudolph stated, mentioned that Wynona Burdette had been arrested in Cleveland, Ohio, and had given 2831 131st Street as her home address. Mrs. Rudolph stated that she informed the reporters that she had been residing at that address for about a month, and that she did not know the people who previously resided there, nor did she know anything about them. Mrs. Rudolph stated this was the first time she had any information that any members of the Barker gang had resided at that address.

Mrs. Rudolph further stated that the following day, which she stated was on September 8, 1934, as that was her husband's birthday, she was up in town doing some shopping and when she returned in the late afternoon she found a police officer sitting on her porch waiting for her; that this police officer was in plain clothes and not in uniform; that he did not state his name but stated that he was with the Toledo Police Department and then displayed to her a group photograph of three women, whom she has since identified as Wynona Burdette, Paul Harmon and Gladys Sawyer, and he stated that these women had been arrested by the Cleveland Police Department a day or two before and Wynona Burdette had given her address as 2831 131st Street, Point Place, Ohio. She stated that she informed this officer that she was Mrs. Rudolph and her husband was a refrigeration engineer in Toledo; that she did not know Wynona Burdette or the persons who had previously resided at that address. She stated that this police officer also displayed to her photographs of two men whom she has since identified as Fred and Arthur "Doc" Barker, and she informed the officer that she did not know the men.

Mrs. Rudolph further stated that subsequent to the visit of the police officer on September 8, 1934, she was informed by her neighbor, Mrs. William Siek, Jr., who resides at 2823 131st Street, which is next door, that on the night prior to September 8th, two plain clothes police officers of the Toledo Police Department, whose names she did not know, called at her, Mrs. Siek's, home about midnight and made inquiry as to who resided next door at 2831 131st Street, and she, Mrs. Siek, informed them that Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Rudolph and daughter resided there; that these officers requested use of her, Mrs. Siek's, telephone and attempted to call her? Mrs. Rudolph's home, but it appeared they were unable to get anyone to answer. Mrs. Rudolph stated, however, that she does not believe they attempted to call her telephone, as she has an extension telephone in her bedroom and had they called she would certainly have heard the telephone ring. Photograph of Captain George Timiney was exhibited to Mrs. Rudolph, but she stated she was unable to identify same as being a photograph of the police officer who called on her on the afternoon of September 8, 1934.

Mrs. Rudolph stated that when a raid was made on her home in the latter part of January, 1935, by Deputy Sheriffs and Police Officers of Toledo, Ohio, Sheriff James O'Reilly was not present on the raid; that the deputy sheriffs and police officers asked her if she knew who they were looking for and she informed them she should know by now as there had been a number of inquiries made about some women and the Barkers having lived in that house, also that she presumed that they were looking for Karpis and they said they were; that she informed them that she knew nothing about these persons and they were free to search her house, which they did, even to looking into the attic, after their attention had been called to the fact that they had overlooked the attic in their search. Mrs. Rudolph stated that she never knew that Harry Campbell had ever lived in the same house she is occupying and her first information in that regard was read in the newspapers after Harry Campbell had been apprehended in Toledo in the early part of May 1936. Mrs. Rudolph stated that after the raid was made on her home in the latter part of January 1936, she went to Sheriff O'Reilly's office and told him that she had been residing at her present address for the past six or seven months and knew nothing about the previous occupants of the house; that the house was vacant about a month before she moved in and she does not know what became of the former occupants; that she wanted some assurance from the sheriff that she would not be bothered with any further raiding parties looking for Karpis and his associates; that the sheriff stated he was unable to assure her that she would be bothered further as orders were orders. She stated that she asked Sheriff O'Reilly where he obtained his information that Karpis was at her home when the raid was made and he would not give the name of his informant, but stated that the information came from a taxi driver and restaurant owner in the vicinity of her home. Mrs. Rudolph stated that she has no idea who the restaurant owner might be as there is no restaurant

in that immediate vicinity, but she is of the opinion that the taxi driver was Mr. Drew, her next door neighbor, who formerly operated a private taxi cab. She stated she has been unable to verify her belief, however.

Efforts were made by Special Agents J. V. Murphy and H. B. Dill to contact Mr. Albert Drew at his home at 2841 - 131st Street, Point Place, Ohio, but Agents were informed by Mr. Drew's wife that he was seldom home during the day in view of the fact that he was working for the PMA at the present time; that he works on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and also Thursday; that she did not know the location of the project on which he was working, but that she felt sure he would be home over the weekend. He will be interviewed regarding his knowledge of this matter at a later date.

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Mrs. William Siek, 2823 - 131st Street, Point Place, Ohio, was interviewed at her residence by Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy on September 21, 1936. She stated that on September 7, 1934, about midnight, two detectives from the Toledo Police Department, called at her home and made inquiry as to who was living next door at 2831 - 131st Street, and she informed them that Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rudolph and daughter, Dolly, resided there; that these detectives told her they were looking for the Barkers, who were wanted in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case, and the Toledo police were advised by the Cleveland police that the three women they had arrested at Cleveland had given their address as 2831 - 131st Street, and it was believed that these women were connected with the Barkers. Mrs. Siek stated these detectives informed her they had looked over the garage at 2831 - 131st Street and found the motor of the automobile in the garage was still warm. She stated these detectives appeared to be frightened and nervous, and asked her if the Rudolphs were home and what their telephone number was, and she looked up the telephone number of Mr. Rudolph and gave it to the detectives, and one of the detectives picked up her telephone and from all appearances attempted to call Mr. Rudolph, but stated he was unable to get any one to answer. She stated that she and members of her family later discussed the attempt of the detectives to call Mr. Rudolph by telephone, and as they knew the Rudolphs were home and likely in bed, they doubted whether the detectives actually put through the call to Mr. Rudolph's telephone.

Mrs. Siek stated to Agents there was a large picture of Wynona Burdette in the newspaper that day, and the detectives pointed to the picture and asked her if she recognized that woman, and she told them she did not. Mrs. Siek stated that she did recognize the

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photograph of Wynona Burdette as that of a woman who lived at 2831 131st Street, prior to the time the Rudolphs moved in to that address, but she did not care to tell this to the detectives.

Mrs. Siek stated that no newspaper reporter ever came to her home and made inquiry about this matter.

The information given to Agents by Mrs. Siek was corroborated by her son Buddy, who, in addition to the above, stated that on the next day, which was Saturday, September 8, 1934, two Toledo detectives came to the house as he was about to leave, some time between two and four P. M., and asked him who lived next door - 2831 - 131st Street and he informed them that Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rudolph lived there, and they asked when the Rudolphs would be home, and he stated he did not know; that the detectives left and he did not pay any further attention to them, as he was leaving to go to town, and was the only one at his home at the time. Buddy further stated that these two detectives were not the same two who were at his home the night before, and he does not know who any of them were. He stated that all four of these men were tall and slender and were between the ages of 35 and 40 years. Both Buddy and his mother, Mrs. Siek, were shown a photograph of George Timiney, and both stated they did not believe he was one of the men who came to their home on the two occasions, September 7 and 8, 1934.

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, September 8, 1936, wherein it is set out on page seven that records of the Cleveland Police Department reflect that on or about September 6, 1934, the Toledo, Ohio Police Department was requested to be on the lookout for Fred Barker and others wanted for the killing of C. R. Kelly, Sheriff of Howell County, Missouri, on December 19, 1931; that they should be on the lookout for a Ford coupe bearing license #C-21274, listed to Alfred G. Bradford, 321 Jefferson Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, as Fred Barker might be the occupant of this car.

At the request of the Cleveland office, Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy, on September 19, 1936, conducted investigation at the Lucas County Automobile Registration Bureau, 403 Michigan Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, where Mr. E. M. Bowland, Deputy Clerk, was interviewed and secured his records covering this automobile. There is on file at the registration bureau a duplicate copy of sworn statement of ownership showing that Alfred G. Bradford, address 321 Jefferson Avenue, Toledo, is the true and lawful owner of 1934 Ford Coupe V8, motor #615739. Attached to this sworn statement of ownership is invoice #2721, dated February 17, 1934, of B. & W. Auto Sales Company (Ford), 827 West 35th Street (city not shown, but believed to be Cleveland, Ohio), salesman - Gregory, made out to Alfred G. Bradford, 6708 South Constance, Chicago, Illinois, covering one Model 40, 1934 D. L. coupe - black (Ford coupe), motor #615739, amount \$676.00. This invoice also states that radio was installed at cost of \$67.50 and aerial installed at cost of \$6.00. Mr. Bowland stated the sworn statement of ownership was evidently based on this invoice, although the invoice does not bear a paid stamp, or any indication that the car was paid for. The sworn statement of ownership was executed on April 11, 1934, before Miss Evelyn McPartland, notary public, who, it was ascertained at the Court Clerk's office, Toledo, is employed by the Robison Chevrolet, Inc., 3015 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. E. M. Bowland, Deputy Clerk, Lucas County Automobile Registration Bureau, Toledo, stated they do not have the 1934 records of automobile licenses issued at Toledo, as they have been returned to Columbus, Ohio, and are in possession of Mr. Frank West, Deputy Registrar, state motor vehicle registration bureau; that the only records they have at Toledo of licenses issued at Toledo are for the years 1935 and 1936.

As the sworn statement of ownership of Alfred G. Bradford was notarized by Miss Evelyn McPartland, notary public, on April 11, 1934, and it was developed that she is employed by the Robison Chevrolet, Inc., which company sold to H. J. Morley, alias of Arthur R. "Doc" Barker, through introduction of Bert Angus, a Chevrolet automobile on February 27, 1934, Miss McPartland was interviewed at the

Robison Chevrolet, Inc., to ascertain if she could identify the photograph of Fred Barker as being Alfred G. Bradford, and whether or not she recalled if anyone accompanied Bradford at the time he had her notarize the sworn statement of ownership on April 11, 1934.

Miss McPartland stated, after viewing the photograph of Fred Barker, that she was unable to recall anything about the transaction, as she notarizes many papers for the Robison Chevrolet, Inc., as well as their customers. Her attention was called to the fact that the sworn statement covered a Ford automobile instead of a Chevrolet, and she stated, nevertheless she cannot recall anything about the matter, as she keeps no record of papers she notarizes.

After Miss McPartland was interviewed, she discussed this matter with the other stenographers in the office of the Robison Chevrolet, Inc., and Miss Irene Taylor, an employee, stated she recalled writing up a sworn statement for a man by the name of Alfred G. Bradford during the spring of 1934. Miss Taylor stated to Agent that she recalls that salesman Harold Barry came to her and asked her how a person could buy a license in the state of Ohio on just an invoice covering an automobile; that she told him the usual procedure was to make out a sworn statement of ownership and then the car could be registered and a license could then be obtained. Miss Taylor stated that Mr. Barry then brought a man to the cashier's window, and this man stated his name was Alfred G. Bradford. She stated he was about five feet three inches tall, very slender and well dressed; that he did not have the appearance of being a hoodlum. She stated, at the request of Mr. Barry and Mr. Bradford, she prepared a sworn statement of ownership on the prescribed form, covering an automobile, but does not now recall the description of same, and in view of the fact that she is not a notary public, she asked Miss Evelyn McPartland to notarize the document, which she did. Miss Taylor stated she saw no one with Mr. Bradford, except Mr. Barry. Photograph of Fred Barker was exhibited to Miss Taylor, and she stated she does not believe this was the man who represented himself as Alfred G. Bradford. She was shown other photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang, but was unable to identify any one of them as being the person who stated his name was Alfred G. Bradford. Mr. Taylor stated that Mr. Harold Barry is now employed by Carl F. Weissenberger, Inc., 1516 Broadway, Toledo.

Mr. Harold Barry was interviewed at the used car lot of Carl F. Weissenberger, Inc., 1516 Broadway. He stated he recalls selling two automobiles to a man who gave the name of H. J. Morley, but whom he has since identified as being Arthur R. "Doc" Barker; that he sold the first automobile to Morley in February, 1934, and met Morley through Bert Angus, who brought Morley to the Robison Chevrolet, Inc., 3015 Monroe Street, where he, Barry, was employed at the time.

Barry stated he has a recollection of having asked Miss Irene Taylor at the Robison Chevrolet, Inc., to prepare a sworn statement of ownership for a man by the name of Alfred G. Bradford for the purpose of obtaining an Ohio license for Bradford's automobile; that Bradford had only an invoice covering his automobile, and a sworn statement of ownership is necessary to secure a license, in the absence of the title. Barry stated he does not recall how he came to meet Bradford, or whether he had ever seen him before or after the transaction; that it is not unusual to follow this procedure and assist some one in securing an automobile license. Barry was shown photograph of Fred Barker, as well as others of the Barker-Karpis gang, but stated he is unable to identify any of them as being Bradford, and has no recollection of the description of Bradford.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, August 22, 1936, wherein on page three is set out information to the effect that the Robison Chevrolet, Inc., 3015 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio, on August 3, 1934, sold Chevrolet sedan, motor #4643655 to H. J. Morley, the alias of Arthur R. "Doc" Barker, taking in on the sale of this automobile, Chevrolet sedan, motor #4102997, which has been sold by this company to H. J. Morley ("Doc" Barker) on March 28, 1934, and had been wrecked about August 1, 1934. A check of the records of the Robison Chevrolet, Inc., and the Lucas County Automobile Registration Bureau, Toledo, reflects that the correct motor number of the Chevrolet sedan sold to H. J. Morley on August 3, 1934, is #4543656; that the correct motor number of the Chevrolet sedan sold to Morley on March 28, 1934 is #4102997, same as shown above.

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, Cleveland, Ohio, September 22, 1936, wherein lead is set out for Toledo, Ohio, to obtain photograph and description of one "Pug" Smith, an old time bank robber of Toledo, which information had been requested by memorandum by the Cleveland office.

On September 21, 1936, Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy interviewed Mr. John Louy, Superintendent, Identification Bureau, Toledo Police Department, who, after searching the records of the Identification Bureau, stated they do not have any record on Lee or Joseph Smith, alias "Pug" Smith, who is alleged to have served a term of eight years in the Ohio State Penitentiary from Toledo for bank robbery about twelve or fourteen years ago, and is said to be about five feet two inches in height, thin build and bowlegged. Mr. Louy stated they do have a record of one Lyone Smith, Toledo Police #9714, who was convicted and sentenced at Toledo on June 14, 1927 to serve ten to twenty-five years for robbery. This man, Lyone Smith, was paroled from the Ohio State Penitentiary on August 8, 1934, and is at the present time employed by the Red Cab Company in Toledo, Ohio, as a cab driver. Lyone Smith's description is as follows:

Age	-	21 years (On 11/6/20)
Height	-	5'3"
Weight	-	125 pounds
Eyes	-	Brown
Hair	-	Black
Build	-	Slender
Teeth	-	Good - three gold capped in front
Marital Status	-	Married
Occupation	-	Laborer, street car conductor, cab driver
Nativity	-	Toledo, Ohio
Toledo Police #	-	9714
Fingerprint	-	5      0      18
Classification	-	27      I      12

A photograph of Lyone Smith was obtained from the Toledo Police Department and was forwarded to the Cleveland office. The above information has already been furnished the Cleveland office by memorandum.



The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. Dickstein on September 24, 1936:

Reference is being made to the report of Special Agent R. G. Suran dated September 5, 1936, at Cleveland, Ohio, in which report it was alleged that William J. Croke drank beer at Lamb's Grill while Campbell was there.

William J. Croke, 2021 Adams Street, Toledo, manager of the Serval & Apex Refrigerator Service, was interviewed at his place of business and he advised that he had been operating the Apex Service store for the past four years. In the fall of 1934, when Lamb's Grill opened, and since that time, Mr. Croke visited the Grill about four days a week. Mr. Croke stated that he would have his coffee each morning and before leaving for home he would stop in at the Grill for a drink. At no time did he remain long enough to become acquainted, and therefore, could not identify any persons who are known to frequent the Grill. The photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang were exhibited to him, but no identifications were made. Mr. Croke could not identify the photograph of Harry Campbell as a person he had seen at Lamb's Grill. Mr. Croke was asked if he was acquainted with Captain George Timiney, and in this connection he advised that he knows him to say, "Hello", but had never seen Timiney at Lamb's Grill, and until the time that Campbell was apprehended, he was not aware of the connection between Campbell and the McGraws. He had read the newspapers that the McGraws knew Campbell, and from rumors around Lamb's Grill it is common talk that the McGraws run a call house. Mr. Croke was unable to furnish any additional information as to the names of any girls, to his knowledge, who have worked for the McGraws. Neighbors know Edward McGraw to be a pimp.

With reference to Sheriff O'Reilly, Mr. Croke advised that he knows the Sheriff, but was not friendly with him; that if the Sheriff had been at Lamb's Grill, he would have known this, and would have observed him if he had visited the Grill at any time.

A discreet neighborhood investigation was conducted in the vicinity of 3200 River Road, corner of Westmeyer Street, where the home of Joe Roscoe is located. The home in question consists of two stories, brown stucco with a double car garage, and occupies a corner lot. Neighbors advise that from their observation they were unable to notice anything of a suspicious nature, and that the Roscoes are not known to entertain very much at their home. Also, that the house in which Roscoe resides is owned by Ganey Broadway, and neighbors also stated that the 42nd Street Cafe property is also in the name of Ganey Broadway; that Ganey and Roscoe live as man and wife at 3200 River Road. It was further ascertained that the house in which the Roscoes live was built about nine years ago by Charlie Marks. The

home of Roscoe is situated in a restricted neighborhood, and all houses in that vicinity are detached, and they are occupied by many respected business people of Toledo. Neighbors stated further that in view of the heavy landscaping covering each house, it is sometimes difficult to observe persons coming and going from the home of Roscoe, or any of the other homes in that vicinity.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The CLEVELAND OFFICE at Toledo, Ohio, will continue the investigation in accordance with previous leads set out, and as other leads are being set forth by memorandum to the investigating Agents, these leads are not being set out in this report.

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ADDENDUM by Special Agent K. J. Wynn:

Information with reference to the suspicions of the Fretti brothers that their telephone is being tapped, as well as information indicating the possibility of the police department having a telephone tap on Adams 1410 at the temporary offices of the Bureau in the Edison Building, Toledo, was communicated to Inspector E. J. Connelley and upon his instructions Special Agent J. E. Brennan went to Toledo, Ohio, on September 24, 1936, for the purpose of determining whether or not there is in fact a tap on the telephone Adams 1410 at Toledo.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>San Francisco, Calif.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9/22/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/11/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>Wasele</b> <b>F. C. DOWNEY - FB</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, With Aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, With Aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREWER, Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Former Special Agents D. E. Hall and W. E. Peters have no knowledge concerning a safety deposit box key being found on person of Paula Harmon at time of her arrest in Cleveland, Ohio on September 5, 1934.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>P.</b></p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter from the Cleveland Bureau Office, dated 9/5/36. Report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan, dated 9/25/34.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>At San Francisco, California</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Former Special Agents W. E. Peters, Chief Investigator for the Special Assembly Committee on auditing for the California State Legislature, and D. E. Hall, Investigator for the firm of Atherton &amp; Dunn, Private Investigators, were interviewed at 1340 Russ Building, San Francisco, California, the office of Mr. Peters. Both Mr. Peters, who is a personal acquaintance of the writer and Mr. Hall, related most of the details surrounding the arrest of Paula Harmon, Gladys Sawyer and Wanona Surdett, practically all of which appears in reference report of Special Agent D. E. Hall.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Both Mr. Peters and Mr. Hall recalled that investigation was conducted at the Cleveland Trust Company and at the Central Union National</p>			
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Bank, Cleveland, Ohio, for the purpose of determining whether subjects had rented safety deposit boxes there under any of their known names or aliases, but that this investigation was not predicated upon a safety deposit box key found on the person of Paula Harmon or either of the other two women.

Mr. Peters advised that a very complete inventory was made of every item which was found in the apartments which were raided and that at the time of the release of the above named women to the Bureau, a receipt was given to the Cleveland Police Department for the personal effects of these women which was signed by Mr. Peters, none of which, as he recalls, included a safety deposit box key.

It was the opinion of both Mr. Peters and Mr. Hall that because of the animosity which existed between the Cleveland Police Department and the Bureau at that time, it was very possible and very probable that if a safety deposit box key was found in the possession of Paula Harmon, that that fact was not disclosed to Bureau agents.

Mr. Peters further stated that while the above named women were being held by the Cleveland Police Department, one of the women made considerable fuss about an expensive ring which she said had not been returned to her by the Custodian. This woman later admitted, according to Mr. Peters, that this ring had been given to the jail matron for the purpose of hiring an attorney.

Mr. Peters recalled that one Ed Stanton, former prosecuting attorney at Cleveland, Ohio, represented these women upon their arrest, but whether he had ever received the ring was a fact not known to Mr. Peters. Mr. Peters advised that he was on friendly terms with Stanton and on one occasion asked him how he happened to be in the case. Stanton is reported to have said that he might tell Peters his connection in the matter after things had blown over a bit. In this connection Mr. Peters stated that he was of the opinion that if the proper

party approached Mr. Stanton now, that Stanton would no doubt be able to give some valuable information as to who the police officer was who called the Harvard Club and tipped off other members of the Barker-Karpis Mob, advising them of the arrest of the three women and asking that an attorney be secured for them. Mr. Peters stated that he believed that Stanton was representing the women for only one reason and that was because it appeared that there was some money in it for him.

Concerning all keys which were recovered following the arrest of the above mentioned women, Mr. Peters advised that he recalled that after the women were taken to Chicago, Illinois, the late Inspector Samuel Cowley telephoned to the Detroit Bureau Office requesting that all keys be sent to the Chicago Bureau Office, the letter of transmittal for which would undoubtedly be found in the Detroit Bureau Office file.

Concerning Detectives Orley May and Emil Musil of the Cleveland Police Department, Mr. Hall stated that he had never heard of these men and Mr. Peters stated that since he was resident agent in Cleveland for several months he recalls the names of these individuals, but does not recall ever having met them.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

RCS:LL

September 24, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

The Bureau is in receipt of the report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, Cleveland, Ohio, dated September 15, 1936, relative to the present investigation being conducted at Cleveland, Ohio, concerning the persons who harbored Alvin Karpis and other members of the Karpis-Barker gang at that place during the summer and fall of 1934.

Efforts have been made by Agents of the Cleveland Bureau Office to ascertain the identity of the police officer who is thought to have been contacted by James Patton or Art Hebebrand of the Harvard Club after the arrest of Gladys Sawyer, Wynona Burdette, and Paula Harmon at Cleveland, Ohio, on September 5, 1934. The identity of this officer is desired in order that appropriate investigation can be conducted to determine whether there was a police tip-off to Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, Harry Sawyer, and Harry Campbell after the arrest of the women.

Inspector Frank Story of the Cleveland, Ohio, Police Department has been interviewed on several occasions concerning this, and he has admitted he knows the identity of the officer who received a telephonic call from a person at the Harvard Club and later met this party and was told that the three women were "hot paper". Inspector Story stated that he has talked with this unidentified officer in an effort to have him discuss this incident with Agents of the Bureau and that this officer has refused to permit his name to be made known.

On September 11, 1936, Inspector Story was again interviewed by Special Agents J. E. Brennan and S. K. McKee with regard to further efforts on his part to persuade the police officer to furnish the information to the Bureau, and Inspector Story absolutely refuses to cooperate with Bureau Agents in this regard and will not furnish the name of this officer.

Inspector Story was advised by Agents McKee and Brennan that it was the Bureau's intention to get at the bottom of the laboring situation in Cleveland and that if it became necessary to "step on toes" in order to do so, the Bureau would have to do that and would have no apologies to make.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
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Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Jones	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

September 28, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. H. J. McCLEURE,  
GENERAL AGENT.

There is transmitted herewith a voucher in favor of the Hertz  
Drivarself Stations, Toledo, Ohio, in the amount of \$18.90, which  
represents payment for the rental of an automobile by a Special Agent  
of this Bureau.

You are advised that the rental of this machine was necessitated  
by the investigation being conducted by the Bureau in connection with the  
Bremer Kidnaping Case. It was necessary that certain persons be kept under  
constant surveillance and, there being no Government car available, the  
rental of this machine was essential. This was the cheapest means of  
transportation available for the proper conducting of this investigation.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Incl. #1021520.

Mr. Nathan  
Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Baughman  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Glavin  
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SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

September 27, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

With reference to your teletype of September 26, 1936, the following data is set forth concerning Bench Warrants and Returns made thereon, in connection with the indictments returned in this case May 4, 1934, at Saint Paul, Minnesota:

	<u>Bench Warrant Iss'd.</u>	<u>Non Est Made</u>
ALVIN KARPIS, w.aliases	May 7, 1934	May 7, 1934
ARTHUR R. BARKER, w.a.	May 4, 1934	(None made)
JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, JR., wa	May 4, 1934	May 4, 1934
WILLIAM EDWARD WIDLER, w.a.	May 4, 1934	May 4, 1934
ROY GRAY, w.aliases	May 4, 1934	(None made)
IZZY alias MR. JONES	May 4, 1934	" "
JOHN DOE	May 4, 1934	" "
RICHARD ROE	May 4, 1934	" "
FRANKIE WRIGHT	May 4, 1934	" "
PHILLIP DELANEY, w.a.	May 4, 1934	May 4, 1934
JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, JR.	May 4, 1934	May 4, 1934

With reference to the indictments returned on January 22, 1935, the following data is set forth:

	<u>Bench Warrant Iss'd.</u>	<u>Non Est Made</u>
ALVIN KARPIS, w.aliases	January 22, 1935	January 23, 1935
ALVIN KARPIS, w.aliases	January 24, 1935	(None made; served May 6, 1936)
ARTHUR R. BARKER, w.a.	(None issued)	

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	<u>Bench Warrant Iss'd.</u>	<u>Mon Est Made</u>
VOLNEY DAVIS, w. aliases	January 22, 1935	February 18, 1935
HARRY CAMPBELL, w. aliases	January 22, 1935	(None made; served May 12, 1936)
RIMER FARMER	(None issued)	
HAROLD ALBERTSON	" "	
WILLIAM CRAWFORD, w. aliases	January 22, 1935	(None made; served September 3, 1935)
HARRY SAWYER, w. aliases	January 22, 1935	May 4, 1935
WILLIAM J. HARRISON, w. a.	January 22, 1935	(None made)
OLIVER A. BERG, w. a.	January 22, 1935	January 22, 1935
OLIVER A. BERG, w. a.	May 22, 1935	May 22, 1935
JOSEPH P. MORAN	January 22, 1935	(None made)
JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, SR., wa	(None issued)	
WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER, w. a.	" "	
PHILLIP J. DELANEY	" "	
WHITIE	January 22, 1935	January 23, 1935
WILLIAM BRYAN BOLTON, w. a.	(None issued)	
JAMES J. WILSON, w. aliases	January 22, 1935	(None made; served January 22, 1935)
JESS DOYLE, w. aliases	January 22, 1935	January 23, 1935
EDNA MURRAY, w. aliases	January 22, 1935	January 23, 1935
MYRTLE LATHAM, w. aliases	January 22, 1935	(None made; served September 3, 1935)
JOHN DOE	January 22, 1935	(None made)
RICHARD ROX	January 22, 1935	" "

All Mon Est returns made as indicated above were by Stephen Picha, Chief Deputy Marshal, for Bernard Anderson, then United States Marshal, Saint Paul, Minnesota. The above information was obtained from the Warrants on file in the Clerk's Office, United States District Court, Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIRECTOR

PHONE. BREKID I AM FOLLOWING WORK CLEVELAND AND TOLEDO WITH AGENTS  
MCKEE ANDWYNN AND WILL RELEASE ANY AGENTS POSSIBLE THERE AS SOON AS  
CONDITIONS WILL PERMIT.

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1300 Liberty Trust Bldg.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

September 29, 1936.

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Philadelphia Office to the Bureau "Attention Technical Laboratory," dated August 4, 1936, which transmitted specimens of the handwriting of one Walter Robert Armstrong.

Included among the specimens submitted was a Ledger Book, which was loaned the Philadelphia Bureau Office by Mr. Burton Smallwood, Superintendent of the Sunday Breakfast Mission, Wilmington, Delaware.

At the time Mr. Smallwood loaned this Ledger to an agent from this office he was assured that the same would be returned as soon as possible. Reference letter requested that this Ledger be returned to the Philadelphia Bureau Office after it had served its purpose.

If this Ledger is no longer needed in the Laboratory it is requested that it be returned immediately to the Philadelphia Bureau Office inasmuch as Mr. Smallwood has written requesting its immediate return.

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Very truly yours,

*R. E. Vetterli*

R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc: Technical Laboratory

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Re: Brekid.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated September 29, 1936, in connection with the above-entitled case.

The examination of the writing in the ledger book, specimen 7-576-12481 B, has not yet been completed as this is part of the general search of anonymous writings with the writing of notorious gangsters which is being made. In order to prevent duplication this is delayed while the known writings are assembled.

Your letter forwarding the book states that it might be retained until its purpose had been served.

In view of the situation photographs have been prepared of certain pages, and the book, specimen 7-576-12481 B, is being returned under separate cover.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
Mr. Connelley, Chicago  
Cleveland

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

September 28, 1936.

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

Attention: Mr. R. Suran.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request made by the Attorney General under date of September 24, 1936, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, that all information concerning employees of the "Harvard Club", located at 3113 Harvard Avenue, Newburgh Heights, Ohio, be furnished the Bureau, please be advised that Special Agent W. R. Walsh of this office interviewed Mr. A. B. Niess, head of the Records Division, Bureau of Internal Revenue, and his subordinate, Mr. F. G. Bauer, who advised that their records failed to reflect the filing of a corporate return by the Harvard Club; that a search of telephone directories of Cleveland, Ohio and vicinity, failed to disclose any names listed at the Club address which could be used in an effort to obtain information filed in returns, and that the 1039 forms required to be filed in February of each year by every firm paying compensation of \$1,000 or more per annum to any employee, have all been consolidated with filed returns and, therefore, are not available and will not be available again until February, 1937 if such a form is filed by the Harvard Club. Mr. Bauer further advised that when a corporate return is filed, it will show only those officers or employees receiving a salary of \$15,000 or more per annum.

It was suggested by Mr. Bauer that at the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue at Cleveland, Ohio, some information may be obtained from the records kept at that office concerning payment of miscellaneous taxes.

Very truly yours,

J. M. KEITH,  
Special Agent in Charge.

MRW:LB

Clerk 10/3/36. S.C.C.  
CC Bureau of Internal Revenue

7-576-12454 October 3, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

86689

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated September 26, 1936, in which you were advised that the Bureau of Internal Revenue had been requested to furnish information concerning the income tax return of the Harvard Club, located at 3113 Harvard Avenue, Newburgh Heights, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio.

Special Agent W. R. Walsh of the Washington field office interviewed Mr. A. B. Kloss, head of the Records Division, Bureau of Internal Revenue, and his subordinate, Mr. F. C. Bauer, who advised that their records failed to reflect the filing of a corporate return by the Harvard Club; that a search of telephone directories of Cleveland, Ohio and vicinity failed to disclose any names listed at the Club address which could be used in an effort to obtain information filed in returns, that the 1099 forms required to be filed in February of each year by every firm paying compensation of \$1000 or more per annum to any employee, have all been consolidated with filed returns and therefore are not available and will not be available again until February, 1937 if such a form is filed by the Harvard Club. Mr. Bauer further advised that when a corporate return is filed it will show only those officers or

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employees receiving a salary of \$15,000 or more  
per annum.

It has been suggested by Mr. Bauer that  
some information may be obtained from the records  
maintained by the Collector of Internal Revenue  
at Cleveland, Ohio, concerning payment of miscellaneous  
taxes. 65-30

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC-Cincinnati  
Chicago

1215 Smith Young Tower  
San Antonio, Texas.  
September 28, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREXID

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of September 19, 1935,  
you are advised that the Automobile Registration Division,  
State Highway Department at Austin, Texas, has no registra-  
tion record of Ford Coupe Motor #18-1615253.

An alarm card has been placed against this car and  
this office should be advised if it is later located.

Very truly yours,

cc Bureau ✓  
cc Cincinnati

Gus T. Jones,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
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Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

September 29, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: B-EKID

In reply to Bureau letter dated September 25, 1936, (7-576), referring to letter from Mr. E. J. Connelley to this office under date of September 1, 1936, enclosing a copy of a letter addressed by Mr. Connelley to Mr. Wallace R. Briggs, Post Office Inspector in Charge, Cincinnati, Ohio, please be advised that to date no postal inspector has communicated with this office in regard to information concerning the personal property or funds of Harry Campbell or Sam Coker.

Very truly yours,

EJW/EJB  
CC - Cincinnati  
- Chicago

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

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Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

September 30, 1936

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Authority is requested of the Bureau to expend thirty five dollars, (\$35.00), for the rent of offices, 513-4 Edison Building, Toledo, Ohio, which are temporary offices being used in connection with the above-captioned investigation, this rental to run from October 1st to 15th, inclusive.

Very truly yours,

*J. P. MacFarland*

J. P. MAC FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

September 29, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

During the course of the harboring investigation presently being conducted by the Cleveland Bureau office, information was received that MILTON LETT stated he lived at the Vecca Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio.

Inquiry at the above named hotel disclosed that Mr. Jack Van Sant, former clerk at the hotel, is presently residing at 925 Delaware Avenue, Peoria, Illinois. It is requested that Van Sant be interviewed and a photograph of Milton Lett exhibited to him for the purpose of ascertaining if Lett at any time was a guest at the Vecca Hotel, and such information as he can furnish relative to Lett's associates and possible whereabouts.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 7-3

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

REPORT MADE AT <b>Phoenix, Arizona</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9/27/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/25/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. E. Hopton</b> <span style="float: right;">mjc</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:**

No record of the registration of 1935 Ford Deluxe Coupe, motor #18-1615253, in the State of Arizona. Stop card placed.

RUC.

**REFERENCE:**

Letter from the Cleveland office to all field offices 9-19-36.

**DETAILS:**

The writer called in person at the office of the Motor Vehicle Division, Arizona State Highway Department, Phoenix, Arizona, at which time Mrs. Lola Miller, after checking her files, stated that same contained no record of a registration of 1935 Ford Deluxe Coupe, motor #18-1615253. While Agent was present, Mrs. Miller prepared a stop card and at the request of Agent same was placed in their files.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>A. C. Andersen</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">7 + 576 - 12959</div> <div style="text-align: right;">OCT 1 1936</div> <div style="text-align: right;">OCT 5 1936</div>
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September 28, 1936.

Time - 9:15 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTORRe: ARDELL GUINN  
White Slave Traffic Act.

SAC MacFarland telephoned me from the Cleveland Office relative to the above entitled case, and said that the newspapers have been making inquiries of his office this morning for details concerning the matter, and he wanted to suggest that the Bureau would possibly want to give out a release on the matter.

I inquired of Mr. MacFarland as to where the newspapers got wind of this matter, and MacFarland didn't know, although he suspected there must have been a leak along the line somewhere, since they have been interviewing numerous persons relative to the case during the last day or so.

I told Mr. MacFarland that when I talked with Mr. McKee about this case, I told him that the release would be made about noon today, with your approval, and in the meantime, any inquiries should be answered with "no comment".

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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DIRECTOR

PHONE. ARDELL QUINN, GERTRUDE CURRIER, VICTIM, WSTA. THIS IS CASE DEVELOPED THROUGH BREKID HARBORING INVESTIGATION AT CLEVELAND. CURRIER IN CUSTODY THIS OFFICE SINCE YESTERDAY AND HAS MADE UNSIGNED STATEMENT ADMITTING FIVE MONTHS RESIDENCE AT QUINN HOUSE IN CLEVELAND, APRIL TO AUGUST THIS YEAR AND RETURN TO DALLAS, TEXAS, HER FORMER HOME? WHERE ON SEPTEMBER EIGHTH SHE RECEIVED TELEGRAM FROM QUINN REQUESTING SHE RETURN CLEVELAND BY SEPTEMBER EIGHTEENTH AS HER SERVICES WERE NEEDED. VICTIM OBSERVED IN HOUSE AT DALLAS BY POLICE OFFICERS CONNECTION INVESTIGATION THERE. VICTIM RETURNED CLEVELAND SEPTEMBER SEVENTEENTH AND WORKED IN QUINN HOUSE UNTIL APPREHENSION. PRESENT INDICATIONS ARE THAT TWO ADDITIONAL VICTIMS KNOWN AS HELEN AND GLADYS FROM MISSOURI ARE PRESENTLY IN HOUSE AND TELEPHONE TAP CONFIRMS THIS. TELEPHONE TAP REVEALS QUINN WOMAN IS APPREHENSIVE ABOUT ABSENCE VICTIM CURRIER AND THAT POLICE OFFICERS ARE TRYING TO SECURE INFORMATION FOR HER. FACTS SUBMITTED USA FREED TODAY AND COMPLAINT AND WARRANT ISSUED FOR SUBJECT WITH CURRIER AS MATERIAL WITNESS. SOME HOSTILITY DISPLAYED BY VICTIM AT THIS TIME. THIS MATTER HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH INSPECTOR CONNELLEY AND ARREST OF QUINN TONIGHT AND ACCOMPANYING SEARCH OF HER HOUSE FOR EVIDENCE MEETS WITH HIS APPROVAL. INDICATIONS ARE THAT THIS CASE WILL RECEIVE CONSIDERABLE PUBLICITY ON ACCOUNT OF NOTORIOUS CHARACTER OF SUBJECT. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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SANFORD BATES  
DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
BUREAU OF PRISONS  
WASHINGTON

September 30, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR,  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

This will acknowledge the receipt of your memorandum of September 28, 1936, relative to an anonymous postal card forwarded to you by Mr. D. M. Ladd of your Chicago office, postmarked "10 Chicago Ill. Sep 15 1936 4 PM" and addressed "To a Duboul Cross, Department of Justice Chicago Mr. Ladd," the contents of which referred to Karpis.

Thank you for forwarding this information to us, and I shall be glad to have further details.

*Sanford Bates*  
Director.

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Kansas City, Mo.

RE: BREKID

Mr. Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of September 21, 1936 concerning information furnished by informant Tony Vexiel that he had been told by F. R. Wilson, also known as Blackie, Fox and Char Tobacco, an employee of a pipe line construction gang, that Milton Lett had spent several days with the gang gambling, while at Odessa, Mo., and requesting that this office contact Wilson at 101 Pine St. Williamsport, Ia. for information concerning Lett.

In reply, I wish to advise that Wilson was interviewed by Special Agent J. A. Reynolds, at Williamsport, Ia. for several hours on September 16, 1936 and for several hours on September 17, 1936 during which time, Wilson advised that he does not know Lett by his name or any other name, although he has known him since last October, 1935, when he was working on a line of pipe line.

Wilson stated that he has known Lett since last October, although he gets drunk quite frequently on beer; that he has been working for pipe line gangs for thirty years and would have a good job today if he had left liquor alone; that he was drunk numerous times while in Odessa, although he is quite sure he was never drunk with Lett or upon returning Lett and that he has never heard of Lett or talked to anyone about Lett previous to the interview with Agent Reynolds.

Wilson stated further that if Lett was ever in Odessa, he would be known to Florence Chaffer, who runs the Chaffer Cafe, or to her husband Carl Chaffer who is a small-time gambler in Odessa. Bill Hannah of Odessa, according to Wilson, would know Lett if he had spent any time in Odessa.

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Wilson also advised that the Chicago Police Department has information who were in Odessa, Mo., at the beer hall in Odessa, Mo., and that Wilson who is in charge of the gang at Wellsville, Mo., has been looking for Lett and may

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Indianapolis office to you dated September 15, 1936, wherein there is listed various aspects concerning the robbery of the Citizens National Bank, Kendallville, Indiana, on October 16, 1931, and in which it is stated that this office will make an examination of the Indiana State Police file on said robbery for the purpose of securing any information contained therein of apparent value to this investigation.

At the Indiana State Police headquarters, State House, Indianapolis, Indiana, Special Agent J. Jones contacted Mr. Russel Coons, Detective, who advised that the file on the above bank robbery is in his possession but that he has no personal knowledge of the matter; that most of the investigation was conducted by State Detective Charles Bolte who has previously been contacted by this office, and whose information was forwarded in the above referred to letter. Mr. Coons permitted an examination of his file which reflected the following:

The file contains a transcript of a conversation had between Carroll Hammond and John Cochran, attorney for Bert Angus, had in the presence of Mr. Mosher at Fort Wayne, Indiana, on March 24, 1932. A copy of this transcript has been previously furnished the Cleveland office and will not be reviewed herein.

There was also contained in the file a report of Charles Bolte dated October 16, 1931, which dealt with a preliminary investigation of the Kendallville, Indiana, bank robbery and described five unknown bandits and methods of operation, and mentioned Leonard Benson, operator of Burns Detective Agency out of Chicago, Illinois, as also working on the case, but furnished no other information of value except that the loss was approximately \$22,000.

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Another report of the above detective dated November 17, 1931, advised that Joseph Roberts and Bert Angus had been taken into custody at Jonesville, Michigan, on November 1, 1931, and had been identified as participants in the Kendallville robbery by A. H. Otis, president, and B. E. Schlayback, cashier, both of the Kendallville Bank, and by two or three patrons, un-named, at the bank at the time of the robbery. Bert Angus was also identified by Elmer Lucas, assistant cashier, Citizens State Bank, Fortford City, Indiana, and by Chief of Police Spaidel and others as being implicated in the robbery of the latter mentioned bank on October 2, 1931.

Another report of Detective Charles Bolte dated December 8, 1931, mentions his interrogation of Roberts and Angus who refused to talk; that Roland V. Libonati, 100 North La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois, who had been in the employ of Al Capone, was attorney for Roberts. This report further stated that on the way to jail from the place where he was arrested, Angus offered Patrick Dillon, Michigan State Officer, \$35.00 to release him; that Angus claimed to run a restaurant and gambling joint on Middle Island last summer. Roberts worked at this place as a waiter and at the gambling tables. Roberts received only tips but he had money enough to pay cash for a car, a little over \$600, and this was a short time after the Kendallville Bank robbery. Angus and Roberts were in Hammond, Indiana, the day of their arrest in Michigan and Roberts let it slip out that Angus had gone to Chicago ..... Roberts admitted that he used the name of Joe Hanley. Both spoke in a foreign tongue while being taken from Michigan to Indiana.

Another similar report dated March 3, 1932, mentions that he, Detective Bolte, and Prosecuting Attorney Benton E. Bates of Waiitley and Noble Counties, Indiana, questioned Roberts and Angus at Fort Wayne, Indiana. However, no information of value was secured except that Roberts admitted the loot of the Kendallville Bank robbery found in his possession was "hot" and that Angus had nothing to do with it; that Roberts stated he was arrested in Chicago on September 29, 1930, as a fugitive from Tomah, Wisconsin, where he was wanted for bank robbery; that Roberts posted a \$10,000 bond and then failed to appear; that a "real blonde woman about 25 years of age by the name of Billie called on Roberts while he was in jail at Fort Wayne. She lived in Hammond, Indiana".

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There also appeared in the file two identical type-written letters on small stationery, both dated March 2, 1932, at Toledo, Ohio, one of which was addressed to the Chief of Police at Kendallville, Indiana, and the other to the Chief of Police, Hartford, Indiana. One of these letters is quoted below for information of possible value it may contain, it being noted that the envelope in which said letter was contained bore the return address of "Lucas County Jail, Toledo, Ohio".

Toledo, Ohio  
March 2nd  
Nineteen-thirty-two

Chief of Police,  
Kendallville,  
Indiana.

Dear Sir:

The writers wish to give you a few tips regarding that Bert Angus of Toledo that you are holding in connection with Joe Roberts for that Hartford City, Indiana, bank robbery, also the Kendallville, Indiana, bank robbery.

They helped rob those banks and we understand Bert Angus' brother, Ted Angus, who is known at the Ohio Penitentiary for robbery some 11 years ago and who just got out of Atlanta pen a little over a year ago is framing up a lot of lies trying to buy up a lot of witnesses to lie for Bert.

They are going to try and state that Bert Angus does not know Joe Roberts and that he, Bert, just merely picked up Roberts when in Jonesville, Michigan, where they were caught. Also that Bert Angus hurt himself from cleaning fish and that poison set in so as to cover up the bullet wounds inflicted by a shotgun which Bert received from one of the robberies. Now that is all a lie. Bert Angus has known Roberts for a long time and knew him three years ago when Bert lived in Chicago. Three years ago Ted Angus was arrested for bootlegging and Bert was also, that is, a warrant was sworn out for

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him but he beat it to Chicago. Ted Angus served a year at Atlanta and during that time Bert Angus lived in Chicago.

After the Kendallville and Hartford robbery occurred Ted, Bert, Joe and a fellow called [redacted], a big blond, were all going into partnership in the gambling joint at Pearl Barber's old place, 617 Monroe Street, Toledo. The Anguses were going to put up something like \$7,000 each for their end but as soon as Bert and Joe were arrested - they did not become partners. Ted Angus is bootlegging and gambling at the Roadway Inn across from the old Casino, Toledo, Ohio, and evenings he seems to hide down in a hollow in a shack right aside of the so-called restaurant. It might pay to watch him. He certainly could not go around in such style as he does unless he is making use of some of the loot stolen and you can bet he has some of the money because whatever the one did the other did.

Joe Roberts purchased a new Chevrolet Coupe from the Hennahan Chevrolet Car Company, 3015 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio, October 24th, 1931 and paid \$613.00 cash for it and gave his address as 1659 Burgoyne Dr., which house is owned by Ted Angus - though he has it under a different name. The people renting from him is named Robideau. That is convincing enough that Bert Angus knew Joe Roberts before he was caught with Roberts in Jonesville. Also that Ted Angus knows Joe Roberts too but Ted is as big a crock as either of the other two.

This information we hope you can use to good advantage as Ted Angus is bragging around here in Toledo that Bert is going to get out because he has his witnesses well paid to talk - well. Where did they get the money to pay those witnesses with? Certainly not here in Toledo.

Keep this under your hat but use it to good advantage.

Very truly yours,

From people who know  
know a few things.

P.S. Using the County Jail as return address so as to be sure you will get this letter.



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Detective Coons advised that it had never been determined who the author or authors of the above quoted letter were and he was unable to offer instructive comments on any of the information contained therein.

Another report of Detective Bolte dated October 16, 1932, reviews the prosecutive action against Bert Angus and states - "Many witnesses arrived from Sandusky, Ohio, and Toledo, Ohio with regards to Bert Angus being on Little (probably intended for Middle) Island on October 16, 1931. Newspaper clippings under date of October 20, 1931 told of a rescue by Angus of Mr. and Mrs. Hooper and their three children from a severe storm on Lake Erie. Another witness stated that he had seen Angus on the date of October 15, 1931. With all of this evidence Prosecutor Gates made a motion before the Judge to dismiss the case.

Inasmuch as the reference letter sets out an interview with Charles Bolte at Wabash, Indiana, and that complete information within his knowledge, and because of the fact that incidents mentioned above refer chiefly to the year 1931 and the preceding year, whereas instant investigation is primarily for the purpose of securing information relative to events taking place on or in the vicinity of Middle Island during about 1934, this office will not again contact Detective Bolte unless directed to do so.

The above mentioned file, although thoroughly reviewed, did not appear to contain any additional facts of interest to this investigation other than that forwarded the Cleveland office with letter of reference. However, it should be stated that in the last mentioned report of Detective Bolte there were listed the names of William Guy Tibbels, Danbury, Ohio, and "Buster" Harold Williams, Middle Island; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hooper, Pelee, Iowa and Sandusky, Ohio. No further reference was made to these individuals. The last notation in this file bears the date of November 10, 1932, being a letter written by Prosecuting Attorney Gates in which he reviews prosecutive action taken up to that date.

In conformity with the request contained in the letter of the Cleveland Bureau office dated September 19, 1936, addressed to all field offices, appropriate inquiry was made at

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the Registration Department of the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles, for the purpose of determining if a 1935 model Ford Deluxe coupe, motor #12-1415233 was on file at that place. Miss Barrett, after a thorough check of her files, stated that no such car had been registered in the State of Indiana. Appropriate stop notice was placed with Mr. Ben Friedman, Chief Title Clerk in the above Department, and in the event this car is registered in this State, the Indianapolis office will be duly notified.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. POND,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cincinnati, Ohio

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir: Re: BREKID

Confirming telephonic communications between Special Agent H. D. Harris at the Cincinnati office and Special Agent E. J. Wynn at the Cleveland office on September 26 and 28, I wish to advise that the following information has been secured by Special Agent J. M. Simpson at Columbus, Ohio.

Lucien C. Fleming of Toledo, Ohio, was an Inspector with the Department of Liquor Control of the State of Ohio from April 30, 1934, to November 19, 1935. He had previously been Prohibition Inspector under the Prohibition Commissioner of Ohio. This position terminated in December, 1933, when the organization went out of existence. Under this old organization, Fleming was working under the Prohibition Commissioner Edmund G. Mathews, who has since committed suicide.

Mr. Herbert Rine, Record Clerk, Department of Liquor Control, who was also with the Prohibition Commissioner of Ohio, advises that he personally destroyed all of the records of the old organization and it is therefore not possible to secure definite information concerning the date of Fleming's appointment, references, etc.

Mr. E. S. Cullison, who was Chief Inspector under the old organization, is now Assistant Chief Inspector of the Department of Liquor Control, and he advises from personal recollection that Fleming was employed with that organization from approximately June, 1934, to December, 1935.

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There is also no record of any references given by Fleming when he secured his position with the Department of Liquor Control, but Mr. Cullison and Mr. Albert Humphrey, Chief Inspector of the Department of Liquor Control, advise from personal recollection that Fleming was

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appointed to the new organization upon the recommendation of Edmund C. Athens. Mr. Humphrey advises that he discharged Fleming without any formal charges being brought against him, because he heard from a source not now recalled that Fleming had an interest in some club which was selling liquor. He did not know who owned this club or where it was located. He also advised that Fleming had been seen in territory to which he was not assigned.

Mr. Culbertson advised that with the old organization, Fleming's territory was the entire State of Ohio and that he was also assigned to the Toledo territory. Under the new organization, Fleming was assigned to Cleveland, Canton, Lima and Youngstown, Ohio, but was not at any time assigned to Toledo, Ohio, inasmuch as it is the policy of this organization not to assign inspectors to their home territory.

Inasmuch as the records of the Prohibition Commissioner have been destroyed, it is not possible to determine whether any complaints were ever made by Fleming or any one else concerning Ted Angus, Bert Angus or the Casino Club. Mr. Culbertson and Mr. Rine have no personal recollection of any such complaints ever being made.

The records of the Department of Liquor Control indicate that the following permits were issued to Bert Angus:

5-6-34, Permit D-1-1009 (beer permit),  
5-8-34, Permit D-2-2078 (wine and beer permit),  
5-8-34, Permit D-3-1660 (whiskey permit),  
5-10-35, Permit D-5-412 (night club permit).

Under the first three permits indicated, Angus could operate only until 12:00 o'clock midnight. Under the last permit, he was authorized to sell all kinds of liquor until 2:30 A.M. It will be noted, however, that the last permit was not issued until May, 1935, whereas the others were issued in May, 1934.

The regulations relative to closing hours under these permits are promulgated by the Department of Liquor Control and are not set by State Statute. Mr. Humphrey advises that there has never been a Court test on the legality of these regulations. The penalty for violation of these closing regulations is the suspension or revocation of the permit.

From personal recollection, Mr. Cullison advised that while Fleming was with the old organization, he had two different partners at different times, one being Irvin ~~Smith~~, address unknown, who he

believes was later in some trouble at Norwalk, Ohio, and the other partner being Wayne Weston, address unknown. He believes Ironton was indicted at Cleveland, Ohio, but does not know the nature of the difficulty.

While Fleming was with the Department of Liquor Control, he did not make any complaints relative to Bert Angus, Ted Angus or the Casino Club, and the only complaints received by this department have been as follows:

9-22-35, Inspector J. H. Landrum purchased beer and liquor at 3:10 A.M., after the closing hour.

10-11-35, Inspector Landrum and Inspector E. H. Pohlman purchased liquor at 3:35 A.M., after the closing hour.

As a result of these complaints, the Department of Liquor Control gave Bert Angus a hearing on November 15, 1935, and his permit was suspended for twenty days, commencing November 19, 1935, and ending December 8, 1935.

The information relative to the permits issued to Bert Angus and relative to the complaints, is all contained in the "License Record Book", and Mr. Herbert Rine, previously mentioned, is the custodian of this book and the proper person to produce it.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge

cc Bureau ✓  
Chicago  
St. Paul

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Reference is made to the letter dated August 5, 1936, from the Cincinnati Office relative to the BREKID case in which information is contained concerning a letter alleged to have been dropped by one Archie Negleman while en route to the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia. Reference is also made to a letter dated August 13, 1936, addressed to the Bureau by Negleman requesting assistance of this Bureau in securing him a parole, he stating that he furnished accurate and valuable information to the Bureau which aided in the apprehension of Karpis and Campbell.

For your information, the files of the Bureau reflect that Archie Negleman was arrested by the Police Department at Stubenville, Ohio on February 8, 1936, and, thereafter, turned over to the Police Department at Canton, Ohio, after he had been arrested in possession of a Ford Sedan, which had been stolen at Charleroi, Pennsylvania on February 5, 1936. After the arrest of Negleman, the Police Department at Canton, Ohio, referred the matter to the Cleveland Office, as it appeared that Negleman had transported a stolen car in violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

Negleman was interviewed by Special Agent L. F. Malone on February 11, 1936, at Canton, Ohio. Negleman denied the theft of this car and was not prosecuted in connection with the case. During the course of this interview, it developed that Negleman had jumped a \$6,000 bond requiring his appearance in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in Federal Court on February 3, 1936 for sentence on a liquor charge. Negleman, while being interviewed by Detectives E. E. Clark and Ralph Trump of the Canton, Ohio Police Department and Special Agent Malone, volunteered the information that he could turn up a counterfeiting plant and throw some light on the bank robberies in the Cleveland Office district. No information was forthcoming from Negleman concerning the bank robberies, he, however, claimed that he could "put the finger on" the counterfeiting plant. At this time, Negleman desired that the contemplated National Motor Vehicle Theft Act charge be dropped in return for which he would uncover the counterfeiting plant. Detective Clark of the Canton, Ohio Police Department insisted that Agent Malone promise Negleman this, which Malone refused to do, and, thereafter, on February 12, 1936, Chief of Police Mandelbaugh of Canton, Ohio, telephoned the Bureau and claimed that he was not getting the proper cooperation from Agent Malone. It

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It is noted that Negleman also wanted to deal with the Secret Service in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in order that he might receive some consideration in connection with the liquor sentence which he faced.

On February 15, 1936, Special Agent E. J. Wynn interviewed Archie Negleman, Negleman having claimed that he possessed information which would be of assistance in the apprehension of Karpis and Campbell. Negleman admitted that he was formerly a prohibition officer attached to the Pittsburgh Office, and claimed that he had a letter from Michel Willebrandt complimenting him on his work as a Prohibition Agent. Negleman freely admitted that while he was a Prohibition Agent, he was engaged in the liquor racket himself, and that the liquor racket had been his principal income for years; and in general, he bragged about his large liquor operations, stating that he had transported thousands of gallons of liquor into the State of Ohio and elsewhere in the United States. As a result of these liquor operations, Negleman was received in the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, on June 12, 1929, to serve a two year sentence for conspiracy and violation of the National Prohibition Act. He was discharged at the expiration of his sentence on December 23, 1930.

Negleman furnished the information to Agent Wynn that about September 1934, he operated a restaurant and beer garden at Webster, Pennsylvania, which place is now known as Hawkins Restaurant. Negleman claimed that about the time stated, one Joe Rich of Canton, Ohio, came to his restaurant accompanied by four other men. He identified the photograph of Milton Lett as being one of the men who was introduced to him by Joe Rich as George; that during this visit, the men exhibited bullet-proof vests and, as a matter of fact, put on these vests in his restaurant in his presence, and they talked about a pay roll hold up; that this gang had two machine guns and were riding in a Plymouth Sedan belonging to Joe Rich; that the whole gang stayed in the vicinity of Webster at Monessen, Pennsylvania for three or four days at a house of prostitution operated by one "Reba".

At the time of this interview, Agent Wynn learned that Negleman had previously been interviewed by Post Office Inspectors and had identified a photograph of Milton Lett for them as being known to him as George. Negleman further furnished the information that about two weeks after the aforementioned visit of the five men to his place, the same gang again came and that as before, he knew only the two men, George and Joe Rich. He claimed that on the occasion of the second visit, the men only stopped for a while to eat and drink

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as they were passing through Ohio to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He claimed that he saw nothing of these men until about two months later, which would have been in the late fall of 1934, at which time, they again appeared at his place, but he did not recall just what their business was at that time. Negleman further claimed that early in the spring of 1935, possibly March or April, Milton Lett, accompanied by another man, came into his restaurant at Webster, Pennsylvania, on which occasion, they went into the kitchen to cook themselves some food; that he did not pay any attention to the man accompanying Milton Lett until the man took off his coat, at which time Negleman noticed that he had a sort of collapsible machine gun strapped to the left side of his body and it was at this time that Lett told him that this man was Alvin Karpis.

Negleman further stated that in the latter part of January 1936, he, Negleman, was running a load of liquor from Baltimore, Maryland, and that he stopped at Lorora, Pennsylvania and called Joe Rich at Canton, Ohio, and that during the conversation with Joe Rich, Joe Rich called another individual to the telephone and he, Negleman, talked with him and that this man was Alvin Karpis. Subsequent investigation disclosed that Joe Rich was in fact a contact for Alvin Karpis.

Negleman, at this time, furnished further information that Joe Rich told him on an occasion of a subsequent visit to Rich's place that Karpis had been brought to his place in Canton, Ohio by Clayton Hall from Youngstown, Ohio and that shortly after the telephone conversation, above referred to, Milton Lett and Karpis left Canton, Ohio to attend the races at Tia Juana, Mexico. Subsequent investigation, as you will recall, definitely identified Clayton Hall as being a contact for Alvin Karpis and he acted as an informant for the Bureau in this case.

Concerning Harry Campbell, Negleman stated that he met Harry Campbell in September 1935 through one Ed Seaman. This fact has never been verified, inasmuch as Ed Seaman is presently a fugitive from justice from Canton, Ohio and was never located; but, as will be noted above, Negleman did have some definite information concerning the contacts of Alvin Karpis, as well as furnishing the information at the time that Karpis was driving a 1936 Hudson Sedan and had a comparatively new Terraplane Coupe stored some place at Youngstown, Ohio. The Terraplane Coupe was subsequently located by information furnished by Clayton Hall.

The Pittsburgh Office advised the Cleveland Office that they had contacted Mr. Fred Gruber, Operative in Charge of the United States Secret Service at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, who advised that Negleman was well known to that Department and was considered unreliable, the information being that Negleman always endeavored to bargain for his



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release which resulted by offering information concerning activities of other criminals. Further information was obtained by the Pittsburgh Office that Negleman had been investigated on several occasions for violations of the liquor laws of the United States. There is nothing indicated in the files which would show that Agent Fynn promised Negleman anything in return for this information.

Negleman was returned to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and on February 25, 1936, he was sentenced in the U. S. District Court at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to serve seventeen months imprisonment for violation of the Internal Revenue Laws. He was subsequently committed to the Northeastern Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, where on April 16, 1936, he was interviewed by Special Agent L. C. Taylor, but furnished no additional information which would have assisted in the location of Karpis and Campbell, but he did go into further detail of his association with Eddie Seaman and Joe Rich.

Subsequent to the incarceration of Negleman in the Northeastern Penitentiary on March 30, 1936, he communicated with the Post Office Inspectors offering to locate Karpis and Campbell for them in exchange for the reward. There is some information to the effect that the Post Office Inspectors had planned on taking Negleman from the Penitentiary to Toledo, Ohio in an effort to locate Karpis and Campbell, but it appears that this was never done.

Negleman was further interviewed by Special Agent J. L. Fallon on June 18, 1936, without obtaining any additional information of value. As previously stated, there is no indication in the file that the Agents in this Bureau made promises to Negleman, but Negleman, at least on one occasion, stated that he believed he would be helping his own case by furnishing information which would assist in the location of Karpis and Campbell.

With further reference to the letter from the Cincinnati Office to the Bureau dated August 5, 1936, wherein is quoted a letter which Negleman addressed to Miss Marion Felmeth, R. F. D. #1, Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania, in which letter Negleman makes the statement "Tell him Edgar Hoover is angry because I saw him, Clark", it is suggested in the letter from the Cincinnati Office that the "Clark" in question might possibly be some Post Office Inspector who interviewed Negleman. Investigation concerning the visitors Negleman had in Northeastern Penitentiary was made by Agents of the Bureau and it was

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found that no one by the name of Clark ever interviewed Negleman. It is believed the "Clark" mentioned by Negleman, no doubt, is Sgt. Elmer Clark of the Canton, Ohio Police Department, who was interviewed in connection with this matter by Special Agent E. J. Wynn.

The following is the criminal record of Negleman as reflected by the fingerprint files of the Bureau:

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Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

The Bureau is in receipt of a newspaper article from the City Journal Post, Kansas City, Missouri, dated September 15, 1936, in which the information is furnished that Preston Paden was convicted at Lyons, Kansas, on September 15, 1936, for the murder of Night Marshal Bert Wiggins, whose body was found on the morning of March 30, 1936.

Preston Leroy Paden is a 20-year old son of Edna Murray, who was at one time under indictment in the Bremer kidnaping case, but which indictment was subsequently dismissed after the conclusion of the Government's case at the first Bremer trial in May, 1935. Edna Murray appeared as a witness in the subsequent Bremer trial at St. Paul, Minnesota, in January, 1936. She also appeared as a witness against Myrtle Eaton at Jacksonville, Florida, in June, 1936, at which time Myrtle Eaton was on trial for harboring William Weaver. Edna Murray likewise testified for the Government against Jack Piefer at St. Paul, Minnesota in July, 1936, when Piefer was on trial in connection with the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr. Edna Murray will be a material witness against Bert Angus, Ted Angus, George Timoney, and others, at Toledo, Ohio, when the harboring cases are brought to trial at that place.

During the recent contacts Agents of the Bureau have had with Edna Murray, she has been quite concerned over the welfare of her son and she has maintained that Preston Paden has been framed by Windt Smith, Head of the Kansas Highway State Patrol because Edna Murray's sister, Doris Conner, did not cooperate with the Kansas State Highway Patrol in the apprehension of Alvin Karpis. Edna Murray asked the Agents of the Bureau if there was anything the Bureau could do to assist her son and she was advised that this could not be done as a murder charge was purely a state matter. Edna Murray appeared to appreciate the Bureau's position in this matter and stated that she would continue to cooperate.

The newspaper article also relates that Merle Gill, Kansas City ballisticsian, testified for the state at the trial of Paden. The article relates that Gill testified that an empty cartridge found near Wiggins' body came from the same stock from which local hardware merchants testified they supplied Mallory, an accomplice of Paden, and who also was convicted. Mallory had purchased shells and a cartridge clip for a .380 caliber gun prior to the time the Night Marshal was murdered.

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## JURY URGES LIFE TERM FOR SON OF K. C. 'KISS BANDIT'

### Preston Paden Convicted With Mallory in Kansas Killing.

LYONS, KAS., Sept. 15.—(Special)—Preston LeRoy Paden, 20-year-old son of Missouri's "kissing bandit," Edna Murray, and Henry Mallory, 30 years old, Tuesday faced sentence to the Kansas penitentiary after a district court jury found them guilty of murder in connection with the slaying of a night marshall and recommended life imprisonment.

The jury reached an agreement Monday night after nearly six hours of deliberation over four possible verdicts listed in his instructions by Judge Ray Beals—first degree murder with recommendation of death; first degree murder with recommendation of life imprisonment; second degree murder with a minimum term of 10 years, or acquittal.

It was the second time in this term of court that a jury had refused to recommend a penalty of death under the new Kansas capital punishment act.

The youths were accused of slaying Night Marshal Ben Wiggins, whose body was found at the rear of a Lyons furniture store on the morning of March 30.

#### Merle Gill Testifies.

Both state and defense rested after the prosecution had scored heavily with the testimony of Merle Gill, Kansas City ballistics expert.

Gill testified that an empty cartridge found near Wiggins' body came from the same stock from which local hardware merchants testified they supplied Mallory before the crime was committed. Mallory had purchased shells and a cartridge clip for a .380-caliber gun, the merchants testified.

Wiggins had been struck on the head with a heavy object and shot with a .380-caliber bullet, it was brought out.

Three witnesses testified they saw an automobile Paden had been driving parked across a lot from the store's rear entrance shortly before other witnesses heard the shot which presumably killed Wiggins.

It was brought out further that the youths frequented a Great Bend filling station from which tools found near the store's safe had been stolen.

#### Refused to Answer.

The prosecution attempted to question Leonard Booker, son of one of the proprietors of the burglarized store and now an inmate of the state reformatory at Hutchinson, as to whether he had been "propositioned" by Paden and Mallory before the crime. He refused to answer, however, and was excused.

The defense had filed notice of intent to offer an alibi, as required by Kansas law, but rested without making the attempt.

Ivan L. Stone, local safe repairman, testified for the defense that the method of breaking into the store was similar to several "amateur jobs" executed here since the defendant were jailed, and A. B. Martin, shoe clerk, testified that footprints found near the scene of the murder were not the same size as the shoes worn by Paden and Mallory.

Paden's identity as the son of Kansas City's "kissing bandit" was disclosed publicly for the first time after his arrest here.

At Jefferson City, where Miss Murray is serving a 27-year term for highway robbery in the Missouri prison, she said:

"Yes, he's my son, all right. What of it? They're trying to frame him just as they framed me."

Mr. Tolson

Mr. Baughman

Mr. Clegg

Mr. Coffey

Mr. Dawsey

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## O'Connell Is Taken From Courtroom

Former Deputy Charged  
With Attempted Intimidation; Three Rows  
Are Quelled.

Near fistcuffs, in which physical threats and verbal barrages flew at random, marked the windup of today's session in Thomas A. Brown's ouster appeal.

Pandemonium reigned as Thomas G. O'Connell, former deputy commissioner of public safety, engaged in a row with a newspaperman after the latter, during the course of the hearing, had charged him with attempted intimidation.

No sooner had quiet been restored when Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Brown clashed, the former charging Mr. Brown with "dragging the whole city into the mess in his fight to prove his guilt or innocence." It was at this point that the affair threatened to turn into a physical encounter. Mr. O'Connell, however, was taken from the courtroom by detectives.

### Third Outburst.

A third row threatened when John L. Connolly, city attorney, apparently misunderstood Mr. Brown's remarks to Walter Ryan and other members of the statutory board of appeals to the effect "Are you going to let that kind of stuff go on in the courtroom."

It took several level-headed "diplomats" to quiet this latest outburst.

Today's testimony resulted in the defense scoring an important point when L. L. Anderson, Mr. Brown's attorney, was granted a motion by the board to strike out Gladys Sawyer's testimony relating to a threat she is alleged to have received if she testified against Brown.

### Intimidation Charged.

Other developments today were:

Testimony by J. B. Mackay, Associated Press reporter, that he had information regarding the note thrown in Dr. H. T. Nippert's window and that he did not get it from Brown.

Attempted intimidation charged by Fred H. Strong, city editor of The Daily News.

Mr. Strong's testimony that his information regarding police department moves during the Hamm and Bremer kidnappings, was obtained by his reporters through sources other than members of the police department.

Asked if he recalled anything of how he got his information concerning developments in the Hamm

case, Mr. Mackay said he obtained it from a number of persons.

"Did you get your information from Tom Brown?" he was asked by Mr. Anderson.

"No, I did not," Mr. Mackay replied.

Q. What happened June 18, 1933?

A. I found out later in the day that Mr. Dunn (W. W. Dunn, Hamm sales manager) was in Duluth. I told Pat Keefe, one of our correspondents, that Dunn was in Duluth.

Q. I call your attention to an "extra" copy of The Daily News of Jan. 22, 1934, dealing with the bottle thrown through Dr. Nippert's (the late H. T. Nippert) window. Did you know about that before the extra was published?

A. I knew about it about 4 or 4:30 that afternoon. I told George McConville, our northwest manager, about it.

Q. Did Tom Brown tell you?

A. No, sir.

### Mate On Source.

Mr. Anderson then questioned Mackay concerning the Bremer kidnapping.

Q. Did you know prior to the publication in The News of the story that the Bremer car was found with blood in it, that such was the case?

A. I did.

Q. How long had you known it?

A. The evening before.

Q. Did Brown tell you?

A. No.

On cross-examination by Mr. Connolly, Mr. Mackay said he spoke to Dr. Nippert about the bottle incident, but did not recall whether it was before or after the information was published. He refused to reveal who gave him the information on the incident.

### Identifies Issues.

Mr. Mackay was excused and Mr. Strong took the stand. Mr. Strong identified issues of The Daily News which stated that Brown and Charles Tierney were placed on a kidnap squad Jan. 10, 1934.

Mr. Strong then identified a story published in The Daily News on Jan. 21 as one written by Mr. Tierney. Mr. Anderson offered the statement "to show that at least Mr. Tierney was not adverse to publishing details of the kidnapping."

Mr. Connolly objected.

Mr. Strong, in answer to Mr. Anderson's question, said that Mr. Tierney never complained about this publication.

The board ruled that the paper containing the Tierney article could be received in evidence, "only to show that The Daily News was purporting to get information."

### Members' Pictures.

In continuing his examination, Mr. Anderson asked:

Q. Looking at a copy of The Daily News for Feb. 8, 1934 (the day Mr. Bremer was returned)—are there some pictures in that paper?

A. Yes.

Q. Whose are they?

A. Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker.

Q. Was there a story relative to these men?

A. There is.

Q. And was there a story connected with the Bremer kidnapping?

A. Yes.

Mr. Anderson offered this evidence to show that if there is any merit in the charges against Brown, the city itself was guilty of laxness in

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not proceeding against him at that time.

### Admitted As Evidence.

The board ruled that it would not consider the question of whether the city neglected to act at the proper time, but admitted the paper as evidence.

Mr. Anderson turned to the Hamm case and asked Mr. Strong about the Saturday following the abduction.

Q. Do you remember any extra being issued on that Saturday (June 17, 1933) in which there were pictures of Brown and Tierney.

A. I believe that was our noon edition.

A copy of the paper was not available, but Mr. Strong said the paper announced Mr. Tierney and Brown were handling the investigation and they were to make a trip in a truck. He said Brown called him that morning and told him such publication was not helping the city and asked him to co-operate with the police.

Mr. Strong was then asked by Mr. Anderson:

"Have you been approached by anyone to sway your testimony?"

Mr. Connolly's objection to the question was sustained. Mr. Anderson then requested to have Mr. Sawyer's testimony (regarding threats at Omaha) be stricken. Mr. Connolly said that he would move later to re-instate the testimony.

Mr. Strong identified a copy of The Daily News which carried the story under the name of Ed Murray. He said the story was obtained by Louis H. Gollop, a reporter on The Daily News staff.

On cross-examination by Mr. Connolly, Mr. Strong told of obtaining information on the Nipper note from Leon Gleckman.

### As To Intimidations.

Then, switching his questioning Mr. Connolly asked:

Q. When did these intimidation take place?

A. What intimidations?

Q. That you mentioned yesterday

A. Tuesday afternoon.

Q. In this courtroom?

A. Partly.

Q. And in the hall?

A. Yes.

Q. Was it anyone connected with my office?

A. Not directly.

Q. Anyone connected with the city?

A. Not now.

### Milk Bottle Again.

At this point Mr. Connolly quit his line of questioning without going into the intimidation report and asked Mr. Strong about a conversation he had with Howard Kahn, editor, The Daily News; Frank Delaney, vice president, First Nations bank, and Richard Lilly, president.

He asked:

Q. You talked to Mr. Delaney prior to Brown's discharge and told him you got the milk bottle story from Leon Gleckman?

A. I don't know if it was prior to the discharge, but I told him that.

Mr. Anderson questions:

Q. Where did you tell Mr. Delaney about this?

A. In the office of Mr. Lilly.

Q. Who was present?

A. Mr. Lilly, Howard Kahn of The News and myself.

Mr. Strong testified that Mr. Kahn said he called him to the office to discuss the Brown case. "Mr. Lilly or Mr. Delaney said they heard I had got the milk bottle story from Brown," he said. "I told them it

was not Brown, and that I had obtained permission from the man who gave me the information to reveal it, if it was necessary. I told them it was Leon Gleckman.

Mr. Connolly prevented any further questioning on other discussions of this group.

Mr. Anderson then continued questioning on the matter of the intimidation.

Q. Was the individual who spoke

501 Healey Building,  
Atlanta, Georgia,  
September 30, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your circular letter dated September 19, 1936, requesting investigation for the purpose of locating 1935 Ford DeLuxe Coupe, motor #18-1615253.

You were furnished with a copy of my letter to the Georgia Motor Vehicle License Bureau dated September 25, 1936, wherein I requested that a stop notice be placed with that Bureau on this automobile. In view of the second paragraph of your letter wherein you suggest that investigation in this instance be very thorough, you are now advised that I have received a letter under date of September 29, 1936, from the State Revenue Commission, Motor Vehicle Division, State of Georgia, indicating that the Motor Vehicle Division has no record of the car in question and further specifically stating that a stop card has been placed in the files of the Georgia Motor Vehicle Bureau for Ford Coupe, motor #18-1615253.

In the event results of value are obtained through this stop notice, you will be immediately advised.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Bureau ✓  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
E. J. Connelley, Chicago.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Buffalo, New York.

RE: BREXID

Dear Sir:

In connection with harboring investigation being presently pursued at Toledo, Ohio, one JOSEPH ROCCO, alias Roscoli, appears as a potential subject.

Information indicates that he served time at some time in the past in the penal institution at Elmira, New York, and it is therefore requested that you immediately conduct investigation there in order to establish any record of him and to secure a photograph. He is described as follows:

Name	Joe Roscoe, alias Roscoli
Age	45 to 47 years
Height	5'8"
Weight	180-190 pounds
Complexion	Dark and sallow
Hair	Black and wavy
Eyes	Dark, squinted, and beady
Characteristics	Wears dark conservative clothing, snap brim hat over eyes, and constantly chews on a cigar; heavily drooped shoulders; prominent stomach.

The above description has been secured from various persons interviewed at Toledo, Ohio, and it may be that the description is materially different from that on the file at the penal institution at Elmira, New York, if in fact this individual was confined there.

Please let us have the results of your investigation at the earliest date possible.

Very truly yours,

J. E. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - Bureau  
- Cincinnati  
- Chicago

*To deliver to Bureau*



Post Office Box #812

Chicago, Illinois

September 30, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Re: BREXID

Reference is made to Bureau letter of September 24,  
1936, requesting a photograph of John F. "Sharkey"  
Gorman.

In view of the fact that the negative and all copies  
of this photograph were forwarded to your Office with  
my letter of September 23, 1936, it is requested that  
a copy of the photograph of Gorman be forwarded to  
the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

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D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

September 30, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Confirming the long distance telephone conversation had with Special Agent Kinman of your office by Special Agent E. J. Wynn of this office on September 28, 1936, please be advised that it is necessary that investigation be conducted in your district for the purpose of showing previous association of John Brock and Sam Coker with Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis.

Request for this investigation was made pursuant to instructions of Inspector E. J. Connelley, and information with reference to the previous association of the individuals mentioned is desired in connection with the harboring investigation being conducted at Toledo, Ohio, in which a summary report is being presently prepared. Therefore, your investigation should be expedited and the results furnished to this office at an early date.

Previous association existing between Harry Campbell and Sam Coker is of particular importance, in view of Sam Coker's contentions that he never knew Harry Campbell prior to meeting him in Toledo, Ohio, and that, as a matter of fact, he knew him there as Bob Miller and not as Harry Campbell.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MAC FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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607 U.S. Court House  
Foley Square  
New York, N. Y.

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October 1, 1936.

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:-

In connection with the development of further information and evidence possible as to harboring charges at Toledo, Ohio, the agents engaged in the active investigation there are obtaining additional information which will be of value in the prosecution, particularly of the harboring charges as to the year of 1934, and are also obtaining additional evidence which will be of assistance in the possible prosecution as to harboring charges in 1935 and 1936, the latter situation involving particularly the McGraw family with whom Campbell lived at the time he married his wife, Gertrude Billeter.

In connection with the situation at Toledo, Ohio, it is believed that all possible information has been obtained which will be of value to us in the harboring cases, or to show a general knowledge of police corruption through the tap on the telephone of Maxine Belmont, and we are therefore discontinuing the tap on Maxine Belmont on October 4, 1936.

In this connection, Agent Harzenstein, who has been engaged in covering this tap, will have to leave Toledo, Ohio, in order to proceed to Dallas, Texas, to appear as a witness in some case previously handled by him, and after he has appeared in Texas as a witness, he will return to his headquarters, New York City. He will be no longer needed on this particular assignment. In this connection also, Agent Guerin will also be released from special assignment in connection with this case, and he will return to his official headquarters the first of the coming week.

In connection with the harboring charges at Cleveland, Ohio, we are arranging for Agent D. P. Sullivan to

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interview further Wynona Burdette at Milan, Mich., particularly as to the situation concerning her arrest in September 1934, at Cleveland, Ohio, together with Gladys Sawyer and Paula Harmon, together with any information she may have which will show the intimate relationship of Arthur Hebebrand and James Patton at the Harvard Club. The balance of the investigation, as to the harboring possibilities at Cleveland, is being pursued by Special Agent S. K. McKee, and just as soon as it is possible for me to get away from the Grand Jury presentation of the Paul H. A. Wendel kidnaping at Newark, N. J., it is planned that I will go to Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio, in order to draw these investigations to an early conclusion, and at this time I expect to interview a number of the principal possible subjects myself, with the idea in mind of establishing definitely just what we can show in the way of a possible prosecution, and to eliminate the necessity of the additional agents in that district, if possible.

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Special Agent S. K. McKee advises me that in connection with the arrest of Ardele Quinn, for violation of the White Slave Traffic Act, through the U. S. Attorney, they have arranged for the service of subpoenas upon all of the prostitutes taken from her house, who will be used as witnesses, inasmuch as Ardele Quinn has approached two of these girls already, making inquiry as to what they had said when questioned, and indicating to them that they should not have said anything. This, however, has not had any effect on these girls insofar as they will be used as possible witnesses, and Agent McKee is following closely the situation of Ardele Quinn and her supposed attorneys making effort to contact the girls that we have interviewed, as well as the three who are presently held as material witnesses. Agent McKee has been advised to collaborate with the Cleveland Office to a definite purpose of preventing any corruption of our witnesses in this case, and also in the possibility of obtaining sufficient evidence to show an obstruction of justice on the part of these individuals, and others, should they make further efforts along the lines indicated. The situation as to the White Slave Traffic Act violation will be presented in a separate report from the Brekid file, and we will also arrange to submit in a separate communication information as to the alleged police corruption, supplementing a previous personal and confidential letter as to police corruption in the city of Cleveland, Ohio.

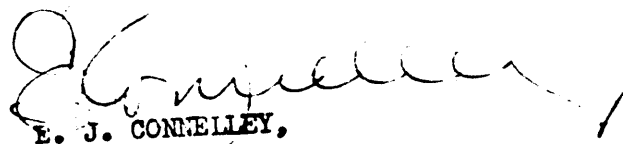
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The summary report being prepared as to the harboring charges at Toledo, Ohio has been delayed due to the stenographic congestion in the Cleveland Office, but they have been requested to expedite the writing of this, as this will be essential to the work necessary to bring to a conclusion the harboring possibilities.

As noted above, I will plan to get into Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio, at an early date, consistent with the requirements of the Wendel matter, and try to bring the situation there to some definite conclusion, or definitely confine same along certain channels which will show what is possible and what can be proved. I will, of course, in this same connection, keep in touch with the situation at Detroit, Mich., concerning the missing baby, Harry Browe.

Very truly yours,

  
E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Inspector.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

September 23, 1936.

Time - 1:50 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

During a telephonic conversation which I had with Mr. Connelley at Cincinnati, I told him you had inquired this morning as to how long it would be before we could expect to wind up the big squads at Cleveland and Toledo.

As to the Toledo situation, Mr. Connelley said that a summary report on the 1934 harboring charges there is being written up at this time, in which there are going to be about ten defendants; that copies of reports submitted in connection with this matter are not, of course, being submitted to the United States Attorney, and will not be furnished to him until your personal O. K. is received. On the 1935 harboring charges against the Sheriff, Mr. Connelley said they are having difficulty showing that he actually knew who Campbell was; that they are working on this situation all of the time, but all they can establish at this time is the fact that the Sheriff knew Campbell was a "hot shot" gangster.

I inquired of Mr. Connelley if the telephone taps and other work which is being performed there hold any possibilities of developing any further information on the harboring cases in general; that you had pointed out it would appear we have all we can get on these cases, and we are more or less taking a shot in the dark now on getting something else, and using a lot of manpower possibly which will not be productive of anything but a lot of general information. Mr. Connelley said that there are three or four men working at this time on telephone taps in Toledo, and the probabilities are that any information they get will merely be supplemental to what we already know, and such information cannot be used on the harboring cases at this time.

As to the situation in Cleveland, Mr. Connelley said that their best shots on harboring cases are Heiberbrand and Patton, and in connection with them, Mr. Connelley said that if he can't get something more definite out of some of the girls definitely establishing that these two know who the subjects were, it is going to be very difficult to make a case against them.

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In Cleveland, they are operating a telephone tap on Ardell Quinn, who is a madam in a house of prostitution. Mr. Connelley said that by the end of this week, they will probably be in a position to pick her up on charges of violating the White Slave Traffic Act; that she is probably

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Memo for Director

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one of the biggest operators of houses of prostitution in the United States at this time, and it is the opinion of Mr. Connelley that her operations are even larger than those of Mae Scheible. After this case is made, and this woman is picked up, the telephone tap on her can be discontinued. When this tap is discontinued, it will leave only one in Cleveland, that being on the business telephone of Heiberbrand.

Mr. Connelley said that he feels they will be about wound up in both of these places by the last of next week.

Respectfully,

  
E. A. TAMM.



1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

September 30, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Recent investigation at Toledo, Ohio, has resulted in the information that Jerry Massiker, who ordinarily uses the name of Jerry Jordan, is presently residing at 513 East Rich Street, Columbus, Ohio.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Cleveland, Ohio, dated August 15, 1936, particularly to page twelve thereof, wherein Marie Barley, former cook at the Casino Club, mentioned that in the summer of 1934 that Jerry, a girl entertainer at the Casino Club, was infatuated with Jimmie Wilson.

It is requested that Jerry Jordan be interviewed at this time for information concerning the activities of Jimmie Wilson and other members of the Barker-Karpis gang during the time they were frequenting the Casino Club in Point Place, near Toledo, Ohio, during the summer of 1934.

In the questioning of Jerry Jordan it is suggested that a statement be taken from her concerning her association with Jimmie Wilson and other members of the Barker-Karpis gang at the Casino Club during the summer of 1934; that it be ascertained whether she accompanied Jimmie Wilson or other members of the gang to any other places of amusement at Toledo, Ohio. She should be specifically questioned concerning the frequency of visits of this gang to the Casino Club and the spending by them of large amounts of money almost nightly and their paying of large tips to the entertainers at the Casino Club and such actions of members of the gang which would tend to arouse suspicion in an ordinary person.

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It is, likewise, important to ascertain the frequency of visits made by Joe Roscoe and Harold "Big" Cousins to the Casino Club during the time the gang was there.

Jerry Jordan should, likewise, be questioned as to any persons she may have made with Jimmie Wilson or others of the gang to the 42nd Street Cafe, which was then operated by Joe Roscoe.

It has been reported that the Casino Club customarily stayed open at times until the early hours of the morning and that the Hoodlum Squad of the Toledo Police Department frequently visited the Casino Club during the time the Barker-Karpis gang was frequenting that place.

It is, likewise, suggested that the Jordan woman be questioned concerning the social visits made by Captain George Timiney and Detective Art Langendorf, both of the Toledo Police Department, and by Lucian "Ludy" Fleming, at that time a State Prohibition Officer, to the Casino Club during the time in question. The association of these three men with any members of the Barker-Karpis gang, likewise, should be a matter of inquiry. In this connection particular reference is made to the signed statement of Marie Darley appearing in the above-mentioned report of Special Agent E. C. Suran.

It is suggested that pertinent serials of value to the interviewing agent be forwarded to Columbus, Ohio, for his information and that the results of this interview be made available to the Cleveland Bureau office at the earliest opportunity.

Very truly yours,

J. F. MAC FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Bureau  
Chicago

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

Case:

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September 30, 1936.

Number:

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Specimens:

Q5. One anonymous postal card postmarked, "10, Chicago, Illinois, September 15, 1936, 4 P. M."

Examination requested by:

Chicago

Date received:

9-21-36

Examination requested:

Document - Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: App

Following a comparison of the questioned handwriting on the postal card, designated as specimen Q5 above, no identification was effected with the writing of the instant case.

No identification was effected by a comparison of the questioned writing with the specimens on file in the Bureau's anonymous letter file.

The postal card was treated for latent fingerprints but none of value was developed.

A photographic copy of the instant anonymous postal card is being forwarded herewith.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE WHICH WAS SUBMITTED IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP THE BUREAU SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN AMPLE TIME TO PERMIT TRANSMITTAL.

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Special Agent in Charge.  
Chicago, Illinois.

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 September 21, 1936.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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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="text-align: right; padding-right: 50px;">Minnesota Motor Vehicle Bureau, St. Paul, Minnesota, advises no trace of 1935 Ford Deluxe Coupe, Motor No. 18-1615253. "Stop" notice placed.</div>			
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REFERENCE:  <div style="text-align: right; padding-right: 50px;">Letter from Cleveland Bureau Office, 9-19-36.</div>			
DETAILS:  <div style="text-align: right; padding-right: 50px;">The St. Paul Office is in receipt of a letter from the Minnesota Motor Vehicle Bureau at St. Paul on September 22, 1936 which advises that there is no record of a 1935 Ford Deluxe Coupe, Motor No. 18-1615253, as having been registered in this State.</div> <div style="text-align: right; padding-right: 50px;">A "Stop" notice has been placed with the Motor Vehicle Bureau.</div>			
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E. J. Connelley  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1130 Enquirer Building  
Cincinnati, Ohio

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>NEW YORK CITY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>10/1/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>9/21&amp;22/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>H. C. LESLIE</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING.</b>

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Further search was made of the records of the Real Detective Magazine, 1444 Madison Avenue, N.Y.C., for the names and aliases of subjects in the Bremer case without result. Mr. Method requested that issues of the Real Detective Magazine for June and July, 1934, be returned to him, after they have served their purpose. Stop notice at Motor Vehicle Bureau for Ford coupe, motor #18-429014 withdrawn. Bureau of Motor Vehicles requested to place flash notice for Ford DeLuxe coupe, motor #18-1615253. Liquor license issued to Martin D. Liss, 148-50 West 46th Street; surrendered 1/27/36.

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## REFERENCE:

Letter Cleveland Office to all offices, dated 9/12/36. Report of Special Agent H. C. Leslie, dated at New York City 9/14/36. Letter New York office to Cleveland office dated 9/18/36.

## DETAILS

The writer again contacted MR. ARTHUR METHOD, Editor of the REAL DETECTIVE MAGAZINE, 1444 Madison Avenue, New York City, and a further check was made of the correct names and aliases of all subjects in instant case with the view to determining whether any additional articles appeared in any other issues of this magazine other than those issues

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that were previously furnished to this office by MR. METHOD, and forwarded to the Cleveland Office.

After a search of the index file cards, MR. METHOD advised that there were no additional articles pertaining to the BREWER subjects. MR. METHOD requested that issues of the REAL DETECTIVE MAGAZINE for June and July, 1934, which were forwarded to the Cleveland Office be returned to him after they have served their purpose.

In accordance with the requests contained in reference letters of September 12, and September 19, 1936, The Bureau of Motor Vehicles at Hartford, Connecticut, was requested to withdraw stop notice on 1933 Standard Ford coupe, model 40, motor #18-129014, as this car has been located. The Bureau of Motor Vehicles at Hartford, was also requested to check their records to determine whether Ford DeLuxe coupe, motor #18-1615253, has been registered, and to place a flash card, and in the event any trace of this car is obtained, to advise the New York Bureau office.

At the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, 80 Centre Street, New York City, Agent was informed that they do not maintain a motor number file. Motor #18-1615253, Ford DeLuxe Coupe, was furnished to Mr. John Cruise of the Automobile Detective Bureau who was located at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, New York City, and he advised that in the event any information is received concerning this car, the New York office will be advised.

Inquiry at the office of the New York State liquor authorities, 80 Centre Street, concerning MARTIN D. LISS, 760 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, developed that LISS had liquor license No. N.Y.R.C. 875, for premises at 148-50 West 46th Street, New York City, which he surrendered on January 27, 1936, and refund was granted.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS

##### NEW YORK OFFICE AT NEW YORK CITY

Will conduct investigation at 148-50 West 46th Street, New York City, for the purpose of obtaining any information concerning MARTIN D. LISS.

P E N D I N G



ST. PAUL DISPATCH  
SEP 29 1936

## Bore No Ill Will Toward Brown, Barfuss Testifies

Gus H. Barfuss, who as commissioner of public safety discharged Detective Thomas A. Brown, denied today on the witness stand that "unfriendly feeling" between the two was precipitated when they campaigned for the office of Ramsey country sheriff in 1934.

Barfuss was called for cross-examination by the defense at the hearing in which Brown is appealing from his discharge, based on charges that he aided the kidnapers of William Hamm and Edward G. Bremer.

The witness told of the primary campaign for sheriff in which both he and Brown were defeated. When L. L. Anderson, Brown's attorney, asked, "Wasn't considerable unfriendly feeling engendered between you and Brown in the campaign," Barfuss replied, "I don't think so."

Barfuss added that he had no personal feeling toward Brown, either during the campaign or thereafter. Barfuss said that, to his knowledge, there was no "considerable feeling in the police department between supporters of Brown and myself."

The witness denied he had given copies of the discharge to newspapers before Brown had been served. The discharge states that the accusations were completely investigated. Barfuss said he did not personally investigate them. Anderson listed the names of all the witnesses for the city and Barfuss said he did not confer with them relative to the charges.

Corroborating witnesses for

Brown also testified at his hearing today in support of his contention that he was as his home with friends the night the city charges the St. Paul detective

was introduced to kidnapers of Hamm.

Dr. R. E. J. Senoch, chief city health officer and the first witness today, identified records of his department showing that on June 14 and 15, 1933, two of Brown's daughters were quarantined for scarlet fever in the Brown home at 759 East Maryland street.

Brown had testified previously that he fixed the dates for his recollections that he was at home on the days in question by the fact that his daughters were quarantined.

Emil Benson, a druggist, testified he visited at the Brown home two evenings while the daughters were ill and named Detective Tom McMahon as another visitor.

This testimony tallied with that given by Brown and McMahon.

John W. Seber, 752 East Maryland street, testified that in May, 1933, he made a trip to Brown's summer home at Crane lake in northern Minnesota with Brown and Brown's son, James.

Allen Wagner, secretary of the Minneapolis-St. Paul Sanitary district, testified to having covered the Hamm case as a reporter on the Daily News and learned from a police officer other than Brown when the ransom was to be paid.

The witness also testified Brown told him that the Hamm kidnaping was not staged by either the Touhy gang or associates of Joe Saltis of Chicago, two "angles" he was investigating.

Harold Klegen of the Daily News circulation department identified various stories in that newspaper tending to support Brown's testimony that he went to Chicago on a certain occasion with Thomas E. Dahill, former police chief, to interview members of the Touhy mob. In previous testimony, Dahill had denied this.

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1500 Liberty Trust Bldg.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

September 30, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In accordance with request contained in letter from the Cleveland Office dated September 18, 1936, may I advise you that inquiry at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and State of Delaware, failed to reflect any information concerning Ford Coupe, Motor #18-1615253.

Appropriate stop notices have been placed against this car.

Very truly yours,

H. J. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Dallas, Texas.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In connection with a harboring investigation being presently conducted at Toledo, Ohio, and in which a summary report is being prepared, information has been developed definitely placing Milton Lett, who is mentioned in circular letter from this office to all field offices, dated April 13, 1936, in association with Harry Campbell at Toledo, Ohio, on various occasions prior to November, 1935.

Milton Lett was involved somewhat in the Garrettsville, Ohio, mail train robbery on November 7, 1935, in which Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell participated, inasmuch as Lett purchased the Plymouth sedan which was used by Karpis, Campbell and others in this robbery. Immediately preceding the robbery of this mail train Milton Lett proceeded to Coffeyville, Oklahoma, inasmuch as his criminal record reflects an arrest on November 6, 1935. Shortly after Lett's arrival in the vicinity of Coffeyville, Oklahoma, he was interviewed by former Special Agent Paul Hansen, who submitted a report covering the interview dated November 25, 1935, the period of the report indicating that investigation was conducted between November 6th and 22, 1935. The following is taken from the report submitted:

"The writer proceeded to the Lett home and requested Milton Lett to proceed in the writer's Bureau car to a point in the country where an interview was had with him. Lett was extremely careful and reserved about what he said and first denied that he ever had any connection with Harry Campbell, but later admitted that he suspected that he had seen Campbell, although he probably did not know him by the name of Harry Campbell. He was told that the writer was in possession of information which indicated conclusively that he had done certain things for Campbell; that he, therefore, was well acquainted with him, but in order to establish confidence and cooperation with this informant, no concentrated effort was made to determine just what

association Lett has had with Campbell. After a conversation of a couple of hours with Lett, he stated that for the confidential money that the Bureau will pay for information resulting in the apprehension of Campbell and Karpis, he promised definitely to advise the writer of any information he receives and will aid in this respect."

Former Special Agent Hansen again interviewed Lett, as reflected in his report dated December 18, 1935, the period of the investigation being indicated as November 25th to December 14, 1935. The following is taken from the report:

"Lett would not admit any association with Campbell or any of his associates, and said that he did not believe that he would recognize Campbell or Karpis if they were to come to him."

The reports covering the interviews with Milton Lett by former Special Agent Paul Hansen do not indicate that photographs of Campbell and Karpis were exhibited to Lett. If Lett, in view of his association with Harry Campbell in Toledo, and other points in Ohio, immediately prior to the time of being interviewed by former Special Agent Hansen, was shown photographs of these two subjects at the time of interview and continued to deny knowing them, such action on his part would appear to indicate knowledge on his part of the true identity of Campbell, and his denials damaging against him.

It is understood that former Special Agent Paul Hansen is now employed in some capacity with the investigative unit of the W. P. A. at Dallas, Texas, and it is desired that your office contact him immediately upon receipt of this letter and interview him, securing information as to whether or not he exhibited photographs of Karpis and Campbell to Lett on the occasions of his interviews with Lett, and further that he be questioned specifically as to whether or not during any of the interviews had with Lett, the latter admitted knowing Harry Campbell and having been in association with Campbell in the state of Oklahoma or elsewhere at any time.

It is desired that the Cleveland office be furnished the results of your investigation at the earliest possible date

inasmuch as indicated hereinbefore, a summary report is now being prepared at Cleveland.

Very truly yours,

EJ/EJB  
AIR MAIL  
SPECIAL DELIVERY

J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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- Cincinnati  
- Chicago

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

October 2, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

As requested in letter from the Chicago office under date of September 30, 1936, I am transmitting a photograph of John F. Gorman, alias "Sharkey" Gorman, same having been taken at the Cleveland Bureau office with the Recomar camera.

This photograph is being transmitted in order that the Bureau files may be complete.

Very truly yours,

*J. P. MacFarland*  
J. P. MacFARLAND  
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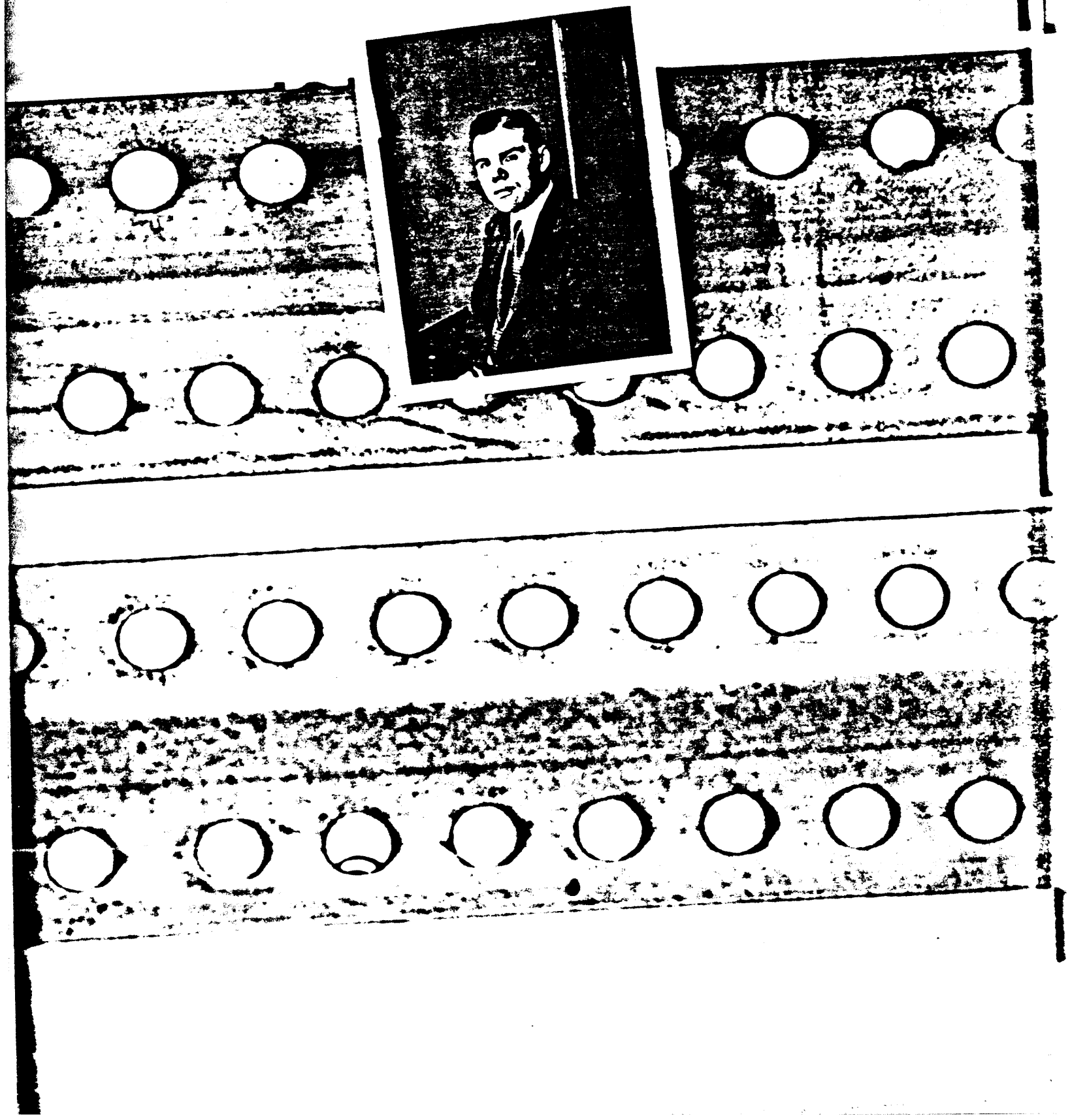
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: BARKER

Dear Sir:

During the summer of 1934 Bert and Ted Angus operated a place known as the Casino Club located on Summit Street in Point Place, a suburb of Toledo, Ohio. This place was a rendezvous for the following named members of the Barker-Karpis gang, during the summer of 1934: Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Fred Barker, Arthur R. "Doc" Barker, Volney Davis, Russell Gibson, William J. Harrison, James J. Olson, Dr. Joseph P. Moran, William Weaver, Oliver A. Berg, Charles J. Fitzgerald, Myrtle Eaton, Edna Murray, Wynona Burdette, and Dolores Delaney. During the time these members of the gang frequented the Casino Club they apparently took possession of the place and were there both in the daytime and at night, engaged freely in drinking and spent money lavishly, freely tipping the waiters and employees of the club, and on occasions they had their meals there, and among other things, on at least one occasion, some members of the gang engaged in a drunken brawl, and on the whole they were given to a carefree existence at the Casino Club where they were friendly with Bert and Ted Angus, the operators of the club, as well as Madeline Angus, the wife of Bert Angus, Ruth Wells, the paramour of Ted Angus, and Rene and Thelma Holst, the sisters of Madeline Angus.

During the summer of 1934 Captain George Timiney of the Toledo Police Department, whose photograph is enclosed herewith, frequently came to the Casino Club on social visits with his girl friend, Mrs. Edith "Toddy" Marks, and on other occasions with members of the hoodlum squad, namely Chris Brennan, Robert Fielding, Tafelski, McCarthy and Art Brown and J. Mihalak. Art Langendorf, a detective of the Toledo Police Department, is thought to have been a visitor at the Casino Club during the summer of 1934, and to have associated there with a girl named "Flo." At such times as the hoodlum squad visited the Casino Club they would occasionally stand at the bar and drink with various members of the Barker-Karpis gang, who were present there, and on other occasions Captain George Timiney, who, incidentally, is a potential subject in the harboring case, drank with the women of the Angus family and was exceedingly

friendly with Bert and Ted Angus, the proprietors of the place.

During this period of time the Casino Club had the following known employees: Charles Becker, (The Skipper), a bartender; Jack Schmidt (Cur Cur), a waiter; Arthur J. Pfund, a waiter; Jack Murtha, a bartender; Colin (Coolie) Monroe, a bartender; Richard Vogt (The Dutchman), a porter.

Well known people of questionable repute at Toledo, Ohio, who were frequent visitors at the Casino Club and who were thought to have known the true identity of members of the Barker-Karpis gang in the summer of 1934 at the Casino Club are as follows:

Lucian C. "Ludy" Fleming, who, during that time, was a state prohibition officer, and was reported to have been in constant attendance at the Casino Club in more or less a drunken condition;

Harold "Nig" Cousins, the proprietor of the R. & K. Smoke Shop in downtown Toledo, a bookie establishment. Cousins is alleged to have accepted large race horse bets from members of the Barker-Karpis gang over the telephone and to have associated with them at the Casino Club in a friendly fashion, indicating that he knew their identity;

Joe Roscoe, the owner of a favorite spot in Toledo known as the 42nd Street Cafe, and also interested in a gambling house in Toledo known as the Jovial Club, who appears to be somewhat of a power in underworld circles in Toledo, and who is also a potential subject in connection with the harboring investigation being conducted at Toledo, but against whom little information has been developed to date, is thought to have been in association with members of the Barker-Karpis gang at the Casino Club in the summer of 1934, and although previous investigation has established his presence at that place, we are lacking definite evidence of his intimate association with members of the gang at that place;

James J. Wilson, while at the Casino Club, was considered quite a ladies' man and apparently played many different women around town, and associated with them at the Casino Club. One of his flames was Jerry Massiker, known as Jerry Jordan, an entertainer who now resides at 619 West 13th Street, Kansas City, Missouri. The story goes that James J. Wilson had quite an affair with this girl, but that he subsequently broke with her, as reflected in the statement of Marie Agnes Barley, contained in the report of Special Agent C. C. Suran, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, August 15, 1936, a copy of which is enclosed herewith for the Kansas City office, with the request that this report be returned to the Cleveland office upon completion of the investigation in the Kansas City district.

In view of the fact that a summary report is now being prepared with reference to the Toledo harboring situation at the present time by the Cleveland office, you should arrange to interview Jerry Massiker, known as Jerry Jordan, at the address indicated above, immediately upon receipt of this letter and exhibit to her the photographs of all of the named members of the Barker-Karpis gang mentioned hereinbefore in this letter, and provided you do not have the most recent photographs you should arrange to secure them from the Chicago Bureau office. Jerry Massiker should be interviewed in detail with reference to the conduct of the gang while at the Casino Club, the intimacy existing between them, the Angus family and other persons who frequented the club, mentioned in this letter. This interview should be for the purpose of establishing, from the standpoint of evidence, knowledge on the part of persons mentioned in this letter of the true identity of the Barker-Karpis gang, as reflected by their conduct, association, and conversations with members of the Barker-Karpis gang at the Casino Club. She should be interrogated in regard to the identity of "Flo", the girl friend of Detective Art Langendorf. She should also be questioned as to the identity of and the address of the girl entertainer who was her partner at the time she was engaged at the Casino Club in the summer of 1934. In the event information of value is secured from Jerry Massiker it should be put in the form of a signed statement.

As indicated hereinbefore, a summary report is being prepared by the Cleveland office, in view of which fact you are requested to give this lead immediate and vigorous attention, furnishing the Cleveland office with results of your investigation forthwith.

Very truly yours,

EJW/EJB  
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- Cincinnati  
- Chicago

J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

775 Starks Building  
Louisville, Kentucky

October 2  
1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Cincinnati, Ohio

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to circular letter, addressed to all Field Offices, dated September 29th, 1936, which advises that 1935 Ford V-8 Coupe, Motor #18-1615253, had been located in the possession of Cal E. Wood at Youngstown, Ohio, and accordingly, Stop Notices against instant automobile should be canceled.

At the time this letter was received, such Stop Notices had not, as yet, been placed by this Office, and in view of this information, will not be set out.

A further review of this file indicates that there are no outstanding leads in this district, and this case is, therefore, being Referred Upon Completion to the Office of Origin.

Very truly yours,

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O. C. DENEY  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Bureau  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

RCS:MK

October 3, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: BREKID

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With reference to the trial of Matthew Gleason for harboring Volney Davis, the files in this case reflect that it will not be necessary to have former Special Agents Nichols and Metcalfe to testify concerning admissions made by Gleason to the effect that Davis advised him "I just got away from the law", that further Gleason admits reading in a newspaper that a prisoner escaped from the custody of two "G-men", and that he knew "G-men" meant Federal officers; that he knew the escaped prisoner was under indictment in St. Paul, in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case.

Special Agents W. C. Ryan and C. G. Campbell are competent witnesses to testify as to these admissions.

The file further reflects that it might be necessary to call Special Agent W. F. Trainor to testify to Davis' escape. It is my understanding that Trainor is now employed by some pipeline company in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Respectfully,

R. C. Suran  
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Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E.A. Tamm  
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Mr. Dwyer  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Foxworth  
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Mr. Lester  
Mr. Nichols  
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PHONE BREKID REFERENCE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION TODAY  
BETWEEN MR TAMM AND AGENT MCKEE REGARDING THREE JACKSON SISTERS AND  
LEO HESSEMAN IN CONNECTION HARBORING INVESTIGATION, HESSEMAN  
REPUDIATED STATEMENT AND IDENTIFICATIONS OF THIS MORNING AND THREE  
SISTERS MAINTAINED HOSTILE ATTITUDES THROUGHOUT INTERVIEWS. ALL  
FOUR PERSONS RELEASED NINE THIRTY TONITE AS IT WAS NOT BELIEVED ANY  
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144 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

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October 3, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to circular letter to all field offices dated April 12, 1936, wherein mention is made of one (last name unknown), who was alleged to have been a participant in the Garrettsville, Ohio, mail train robbery which took place on November 7, 1935.

Investigation has been conducted by the Cleveland Bureau office for the purpose of obtaining the identity of this individual in connection with the harboring investigation now under way in the Cleveland Bureau office territory, and a short time ago information was inadvertently given by the Post Office Inspectors to an agent from this Bureau, indicating that they had effected an identification of this unknown S.M. Along with this information it was further indicated that this individual was released from what is thought to be a Federal penitentiary in about September 1935, where he was alleged to have been serving a sentence for mail robbery.

Information has also been obtained that possibly James "Tip" O'Neil, Atlanta Penitentiary Number 38719, who was released in April, 1935, and returned to Cleveland, Ohio may have given the Post Office Inspectors the tip which resulted in the identification of the unknown S.M. and with this in mind it is not unreasonable to presume that possibly this individual served time with O'Neil in the above-indicated penitentiary. Your file should reflect previous investigation conducted at the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta with reference to James "Tip" O'Neil.

Glyde Lochet of Kenton Falls, Ohio, at whose home the unknown S.M., Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and John Brock stayed overnight the night previous to the Garrettsville mail train robbery, advised Special Agent John L. Padala on October 1, 1936, that about six weeks ago the Post Office Inspectors showed a photograph to him and his wife of an individual whom they identified as being identical with the unknown S.M. Mr. Lochet stated that he happened to look at the reverse side of this photograph

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was noted that the age indicated thereon was forty-four. He stated that the Post Office Inspectors told him that the said photograph was five years old, which would make this individual (SAX) now forty-nine years of age. Information was further advanced to Mr. Rochet by the Post Office Inspectors indicating that this person was released from some penitentiary shortly prior to the Garrettsville mail robbery, November 7, 1935.

Mrs. Rochet was also interviewed relative to this matter, and she was of the opinion that the Post Office Inspectors referred to the individual concerned as one CUB, but she could not be certain as to this. However, it is pointed out that the Inspectors definitely stated to the Rochets that the name of this person is not SAX. It was also advanced to the Rochets that this individual had served time previously in other prisons, and that the last information they had on him indicated that he was somewhere in the state of Michigan. There is no information available which tends to indicate that this SAX or CUB is at the present in the custody of the Post Office Inspectors or any other law enforcement agency.

With the above information in mind, it is respectfully requested that you conduct appropriate investigation at the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta in an effort to identify this person. It is suggested that some close associate of James "Tip" O'Neil in the penitentiary, and who was released prior to November 7, 1935, possibly may answer the description of this unknown man. It is also called to your attention that possibly the Post Office Inspectors have heretofore conducted a similar investigation at the penitentiary, and for this reason the inquiry at the institution should be made with this in mind, which may offer the possibility to discreetly obtain information as to the man concerning whom they were checking.

In view of the present situation between the Post Office Inspection Service and the Bureau, you will please bear in mind that no open inquiries should be made at the penitentiary with reference to any inquiry made along the above lines by the Post Office Inspectors, and under no circumstances should the local or any Post Office Inspectors be contacted relative to this matter. It is also undesirable to give any intimation to the officials of the penitentiary as to our interest in securing the information relative to the identity of the individual concerned in this letter.

For your information Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Rochet positively identified the photograph displayed to them by the Post Office Inspectors, as did John Brock, of the person heretofore referred to as only SAX. The Rochets indicate that they will likewise identify this person's photograph for the benefit of this Bureau when the same becomes available.



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Please conduct the above desired inquiry at the penitentiary at the earliest possible date, inasmuch as the present investigation in the Cleveland Bureau Office territory is being pushed in order to bring the same to a logical conclusion in the near future.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MAC FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

RE: BREXID.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau has noted with interest the contents of the letter addressed to you under date of October 8, 1936, by the Cleveland office, regarding the possible identity of one Sam, who is alleged to have been a participant in the Garrettsville mail train robbery and who also is a possible subject in the harboring cases now being developed at Cleveland, Ohio. It is desired that you conduct the requested investigation immediately and make every effort to obtain such information as is possible concerning the individual referred to as "Sam". The auxiliary offices of the Bureau, to which you might direct leads, should be instructed to pursue the investigation vigorously to cause the location of "Sam" at an early date. This person undoubtedly possesses considerable information which would be of value in the prosecution of the contemplated harboring cases in the Cleveland Office district.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC- Cleveland  
CC- Cincinnati  
CC- Chicago  
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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

October 1, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Enclosed herewith are photograph of George  
Timiney of the Toledo Police Department, and report of  
Special Agent R. C. Suran, dated at Cleveland, Ohio,  
August 15, 1936, which were referred to in letter from  
this office of October 1, 1936, and which were inadvertently  
omitted from the letter.

It is requested that the photograph and also  
the report be returned to this office upon completion of  
investigation in the Kansas City district.

Very truly yours,

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J. P. McFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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1443 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

October 2, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Enclosed herewith is mimeographed copy of report  
of Inspector E. J. Connelley, dated at Cincinnati, Ohio,  
May 18, 1936, which was forwarded to this office under  
date of October 1, 1936, and which you requested to be  
returned to your office when it had served its purpose.

Very truly yours,

EJW/EJB  
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J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 2, 1936.

Time - 4:50 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Special Agent S. K. McKee telephoned me with reference to the harboring situation in Cleveland. During the time that Karpis and Campbell were fugitives, considerable investigation was conducted in Cleveland to locate a place either known as Three Sisters Tavern or operated by three sisters, where Karpis, Campbell and Hunter were supposed to frequent. During the course of the Ardelle Quinn investigation, there was received at the Cleveland Office an anonymous telephone call from a woman, who gave them the name of one Sally Jackson and also the license number on her Plymouth automobile, in addition to the address of a man. She said that these two people knew plenty about the Harvard Club and Karpis frequenting this tavern.

On the basis of this information, Mr. McKee said they picked up the man in question this morning. This man furnished quite a bit of information, identifying the photograph of Hunter. He said that he used to have an interest in this tavern, but that the women "mocked" him out of his interest. As a result of the information furnished by this man, Mr. McKee said they have found all three of these women, and they are in the office at this time.

The women won't say a thing, and the man is also beginning to sulk and won't talk, and as Mr. McKee is of the firm opinion these women hold the key to the harboring cases in that vicinity, he wanted to know if they might hold these women and the man in the office tonight for further questioning, with the understanding that if nothing is obtained upon which we can file on them that they be turned loose in the morning. Mr. McKee said that while these women undoubtedly won't submit a signed statement that they are remaining in our custody voluntarily, he is of the opinion that they are the type who cannot or will not "squawk" relative to being held.

In view of the fact that we are particularly anxious to make those harboring charges in that vicinity, I granted authority for them to hold these women in the office tonight, on the specific condition that they continue to get signed statements from them that they are remaining voluntarily, and that they get a matron to remain with them at all times.

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Respectfully,

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1300 Liberty Trust Building,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

October 3, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re - BREXID.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter dated September 14, 1936,  
may I advise that Special Agent J. L. Fallon, who  
interviewed Thelma Volst, is presently on a special  
assignment.

However, immediately upon Special Agent Fallon's return  
I shall have him advise you, as requested.

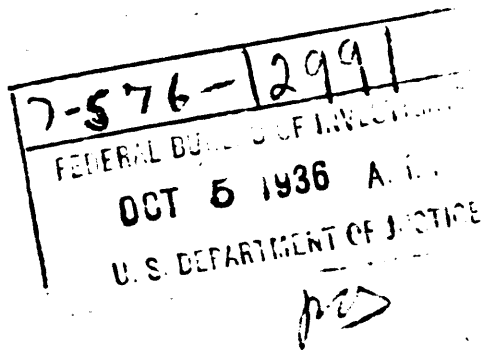
Very truly yours,

R. E. VITTELLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1443 Starbuck Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

October 2, 1936

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

Re: Brekid

Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish the known criminal record of the following:

Name (inc. aliases)	City, Police Arrest, or Other Number.	Approximate date Fin- gerprints forwarded Federal Bureau of In- vestigation.	Fingerprint Classifica- tion.
Theodore Angus	(Toledo, O. P.D. #9617 (U.S. Pen. Atlanta #30511	6/30/17 8/1/29	29 I 16 20 I 17
Edward McGraw	Ohio State Pen. #45974	Year 1917	Unknown
Bert Angus	Mich. Dept. Public Safety #80381	11/13/31	Unknown.

Please furnish copies of the above requested records to the  
Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Paul offices, in addition to the Cleveland office.

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Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland

Special Agent in Charge

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FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND  
TO: SAC, CINCINNATI

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

In compliance with instructions contained in letter from the Cleveland Office, dated September 29, 1936, the Stop Notices against 1935 Ford V-8 Coupe, Motor No. 12-1,612,253, previously placed with the Motor Vehicle Bureaus of North and South Carolina, have been cancelled.

There being no further investigation to be conducted by this office in the above captioned case, the matter is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

Very truly yours,

G. F. LONDOZ,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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501 Hesley Building  
Atlanta, Georgia  
October 3, 1936

Mr. W. L. Joiner  
Motor Vehicle Division  
State Revenue Commission  
State Capitol Building  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter dated September 29, 1936 advising that you had placed a stop notice in your files for 1935 Ford Coupe, #18-1615253, please be advised that this automobile has now been located and it is suggested that the stop notice mentioned in your letter be removed.

I desire to express appreciation of this Bureau for your cooperation in this instance.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY  
Special Agent in Charge

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St. Paul  
Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago

RE: BREKID

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Post Office Box 212

Chicago, Illinois

October 1, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

In accordance with the telephonic request of Special Agent E. J. Wynn of your Office, I am enclosing herewith a copy of the report of Inspector E. J. Connelley dated Cincinnati, Ohio, May 18, 1936, in the Brekid case, setting forth the results of his second interview with Informant Edith Barry.

It is requested that this serial be returned to the Chicago Bureau Office when same has served its purpose.

Very truly yours,

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D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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*Edward G. Bremer*

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO. 7-33-

REPORT MADE AT <b>DALLAS, TEXAS.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10-2-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10-2-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>L.I. BOWMAN.</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; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 20%;"> <p><i>Mr. G</i></p> </div> <div style="width: 80%;"> <p>Mr. Paul Hansen, former Special Agent, advises photographs of both Campbell and Karpis exhibited to Milton Lett on occasion of interviews and he denied knowing or associating with either subject.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>P.</b></p> </div> </div>			
REFERENCE:  Letter from Cleveland Bureau Office to Dallas Bureau Office, dated October 1, 1936.			
DETAILS:  <p>Mr. Paul Hansen, Field Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, W.P.A., Room 450, Post Office Building, Dallas, Texas, upon interview, advised that on the occasions when he interviewed Milton Lett at Coffeyville, Oklahoma during November and December, 1935, he definitely remembers exhibiting photographs of both subject Campbell and Subject Karpis to Lett, who denied knowing or associating with either of these persons. He stated that when Lett denied any knowledge of Harry Campbell, he called his attention to certain information in possession of the Bureau which indicated that Lett had associated with Subject Campbell in the vicinity of Coffeyville, Oklahoma, prior to the apprehension of Winona Burdette and Dolores Delaney at Atlantic City during January, 1935. Mr. Hansen stated that he was in possession of information at that time which indicated that Milton Lett had driven Harry Campbell from Coffeyville, Oklahoma, to Tulsa, Oklahoma, to visit his relatives there, and also of a trip made by Milton Lett with subject Campbell from Coffeyville to Arondale, Oklahoma, where Winona Burdette was contacted at Richard Wilson's place at Arondale. After confronted with this information, Milton Lett stated that he suspected he had seen Campbell around Coffeyville, but denied that he knew him by that name.</p>			
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and insisted he was unable to identify the photograph of Harry Campbell exhibited to him.

Mr. Hansen further recalled that at that time he had exhibited a photograph of Tom Hill, an associate of subject Campbell, who resided in the vicinity of Coffeyville, and Lett readily admitted that this person was known to him and, as a matter of fact, laughed when the photograph was exhibited.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT  
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF  
COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE

ADDRESS REPLY TO  
COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE  
AND REFER TO

The Honorable,

The Attorney General.

Avenue Catering Company.

Sir:

Your letter dated September 28, 1936, symbols JEH, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, requesting a certified copy of the income tax return filed by the Avenue Catering Company, Cleveland, Ohio, for the year 1935, together with any other information concerning that company, has been referred to this office for reply.

The request is receiving attention and you will be further advised at an early date.

In the event further correspondence relative to this matter is necessary, please refer to IT:Rec:F:G-MJK.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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1449 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

October 3, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Chicago, Illinois

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

It is requested that you furnish this office with a complete list of aliases and criminal records of the following named persons, as reflected by the index of the Chicago office: Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis, Charles J. Fitzgerald, William J. Harrison, Oliver A. Berg, James J. Wilson, Doctor Joseph P. Moran, Russell Gibson, William Weaver, Fred Barker, Arthur R. "Doc" Barker, Paula Harmon, Wynona Burdette, Dolores Delaney, Myrtle Eaton and Edna Murray.

Inasmuch as a summary report is being prepared at Cleveland, Ohio, in connection with the harboring situation at Toledo, Ohio, it will be appreciated if you will expedite the sending of this information to the Cleveland office.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MAC FARLAND,  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Cincinnati  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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K. C. FILE NO. 7-37

REPORT MADE AT <b>Kansas City</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10-1-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9-18/19/22/ 24-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>V. W. GILLEN</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:**

Alleged friend of Lett in Odessa, Missouri, ascertained to be Blackie Wilson, 101 Pine Street, Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Vern Griffith, Tavern employee, Nevada, Missouri, has promised to cooperate in locating Lett.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent V. W. Gillen, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 9-22-36.

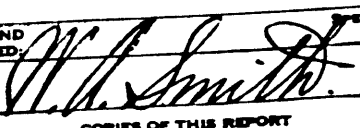
**DETAILS:**

At Kansas City, Missouri.

Informant Tony Meziel was located at the Brents Hotel on Holmes Street near Fifteenth Street and stated that the person who had given the information regarding Lett's alleged activities with pipe line gangs in Illinois could be traced through Mrs. Shaffer at Shaffer's Cafe, Odessa, Missouri.

At Odessa, Missouri.

On the night of September 19, 1936, informant and Agent went to Shaffer's Cafe where Mrs. Shaffer was contacted. She had just received a letter from the person informant Meziel had formerly referred to as Peg; however, Peg is but one nickname for F. R. Wilson, who is also known as Blackie Wilson and "Chew-Tobacco" Wilson. Mrs. Shaffer permitted Agent to read this

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letter, which was received from Wilson and which was dated August 28, 1936, from 101 Pine Street, Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Wilson stated that he had a two or three months job with the Stuart and Mitchell Construction Company. On September 21, 1936, a letter was directed to the Philadelphia Office requesting that Wilson be interviewed, a copy of which letter was furnished to all interested offices.

While in Odessa, Missouri, Agent interviewed Buford Chinn and Tom Mansell, young men who had just returned from Chicago, Illinois, where they had finished working for the Smith Brothers Construction Company, which had laid pipe lines in Illinois. Neither Chinn nor Mansell recognized Lett's photograph as being with the gang at any time while they were working in Missouri or Illinois.

At Neosho, Missouri.

On September 24, 1936, Agent contacted [redacted] and Thomas Coleman, but obtained no information of value in this case.

Since the dictation of reference report the Bureau has authorized the payment of any sum up to \$100.00 for information leading to the location of Milton Lett. Accordingly, Agent contacted Chief of Police Ade Tow, who stated that about a week previously Vern Griffith had been discharged at The Tavern and had approached Night Officer Jones, stating that he would turn in a man wanted by postal authorities for half of the reward, which he believed to be \$1,000.00. Chief of Police Tow could give no further information in this case.

Vern Griffith was interviewed at his farmhouse on U. S. Highway #54 about three miles west of Nevada, Missouri. Griffith seemed to be of the opinion that the man who was being sought by the postal authorities on a charge of importing narcotics across the border by airplane was Tom Hill of Coffeyville, Kansas. Griffith was informed that Hill is now appealing a life sentence in the state courts of Kansas and it is highly improbable that he is being sought by the postal authorities and also improbable that they would offer a \$1,000.00 reward for him. Griffith was shown a photograph of Lett and he recalled seeing Lett at The Tavern various times during the past year. A photograph of Lett was given to Griffith.

Vern Griffith stated that he planned to run for Sheriff on the Democratic ticket this year and made that plan known to Deputy Sheriff Stonham. Stonham, who planned to run for Sheriff himself, did not want any opposition in the primary election and so he promised Griffith that if he was elected he would make Griffith one of his deputies. It appears that Griffith made known to The Tavern this plan of his to join the Sheriff's Office and one night two or three months ago Earl Morris was drunk and made the remark to Griffith that "if you get into the Sheriff's Office after January 1, I will give you information on a man that will make you one thousand dollars right away." Griffith, as noted above, believed this referred to Tom Hill and so passed the information on to the Police Department. Griffith is very confident of becoming a Deputy Sheriff upon the election of Stonham as Sheriff. He then expects to move into the village of Nevada, Missouri.

Griffith stated that on the night of September 24, 1936, Ted Thornton was supposed to buy out The Tavern, that is, buy out the parts owned by Roy Rizer and Deacon Jones, and it was Griffith's opinion that Thornton and Rizer were buying out Jones although it would be made to appear to Jones that Thornton was buying out both him and Rizer. Agent did not know of any \$1,000.00 reward being offered by the Post Office Department for the apprehension of Milton Lett and Griffith was so informed. He was emphatically informed by Agent that he would be paid \$75.00 by the Bureau upon the receipt of any information which led directly to the location of Lett. Griffith promised to furnish any information which he may receive directly to the Kansas City Bureau Office.

Griffith also stated that his brother-in-law, Will Ford, Sargeant of the Bartlesville, Oklahoma, Police Department, lived a short distance from where a man had lived who was recently killed on Thornton's dairy near Coffeyville, Kansas. Griffith stated that this man has a brother who has sworn to kill Ted Thornton on sight. Griffith also stated that Thornton derives an excellent revenue from his dairy at Coffeyville, Kansas. During the time that Griffith has worked at The Tavern he has, on many occasions, observed men come in the Tavern, have a few drinks with Ted Thornton, and then go out without having been introduced to any other people. On at least one occasion Thornton has taken drinks to people out in their car.

At Iola, Kansas.

Undersheriff Bud Hurley was also contacted on September 24, 1936. He is familiar with the Thornton family and

explained that Louis Thornton, better known as "Big Snipe", is a nephew of Ted Thornton. Howard Thornton, a brother of Louis Thornton, is better known as "Little Snipe" and is now serving time at the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing. Howard Thornton (not Louis, as indicated on page four of reference report) is married to Dorothy Rush. The Spike Thornton mentioned in reference report is Big Snipe and is now living with Clifford Collins, a nephew of Milton Lett, at 150 Lulu Street, Wichita, Kansas. According to Undersheriff Hurley, Dorothy Rush Thornton is planning to obtain a divorce from Little Snipe. In the hope of obtaining some information from her, Agent attempted to interview her at the rooming house where she lives, 421 South Walnut, but she was not at home. Undersheriff Hurley was questioned about Ted Thornton's family and he stated that his brother, who is the father of Louis and Howard Thornton, has recently returned to Iola and he understands a sister has recently come from Des Moines, Iowa, to make a home for this brother. The fact that this sister came from Des Moines, Iowa, would tend to substantiate the information given [redacted] by Ted Thornton after his absence from Nevada at the end of July, as mentioned on page two of the report of the writer, dated August 18, 1936. b7d

Undersheriff Hurley stated that last fall members of the State Highway Patrol, including a Mr. Edwards and Joe Anderson, and Post Office Inspectors had attempted to apprehend Lett at some hotel in Fort Scott, Kansas. Lett eluded capture by going out the back way over some roofs.

The following memorandum was submitted by Special Agent E. P. Cruise in connection with the letter from the Cleveland Office to all field offices, dated September 19, 1936:

Miss Leona Addington, Clerk in the office of the State Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, Topeka, Kansas, advised that she made a very thorough search of the records there but was unable to find any record of the registration of 1935 Ford Coupe, motor #18-1615253 for the years 1935 and to date in 1936. Miss Addington stated that she carefully searched the registrations which had come to that office so recently that they had not yet been filed and was unable to find the registration of the above described car among them.

Miss Addington placed a stop notice in the files there showing the address and telephone number of the Kansas City Bureau Office with the notation that the Kansas City Office be telephoned collect immediately should the above described car be registered. It is pointed out that automobile registrations in Kansas are filed both by motor number and name of the owner.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The KANSAS CITY OFFICE will carry out the leads set out in reference report.

At Iola, Kansas, will interview Mrs. Dorothy Rush Thornton, wife of Little Snipe Thornton, for any information she may be able to give, bearing in mind that she is now attempting to obtain a divorce from Howard Thornton.

At Nevada, Missouri, will maintain contact with Vern Griffith.

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# Under Fire, Admits Large Money Deals

ST. PAUL DAILY NEWS  
SEP 23 1936

Loaned \$3,000 To  
Policeman; \$750  
To Dahill: Had  
\$700 In Gold.

Financial transactions involving thousands of dollars were admitted by Thomas A. Brown, busted police detective, as he underwent a grilling cross-examination at the hands of John L. Connolly, city attorney, in his ouster appeal hearing.

Brown admitted that:

He had safety deposit boxes in three banks, one with his mother, at various times around 1931.

He changed a \$1,000 bill at the American National bank in 1933 or 1934.

He loaned \$3,300 to Alex Walker, a policeman, on his house, and \$750 to Thomas Dahill, former chief, who testified against him during the hearing, "on his word."

Turned in to a bank \$700 worth of gold coins when the government requested the return of all gold.

He made several small loans, from \$100 to \$500, to various individuals.

## Personal Affairs Sifted.

Continuing where he left off late Tuesday when he concluded his direct examination in his hearing before a statutory board of appeals from his ouster for alleged dealings with members of the Hamm and Bremer kidnap gangs, Brown today was compelled to answer questions relative to his personal affairs and police activities. To many of the questions he replied: "I don't remember."

## Complained Of G-Men.

He admitted complaining that government agents were "taking undue credit" in the kidnaping cases, explaining that "when one works on a case he likes to get credit for it."

He said the police kidnap squad was formed after he had passed a suggestion for it, received from business men, on to Inspector Charles Tierney.

Asked: "Did you cause an investigation to be made on the Barker-Karpis mob at 1031 S. Robert st.?" he replied: "I can't answer it yes or no because it already was investigated when I found out about it."

Escape of the mob from the house is alleged to have resulted from one of the tips from police.

## Not Present At Sawyer's.

Last question asked by Mr. Connolly before completing his cross-examination was in reference to a party held "at Harry Sawyer's" in Brown's behalf, at which a machine gun was said to have been presented to the former officer. Brown denied being at such a party and said a machine gun was turned over to him and Mr. Tierney, registered in his name and now is stored in a vault. The gun came from Truman Alcorn, former South St Paul chief of police, Brown said.

Under re-direct examination by his attorney, L. D. Anderson, Brown said the first time he heard of the S. Robert st. address was when ousted Inspector James P. Crumley told him. Brown said: "He (Crumley) said

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## Brown Says He Had Cash In 3 Banks

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the people had gone and that they must have been tipped off." He did nothing further about it, he testified.

Re-direct examination was completed just before noon with the former officer's statement that he did not ask Fred Raasch, ousted detective, to "perjure himself in the Gleeman case" by stating that he saw one of the men at the time of the murder for which they were convicted. Raasch had testified that he refused to claim seeing one of the Gleemans, requested of him by Brown.

Mr. Connolly drew from the witness statements that, although he conferred with William Hamm, Sr. in 1929 concerning reported plans for the kidnaping of his son, he did not tell anyone in the police department of the knowledge until the day after the younger brewer was kidnaped.

Mr. Connolly next asked: In that Peiffer case (John P. Peiffer, convicted in the Bremer

Mr. Nathan	
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In which case Brown had testified) you did not as to where you were June 12, 1933?

A. I don't remember.

Tuesday Brown testified that he was at home that evening, with friends, and not at headquarters where Peiffer and Fred Goetz, slain kidnaper gang member, were said to have met him for "tipoff" arrangements in the Bremer abduction.

Q. And you were asked on direct examination about 204 Vernon ave. and conversation with Mr. Dahill—and at that time you didn't tell Mr. Wilson (Samuel Wilson, Peiffer's attorney) that you had not been up to the station that night.

A. I don't remember.

Mr. Connolly then read from the Peiffer trial transcript, to prove his contention.

**Went To Hollyhocks.**

Brown denied having any dealings with Peiffer, but admitted knowing the former night club operator and going to his Hollyhocks cafe for investigations, one of which was the occasion of Peiffer's accidental wounding.

The witness also admitted knowing Harry Sawyer, convicted Bremer kidnaper, and visiting his saloon.

Q. He (Sawyer) had a reputation of being a contact man for the underworld?

A. He did.

Brown denied knowledge of a farm near Joplin, Mo., operated by Herb Farmer for "cooling off" underworld characters, and also denied knowing several underworld figures, including Harvey Bailey, convicted Urschell kidnaper.

**Mill City Bank Robbery.**

Q. Did you ever hear who was wanted in that bank robbery in Minneapolis, in which a policeman was killed (two policemen actually were killed) and Devol (Lawrence Devol) was sent up? Isn't it true that the Barkers and Karpis were wanted for that?

A. That came out recently.

Q. But hadn't you heard it before?

A. I might have.

Q. And isn't it true the Barkers and Karpis were wanted for a hold-up in South St. Paul in August, 1933?

A. I understand

**Tip From Hamm Chauffeur.**

In his ~~direct~~ testimony and in cross-examination Tuesday afternoon Brown said:

He received a tip in 1929 from William Hamm, Sr., who got it from the Hamm chauffeur, Paul Schuler, that Fred Goetz, alias "Shotgun" Ziegler, Gus Winkler and others were planning then to kidnap William Hamm, Jr. When the kidnapping took place, he testified, he told Thomas E. Dahill, then chief of police, they should hunt for Goetz, Winkler and their associates, including Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis.

Brown testified he had had only a casual acquaintance with Ben and Abe Gleeman, convicted 11 years ago of the murder of Burton Stevens. This testimony was to refute a statement by Fred W. Raasch, former detective and city witness, who said Brown asked him to give false alibi testimony at the Gleeman trial.

**Brown's Money Affairs.**

On cross-examination a great deal of time was devoted to Brown's financial affairs, because of testimony that he received \$25,000 as his share of the ransom in the Hamm abduction.

He admitted that in 1933, 1934, and 1935, he entered what he thought was a grain or stock pool, with James Filben, who prior to his death was with the Patrick Novelty Co., one-time distributors of slot machines here.

Brown said he invested \$500, then \$250, and finally \$500 or \$600, and that the money was invested at Paine, Webber & Co. He made a final profit of about \$500 on the three deals, he said.

He also testified about the purchase of his home at 759 E. Maryland st., payment of a mortgage, new borrowings, and other financial deals and purchases of small caliber.

Questioned about Beon Oeckmar, once a reputed political leader here and now in Leavenworth prison on income tax evasion, Brown said he had been acquainted with him, but to his alleged political powers, said "All I knew was what I read the papers."

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October 2, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

RE: RENTED AUTOMOBILES,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

I thought you might be interested in the amount expended for the hiring of automobiles in the Cleveland district on the Bremer investigation from July to September of this year.

Up to the present time \$534.90 has been spent.

Respectfully,

W. R. Glavin.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
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Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Please refer to the copy of a letter addressed to me from Special Agent in Charge C. A. Stein of the St. Paul Office, dated July 9, 1936, wherein I was advised that a copy of a letter addressed to U. S. Attorney George F. Sullivan, St. Paul, Minnesota, by Dr. E. J. Keeling, 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, was being transmitted to the St. Louis Office.

Dr. Keeling, upon being interviewed in this connection, has advised that Oscar Holoffe has returned to his home at 206 Briggs Street, Joliet, Illinois.

For your information, Dr. Keeling is regarded as an eccentric individual, and according to Mr. Eugene Ahrens, Deputy U. S. Marshal, Peoria, Illinois, has been under investigation for the illegal sale of narcotics on several different occasions. In connection with information in possession of Oscar Holoffe, Dr. Keeling has stated that certain relatives of Holoffe's, who are very unfriendly to him (Holoffe), had some connections with the principals in the Hamm and Bremer kidnapping cases. Dr. Keeling was unable to state definitely just what information may be in possession of Holoffe. However, Dr. Keeling stated that Oscar Holoffe informed him that one Mike Doyle of Joliet, Illinois, was presently engaged in the illegal sale of alcoholic beverages.

It is requested that you interview Oscar Holoffe, 206 Briggs Street, Joliet, Illinois, in order to obtain whatever information of value he may be able to furnish. A copy of the letter received by Mr. George F. Sullivan, U. S. Attorney, St. Paul, Minnesota, is being forwarded herewith to you.

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Very truly yours,

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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; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Records of Ft. Meigs Hotel, Toledo, Ohio, reflect registration of Thomas Barrowman, Chicago, Illinois, and J. Hammond, Chicago, Illinois, on 5/7/34 and departed 5/11/34. Both had extra guests, but no names were shown. These persons believed to be Jimmie Wilson and Dr. Moran, respectively. Albert Drew stated he did not furnish Sheriff O'Reilly information on which raid was made at 2831 - 151st Street, Point Place, Ohio, latter part January 1935. States Detective Langendorf, Toledo Police Department, made investigation at this address after arrest of Wynona Burdette and others in Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 1934. Interview with Gertrude Billeter Miller developed no additional information. Dave Braddock states he accompanied Deputy Sheriff Charles Connell, at latter's request, to apartment of Gertie Billeter Miller shortly after Campbell's apprehension. Kenneth Francis, taxi driver for Private Cab Company, identifies photo of Sam Coker as "fare" he drove to and from McGraw's rooming house about Dec. 21, 1935, and shortly after Christmas 1935 he picked up, at McGraw's, three men two of whom he identifies from photographs as Alvin Karpis and Sam Coker. William Wilson Wirick, former taxi driver for Private Cab Company, states he drove Harry Campbell to or from Edith Barry's, Johnny Thomas', Dutch Village and 42nd Street Cafe, Toledo. Deputy Sheriff Clarence Danrauer stated Sheriff O'Reilly informed him that he, O'Reilly, did not know Campbell's true identity, and Campbell visited him and others at Lucas County Building. Florine Brzezinski and Joseph Brzezinski, wife and brother respectively of Walter "Babe" Brzezinski, former bartender of Casino Club, now deceased, interviewed, but no pertinent information obtained. Jerry Jordan, entertainer at Casino Club during 1934, now resides 619 - 13th Street, Kansas City, Missouri. Partial check of banks at Toledo reflects no surprising large accounts of Detective George Timiney or Art Langendorf; nor

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS (CONT.) any safety deposit boxes. No brokerage accounts for either in Toledo, Ohio. Toledo City Ordinance outlawing "pay-off" pin ball machines, passed July 6, 1936, effective 30 days thereafter, set out. Harold "Nig" Cousins has no criminal record at Toledo.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent J.V. Murphy, Cleveland, Ohio, dated September 26, 1936.

DETAILS:

AT TOLEDO, OHIO

This report covers the investigative activities of Special Agents A. Dickstein, A.J. Norstrom, H.B. Dill, E.J. Dowd and J.V. Murphy, who have been engaged on the harboring investigation at Toledo, Ohio.

Special Agents R.A. Guerin and N.S. Harzenstein have been maintaining the telephone tap on the residence telephone of Maxine Belmont Thomas, 2105 Warren Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, who is prominently engaged in the vice racket in Toledo. Special Agent A.J. Norstrom relieved Special Agent Harzenstein on this assignment for the day, Saturday, September 26, 1936.

The conversations overheard over the above mentioned telephone tap, between period September 25 to October 1, 1936, are not being incorporated in this report for the reason that they have no bearing on this investigation.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent E.J. Dowd at Toledo, Ohio, on September 26th, 27th, and 29th:

Report of Special Agent R.D. Brown, Chicago, dated 10/1/34, contains a statement secured from James J. Wilson, dated at Chicago, Illinois, September 25, 1934. An extract from this statement is as follows: "They (Dr. Moran, Gibson) arrived in Toledo, about May 1, 1934, remained there (Harry Campbell's house) for only a short while, after which Dr. Moran, Slim Evans (Gibson) and I went to the Ft. Meigs Hotel in Toledo, and Moran registered there for me under the name of James Barrowman, and I believe he registered under the name of James Hammond. I do not know what name was used by Slim Evans at this time. We lived at this Hotel for about a week or ten days, and to my recollection no one visited us there. \* \* \* several days after we had checked into the Ft. Meigs Hotel, Ollie Berg came to Toledo alone, and he also registered at this hotel under a name I do not recall \* \* \*."

At the Fort Meigs Hotel, Toledo, Agent Dowd interviewed Elliot Procter, Manager, and ascertained from him that on October 1, 1935, the Hotel was taken over by Albert Pick and Company of Chicago from the San Davis Company, and with the exception of himself and a few other employees who have been connected with the Hotel for quite a number of years, the personnel had changed considerably, that the records prior to October 1, 1935 are filed away in the attic of the Hotel and little attention has been paid to their preservation. There is no way of checking the names of the guests of the Hotel by each month; the system of filing employed is to file the names of the guests alphabetically during a period of six months. With the assistance of Mr. Procter and his assistant, Kenneth Brittan, the known aliases of Russell Gibson, Dr. Joseph P. Moran, Oliver A. Berg and James J. Wilson, during the first six months period of 1934, were checked without success.

The Names of James Barrowman and James Hammond, for the same period were also checked, with the result that a registration card was found under date of May 7, 1934, bearing the name, Thomas Barrowman. This card is known as registration No. 37236, name Thos. Barrowman, 810 Diversey, Chicago, Illinois, arrival May 7, 1934, at 11:29 P.M., room assigned 504, rate \$3.50 each for two, clerk Hugh Robertson. Card bears notation, see room 503 "New Guest". There is no record of a James Hammond, but there is a record of registration of one J. Hammond, room 503 from Chicago, Illinois. Thos. Barrowman, not James Barrowman, and J. Hammond, not James Hammond, are probably the names used at the time of registration at the Hotel, as referred to in statement by James J. Wilson.

A further check of the records, particularly the duplicate guest accounts on file, reflects the following information: Account No. 37235, J. Hammond, Chicago, arrival May 7th, departure 4:30 P.M. May 11, 1934, rate of room \$3.50. The account shows that the guest paid his bill of \$18.15, that in addition to the room rent of \$3.50 for each day, the following other charges appear on the bill: May 7th paid out for sandwiches \$1.00, May 8th phone 30¢, May 9th phone 20¢, May 10th phone 20¢, May 10th food from outside and tip 75¢, May 10th "extra guest" \$1.50. Account No. 37236, Thos. Barrowman, Chicago, arrival May 7th, departure 4:30 P.M. May 11, 1934, rate of room \$3.50. The account shows that the guest paid his bill of \$17.50, that in addition to the room rent of \$3.50 for each day, the following other charges appear on the bill: May 6th sundry (radio) 50¢, May 8th sundry (radio) 50¢, May 9th sundry (radio) 50¢, May 10th phone 10¢, May 10th "extra guest" \$1.50.

Mr. Procter advised that the information contained on the registration card of Thomas Barrowman "see room 503 and new guest", indicates that two guests unknown to the Hotel, never having registered under these names before, were assigned to adjoining rooms at their request, viz., rooms 503 and 504. He further stated that Hugh Robertson, clerk, who checked the guests in is no longer with the Hotel and his present whereabouts are unknown. Thomas Barrowman and J. Hammond, according to Mr. Procter, were checked out of the Hotel on May 11, 1934, by Miss Catherine Nehiser, cashier, who is still employed by the Hotel.

An effort was made to locate the telephone slips covering local calls charged to the above named rooms, which information, Mr. Procter advised, together with any other charge out slips, are usually filed in an envelope showing the date on which such charges are made, these envelopes being stored either in the storeroom or attic of the Hotel. The telephone slips in question show the room from which the call is made, outgoing telephone number and other pertinent information. In company with an employee of the Hotel, Agent Dowd made an exhaustive search for these envelopes without success.

In addition to Mr. Procter, Manager, the following employees who were with the Hotel in 1934 and still employed there, were interviewed by Agent Dowd: Kenneth Brittan, Assistant Manager and Clerk for the past eight years; Miss L. Rooter, Cashier at the Hotel for seven years; Miss Catherine Nehiser, Cashier, eight years; Russell Ford (colored), Captain, bell boys, eleven years; Joseph Chichester (colored), Captain, bell boys, seven years; Tom Hutchinson (colored), bell boy, with the Hotel for the last four years. They were unable.

to furnish any information whatever regarding the men who occupied rooms 503 and 504 from May 7, 1934 to May 11, 1934. Photographs of a number of subjects involved in the Bremer kidnaping case were exhibited to the above named persons, particularly photographs of Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Fred and Doc Barker, C.J. Fitzgerald, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sawyer, Edna Murray, Wynona Burdette, Dolores Delaney, Paula Harmon, Russell Gibson, Dr. Joseph Moran, Oliver A. Berg and James J. Wilson, but they were unable to identify any of them.

Mr. Elliot Procter, Manager of the Ft. Meigs Hotel, rendered every possible assistance to Agent Dowd in an effort to locate the telephone slips and other charge out slips to rooms 503 and 504 during the time they were occupied by Thos. Barrowman and J. Hammond, which names were probably used by Dr. Joseph P. Moran and James Wilson.

It will be noted that a notation appeared on each of the duplicate guest accounts to the effect that an "extra guest" occupied each of the rooms on May 10, 1934. One of these guests probably was Ollie Berg, referred to in the statement of James J. Wilson, and the other possibly Slim Gray.

The original registration card No. 37236 of Thos. Barrowman and duplicate Guest Accounts (Bills) Nos. 37236 and 37235 are being retained by Mr. Elliot Procter, Manager of the Ft. Meigs Hotel, Toledo, Ohio, who stated he will be glad to turn them over to the Bureau, if requested to do so.

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Reference is made to report of Special Agent J.V. Murphy, Cleveland, Ohio, September 26, 1936, in which is set out interviews with Mrs. Fred A. Rudolph, 2831 - 131st Street, Mrs. William Siek, and her son "Buddy", 2823 - 131st Street, relative to investigation conducted by the Toledo Police Department in the early part of September 1935, after Wynona Burdette, Gladys Sawyer and Paula Harmon were arrested by the Cleveland Police Department, in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Albert Drew was located at his home, 2841 - 131st Street, Point Place, Ohio, where he was interviewed. Mr. Drew stated he does not recall that any newspaper reporters called at his house in the early part of September 1934, with reference to people who occupied the house next door, at 2831 - 131st Street, prior to the time the present occupants moved into same. He stated that he does recall that during the early part of September 1934, the exact date he cannot remember, but believes it was on a Saturday, two Toledo detectives of the Police Department came to his house and made inquiry regarding who was living at 2831 - 131st Street, which is next door; that he informed them that Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph and their daughter were living there, and that Mrs. Rudolph's father was a retired Toledo police officer. He stated these detectives were Art Langendorf and his partner "Hartzig" (phonetic). He stated he recalls that at that time these two detectives called at his home there was no one home at 2831 - 131st Street, and he does not remember whether or not the detectives waited until the Rudolphs came home; that he believes the detectives made some inquiry at the home of Mrs. Siek, which is on the other side of 2831 - 131st Street.

With reference to the raid conducted by deputy sheriffs and members of the Toledo Police Department in the latter part of January 1935, on 2831 - 131st Street, Mr. Drew stated he never gave any information at any time to Sheriff James O'Reilly concerning who might have lived at 2831 - 131st Street, which might have caused them to raid that house looking for Campbell or Karpis, after an automobile was found near Monroe, Michigan, which had been used by Karpis and Campbell to effect their escape from Atlantic City, New Jersey. Mr. Drew stated that he was driving a cab about this time, and there is also another man living in that vicinity in Point Place, Ohio, named Albert "Ed" Telzro, who operates the Toledo Cab Company, and has a stand at the Waldorf Hotel, corner of Madison and Summit Streets, Toledo, and Telzro may have furnished the information to Sheriff O'Reilly which caused the raid; however, he has never heard anything which would lead him to believe that such information was furnished by Telzro. Mr. Drew stated he does not know of any restaurant owners in the vicinity of his home.

Mr. Drew stated that while operating a taxi cab during the summer of 1934 he often was called to haul the entertainers from the



Little Casino Club after closing time; that he recalls two colored women, called "Big Nell" and "Crippled Nell" were employed at this Club as entertainers; that often when answering calls at the Little Casino Club, he saw George Timiney and his girl, Deane Allen, at the Little Casino Club in a drunken condition; that they discontinued calling his cab to the Little Casino Club and started using the cabs of Frank Greenwald, who operates The Private Cab Company.

Mr. Drew stated that if Agents desired information regarding the Karpis-Barker gang hanging out at the Little Casino Club in summer of 1934, they might obtain same from Gus Warnke who was a chef at this Club at that time, and no doubt can tell "plenty"; that Gus Warnke is a brother of Ed Warnke, who operates a gambling joint on St. Clair Street called the Jovial Club. Mr. Drew stated that he heard that Bert Angus still owes Gus Warnke for services rendered as chef, and no doubt, Gus is not on friendly terms with the Angus brothers.

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Reference is made to report of Special Agent J.V. Murphy, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, September 12, 1936, incorporating signed statement of Gertrude Billeter/Miller.

On September 28, 1936, Special Agents H.B. Dill and J.V. Murphy again interviewed Gertrude Billeter Miller at the home of her mother. When Agents arrived at the home of her mother, Gertrude inquired of Agents as to the nature of the information they wished to obtain by watching her mother's house from houses in the neighborhood. She stated she had been informed by the landlord, from whom her mother rents, that he, the landlord, had been requested by persons in that neighborhood to have Mrs. Billeter and her, Gertie, move from that neighborhood because of her, Gertie's, reputation; that a few nights ago, within the past week, the landlord informed her mother that two men were in his back yard and when he heard them there, he went back to where they were and was informed by them that they were "the law"; that he believed these men to be "G-Men", however, they gave no identification other than to state they were "the law"; that the landlord went up three dollars a month on the rent because of her; that the landlord also told her mother that two men, who represented themselves as being "the law" had concealed themselves near houses in the neighborhood other than that occupied by the landlord and appeared to be watching the Billeter home, but that she, Gertrude, did not know the purpose of this surveillance. Gertrude also stated that recently large automobiles had passed her mother's home and had blown the horn, evidencing the fact that they were somewhat interested in her activities around the house, and apparently endeavoring to get her to come out; that on Saturday night, September 26, 1936, a large black automobile passed her mother's house and this car had two men in it and they blew the horn as they passed. Gertrude stated that this happened about 10:00 P.M. and she was in bed at the time, and she did not see the car, but her mother told her about it. She stated, however, that she had seen two large automobiles pass her house recently which looked very suspicious to her; that she did not get the license number, notice the make of the automobile or recognize the occupants of same. Gertrude stated she has seen a black car and a tan car pass her house and blow the horn, within the past week, but she was unable to furnish any information regarding the automobiles or their occupants. Gertrude stated she has been very much worried because of these automobiles, and now since she knows it was not agents of this Bureau making this surveillance, she is even more worried in view of the possibility that it may be some members of gangs with whom her husband, Harry Campbell, was connected, and persons who intend to do her harm.

Upon being questioned as to when she last heard of or saw Milton Lett, Gertrude stated she last saw Milton Lett about two weeks before Harry Campbell was apprehended, and she has never heard from Milton Lett, and knows of no reason why he would communicate with her.

She stated she never learned through her husband, Harry Campbell, nor anyone else where Milton Lett might be located or how he could be contacted.

She was questioned with reference to Harry Campbell having been financially interested in slot machines in Lucas County, Ohio, or elsewhere. To this she stated that so far as she knew, he had no interest in any slot machines; that, however, it was quite possible for him to have interests in slot machines and she not know it, as he talked to her very little about his personal affairs. She stated Harry Campbell never at any time mentioned to her that he was in any way connected with Tom Worland. She stated that if she thought she could regain any investment made by her husband, Harry Campbell, in the slot machine business, she would make every effort to do so, but has no idea where such investment, if any, were ever made. She stated she would make efforts to ascertain if her husband, Harry Campbell, had made any investment in the slot machine business, but would not write to Harry for such information, for the reason that if he wanted her to know of such an investment, he would have told her before now.

Gertrude stated that the last time she received a letter from Harry was about a week ago, and in this letter he referred to only personal matters.

Gertrude stated the first time she knew the true identity of Harry Campbell was the morning of May 7, 1936, when he was arrested by agents of this Bureau in their apartment in Toledo; that she never knew the true identity of Alvin Karpis and Milton Lett, when they visited her husband, Harry Campbell, at McGraw's rooming house, and although she saw Alvin Karpis' photograph in magazines and newspapers, she never connected the photograph with Alvin Karpis, as being the man called "Sonny", who came to McGraw's place. She stated she never saw Harry Campbell's photograph in any magazines or newspapers and although her husband, Harry Campbell, frequently bought detective magazines, she does not recall having seen his photograph in any of these magazines. While Gertrude declared that she had no reason to question the true identity of her husband, Bob Miller (Harry Campbell), it is believed by agents that she did know the true identity of her husband prior to his apprehension, although she may not have known his true identity at the time she married him. She will be again interviewed at a later date in an effort to secure further information from her.

Gertrude stated that she intends to get her marriage with Harry Campbell annulled, if she can do so. That, however, she does not intend to attempt to have this marriage annulled unless she is first assured that she can do so without Campbell being notified of such.

Gertrude appeared to be cooperative at the time she was interviewed by agents and it is believed that further interviews will be to the advantage of the Bureau.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A.J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on September 29, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E.J. Wynn, dated 6/13/36 at Cleveland, Ohio, wherein on page 33, mention is made of a visit on May 8, 1936, to the apartment of Gertrude Billeter Campbell by Charles Connell and Dave Braddock, following the apprehension of Campbell.

Dave Braddock, 2144 Warren Street, Toledo, Ohio, was brought to the temporary Bureau offices at 513 Edison Building, for interview. He informed that he is 48 years of age, married and has two children. During his residence in Toledo for the past twenty years, he has been employed as a cook at hotels and restaurants, and for the past two weeks has been so employed by the Fort Meigs Hotel, Toledo.

Braddock informed that he has known Sheriff James O'Reilly for a number of years, although he is not intimately acquainted with him. In 1934 he operated a lunch counter in Frank Gordon's Tavern at 900 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio, next door to the Delmar Lunch at 908 Monroe, operated by Fred Goulet. Braddock informed that he occasionally dropped in to the Delmar, and after making the acquaintance of Goulet, continued to patronize him when Goulet moved to 2130 Monroe Street. Braddock informed that he also met Gertie Billeter at the Delmar Lunch and that she at that time kept company with Paul, the night bartender at Gordon's, whom she occasionally introduced as her husband.

While at Goulet's Grill, he made the acquaintance of Connell, who alleged that he was a deputy sheriff under Sheriff O'Reilly, and who would occasionally buy him a few drinks.

On the morning following the apprehension of Campbell, Braddock stated that he stopped at the Goulet Grill to get a drink, at which time Connell, who was present, invited him to drink with him, which invitation Braddock accepted. Connell had apparently been drinking at Goulet's Grill all morning. It appeared, Braddock stated, that Connell had endeavored to talk to Gertie Billeter and was unsuccessful in gaining admission to her apartment. He then asked Braddock if he knew Gertie, and when Braddock replied in the affirmative, Connell asked to meet her, to which request Braddock consented. After drinking several bottles of beer, Connell and he proceeded to Gertie's apartment where Braddock knocked at the door. When Gertie did not open the door, he stated to Gertie that it was he, Dave Braddock, and that he had a man with him who wanted to meet her.

Gertie then opened the door and Braddock introduced Connell as being from the Sheriff's Office. Connell then informed her that she was not to say anything and if he could do her any good, to call him. Braddock could not recall if Connell requested her to call

Sheriff O'Reilly or his office, but recalled that Connell advised her not to say anything about the dog. Braddock related that it was his opinion that Connell wanted to tip Gertie off about O'Reilly's association with Campbell, but that he never discussed O'Reilly's associations with Campbell, with Connell.

Braddock stated that he was not acquainted with Campbell and failed to identify his photograph. On no occasion had he seen O'Reilly in Goulet's Grill with Campbell or Gertie, although O'Reilly spent a great deal of his time around Goulet's Grill as well as the Delmar Lunch when Goulet was operating at that place. Braddock stated that he was not acquainted with Fred or Clara McGraw and knew nothing of the activities of these people.

He further stated that he is well acquainted with Esther Goulet, who is presently employed by George Sullivan at Turf Bar, located on the corner of Monroe and St. Clair Streets, Toledo, and knew nothing of her associations or activities.

During his residence at Toledo, Braddock worked in a number of night clubs and cafes, the last place being the Torti's Inn at Maumee, Ohio, which place is being operated by Joe Torti, a chauffeur, for Joe and Ben Fretti. It is the latter's intention to open gambling rooms on the second floor. Braddock was discharged by Fretti for drinking while on duty at this place.

Braddock stated his biggest weakness is his love for liquor and he is unable to hold steady employment because of this. This was borne out by the fact that on the morning of the interview, Agents discovered Braddock in a partially intoxicated condition at Gordon's Grill. Braddock stated that it was customary for him to have several drinks before reporting for work each morning. He admitted that he was a confirmed drunkard.

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The Toledo "News-Bee" was examined by Special Agent N.S. Harzenstein for the month of August 1934, and the following items found therein:

Aug. 18, 1934  
Page 1.

London, Ontario. U.P. Re/ Labatt kidnaping. Fingerprint found on kidnaping auto being compared with those of Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker and Fred Barker, three of the most desperately hunted criminals in the United States, who are charged with the abduction of Edward G. Bremer.

Sept. 7, 1934.  
Page 1.

Cleveland, Ohio. Arthur and Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis and unknown man escape capture. Three women, Mrs. Ethel Matterson, of Cleveland, Mrs. Wynona Wolcott, of Toledo, and Mrs. Grace Sawyer of St. Paul. Karpis and the Barkers are wanted for the Bremer kidnaping.

The Toledo "News-Bee" for month of October 1934 was examined by Special Agent H.B. Dill and no news items regarding this case were found therein.

The Toledo "News-Bee" for month of November 1934 was examined by Special Agent R.A. Guerin and the following news items found therein:

Nov. 29, 1934,  
Page 1.

Washington, D.C. U.P. "Who's Number One Now?" Article refers to killing of Agents Hollis and Cowley, but small insert in middle of article says Alvin Karpis and Arthur Barker, leaders of St. Paul kidnap gang, are still at large.

Nov. 29, 1934,  
Page 1.

Chicago, Ill. U.P. Alvin Karpis believed by Government men to have been with Nelson at time of killing of Hollis and Cowley. Alvin Karpis, St. Paul gangster, is wanted for kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

The Toledo "News-Bee" for month of December 1934 was examined by Special Agent J.V. Murphy, and the following news items found therein:

Dec. 5, 1934,  
Page 1.

Chicago, Ill. Widow of "Baby Face" Nelson grilled by U.S. Agents about Dillinger gang.

Dec. 5, 1934  
Page 1.

Toledo. Police Blush, Woman Rants after False Arrest Here. (Story about Toledo Police picking up a woman as Mrs. "Baby Face" Nelson, and then learned that Mrs. Nelson had been in custody at Chicago for a week.)

Dec. 8, 1934  
Page 1.

Toledo. Wolfe Target of New Move. "Syndicate would put Chief into Inspector's job to gain control."

Dec. 11, 1934,  
Page 1.

Davey Brands Toledo Haven for Criminals.

Dec. 14, 1934,  
Page 1.

Toledo. Pair of Midwest Bank Robbing Specialists Now Principal Public Enemies Still at Large. (Story that Arthur R. Barker and Alvin Karpis, expert bank robbers, are also wanted for kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul.)

The Toledo "News-Bee" for month of February 1935 was examined by Special Agent M.S. Harzenstein, and following news items found therein:

Feb. 8, 1935,  
Page 1.

Yorkville, Ill. Department of Justice Agents search for "desperate man" who escaped from two Federal Agents Wednesday night. They indicated it was Jess Doyle, member of Barker-Karpis gang, but he was reported under arrest in Girard, Kansas. One rumor said fugitive was Alvin Karpis, current Public Enemy Number One.

Feb. 18, 1935,  
Page 5.

Joplin, Mo. George Barker hoped he could collect the \$18,000 estate of his son, Fred Barker, slain in Florida. Barker's former wife also was killed when she and Fred resisted Federal officers.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent E.J. Dowd at Toledo, Ohio, on September 30, 1936.

A memorandum was received from Special Agent E.J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated September 29, 1936, requesting a copy of the City Ordinance which was recently passed in Toledo, Ohio, with reference to pin ball games and slot machines, including the date the ordinance passed, the members of the Council who voted on it, with an indication as to how they voted, the date the ordinance went into effect and the penalties provided by the ordinance.



Agent interviewed Frank Stone, Assistant Clerk of the Council, Safety Building, Toledo, Ohio, and secured from him a copy of ordinance #186-36 and ordinance #234-36, relative to licensing and regulating mechanical amusement devices.

Ordinance #186-36 was passed on July 6, 1936, and went into effect thirty days later. The minutes of the Council reflect that the meeting took place at 4:45 P.M., and a record of the members who voted is as follows: YEAS: John Q. Carey, Aaron Cohn, Frank Consaul, Edward D. Angelo, David Goodwillie, Charles Hoover and Roy Start, Mayor. NAYS: Philip Murphy and Addison Thatcher.

Ordinance #234-36 was passed as an emergency measure at a meeting of the Council on August 3, 1936, and went into effect immediately. All of the above named Councilmen voted for the measure.

The Ordinances in question are as follows:

**"AN ORDINANCE NO. 186-36**

To license and regulate mechanical amusement devices and to provide a penalty for the violation thereof.

"Whereas, there are being exhibited in the City of Toledo mechanical amusement devices, the exhibition and use of which it is the intent of Council to regulate in the interests of the public safety and welfare, now, therefore,

Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Toledo:

"Sec. 1. Definition. A mechanical amusement device is hereby defined as a machine which, upon the insertion of a coin or slug, operates, or may be operated, for use as a game, contest or amusement of any description, or which may be used for any such game, contest or amusement, and which contains no automatic pay-off device for the return of slugs, money, coins, checks, tokens or merchandise, or which provides for no such pay-off by any other means or manner.

"Sec. 2. No person, firm or corporation shall exhibit a mechanical amusement device, as hereinbefore defined, without first obtaining a license therefor from the Commissioner of Treasury. Such license shall be issued after application to the Commissioner of Treasury, and such license and application shall be in such form as he may require. No license to operate any amusement device shall be granted until the Director of Public Safety has approved the application, after having satisfied himself that such a device is

not a gambling device, or will not be used for gambling.

"Sec. 3. Upon the issuance of a license, as hereinbefore required, the Commissioner of Treasury shall collect for each machine licensed the sum of Ten (10) Dollars, except penny machines for which he shall collect three (3) dollars each, as an annual license fee, which shall continue in effect until the first day of July following the issuance of the license; unless revoked prior thereto, and he shall cause to be affixed to every amusement device so licensed a seal bearing the license number and year license was issued. The Commissioner of Treasury is authorized to permit the transfer of a license issued for one amusement device to another amusement device upon good and proper showing that the amusement device from which such license is transferred has been taken out of use in the City of Toledo, and no such amusement device so taken out of use in the City of Toledo, shall be placed back in use until a license has been secured for it.

"Sec. 4. No person, firm or corporation, by himself or another, or otherwise, shall give any prize, award, merchandise, gift or anything of value to any player or to any operator of such mechanical amusement device, or to any contestant for a high score made on said device.

"Sec. 5. No mechanical amusement device, as herein defined, shall be permitted to be exhibited within the limits of the City of Toledo, unless the same shall bear the seal of the Commissioner of Treasury, showing the number and year of the license issued for the operation of such device, and suitable identification marks and numbers, which identification marks and numbers shall be written by the Commissioner of Treasury upon the license. No such device shall be exhibited within four hundred feet of any premises occupied by any school building.

"Sec. 6. No person, firm, or corporation shall operate any mechanical amusement device, nor shall a license be issued therefor, which is so constructed that the same may be converted into an automatic pay-off device, which will discharge coins, slugs, checks, or other tokens to the operator or player of such device.

"Sec. 7. Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not exceeding Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) or imprisoned not exceeding thirty (30) days, or both, and each day of such violation shall constitute a separate offense.

"Sec. 8. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, or part of this ordinance shall, for any reason, be adjudged or decreed to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment or decree shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this ordinance, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph or part hereof involved in the controversy in which said judgment or decree shall have been rendered.

"Sec. 9. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

"Passed: July 6, 1936--recess session.

ROY C. START,  
Mayor.

Attest: L.W. DAVIS,  
Clerk of Council."

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"AN ORDINANCE NO. 234-36

"Amending Ordinance No. 186-36, relative to licensing and regulating mechanical amusement devices, and declaring an emergency.

"Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Toledo:

"Sec. 1. That Section 7 of original Ordinance No. 186-36, be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 7. Any person violating any provision of this ordinance, shall, upon conviction, be fined not exceeding Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), and each day of such violation shall constitute a separate offense, and upon such conviction the Chief of Police may revoke any license."

"Sec. 2. That original Section 7 of said Ordinance No. 186-36, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

"Sec. 3. That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety and welfare, and shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

"Vote on Emergency Clause, yeas 9, nays 0.

\*Passed: Aug. 3, 1936,--recess session, as an emergency measure, yeas 9, nays 0.

ROY C. START,  
Mayor.

Attest: L.W. Davis,  
Clerk of Council

A request was also made in the same memorandum from Agent Wynn to secure the criminal record, if any, of one Harold 'Nig' Cousins from the Toledo Police Department.

Agent interviewed John H. Louy, Superintendent of the Bureau of Identification and Records of the Toledo Police Department, and after making a thorough search, Mr. Louy advised that Harold 'Nig' Cousins, who is a gambler at Toledo, Ohio, has no known criminal record.

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The Toledo News-Bee for the month of March 1935, was examined by Special Agent N.S. Harzenstein, nothing of interest to the investigation being found therein. The Toledo News-Bee for the month of April 1935 was examined by Special Agent N.S. Harzenstein, and the following items of interest were found:

April 9, 1935 San Francisco, U P Department of Justice agents reported  
p. 11, col. 3 hunting "Alvin Karpis, the last 'big-shot' gangster remaining at large," between Reno, Nevada, and San Francisco.

April 18, 1935 St. Paul UP At Bremer trial, victim identifies Harold  
p. 9, col. 5, 6. Alderton and Elmer Farmer. John Brenner, "agent of Federal Justice Department," connects Arthur (Doc) Barker with the case. "Barker...shared leadership of the notorious Barker-Karpis gang...with Alvin Karpis, fugitive public enemy No. 1."

The Toledo News-Bee for the month of May 1935, was examined by Special Agent R.A. Guerin, the following pertinent items being noted:

May 17, 1935 St. Paul, UP Five Bremer kidnap principals guilty.  
p. 1, col. 7 Arthur Barker, co-leader of the notorious Barker-Karpis gang, was convicted, and sentenced to life imprisonment. J. (Boss) McLaughlin, Oliver Berg, Harold Alderton, and James Wilson were also found guilty.

May 27, 1935 (caption) Karpis and Robinson Suspected. Article on  
p. 1, col. 5 Weyerhauser case. Only reason for suspecting Karpis  
p. 2, col. 3 was the fact that he was believed to be in California several months ago. Otherwise, the kidnaping bore none of the earmarks of the Karpis technique.

The Toledo News-Bee for the month of June, 1935 was examined by Special Agent N.S. Harzenstein, and the following items of interest noted:

June 3, 1935 (caption) "Aid of Karpis Pleads Guilty in Kidnaping"  
p. 1, col. 1 St. Paul UP Volney Davis pleads guilty in Bremer case, and will be sentenced together with Byron Bolton, Elmer Farmer, John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, Harold Alderton, and James J. Wilson. Arthur (Doc) Barker and Oliver Berg were previously sentenced. Karpis is suspected in the Weyerhauser case (kidnaping).

June 4, 1935 Tacoma, Wash. UP The arrest of Volney Davis is no longer  
p. 1, col. 4 believed to link Karpis with the Weyerhauser case.

June 5, 1935  
p. 1, col. 2

Bozema, Wash. ID Identity of six kidnapers of Bremer  
kidnapper known, -one is brother of the Bremer-  
kidnapper, and is also wanted for a part in the  
Bremer kidnaping.

June 8, 1935  
p. 1, col. 4

Volney Davis, Bremer kidnaper, sentenced to life  
imprisonment.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A.J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on September 25, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R.C. Suran, dated 9/5/36 at Cleveland, Ohio, wherein it is suggested that drivers of the Private Cab Company, Toledo, Ohio, operated by Frank Greenwald, alias "Greenie", be interviewed for the purpose of ascertaining if at any time they transported Karpis and Campbell, attention being given as to where the drivers picked them up, and who was in company of the fugitives if this were a fact.

Harry B. Francis, 1539 Erie Street, Toledo, Ohio, was interviewed in the temporary Bureau offices at 514 Edison Building, Toledo, Ohio, at which time he stated that he had been employed by the Private Cab Company as a driver since April 1935. Prior to that time he operated his personally owned cab at a stand in front of the Secor Hotel, Toledo, Ohio. Photographs of all members of the Barker-Karpis gang were exhibited to Francis, but he failed to identify any of them as the likenesses of anyone he had previously met or known. Further he stated that he had in no way been connected with this mob and had no information to furnish concerning it. He informed that on numerous occasions he had made calls to the Casino Club and other places that it has since developed were places the gang frequented, but he would only stop long enough to receive or discharge passengers and never entered these places. He informed that he was acquainted with Edward McGraw, having driven a cab for the McGraw Cab Company some years ago, but he personally dislikes McGraw and has never frequented his place. He further related that the only time that he ever saw Sheriff James O'Reilly was several weeks ago when he had a call to pick up a prostitute at Emma Marvin's, a notorious house of prostitution at 926 Summit Street, Toledo, Ohio, at which time Emma pointed out O'Reilly, who was sitting in a room with four or five other men unknown to him, as Jim O'Reilly.

Although he has been in the taxi-cab business for a number of years in Toledo, he could offer no information as to vice conditions nor payment of protection money in this city.

Francis informed that his nephew, Kenneth "Pumpkins" Francis, is presently employed as a driver for the Private Cab Company. It will be remembered that Mrs. John Hurley, wrestling promoter in Toledo, in an interview contained in the report of Special Agent R.C. Suran, dated 8/8/36 at Cleveland, Ohio, stated that one Arthur Carter, a fugitive from a postal violation, was a resident of the Algeo Hotel, Toledo, and moved about openly because he had a "connection". She further stated that Carter's chauffeur was "Pumpkins" Francis. Francis will be interviewed in the very near future concerning Mrs. Hurley's allegations.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A.J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on September 30, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of R.C. Suran dated 8/8/36 at Cleveland, Ohio, wherein, on page 36, it will be noted M<sup>rs</sup>. John Hurley, during an interview informed that a fugitive wanted by the Post Office authorities known to her as Carter, lived at the Algeo Hotel at Toledo, apparently with the protection of the Police Department at Toledo, Ohio. It will be further noted that Carter employed a chauffeur known to her as "Pumpkin" Francis. Francis was located and brought to the temporary office, 514 Edison Building, Toledo, Ohio, at which time he furnished the following signed statement, the original of which is being retained in the Cleveland Office files in this case:

Toledo, Ohio  
September 30, 1936

*Francis*

"I, KENNETH FRANCIS, do hereby furnish the following signed statement to Special Agents A.J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, US Department of Justice of my own free will, without threats or any promises of rewards. I am giving this signed statement because I wish to tell the truth of all that I know about this matter.

"I am 30 years of age, am married to Madge Connelly and was born and always lived in Toledo, Ohio, presently residing at 616 Plymouth Street in Toledo. I have been arrested on numerous occasions for bootlegging and suspicion, but have never served any prison time. In July 1932 I was employed by Jack Kennedy who was later killed by members of the Licovoli Gang in Toledo on July 7, 1933. Kennedy was operating the Studio Club at 513 1/2 St. Clair Street, Toledo, and while bartending at that place in November 1932, I made the acquaintance of an individual named 'Willie' whose photograph I have identified and marked for identification as that of Willie Harrison, Hammond, Indiana, Police Department number 1829. As I recall, Harrison was a steady patron of the Studio Club for four or five days.

"I have also been shown a full length photograph of Russell Gibson whom I have identified and marked for identification as the person known to me as 'Slim', who was Harrison's companion during the time that he was at the Studio Club. I distinctly remember that there was a quarrel between two patrons and during this argument, 'Slim' butted in, drew his revolver and shot himself in the leg accidentally. At that time Kennedy took a liking to Harrison and asked would he work for him. Harrison told Kennedy that he did not have any money but, he would be willing to shoot a few Italians who were members of the Licovoli mob. About May



1933, Kennedy and myself went to Chicago to book a floor show for the Black Hawk Cafe, 513 1/2 St. Clair Street, Toledo, Ohio. At Chicago we registered at the Croyden Hotel, corner of Rush and Ontario Streets where we met Marty Quirk and Harrison and an individual named Fritz. I again met Harrison the following month at the Black Hawk Cafe, Toledo, Ohio, when he dropped in en route through Toledo. This was the last time I saw Willie Harrison.

"Following the killing of Jack Kennedy, I went to New York City where I stayed until about September 1933 when I went to work for the Waldorf Brewery Company at 69th and Union Streets, Cleveland, Ohio. I returned to Toledo November 1933 for the trial of 'Wop' English for the murder of Jack Kennedy. I was held at the County Jail at Toledo, Ohio, for 46 days as a material witness but was never called to testify.

"Following my release from the Toledo County Jail, I went to work for the Private Cab Company, at Toledo, Ohio, and which was owned by Frank Greenwald, in January 1934, I continued to work for Greenwald up until June 1934. During the time that I was employed for the Private Cab Company between January and June 1934 I answered many calls for a taxi at the Casino Club, Point Place, and also I have been shown photos of members of the Barker Karpis mob, I cannot recall that any of these persons were seen by me at this place. However, I recall on a number of occasions having seen Captain George Timiney of the Toledo Police Department, as well as Art Langendorf as well as other members of the hoodlum squad. I never made a practice of entering the Casino Club when making my calls because there was great animosity between me and Ted and Bert Angus. The reason for this animosity was due to the fact that the Angus's had financed a brewery for Jack Kennedy, and after a little friction between them, Kennedy and I took possession of the equipment for our own use.

"I am well acquainted with Joe Roscoe, Coolie Monroe, Rene Holst, and Madeline Angus, but never recall having seen these individuals in the company of those persons whose photographs I have been shown as members of the Barker-Karpis mob.

"When I left the Private Cab Company in 1934, I went to the Waldorf Brewery Company to obtain employment but failed to do so. I had a friend, Earl Stubby Brazio who

formerly worked at Jovial Club, 631 St. Clair Street, Toledo and who at that time was employed at the Harvard Club, Cleveland, Ohio, operated by Shimmy Patton, Art Eebebrand and Bill Fergus. I loafed around the Harvard Club for about three weeks. At no time while at the Harvard Club during that period did I see any of the members of the Barker Karpis mob, photos of which were shown to me. After leaving Cleveland, Ohio, I made a trip around the country and returned to Toledo, Ohio, about November 1934. I was again employed by the Private Cab Company in November 1934 and worked until March 1935. I left because of an argument with Greenwald, and I then went to work for the Knight Cab Company in Toledo. I left the employ of the Knight Cab Company in September 1935 and was then unemployed until the latter part of November at which time I was again employed by Greenwald.

"About December 21, 1935, I received a call from Edward McGraw, 2011 $\frac{1}{2}$  Adams Street at the Private Cab Company to pick up a fare at his rooming house. When I arrived at McGraws, I rang the bell and Ed McGraw told me to wait down stairs. A few minutes elapsed when an individual whose photograph I have been shown and marked for identification as that of Sam Coker, #14023, came down from McGraws, entered my cab and asked that I drive him around for a short while. I drove Coker in and around Toledo for 30 minutes and then returned him to McGraws. I received two dollars for this call which ordinarily would have cost seventy five cents.

"The same night about midnight, McGraw again called again by telephone and requested that one of the drivers get a case of beer and deliver it to 2011 $\frac{1}{2}$  Adams Street. I purchased the beer at Cooley's Drug Store on corner of Madison and Michigan Streets and delivered it to McGraw's house. When I arrived at McGraws I saw Tommy, whom I know now as Coker, Louie, whose true name I believe is Louis Kestel, and Ed and Clara McGraw. They were sitting in the kitchen at the time of my arrival. During the following two weeks I received about fifteen calls from Tommy at McGraws.

"Shortly after Christmas of December 1935, I received a call from McGraw about 9:00 P.M., and when I arrived there Clara McGraw told me to wait there for fifteen minutes. In about ten minutes three men came down from McGraws and from photographs exhibited to me I identified photographs of Alvin Karpis which I have marked for identification as one of the men, Sam Coker as the second man, and known to me as 'Tommy'.

whose photograph I have marked for identification, and a third man whom I would describe as, weight 180 lbs, height 5' 10", about 40 years of age, well dressed, clean shaven whose identity I do not know at this time. Tommy asked me what the charge per hour would be for using the cab, and I advised him the charges would be two dollars and fifty cents. They consented and I drove them to Kelly's Saloon and Restaurant at 20th and Adams Street, where they bought a drink. I then drove them to the Madison Buffet at Madison and Erie Streets and after driving them about the town awhile, I discharged them at the Paramount Theatre, they gave me five dollars, two fifty of which was a tip. About 11:30 P.M., the same night, I was again called at Greenwalds, and Tommy was calling for a cab at the Paramount Theatre. I called for the above named individuals at the Paramount Theatre and drove them to Ed McGraws and they paid me fifty cents for the trip. About 1:30 or 2:00 A.M., the following morning, Ed McGraw again placed a call to the Private Cab and I answered the call. When I went into the kitchen, I noticed that two girls and two men were sitting in the front room, but it was so dark that I could not identify the persons sitting there. Ed McGraw invited me to have a bottle of beer and I sat in the kitchen and drank two bottles with Ed and Clara McGraw, old Louie and Tommy. Karpis and the unknown man were not in the kitchen, and I assumed that they were the two men with the girls. About fifteen minutes later, Ed McGraw told me that Tommy was ready, and I went down with him and one of the girls. Tommy told me to drive to Putnam and Irving Avenues, Toledo, at which point he left the girl out. I watched her walk towards Franklin Avenue and I then drove Tommy back to McGraws. McGraws appeared to be quite friendly with Sam Coker, and about a month later I heard rumors that Karpis and his mob had been in town, but I do not recollect where I heard these rumors.

"About two weeks after I first met Coker, about the middle of January, I drove he and another fellow, whose identity I do not know from McGraws to the Union Station in Toledo, and I heard Coker say that he was going to Chicago. I observed that Coker refused to let the porter at the depot handle his baggage. That was the last time that I saw Coker.

"I worked for Greenwald until February 1936, and I again went to work for the Knight Cab Company until July 1936, and then went to work for Art Hand at the Dutch Village

for about six weeks. About September 14, 1936 I again went to work for the Private Cab Company where I am presently employed. I wish to state at no time have I ever seen Harry Campbell, whose photograph has been shown to me.

"I have read the foregoing statement consisting of four typewritten pages, and the facts I have given are true to the best of my knowledge and recollection. I have initialed each page, and signed the fourth page.

"I have read these four pages of this statement.

/s/ Kenneth Francis  
Kenneth Francis

A.J. Norstrom  
A. Dickstein  
Special Agents  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
1448 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio."

In addition to the facts set forth in the statement of Kenneth Francis, he informed that while bartending for Jack Kennedy at the Studio Club, he made the acquaintance of one Arthur Carter who at that time was living at the Algeo Hotel, although, he stated, he was not aware at that time, Carter was wanted by the U.S. Postal authorities for using the mails to defraud. Carter had been convicted in New York for operating a "Bucket Shop", and had been released on a \$12,500 appeal bond, which he had defaulted. Francis stated that it was apparently well known around the Algeo Hotel that Carter was a fugitive and, although Captain George Timiney and members of his hoodlum squad came into daily contact with Carter, no effort was ever made to arrest him. He stated that Carter later employed him as his chauffeur, and Carter and he lived together at the Algeo Hotel, and later at the Secor Hotel, Toledo, Ohio. He recalled that about the time of his employment, Captain Timiney told Carter to get rid of him, Francis, the reason being given, Francis assumed, that he might have been too talkative. About the latter part of November 1932, Carter and he made a trip to Seattle, Washington, where Carter married a former moving picture actress. Returning to Toledo, Francis was arrested by two city detectives at Columbus, Ohio, on January 27, 1932, as a companion of Carter, and was held eleven days and released. Carter was arrested the following day at Columbus and was taken to the U.S. Detention Farm at Milan, Michigan, to serve a five year sentence, from which institution he was to be released on September 30, 1936, the date of interview.

Francis informed that at no time had Carter told him of any protection money paid by him to Captain Timiney, but that he was certain that Timiney must have known of Carter's identity, although Carter never told him that this was true.

He further related that following his arrest, he was the bodyguard of Jack Kennedy until Kennedy's death. He related that Kennedy and he were living together in a cottage at Point Place, Ohio, and that Kennedy was walking to the store to purchase some cream, when he met his death by members of the Licovoli mob. Francis was in the cottage at the time, but since that date, Kennedy's associates and relatives have been decidedly cool toward him, and that they felt that he was not on the job when Kennedy was killed. He further related that "Joker", Kennedy was Jack Kennedy's uncle. Further, he stated that the friction between Kennedy and the Licovoli mob, arose over Kennedy's refusal to pay twenty five per cent of his earnings to the Licovoli mob. As a matter of interest, he stated that Kennedy's earnings four months prior to his death at the "Black Hawk", were fifty five thousand dollars. He also stated that Kennedy absolutely refused to pay protection to the police department. In view of his association with Kennedy, he said that he could not get in close with those who know the activities of the police department and could not give any specific instances of protection money being paid.

He is well acquainted with Joe Roscoe, but had no information tending to link Roscoe with the activities of the Barker Karpis gang in and about Toledo.

He stated that he was never "pushed around" by the police at Toledo, because he did not have money enough to make it worth the while for the police department. He also advised that he did not believe that "Firetop", Sulkin and "Wop" English were responsible for the murder of Kennedy, but that he believes the persons responsible for this murder are still at liberty. He declined to further discuss this particular case.

It should be noted that photographs of Milton Lett, Fred Hunter, and John Brock were exhibited to Kenneth Francis, but he failed to identify any of them as the likenesses of the third individual with Karpis and Coker at McGraws, as previously mentioned in his statement. It may be possible that this third individual may have been the individual called "Sam" who participated in the mail train robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio.

It will be noted that while agents were interviewing Kenneth Francis, he appeared very cooperative, and in all probability, would make an excellent witness.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A.J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on September 28, 1936:

Reference is being made to the report of Special Agent R.C. Suran, dated 9/5/36, at Cleveland, Ohio, wherein is set out the names of several drivers of the Private Cab Company, Toledo, Ohio, which company is owned and operated by Frank Greenwald who has admitted transporting members of the Barker Karpis mob at Toledo, Ohio.

In this connection, interview was had with William Wilson Wirick, 415 - 3rd Street, Toledo, Ohio, one of the drivers therein mentioned. Wirick advised that he is 43 years of age, is married, has two children, that he is not residing with his family; also, that for the past 28 years he has been driving taxi cabs in and about Toledo, Ohio. At the present time he is employed by the General Wheel Company, Toledo, Ohio, and has been so employed since April 9, 1936; for the past three years he has been employed by the Private Cab Company at intervals, and by the General Wheel Company, working for the latter company from July to December each year. He advised that he had left the employ of the Private Cab Company on April 9, 1936, because of a dispute he had with Greenwald.

Wirick was reluctant to disclose any information in his possession concerning the matter under investigation, the reason being that he was in fear of being called as a witness to testify as to his knowledge of relevant facts in this matter. However, after some discussion, he stated that he might be able to furnish some information of interest, but that under no circumstances would he testify as to these facts. He further stated that he did not wish to be a "Copper", as his livelihood depended upon the people more or less involved in this investigation.

At the outset Wirick stated that he has known Greenwald for a number of years, and that it was no secret that Greenwald catered to a particular type of trade, namely, anyone associated with rackets. He further related that for the past fifteen years, Greenwald has had the confidences of all the big time gamblers and racketeers in Toledo, and that such people would make every effort to patronize him in preference to other cab operators in the city. Although Greenwald had a number of other drivers working for him, yet there were a number of customers who would insist upon his personal service. He further stated that it was a mutual understanding between the drivers that the identity of their "fares" should not be disclosed. Consequently, Wirick was not in a position to state exactly as to the identity of persons driven by Greenwald. However, he stated that he personally had on numerous occasions driven Bert and Ted Angus, Joe Roscoe, and a number of their associates. In this connection, he stated that he

had made many trips to the Casino Club, Point Place, Toledo, such trips being made in response to telephonic requests from patrons of the Casino Club. He stated further that it was not a customary practice to enter the Casino Club, when calling for his customers, other than to announce his arrival to Bert or Ted Angus. During such visits, however, he stated that sometimes he would be invited to a drink by his prospective customers, but although he accepted these invitations, it was not a practice to sit at the table with these customers, but to have his drink at the bar alone. Under these circumstances, he was able to take note of those present at the time.

Photographs of members of the Barker-Karpis mob were then exhibited to Wirick, and upon careful examination of them stated that Sam Coker, William Weaver, Jimmy Wilson and Harry Campbell were known to him, they having been his customers during 1934, 1935 and 1936. However, he stated that the names and identities of these individuals were not known to him, but that he was able to identify them from their photographs as individuals whom he had driven from time to time. Upon examination of the photograph of Alvin Karpis he stated that this individual's photograph seemed familiar but that he was unable to state positively as to where he had seen this person.

With particular reference to William Weaver and Jimmy Wilson, he stated that he recalls having seen these individuals at the Casino Club in the summer of 1934, but he declined to be explicit as to what circumstances or specific dates other than to state that they were among ten or fifteen other guests at the Casino Club. Agents attempted to ascertain the identities of the persons with the above mentioned individuals, but Wirick was unable to furnish this information. From what he had subsequently learned, these individuals were apparently members of the Barker Karpis mob, but he was unable to identify them as such at the time. It was very obvious to note that Wirick was reluctant to discuss any incidents which occurred at the Casino Club, although every effort was made by Agents to have Wirick elaborate and be more specific as to his statements in this regard.

With reference to Sam Coker and Harry Campbell, he informed that although he had driven these individuals on numerous occasions, he was never aware of their names or identities until they were apprehended by Bureau agents. After identifying Campbell's photograph, he recalled that he first saw this individual at the Casino Club on several occasions in the early summer of 1934. Later Campbell became a regular customer of the Private Cab Company and on a number of occasions he drove him to Edith Barry's house of prostitution at 524 Southard Street, as well as to Johnny Thomas' bar room and gambling establishment at 216 1/2 Superior Street, Toledo, Ohio. In this connection Wirick recalled that he never received a call to pick Campbell up at his home, but that in each instance, upon

telephonic request, he took Campbell to and from Edith Barry's, or Thomas', to the Dutch Village or The Little Club, operated by Charlie Haymaker. He was vigorously questioned by Agents as to the name he inquired for when calling for Campbell, to which he replied that the call was always made by the proprietor of the establishment, either Johnny Thomas or Edith Barry, and that he was never aware of the identities of his customers prior to his arrival. Although Wirick stated that he had driven Campbell on several occasions, only once during these times did Campbell's wife accompany him. At this particular time he believed he had driven Campbell on a tour of night clubs in and around Toledo, Ohio.

Wirick further advised that he had driven Sam Coker to Edith Barry's and Johnny Thomas', and at this point of the interview, he stated that he had known Coker as "Tommy", and on several occasions he had picked him up at the Lorraine Hotel, Toledo, and further stated that on one occasion he had driven Coker and Campbell to Johnny Thomas' and as he recalls, Thomas appeared to be very friendly to both of these individuals. Outside of Campbell he never recalled that Coker had any associates or friends and under no circumstances had he ever called for or driven any of these individuals to McGraw's call house at 2011 1/2 Adams Street, Granada Gardens, at 4579 Monroe Street, or the Goulet Grill at 2130 1/2 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio. He did recall, however, that he had driven these individuals to the 42nd Street Cafe, operated by Jack Broadway, located at 631 Broadway but was unable to recall the circumstances attendant to such trips.

Concerning Edward McGraw, Wirick stated he knew nothing concerning McGraw's recent activities and that he had a very personal dislike for him, and consequently, never frequented his establishment. He said that he had known McGraw for a number of years during which time he had never been closely associated with him and referred Agents to Frank Greenwald as the best source of information with reference to this individual. It will be noted that Greenwald had been previously interviewed, results of which interview were set out in report of Special Agent R.C. Suran, dated 9/5/36, at Cleveland, Ohio. He further stated that he had never frequented the Goulet Grill although Bert Ford, who formerly operated this restaurant, was a very close, personal friend of his.

A general discussion was had with Wirick as to vice conditions in the City of Toledo and Lucas County, to which Wirick stated it was very obvious that both the Sheriff's Office and the Police Department were affording protection to houses of prostitution and gambling establishments, but that he had no definite information concerning the activities or pay-offs to members of these departments. He stated that he recalled on numerous instances having seen police detectives at the Casino Club, but at this time could not recall the identity

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of such individuals. He further stated that Joe Roscoe had the basement of The Little Club (previously known as the Casino Club) reserved in the event that the city authorities put too much pressure on gambling in the city limits. Roscoe could then move his interests to The Little Club, which is outside the city limits, and no interference would be encountered from the Sheriff's Office.

Wirick was then asked concerning his knowledge relative to the activities of Captain George Timiney in and about Toledo, Ohio. He advised that it is common talk that Captain Timiney is furnishing protection to operators of gambling houses and slot machine operators; however, this information is only hearsay, and Wirick could not definitely state that this fact is true. He had seen Captain Timiney on several occasions at the Casino Club during 1934, 1935 and 1936. When seeing Captain Timiney at the Casino Club, Wirick stated that on these occasions, Ted or Bert Angus would drink with Timiney, and were always quite friendly.

Wirick also stated that it is known among all racketeers in Toledo that Ted and Bert Angus are known to hide any boys who are "hot", and that the Angus' bear a reputation of protecting all thieves who are being sought for the police. He further stated that even though this information he furnished is known among many of the racketeers, yet he is unable to prove this fact, nor can he furnish the names of persons who might be able to render any information of value in this connection. Agents interviewed Wirick at length in an effort to obtain the names of any persons who, from his knowledge, may have been harbored by Ted or Bert Angus. He stated that he was unable to furnish such names, and whenever the Angus were discussed, they would be referred to as crooked individuals.

Wirick also advised that during the summer of 1934 when he had called at the Casino Club pursuant to telephonic requests for a taxi cab, he observed on numerous occasions Joe Roscoe sitting with Bert or Ted Angus, and they always appeared to be busy in secret conversation. He stated, however, that Joe Roscoe had never called him, nor has he ever driven Joe Roscoe in his cabs. He understands that whenever Joe Roscoe called the Private Cab Company for a taxi and if one were not available immediately, Roscoe would obtain the service of a Red Cab.

Wirick stated that George Casper, a driver for the Red Cab Company, has been driving a taxi for many years in Toledo, Ohio, and if he were contacted, he might be able to furnish pertinent information concerning this investigation. In this connection efforts are being

made to locate George Casper for the purpose of interviewing him concerning his knowledge of the Barker Karpis mob, if he at any time had driven them around Toledo, and he will also be interviewed concerning his knowledge of gambling and vice in Toledo, and any other information he may be able to furnish concerning this investigation.

Wirick also furnished the name of George Whitmore, a bartender at Saratoga Buffet, located on the corner of Michigan and Madison Streets, Toledo, as a person who might be able to furnish information of value because Whitmore has been around Toledo, Ohio, for many years and has known many racketeers. Efforts are being made to locate Whitmore and he will also be interviewed along the lines set forth for the interview with George Casper.

Wirick refused to give a signed statement, stating that he was afraid to be called to testify as to the information which he has furnished. Further efforts will be made by Agents to re-interview William Wilson Wirick for any further information he may possess and which he may not have disclosed to agents.

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The following information was obtained from October 29, 1936, Special Agents H.F. Henderson and H. Lieberman:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent H.C. Brown, dated 8/2/36, at Cleveland, Ohio, wherein is listed former and present employees of the Private Cab Company, 580 Cherry Street, Toledo, Ohio, operated by Frank P. Greenwald who has admitted having driven Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell.

Port Tanner, 1941 Brookwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, was located and interviewed at his home by Agents. He informed that prior to March 1933, he had been employed by the Private Cab Company for several years, but subsequent to that date has been a truck driver in Toledo, as well as for the Works Progress Administration at Grand Rapids, Ohio, where he is presently employed. In view of the above, he stated that he had no information as to the present activities of Greenwald or his associates as he was not in a position to obtain such information.

When shown a photograph of Harry Campbell, he immediately identified it as a likeness of an individual he had seen in the vicinity of 22nd and Monroe Streets, Toledo, Ohio; on the several occasions that Tanner had seen Campbell, he was accompanied by a Scottie dog, whose playful nature attracted Tanner's attention to its owner. On no occasion had he ever talked to Campbell, although he resides one block from the Goulet Grill at 2130 Monroe Street, which is a well known place for the purchase of beer, nor could he recall any other details of Campbell or the Grill. He stated that in view of the fact that Campbell, he rarely leaves his home at night and consequently could furnish no further information as to activities at Goulet's Grill, nor the identities of the patrons of that place.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A.J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on September 28, 1936:

Elwood Tilton, 840 Michigan Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, advised that he was employed by Frank Greenwald as a driver for the Private Cab Company, from February 11, 1936, to September 11, 1936, and that since the latter date he has been unemployed.

Tilton informed that during the period that he was employed by Greenwald, he made several trips to the Ed. McGraw call house on 2011½ Adams Street, and to the Goulet Grill at 2130 Monroe Street, but that at no time does he recall having driven Harry Campbell, Gertrude Billeter or Sam Coker. Photographs of the Barker Karpis mob were exhibited to him, including that of Campbell and Coker, but he informed that he was unable to identify any of these photographs as likenesses of anyone he had previously known.

He informed that subsequent to the apprehension of Campbell, he recalled several incidents at McGraws and Goulet's that appeared to be significant; in April 1936, he made a trip to McGraw's call house when he drove Bert Ford and Glenn Kneisel. At that time Ford jokingly inquired of Ed. McGraw if he had a room to rent, but Clara, in all seriousness, advised that she already had a good roomer in the front room who was a good payer.

On another occasion he received a call from Tim Wilson, a city fireman, located at the Engine House at Nestlewood and Detroit Avenues, to pick him up at the Goulet Grill at 2130 Monroe Street. When he entered Goulet he saw Wilson drinking with a young couple and when this couple departed, Fred Goulet remarked that they were newlyweds. Tilton watched them enter a door next to Goulet Grill and from what he had learned after Campbell's apprehension, he believed that this was Campbell and his wife.

Other than the above he had no information to offer concerning Campbell's associates. He stated that ordinarily Greenwald handled the calls for McGraws and Goulets and the only time he ever went to these places was in response to the calls from Tim Wilson and Glenn Kneisel. He informed that he could not recall any identities of any of the persons present at McGraws at those times other than Kneisel and Ford.

He further related that in the earlier part of this year, he frequented the 42nd Street Cafe occasionally, but did not know Joe Roscoe and was not in a position to state that Roscoe or Campbell were intimate friends. He further related that he had never seen Sheriff O'Reilly at the 42nd Street Cafe.

Mrs. Bernice Tilton, also known as "Beanie", informed that her second cousin Emmet Dwyer was employed at the 42nd Street Cafe, but that she had never received information from him indicating that Roscoe was known to Campbell or other members of the Barker Karpis mob. She informed that "Baldy" Wetzel an entertainer, who lived above the cafe, with whom she was casually acquainted, had offered to obtain a job for her in a night club, which offer she had declined. She informed that in 1932 she had been an entertainer at the Hill Avenue Gardens, now operated by Tom Morland and known as the "Dugout", which at that time was operated by John Schoen, and who has an interest in the Radio Inn on Central Avenue, Toledo. During the period of such employment, she never obtained information that would indicate that there was protection money being paid county officials to openly permit gambling in violation of the law. Since 1932, she has not entertained in any night clubs in Toledo, and could furnish no information as to their present day activities.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A.J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on September 30, 1936:

Clarence Damrauer of 2524 Fulton Street, Toledo, Ohio, who in 1934 was Deputy Sheriff of Lucas County, Ohio, and presently is deputized as Special Deputy Sheriff, was interviewed with a view of obtaining from him any pertinent information relative to the association between Sheriff James O'Reilly and Harry Campbell, and for such other information which he might be able to furnish pertinent to this investigation.

Damrauer informed that he had known Sheriff O'Reilly for the past fifteen years, and first became intimately acquainted with him when O'Reilly was appointed County Detective and Probation Agent for Lucas County, Ohio, a number of years ago. He informed that he was a staunch Republican and more or less a leader in the Republican circles in the city of Toledo, Ohio. He advised that Sheriff O'Reilly was a Democrat and was seeking re-election on the Democratic Ticket in the forthcoming election. He further related that about a month ago, Joseph Delahanty, a former member of the Toledo Police Department and now Chief Deputy Sheriff, under Sheriff O'Reilly, approached him for the purpose of seeking Republican support in preference to the Republican candidate, Louis Haas, who, Damrauer stated, was not worthy of the office he seeks inasmuch as he was said to be dishonest while Police Chief in Toledo, Ohio.

In view of the unfavorable publicity Sheriff O'Reilly had received in connection with his association with Campbell, Damrauer told Delahanty that it would be necessary to get O'Reilly's version concerning the aforementioned incident, before he would give his support to O'Reilly.

A few days thereafter, Damrauer discussed the matter with Sheriff O'Reilly, who informed him in substance as follows:

O'Reilly stated that he was introduced to Campbell by Fred Goulet whom he had known for the past twenty years, at the Goulet Grill, 2130 Monroe Street. Upon their first meeting, a discussion was had relative to Scottie dogs, of which breed O'Reilly was a fancier. At that time Campbell, whom O'Reilly stated he knew as Bob Miller, offered to buy one of the Scottie dogs, but O'Reilly stated that he had nothing but female dogs, and no sale was consummated at that time. On the next occasion when O'Reilly met Campbell, O'Reilly had two Scottie dogs with him and sold one of them to Campbell for twenty five dollars. Thereafter Campbell would bring this dog to O'Reilly's quarters at the County Jail for information as to feeding and proper care of the dog. O'Reilly informed Damrauer that Goulet had introduced Campbell as a

man who was keeping company with a relative, and this fact tended to take O'Reilly completely off his guard. Thereafter Campbell frequently made visits to the Sheriff's Office, as well as to other persons at the city and county buildings, but as to the identity of other persons visited, Damrauer was not advised. O'Reilly related an instance that happened which was typical of their association and which would tend to indicate that other persons engaged in law enforcement other than himself were unable to recognize Campbell. The incident in question occurred at the "Dugout Cafe" on Hill Avenue, operated by Tom Worland, during the spring of 1936. On this occasion a "Dinty Moore" dinner was being served, and among those present were Campbell and his wife, Assistant U.S. Attorney Jerry Openlander, a Deputy U.S. Marshal and Detectives Louis Scarletto and Harry Davis of the Toledo Police Department. During the course of the evening, Campbell was playing the pin ball game located in Tom Worland's place and had placed his dog on top of the machine while playing it. The two detectives present stood beside the machine, while O'Reilly was immediately in the rear of Campbell and watched the play. O'Reilly contended that the two detectives had ample opportunity to observe Campbell on this occasion, and they too failed to recognize him. O'Reilly advanced the argument that Campbell certainly could not have been able to pay him a sum equal to the two thousand five hundred dollars offered by the U.S. Attorney General, and further, that if he had captured Campbell, it would have been a feat that would have materially enhanced his political prospects, and furthermore, this would have permanently placed him in the good graces of the voters of Lucas County, Ohio. In connection with the above, Damrauer insisted that O'Reilly had informed him that the above mentioned incident took place at the "Dugout Cafe" although previous reports in this case would indicate that this incident in fact occurred at the Granada Gardens operated by James Coleman, and was a "Jiggs" dinner, given on April 27, 1936.

Damrauer further stated that it was the consensus of opinion of people with whom he had discussed this matter that O'Reilly was not actually aware of Campbell's identity and was merely a victim of circumstances. He further related that O'Reilly had the reputation of being a good officer, but is not regarded as overly intelligent.

Damrauer stated further that while contacting various friends concerning their support of Sheriff O'Reilly, it was very obvious to him that they are anticipating voting against Sheriff O'Reilly, mainly because of his connection with Campbell. He also stated that there was very little likelihood that Sheriff O'Reilly would be re-elected.

Damrauer introduced Cecil Stickney, an attorney in the Spitzer Building, Toledo, Ohio, and who was formerly Assistant Prosecutor of

Lucas County, who had worked with Sheriff O'Reilly for four years when O'Reilly was County Detective. During this affiliation he had found him a very efficient officer. In discussing the instant matter, Mr. Stickney advised that Sheriff O'Reilly was a victim of circumstances, and that any person could have made the identical mistake, as did O'Reilly. Mr. Stickney stated further that he was a staunch Republican, and although he is not of the same political faith as O'Reilly, yet he would not accuse O'Reilly of deliberately making the mistake regarding his association with Campbell.

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As a matter of interest with respect to the present investigation being conducted at Toledo, Ohio, relative to the activities of Sheriff James O'Reilly of Lucas County, Toledo, Ohio, the following news items have been observed by Special Agents A.J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein, same being set out herein.

A news article in the Toledo Blade on September 21, 1936 reflects that at 2:15 A.M. on September 20, 1936, four Lucas County Deputy Sheriffs at the direction of Sheriff O'Reilly raided the "Dugout" on Hill Avenue and Wenz Road, in Lucas County, owned and operated by Tom Worland, 3717 Detroit Boulevard, Toledo, Ohio. Worland was arrested for violation of the State statute prohibiting "The making of a wager with dice in a public tavern".

Deputy William Lewand confiscated a pair of dice, three silver dollars and five quarters. The newspaper article further revealed that there was an estimated crowd of 1500 persons in the place at the time of the raid, and Deputies reported that the place was evidently used as a social gathering place, and Deputy Lewand reported that in the room where he found Worland with the dice in his possession, were several men seated along the wall reading newspapers, while others were playing checkers, and a few men were playing pool at the far end of the room.

Sheriff O'Reilly, when interviewed, advised reporters that the raid was made on a complaint made to his department by three newspaper men, who said they had suffered losses at the "Dugout". The Sheriff said that this was the first complaint he had received regarding gambling at the place. At that time he could not give the full names of the complainants.

A subsequent article in the Toledo Blade dated September 22, 1936, disclosed that Don Cochran, Deputy Sheriff on duty at the County Jail, informed reporters following the raid, that the raid was made as a result of the telephone call by a man giving the name of Cawthorn, to the County Jail, reporting that he saw some gambling in the "Dugout". Cochran stated that this man informed that he was a member of the press, and worked for a Toledo newspaper. Cochran said that he did not know who the newspaper man was, and he did not recognize the name, but that he expected to work all day, sifting the thing out to determine who it was who made the report since some question has been raised about it.

As an aftermath of the aforementioned raid, the following comment appeared in the Toledo Times, on September 22, 1936, in an editorial entitled, "Clean Up The County", which "quotes" as follows:

"Sheriff O'Reilly's deputies walked into the "Dugout" a drinking and gambling establishment on Hill Avenue Sunday morning and found 1500 men and women on the premises.

"The Sheriff made the feeble excuse that the raid had been prompted by newspaper men who lost money in the place. This does not ring true. In the first place newspaper men know all about public gambling and their small chances of winning, and in the second place, if they were so gullible, they would be the last ones to admit it.

"The Sheriff, no doubt, would like to pass this raid off quickly. He would like to have it hushed up, with an election a month and a half away.

"But the citizens of the county have some questions in their minds which they would like the Sheriff to answer.

"They will want to know, for instance, just how long a public gambling and drinking place of this size has existed in Lucas County.

"They will also want to know how a gambling and drinking place which brings together 1500 men and women could exist in the county without the Sheriff's Office knowing all about it.

"They will want to know why the place was not discovered and raided many months before his deputies made polite entry and seized a few silver dollars as evidence.

"It is time for the citizens of the county to know they have the same old political set-up in Lucas County they have had for many years. There have been no changes in the machinery. Only faces have been renewed.

"We have cleaned up law enforcement in the city. We now have a reputedly orderly municipality under the city manager form of government.

"The next step which should take place at the polls in November, is to clean house in the County. Restore respect for law. Wipe out special privilege and make our county roads free from organized law violation.

"This is the third (or is it the fourth) official blunder made by Sheriff Jim O'Reilly. Every voter will remember that he drank beer with Harry Campbell, the

nation's most notorious outlaw, without recognizing him. They also remember the 'framed' arrest of a Detroit criminal who walked into the Sheriff's Office and gave himself up, although the report was made to the public that the arrest was made on the downtown streets after a scuffle.

"Let us elect a Sheriff in November who will do a conscientious Sheriff's job. We recommend Louis J. Haas, former Police Chief and one of the foremost criminal hunters in the nation."

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents J.V. Murphy and H.B. Dill on September 28 and 29, 1936.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent E.J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 6/13/36, wherein on page 109 information is furnished [redacted] that a Polish employed at the Casino Club in the summer of 1934 and who is since deceased, had information that Doctor Moran was "bumped off" at the Casino Club. Reference is also made to the Polish bartender in the report of Special Agent R.C. Suran 6/27/36, it being mentioned on page ten that the widow of the Polish bartender was residing at the Mayfair Apartments with Mr. and Mrs. Inman. b7d

Inquiry at the apartment of Mrs. Inman developed that the wife of "Babe", the Polish bartender at the Casino Club, now deceased, worked at Stone's Grill on Adams Street. Inquiry at Stone's Grill and at the Waitresses' Union, 413 Michigan Street, developed that this woman's name is Mrs. Florine Brzezinski and that she is at the present time living at 856 Clark Street.

Mrs. Florine Brzezinski was located at her residence, 856 Clark Street, Toledo, Ohio. She accompanied Agents to the temporary office at Toledo, where she was interrogated and the following signed statement obtained from her:

Toledo, Ohio,  
September 29, 1936.

"I, FLORINE BRZEZINSKI, make the following free and voluntary statement to H.B. Dill and J.V. Murphy, whom I know to be Special Agents, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice. I make this statement without any threats or promises having been made to me.

"My name is Florine Brzezinski, and I reside at 856 Clark Street, Toledo, Ohio. I am the widow of Walter 'Babe' Brzezinski, who died on April 14, 1936. I married Walter on April 14, 1934, at which time he was employed in 'Casey's' Place, 2820 LaGrange Street, Toledo, Ohio. 'Babe' worked at Casey's Place about three months after we married, then went to work at the Little Casino Club on Summit Street, for Ted and Bert Angus. I believe it was about the first part of September, 1934, when 'Babe' started working at the Little Casino Club. 'Babe' worked at the Little Casino Club as a Bar Tender until Ted and Bert Angus their place at the New Casino Club on Dura Street in Toledo, and 'Babe' went to work

at the New Casino Club as Bar Tender, and worked there until about the middle of January 1936, when he became ill with blood poisoning, and died on April 14, 1936.

"While my husband 'Babe' was working at Bar Tender at the Little Casino Club on Summit Street, I would go to the Little Casino Club on Sunday nights, and sometimes two or three times during the week. I usually went there about midnight and waited for him until he quit work about 2:30 A.M., and accompany him home. During the times I visited the Little Casino Club I never mixed with the patrons there, but usually sat at the end of the bar waiting until my husband quit work. I paid little or no attention to the persons who came into the Little Casino Club while I was there, unless I knew them personally.

"As I recall the following persons were working at the Little Casino Club while my husband was working there:

- A cook by name of Marie, last name not known.
- A Waiter named Jack Smith, alias Gum Gum.
- A check room girl called "Ann", whose last name I did not know, and who worked there until about January 1935.
- A check room girl called 'Helen', last name not known, who worked about a month in January, 1935.
- A Porter called the 'Dutchman'.
- Joseph Erzezinski, porter, brother of my husband, who worked from about November 1934 to Spring of 1935.

"Bert Angus often tended bar at the Little Casino Club, but never saw Ted Angus working. Ted usually met the persons at the door and acted as a manager of the place.

"At no time did my husband 'Babe' tell me anything about a Doctor Moran being killed. I do remember that 'Babe' mentioned something at one time about a Doctor Moran being missing, but do not recall just what he said about it. I do not know Doctor Moran, and after viewing his photograph, I wish to state that I do not recall having seen him at the Little Casino Club. 'Babe' never talked to me what might have happened at the Casino Club, and very little about his personal affairs.

"I know Ludy Fleming, having met him at the New Casino Club in the early part of this year, when Mr. Fleming offered to give a blood transfusion to my husband, who was ill at

the time with blood poisoning. I met Mr. Fleming at the New Casino Club, where I was then working in the lunch room of that place. I do not recall ever having seen Ludy Fleming at the Little Casino Club. Ludy Fleming appeared to be a good friend of Ted and Bert Angus, at the New Casino Club.

"I know Joe Roscoe when I see him, but am not personally acquainted with him. I know his wife, Gainey Broadway, who used to come out to the New Casino Club, and was introduced to her by my husband 'Babe'. I do not recall ever seeing either Joe Roscoe or his wife at the Little Casino Club.

"I know George Timiney and Art Langendorf when I see them, but am not personally acquainted with them. I do not know Johnnie McCarthy, Chris Brennan or James Tafelski. I know Johnnie Mahalek, because I live in the same neighborhood where he lives. I know Deane Allen, but am not personally acquainted with her. I have never seen any of these persons at the Little Casino Club on Summit Street.

"I have never been over to Middle Island, but my husband 'Babe' worked on Middle Island before I met and married him. I do not recall just what period of time he worked there, and who he was working for.

"I have been shown a number of photographs, whom I am told are members of the Karpis-Barker gang, but am unable to identify any of them, except two photographs which I have picked out and which I am told are photographs of Ollie Berg and Russell 'Slim' Gibson. These appear to me to be familiar, but I cannot recall where I saw these two men or under just what circumstances.

"I have read the above statement, consisting of this and one other page, and same is true and correct to best of my knowledge.

/s/ Florine Brzezinski

WITNESSES:

J.V. Murphy

H.B. Dill

Special Agents, Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
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Cleveland, Ohio."

The employees of the Little Casino Club, who are mentioned in the above statement of Mrs. Brzezinski as having worked there while her husband was employed by that Club, have been interviewed and reported in previous reports, with the exception of the check room girls "Ann" and "Helen", and Joseph Brzezinski, known as "Abe". The identity of the girl "Helen" is not known at this time. It is likely that the girl "Ann" is Anna Pearce, mentioned in statement of Frank P. Greenwald, alias "Greenie", set out in report of Special Agent R.C. Suran, Cleveland, Ohio, 9/5/36. Anna Pearce is to be interviewed in the near future.

With reference to Joseph Brzezinski, Florine Brzezinski stated that he is a brother of her deceased husband; that her husband obtained a job for him at the Little Casino Club about a month after he, her husband, started working there, which was about September 1934; that Joseph worked as a porter and slept at the Little Casino Club, and likely is in possession of considerable more information than she possesses. She stated that Joseph is also called "Abe", and he resides at 431 Mettler Street, Toledo.

Florine Brzezinski appeared to be very cooperative in this matter, and it is believed that she is not withholding any information she may possess regarding this matter. She stated that no one has ever discussed with her anything that may have happened at the Little Casino Club, with reference to the Karpis-Barker gang.

Mrs. Brzezinski stated that she knows Art Langendorf, but is not personally acquainted with him; that she does not know Arthur St. Albin or Charles Fitzgerald; that she has never been on any parties with any of the above three persons. She was questioned in this regard to ascertain whether or not she might be the person "Flo" mentioned on page 25 of report of Special Agent D.E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan, 2/25/35.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents J.V. Murphy and H.B. Dill, September 30 and October 1, 1936:

It will be noted that in the signed statement of Florine Brzezinski, set out above in this report, that she stated that the brother of her deceased husband worked at the Little Casino Club on Summit Street in Point Place, Ohio, as porter for about three or four months; that the job was procured for her brother-in-law, whose name is Joseph Brzezinski, but who is commonly known as "Abe", by her deceased husband, Walter Brzezinski, and that Joseph started to work at the Little Casino Club about December 1935 or January 1936; that Joseph is at the present time living at 431 Mettler Street, Toledo, Ohio. Mrs Brzezinski stated that she believed that Joseph would be able to furnish as much, if not more, information with regard to the activities at the Little Casino Club during the time he worked there, than her deceased husband.

On September 30, 1936, Joseph Brzezinski was located and interviewed at the Cherry-Franklin Club, 2748 LaGrange Street; however, in view of the activities at this club, it was deemed inadvisable to interview him in detail at this time, and in view of the fact that Brzezinski stated he would be working until about two or three o'clock the next morning and could not conveniently accompany Agents to the temporary office at Toledo, he was furnished with the address of this office and requested to meet Agents there the next morning. On October 1, 1936, Joseph Brzezinski came to the temporary office, being maintained at 514 Edison Building, where he was interviewed in detail and the following signed statement obtained:

"Toledo, Ohio,  
October 1, 1936.

"I, JOSEPH BRZEZINSKI, make the following free and voluntary statement to H.B. Dill and J.V. Murphy, whom I know to be Special Agents, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, without any threats or promises being made to me.

"My name is Joseph Brzezinski, and I am sometimes called "Abe". I reside at 431 Mettler Street, Toledo, Ohio. I am 28 years old and single. I am now employed at the Cherry-Franklin Club, 2748 LaGrange Street, Toledo.

"Shortly after new year's, January 1, 1935, my brother, Walter, who was called 'Babe', obtained a job for me at the Little Casino Club as porter at \$10.00 a week. 'Babe' was working there at the time as Bar Tender, and had been for about four months. 'Babe' died April 14, 1936.



"While working at the Little Casino Club as porter, I slept in the basement with Coolie Monroe, who was a handyman and porter at the Little Casino Club. My period of duty began after closing time, which was anywhere from 5:00 A.M. to 7:00 A.M., after the customers left. When I went to work, cleaning up, there might be one or two customers in the place who were usually drunk and we called them 'hangovers'. Ted and Bert Angus operated the Little Casino Club, and they usually left for home before I went to work. Bert usually paid me my wages on Saturday night, but Ted appeared to be the manager of the place. I do not know the names of the customers we called 'hangovers' who were left in the Little Casino Club when we, Collie and I, went to work cleaning up, but they were usually old customers. I often saw Walter Pasino, who works for the Toledo Steel Products Company in Toledo, come in the Casino Club on Saturday nights. He usually came to the place alone.

"I know George Timiney and often saw Timiney at the Little Casino Club. When he came there he usually sat in one of the two booths and talked with Ted Angus. I have seen Timiney at the Little Casino Club as much as two or three times a week. He may have come there oftener and I never saw him. While I have no personal knowledge about the matter, it was generally known that Ted Angus was the collector for vice, and I heard Jack Smith, alias 'Cum Cum', a waiter, say that Ted was the man they had to pay off to. Many of the customers often spoke about why Timiney came to the Casino Club so much. Coolie Monroe told me that Timiney used to come to the Little Casino Club when they were bootlegging, before the repeal of the National Prohibition Act, and has always come to the Little Casino since then. I never saw any women with Timiney at the Little Casino Club.

"I have seen different women come to the Casino Club, whom Coolie Monroe told me were landladies of houses of prostitution. Some of them came in their own automobiles, but most of them came to the club in taxi cabs operated by 'Greenie'. One of these landladies, I recall, came to the Little Casino Club every Sunday and ate dinner, and Ted Angus always sat at her table and talked with her, but I never saw her pass anything to him; however, it could have been done without my seeing it. This landlady said she operated a house on Locust Street, near Summit Street. Jack Smith, the waiter, told me the landladies came to the Little Casino Club to see Ted Angus.

"I worked at the Little Casino Club until it moved over to the new place on Dura Street in May, 1935, and the new place is called the New Casino. I worked at the New Casino as Bar Boy until the latter part of August, 1935, at salary of \$15.00 per week. I did not sleep at the New Casino, and worked nights.

"I have been shown a number of photographs of persons whom I have been told are members of the Karpis-Barker gang, and I am unable to identify any of them as persons I knew or have been seen by me at the Little Casino Club. My brother 'Babe' never talked to me about a Doctor Moran or any others who used to be customers of the Little Casino Club.

"Coolie Monroe told me that during the time the Little Casino Club was bootlegging, before repeal of the National Prohibition Act, there used to be a crowd of men who used to come in from the 'Island', and they were good spenders and left their money on the bar, and when they had been drinking a lot you could take some of their money off the bar and they would not pay any attention to you or say anything about it. Coolie never told me who these men were or what they did.

"A Polish fellow called 'Keggie', who was working for Charlie Haymaker at the Little Club, formerly the Little Casino Club, about three months ago, and who used to work at the Little Casino Club during bootlegging days, told me that he worked for Ted and Bert Angus at the Little Casino Club about two years, and he said that Ted and Bert often went away for a week at a time, and he would be in charge, and there was a gang of men who came to the Little Casino Club who were good spenders, and often talked about how much money he used to make.

"While I was working as porter at the Little Casino Club, one day Coolie Monroe gave me the keys to the building adjoining the Casino Club on the West, and told me to get some buckets from that building. I could not find the buckets and looked over the place, and noticed in one of the rooms there were about ten suits of clothes hanging on hangers and a bed which looked like it had been slept in, but there was no one there at the time. I did not know there was anyone living in that building, and thought it was used to store junk. I asked Coolie who the suits belonged to, and he said he didn't know anything about them, and appeared like he did not want to talk about them. This was in latter part of April, 1935. I never saw anyone go in that building.

"Coolie Monroe never brought anyone to sleep in the Little Casino Club during the latter part of January, 1935, and I never knew of anyone sleeping there, except Coolie and I. Coolie could have let some one in the building where I saw the suits and the bed, without my knowing anything about it, but if he did he never said anything to me about it.

"I remember reading in the newspaper about an automobile being found near Monroe, Michigan, which was stolen by Karpis and Campbell when they made their escape from Atlantic City. Coolie Monroe never talked to me about this car being found, or about Karpis and Campbell.

"I know Joe Roscoe when I see him, but am now personally acquainted with him. He often came to the Little Casino Club in the afternoon by himself. Also he came to the New Casino Club about once a week. I heard that Mrs. Broadway, mother-in-law of Joe Roscoe, owned the building in which the Little Casino Club was located.

"I know Ludy Fleming when I see him, but am not personally acquainted with him. I have seen him at the Little Casino Club, also at the New Casino Club. He usually came there at night and would stay from one-half an hour to two or three hours, and appeared to be well known to Ted and Bert Angus.

"I have never been over to Middle Island and do not know anything about that place or who operates it. Coolie Monroe works at Middle Island and the last time I saw him was in May 1936. I do not know where Coolie lives in Toledo when he comes back from Middle Island, but he told me that his home town is Cleveland.

"I have read the above statement, which consists of this and two other pages, and same is true and correct to best of my knowledge.

/s/ Joseph Brzezinski

WITNESSES:

J.V. Murphy  
H.B. Dill  
Special Agents, Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice, 1448 Standard Bldg.,  
Cleveland, Ohio."

Joseph Brzezinski appeared to be very cooperative and stated that he would be glad to furnish this Bureau any information in his possession that might assist in the investigation of this case.

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The following information was obtained from Special Agents  
J.B. Hill and J.W. Smith of the Cleveland Office, Ohio, on September 21, 1936:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent A.C. Smith, dated  
at Cleveland, Ohio, September 8, 1936, wherein, on page 23, mention  
is made concerning an entertainer of the Casino Club named Jerry  
Massiker or Jerry Jordan, who was infatuated with Jimmie Wilson, and  
who was said to reside in Columbus, Ohio.

On September 30, 1936, Agents made inquiry of Mrs. Massiker,  
sister-in-law of Jerry Jordan, at 2039 Berdan Avenue, Toledo, and Mrs.  
Massiker advised that Jerry is using the name of Jerry Jordan and  
her present address is 619 West 13th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.  
The Cleveland Office was furnished the present address of Jerry Jordan,  
who forwarded a letter to the Kansas City Office, requesting that Jerry  
Jordan be interviewed in detail regarding this matter.

To determine the banking connections, stocks purchased and safety deposit boxes which might be used by George Timiney and Art Langendorf, of the Toledo, Ohio, Police Department, Special Agent E.J. Dowd conducted the following investigation at Toledo, Ohio, on September 29, 1936:

Agent discreetly interviewed the following brokerage houses dealing in stocks and bonds at Toledo, Ohio:

Bell and Beckwith, 519 Madison Street  
Norton Collin and Company, Gardner Building,  
Wilson Snyder and Company, Produce Exchange Building

The records failed to disclose that Timiney or Langendorf ever purchased any stocks or bonds directly or through these brokerage houses.

In addition to the above, agent made inquiry at a number of investment firms dealing in bonds, particularly real estate and municipal bonds, but none of them ever had any dealings with Timiney and Langendorf. The firms interviewed by agent were David Robinson and Company; Ryan Sutherland and Company; Eliss Bowman and Company and Ford R. Kieber and Company.

The records of the following banks were checked by agent:

The Ohio Savings Bank and Trust Company (now in liquidation)  
The Commercial Savings Bank and Trust Company (now in liquidation)  
The Security Home Trust Company (now in liquidation)

These three banks were taken over by the Superintendent of Banks.

The records of the Ohio Savings and Trust Company reflect that George Timiney had a savings account, [redacted] and a commercial account [redacted] when this bank closed on August 15, 1931. There is also an account [redacted] in the name of Mrs. Art Langendorf showing a balance of [redacted] as of August 15, 1931, when the bank was taken over by the Superintendent of Banks. b7c

The records of the Commercial Savings Bank and Trust Company reflect that Mrs. Art Langendorf had a commercial account, [redacted] and savings account [redacted] with a balance of [redacted] at the time the bank was taken over by the Superintendent of Banks on August 15, 1931. There is no record of an account in the name of George Timiney in this bank, and the names of Art Langendorf or his wife, or George Timiney do not appear on the records of the Security Home Trust Company.

The records of the Toledo Trust Company reflect the following: Account No. [redacted] in the name of Mary or Margaret Eaton and George B. Timiney, savings account transferred from the Toledo Savings Bank and Trust Company, October 7, 1924, [redacted] This account was last drawn on April 17, 1931, and at the present time there is a [redacted] b7c

There is also an account [redacted] in the name of Mrs. Art Langendorf which is a savings account, [redacted] The account was opened with an initial deposit [redacted] and again [redacted] On April 14, 1934, [redacted] and again on September 4, 1934, a [redacted]

At the Ohio Citizens Trust Company the records show a savings account in the name of Mrs. Art Langendorf [redacted] which was drawn out on February 27, 1933. Mr. William R.R. Gray advised agent that this amount represents [redacted] paid on Mrs. Art Langendorf's account in the Commercial Savings Bank and Trust Company, which is now undergoing liquidation.

The records of the First National Bank (now in liquidation, National Bank of Toledo, and Spitzer-Zorick and Company Bank were also checked without finding any record of accounts with Timiney or Langendorf, or his wife.

At the above named banks there is no record of any safety deposit boxes in the names of George B. Timiney, and Art Langendorf and his wife, and no stocks or bonds have been purchased by them by or through any of these banks.

Inasmuch as agent was requested to return to Cleveland on September 30th, the following banks still remained to be checked: American Bank No. 3, Security Bank Building, Toledo; Commercial Guardian Bank, 320 Madison Street, Toledo; Industrial Bank of Toledo, 1418 Elm Street, and the Morris Plan Bank, 254 Erie Street, Toledo. In order to complete the investigation for the purpose of ascertaining whether Timiney and Art Langendorf and his wife purchased stock, have bank accounts or safety deposit boxes, this matter will be given attention at an early date.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE CLEVELAND OFFICE, at Toledo, Ohio, will continue the investigation in accordance with previous leads set out, and as other leads are being set forth by memorandum to the investigating agents, these leads are not being set out in this report.

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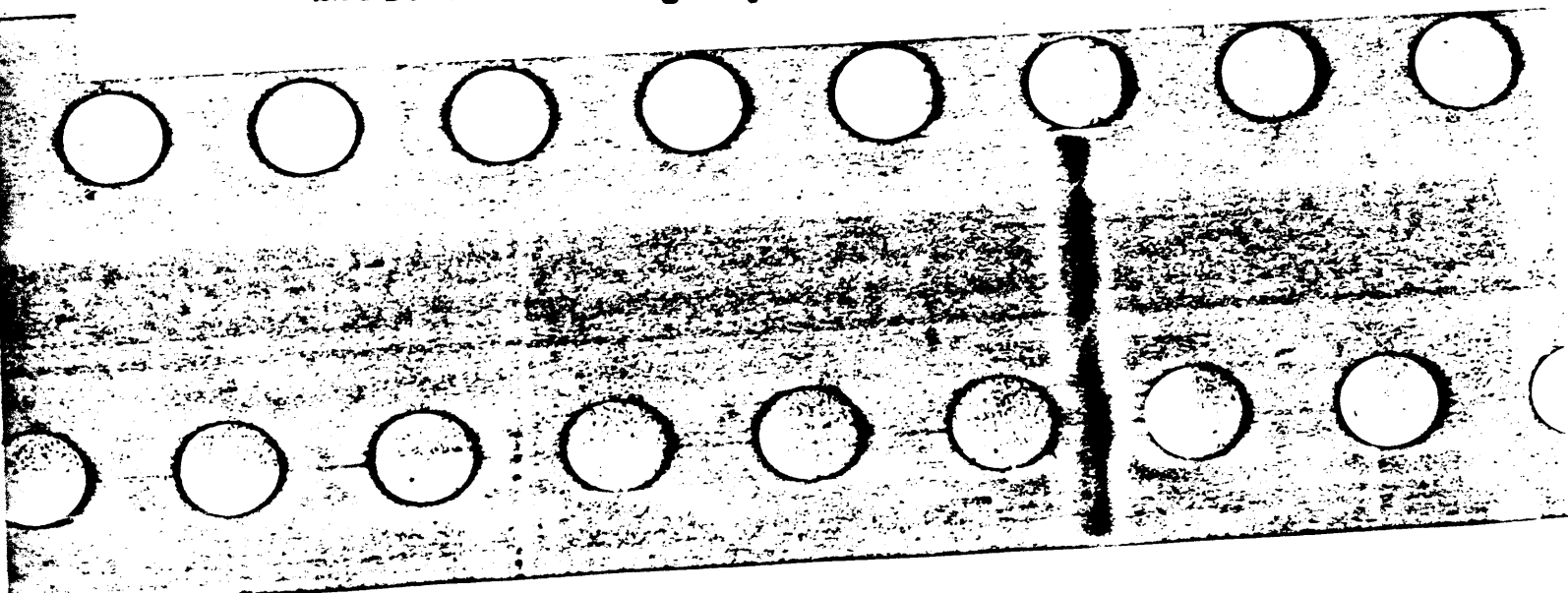
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Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

October 7, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: BREXID

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your telegraphic request of October 5, 1936, I am transmitting herewith the most recent photographs of the following individuals:

Alvin Karpis  
Harry Campbell  
Fred Barker  
Arthur R. "Doc" Barker  
Volney Davis  
Russell Gibson  
William J. Harrison  
James J. Wilson

Dr. Joseph P. Moran  
William Weaver  
Oliver A. Berg  
Charles J. Fitzgerald  
Myrtle Eaton  
Edna Murray  
Wynona Burdette  
Dolores Delaney

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: BREXID

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request contained in your letter of October 8, 1936, there is attached hereto a complete list of the aliases and criminal records of the following named persons:

Harry Campbell  
Alvin Karpis  
Volney Davis  
Charles J. Fitzgerald  
William J. Harrison  
Oliver A. Berg  
James J. Wilson  
Doctor Joseph P. Moran

Russell Gibson  
William Weaver  
Fred Barker  
Arthur R. "Doc" Barker  
Paula Harmon  
Wynona Burdette  
Dolores Delaney  
Myrtle Eaton  
Edna Murray

With regard to James J. Wilson, Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette, please be advised that the files in this Office reflect no previous criminal records.

For the information and use of your Office in preparing the summary report, the following reports and letters are being transmitted herewith:

Report of Special Agent Emerson Hopp, dated New Orleans, Louisiana, May 4, 1934  
Summary Report of Special Agent F. G. Tillman, dated Chicago, Illinois, March 22, 1935  
Parole Report of Special Agent R. B. Donaldson on Wynona Burdette, dated Jacksonville, Florida, April 6, 1935  
Parole Report of Special Agent R. B. Donaldson on Dolores Delaney, dated Jacksonville, Florida, April 6, 1935  
Parole Report of Special Agent John E. Brennan, on William Weaver, dated St. Paul, Minnesota, February 1, 1936  
Parole Report of Special Agent R. C. Suran on Harry Campbell, dated St. Paul, Minnesota, May 15, 1936

9. Quoted & Referred

Parole Report of Special Agent S. K. McKee on Albin  
Francis Karpis, dated St. Paul, Minnesota, July 28, 1936  
Parole Report of Special Agent S. K. McKee on Charles  
Joseph Fitzgerald, dated St. Paul, Minnesota, July 28, 1936  
Letter from Chicago Office to St. Paul Office dated  
September 29, 1935

The foregoing reports, letters and criminal records should be  
returned to this Office after they have served their purpose.

Very truly yours,

AHJ:LJM  
enc.

D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

cc - Bureau  
Cincinnati

October 7, 1936

E. E. Conroy  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
501 Healey Building  
Atlanta, Georgia.

REKID REFERENCE LETTER OCTOBER THIRD RE INQUIRY PENITENTIARY FURTHER  
INFORMATION OBTAINED INDICATES INDIVIDUAL CONCERNED IS FROM TOLEDO AND  
HAS ENGLISH OR WELSH ACCENT

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CLEVELAND OHIO

BREXID TRANSMIT PHOTOGRAPHS FORWARDED MY LETTER OCTOBER  
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Kansas City (enc.)

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

October 8, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREXID

In accordance with request from the Chicago Bureau office dated October 8, 1936, there are enclosed herewith photographs of the principal subjects in this case, which photographs were requested by you from the Chicago office.

Very truly yours,

W.H./-JB  
CC - Bureau  
- Chicago

J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

REPORT MADE AT <b>Chicago, Ill.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/3/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/15-23/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JOHN L. MADALA JLM:LM</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: **PAULA HARMON** at present residing with her folks at Port Arthur, Texas. Her mental condition apparently still unsound. She denied that "SHIMMY" PATTON of Harvard Club aided her, **GLADYS SAWYER** and **WYNONA BURDETTE** in any way after their arrest at Cleveland on 9/5/34. Indicates that she, **FRED BARKER**, **ALVIN KARPIS**, **DOLORES DELANEY**, **HARRY CAMPBELL** and **WYNONA BURDETTE** visited Harvard Club on frequent occasions during Summer, 1934. **SAM COKER** denied knowing true identity of **HARRY CAMPBELL** at time he associated with him at Toledo. Admits he read **KARPIS** and **CAMPBELL** being wanted by Government for Bremer Kidnaping prior to 9/5/34, when **COKER** paroled from penitentiary. Asserts **SHERIFF JIM O'REILLY**, of Toledo, did not know who **BOB MILLER** and he were. **GLADYS SAWYER** furnished signed statement outlining travels, activities, and observations at Cleveland during period 6/11/34 to 9/5/34. States that an employee at Harvard Club referred her through **FRED BARKER** to **DR. JOHN HANNIBAL** for treatments. Indicates are **MRS. MILDRED WILCOX**, Cleveland Police Dept., propositioned **GLADYS** to turn her and other girls loose for \$500. Has no knowledge of alleged bribe offered by **PAULA HARMON** for release. States they gave message to **ATTORNEY EDWARD STANTON** to deliver to **PATTON**, telling "Boys" to get out of town. **MARIE GALLUP**, alias "PEACHES" BUTLER, advised that **CHARLES J. FITZGERALD** brought **KARPIS** and **CAMPBELL** to **EDITH BARRY'S** place in fall of 1934. Thereafter **KARPIS** and **CAMPBELL** stayed at **BARRY'S** house one week after January 24, 1935, and three days after March 27, 1935. Recognized **KARPIS'** photograph in Detective Magazine in early April, 1935, and immediately left Toledo. **MYRTLE PRICE**, alias **MAXINE**, also former inmate of **EDITH BARRY'S** place, advised that **KARPIS** and **CAMPBELL** visited there on at least three occasions in April and May, 1935.

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REFERENCES: Report of Special Agent R. J. Abbaticchio, Jr.,  
Omaha, Nebraska, dated 8/24/36;  
Report of Special Agent S. K. McKee,  
Cleveland, Ohio, dated 8/25/36;  
Report of Special Agent S. K. McKee,  
Cleveland, Ohio, dated 9/1/36;  
Report of Special Agent S. K. McKee,  
Cleveland, Ohio, dated 9/8/36;  
Report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan,  
Chicago, Illinois, dated 4/5/36, in the case  
entitled CHARLES J. FITZGERALD with aliases;  
ET AL; WILLIAM A. HAMM - VICTIM; KIDNAPING

DETAILS:

Upon instructions of Inspector E. J. Connelley Agent Madala left Cleveland, Ohio, on September 13, 1936 and proceeded to Port Arthur, Texas, for the purpose of interviewing PAULA HARMON at the home of her parents relative to this case, and particularly with reference to the situation at Cleveland, Ohio during the time she and FRED BARKER and other members of the BARKER-KARPIS mob resided there during the summer of 1934.

AT PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS:

Inquiry at Port Arthur, Texas, on September 15, 1936, revealed that PAULA HARMON is at present residing with her parents, MR. and MRS. DAVID B. BRANNON, at their home, 337 De Queen Blvd., Port Arthur.

At this address Special Agent Flanders, of the Dallas Bureau Office, and the writer interviewed PAULA HARMON on September 15 and 16, 1936. It will be recalled that this woman was recently released from the Texas State Hospital for the insane, Rusk, Texas, where she was confined for approximately eighteen months. It was Agents' observation, during the course of the interview with the HARMON woman, that she is apparently still mentally unbalanced and is laboring under the illusion that the United States Government was responsible for her incarceration in the State Hospital. She made the statement that since her release at Chicago, Illinois, in September, 1934, the Government has gone out of its way to persecute her whenever and wherever possible. It was practically impossible for Agents to reason with her on this point. It seems that PAULA HARMON still cannot understand why she was committed to the hospital, and apparently does not realize that the condition of her mind alone

was responsible for her incarceration. Agents had considerable difficulty in getting the HARMON woman to talk about the instant case, and when asked direct questions about any particular point, she would either evade the question, or answer it only partially, and then launch off into some other matter entirely separated from the case. Her statements were of a rambling nature and very general, and when pressed for details, she would either say: "I don't remember", or "I don't care to talk about it."

It might be noted that PAULA HARMON still entertains the thought that the man with whom she lived and consorted after her husband's (CHARLIE HARMON) death is not in fact FRED BARKER and that none of her associates of two years ago are identical with members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang. PAULA likewise denied that she ever made a signed statement to Special Agent R. D. Brown, or to any other Bureau Agent in connection with this case. As stated before Agents had great difficulty in getting PAULA HARMON to talk about the instant case, and the little information she did provide was in most part incoherent and inconsistent. Her memory appears to be good, and she apparently thinks reasonably except for the fact that she cannot understand why she was ever adjudged insane.

The following is the substance of the information which Agents were able to elicit from her:

PAULA HARMON stated that she and her husband, (she would never refer to him as FRED BARKER or FREDDIE) came to Toledo, Ohio, in the early spring of 1934; that they rented an apartment at Point Place, and furnished it with new furniture which she bought in Toledo. She recalled that while in Toledo they frequently visited the Casino Club; that the owners of this club were called BERT and TED, and that their wives' names were MADEIRA and RUTH. She could not recall the names of JOE ROSCOE, CAPTAIN GEORGE TIMONEY, "MIG" COUSINS, LUDY FLEMING, or RENE and THELMA HOLST.

She stated further that she did not like Toledo and persuaded her husband (FRED BARKER) to move away; that thereafter they moved to Cleveland, Ohio, and became located in a home on Parkhurst Avenue. PAULA would give no reason for moving to Cleveland, Ohio, other than she thought it was a better city than TOLEDO in which to live. She went on to state that shortly after she and her husband (FRED BARKER) moved to Cleveland, DOLORES DELANEY and her husband, "RAY", (she would not identify him as ALVIN KARPIS) likewise moved to Cleveland, Ohio, and that several months later WYNONA BURDETTE and her husband (HARRY CAMPBELL) also moved there. She stated that the latter couple were living in a home on Franklin Blvd., and that RAY and DOLORES

first lived in an apartment on Flamingo Street and then moved to a house on 140th Street.

When asked what places she and her husband and the others frequented while living in Cleveland, Ohio, PAULA mentioned the Harvard Club. She stated that she first heard of the Harvard Club while they resided in Toledo, Ohio, but does not now recall who mentioned it to her, or under what circumstances it was discussed; that she and her husband first visited the club shortly after they moved to Cleveland, Ohio, and that thereafter she went there on at least fifteen different occasions, usually with her husband (FRED BARKER).

She stated that RAY and DOLORES also frequently visited the Harvard Club, and she recalls that on at least six occasions RAY (ALVIN KARPIS) accompanied them to this place; that on several occasions she and DOLORES went there together, and that at these times the doorman of the club would let them in without any hesitancy. PAULA stated that she always played the game known as "Keno" at the Harvard Club, and that she does not know what game her husband and RAY particularly played; that she never saw either of them talk privately with any of the employees at the club, nor did she ever note any degree of familiarity between her husband and RAY and some of the employees there.

The names of SHIMMY PATTON and ART HEEBERAND, TONY AMERSEACH and other employees at the Harvard Club were mentioned to her, and she could only recall the names of SHIMMY and ART as those names heard by her which might be connected with the club. She readily identified the photograph of SHIMMY PATTON, but could not identify that of ART HEEBERAND. PAULA would not state that PATTON and her husband (FRED BARKER) or RAY (ALVIN KARPIS) were friendly to any extent.

With reference to the arrest of GLADYS SAWYER, WYNONA BURDETTE and PAULA HARMON by the Cleveland Police Department on September 8, 1934, PAULA stated that she recalls that WYNONA BURDETTE came to her home that afternoon, and that thereafter GLADYS SAWYER, who was living with her, PAULA, at the time, her little girl, FRANCINE, WYNONA BURDETTE and she went on a shopping tour in downtown Cleveland; that their husbands were not at home when they left, and she now presumes that they were at the Harvard Club at that time, stating that RAY and her husband usually went there every afternoon. PAULA stated that she never saw HARRY CAMPBELL at the Club, but knows that he frequented the same while in Cleveland, as she heard WYNONA and him talking about the "rotten luck" they had there.

Continuing, PAULA stated that after they, meaning GLADYS, WYNONA and she finished shopping, GLADYS suggested that they go

to the cocktail lounge of the Cleveland Hotel for a couple of drinks, which they did. While at this place GLADYS became exceedingly drunk and "passed out"; that someone connected with the hotel threatened to call the police; that she, PAULA, pleaded with this individual not to do it, stating that they were all married and could not afford any scandal. At this point PAULA HARMON emphatically denied that she attempted to bribe any employee of the hotel to refrain from calling the police. She stated that she endeavored to get GLADYS SAWYER out of the hotel, but that she was in such a drunken condition that it was virtually impossible to do anything with her.

PAULA went on to relate that she became disgusted with GLADYS and WYNONA, who also was very much under the influence of liquor, and left the hotel by herself in a taxi cab; that she rode in the cab for about one-quarter of a mile, when she thought that it would not be right for her to run away and leave GLADYS and WYNONA behind in an almost helpless condition. She stated that she returned to the hotel and found the two women apparently in the custody of the police, they being at that time in the foyer immediately outside of the cocktail lounge. PAULA emphatically denied that she or either GLADYS or WYNONA were taken to a room in the hotel before they were driven to the police station.

Continuing, the HARMON woman advised that when the policewoman, whom she is unable to identify from her photograph, it being known that this woman was MRS. MILDRED WILCOX, learned that she, PAULA, was in the party with GLADYS and WYNONA, she decided to take her along to the station; that a fight ensued when the policewoman tried to force GLADYS into the police car, which was a Ford Coach, and in the scuffle either GLADYS or WYNONA gave the policewoman a black eye. PAULA further related that in going to the police station, she was sitting in the front seat with the policewoman, and that GLADYS and WYNONA sat in the back with little FRANCINE; that they picked up a uniformed police officer at the first corner, and that he thereafter accompanied them to the station, standing on the running board. She stated that enroute to the police station, she discovered that her diamond bracelet was missing from her wrist; that she asked the policewoman about it, and she replied that it was in her purse. PAULA stated that she grabbed her purse from the policewoman, who had all three of their purses beside her on the front seat, and before she had a

chance to examine it for her bracelet the policewoman snatched it from her; that after the uniformed officer boarded the car he took custody of their purses.

PAULA further related that when they arrived at the police station the three of them were booked for drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and when reporting to the Desk Sergeant she requested him to look in her purse for her bracelet. She stated that she was informed by him that the bracelet was not in her purse, whereupon she registered a complaint with him of the fact that it had apparently been stolen. She advised that some time later, when two police officers talked to her about the missing bracelet, they informed her at that time that the policewoman, who arrested her, remarked to them that she doubted very much whether she, PAULA, in fact had a bracelet. It will be recalled that MRS. MILDRED WILCOX, who was the policewoman in the case, above referred to, made a statement to the effect that PAULA attempted to bribe her by offering her diamond bracelet for her and the other girls' release. PAULA emphatically denied this, and advised that she never made any such offer to MRS. WILCOX or to anyone else. PAULA likewise denied that she gave the occupation of her husband as that of a gambler at the Harvard Club at the time they were booked upon their arrival at the police station.

PAULA further stated that she, WYNONA and GLADYS were placed in separate adjoining cells, and that she was kept in her cell all night except for intermittent periods when she was taken out and interviewed by police officers. She advised that she is unable to recall now who and how many persons interviewed her. Agent exhibited to PAULA HARMON the photograph of MATRON MOLLIE BARTELHEIM, and directed her attention to the Matron who was especially nice and kind to her and the others during the time they were in the Cleveland City Jail, but she was unable to identify or recall this woman. PAULA stated that she does not recall ever having been interviewed by a matron or policewoman while she was in jail at Cleveland, and of course, emphatically denied that she at any time made any proposition of bribery to any official of the Cleveland Police Department.

With reference to the Attorney, EDWARD STANTON, who legally represented PAULA HARMON, GLADYS SAWYER and WYNONA BURDETTE after their arrest in Cleveland, PAULA advised that the following are the circumstances under which she retained this attorney. She stated

that around 9 or 10 o'clock on the morning after their arrest she was ushered into the office of a police official for interview. While in this office she observed a man who appeared to be an attorney talking with the prisoner immediately outside the office in which she was located; that the officer interviewing her told her, in response to her query relative to this man's identity, that he was MR. STANTON, a local attorney. PAULA advised that she asked this officer's permission to talk with MR. STANTON, which he readily accorded her; that she thereafter told MR. STANTON that her name was MRS. MATTERSON, and that she and her two girl friends had been arrested on the night previous on charges of disorderly conduct and drunkenness, and that she would like to get out on bond if at all possible, and in this connection wanted him to do whatever he could in arranging for a bond. PAULA stated that MR. STANTON did not talk with GLADYS SAWYER or WYNONA BURDETTE at this time, nor at any other time, and that she handled the entire matter with the attorney herself. PAULA was emphatic in her statement that these were the true circumstances under which she met and retained MR. STANTON, and advised that this is the same story she told Agent Brown at the time she was being held in Chicago. PAULA denied that the name of SHIMMY PATTON was brought up during her conversation with MR. STANTON, and also denied that she gave him any message to take to anyone on the outside. The HARMON woman admitted that she turned her jewelry over to MR. STANTON, and stated that she later obtained GLADYS SAWYER'S jewelry from her and likewise turned it over to MR. STANTON.

PAULA was questioned as to whether she rented a safety deposit box or maintained a savings account in Cleveland, Ohio, during the time she resided there. She admitted that she had a small savings account in the Cleveland Trust Company, and that at the time she left Cleveland, Ohio, in October, 1934, she assigned the balance of the account to MR. STANTON in part payment of the legal fees which he charged her for representing her. As to the safety deposit box, PAULA HARMON stated that she at no time had a safety deposit box in Cleveland or any other place, and that the key to a box, which was found among their effects, undoubtedly belonged to either GLADYS SAWYER or WYNONA BURDETTE.

PAULA was asked concerning who rented the apartments in which they lived in Cleveland, Ohio. She advised that the renting of these places was done by her husband (FRED BARKER), and she

has no information whatsoever concerning these rentals, or as to the identities of the persons from whom these places were rented. PAULA advised that they drove to the Cleveland Hotel on September 5, 1934 in her husband's Ford Coach; that she does not know where he purchased the same, nor what address was given at the time it was registered. She stated that she is reasonably certain the car was licensed in Toledo, Ohio in the name of EARL J. MATTERSON, which she claimed was the true name of her husband.

Agent asked PAULA HARMON whether she was acquainted with a private detective in Cleveland by the name of FRANK J. NOONAN; whether she had knowledge of the fact that ALVIN KARPIS or RAY, as she knows him, carried on his person a commission card representing that he was an employee of that agency. She denied knowing any individual by the name of NOONAN, and likewise disclaimed knowledge of the commission card above mentioned.

PAULA was questioned as to the amount of the bill which they ran up while drinking at the cocktail lounge in the Cleveland Hotel, and she advised that to the best of her recollection the amount was \$9.00, which she paid shortly before the disturbance was started.

PAULA HARMON emphatically denied that she at any time, while in the Cleveland City Jail, asked anyone to call SHIRLEY PATTON, to advise him of her arrest, and likewise, denied that she requested any matron or policewoman, who were in the jail at that time, to call an attorney for her. She stated that she had never seen or met MR. STANTON prior to the time she talked with him on the morning after their arrest.

It will be recalled that GLADYS SAWYER advised Agent R. J. Abbaticchio, Jr., of the Omaha Office, that when they were led to their cells shortly after their arrival in the City Jail at Cleveland, PAULA observed a police officer whom she recognized as having seen at the Harvard Club, and in this connection judged her and stated she believed she might be able to do some business with him. PAULA was confronted with this incident, and she emphatically denied that this took place, and also denied that she observed anyone in the City Jail during her incarceration there whom she had seen at any time previous. PAULA was particularly questioned as to whether she was interviewed by a police matron or woman some

time during the first night they were in the City Jail at Cleveland, and she advised that if she had been interviewed, she does not now recall the same.

Agent questioned PAULA as to whether she had any knowledge of some person connected with the Harvard Club recommending to her husband and RAY (ALVIN KARPIS) an individual who made tailor-made shirts for them, and she advised that she does not, stating that she did not even know that the boys had any tailor-made shirts made for themselves.

Upon the conclusion of the interview with PAULA HARMON she made the statement that if the Government believed she knew so much about the instant case why did they not subpoena her to any of the trials at St. Paul, Minnesota. It is obvious that PAULA does not yet apparently realize that the condition of her mind was the reason therefor.

PAULA asked Agent whether it would be all right with the Government to come to Cleveland, Ohio in the future and endeavor to secure her furniture which was left behind at the time of her departure from Cleveland. She was informed that the Government had no jurisdiction whatsoever over her case; that either her parents or the officials of the State Hospital were the only ones who could give her permission to leave the state. When Agent departed she made the statement: "Don't be surprised if you see me in Cleveland in a couple of weeks because I'm going there and the entire militia in Texas can't stop me."

It is Agent's opinion that the HARMON woman cannot be considered competent as a witness in the event it will be desirable to subpoena her to any future trial proceedings.

Agent interviewed MR. DAVID B. BRANNON, father of PAULA HARMON, and he advised that PAULA was released from the State Hospital for the insane on or about April 15, 1936; that he is her guardian and is required to submit monthly reports to the hospital as to the progress she is making. He further stated that since PAULA returned home she has shown considerable improvement in her mental condition, although she is not entirely normal yet. He advised that at times she is very much depressed and mentally hazy as to past events; that she appears to have false conceptions and extreme imagination about certain things, and as an example he men-



tioned that she is firmly under the belief that the Government is wholly responsible for her incarceration in the State Hospital, although he knows for a positive fact that this is not so. He advised that he has attempted to explain this to her, but that she becomes unreasonable whenever the subject of her mind is touched upon. MR. BRANNON stated that PAULA is presently sewing for a living and she is very industrious in her work. She works at home on an average of twelve hours a day, and up to the present she is making a fairly good living from this line of work.

MR. BRANNON at first refused to permit Agents to talk with his daughter, stating that he and his wife are trying to do all they can in having PAULA forget her past associations, particularly FRED BARKER; that he is afraid that talking with her about these people will excite and upset her mind to such an extent that she will have a relapse, and her mental condition will be thereby affected. He, however, permitted the interview after Agent assured MR. BRANNON that nothing would be said to upset his daughter's mind, and disposition, in any way, and when Agent departed from Port Arthur, Texas, he did not show any signs of hostility toward the Government.

AT MCALISTER, OKLAHOMA:

At the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, Agent interviewed SAM COKER, #14023, on September 18, 1936. COKER at first refused to talk with Agents, stating he had nothing to say that might help the Government in instant case, and that he was fully aware that anything he might say may be used against him later. For this reason he was very guarded in his answers, and during the entire interview manifested an unwillingness to talk, particularly about this case.

The following is the substance of the information which Agent was able to secure from COKER:

He stated that he was born at Nowata, Oklahoma, on September 20, 1895, and went to school through seventh grade; that after he left school he engaged in trading cattle, which occupation he followed for several years. He stated that his father died in

1904 and his mother in 1926; that he has two sisters, MRS. E. C. COUSCH and MRS. J. C. DALE, both of whom live in Nowata, Oklahoma; that he has two brothers, W. P. COKER and C. E. COKER, who also live in Nowata, Oklahoma. COKER went on to relate that when his father died he inherited considerable property on which oil was later discovered; that since that time he has been receiving royalties from various oil companies which had leased his property for the purpose of drilling for oil; that the proceeds from these royalties averaged approximately \$5,000.00 a year, and that his nephew manages this property and these royalties for him.

Continuing, COKER stated that on January 2, 1924 he and BUSTER JARRETT were arrested at Pawhuska, Oklahoma, on suspicion by SHERIFF COOK of Osage County, Oklahoma; that both he and JARRETT were later identified as the parties who robbed the First National Bank at Shidler, Oklahoma, and upon trial were convicted for said robbery and were sentenced for thirty years imprisonment. COKER maintains that he is innocent of this crime, stating that he was framed by two Burns Detective Agency men, named COOPER and SHILOCK, in order that they might collect the reward which was at that time outstanding for the arrest and conviction of the perpetrators of this robbery.

He further stated that he was committed to the Oklahoma State Penitentiary on March 17, 1924, and while in the prison became acquainted with VOLNEY DAVIS and "DOC" BARKER, who were serving life sentences for murder. The photographs of these subjects were shown to COKER, and he readily identified the same. COKER went on to state that he became very friendly with "DOC" BARKER, and when he, COKER, was released on parole on January 11, 1931, "DOC" BARKER gave him a message to deliver to his brother, FRED, at Tulsa, Oklahoma. SAM COKER further stated that he proceeded to Tulsa shortly after his parole from the penitentiary, and delivered the said message to FRED BARKER, and it was at this time that he first became acquainted with ALVIN KARPIS and "MA" BARKER, both of whom were living with FRED BARKER at Tulsa. He stated that thereafter he occasionally saw both KARPIS and FRED BARKER, and on June 10, 1931, he and ALVIN KARPIS were arrested together in FRED BARKER'S home by the Tulsa Police Department; that apparently FRED BARKER had been arrested uptown earlier in the afternoon in his automobile. COKER stated that the three of them were subsequently removed to Okmulgee, Oklahoma, where they were charged with

a jewel robbery; that his case never went to trial as apparently his parole had been previously revoked, and as a result he was returned to the penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma. COKER disclaimed any knowledge as to the disposition of the case against KARPIS and FRED BARKER at Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

COKER further related that upon his return to the penitentiary a second time he became acquainted with JOHN BROCK, whose picture COKER identifies. He stated that BROCK was given a conditional discharge in the fall of 1934. COKER also admitted being acquainted with "BURRHEAD" KEADY, stating that he met this individual prior to 1934 when KEADY was operating a bath house in Nowata, Oklahoma.

Continuing, COKER stated that he was successful in securing a parole from the penitentiary on September 6, 1935; that upon his release he proceeded to Nowata, Oklahoma, and spent the first night at the Campbell Hotel, registering there under his right name; that he later went to Tulsa, Oklahoma, and visited with "BURRHEAD" KEADY, both at his home and at his place of business.

From this point SAM COKER refused to talk about his travels and associations in detail, stating that he does not want to incriminate himself. He admitted, however, proceeding to Toledo, Ohio, in the latter part of October, 1935, and staying at the Lorraine Hotel, and also admitted attending the Joe Louis-Max Baer fight at New York City on September 24, 1935. Previous information disclosed that COKER and FRED HUNTER attended this fight together. COKER denied that he is acquainted with FRED HUNTER, and refused to identify his photograph. He also denied that he attended the above mentioned fight in company with another person. SAM COKER also denied that after the fight he returned to Toledo, Ohio, and from there proceeded to Hot Springs, Arkansas in the company of HARRY CAMPBELL and FRED HUNTER, which information was received from CLAYTON HALL, of Youngstown, Ohio.

SAM COKER further denied that he lived in Hot Springs, Arkansas, during the months of September and October, 1935, and was emphatic in his denial that he saw ALVIN KARPIS any time after his arrest in June, 1931, at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

A photograph of FARRY CAMPBELL was exhibited to SAM COKER and he identified the same as that of a man with whom he associated in Toledo, Ohio, named BOB MILLER. He denied knowing CAMPBELL'S true identity, and advised that he only knew him as a road contractor. When questioned as to the place and circumstances under which he first met MILLER or CAMPBELL, COKER merely said: "I don't remember."

When questioned as to the various places he frequented while residing in Toledo, he replied that he went to so many places that he is now unable to recall the names and locations of them.

When questioned as to whether he had any visitors while confined in the Mercy Hospital, he replied negatively, and thereafter when Agent confronted him with the fact that the hospital records disclosed numerous visitors, he changed his statement by stating that he was so sick at the time that he does not now remember who visited him. He denied that anybody brought him money when he was in the hospital, stating that he had considerable cash when he entered the same.

When questioned as to whether he ever visited Cleveland, Ohio, or stopped at the Harvard Club in that city, he stated that he recalls passing through Cleveland, but is positive that he never stopped there or frequented any place there. COKER also denied being acquainted with EDITH BARRY, and later changed his statement by saying that he visited so many houses of prostitution in Toledo, Ohio, that it is entirely possible that he visited her place, but does not especially recall her. Agent described EDITH BARRY to SAM COKER, but to no avail.

Agent exhibited to SAM COKER a photograph of MILTON LETT and called his attention to the fact that the Bureau had received definite information that he and LETT were seen together at Claremore, Oklahoma, during the early part of April, 1936. He denied knowing LETT, and likewise denied that he was in Claremore, Oklahoma, around the period in question. The description of MILTON LETT was submitted to him and he still denied that he was acquainted with any individual answering to that description.

SAM COKER further denied that he ever saw JOHN BROCK, whom he heretofore admitted knowing, any time after the latter left

the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in 1934. When questioned as to whether it was true that he saw BROCK in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in the fall of 1935 or around the time he visited "BURRHAD" KEADY, COKER adhered to his story that he had not seen him subsequent to 1934.

SAM COKER also denied knowing anyone in Toledo, Ohio, other than MR. and MRS. FRED GOULET, their daughter, ESTHER, MR. and MRS. ED and CLARA MCGRAW, BOB MILLER and his wife, GERTIE, and BOBBIE ROULETTA, with whom he, COKER, admitted he kept company at Toledo. He denied knowing JOE ROSCOE, BERT and TED ANGUS, an elderly man by the name of SAM (5th man in the Garrettsville train robbery), and "NIG" COUSINS. He admitted meeting SHERIFF JAMES O'REILLY of Toledo, Ohio, and when asked whether he thought SHERIFF O'REILLY knew his and BOB MILLER'S (HARRY CAMPBELL) true identities, he became sincere and said: "I may tell you a lot of things that are contrary to what you people know, but believe me when I say that SHERIFF O'REILLY did not know who BOB and I actually were, and I positively know that no protection money was paid to him for our being in Toledo. I'll admit that I drank beer and that BOB MILLER drank beer with O'REILLY, but if you fellows think that O'REILLY knew who we were you are barking up the wrong tree." Agent endeavored to obtain further information from COKER with reference to O'REILLY and he advised that the above is all he knows about this individual.

SAM COKER admitted that he went to live with ED and CLARA MCGRAW shortly after his release from the Mercy Hospital in Toledo, and that he resided there up until the time of his arrest. He denied that BOB MILLER (HARRY CAMPBELL) gave him the entree to MCGRAW'S place, and when asked how he became acquainted with MCGRAW he replied that he just wandered into their place one day, and when he learned from them that they had rooms to rent he rented one from them. He stated that the reason he lived at the MCGRAWS was because he had to have home-made cooking on account of his physical condition, and that MRS. MCGRAW agreed to furnish him this cooking if he lived or rented a room from them.

SAM COKER denied that he ever frequented the Granada Gardens with BOB MILLER and his wife, stating, however, that it is possible that he may have gone there but does not now recall the place.

In conversation with SAM COKER he advised Agent that prior to his release on parole from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in September, 1935, he worked in the prison canteen for approximately three years; that there are sold in this canteen tobacco, candy, toilet articles and newspapers and magazines. He admitted that he is an ardent reader of the daily newspapers, and mentioned that there are sold in the prison out of state newspapers as well as the Oklahoma newspapers. SAM COKER advised Agent that he recalls reading the accounts of the raid staged in Oklawaha, Florida in January, 1935, which resulted in the killing of FRED and "MA" BARKER. He also admitted that he read the accounts of the escape of ALVIN KARPIS and HARRY CAMPBELL from the police at Atlantic City, New Jersey, and their subsequent flight to Michigan, at which place they abandoned their automobile. SAM COKER also admitted that he read in the newspapers that ALVIN KARPIS and HARRY CAMPBELL were being sought by the Government for the Bremer kidnaping, and from time to time he read the accounts of the trial proceedings at St. Paul, Minnesota, in connection with the Bremer kidnaping.

Agent asked SAM COKER whether he ever read detective magazines in the penitentiary, and he replied in the affirmative. Agent asked him whether he recalled seeing the magazine which contained a photograph of KARPIS dressed in woman's clothes, and he replied that he did recall this particular photograph. Agent also asked COKER whether he read a story appearing in this magazine which related to ALVIN KARPIS, and he stated that he did.

Agent asked COKER when, to his recollection, he read and saw this photograph of KARPIS dressed in woman's clothes, and he stated that it was shortly before he was released from the penitentiary on parole in September, 1935.

It will be noted that the above mentioned photograph of KARPIS and the story relating to him appeared in the September, 1935, issue of the Startling Detective Magazine, which was released some time during the latter part of July or early part of August, 1935. Agent recalled that this story contained the various escapades of ALVIN KARPIS and HARRY CAMPBELL, and that it likewise contained photographs of the several members of the BARKER-KARPIS mob. However, Agent does not recall at this time whether the photograph of HARRY CAMPBELL appeared in this issue, but it is recalled that mention was made to the effect that KARPIS as well as the other persons named in the story, were indicted for the Bremer kidnaping.

COKER stated that at present he has no plans of securing a parole from the penitentiary, and that if the Government chooses to indict him for harboring at Toledo, Ohio, he will fight the case, stating that he is not guilty of this charge.

Agent interviewed MR. T. M. FIELD, Record Clerk of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, on September 18, 1936, and he advised that SAM COKER was originally received at the penitentiary on March 16, 1924, to serve thirty years; that he was convicted with BUSTER JARRETT for bank robbery at Shilder, Oklahoma. MR. FIELD further stated that his records disclose that COKER was paroled from the institution on January 11, 1931, and that on February 13, 1931, his parole was revoked for sufficient causes submitted by the Governor of the State, and on February 24, 1931 he was classed as an escape. He further stated that COKER was arrested at Tulsa, Oklahoma, on June 10, 1931, on charges of robbery, and that on the same date he was removed to Okmulgee, Oklahoma, to answer these charges, and that on June 19, 1931, he was returned to the penitentiary to serve out his sentence. There is nothing in the files to show what disposition was made of the robbery charges above mentioned.

COKER'S file further reflects that he was again paroled on September 3, 1935; that this parole was revoked on February 27, 1936, for cause not given; that he was returned to the penitentiary on May 9, 1936, and that at this writing the records show that his minimum sentence expires on April 11, 1937. MR. FIELD stated that this does not mean that COKER cannot be paroled prior to that date, as the parole laws of the state of Oklahoma are very lax, and that a prisoner is eligible for parole the day after he is received at the penitentiary. MR. FIELD stated that there was nothing in COKER'S file which indicates that he has made an appeal for a parole since his return to the penitentiary this last time.

AT OMAHA, NEBRASKA:

Upon instructions from Inspector E. J. Connelley Agent proceeded to Omaha, Nebraska, and reinterviewed GLADYS SAWYER. Mrs. SAWYER was requested to come to the Omaha Bureau Office on September 19, 1936, at which time she was interviewed in detail relative to her stay at Cleveland, Ohio, in 1934, and the following

signed statement was obtained from her, the original of which is being retained in the Cleveland Bureau Office file:

"Omaha, Nebraska  
September 20, 1936.

"I, Gladys Rita Sawyer, do hereby make the following signed statement to John L. Madala, whom I know to be a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. No threats or promises have been made to me, and this statement was made willingly and of my own free will.

"During the month of May, 1934 my husband, Harry Sawyer, and I were living at the Boulder Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. On or about May 13, 1934, as I recall it was Mother's Day, I proceeded to St. Paul, Minnesota on business and remained there approximately one week. When I left St. Paul to return to Las Vegas, I called upon Jack Peiffer, and told him that if any of the 'boys' desired to get in touch with my husband, he could be reached at the Boulder Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

"On or about June 20, 1934 my husband, Harry Sawyer, received a letter from Alvin Karpis, postmarked Cleveland, Ohio, in which he requested that Harry and I come to Cleveland, Ohio to visit with him; that if we decide to come to send him a letter care of General Delivery, Cleveland, advising him so. I do not recall the name Karpis stated he was using in Cleveland, but it seems to me it was some odd name, and it might have been Millgreth. Karpis also mentioned in his letter that Harry and I should register into the Cleveland Hotel under the name of Mr. and Mrs. Frank James, and that he would contact us there.

"My husband and I, and my little girl, Francine, left Las Vegas, Nevada on the night of June 21, 1934 by train, and arrived in Cleveland, Ohio two days later. Upon our arrival we registered into the Cleveland Hotel as Mr. and Mrs. Frank James and daughter, and we were assigned Room 1038. That same afternoon or evening I wrote a letter to Alvin Karpis for my husband, advising him of our arrival in Cleveland, and that we were in Room 1038 at the Cleveland Hotel. I addressed the letter to him care of General Delivery, Cleveland.



"About two or three days later Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney paid us a visit at the Hotel. Karpis and the Delaney girl were living together at that time. Karpis invited Harry and myself to live with them during our stay in Cleveland, which invitation we readily accepted. I recall that they at that time were living in a house on Flamingo Street, Cleveland. Later that afternoon Dolores and Karpis drove Harry and myself to Fred Barker and Paula Harmon's apartment at 10515 Parkhurst Avenue, Cleveland.

"Harry and I continued to live at the Cleveland Hotel for two or three days afterward, and I recall that Dolores Delaney and Paula Harmon helped me move away from the Hotel. During the next few days I wasn't feeling very well, and decided to go to St. Paul, Minnesota for a physical examination.

"On July 3, 1934 Karpis drove my husband, Francine, and myself to Fred Barker's place in Cleveland, and on arriving there I saw Charles J. Fitzgerald whom I had known for many years, and William J. Harrison, whom I met for the first time on this occasion. Both of these individuals had just gotten in from the lake at Sandusky, Ohio where the following persons were living at that time: Bill Weaver, Myrtle Eaton, Volney Davis, Edna Murray, Harry Campbell, and Wynona Burdett. I recall that both Charlie Fitzgerald and Willie Harrison were somewhat drunk, and a short time thereafter in the morning, Fred Barker, Charlie Fitzgerald, Harry Sawyer, Francine, and myself drove to Chicago, Illinois in Charlie's Packard Sedan. As I recall Fred Barker wanted to see his mother who at that time was living in an apartment at 73rd Street and South Shore Drive, Chicago. Shortly after our arrival in Chicago, Belle Borne, who for many years had been living with Charlie Fitzgerald without being married to him, visited us at Mrs. Barker's apartment. All of us had dinner at Mrs. Barker's apartment that night, and Harry, Francine, myself and Fred Barker stayed there overnight, and as I recall, Charlie Fitzgerald and Belle Borne stayed at some hotel that night. On the following morning I took a plane out of Chicago and went to St. Paul, Minnesota where I had Dr. Henry Hall examine me. He told me that I needed an immediate operation, whereupon I returned to Chicago by plane to advise my husband of the operation, and also to get a few clothes which I thought I might need in the hospital. That same night I returned to St. Paul by train, and on this trip Belle Borne and my little girl, Francine, accompanied me.

"I remained in the hospital at St. Paul, Minn. from July 7, 1934 to July 23, 1934, during which period Belle Born and Elanche Davenport visited me on several occasions. I might state that Belle Born was taking care of little Francine on her farm at Mankato, Minn. while I was confined in the hospital. Paula Harmon also visited me at the hospital on one occasion, this being a week or so after my operation. She flew up from Cleveland, Ohio.

"I was released from the hospital on July 23, 1934, and that same day Belle Born and Francine rode back on the train with me. Belle got off at Toledo, Ohio, stating that she was going to stay with some friends there, and indicating that Charlie Fitzgerald was waiting for her in this city. She did not indicate who her friends might be in Toledo. Francine and I continued to Cleveland, Ohio, and on our arrival there we took a cab to Fred Barker and Paula Harmon's apartment, at which place my husband had, in the meantime, moved. Paula invited us to stay with them thereafter, she feeling that she could take care of me during my period of recuperation. On or about August 1, 1934 Paula and Fred moved to 4419 W. 171st Street, Cleveland, and Harry, Francine, and I moved with them. This latter place was a much bigger place than the apartment on Parkhurst Avenue.

"I had left the Hospital in St. Paul, Minn. several days too soon, and when I got to Cleveland, I found that I had to have daily treatments by some local physician. I asked Fred Barker whether he knew of a good doctor in Cleveland, and he said that a boy at the Harvard Club had just undergone an operation, and that he apparently had a good doctor, as he frequently heard this boy talk about him. Fred stated that he had forgotten this doctor's name, but volunteered to contact this individual at the Club, and get it from him. That afternoon Fred drove Paula and me to the Harvard Club, and Fred went into the Club and apparently contacted the above referred to individual, Paula and I remaining in the car outside of the Club. When Fred returned he gave me the name of Dr. John Hannibal, on Euclid Avenue, the exact address I do not now recall. That same day Paula accompanied me to this doctor's office, and I recall that I told him that some employee at the Harvard Club recommended him to me. Thereafter I visited this doctor almost daily up until the time of my arrest on September 5, 1934. On frequent occasions Paula Harmon drove me to the doctor's office, and on other occasions Dolores Delaney drove me there.

"I recall that shortly after Harry Sawyer and I moved to Cleveland, Ohio I asked Harry on one occasion why Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker were living in Cleveland in preference to some other city, and he replied that they had a connection in the city, not indicating who this connection was. I also heard around this time frequent mention made of the Harvard Club, and from the conversations which I was able to overhear, I gathered that Karpis and Barker were frequent patrons of this Club. Also in these conversations Karpis and Barker would talk about one 'Shimmy', but I do not now recall any definite statements made relative to him. However, I was able to gather that he was either the owner or the manager of the Harvard Club, and apparently very friendly to the boys. On several occasions when Fred Barker and Paula Harmon would go out in the evening without us, they would often say that were going to see 'Shimmy', but they never indicated what they were going to see him about.

"Shortly after I returned to Cleveland from the hospital on July 23, 1934, Fred Barker and Paula Harmon, and Harry and I, drove to the Harvard Club where Fred and Harry apparently had a 'meet' with Karpis. When we arrived at the Club Paula and I went inside to play Keno, and Fred and Harry remained in the car. We had a cup of coffee at the lunch counter, and at this time Paula introduced me to 'Shimmy' Patton as Harry's wife. I have identified this individual's photograph from a group of photographs shown me by Agent Madala. I had no conversation with Patton at this time. Paula and I played a couple of games of Keno, after which we returned to the car, and found Karpis there talking with Fred and Harry.

"I frequented the Harvard Club on only one other occasion after that, and Paula and I played Keno at this time. I do not now recall whether the boys were with us. I observed that Paula was well acquainted with the several employees in the Club, but I do not recall any of them by name now. I never saw either Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, or my husband talk with 'Shimmy' Patton privately or otherwise either at the Club or any other place. I have been shown a photograph of Arthur W. Hebebrand, but do not recall ever seeing him at the Harvard Club.

"On or about August 15, 1934 Harry Campbell, Wynona Burdett, and Doc Barker moved to Cleveland, Ohio from the lake at Sandusky, Ohio where they were living during that summer. I recall that Wynona came to Paula's home upon her arrival in Cleveland, and thereafter Paula and I assisted her in renting a house at 7009 Franklin

Boulevard. I do not now remember from whom Wynona rented this place, but I faintly recall that it was from some old couple, who lived next door to the same. As to the home in which Fred and Paula were living, that is the place at 4419 W. 171st Street, Cleveland. I recall that on one occasion either Fred Barker or Paula told me that the property belonged to 'Shimmy's' partner, and that a man by the name of Mitchell was the renting agent.

"While living with Fred Barker and Paula Harmon at the latter address, Alvin Karpis, Dolores Delaney, Willie Harrison, Harry Campbell, and Wynona Burdett visited us on several occasions. I never had occasion to visit Karpis and Dolores at their home at 3773 - 140th Street, Cleveland, after I returned from the hospital. On at least two occasions Fred Barker, Paula Harmon, Harry and I went to Wynona's place for dinner. Doc Barker also visited us from time to time. I believe that he was living with Campbell and Wynona, and that Willie Harrison was living with Karpis and Dolores.

"I believe that my husband, Harry Sawyer, was introduced to 'Shimmy' Patton as a gambler from St. Paul, Minnesota. After the Bremer kidnaping Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis agreed to set up my husband in business, either in the saloon business or in some gambling establishment. I recall that while living in Cleveland, Fred and Alvin were negotiating with Patton to open up a gambling place or acquire a concession on slot machines in the county next to Cuyahoga County, Ohio for my husband; that Patton was supposed to have been able to 'fix' the Sheriff of this particular County, and that it required \$15,000.00 to get started. Harry discussed this proposition with me, and I strenuously objected to it, stating that I did not want him to be obligated to that extent to the boys, meaning Barker and Karpis.

"On or about September 1, 1934 my husband and Willie Harrison left Cleveland, but I do not know where they went. I now know that they went to Miami, Florida. When Harry left he told me that he would be back in a few days, and that I should pack our clothes, and be ready to move to Las Vegas, Nevada immediately upon his return to Cleveland.

"On September 5, 1934 Wynona Burdett came to Paula's home, and thereafter Paula, Wynona, Francine, and I went on a shopping tour. None of the boys were at home when we left, and I do not know where they were at that time. We drove away in Fred's Ford Coach.

After we finished shopping we stopped at several places for drinks, and about 4:30 P.M. we went to the cocktail bar at the Cleveland Hotel for more drinks. While here Paula and I got into an argument, and apparently we both became very noisy and annoying. I 'passed out', and recall that when I came to, I was in a police car on the way to the police station. As I recall Wynona and Francine and I were sitting in the back seat, and Paula was in the front seat with the policewoman who was driving the car. Enroute to the station a uniformed officer jumped on the running board of the car, and rode with us to the Central Police Station.

"I recall that shortly after we drove away from the Cleveland Hotel, Paula missed her diamond bracelet, and asked the policewoman who was driving whether she had it, and the policewoman said that the bracelet was in her, Paula's, purse. I recall that Paula looked into her purse, and apparently it was not there, as she began to argue with the policewoman and accused her of taking it. Paula made quite a fuss about this bracelet. After the uniformed police officer joined us, he took custody of our purses. When we arrived at the Central Police Station we were booked for Disorderly Conduct by the Desk Sergeant. I gave the name as Mrs. Frank James. Paula gave hers as Mrs. Matterson, and I believe Wynona gave the name of Wynona Walcott. I also recall that Paula told the Sergeant that her husband was employed as a gambler at the Harvard Club. I am fairly certain that the officers did not know who we actually were at that time, nor do I believe that there was anything in our purses which would have disclosed our identities. I recall that after we were booked, and while on the way to our cells, Paula nudged me, and directed my attention to a man walking towards us down the hall from the cells. She remarked, 'I think I saw that guy at the Harvard Club on several occasions - maybe I can do business with him'. This is the only time I ever saw this individual.

"We were placed in separate adjoining cells at around six P.M., and I immediately fell asleep. At this point I wish to state that up to this time I did not hear directly or indirectly anything which might be construed as an offer of bribery, either made by Paula or Wynona. As for Paula's diamond bracelet which she claimed was lost or stolen, I recall that she wore it when we left her place that afternoon. I did not overhear any statements or conversation in which the bracelet was offered as a bribe to be turned loose. I recall that when we were booked by the Desk Sergeant, Paula told this officer that she had lost her diamond bracelet, and

this officer said that if she had one, it will be found.

"I was awakened around 8:30 P.M. that evening by a police matron whom I now identify as Mollie Bartelheim. I recall that she was well liked by the other female prisoners, and they referred to her as Mollie. This matron told me that someone wanted to see me, and thereafter I followed her down the hall, through the cell block door, and into a small conference room on the same floor. After I was ushered into the office by Mollie Bartelheim, the door was closed, and a woman dressed in a blue suit told me to sit down. The matron named Mollie did not stay. The following conversation took place between this second Matron and myself:

"Matron: Do you know Shimmy Patton?  
"Gladys: No, I don't.  
"Matron: If you do, it would be to your advantage and benefit.  
"Gladys: Well, I don't know him.  
"Matron: You want to get out of here, don't you?  
"Gladys: Of course, I do.  
"Matron: For \$500.00 you can get out.  
"Gladys: Does that mean all three of us and the baby?  
"Matron: Yes.  
"Gladys: You put us on the street, and I'll see to it that you get the \$500.00  
"Matron: How do I know I'll get the \$500, after you're on the street.  
"Gladys: Well, I've got it here and you'll get it.

"Before our conversation, as above indicated, was concluded someone knocked on the door of the office where we were in, and the party whom I was unable to see beckoned the Matron to come out. I remained alone for a few seconds, after which another Matron came into the office and ushered me back to my cell. I did not again see the Matron with whom I talked on the above occasion any time thereafter. Agent Madala exhibited to me the elongated group photograph of the several Police Women presently working in the Cleveland Police Department, and I have pointed out the woman who appears in No. 6 position, reading from left to right, in the front row, as the one who most nearly resembles the woman with whom I talked about the \$500 bribery proposition. I have placed my initials, "G.R.S." below this woman's photograph, which identifies my identification.

"Shortly after I was returned to my cell, I told Wynona Burdett who was in the cell adjoining mine, that I had just talked with a police woman, and that maybe we will get a break. I do not know whether Wynona relayed this message to Paula who was in the cell adjoining hers on the other side.

"Around 11 o'clock that night Mollie Bartelheim was relieved by a colored matron. From the elongated group photograph of police women, I have pointed out to Agent Madala the woman who appears in No. 2 position, reading from left to right, in the front row, as the woman who resembles the colored matron above referred to. I have placed my initials below this woman's photograph.

"Sometime after 11:00 P.M. that night some other police matron whom I am unable to identify, came to my cell and asked what my right name was. I told her it was Mrs. Frank James, whereupon she stated that my girl, Francine, advised them that her name was Francine Sawyer, and her mother's name was Gladys Sawyer. I told the matron that the little girl must know what she is talking about, and with this the matron left.

"About a half hour later some uniformed officer, dressed in his shirt sleeves, came by my cell and said that the Department of Justice would talk with me at 9:00 A.M. in the morning.

"Around three o'clock that morning Paula, Wynona, and I were taken to the Identification Unit to be fingerprinted and photographed. On the way down there, I had occasion to speak with Paula for a few minutes, and she said that she had an attorney coming to see her in the morning. Paula did not indicate to me how she had been able to contact the attorney, or whether someone from the outside was sending him to the jail. I had no further conversation about the attorney with Paula at that time.

"We were in the Identification Unit for several hours, and around six or seven in the morning, I was taken from my cell into a conference room where I was questioned by two detectives. They wanted to know who I was and where I was living in Cleveland. I did not tell them anything. I do not know these detectives' names, and they did not mention anything about Shimmy Patton to me, nor did I say anything to them about him.

"At about 9:00 A.M. that morning, Special Agent W. E. Peters of the Department of Justice talked with me a few minutes, and then left.

"Around one hour later one of the Matrons came to my cell, and said that an attorney wanted to talk with us girls. I do not recall this matron, and therefore am unable to identify her. Paula, Wynona, and I were taken to a conference room on the second floor of the jail. Paula Harmon went into the room alone, while Wynona and I waited outside. Shortly thereafter Paula opened the door and motioned for Wynona and I to come inside. Paula introduced us to the attorney whose name I believe was Edward Stanton. I recall that Paula told the attorney that her husband was an employee of the Harvard Club, and also told him that she and I were living at 4419 W. 171st Street. At this time Mr. Stanton pulled a newspaper from his coat pocket and showed it to us, asking whether we were the girls referred to in the paper. We looked at the paper and read about our arrest; also that the police had staged a raid on the house at 4417 W. 171st Street, and that no one was in the house at the time. We informed Mr. Stanton that we were the women in question. I recall that Paula told Mr. Stanton that we were friends of 'Shimmy' Patton of the Harvard Club, and that he should contact him relative to a bond for our release. I recall that Paula told him that he should tell Patton that Mrs. Matteraon sent him - that Patton would know who she was. I also told Mr. Stanton at this time that he should get word to the 'boys' to get out of town, and Mr. Stanton asked whom she meant by the 'boys'. Paula said that he should get that word to Patton - that he would know who we meant.

"Paula and I turned over all of our jewelry to Mr. Stanton at this time, and I also gave him \$2200.00 which I had pinned on the inside of my clothes. We told him to keep this jewelry and money for us until we got out of jail. We also instructed him to ascertain on what charges we were being held, and what the amount of the bonds were for our release. I recall that Paula also told Mr. Stanton at this time about the loss of her diamond bracelet, and he said that he would do what he could to locate it.

"Mr. Stanton returned to see us later that afternoon, and informed us that our bond was set at \$5000.00 each, but that it would be impossible to get a bond, as undoubtedly if such a bond could be made, the Government would raise it to \$25,000.00.

"I have read the foregoing statement which consists of seven typewritten pages, and swear the same is true to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

Witnesses:  
R. J. Abbaticchio Jr.  
John L. Madala  
Special Agents,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice."

/s/ Gladys Rita Sawyer



In addition to her signed statement, GLADYS SAWYER advised that on or about August 15, 1934, ALVIN KARPIS came over to FRED BARKER'S apartment in a very excited frame of mind. He produced an out-of-town newspaper, which might have been a Chicago paper, and the same contained a photograph of him on the front page. GLADYS could not recall in what connection KARPIS' name and photograph appeared, stating that she, herself, did not see the paper in question. GLADYS went on to state that FRED BARKER and HARRY SAWYER later facetiously remarked: "What does the guy expect, being one of the 'hottest' men in the country - the next time we'll write to the newspapers, and ask them not to print RAY'S name and picture any more, as it apparently annoys him."

In the report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, September 8, 1936, there is considerable mention made of a safety deposit box key #194, which was found among the effects of either PAULA HARMON, GLADYS SAWYER or WYNONA BURDETTE. It was thought that this key might have been for a safety deposit box at the Lorraine-Triquet Road Branch of the Cleveland Trust Company, Cleveland, Ohio. Agent questioned GLADYS SAWYER about this particular matter, and she advised that the said key apparently belonged to her; that she now recalls the #194 as the number of her safety deposit box which she rented at the Commercial State Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota. She further stated that the last time she saw this key it was in the possession of former Special Agent in Charge William Larson, and he was interviewing her relative thereto; that she at that time told him that the key was for a box which she had rented at St. Paul, Minnesota. She advised that Mr. Larson did not return the key to her, and she has no idea where it is at the present time.

Reference is made to that portion of MRS. SAWYER'S statement which relates to the identification of the policewoman, who propositioned GLADYS that she would release her, PAULA and WYNONA for \$500.00. It was noted that the woman pointed out by GLADYS SAWYER is identified on the back of the group photograph displayed to her as MRS. SCHULLER. It might be well to mention that MRS. SAWYER, although agreeing that MRS. SCHULLER somewhat resembles the woman involved, is likewise certain that she is, in fact, not the party. She could give no reason for her statement in this regard, other than this is merely her personal opinion. GLADYS stated that she does not know now what this woman looked like, and it could be entirely possible that the

woman who originally arrested them (MILDRED WILCOX) is the police-woman concerned. In this connection reference is made to the statement of MRS. MILDRED WILCOX in the report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, Cleveland, Ohio, dated September 1, 1936, in which she mentions that around 9 or 10 P.M. on the night GLADYS, PAULA and WYNONA were arrested, the SAWYER woman sent for her, and thereafter offered to let her go downtown and buy anything she wanted at the stores if she would turn her and the other girls loose. MRS. SAWYER emphatically denies this conversation, and it would now appear, in view of MRS. WILCOX' statement, that it was she to whom GLADYS had reference in connection with the \$500.00 bribery proposition.

Inasmuch as MRS. SAWYER was definitely certain that MOLLIE BARTELHEIM brought her to the office of the matron concerned, it is possible that she may be able to furnish the identity of this particular individual. Agent noted in MOLLIE BARTELHEIM'S statement that she recalls taking PAULA HARMON to a conference room for interview by MRS. WILCOX, but could not remember if she took GLADYS and WYNONA there too, stating, however, that she may have done so. It could be possible that MISS BARTELHEIM might have been mistaken in her recollection of this woman, and that the party in fact was GLADYS SAWYER. It is believed that another interview with MOLLIE BARTELHEIM might clear up this discrepancy.

Reference is also made to the statement of RUTH ROSS in the report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, Cleveland, Ohio, dated August 25, 1936. It was noted that the ROSS woman is colored, and that she was a prisoner in the City Jail at the same time GLADYS, PAULA and WYNONA were incarcerated there. MISS ROSS mentioned that on one occasion, when WYNONA was called out to be questioned, GLADYS told her to keep a stiff upper lip and not to say anything. GLADYS advised Agent that she does not now recall this particular incident, but stated that she very likely had said that.

GLADYS SAWYER could likewise not recall the incident where, according to the ROSS woman, a tall police matron talked with GLADYS, and asked her if she was being treated all right, and if she had plenty of cigarettes, and that she would try to get her a "break". MRS. SAWYER recalled that on one occasion she asked one of the inmates, who was colored, to deliver a message to WYNONA, but that this woman refused to do it.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. J. Abbaticchio, Jr., Omaha, Nebraska, dated June 24, 1936, wherein GLADYS SAWYER advised that the attorney who represented her and the other girls after their arrest at Cleveland on September 8, 1934, informed her that JIMMIE PATTON had sent him over to do what he could for them. GLADYS now advises that the above statement was mere conjecture on her part, and that she has no definite information along this line. When asked why she thought that PATTON might have sent the attorney over to see them, GLADYS advised that she presumed that PAULA had been successful in contacting the police officer whom she thought she recognized as being at the Harvard Club, as mentioned in Agent Abbaticchio's report, and that this officer later informed PATTON of their arrest, and that the latter in turn contacted the attorney and sent him to the jail. She now states that nothing was said during her interview with ATTORNEY STANTON which indicated that PATTON had anything to do with the attorney's contact with them.

GLADYS further stated that she does not recall PAULA HARMON asking anyone at the City Jail in Cleveland to call SHIMMY PATTON relative to themselves.

Further information advanced by GLADYS disclosed that on one occasion while she and her husband were out riding with PAULA and FRED BARKER, the latter pointed out to them a home, stating that SHIMMY PATTON lived there. FRED did not indicate whether he ever visited PATTON at his home. She also stated that she never saw PATTON or any other individual, other than members of the gang, visit either KARPIS' or FRED BARKER'S places of residence. She advised that she knows no private detective in Cleveland by the name of FRANK J. MOONAN, or any other name, and disclaimed knowledge of the information that KARPIS carried on his person a commission card representing himself to be in the employ of a Private Detective Agency.

Continuing, GLADYS SAWYER stated that shortly after they saw and talked with ATTORNEY STANTON relative to a bond for their release, PAULA HARMON pleaded with WYNONA and herself that in the event only one of the three could be released on bond, that they should let her go, inasmuch as she had a previous arrest record, and in view of this it would not be long for the police and government to determine her true identity. GLADYS stated that WYNONA and she agreed to let PAULA make the bond in the event one could be raised.

Agent questioned GLADYS SAWYER at great length concerning through whom and under what circumstances the homes where KARPIS and BARKER lived in Cleveland were rented, and she could be of no help in this matter. She stated that she was not present when FRED and RAY rented their apartments and homes, and they at no time advanced any information to her as to the rentals of these places, other than what is contained in her signed statement.

GLADYS SAWYER is firmly of the belief that PAULA'S diamond bracelet was stolen from her, and that the same was not given as a bribe as some information indicates. In this regard she stated that PAULA undoubtedly would have told her, had the bracelet been offered or given as a bribe or reward for some favor. It might be stated that GLADYS advised that ATTORNEY STANTON was fully apprised of PAULA'S missing bracelet, and he, in fact, promised to do whatever he could to locate it for her. It was noted that MR. STANTON denied that any mention was made of a bracelet during the times he talked with the three girls.

GLADYS does not recall being taken up to a room in the Cleveland Hotel, and then being taken downstairs in a wheel chair at the time she and the others were arrested in the Cleveland Hotel. She explained that she was exceedingly drunk and sick at that time, and that the events which transpired shortly before their arrest are now very hazy in her mind. She advised that PAULA later told her that she had a chance to take little FRANCINE and get away from the hotel in a taxi, but that she did not want to leave her and WYNONA there by themselves.

GLADYS SAWYER was unable to identify the photograph of MRS. MILDRED WILCOX as the woman who arrested them, nor could she identify the same as the woman who propositioned to let her and the others go in payment of \$500.00. The colored lady pointed out by GLADYS as the matron who relieved MRS. MOLLIE BARTELMER at 11 P.M. on the night of September 5, 1934, is identified on the back of the group photograph of Policewomen, Cleveland Police Department, as MISS HUSTON.

MRS. SAWYER could not recall engaging in a fight with the policewoman who arrested them, but does recall that some mention was later made to her that she gave this woman a black eye.

GLADYS SAWYER emphatically denied that she gave her husband's occupation as a gambler at the Harvard Club, at the time

she and WYNONA and PAULA were booked on their arrival at the Jail. She recalled that she at first told the officials that she did not have a husband, but later retracted this when FRANCINE informed the police that her father's name was HARRY SAWYER, at which time she then told them that she did not know where her husband was. She advised that at no time did she or the other girls give the police their correct addresses, although they repeatedly tried to get these addresses from them.

GLADYS further stated that although she is not positive, she believes that SHIMMY PATTON knew her husband, HARRY SAWYER, as a gambler from St. Paul, Minnesota; that she does not know whether he knew the true identities of the other boys, but gathered from what conversations she was able to overhear that they were very close to him, PATTON. She stated that invariably when the boys, meaning FRED BARKER, ALVIN KARPIS and HARRY SAWYER, would go out they would say that they were going to see SHIMMY.

The group photograph of policewomen at the Cleveland Police Department and the photograph of MOLLIE BARTELEKIM, which were displayed to GLADYS SAWYER, and which were initialed by her for identification purposes, are being retained in the Cleveland Bureau Office files.

As the file reflects MRS. GLADYS SAWYER is at present operating an independant grocery store at 825 Park Street, Omaha, Nebraska, and her place of residence is located in the rear of this store.

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN:

Upon instructions of Inspector E. J. Connelley, Agent proceeded to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on September 22, 1936, for the purpose of interviewing "PEACHES" BUTLER, formerly a prostitute in the house of EDITH BARRY, Toledo, Ohio, relative to this case. The file reflected the last known address for this woman as 8733 Glencoe Circle, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

The writer and Special Agent T. G. Melvin, of the Milwaukee Bureau Office, called at the above address, and learned that the BUTLER woman is no longer residing there, but could be located through the Motor Grill, 523 Water Street, Milwaukee. The City Directory disclosed that the Motor Grill is owned by HARRY HORWITZ. Agents called at this place of business and found the

BUTLER woman working there. She was brought to the Milwaukee Bureau Office, where she was interviewed in detail by Agent. A signed statement was secured from her, which is being herein after quoted, and the original is being retained in the Cleveland Bureau Office files. "PEACHES" BUTLER advised that her correct name is MARIE GALLUP, this being her husband's name; that he was an actor and used the stage name of BUTLER; that he is now deceased, and she has never married again. MRS. GALLUP advised that she was given the name of "PEACHES" while at EDITH BARRY'S place, but that none of her friends in Milwaukee know her by that nickname. The statement submitted by MRS. GALLUP reads as follows:

Milwaukee Bureau Office  
September 22, 1936.

"I, Marie Gallup, also known as Marie Butler and "Peaches", do hereby make the following signed statement to John L. Madala, whom I know to be a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. No threats or promises have been made to me, and I am making this statement freely and voluntarily.

"I am 37 years of age, a widow, and presently residing at 2711 W. Wells Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. My husband, Clifford Gallup, died in 1921. I was born at Sacramento, California, but raised in St. Louis, Missouri.

"I came to Toledo, Ohio in 1923, and went to work in a house of prostitution operated by Clara Miller. Shortly thereafter I became acquainted with Edith Barry and went to work at her house, which is located at 524 Southard Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. I have worked for Edith Barry from that time up until April 7, 1935, when I went to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. During the time I worked for Edith I lived at her home at the above address.

"I have been shown photographs of Charles J. Fitzgerald and William J. Harrison, and I positively identify them as the likenesses of two individuals known to me as "The Old Man" and "Willie". I recall that they used to call "Willie" a golf professional, and also recall that "The Old Man" was lame and walked with the aid of a cane. I first saw these two men some time during the month of June, 1934, and on this occasion they came to Edith Barry's place to avail themselves of the girls there. I

recall that I went to bed with the man whom I identified as Charles J. Fitzgerald, and a girl named Lu, who also was working for Edith as a prostitute at that time, went to bed with the man identified by me as William J. Harrison. I recall that both men stayed overnight on this occasion, and Fitzgerald gave me \$30.00 for my services.

"The next time I again saw these two individuals was approximately one month later, on which occasion they again came to Edith Barry's place. They remained overnight with Lu and myself, and on the following day the four of us went to the Casino Club, at the boys' suggestion. We stayed there for only two hours, and I recall that Bert Angus tended bar and waited on us. We were all very much drunk, and I recall that "The Old Man" (Fitzgerald) threw a ham sandwich against the mirror behind the bar. Luckily the throw did not break the mirror. I was told later by Lu that Fitzgerald upon leaving the Casino Club smashed the headlights on his automobile, a Packard, with his cane. I do not personally recall this incident, as I was pretty much drunk.

"Some time during the month of August, 1934, Fitzgerald again came to Edith Barry's place and on this occasion he was accompanied by two individuals whom I had never seen before. From a group of photographs shown me I have selected those of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, as the likenesses of the two men above referred to. I recall that these three men came in the evening around 11:00 P.M., and they were permitted into the place by Edith. She thereafter called us down from upstairs, which was her usual practice when customers came into the place. Lu and I were never permitted to answer any doorbells, and were definitely instructed to close the doors to our rooms whenever she took anyone upstairs. For this reason we very seldom saw any of the customers of the house, unless we were called upon to "party" with them.

"After I met the man whom I have identified as Alvin Karpis, Charles J. Fitzgerald, and Harry Campbell, the latter two availed themselves of the services of Lu and myself, I going to bed with Fitzgerald. I recall that Karpis said he was very tired from shooting craps that afternoon and he had one drink and went to bed in the east front bedroom. He did not have a girl. All three of the men remained overnight on this occasion, and left the following morning. After they left I asked Edith why "Sonny Boy", as I

knew Karpis, did not have a girl, and she replied that he had a dose of gonorrhea, which, he claimed, he had contracted from some woman, and that he generally felt very bitter towards prostitutes for this reason, as he was very much in love with his wife. He stated that he would never again go to bed with another girl in a house of prostitution.

"When the old man, meaning Fitzgerald, left on the above occasion he told me that he was going to San Francisco, California.

"I recall that on a Saturday, January 19, 1935, I slipped on the pavement and broke my wrist. The next day I called Dr. Joseph Sweeney who has his office at Madison and Huron Streets, Toledo, and that same evening he came to the house and examined and treated my wrist. He told me to be at the St. Vincent Hospital the following morning, which I did. My wrist was placed in a cast, and I was permitted to leave the hospital that same day. About two or three days later, on or about January 23rd or 24th, 1935, I met Karpis and Campbell, whom I knew as "Sonny Boy" and "Buff" in the kitchen of Edith Barry's place. I recall that Karpis remarked that he was sorry I had broken my wrist. I do not know when they arrived there, or how they got there, as at that time I usually went to bed around nine or ten o'clock, as I could not work on account of my injured wrist. Neither they nor Edith Barry at any time indicated to me as to how they came to the place, whether by automobile or in a taxi. I recall that Edith told me that she was glad the boys came back, as they were good spenders.

"Karpis and Campbell at this time remained at Edith's place for approximately one week, they occupying the spare bedroom which was located on the east side in the front. Their bathroom connected with my room. During the time these boys were there, they remained in their room most of the time, and occasionally would come downstairs to drink and play the phonograph and radio. Edith frequently served them drinks in their room, and sometimes they would eat their meals in their room, and other times they ate downstairs with Edith and myself. Edith always made up their bed and cleaned their room, and I recall that I was in their room on only one occasion, and that was upon their invitation to have a drink with them. I do not recall the exact time when Karpis and Campbell left Edith's place. However, I missed seeing them on one occasion and asked Edith if the boys had left, and she replied "yes".



"I further wish to state that during the above period Lu had frequent relations with the person referred to as "Buff", and identified as Harry Campbell. She was in their company considerable more than I was, as at that time my broken wrist was in a very bad shape. I recall that Karpis and Campbell usually went out at night between eight and nine o'clock, and would come back about an hour later. I did not know where they went on these occasions, nor how they left, whether in their own car or by taxi-cab. I sometimes heard them say that they were going out riding, although I never saw whether they had a car. I don't recall either Edith or Lu ever accompanying them on any of their departures.

"The next time I again saw Karpis and Campbell at Edith Barry's place was about two days prior to my birthday, which was on March 29, 1935. I recall that they remained there approximately three or four days on this occasion, and I only knew of their departure by reason of the fact that I observed their room to be empty. They apparently departed on either March 29th or 30th, 1935, and I recall that on my birthday Karpis gave me \$20.00 as a present, and Campbell and Lu buy a silk night gown for me. I did not have any relations with Karpis on this visit, nor any other visit, because of the fact that I had knowledge he was afflicted with gonorrhea. I do not believe that Karpis had any relations with any other girl while at Edith Barry's place.

"Around this period I was corresponding with a girl friend of mine in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and she persistently invited me to come to Milwaukee to live with her. I decided to go, and very often talked with Edith Barry about my leaving her and going to Milwaukee. On or about April 5, 1935 I purchased a quantity of Detective Magazines, and in one of these magazines I observed and immediately recognized the photograph of Alvin Karpis as the man known to me as "Sonny Boy" heretofore mentioned in this statement. I recall that the story pertaining to him mentioned that he was rated as Public Enemy No. 1, and that he was being wanted for the Bremer Kidnaping. This was the first intimation I had of the true identity of the man known to me as "Sonny Boy." I naturally became very much frightened, and left Edith's place two days later, coming to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I did not discuss this with anyone on the outside. To the best of my recollection, I left the magazine above mentioned at Edith's after I left.

"I departed from Toledo, Ohio on April 7, 1935, and proceeded to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where I went to live with Mrs. Lillian Alexander at 8733 Glencoe Circle. I am present living with Harry Horwitz at his home, 2711 W. Wells Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

"I have read the foregoing statement which consists of three typewritten pages, and swear the same is true to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

/s/ Marie Gallup

Witnesses:  
John L. Madala,  
T. G. Melvin  
Special Agents,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice.

"Subscribed to and sworn before me this  
22nd day of September, 1936

"O. I. White  
Notary Public

My commission expires July 3, 1939"

It might be stated that the above statement was obtained from Mrs. Gallup only after considerable persuasion, she at first denying that she ever saw Karpis and Campbell at Edith Barry's place. When asked why she in the first instance denied knowing these individuals, she stated that she did not want to get Edith Barry into trouble; that Edith had been very kind to her, and therefore feels somewhat obligated to her.

Agent questioned Mrs. Gallup at great length as to the manner in which Karpis and CAMPBELL came to EDITH'S place in January and March, 1935, and with more particular reference as to who brought or recommended them there. MRS. GALLUP advised that she does not know; that EDITH BARRY usually answered the door, and that she and the other girls would never come downstairs to associate with the customers, unless EDITH rang for them. MRS. GALLUP likewise could not state in what manner KARPIS and CAMPBELL left EDITH BARRY'S place, advising that she only knew of their departure by reason of the fact that their room was empty.

MARIE GALLUP further advised Agent that LU was very much infatuated with HARRY CAMPBELL, and from her observations the same was true conversely; that during the time KARPIS and CAMPBELL lived

there on both occasions, LU did not go home as was her usual practice otherwise, but remained in CAMPBELL'S company almost constantly. The GALLUP woman added that on frequent occasions she observed EDITH BARRY and LU play cards with KARPIS and CAMPBELL in their room; that EDITH charged them \$1.00 for a drink of whiskey, and 50¢ for a bottle of beer and coco-cola; that the boys were usually drunk every night, and apparently spent considerable money there.

Continuing, MRS. GALLUP stated that she was made to understand by EDITH BARRY that KARPIS and CAMPBELL were gamblers from the Jovial Club; that EDITH at no time explained to her the reason why these two men were living there as they did, and "PEACHES" admitted that this was somewhat unusual. She also stated that KARPIS had no sexual relations with her nor any other girl while he was at EDITH'S place, and that he spent most of his time in his room; that occasionally he sat in the living room downstairs and played the nickel phonograph machine or radio.

Agent particularly questioned MRS. GALLUP whether she ever observed any visitors whom KARPIS and CAMPBELL might have had during the time they lived at EDITH BARRY'S place, it being recalled that JOHN BROCK advised the Post Office Inspectors that he and FRED HUNTER went to EDITH'S house on or about March 27, 1935, and talked with KARPIS and CAMPBELL there for approximately 30 minutes, discussing the plans of a contemplated train robbery. "PEACHES" advised that as far as she knows KARPIS and CAMPBELL had no visitors, although it could have been very possible for them to have visitors, and she still not know it. The photographs of JOHN BROCK and FRED HUNTER were displayed to her, and she advised that she is positive that she never saw these individuals before. The photograph of MILTON LETT was likewise exhibited to her with the same results.

MRS. GALLUP seemed to think that KARPIS and CAMPBELL had a car when they were at EDITH'S place in January, 1935, stating, however, that she never saw it.

Agent questioned the GALLUP woman at great length concerning whether JOE ROSCOE, whom she admitted knowing, visited EDITH BARRY'S place, during the time KARPIS and CAMPBELL resided

there, or whether she ever heard either of these two individuals mention his name in their conversations with EDITH BARRY. She replied in the negative, and advised that the only instance which would have indicated that KARPIS and CAMPBELL might have had some connection with ROSCOE, is when EDITH BARRY told her that KARPIS and CAMPBELL were gamblers from the Jovial Club, which place she knew was owned by JOE ROSCOE. She further stated that she did not observe ROSCOE in EDITH'S place for approximately five years before she left there in April, 1935; that on this occasion ROSCOE'S wife observed his car parked in front of the place, and later she had quite an argument with him about it.

Continuing, MARIE GALLUP advised that she did not discuss with either EDITH BARRY or LU the identity of KARPIS, after she recognized his photograph in the Detective Magazine, as is mentioned in her signed statement; that when she left there on or about April 7, 1935, she is positive that she left the said magazine behind. MRS. GALLUP did not believe that EDITH BARRY was paying protection money to any city official, stating that she apparently did not have to, as all of the "big shots" in Toledo were her regular customers; that the police never interfered with the operation of her house in any way, as far as she knows.

The name of TIP O'NEILL was mentioned to MARIE GALLUP, and she advised that she frequently heard EDITH BARRY talk about him, referring to him as her old sweetheart. She advised that she met O'NEILL on only one occasion, and that must have been about ten years ago. "PEACHES" also admitted knowing ARDELL QUINN of Cleveland, Ohio, advising that she is a very good friend of EDITH BARRY; that she frequently saw MISS QUINN at EDITH'S place, and she would stop there at such times when she would go to Detroit, Michigan. MARIE GALLUP also admitted being acquainted with DR. MILLSTONE, and advised that he operated on her about seven years ago in Chicago; that at this time he also performed an operation on EDITH'S nose and face. She claimed that she has not seen DR. MILLSTONE for many years.

Agent asked MARIE GALLUP for the names of the other girls who worked for EDITH BARRY during the past three years, and she could only furnish their first names, they being LU, RUTH, MAXINE and a girl named HELEN. She advised that RUTH and HELEN only came to the house on calls from EDITH; that during the period in question, LU worked nights, and lived with her mother-in-law; that MAXINE came

to EDITH'S place after she, MARIE, left there on April 7, 1935. MRS. GALLUP advised that MAXINE'S correct name is MYRTLE PRICE, and that she is presently working in some doctor's office in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She would not furnish her address, but advised that she would call her on the telephone, and make an appointment with her for Agent, which she did on September 25, 1936.

It was noted in the letter to the Bureau from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, February 5, 1936, which relates to an interview had by him with LILLIAN "LU" POOLE, that a prostitute by the name of KAY and she, LU, accompanied FITZGERALD and WILLIE HARRISON to the Casino Club on one occasion during the summer of 1934, and spent the afternoon drinking there. Agent questioned MARIE GALLUP about the identity of this prostitute named KAY, and she could not recall any girl by that name having ever worked for EDITH. It would appear from MRS. GALLUP'S statement that LU undoubtedly had reference to MARIE GALLUP when she related the above incident.

Continuing, MARIE stated that she never heard KARPIS and CAMPBELL referred to by any other name than "SONNY BOY" and "BUFF".

Other photographs of the KARPIS-BARKER gang were displayed to MARIE GALLUP, but she was unable to make any further identifications.

MRS. GALLUP advised that MUNICIPAL JUDGES ROY STEWART and RAMEY were frequent patrons of EDITH BARRY'S place; that JUDGE RAMEY was a sexual pervert, and that JUDGE STEWART had the reputation of fining prostitutes during the day, and thereafter having sexual relations with them that night. She further advised that when JUDGE STEWART was County Attorney at Toledo, Ohio, this being prior to 1932, GEORGE TIMINEY frequently came to EDITH'S place and drove STEWART home; that on other occasions JAMES O'REILLY, the present Sheriff, came there to take JUDGE STEWART home. She advised that she personally never had any relations with either TIMINEY or O'REILLY at EDITH BARRY'S place, nor did they, as far as she knows, have any relations with any of the other girls who were in EDITH'S at those times. MARIE GALLUP advised that she has not seen TIMINEY in EDITH'S place for over six years, and that the same holds true for JAMES O'REILLY. She did not even know that O'REILLY is the present Sheriff at Toledo.

MARIE continued that she very often saw "NIG" COUSINS at 524 Southard Avenue, but does not recall ever seeing BERT or TED ANGUS there, both of whom she admitted knowing. She further stated that BILL KOSMON was also a good customer at EDITH BARRY'S place.

"PEACHES" admitted knowing FRANK P. GREENWALD, alias "GRKNIK", very well. When asked whether she ever saw GREENWALD in the presence of KARPIS and CAMPBELL while the latter were at EDITH'S house she answered negatively.

In conclusion, MARIE GALLUP advised that she very seldom talked with either KARPIS or CAMPBELL, as she was getting no business from them, and therefore was not interested in their companionship.

At the request of MARIE GALLUP, the prostitute known as MAXINE called the Milwaukee Bureau Office on September 23, 1936, and she was requested to come to the Bureau Office for interview, which she readily agreed to do. She advised that her correct name is MYRTLE LOIS PRICE, and that she is presently residing with her sister, whose name and address she refused to divulge, giving the reason that she is no longer engaged in commercial prostitution, and that her sister is not aware of her previous occupation. In this connection she advised that should it become necessary to contact her in the future, she could be reached through MARIE GALLUP. She would not relate any of her early life, nor furnish the names of any of her relatives, stating that she can not see where this information would have any bearing on the instant case. She likewise refused to submit a signed statement, and the following is the substance of the information obtained from her:

MISS PRICE advised that she has never been married, and that she first went to work for EDITH BARRY in the early part of 1930; that at that time EDITH had four to six girls working in the house, and it was on this occasion that she first met MARIE GALLUP, knowing her as "PEACHES" BUTLER. MISS PRICE advised that she remained with EDITH BARRY for only one year, when she went to work prostituting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; that she returned to Toledo, Ohio, in either 1932 or 1933, and again went to work for EDITH; that on this occasion she stayed six months and returned to Pittsburgh. She further related that thereafter EDITH corresponded with her regularly, and on or about April 10, 1935 EDITH wrote and asked

her to come to Toledo, advising that "PEACHES" BUTLER had left her, and that she was very short-handed. MISS PRICE advised that she arrived at EDITH BARRY'S place on or about April 20, 1935, or approximately two weeks after "PEACHES" left there; that on this visit she remained until the latter part of June, 1935. She went on to state that EDITH'S business was very poor during this period, and as she, herself, was not making any money, she decided to give up prostitution and go to Milwaukee and live with her sister.

MISS PRICE advised that she lived in EDITH'S house while she was there this last time, and did most of the cooking and cleaning of the house; that LU also worked there for a short while during this period, she leaving a few weeks after MYRTLE arrived.

A group of photographs of the BARKER-KARPIS gang were displayed to MISS PRICE, and after much hesitancy she selected the photographs of ALVIN KARPIS and HARRY CAMPBELL as the likenesses of two men whom she saw at EDITH'S place. When asked why she was reluctant in identifying these photographs, MISS PRICE advised that she learned of their true identities after she left MISS BARRY'S place, and that she did not want to get EDITH into any trouble. She stated that she recognized KARPIS' photograph in a newspaper about a year ago, and that she recognized CAMPBELL'S photograph in the paper when he was arrested at Toledo, Ohio, on May 7, 1936. MISS PRICE advised that she was introduced to these two individuals by EDITH BARRY shortly after she arrived there in April, 1935, and met them under the name of "SONNY" and "BUFF", or "BUD", or some such similar name; that she saw them at EDITH'S place on at least three different occasions during April and May, 1935; that on one occasion CAMPBELL came there by himself.

MISS PRICE further stated that EDITH BARRY informed her that these two men were gamblers and good spenders, and in fact were her best customers; that "SONNY" or KARPIS never indulged in sexual relations with any girl at her place, as he was very much in love with his wife. MISS PRICE advised that EDITH would tell her at times when business was dull that she wished "SONNY" and "BUFF" would return soon, as they always spent considerable money there.

MYRTLE PRICE further stated that at these times, when KARPIS and CAMPBELL would come to EDITH BARRY'S place, they would stay for a day or so, and then leave, never indicating their des-

tion; that she observed that CAMPBELL was somewhat infatuated with the girl named LU who worked there, as he always "bought" her; that she never had any relations with either KARPIS or CAMPBELL, as KARPIS never desired a girl when he was there. MISS PRICE advised that she does not know in what manner KARPIS and CAMPBELL came and left EDITH'S place; that the door bell was never answered by anyone other than EDITH BARRY, and that she was never permitted downstairs while customers were in the place, except at those times when EDITH would ring for her. She also was unable to advise whether anyone came to see KARPIS and CAMPBELL while there; that, however, they could have had visitors without her knowing it, as she, as well as the other girls, were definitely instructed by EDITH to close the doors to their rooms whenever she took anyone upstairs. MISS PRICE further advised that KARPIS and CAMPBELL always occupied the east front bedroom when they stayed there, and that she frequently observed EDITH serve drinks and meals to them in this room; that LU also frequently visited this room.

MISS PRICE claims that she is not acquainted with JOE ROSCOE, TED and BERT ANGUS, "WIG" COUSINS, or GEORGE TIMINEY, and therefore is unable to state whether she ever saw these individuals in EDITH BARRY'S house while she was there in 1935. The photographs of the ANGUS brothers and TIMINEY were displayed to the PRICE woman with negative results.

Continuing, MYRTLE advised that on the occasion HARRY CAMPBELL came to the place by himself, LU was no longer working for EDITH, and as a result he left without availing himself of the services of a girl.

Other photographs of the KARPIS-BARKER mob were exhibited to MISS PRICE, but she was only able to identify those of KARPIS and CAMPBELL. She claims that she never saw FRANK P. GREENWALD, owner of the Private Cab Service Company, Toledo, in the presence of KARPIS and CAMPBELL; that she never saw an automobile in their possession, nor did she ever see a gun on their person or in their room. MISS PRICE knew no girl by the name of "KAY" who ever worked for EDITH BARRY.

For possible future reference the following is a description of MYRTLE LOIS PRICE, which Agent obtained through interview and personal observation:



Name	MYRTLE LOIS PRICE
Age	25
Height	5'3"
Weight	110 lbs.
Eyes	brown
Hair	black
Complexion	freckled
Build	thin

The following is a description of MARIE GALLUP, alias MARIE BUTLER, alias "PEACHES" BUTLER, which Agent obtained through interview and personal observation:

Name	MARIE GALLUP
Age	37
Height	5'6"
Weight	145 lbs.
Hair	blonde, bobbed
Eyes	hazel
Complexion	dissipated looking
Build	heavy

Both MARIE GALLUP and MYRTLE PRICE were instructed to communicate with the Milwaukee Bureau Office in the event they move from their present addresses, which they promised to do.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

#### The CLEVELAND OFFICE:

At Cleveland, Ohio, will reinterview MOLLIE BARTELHEIM, Matron in the Cleveland Police Department, and ascertain whether she recalls bringing GLADYS SAWYER to the office of MRS. MILDRED WILCOX for a conference around 9 and 10 P.M. on the night of September 5, 1934. Determine whether she was definitely instructed by MRS. WILCOX to bring GLADYS to her office, or whether GLADYS SAWYER asked to see her, as MRS. WILCOX alleges. Also get from this matron the details of her conversation or instructions from MRS. WILCOX after her interview with the SAWYER woman was concluded.

Endeavor to ascertain who contacted MRS. WILCOX during the time she was interviewing GLADYS SAWYER, and what information was developed at that time which apparently changed MRS. WILCOX's plans.

It is also desired that MOLLIE BARTELHEIM be vigorously interviewed in an effort to determine whether she, in fact, did not telephone ATTORNEY EDWARD STANTON prior to 3 A.M. on September 6, 1934, it being noted that PAULA HARMON informed GLADYS SAWYER at that hour that she had an attorney coming to see her in the morning. Ascertain whether the BARTELHEIM woman is acquainted with ATTORNEY STANTON, and whether she has at any time previous called STANTON, upon requests from prisoners for an attorney. It was noted in BARTELHEIM'S interview that she recalls bringing PAULA HARMON to MRS. WILCOX's office on one occasion, but does not recall bringing GLADYS or WYNONA BURDETTE to her at any time. Ascertain whether this matron did not, in fact, have reference to GLADYS SAWYER instead of PAULA HARMON.

Will contact DR. JOHN HANNIBAL and exhibit to him photographs of GLADYS SAWYER and PAULA HARMON in an effort to get him to recall having treated this woman in the summer of 1934. Determine from him on what individual from the Harvard Club he operated at that time, as according to GLADYS SAWYER, this person was supposed to have referred GLADYS through FRED BARKER to him. Ascertain whether this individual's name was mentioned by either PAULA HARMON or GLADYS SAWYER during any of their visits to him. Obtain any other information which he might have in his possession relative to these women and their apparent connection with employees of the Harvard Club.

P E N D I N G.

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TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases; I. O. #1232 - FUGITIVE; et al; EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING - HARBORING - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

.45 Colt Automatic pistol #C-175221  
sold by Galax Hardware Co., Galax,  
Va., to Jim Nickatos, Galax, but  
returned by him to instant Company  
which in turn sent back pistol to  
Belknap Hardware Manufacturing Co.,  
Louisville, Ky., April 23, 1935,  
and has credit invoice C.J. 5-7-35,  
from Louisville company.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent John L. Madala,  
Louisville, Ky., dated August 4, 1936.

**DETAILS:**

AT GALAX, VIRGINIA.

Agent interviewed A. L. Fulcher, Manager, Galax  
Hardware Company, and he stated that he sold the .45 Colt Automatic pistol C-175221  
to Jim Nickatos, local restaurant proprietor on March 11, 1935.

A subsequent interview with Nickatos, however,  
disclosed that Nickatos returned the Automatic to the Galax Hardware Company.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>J. M. Keith</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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As a result Fulcher again checked his records which reflected that the above Automatic was returned by the Galax Hardware Company, Galax, Virginia, to the Belknap Hardware Manufacturing Company, Louisville, Ky., on April 23, 1935. A subsequent invoice disclosed that D. B. Mullins, salesman, Belknap Hardware Manufacturing Company negotiated the deal and the Galax Hardware on invoice C.J. 5-7-35 was credited with the amount of the original purchase price.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: THE LOUISVILLE OFFICE AT LOUISVILLE, KY.,  
is requested to contact the Belknap Hardware Manufacturing Company and determine to whom the instant .45 calibre Automatic pistol was resold, after the return of the gun to them by the Galax Hardware Company, Galax, Va., on April 23, 1935, and the subsequent credit given latter company on invoice C.J.5-7-35.

PENDING.

Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

October 5, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith four copies of the report  
of Special Agent John L. Madala, Chicago, Illinois, dated  
October 3, 1936 in the above entitled matter and am also  
returning, herewith, the signed, sworn statement of Marie  
Gallup.

Very truly yours,

D. E. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

October 5, 1936

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

Re: Brekid

Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish the known criminal record of the following:

Name (inc. aliases)	City, Police Arrest. or Other Number.	Approximate date Fingerprints for- warded Division of Investigation.	Fingerprint Classifica- tion.
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John Brekid	CHICAGO, ILL. 10/1/31, 17-15-100-22		
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	CHICAGO, ILL. 10/1/31, 17-15-100-22		

John Brekid or Brekid, John	CHICAGO, ILL. 10/1/31, 17-15-100-22		
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Wagner is about 5'7 1/2" in height; age at present 30; weight 147;  
eyes, gray; hair, dark blonde; residence, Toledo, Ohio.

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Please send copies of records to the Cincinnati and Chicago  
offices, in addition to the Cleveland office.

In a summary report is being prepared at Cleveland,  
this information is desired at an early date.

OCT 19 1936

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio.

FILE NO. 7-2- KF

REPORT MADE AT <b>Nashville, Tennessee.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10-5-36.</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10-1, 2 - 36.</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. E. PETERSON</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; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 400px;">No record of registration in the State of Tennessee of 1935 Ford Coupe, Motor #18-1615253 for the years 1935 and 1936. Stop notice placed October 1, 1936, and removed October 2, 1936.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p>			
<p>REFERENCE: Circular letters from the Cleveland Office dated September 19 and 29th, 1936.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: Agent checked the records at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, State of Tennessee, at Nashville, Tennessee, and it was noted that 1935 Model Ford Coupe, Motor #18-1615253 had not been registered in the State of Tennessee for the years 1935 and 1936. A stop notice was placed on this car with the request that the Nashville Office be notified immediately in the event this automobile was registered. On receipt of the reference letter dated September 29, 1936, the above stop notice was withdrawn.</p>			
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1011 Bankers Building,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.  
October 5, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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

Dear sir:

Reference is made to letter to all field offices from the  
Cleveland office dated September 19, 1936 and to letter to all field  
offices from the Cleveland Office date September 29, 1936.

In view of the information contained in the latter letter  
of reference, this case is being referred upon completion  
to the office of origin.

Very truly yours,

V. J. Peterson,  
Special Agent in Charge.

✓ C. C. Bureau  
C. C. Cleveland  
C. C. St Paul.

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October 5, 1936.

*by Spencer*  
E. J. Connelley  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1130 Enquirer Building  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

BREKID <sup>x</sup> THOMAS SHIRT COMPANY COLUMBUS SENT PACKAGE OF SHIRTS COD TO E BRONSON  
THIRTY ONE ELEVEN HARVARD AVENUE CLEVELAND JULY SIX NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR AMOUNT  
ABOUT ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN DOLLARS CHECK THROUGH POST OFFICE COLUMBUS SECURING  
IDENTIFYING NUMBERS TO LOCATE ORIGINAL RECEIPT HERE EXPEDITE

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof,

which are hereby agreed to  
 Kansas City, Missouri,  
 October 5, 1936.

D. M. Ladd,  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
 U. S. Department of Justice,  
 1900 Bankers' Building,  
 Chicago, Illinois.

BREKID REFER LETTER FIRST INSTANCE FROM CLEVELAND TO KANSAS CITY FORWARD  
 IMMEDIATELY LATEST PHOTOGRAPHS ALL PERSONS MENTIONED THEREIN THIS OFFICE  
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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1448 STANDARD BUILDING  
CLEVELAND OHIO

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TO SEND A MESSAGE TELEPHONE LOCUST 3740 OR BROAD 5221 OR ANY POSTAL TELEGRAPH OFFICE. FOR MESSENGER TELEPHONE POSTAL TELEGRAPH OR RING POSTAL CALL BOX.

1130 Enquirer Building  
Cincinnati, Ohio

October 6, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your telegraphic request of October 5, 1936, and confirming teletype from the Cincinnati Office on this date, I wish to advise that Special Agent J. A. Cimperman at Columbus, Ohio, examined the C.O.D. records at the Main Post Office and ascertained that five packages were sent C.O.D., by the Thomas Shirt Company, 240 N. High Street, Columbus, to Mr. W. Bronson, 3111 Harvard Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, on July 6, 1934, these packages being mailed at the Spring Street Annex Post Office. Each of the five C.O.D. packages was in the amount of \$25.40, making a total of \$127.00 due to sender. The five packages bore the following C.O.D. numbers, 81202, 81203, 81204, 81205 and 81206.

There is no record that any of these packages was returned to the sender as undelivered, or uncalled for.

Duplicate copies of the C.O.D. tickets mentioned above were made by Agent Cimperman and are being transmitted herewith.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to: CLEVELAND 0711

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PHONE. BREKID. THOMAS SHIRT COMPANY COLUMBUS SENT FIVE PACKAGES OF  
SHIRTS COD TO E. BRONSON, THREE ONE ONE ONE HARVARD AVENUE, CLEVELAND,  
OHIO, ON JULY SIX NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR. EACH PACKAGE WAS BILLED AT  
TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS AND FORTY CENTS AND THE PACKAGES BORE THE FOLLOWING  
C.C.D. NUMBERS EIGHT ONE TWO NAUGHT TWO COMMA EIGHT ONE TWO NAUGHT  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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1443 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

October 3, 1936

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; FLOYD L.  
WILMOT, Victim; The Equitable  
Life Assurance Society of the  
United States; EXTORTION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated September 29, 1936, file No's 7-576 and 9-2122, wherein an explanation is desired setting forth the reason why two sets of evidence involved in the two above-entitled cases were submitted to the Technical Laboratory, in one envelope going registered mail, contrary to the above-entitled cases' letters of transmittal.

Please be advised that on the particular night said mail was being prepared by the night clerk of this office, it was noticed that two pieces of registered mail were directed to the Technical Laboratory, which was after the letters had been written and signed. The night clerk placed both sets of evidence in one envelope so as to avoid the payment of a second piece of registered mail bearing the same destination. It was believed that so long as a copy of the letter of transmittal directed to the Director was clipped and enclosed with each piece of evidence, no confusion would ensue, and would, on the other hand, save the cost of one piece of registered mail.

If the Bureau does not deem this practice advisable, future transmittals to the Technical Laboratory will be enclosed in individual envelopes.

Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge

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612 Marine Trust Bldg.  
Buffalo, New York

October 6, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated September 30, 1936 requesting photograph and record of Joseph Roscoe, alias Roscoli.

Records of the Elmira Reformatory, Elmira, N.Y. failed to reflect that Joseph Roscoe alias Roscoli was ever in that institution, however, there was one Leonard Charles Roscoe alias Leonard Smith who was sentenced from Erie County October 14, 1927 on a charge of Grand Larceny 1st Degree. The Elmira records further reflect on October 27, 1927 that Leonard Smith was committed to the Erie County Jail as charged with Grand Larceny 1st Degree.

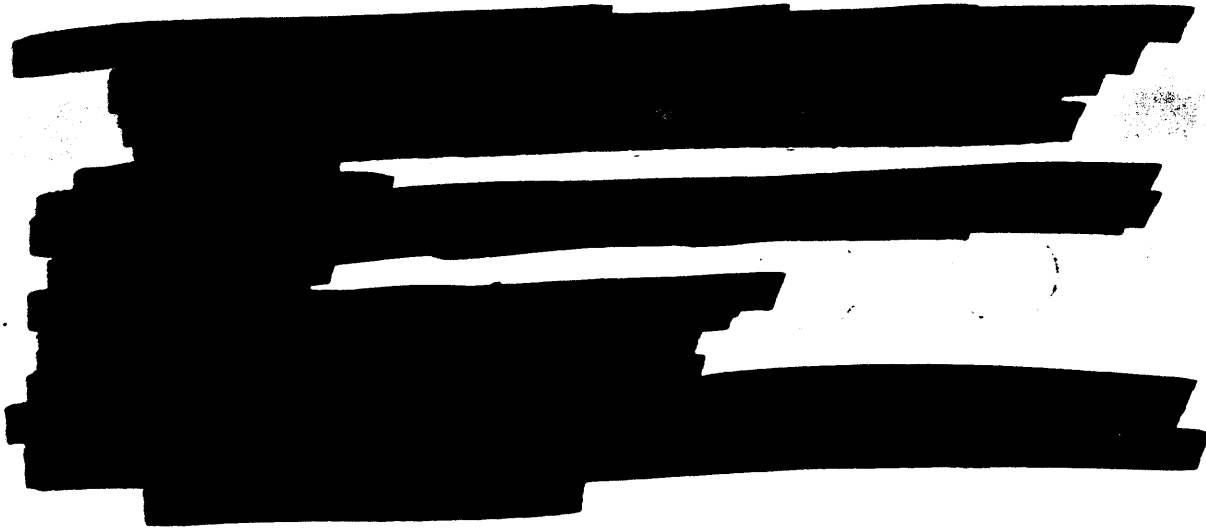
At the Erie County Jail the records failed to disclose a Joseph Roscoe as ever having been incarcerated in that institution, however, it reflects a Leonard Smith record is being set out below.

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Enclosed herewith is a photograph of Leonard Roscoe which was secured from the Erie County Sheriff's Office. The description of Roscoe as set forth on the back of this card is shown below.

Name	Leonard Roscoe alias Leonard Smith
Age	22
Height	120 3/4
Hair	Br. Chestnut
Complexion	Fair
Born	March 1, 1905, Buffalo, N.Y.
Weight	5'5 or 6"
Eyes	Slaty
Nationality	American
Occupation	Welder
Fingerprint Class.	32 I 24 II
Remarks:	Tattoo- R forearm post 1/2 between wrist & elbow, small red heart with cross above - 2 stars, 1 either side lower part of heart. Letters "L.C.R." bottom of heart; 1 cic. 1/4" r. center out. 1 cic 5/8" center upper lip, crescent shaped.
Arrested	Aug. 29, 1927

In view of the fact that there is no further investigation pending in this district this case is being referred upon completion to office of origin.

Very truly yours,

L. L. SAGLETT  
Special Agent in Charge

San Antonio, Chicago.

# FEDERAL 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>10-4-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10-3-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. D. BROWN</b> <span style="float: right;">NK</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 AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Stop notices filed with Secretaries of State, Colo. and Wyo., on Ford V-8 Coupe, motor #18-1615253, withdrawn.

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REFERENCE: Letter from the Cleveland Office, dated September 29, 1936.

**DETAILS:**

Upon receipt of letter dated September 19, 1936, from the Cleveland Office, requesting that search be made at the offices of the Secretaries of State for each state covered by each field office, letters were directed to Mr. S. C. Becker, Chief, State Auto Theft Department, Motor Vehicle Division, State Treasurer's Office, Denver, Colorado, and to Hon. Lester C. Hunt, Secretary of State, Cheyenne, Wyoming, requesting that their records be thoroughly searched for the years 1935 and 1936 to determine whether or not a Ford DeLuxe Coupe, black in color, motor #18-1615253, had been registered in their respective states. These gentlemen were also requested to place enclosed stop notices against possible future registration of this car.

On September 28, 1936, a letter was received from Deputy Chief F. H. Heindel, State Auto Theft Department, Denver, Colorado, advising no

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record could be found of registration of 1935 Ford Coupe, motor #18-1615253,  
and that stop notices had been filed.

Upon receipt of reference letter from the Cleveland Office, advising of the  
location of this car, letters were directed to the State Auto Theft Depart-  
ment, Denver, Colorado, and to the Secretary of State, Lester C. Hunt,  
Cheyenne, Wyoming, requesting that the stop notices filed be withdrawn  
and destroyed.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION  
TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

EPC:ON

September 29, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREKID.

✓ UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; FLOYD L.  
WILMOTH, Victim; The Equitable  
Life Assurance Society of the  
United States; EXTORTION.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the Bureau's telegraphic message of September 26, 1936, concerning the failure of your office to transmit the original evidence described in the letters of September 24th prepared in your office in connection with the above-entitled cases, you are advised that both sets of evidence referred to were received by registered mail in the Bureau on September 23, 1936, both contained in the same envelope.

It is desired that your office submit a detailed explanation as to how this evidence was handled and why it was not transmitted as described in your letters.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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October 6, 1936.

R. E. Vetterli  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1300 Liberty Trust Building  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

B. W. AGENT CHARL REPORT RE TWENTY FIVE THIRTY FIVE ADVISE  
PRESENT LOCATION REGISTRATION CARDS KARPIS, CAMPBELL, DELANEY,  
KARPIS, AT DANMOR HOTEL. IF POSSIBLE YOUR OFFICE FORWARD  
CLEVELAND IMMEDIATELY.

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October 6, 1936.

D. Brantley  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

REKID ADVISE NEW MAY BESET RECENT ON ASSOCIATION BLOCK AND  
COUNCIL NEW COUNCIL BLOCK REIN AS RECENTED SENTENCE. TERRY BIRD.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

OCTOBER 8, 1936

Transmit the following message to: CLEVELAND

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1130 Enquirer Building  
Cincinnati, Ohio

October 7, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREXID.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with telephonic request of Special Agent W. J. Wynn on October 6, 1936, I wish to advise that the proper person to subpoena to produce records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Columbus, Ohio, is Mr. C. Ervin Mofer, Chief, Records Division, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, 275 South Fourth Street, Columbus, Ohio.

The records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles reflect the following registrations concerning automobiles involved in this case:

1934 Chevrolet Club Sedan, Motor #4102997, registered during 1934 under Ohio License C 19-665 in the name of H. J. Morley, 33 1/2 Summit Street, Toledo, Ohio.

1934 Chevrolet Sedan, Motor #4543656, registered during 1934 under Ohio License E-74-235 in the name of H. J. Morley, 33 1/2 Summit St., Toledo, Ohio.

1934 Chevrolet Sedan, Motor #4482615, registered during 1934 under Ohio License 140-582, in the name of Mrs. J. B. Osborne, Clyde, Ohio.

1934 Ford DeLuxe Coupe, Motor #683450, registered during 1934 under Ohio License C 19-563, in the name of George Winfield, 631 St. Clair, Toledo, Ohio.

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1312 1934 Ford Deluxe Sedan, Motor #899363, registered during 1934 under license (Ohio) C35-952, in the name of E. J. Powell, 1312 Adams Street, Toledo, Ohio.

1935 Ford Coupe, Motor #18-429014, registered during 1935 under Ohio License HK-54 in the name of Charles Miller, 6604 Pearl Road, Cleveland, Ohio. The records on this car disclosed that on 4-19-35 it was sold to Mr. George L. Van Houten, 925 Lincoln Ave., Toledo, Ohio, and new 1935 Ohio license 934-H was issued. The records indicate that Charles Miller purchased this car on 2-4-35.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

Case:

October 6, 1936.

Number:

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Specimens:

- 48. Photostatic copy of original bill of sale #390144, signed "Chas. Miller".
- 49. One new car order dated September 13, 1935, signed "Chas. Miller".

Examination requested by:

Cleveland Office

Date received:

9/29/36

Examination requested:

Document

Result of examination:

Examination by: Appel

No conclusion was reached from a comparison of the signatures "Chas. Miller" with the known handwriting of the gangsters in this case. The reason for this is that the known handwriting of Fred Hunter does not contain a similar combination of letters or the use of enough words of a similar construction to enable adequate comparison.

It is desired to secure specimens of the known writing of Fred Hunter if possible with the name "Chas. Miller" and the address "6604 Pearl Rd." It is suggested if photographs are to be used to secure visual identification, they should include that of Fred Hunter.

The specimens identified as 48 and 49 will be returned to your office within the next several days, together with a photographic copy of 49.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

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 September 26, 1936.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure:

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

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

Cleveland FILE NO. 7-1 AHH

REPORT MADE AT <b>Cleveland, Ohio</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10-6-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9-23, 24, 25-- 10-1 to 4-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>S. K. McKEE</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>Tony Amersbach, Butch Meusel, Ray Mulcahey, Earl Brazzil, George Langstaff, Pete Mele, Charles Storms, Bill Fink, Al Foerster, Rodger Knowles, Louis Monica, Al McCabe, Joe Catalona, Bert Trattner, Lefty Graham, Charles Crowle, Waddy Schoemaker, Bennie Cohen, Rube McNulty, Whitey Mattson, all of whom are employed at the Harvard Club, Newburgh Heights, Ohio, were questioned at the Cleveland office, but no admissions secured to show possible subjects harboring investigation knew identities of Karpis et al or were acquainted with fugitives. Investigation performed by Agent W. H. Hoffman proves present Harvard Club is operated as gambling house. F. W. Smith and E. P. Slade, formerly with A. W. Hebebrand Real Estate Company, furnished circumstances as to rental of house by Karpis, but could not explain how Karpis located house when it was not advertised nor placarded. Dr. John E. Hannibal, Cleveland, Ohio, treated Gladys Sawyer during summer 1934, but he could not state who referred her to him except someone from Harvard Club. G. S. Frembes, Sr., Thomas Shirt Company, Columbus, Ohio, identifies Fred Barker and Harry Campbell as two of shirt purchasers at Harvard Club on 5-19-34 after telephone call received from Hebebrand requesting he come to club. Investigation reveals 1935 Ford coupe, motor #18-1615253, was traded to Manning Marino Motor Company, Youngstown, Ohio, 9-17-35 on 1935 Hudson coupe, motor #68021 by Charles Miller, 6606 Pearl Road, Cleveland, Ohio, and Hudson coupe was re-sold to motor company on 11-1-35. No idents as to Charles Miller other than some</p>			
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resemblance to Fred Hunter. Investigation shows temporary BUREAU OFFICE telephone, Toledo, Ohio, not tapped. Place previously known as "Three Sisters Tavern" identified as Twilight Inn, Parma Heights, Ohio, where numerous employees of Harvard Club hung out. Sally, Pauline and Florence Jackson, who operated this place in 1934-35, interviewed and named Harvard Club employees who patronized same, but denied Karpis and associates known to them. Further interviews as to "tipoff" conducted with negative results. Summary of data secured thru Ardell Quinn telephone tap set out herein. Quinn woman arrested 9-26-36 in WSTA case and now under \$10,000 bond pending grand jury action. Beachcliff Building Company telephone tap discontinued 9-23-36. Tap installed on home telephone of Art Hebebrand 9-30-36; no data of value obtained thus far. Leo "Pug" Smith located and interviewed, but nothing of value obtained.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, Cleveland, Ohio, September 22, 1936.

DETAILS: AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

This report represents the activity of the various agents whose names appear hereinafter in connection with a particular investigation.

*Quinn Tap 1*

During the period of this report Special Agents H. A. Snow and W. H. Hoffman have continued to maintain a telephone tap on the phone of Ardell Quinn, notorious bawdy house madam, 1916 East 84th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, and this tap is still in effect. A summary of the information obtained over this tap will be set out later in this report. On September 26, 1936, the Quinn woman was arrested



as a result of information received thru this tap, and she is presently under bond of \$10,000 pending presentment of her case involving violation of the White Slave Traffic Act to a grand jury at Cleveland, Ohio. The details of this matter are being covered in a separate file.

The telephone tap on the phone of the Beachcliff Building Company, Rocky River, Ohio, place of business of Hebebrand and Patton, as maintained by Special Agents W. B. Matney and L. Levin, was discontinued on September 23, 1936, inasmuch as no information of value was being obtained. This tap revealed that neither Hebebrand nor Patton spent any time at their office and, in fact, spent most of their time at the scene of their building operations.

On September 30, 1936, a tap was installed on the home telephone of Arthur W. Hebebrand at 3909 West 158th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, number Clearwater C171. The installation was made by Special Agents C. E. Smith and L. F. Malone. The listening end of this tap is located in the home of J. C. Ferguson, 3827 West 158th Street, telephone Clearwater 2485-M, and same is being covered on a twenty-four-hour per day basis by Special Agents W. B. Matney and E. J. Lowe. To date no information of value has been obtained thru this tap, the majority of the conversations being between the wife of Hebebrand and other woman on subjects not connected with this investigation.

Interviews with the various employees of the Harvard Club for the purpose of obtaining information which would show knowledge on the part of Art Hebebrand, Shimmy Patton and others that Karpis and his associates were fugitives in this case and that these parties knew the true identities of the fugitives have been continued during the period of this report, as follows:

On 9-24-36 Benjamin Cohen, who resides at 1408 Parkgate Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, appeared at this office and was interviewed by Special Agent L. Levin, at which time he stated he was born November 21, 1904 in Cleveland and had attended the public schools of the city, completing the eighth grade of grammar school; that subsequent to this he clerked in several drug stores in the city and about 1923 he went to New Castle, Pennsylvania, to visit his sisters and brothers-in-law; that while he was there, being unemployed, his brothers-in-law loaned him some money and also gave him a space to start a store known as a pet shop; that he took to this, naturally, since he has always been interested in outdoor life; that he operated this store in New Castle for about seven years, during which time he resided with his sister, and that finally he had to give up the business, because of the depression, and then returned to his home in Cleveland, where he secured employment in the office of his cousin, Marvin Cohen, who was in the insurance and bail bond business. He worked with this cousin for about a year, at which time the cousin died, and he was again unemployed; that during this period he became acquainted with Art Hebebrand, for whom the cousin wrote a great deal of insurance and bonds, but he was unable to furnish any details of the type of bonds his cousin wrote for Hebebrand, and, in fact, was unable to clearly give any details of his brother's business.

The man stated he tried to find employment for about a year and a half without success and that he finally approached Art Hebebrand at the Harvard Club and asked for any kind of work; that he was put to work as a sheet writer at the club in the horse room, but he was unable to explain how it was that he, being inexperienced in the line of horse betting and racing, was hired. He stated his salary was \$30 weekly and that one Art Slessinger was in charge of the horse room at the time Cohen started working there and that Slessinger continued in that capacity until the summer of 1935. Cohen states he first started working at the club during the summer of 1932. With respect to this Slessinger, Cohen claimed to be unable to furnish any data with the exception that he knew he was married, but could not furnish

the wife's maiden name nor any information as to where Slessinger originated or where he had gone after leaving the club.

Continuing, Cohen stated he was in the horse room of the club for about six months and that he was then made a ladder man and that now he is a floor man, and his salary is presently \$12 daily. His hours are from 6:00 pm to closing, and his duties consist solely in seeing that the dealers have enough silver to carry on the games; that he is more or less a glorified messenger boy.

Cohen insisted that he knew none of the personnel of the club prior to starting to work there and that he has since become rather friendly with Danny Gallagher by reason of the following circumstance:

About December 1934 Cohen decided he needed a vacation and thought he'd go to Miami, inasmuch as he had never been there. He casually mentioned this at the club, and Gallagher, who was quite ill at the time, also wanted to go away. Consequently, either Art Hebebrand or Shimmy Patton, or both, suggested that Gallagher accompany Cohen on the trip; the club paid the transportation costs of both Cohen, and Gallagher, and Cohen states he drew two weeks salary in advance to defray his personal expenses. They left Cleveland by air and were forced down at Pittsburgh and went on the train from there to Miami, where they first registered in the Halcyon Hotel, staying for two or three days and then went over to the Everglades Hotel; their time was taken up with going to the horse and dog races; after being in Miami for about ten days they took a boat ride to Cuba for no other reason than to take the ride and to see Cuba. They arrived in Cuba in the morning and spent the time in sight seeing, going to visit such places as breweries, churches and cemeteries and then spent that night at some hotel there, name not recalled. They spent the following day also in sight seeing and that night they took the boat back, disembarking at Key West, Florida, from where they took the train back to Miami and returned to the Everglades, from which point in a day or so they returned to Cleveland. The entire trip took about two weeks.

Cohen insisted that as far as he was concerned the trip to Miami was a pure vacation and that there was no other reason for the trip; that he does not know if Gallagher had any ulterior motive and that he does not know why the club paid their transportation costs; that he was never cautioned by anyone to steer clear of any person in Florida and

that as far as he knows, Gallagher made no contacts of any kind while they were there; that the only person he can remember meeting in Florida was one Ralph Smith, a former dealer at the club, which meeting was very casual at one of the two dog tracks they visited. He was asked about the name Joe Adams and claimed never to have heard it before. He was, likewise, asked about any business deals that Gallagher may have transacted there, and stated he was with Gallagher most of the time and he knew of no deals of any kind. With respect to the telephone call made by Gallagher to the club, Cohen stated that he knew nothing about it beforehand and that it is possible Gallagher made such a call and also possible that he might have talked with some of the employees of the club; that he cannot recall if he did, but that if he did, it was only for the purpose of telling them he was having a fine time and enjoying himself, and it certainly wasn't for the purpose of reporting the results of any business deal in Florida.

At this point the writer desires to note that Cohen answered every question with some expression denoting his inability to definitely say that one thing had or had not happened; that is, he was always using the words "possibly, probably, approximately, or I can't recall exactly" in order that when the same question might be asked him a second time he might be able to answer in any way.

Cohen stated that he was continually working at the Harvard Club with the exception of the above trip and another trip that he took to Bermuda, sometime during August and September 1935, which trip lasted for about three weeks. He made this trip by himself and like the other one, it was purely for his health and that it had no significance at all. He admitted that for almost four years he has been employed at the Harvard Club and claimed that "Toots" Talbot and "Shorty" Conway are only the fronts for Art Hebebrand and Shimmy Patton; that he takes orders from "Toots" and "Shorty" and that he gets his pay daily from these same individuals.

Cohen was shown numerous pictures of Karpis et al and claimed to be able to identify only the photographs of Art Hebebrand, Shimmy Patton, Tip O'Neill, Milton Lett and Fred Hunter. With respect to Hebebrand and Patton, he knows them

as a result of his business at the club; that he knows O'Neill in the same way; that Fred Hunter, whose name he claimed not to know was formerly about two years ago a black-jack dealer at the club; Cohen could not say that Hunter was very friendly with any particular persons at the club and claimed to have no information about him, with the exception that he worked at the club for about three months. With respect to Milton Lett, Cohen stated that he knew him under the name of "Willie" and that he was a "shill" at the club for a period of time also about two years ago; was unable or claimed to be unable to furnish any data with respect to Lett, either his residence, his friends or who may have originally hired him to work at the club.

It is worthy to note that Cohen when shown a photo of Patton refused absolutely to identify the photo, stating that altho it resembled Patton, yet since it was a side view, he was unable to say positively that it was Patton. This same attitude was displayed throughout the interview. With respect to the photographs of Karpis et al, Cohen stated that he did not know these people, nor had he ever seen any of them either at the club or elsewhere.

Cohen was questioned with respect to his income tax returns and stated that he had filed one for last year and that on one occasion, placing the time as being last summer or fall, someone at the club told him to see Geisy at the club and file the return. He stated that the return was made out for him by Geisy and that it showed income of \$3600, and his employed as the Avenue Catering Company. He was unable to recall if he had signed the return or if he had sworn to it, but was absolutely certain that Geisy had made it out for him. He was unable to say who had brought Geisy to the club and also that he had not filed a return for any previous years, altho his earnings for each year since he started working at the club were in excess of \$3500. He was questioned as to the reason for being able to remember the name Geisy, particularly since he could remember no other details and inferred that the name had been furnished him either by "Toots" or "Shorty" within the last week or so, but would not definitely state this was the case. He was also questioned as to any bank accounts and stated that he now maintains a savings account at the National City Bank, which was

formerly the Guardian Trust and has a balance of about \$1000. He stated in response to a question that he also maintains a safety deposit box at the Commercial and Savings Bank, having rented same about six months ago. He was asked why he had gone to another bank to rent this box and was unable to give any answer and then later on stated he had about \$400 which he was using to bet on the horses and that he wanted to keep that amount separate from his savings; also that he had been in the box about a week or so ago and claimed that the purpose was to find out if he had any cash left in the box, explaining that he was unable to tell from the last time he was in the box whether any cash was left or not. Obviously, this story was fabricated.

Cohen states he is the sole support of his mother, father, sister and her two children, all of whom reside at 1408 Parkgate Avenue with him and explained all of his gambling activities on the basis of being able to make a living for these persons and himself. He felt that this reason justified his actions of working in a gambling joint.

He was asked for his opinion as to how it was possible for a gambling joint to run, since it is an illegal activity, and stated he had nothing to do with that; that his duties were as stated and that he didn't even have an opinion as to whether law enforcement officials might be accepting graft for the purpose of permitting the club to operate.

The following description was secured during the questioning:

Name	- Benjamin Cohen (claims no alias used)
Address	- 1408 Parkgate Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio
Age	- 34 (born 11-21-02, Cleveland, Ohio)
Height	- 5' 8"
Weight	- 120 lbs.
Hair	- black, straight, parted on right side
Eyes	- slate
Complexion	- sallow
Build	- slender
Marital status	- single (claims never married)
Education	- 8th grade public school
Occupation	- gambler
Crim. record	- claims never arrested on any charge
Relatives:	- father, Harry Cohen ) all at 1408
	mother, Anna ) Parkgate Ave.,
	sister, Minnie Abelson) Cleveland,
	brother, Jack ) Ohio

- brother, Isadore, is mail clerk,  
United States Post Office,  
Cleveland, Ohio;
- brother, William, shoemaker, Euclid and  
Lakewood Avenues, Cleveland, Ohio
- sister, Ida Cohen, New Castle, Penn.  
" Mary Abkowitz, New Castle, Penna.

Louis J. Mattson, employed at the Harvard Club, Newburgh Heights, Ohio, called at the Cleveland office on September 24, 1936, and was interviewed by Special Agents J. B. Fitzgerald and R. T. Noonan. Mattson stated that he resides at 2214 Carabel Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio, and that he is married and has two small children; that his original home is Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he has a mother and sister and brother residing at 4218 Portland Avenue.

Before coming to Cleveland he worked two years in Chicago, Illinois, at 63d and Cottage Grove Avenues, at the Southland Club, a gambling house, for Bill Johnson, his work being as a crap dealer. He has been employed at the Harvard Club for about eight months, coming there first in April 1935, when he worked a week and then went to the Thomas Club for three or four months and then returned to the Harvard Club about August 15, 1935, and has been there ever since, except when it was closed, during which time he went to Detroit, Michigan, and worked five weeks for Carl Meyers in a bookie place in Ecorse, Michigan.

He returned to Cleveland about April 1, 1936, and has been employed at the Harvard Club since that time. He was previously employed as a crap dealer from 12 noon to 9 p.m., but since the reopening of the club he has been employed as a ladder man and works from 7:30 p.m. till closing. He stated that he has been in the gambling racket for about sixteen years and has also bootlegged, being arrested once in Detroit for bootlegging, for which he received a sentence of thirty days in federal court, this being in February of either 1932 or 1933. He further stated that he left Minneapolis about 1916 or 1917 and only makes occasional visits there now and never worked in the gambling game there. From that time to date he has spent about twelve years in Detroit, Michigan. He first worked for Johnny Ryan at 21 Elizabeth Street, Ryan being the one who preceded Fitzgerald as the leader of the gambling syndicate in Detroit. About ten years ago he worked for

about ten days for one Dugan at the Crescent Club, 631 St. Clair Street, Toledo, Ohio, and has not worked at any other place in Toledo.

Mattson stated that Toots Talbot appears to be the proprietor of the Harvard Club at the present time, along with Shorty Conway, but in 1935 and before the club was closed early in January 1936 Hebebrand, Patton and Gallagher were the ones who took full charge of the club, and it is believed they are the ones behind the place now. As for the alleged "fix", Mattson stated that he knows nothing about that, except that he knows there must be one or the place could not operate.

As for the Income Tax, Mattson stated that he was away during the early part of 1936 when the accounts for 1935 were being prepared and when he came back Talbot told him that they had put his name in for the income tax. He was unable to give any other details about the matter but did not pay any income tax and no form was shown to him to sign. However, he stated that he was at the club only about 5 months in 1935 and did not make enough money there or any other place to pay a tax with the three dependents that he has.

When shown the photographs of the persons involved or under investigation herein Mattson was unable to identify either Fred Hunter or Milton Lett as ever having been employed or seen by him at the Harvard Club. He stated that if Hunter was a black jack dealer there at the club, then he, Mattson, should have seen him as the table where Mattson worked at that time was the closest one to the black-jack table. He recalled one Reimy, a large Jewish man, as one of the black-jack dealers and thought that Marty Kutzen as a light-haired man about the build of himself, Mattson.

Mattson advised that after the newspapers carried the accounts to the effect that Karpis and others had been at the Harvard Club there was a general discussion among the dealers and employees, and he did not hear anyone say they had seen Karpis there, but did hear some of them say that if Karpis was there, they did not see him. Mattson was unable to make any other identifications from the photographs shown to him, except the local characters.

The following is a description of Louis J. Mattson:



At the request of Special Agent S. K. McKee, Peter Garish presented himself at the Cleveland Bureau office on 9-25-36 and was interviewed by Special Agent J. B. Fitzgerald with the following results:

Peter H. Garish, 5818 Rocky River Drive, Brookpark, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio, stated that he is proprietor of the Airport Tavern, a night club, which is located at 7000 Rocky River Drive, near the Cleveland Airport; that he is of Austrian parentage but born in New York City. He said he has lived in Cleveland for the past 24 years and has been in the restaurant business since the World War and previous to that time he operated an employment agency in Cleveland.

Gariash said that he operated the restaurant in the old Harvard Club for almost two years immediately preceding November 1, 1934, at which time he left that place to take over the Airport Tavern. Prior to going to the Harvard Club he operated the Lido Night Club at 117th Street and Clifton Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio. He stated that he is not a gambler and never was one and that he never operated a gambling house, although he tried Keno at the Airport Tavern unsuccessfully. He was unable to identify any photographs of the Barker-Karpis mob, but did identify photos of Hebebrand, Patton, Gallagher and Tip O'Neil as persons seen at

the Harvard Club many times. He said that Shimmy Patton and Art Hebebrand gave him the concession at the Harvard Club and that he has known these men about seven years. He denied any knowledge of any members of the gang having been at the club or any "fix" by means of which the club was allowed to operate. He said that his restaurant was in one end of this club and that he employed about five persons whom he could remember: namely: Jim Cleveland, the cook, who now lives in Newburgh Heights and is well known there; Mr. White, a counter man whose residence Jim Cleveland can tell if desired; Evans, a colored porter, Berea, Ohio, and waitresses Eilene and May, whereabouts unknown.

Garish recollected that he operated The Everglades, a night club, in Cleveland for four months just before he opened the Airport Tavern. John Nestor (or Josh Nestor) took over the restaurant in the Harvard Club when Peter Garish gave it up.

Following is a description of Peter H. Garish obtained from observation and questioning:

Age	- 52 years
Height	- 5' 11"
Weight	- 150 lbs.
Build	- thin
Hair	- black, grey at temples
Glasses	- wears
Scars and Marks	- wart on right forehead
Marital Status	- married, two children.

At the request of Special Agents R. T. Noonan and J. B. Fitzgerald Mr. Joseph Catalona of 3574 East 151st Street, Cleveland, Ohio, appeared at the Cleveland Bureau office and was interviewed by said agents September 24, 1936, relative to his connection with the Harvard Club and for what information he had which might be of value in instant investigation.

Catalona stated that his parents were Italian but that he was born in Syracuse, New York, later moved to Buffalo, New York, where he lived four years, then came to Cleveland, Ohio,

when still a small boy and has resided in Cleveland until the present time. He stated that he started to work at the Harvard Club during the latter part of March 1936 and has worked there regularly since last May as a dealer on the crap tables. He said he was off work for four and one-half years prior to the fall of 1934 with stomach trouble that prevented him from doing any kind of work. He then went to work at the Thomas Club in Cleveland where he worked for a year and a half just before going to work at the Harvard Club. Before his illness Catalona worked at the Ridge Road Club, a gambling resort on said road, just outside of Cleveland, which club was operated by a Bill Smith, an Akron, Ohio, gambler.

Catalona stated that at the present time he is a dealer on a crap table at the Harvard Club working for "Toots" Talbot and Shorty (last name unknown) and that the floor men are Benny Cohen and Max Gladstone. He said Art Hebebrand and Shimmy Patton are known to him and often seen by him around the village where the Harvard Club is located, but has never seen either one of them in the club, although he "supposes" they have something to do with the club. The photos of the Barker-Karpis gang and the Cleveland individuals were shown to him, but he identified only the Clevelanders and said that none of the others were familiar to him. Catalona said that he knows nothing about a "fix" and never heard such a thing discussed in connection with the Harvard Club.

In regard to income tax, this man stated he made a return for the years 1934 and 1935, having earned \$3100 each year, but it was not necessary for him to pay any tax because of his dependants. Neither of these returns was made out at the Harvard Club, because he was not employed there at the proper time.

Following is a description of Joseph Catalona obtained from observation and questioning:

Age	-	41 yrs.
Height	-	5' 10"
Weight	-	196 lbs.
Hair	-	black
Eyes	-	brown
Complexion	-	dark

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent R. T. Noonan. Walter ~~E.~~ Shoemaker was located at Quad Hall, Euclid Avenue and East 75th Street, Cleveland, and brought to the Cleveland office where he was interviewed. He stated that he is 53 years of age and that he has lived in Detroit, Michigan, most of his life and that he first came to Cleveland in February 1935. He came here then, because he heard that the Harvard Club could use some help and also because things were temporarily closed in Detroit. He secured a position at once and is now and has been working as a ladder man since he came there, the hours being from 1 to 9 p.m. When he secured his job the club was operating in the big building, and he was hired by Toots Talbot but the big bosses were understood to be Art Hebebrand and Shimmy Patton, who were around the place every day. At that time Dan Gallagher was sort of floor manager, and some said that he received a bonus while others stated he was part owner of the club and Shoemaker never did know just which was correct. He never at any time knew Billy Mitchell, that is, never met him and never heard that Mitchell had a financial interest in the club. During the time that the club was operating on a large scale in 1935 Shoemaker estimates that there were about 75 employees including everyone. At the present time he stated that the bosses are "Toots" and Conway, but he does not know what other names they have. They are the ones who pay off the help but Shoemaker stated it is rumored that they are not the real proprietors, but are acting for them. Shoemaker sees Patton and Hebebrand around the village of Newburgh Heights occasionally now, but has never seen them in the place since it reopened.

Shoemaker stated further that his home is in Detroit, Michigan; that he is married and has two sons and two daughters and that one boy and one girl reside with Mrs. Shoemaker, his wife, at the Shoemaker home, 5600 French Road, and that he has been

married for twenty-five years. He has been in the gambling racket for about fifteen years and has worked numerous places in Detroit. He worked for Lefty Clarke in the Palm Gardens in Detroit before he came to Cleveland for a period of about one and one-half years. He also worked for this same combination at one time in a gambling house in Ecorse, Michigan, the name of the place as far as he can recall being "Ecorse" as the dice had that name on them. Shoemaker furnished the names of the men in this combination as follows: Lefty Clarke, Sammy Gordon and Freddie Angus. The other combination in Detroit, which has no connection with this one and is sometimes called the Fitzgerald-Sullivan combination is made up of the following: Lincoln Fitzgerald, Dan Sullivan, Tommy Gleason, George Weinbrenner, known as Big St. Louis Dutch (now out of the combination but still one of those involved with this combination in the income tax violations), Emmet Grace and Sidney Meyer. Weinbrenner, above mentioned, is now engaged in the making of dice and all kinds of gambling equipment in a place located on Columbus Street in Detroit.

With reference to the Charlet Club in Detroit Shoemaker stated that it is operated by one McNamara and three Jews, Sam Weisman, Most Polinski and one called "CF" who comes from Canada.

Shoemaker stated that he knows only one member of the gambling element in Toledo, Ohio, that being Sam Hesler who used to be around Detroit years ago and has gone back to Toledo. He never worked in Toledo.

Concerning the income tax payments at the Harvard Club, Shoemaker advised that a man by the name of Guese or Geese, who is supposed to be some kind of an auditor, came to the club and made out the forms for the employees to sign. About a week before Shoemaker saw his return all made out he was asked by this man how many dependents he had. When he went into the office at the club and signed this return, he stated that he swore to it before this man and that Shorty Conway was in the office at the time. He did not recall the exact amount which was shown as his income but stated it was about \$3000. At any rate as he had many dependents he did not have to pay any income tax.

After viewing the photographs shown to him Shoemaker was able to identify all the local characters, stating that Tip O'Neil has not been at the club for two or three weeks and that when he is there he just walks around the place and Shoemaker does not know whether O'Neil has a financial interest in the place or not. He was unable to identify Hunter as having been at

the club as an employee but stated that if Hunter had been employed at the black-jack table as a dealer he might not have seen him as he does not get in close touch with the black-jack employees. As for the photograph of Milton Lett he was able to identify the photograph as being that of a party who worked as a "shill" at the club under the name of Willie. Shoemaker stated that he heard some of the boys who had been in for questioning, Ray Mulcahy in particular, remarking that the "young kid who shilled around here is wanted", which surprised Shoemaker and many of the others. He stated he last saw Lett when the club was operating in its former place of business and has not seen him since the present place opened. He does recall that he saw Lett talking to Sharkey Gorman often, and they used to go around together. He advised further, however, that he did not pay any particular attention to Lett as there were many shills, perhaps 4 or 5 around the place at that time.

Shoemaker advised that after the newspapers carried an account saying that Karpis was out to the club many of the dealers discussed it among themselves, but he never heard anyone say they had seen Karpis out there. Shoemaker did not read this article and did not see the photograph of Karpis in the papers, but he heard this from others who had read the article. He further stated that the employees who have been interviewed in this matter seem to have reached the conclusion that the government is trying to get some of the "bosses" for renting places to Karpis and others and for bringing them in here.

Shoemaker also stated that Marty Kutzen, often called Marty Kuntz, is now working as a crap dealer at the Chesterfield Club in Detroit and that Mickey McGee is also working as a crap dealer at the Charlet Club in Detroit. McGee worked at the Harvard Club, coming there in March or April 1935, shortly after he, Shoemaker, came to the club in February 1935.

The following is a description of Walter F. Shoemaker:

Age	-	53 yrs. Dec. 1888
Height	-	5' 5"
Weight	-	155 lbs.
Hair	-	grey
Eyes	-	blue
Complexion	-	medium ruddy

Marital status: married, 4 children  
all residing 5600 French Rd.,  
Detroit, Michigan

Residence: Quad Hall, Euclid and  
75th, Cleveland, Ohio

Relatives: Mrs. Julius Steiber,  
Mrs. Roy (Lillian) Kehn or  
Keihn, sisters, Detroit,  
Michigan, exact addresses  
unknown

Crim. record: claims none

Allen G. Foerster, commonly referred to as Al Foster, was interviewed at the Cleveland office on September 23, 1936, by Special Agent S. K. McKee. Foerster resides at 793 East 88th St., Cleveland, Ohio, and is presently employed as a crap dealer at the Harvard Club. He advised he was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and attended the public schools through the third year of high school. After leaving school he worked for a short time as a clothing salesman in Cleveland and later in Chicago, Illinois. From 1930 to 1932 he organized and operated a chain of cleaning and pressing stores in Cleveland known as the AAAA Cleaners, but gave up this project after becoming the victim of "muscle" tactics from the Cleaners and Tailors Union. In this connection he stated he had some of his friends beat up one Solomon of the above union upon the advice of Detective Cowles of the Cleveland Police Department after several of his stores had been "stink bombed". He said he was finally forced to cease operations; however, because of the activities of the union.

He advised that during the latter part of 1932 he went to work for Sam "Camboy" Miller and Frank Rosen at the Thomas Club, a known gambling house, starting as a shiller and later breaking in as a crap dealer. He remained in this job until the latter part of 1934 when he went to Miami, Florida, to get work as a dealer, but was unable to do so due to the fact that several killings had occurred in Miami and the authorities would not permit the gambling houses to open. He said he returned to Cleveland, Ohio, and tried to get back his old job at the Thomas Club, but said Miller would not re-employ him. Through Rosen, however, he obtained a job as crap dealer at the Harvard Club, Bennie Levine, now deceased, who was then the floor boss, having put him to work. He said he has remained with the Harvard Club until the present time and is receiving \$12 per day with \$2 per hour for overtime work.

Foerster was shown a large group of photographs including those of the Barker-Karpis gang, operators of the Harvard, and persons thought to be connected with this investigation. He readily identified the photographs of Hebebrand, Patton and Tip O'Neil. He described Hebebrand and Patton as the active operators of the old Harvard Club and as the "silent" operators of the present establishment, saying in this connection that Toots Talbot and Shorty Conway are fronting at the place for the real owners. He identified the picture of Milton Lett as a shiller at the old club during 1935. He could not fix the period when Lett was employed, nor did he know who hired him, but he advised he was known as Willie, and on one occasion during a conversation Lett told him that he was living at the Mecca Hotel. Foerster said he saw Lett "kibitzing" with Sharkey and Tony, the doormen on any number of occasions. He could not supply information as to whom Lett associated with while working at the club. He identified the photo of Fred Hunter as a black-jack dealer at the club during 1935, stating that another dealer was let go at the time Hunter was put to work.

He said Hunter was known to the other dealers as Freddie; that he never saw him associating with anyone; and also that he never saw him except at the club. With respect to Tip O'Neil he stated that O'Neil does not appear to do anything at the club except to hang around, and he has thought for a long time that he was merely watching after the interests of Shimmy Patton inasmuch as the two are known to be very close and old-time friends. Foerster could not recognize any other pictures as persons he had seen at the Harvard Club or elsewhere.

In response to questions Foerster said he had read about the Bremer kidnaping in the newspapers and had also read about the arrests of the three women at the Cleveland Hotel, in which connection the names of Art Hebebrand and Bill Mitchell were carried in the papers as having rented certain houses to members of the mob. He stated, however, that he had never heard this matter discussed by any dealers at the club, saying that the dealers never had much of a chance to talk to each other and that it was not good policy to ask too many questions.

The following descriptive data as to Foerster was furnished by him:

Name	-	Allen G. Foerster
Age	-	26 yrs; born 8-25-09, Cleveland, O.
Height	-	6 ft.



Weight	- 189 lbs.
Hair	- dark brown
Scar	- 1½" sc. left forehead
Eyes	- brown
Nationality	- American, Jewish extraction
Crim. record	- Cleveland, Ohio, on several occasions for investigation; believes been
Marital status	- married, 1 child and <u>photographed</u>
Relatives	1 step-child
	- Morris Foerster, father, 793 E. 88th
	Sarah Foerster, mother, 793 E. 88th
	Gerald Foerster, brother, 793 E. 88th
	Elizabeth Foerster, sister, same
	Gertrude Foerster, sister, same
	Emery E. Foerster, brother, 797 E. 90th
	Mrs. Allen G. Foerster, wife, 793 E. 88th
	all - Cleveland, Ohio

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents J. B. Fitzgerald and R. T. Noonan under date of September 23, 1936:

Albert McCabe was located at the University Circle Apartments, 2024 East 107th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, and was brought to the Cleveland office where he was interviewed. He stated that he is thirty-seven years of age, born August 19, 1899, and that he has been married 14 years June 9, 1936. At the start of the interview McCabe advised that he would tell all that he knew, but that he would not guess at anything that he did not know; that he was willing to assist the government in any way that he could.

McCabe stated that he has been employed at the Harvard Club as a crap game dealer off and on for three years. He came there first on January 15, 1934, just after the club moved into the large building on Harvard Avenue and worked at that time until April 1, 1934, when he went on the road with a circus. He returned January 7, 1935 and worked until March 5, 1935, when he went to Dallas, Texas, to join the circus and was gone until December 7, 1935, when he returned and worked a few weeks until the club was closed early in January 1936. After the closing of the club he went to Detroit and worked for Fitzgerald and others at the Chesterfield Club for about four weeks, returning to the Harvard Club about four weeks or so later after it had been open for about a week in its present location. At the time of this last employment he came back in response to a telephone call from Toots Talbot, who asked him to come back to work.

McCabe advised that he has been legal adjuster for the Sam B. Dill Shows for many years past, this show being known now as the Tom Mix Circus, or the Round-Up Amusement Company. The last year it operated it was known on the road as the Sam B. Dill and Tom Mix Shows Combined. In the fall of 1935 McCabe was with the Russell Brothers Shows until the closing of the season in September 1935. He intends to go on the road next summer, this last one being the only one in many years that he has missed.

It was further stated by McCabe that his home is in Toledo, Ohio, where he has three sisters, Mrs. Catherine Scott, Mrs. Sadie Carmes and Mrs. Sam B. Dill, all residing at 3386 Cherry Street. He worked in a drug store that he owned himself at one time in Toledo and is a registered pharmacist in the state of Ohio. About seven years ago he began work for Tom Worland in Toledo at 508 Summit Street, working for about five weeks and then went to the Jovial Club then operated by Elmer Danley and Ed Warndke, Danley being the one that hired him, and he worked three or four years for them. He advised that he also had a place of his own which he operated after one Pearl Barber, negro, was killed, the place being known as Gus Wilson's and was located at 617 Monroe Street. This place was operated by him in conjunction with two negroes named Jerry Sample and one Roach, first name not recalled. This lasted only a short time when he got out of this and went in with one Harry Levine, known as "the lug", and not the Harry Levine connected with Jimmy Hayes. The Levine in question is now dead. At that time Thatcher was mayor of Toledo, but Jackson had just been elected. In this place with Levine he stated he went broke, this being about the fall of 1933 and that after being out of work for three or four months he came to Cleveland.

With reference to the Toledo situation McCabe stated he is well acquainted there and knows Ted and Bart Angus, Joe Roscoe and many others, knowing George Timiney very well. In Toledo he stated he did not pay off and believes that is why he did not operate very long. Sample and Roach, the negroes, were operating a policy game at the time he joined with them, and they secured him to manage the gambling part of the place, he, McCabe, having no investment financially at that time. These

two negroes were supposed to have some "fix" arranged but he does not believe they had any because the place had numerous police calls, so many, in fact, that the customers soon began to stop coming there, and the place had to go out of business. The alleged fix at that time was supposed to be one Clarence Vena, a negro, who at the present time is located in the Produce Exchange Building, Madison and New York Streets, Toledo. Ford was then in charge of the vice squad, but he was later replaced by Timiney, who took over everything, vice, hoodlum and other enforcement. When he went in with Levine, McCabe stated that he put up \$1500 as his end of the deal, and they operated about four weeks. Levine was supposed to arrange the "fix" at that time and was supposed to have some connection, but no money was paid out as far as he, McCabe, knew. The police raided the place several times and he was hauled before the local judges, Cole and Leonard E. Donovan, that he can recall, being released each time, as no evidence was discovered. On one of the raids three or four of the players were booked overnight and the publicity given to this and the raids put the place out of business.

A few days after the place closed he and Levine secured another \$500 each and reopened, but met the same situation and had to close out for good, although at the time other places were operating and were not being bothered.

McCabe advised at this time, being questioned by Agent Sullivan, that Timiney started going with Ethel Marks shortly after the death of her husband, Chet Marks, but how he started going with this woman McCabe did not know. He has heard rumors lately that Timiney is now going with Mrs. Jimmy Hayes. Pearl Barber, negro, was the "power" in Toledo for a long time until Jimmy Hayes came in. With reference to Ted Angus, he stated that he never heard that Angus was the "fix" but does know that Ted Angus took in the money very fast from some source at one time and appeared to be very prosperous.

With reference to the manner in which the income tax is taken care of at the Harvard Club for the employees, McCabe stated that some man whom he thought was an attorney and once thought might have been connected with the income tax office, came to the club and figured up the incomes of the various employees. He, McCabe, was called into the office at the club and asked if he had any other income for 1935 other than what he made at the club. After figuring up what he had made and also a sum of \$2500

which he had received from his sister in a transaction involving an interest in the circus he still did not make enough so that he had to pay any tax and, therefore, no return was made out for him. He advised that he did not work long for the club in 1935 less than three months. Since about March 1, 1936, he has received about an average of \$12 per day and has worked steadily.

At the present time the men who are the "bosses" at the Harvard Club are Talbot and Conway, but the men who appeared to be the owners, proprietors and operators prior to January 10, 1936, were Hebebrand, Patton and Gallagher. When he first went to work in 1934 for the club he stated he was hired by Billy Mitchell, but Mitchell soon left the club, and he does not appear there any more. At the time he was hired McCabe understood that Mitchell and Gallagher were the operators but stated that he soon learned the real "bosses" were Hebebrand and Patton.

Hebebrand took an active part and was, in fact, the "czar". Talbot was then only a clerk but got in and was placed in charge when Gallagher got sick, and he has remained more or less in charge ever since. Benny Cohen and Maxie Gladstone are floormen at the present time, and, according to McCabe, seem to have something to do with the operation of the club. McCabe claims that he does not know where the "fix" is but knows that there is one or the place could not operate.

McCabe advised that he was not in Cleveland when the women were picked up in the Cleveland Hotel in September 1934 and did not remember reading about it. He did read certain articles in the newspapers since the reopening of the club or about that time about Karpis being in Cleveland, and he stated he has heard discussions among the employees concerning Karpis and what he draws is that Karpis and others of the mob were living in Cleveland in a house or houses owned or rented by Bill Mitchell.

Various photographs were shown to McCabe, but he was unable to make any identifications. With reference to Willie Harrison, he stated that Harrison's face looked familiar and that he looked like a doorman who once worked for the Jovial Club in Toledo, that party being a former railroad man and also walked with a limp; said party later had a fight with the owner of the Jovial Club and went to Chicago and later came back to Toledo and tried to hold up the Jovial Club.

After viewing the photograph of Paula Harmon he stated that she looked like a former girl inmate of a house of prostitution in Toledo, 117 Lafayette Street, operated by Marie Harrington. This Harrington woman was married to one Sammie Shumbaugh, who is now serving time in the penitentiary for a violation of the narcotic laws.

McCabe could not recall ever having seen Hunter or Lett and did not think they could have worked there, at least not very long, or he would have known it even though it might have been when he was not there. McCabe was able readily to identify all of the local characters in question when shown their photographs.

Concerning Mickey McGee, it was his opinion that such was the correct name of this party and that he was in Detroit at the present time. McGee once worked for Fitzgerald in Detroit at the Chesterfield Club and then quit, and for this reason McCabe felt sure he would not be working at that club as Fitzgerald never put a man back to work who once quit him. He suggested that McGee would perhaps be at the Charlet Club on Gratiot Avenue at the end of the car line or the Ackamar Club working for Murphy. There was a possibility he stated that McGee might be at the River Rouge Club but doubted that he was there. He further suggested that inquiry be made at the Detrouiter Hotel where McGee would probably be staying.

Concerning Marty Kutzen, he stated that this party was working nights at the Chesterfield Club in Detroit at the present time.

The following is a description of Albert McCabe:

Age	- 37 born 8-19-99
Height	- 5' 8"
Weight	- 200 lbs.
Hair	- brown
Eyes	- blue
Complexion	- medium light
Glasses	- rimless type
Speech	- talks with nasal tone
Occupation	- gambler and circus representative

Marital status - married, no children  
 Residence - University Circle Apartments, 2024 E. 107th St., Cleveland, Ohio

Relatives: - sisters:  
 Mrs. Catherine Scott,  
 Mrs. Sadie Carmes  
 Mrs. Sam Dill  
 all at 3386 Cherry Street,  
 Toledo, Ohio

Crim. record - claims none except several arrests for gambling

James Keegan, 2016 Hayden Avenue, East Cleveland, Ohio, was requested to appear at the Cleveland Bureau office, which he did and was interviewed by Special Agent C. E. Smith.

Keegan stated he had been employed at the Harvard Club since Thanksgiving of 1935 and prior to that time had worked for a short time for the John O'Erien movers. He further stated that when he first started to work at the club he worked in the parking lot, and after the club was reopened following the raid, he was placed in the coop and has worked there ever since. Keegan further stated that he received \$7 per day for his services and averaged about \$28 per week, as he did not have steady work. He further advised that he did not submit an income tax return for the reason that he did not earn enough money as he had not worked prior to August 13, 1935. Upon questioning Keegan stated that he had secured his job at the club through Tony Amarsbach, whom he had known for years. He also stated that he was acquainted with and had served time with Tony's brother, Phillip, who is presently serving a life sentence in the Marquette, Michigan, prison for bank robbery.

Keegan further stated that on April 8, 1922 he and four companions had robbed a wholesale provision company in Detroit, Michigan, and during the course of the robbery Edward H. Fox, Chief of Detectives in Detroit, Michigan, was shot when he attempted to arrest them. Keegan further related he was arrested on May 6, 1922 at Cleveland, Ohio, and returned to Detroit, Michigan, where he was convicted and given a life sentence for robbery-armed.

The sentence was later reduced to thirty years, and he served thirteen years and four months of that sentence and was then placed on parole for one year to John O'Brien of the O'Brien Movers, Cleveland, Ohio. Keegan stated that he was released from Marquette Prison on August 13, 1935.

Keegan was questioned as to the hours he worked, what his duties were and what equipment was kept in the coop, and he stated that he worked from 10 am to 6 pm and operated the buzzer that opened the front door, which permitted patrons to enter. Keegan further stated that a gas gun was kept in the coop in the old club, but nothing was kept in the new place. At this point Keegan advised agent that we knew all of those facts, as well as he did, because we had one of our men right in the club giving us information all the time. He further stated that some of the employees of the club had mentioned the fact that they had been questioned by federal officers, but Keegan absolutely refused to name the individuals.

Photographs of all the members of the Karpis gang were exhibited to Keegan; however, he was unable to identify any of them.

The following description of Keegan was obtained by reporting agent from personal observation and questions answered:

Name	- James Keegan
Age	- 38 yrs.
Height	- 6'
Weight	- 177
Hair	- brown, thin on top
Eyes	- blue
Complexion	- fair
Teeth	- 2 gold upper fronts, partial
Build	- medium /upper plate
Date and place of birth	- March 10, 1898, Cleveland, Ohio
Marital status	- single (divorced)
Race	- white
Nativity	- Irish American
Occupation	- coop man

as JAMES KEEGAN, 13 yrs. 4 mos.  
Marquette, Michigan, Prison; charge  
armed robbery 5-6-22 to 8-13-35.

Fred Russel, 3282 West 126th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, was requested to appear at the Cleveland Bureau office, which he did, and was questioned by Special Agent W. B. Matney and C. E. Smith.

Mussel stated that in about May or June 1934 he was hired by Art Hebebrand as yardman and car parker at the Harvard Club, and after the club moved to its present location he was made a coop man at a salary of \$7 per day, working 7 days per week from 6 pm to 2 am each day. He further stated that he did not file an income tax return, inasmuch as some man at the club (whose name he did not know) had asked him how many dependents he had, and after being advised informed him that he was exempt from any payment.

Mussel further stated upon questioning that no equipment was kept in the coop and practically the only duty of the coop men was to operate the buzzer that controlled the front door. In response to questions as to whether any of the dealers or other employees had discussed the fact that they might have been questioned, Mussel stated that he had heard a rumor that some of the men had been talked to, but none of them appeared willing to discuss what took place.

Mussel was shown photographs of all the members of the Karpis gang; however, he was unable to identify any of them, stating that he never had the occasion to go into the club when he worked in the yard. Mussel was then questioned as to whether he recalled reading about the Karpis gang being in Cleveland in 1934, and he



stated that he did. He was then asked if he had been approached by anyone about that time who requested him to get in touch with anybody from the club, and he stated that just about the time of the publicity in the papers two men whom he did not know stopped him in the yard of the club and asked him to get Shimmy Patton for them, whereupon he told Tony Amersbach, the doorman, who then called Shimmy. Mussel stated he did not know what the men talked about or what their business was with Patton.

He further stated he started to work at 6 pm at that time, and, as he recalls, it was dark and he had been working several hours at the time, although he felt sure the incident occurred before midnight. It will be noted here that this may possibly be the time that Sergeant Hugo relates when he and Detective Joe Jacobs called at the club to try and secure information from Patton.

Prior to the time he was employed at the Harvard Club, Mussel stated that he worked for a time as charman at the Criminal Courts Building on East 21st Street and prior to that had worked as a laborer with construction companies.

The following description of Mussel was obtained from personal observation and questions answered:

Name	- Fred Mussel with aliases: Butch and Duffy
Age	- 44 years
Height	- 6'
Weight	- 190 lbs.
Hair	- dark chestnut, streaked with grey
Eyes	- blue
Complexion	- dark
Build	- medium
Race	- white
Nativity	- German - American
Occupation	- coop man
Residence	- 3282 West 126th Street
Relatives:	
wife:	- Cecelia Mussel, 3282 West 126th St.
Adopted son	- Pete Loghren, 3282 " 126th St.
" daughter	- Anna " same
" son	- George " same
sister	- Bertha Bentker, 2224 Lincoln Blvd.,
sister	- Mrs. Howard Morteck, 2222 Lincoln Blvd.,
sister	- Mrs. Mary Cole, 2235 Bell Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio

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Military record - Enlisted St. Louis, Missouri, 1911; served 8 mos., discharged for good of service. Drafted April 1918 at Detroit, Mich. Discharged July 17, 1919, 52nd Engineers. Member, Gilbert O'Neil Post #2532, Veterans of Foreign Wars

Crim. record - as obtained from Mussel:  
Correction School, Lancaster, O.  
charge: petit larceny; served 14 mos., dates not known.  
Mansfield, O., Reformatory, 18 mos., charge: box car robbery; date not known  
Ohio St. Penitentiary for 27 mos., charge: assault to rob 1913-15  
Ohio St. Penitentiary, 8 yrs., 4 mos., charge: robbery 1920-28

Charles Crowl, 9926 Lorain Avenue, was requested to appear at the Cleveland Bureau office by Special Agent S. K. McKee, which he did and was interviewed by Special Agents J. B. Fitzgerald and C. E. Smith.

Crowl stated he was born in St. Louis, Missouri, and moved to Toledo, Ohio, about 1921, at which time he secured work at Jimmy Hayes' gambling house, formerly located at Superior and Jackson Avenues, where he remained for approximately two years. He then worked for both Hayes and Tom Worland during the time they operated the old Casino Club at Point Place, Ohio. Crowl further stated that when times got slow in Toledo, Ohio, he opened a smoke shop and horse book of his own in Toledo, but due to the fact that he was arrested about ten or eleven times for operating the horse book, the venture did not prove profitable, and he gave the place up. He then went to work for Chester Marks at the Chateau La France and remained there until it was destroyed by fire in 1934. Continuing, Crowl stated he had very little work until he came to Cleveland in March 1935, at which time he worked at the Harvard Club as a ladderman for about 1½ months, after which time he returned to Toledo, Ohio.

Crowl stated that after his return to Toledo, Ohio, he went to Tulsa, Oklahoma, and went to work for RAY PARKS, who had opened the Willow Club, located between Tulsa and Claremont, Oklahoma. Crowl stated that the club was too elaborate and operated only for a period of two or three weeks. Crowl was questioned as to who he knew in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and he stated that he did not know anyone, advising, however, that his wife, whose maiden name was Lanier, originally came from Tulsa and her folks presently resided at 207 S. Norfolk Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Crowl further advised that he returned to Cleveland, Ohio, about May 18, 1936, at which time he secured a job at the Harvard Club as ladderman and has worked there ever since. Crowl was questioned as to who hired him, and he stated that he had known Toots Talbot, when he (Toots) used to work in Toledo, Ohio, and Toots put him to work. Crowl further advised that he received a salary of \$15 per day, working from 12 noon until 9 pm, each day. Agents questioned Crowl relative to his income tax return, and he stated he had not made any out inasmuch as he had not worked during a greater part of 1935 and did not earn enough.

Photographs of the various members of the Karpis gang were exhibited to Crowl. However, he identified only that of Milton Lett. He was questioned relative to what he knew about Lett, and he stated that he noticed Lett, whose name he did not know, during May of 1935 at the Harvard Club, where he apparently was employed as a Schiller. Crowl further stated that he did not know who Lett associated with, where he lived, or where he was from, stating that he had never had any conversations with him.

Agents questioned Crowl relative to his knowledge of Toledo and various individuals there, and he advised that he knew Tom Worland, Ed McGraw, Bert and Ted Angus, Edith Barry, Johnny Thomas and Captain George Timiney, as well as Joe Roscoe. Crowl was questioned closely relative to any information he might possess about any of the above-named individuals' business, associates or connections, and he stated he did not know anything about their personal affairs, as he had met them during the course of his business and did not make a practice of inquiring into other people's business. Crowl was questioned as to his knowledge of a "payoff"

existing either in Cleveland, Ohio, or at Toledo, Ohio, and he stated that if he had possessed that knowledge, he would not have been arrested about ten times by the Toledo, Ohio, police for operating a booking joint.

The following description of Crowl was obtained by agents through personal observation and questions answered:

Name	- Charles Crowl alias <u>Pretty Charlie</u>
Age	- 44 yrs.
Height	- 5' 6"
Weight	- 167 lbs.
Hair	- grey
Eyes	- blue
Complexion	- fair
Build	- medium stout
Scars	- $\frac{1}{4}$ " cut sc. left upper lip
Beard	- clean shaven
Race	- white
Nativity	- American
Date and place of birth	- St. Louis, Missouri, August 1st, 1892
Relatives:	-
wife	- Evelyn Crowl, 9926 Lorain Avenue
daughter	- Rose Marie, age 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ student at St. Ignatius School, Cleveland, Ohio
father	- George Crowl, 6325 Laura Ave., St. Louis Missouri
mother	- Louttie " same address
sister	- Mildred " " "
	- Alverna " 6323 Laura Ave., St. Louis, Missouri
	- Wyota Priutt, 6329 Laura Ave., St. Louis, Missouri
Crim. record	- states arrested at Toledo, Ohio, for gambling

Anthony J. Amersbach, previously referred to as Tony Amersbach, was interviewed at the Cleveland office by Special Agent S. K. McKee. Amersbach advised that he was born at Cleveland, Ohio and attended parochial schools in the same city through high school; that he later completed three years at St. Ignatius College, which is presently known as John Carroll University. He stated that he enlisted in the U. S. Army in 1917 and was stationed with the 342nd Motor Transport Corps at Camp Sherman, Ohio, until 1919. He advised that in 1919 while stationed at Camp Sherman, Ohio, he went to Columbus, Ohio, with several friends on furlough and that while there he stole an automobile, being subsequently sentenced to the Ohio State Penitentiary for this offense. He said that shortly after his release from the penitentiary he was again arrested in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1921 on a burglary charge, in which connection a police officer was shot, and he was re-sentenced to the Ohio State Penitentiary for this offense, remaining in prison until 1932.

Amersbach denied that he was the individual who shot the police officer at the time the burglary was committed, stating that he did not even have a gun with him and that he has always believed that another police officer did the shooting. He stated that after his release from the penitentiary in 1932 he secured a job through Arthur Hebebrand as doorman at the Harvard Club and that he is still engaged in this work. He advised that he has known Art Hebebrand all of his life, stating in this connection that his father was formerly an excavating contractor for Hebebrand.

Amersbach was shown photographs of Karpis and all other persons concerned in this investigation, and he, of course, identified the pictures of Art Hebebrand and Shimmy Patton as the operators of the old Harvard Club and as the owners of the place which is still being run under the same name. He identified the photograph of Milton Lett as "The Kid", known to him under the name "Willie" and who worked at the blackjack tables in the club as a shiller a year or more ago. He identified the photograph of Tip O'Neil, stating that this man is connected with the club in some capacity; is an ex-convict and is a close friend of Shimmy Patton. He identified the picture of Fred Hunter as the man known to him as "Freddie", who worked at the club as a blackjack dealer about a year ago. He identified the photograph of Cash McDonald, stating he met this individual twice at the Mayfair Casino a couple of years ago in company with Art Hebebrand.

*Freddie Hunter*

Amersbach was questioned in detail and at length in connection with the photographs of Karpis, Campbell, Hunter, Willie Harrison and the Barker brothers, but he absolutely denied ever having seen any of these individuals. He admitted that he had read the Cleveland newspaper items concerning the arrests of the three women at the Hotel Cleveland a couple of years ago and remarked that these news articles referred to the gang as having frequented the Harvard Club and also mentioned the fact that various members of the gang had rented houses from Art Hebebrand and Bill Mitchell. He would not admit, however, that he had ever seen any of these individuals either at the Harvard Club or elsewhere.

Amersbach was very frank to state that he had never turned down an ex-convict when he needed help, saying in this connection that he had given many a man a suit of clothes and railroad fare to get to his home or elsewhere when he came to him for help and was still wearing a prison suit. In this connection he stated that there are several ex-convicts employed at the club at the present time in the coop, on the door and elsewhere and that he is the individual who is responsible for these men coming to work at the club.

Amersbach stated that his personal duties at the club do not involve remaining at the door but that the only thing he does is take money to the bank; that he drives from the club to a bank at 100th and Lorain every afternoon, the purpose of this being to receive new bills for old ones, as the club owners prefer to conduct their business with new bills. In this connection he stated that he used to carry a gun in the car when he made this run but that since this office has been conducting the present investigation he has discontinued carrying the gun, as he has felt there was too much of a chance of being picked up, and he did not want to be in possession of a gun, as he knew it was against the law.

In response to questions Amersbach stated that the only person with whom he is identified in Toledo, Ohio, is Joe Roscoe. He said he has known Roscoe for years, as he was originally a Cleveland man. He was questioned concerning trips made to Toledo by him, and he said the only trip he can remember is one made some time during the summer of 1935; that the purpose of this trip was to get some dealers, as they were needed at the club; that he made this trip in a Graham-Paige sedan, being accompanied by Sharkey Gorman and that he brought back a dealer named "Pretty Charlie" with him. He said that Pretty Charlie was working at the Jovial Club at the time and that it is his understanding that Roscoe owns

a piece of the Jovial Club. He described the above trip as the only trip he has made to Toledo, Ohio, in the last two years and remarked that the date of this trip could be fixed from the records of the police departments at Avon Lake and Sheffield, Ohio, stating that he was arrested in one of these places on a speeding charge and that he used his correct name on this occasion.

Amersbach denied that he was acquainted with either of the Angus brothers in Toledo and was positive in his contention that Roscoe is the only person in Toledo who is known to him.

Amersbach was questioned for information concerning the identity of "Pug" Smith, a bank robber, said to be frequenting the Harvard Club at the present time and who, according to Police Lieutenant Barney Wolfe would be one of the most likely persons in Cleveland to have knowledge concerning the Karpis mob or any other big-time criminals being in or about the city. Amersbach stated that he is acquainted with this individual; that he often came to the club and shot crap; that he formerly ran a saloon in the vicinity of 117th and Detroit Avenue and that he did time at the Ohio State Penitentiary under the name Joe Burke.

Amersbach was questioned concerning his knowledge of the Silver Grill at 25th and Detroit Avenue, inasmuch as our information has been that members of the Karpis mob frequented this place during the time they were at large. Amersbach stated that he had only been in this place on one or two occasions and the only thing he knew about it was that Shimmy Patton is supposed to have had an interest in the place at one time. At the time of this questioning Amersbach informed that he is part owner of a saloon known as Otto's Cafe, which is located next door to the present Harvard Club at 42nd and Harvard Avenue.

During the course of this interview Amersbach frankly stated that he would not do anything to get anybody else in trouble for the reason that he knew what it was to do time. He said that if he had done anything wrong or if he ever violated the law that he would do his time but that he would not tell on anyone else. This individual is very outspoken, altho it is not believed that he is telling the truth in this matter. It is believed useless to question him further for the reason that he frankly states he will not say anything which will cause trouble for anybody.

The following descriptive data concerning this individual was furnished by him and secured through personal observation:

Name	- Anthony J. Amersbach
Age	- 40 (born 3-6-96)
Height	- 5' 8"
Weight	- 190 lbs.
Hair	- white except for dark streak down center
Eyes	- brown, piercing
Build	- heavy
Residence	- 7124 Clark Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio
Occupation	- gambling house
Criminal record	- OSP Columbus, Ohio; 1919 Auto Theft OSP Columbus, Ohio; 1921 Burglary 1-15 yrs; did 10 yrs.
Marital status	- single

Relatives:

- Andrew Amersbach, father, 7124 Clark Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio;
- Harry Amersbach, brother, 7124 Clark Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio
- Phillip Amersbach, brother, inmate, Marquette Prison, Marquette, Mich.
- Joseph Amersbach, brother, practising physician, Park Avenue, New York City
- Anna Wagner, sister, E. 94th Street, Cleveland, Ohio
- Bertha Morgan, sister, Lakewood, Ohio
- Beatrice Amersbach, sister, 7124 Clark Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio

John James McNulty, commonly known as "Rube" McNulty was interviewed at the Cleveland office by Special Agent S. K. McKee. He advised that he was born at Cleveland, Ohio and attended parochial schools through the fifth grade. During his life-time he has worked as a truck driver, as a garageman, has been engaged in bootlegging and is presently employed as doorman at the Harvard Club. He stated he has worked at the Harvard Club since a short time before Christmas of 1933; that he secured his job



through Tony Amersbach and first worked as a watchman in the rear of the old Club but that he is presently employed as doorman. He said that during the year 1934 he was working as a watchman from 7 in the morning until 7 in the evening and that his duties kept him in the rear of the club and that he never saw people who came to the place unless they became "noisy" and tried to observe things where they were not supposed to be. He was shown the photographs of all persons concerned in this investigation, but he claimed not to be able to make any identifications other than the pictures of the club operators.

In response to questions he said that he had never heard any employees of the club talk about members of the Karpis mob having frequented the place, and he also advised that he had never read any newspaper stories about this mob having frequented the club.

McNulty advised that he is paid ten dollars per day by the club for his services, and in this connection he said that he filed an income tax return for the year 1935 in the club office, being told to do so by Toots Talbot. In this connection, however, he said that he did not swear to the return.

Description of this individual as obtained from him is as follows:

Name	- JOHN JAMES McNULTY
Age	- 38 born 12-7-97
Height	- 5' 8½"
Weight	- 220
Hair	- dark
Eyes	- blue, wears octagon-shaped glasses
Occupation	- truck driver, gambling house employee
Crim. record	- Cleveland, Ohio, (US) 1931 - NPA fined \$350
Residence	- 1344 Edanola Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio
Relatives:	- Ernest McNulty, brother, E. 127th St. off St. Clair, Cleveland, Ohio
	- Michael McNulty, brother, W. 122nd off Lorain, Cleveland, Ohio
	- James Broderick, half-brother, W. 118th off Lorain, Cleveland, Ohio.
	- William Broderick, half-brother, W. 67th Cleveland, Ohio.
	- Clara McNulty, wife 1344 Edanola Ave., Lakewood, Ohio.

Rodger L. Knowles, commonly known as Ralph Knowles, a colored porter at the Harvard Club, was interviewed at the Cleveland office by Special Agent S. K. McKee. He advised that he was born at Rock Sound, Eleuthera, British West Indies, and that he came to Cleveland, Ohio, in 1917. He advised that the only work he has ever done has been that of a porter and that he has been engaged in this capacity at the Harvard Club for the past six years, for which he receives wages of \$25 per week. He said that his duties in the club consist of cleaning and sweeping around the place and that as he is always busy he never has an opportunity to observe people who come to the place and that he does not know anyone at the place except people who have been employed there for a considerable length of time.

Knowles was asked if he had been told not to say anything when he came to this office, but he denied that this was the case. He was shown photographs of the various persons connected with this investigation, and the only ones he could identify were those of Shimmy Patton, Art Hebebrand, Neil Mitchell, Dan Gallagher and Tip O'Neil. In the cases of all of these individuals he advised that he simply knew them from having seen them around the Harvard Club.

Description of Rodger L. Knowles is as follows:

Age	- 44 (born 2-23-92)
Height	- 5' 7"
Weight	- 150 lbs.
Race	- black
Hair	- black
Eyes	- maroon
Marital status	- married
Crim. record	- claims none
Relatives:	- brothers: Hugh Knowles, Miami, Florida / Thomas Knowles, New York City
Residence	- 2285 East 70th Street, Cleveland, Ohio

Toots Talbot was requested by Special Agent S. K. McKee to appear at the Cleveland office for questioning with reference to the fight supposed to have been had by him with one Mickey McGee at the Silver Grill about a year ago, in which connection Milton Lett is reported to have separated the two. When questioned concerning this incident, Talbot stated that approximately a year ago Pady Kilbane,

who operates the Silver Grill, invited a group of men from the Harvard Club to his place for a "shin-dig" and a corned beef and cabbage dinner. Talbot stated that he and others from the club went to the Silver Grill about 10:30 or 11 o'clock at night; that considerable drinking occurred; that he got into an argument with Mickey McGee; that they came to blows and that they were pulled apart by a shill at the club named "Willie", whom he identified from a photograph as Milton Lett. Talbot stated that he had had several altercations with McGee; that he was always receiving a lot of lip from him and that this fight was nothing but a result of the bad blood which existed between them.

In response to questions Talbot stated that in addition to himself and McGee and Lett that he recalled that Pat Lynch, Whitey Mattson and Sharkey Gorman were also present when the fight occurred. With respect to Pat Lunch, he stated this individual is a dealer and is believed to be located in Detroit, Michigan, at the present time.

On the occasion of this interview Toots Talbot was also interrogated with respect to payment of income taxes by various employees at the club, and he stated that returns for the various men were taken care of by an accountant named Geisey, who handles the books for the club and who also prepared income tax returns for the various employees on the basis of the club's records. He stated that he paid an income tax for the year of 1935 on the basis of a \$3600 salary. He said that he would mail his tax returns for the years 1934 and 1935 to this office and he later did so. These returns are not being mentioned further in this report for the reason that it is anticipated an additional file will be opened concerning a possible impersonation violation on the part of the accountant named Geisey as soon as certain information is received by this office from Washington, D. C.

In connection with income tax matters, Talbot advised that Max Gladstone, who is employed at the club and who keeps books for the organization, will know full details concerning the preparation of income tax returns for the various club employees. This individual has not been interviewed yet, but it has been learned that he is presently confined in the hospital and will not be available for interview for several weeks.

Peter Mele, blackjack dealer at the Harvard Club, was interviewed at the Cleveland office by Special Agent S. K. McKee. He advised that he was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and attended public schools of the city through the eighth grade. He has worked as a cab driver,

chauffeur, was an enlisted man in the US Navy from 1916 to 1918; was an enlisted man in the US Army from 1918 to 1919 and has worked in mutuel offices at racetracks. He stated he has been employed at the Harvard Club for the past 3½ months as a blackjack dealer; also that he worked as a blackjack dealer during May and June 1934 when the club was being operated in the big place. He advised that he was given his job in 1934 by Dan Gallagher.

Photographs of the various persons concerned in this investigation were displayed to him, but he could make no identifications other than with respect to the pictures of Shimmy Patton, Art Hebebrand, Tip O'Neil and Dan Gallagher. When questioned further concerning members of the Karpis mob having frequented the Harvard Club he advised that he saw newspaper stories concerning the arrests of the three women a couple of years ago, but he does not recall having ever heard anything about any men connected with these women having been at the club. He was asked if he had ever heard any conversation between the various employees at the club, particularly dealers, concerning Karpis or other associates of his, having gambled at the place or having been friendly with any of the employees or operators, but he denied any knowledge in this respect.

Mele stated that when he worked for the club in 1934 Patton and Hebebrand were the apparent owners; that at the present time Toots Talbot and Shorty Conway are running the place, but it is common talk among the various dealers that they are merely fronting for Hebebrand and Patton on account of the recent difficulties these men have had with the law. He was asked how it happened that the Harvard Club could run without interference from the county or village authorities, and he advised that it was his understanding that Sheriff Sulzmann runs his office under a "home rule policy", which meant, according to his understanding, that if the local authorities in a particular village or town did not see fit to take legal action against such places as the Harvard Club that the Sheriff's Office would not interfere, meaning, he advised further, that his understanding is that the present club is run on a "fix" with the local authorities in Newburgh Heights.

Description of this individual is as follows:

Name	- PETER MELE
Age	42 born 2-26-93
Height	5' 5"
Weight	185
Eyes	brown
Hair	black; thin on top
Build	heavy

Marital status	-	married (1 daughter)
Residence		12415 Auburndale Ave., Cleveland, Ohio
Telephone		Garfield 0309-J
Crim. record		claims none
Relatives		Lena, mother, 1918 E. 121st Street, Cleveland, Ohio
		Anna Lagrasso, sister, same
		Ruth Mele, wife, 12415 Auburndale Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio
		Jean, daughter, same address

Charles C. Storms alias Sam Briggs was interviewed at the Cleveland office by Special Agent S. K. McKee. This individual advised that he was born at Buffalo, New York, and that his education consists of having completed the seventh grade in public schools. His trade is factory work. He advised that from 1905 to 1932 he was almost continuously in prison, having been released the last time from the OSP in 1932. He said that following his release from prison he worked at Kling's Furniture Factory, Brockton, New York, until his parole period had expired, and that subsequent to this employment he came to Cleveland and thru Tony Amersbach secured a job as car parker and watchman at the old Harvard Club, being employed in this capacity from November 1934 until the place was closed in January 1936, receiving a wage of \$7 per day. He stated that he is employed at the present Harvard Club in the coop and says that his only duty is to operate the buzzer which controls the front door to the club. He advised that there are no guns located in the coop.

With respect to Tony Amersbach, he stated that he met this man while both of them were confined in the penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio.

Photographs of the various persons concerned in this investigation were displayed to Storms and he identified the following:

SHIMMY PATTON	ART HEBERBRAND
TIP O'NEIL	NEIL MITCHELL
DAN GALLAGHER	FRED HUNTER

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He said that he knew all of these men except McDonald from having seen them around the Harvard Club but that he knew McDonald as a gambler from Detroit, Michigan, having met him in that city. He said he only knew Tip O'Neil to talk to.

With respect to Fred Hunter, he advised this man had worked as a blackjack dealer in the club for a short time in 1935 and that he knew nothing further concerning him.

Storms claimed that he never saw any of the Karpis mob at the club and never heard about them frequenting the place, and in this connection he stated that he is very glad he had no knowledge concerning the mob having been connected with the Harvard Club, as he said he would rather do more time than squawk on anybody.

The following description of Charles C. Storms was furnished by him:

Name	- CHARLES C. STORMS alias Sam Briggs
Age	- 51 alias Frank Briggs born
Height	- 5' 7" Buffalo, NY
Weight	- 165 lbs.
Hair	- grey
Eyes	- blue; wears octagon shaped glasses
Teeth	- false
Marital status	- single
Residence	- 3999 E. 26th St., Cleveland, Ohio
Criminal record:	- Elmira Reformatory, NY 05-06
	Grand Larceny;
	Auburn Prison 1907-12, Grand Larceny.
	Western Pen., Pittsburgh, Pa.,
	1915-18, grand larceny.
	OSP Columbus, Ohio 1919-32,
	armed robbery
Relatives:	Mrs. Parker Tubbs, sister,
	Portland, NY; Mrs. Fred W. Freyer,
	sister, Portland, NY and Mrs.
	Seymour Coleman, sister, same
	city.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent S.K. McKee, September 22, 1936, Cleveland, Ohio, wherein it is indicated that information was received from Lt. Barney Wolf of the Cleveland Police Department to the effect that one "Pug" Smith, who usually hangs around 117th and Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, was a close friend of "Tip" O'Neill and would be a good person to interview to determine if any well-known gangsters were in Cleveland on any occasion.

By letter dated September 26, 1936, from Mr. D.J. Bonzo, Parole and Record Clerk of the Ohio State Penitentiary, Columbus, this office was advised that one Joe Burke, #48957, was identified as the person concerning whom this office had written him a letter dated September 25, 1936. The letter from Mr. Bonzo indicates that Burke was received at the Penitentiary November 19, 1920, from Lucas County, to serve a sentence of one to fifteen years for the crime of robbery; that he was paroled August 15, 1930 and was granted a final release on September 30, 1931; that the last address of record, as of August 1, 1931, was 12002 Lake Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio. The letter transmitted a photograph of this individual, which is being retained in the file of this case.

Special Agent L. Levin conducted investigation at the address 12002 Lake Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio, and ascertained that Leo Smith had resided in Apartment 20 at that address with his sister, Mrs. Albert A. Schatzinger, who has resided there for the last eight years; that the present caretaker has been at the apartment for only the last three years and that Smith has resided in the apartment during that time, with the exception of about two months during the winter of 1936, when he was in Florida; that he is considered a bootlegger by the caretaker, and that quite usually he comes home drunk; that there have been several visitors to the apartment, but the caretaker was unable to identify any photographs of the Karpis outfit as having visited Smith; that these persons moved on September 30, 1936, without giving any notice at all, and the caretaker had no idea where they might have moved. She did state, however, that the telephone was listed in Mrs. Schatzinger's name, and that the gas and electricity was also taken care of by the individual tenants. With respect to the rental for the apartment, the caretaker stated that Mrs. Schatzinger paid it directly to Dr. N.M. West, owner, who was located in the Medical Arts Building, Lakewood, Ohio.

At the Lakewood station of the United States Post Office, it was learned that there is of record a removal dated September 30, 1936, for Mrs. A. Schatzinger and J.L. Smith from 12002 Lake Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio, to 1038 Homewood Drive, Lakewood, Ohio. The current

city directory lists Mrs. Bridget Smith as being the occupant of these premises, and from information furnished by the caretaker at 12002 Lake Avenue, it was believed that this person was "Fug" Smith's mother. The caretaker had previously identified the photo of Joe Burke as being identical with the person known to her as Leo Smith.

At 1038 Homewood Drive, the writer ascertained that Leo was not at home and that he might be reached through his office address, the K.L. Smith Advertising Company, Rockefeller Building, phone MAIN 3048. At this place it was learned that Leo Smith was not available for interview. Subsequently he was telephonically contacted at his home and an appointment was made to meet him in front of City Hall, Cleveland, on the morning of October 3, 1936. The appointment was kept and Smith was requested to accompany the agent to the Cleveland Bureau Office, where he was interviewed. He furnished the following information about himself:

He was born March 11, 1895 at Cleveland, Ohio, and was educated in the city schools; after leaving the school, he started driving a truck and at the time he was 21 years of age, he was arrested and charged with armed robbery by the Cleveland police. He was convicted of the charge and was sentenced to an indefinite period at the Ohio State Reformatory at Mansfield, Ohio, and in fact, served about fourteen months, at which time he was released. That he returned to Cleveland and in 1920, he went to Toledo, Ohio, where he engaged in the robbery of a bank with another individual; that they were apprehended the same night and later were convicted of bank robbery; that he was sentenced to the Ohio State Penitentiary at Columbus to a term of from one to fifteen years, and that he entered the institution in November of 1920 and served ten years, being released September 1930; that upon his release, he came to Cleveland and took up his residence with his sister, Mrs. Schatzinger, at 12002 Lake Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio. About March or April 1931, while Smith was still on parole from the Ohio State Penitentiary, he started working for one Paul Hackett, who operated the Boulevard Cafe or Club at 116th and Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, as a bartender and delivery man of bootleg liquor; that he made about \$30.00 to \$40.00 weekly at this job, and worked there almost continuously for about two years; that as far as he knew, Hackett did not "pay-off" to anybody in the operation of this place; that he loafed for about two years and then sometime during the Spring of 1935 he secured employment with one Joseph Fransek, who operates a "bookie joint" on Grantwood Drive, Parma, Ohio, where he has been working for about the last nineteen months as a service man, answering the phones and taking the bets; the phone number there is SHadyside 5733, and there are about six other phones, the numbers running in order, so that if one line is busy, the call is received on another line; that Fransek's wife and



four months' old baby reside in the private home, which is owned by Fransek and where the "book" is operated. He named the other employees as being: Ronald Kean, residence 32nd Street, between Clark and Sackett; Ray Wish (phonetic) residence 52d and Store Streets; one "Gibby", who has worked there only about six weeks; one "Socks" who has worked there about four months; one Frikar (phonetic) who has worked there about one year.

Smith was questioned about Fransek "paying off" to anybody for the purpose of operating the "book" and he stated that if such were the case, he did not know to whom the "pay off" was being made nor if, in fact, such were being done.

Smith states that he took a trip to Miami, Florida, leaving Cleveland, Ohio, on January 1, 1936, in his coupe, which bears Ohio license AP 189, and that he was accompanied by one Fay Taylor, his girl, who is employed at the East Ohio Gas Company, and who resides at 1881 West 48th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, with whom he states he has been "going" for about four years; that Joseph Fransek and his wife accompanied them, they riding in their own car, and that they first went to Miami, Florida, where they stayed overnight in a tourist camp; that he did not sleep with Fay Taylor and that the next day, they went to Indian River, just outside of Miami, where they rented a house, in which they remained for about five weeks and then returned to Cleveland; that during all the time they were in Florida, he never slept with Fay and that he occupied the studio couch in the living room; further that he intends marrying this girl in the near future. He states also that she is fully aware of his previous record.

Smith was questioned about the Twilight Tavern, operated by the Jackson sisters on Pearl Road, and he stated that he is not familiar either with the place or with the sisters; that he has been going "straight" ever since his release from the Penitentiary, and that he does not "hang" around street corners with any persons; that he sees Fay almost every night in the week and that he then takes a trolley home, which was near 117th and Detroit; that almost every night, after his arrival at the corner, he would wait for the morning papers, and that it is very possible that he has been seen around that place; further that he has very little to do with any persons outside of his work and his girl and that he very rarely sees anyone else.

Smith was shown numerous photographs of Karpis, et al, and he stated that the only persons whom he knew were, "Tip" O'Neill, Art Hebebrand, "Shimmy" Patton, Sharkey Gorman and Tony Amersbach. He stated that he knows Tony from the Ohio State Penitentiary at Columbus, where Tony was serving time at the time that he was; that

he knows "Sharkey" Gorman as a result of having seen him at the Harvard Club; that formerly "Sharkey" used to own a "joint" or tend bar in a place on West 25th Street; that he first met him there; that he knows "Tip" O'Neill and has known him for about four years, having first met him in the neighborhood of 117th and Detroit, while Smith was delivering liquor; that he does not know what O'Neill did then for a living and that he does not know what he is doing now; that he knows "Shimmy" Patton and Art Hebebrand from childhood, since they were all brought up in the same neighborhood.

Smith also stated that the photo of Fred Hunter looked familiar to him, but he was unable definitely to state where he had seen this individual or under what circumstances. It was suggested to him that he had seen this person at the Harvard Club, and he stated that it was possible, but that he could not state definitely if that were the case.

He also informed that he has been going to the Harvard Club occasionally during the past six years, and that he has most always seen Art Hebebrand there, as well as "Shimmy" Patton, and that he understood that these two individuals owned the place; that he was out there a little over a month ago for the last time, but that he did not see Hebebrand nor Patton there on that occasion; that he has not seen "Tip" O'Neill for a longer time than that and would not know where to get in touch with him, although O'Neill formerly lived on Lake Avenue near him. Further that he has almost nothing to do now with his former friends; that he has reformed and is going straight with the hope of getting married soon.

He was asked about anyone at the Harvard Club "paying off" to somebody so that they could operate a gambling club over so long a period of time, and he stated that everybody knows there must be a pay off, but he claimed ignorance as to the persons making or receiving any money, and was unable to state who had jurisdiction over that locality.

Smith was questioned as to whether he had filed an income tax return for last year or the preceding years and advised that he had not, inasmuch as his earnings had never exceeded \$1,000.00 per year. He was also questioned as to the newspaper publicity attendant on the arrest of the Karpis women by the Cleveland police during September 1934. He stated that he just barely recalled this and claimed to have heard no rumors of any kind from any persons, particularly from Hebebrand, Patton or O'Neill concerning these gangsters, explaining that although he had been brought up with them, he has had very little contact with them since his release from the Penitentiary and that he does not discuss any matters with them, except to casually pass the time of day when they meet.

Smith furnished the following descriptive data concerning himself:

Name	JOSEPH LEO SMITH, alias Joe Burke, alias "Pug"
Residence	1038 Homewood Drive, Lakewood, Ohio
Age	41 (born 3-11-95, Cleveland, Ohio)
Height	5' 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	144 lbs.
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Light blue
Complexion	Medium
Build	Small
Teeth	Uppers false, 2 lowers, one right and one left, gold capped.
Scars and marks	Back of neck appears pock marked
Marital status	Single
Occupation	Painter and bookie
Photograph	Retained in file
Relatives	Mother-Bridget Smith, 1038 Homewood Drive, Lakewood, Ohio Sister-Katherine Smith, same address " Veronica Schatzinger, same address " Leonida Mackay, same address
Criminal record	Admits Ohio State Reformatory, Mansfield, Ohio, #8443-Robbery-served 14 months of indeterminate sentence. Admits Ohio State Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio, #48957-bank robbery, served 10 years of 1 to 15 years sentence. Admits arrest, Cleveland, Ohio, 1930, police-investigation, released.

Raymond Mulcahy, a crap dealer employed at the Harvard Club, was interviewed by Special Agent J. E. Brennan and Special Agent C. E. Smith and the following information was obtained:

That he is 39 years of age, was born August 21, 1897 at Oak Harbor, Ohio, and he resides at 2229 Scranton Avenue; that he is single; that he has worked at the Harvard Club for the past two years, previously having been employed at Toledo, Ohio, for ten years, working for Jimmy Hayes, Tom Worland, and Ralph Dugan; that he has had no military service and has never been arrested except for traffic violations, and his fingerprints and photograph have never been taken; that on August 6, 1934 he was hired by Dan Gallagher, floor man for Art Hebebrand and James Patton of the Harvard Club, and is now paid \$12.00 a day, and \$2.00 an hour overtime; that the club made his income tax returns for him and that his mother and brother are dependent upon him for support, therefore, he does not pay any income tax; that he signed a piece of paper so that they would get his name right, but did not pay anything.

Photographs of persons connected with this investigation were exhibited to Mulcahy, and he identified that of Milton Lett as a shiller at the club, and he stated that he did not know his name; that this person was employed at the club from the summer to the fall of 1935, and was known as "Willie from St. Louis". He stated that he has heard of Edward McGraw at Toledo, knows Bert and Ted Angus casually; that he knows Joe Roscoe and saw him six or seven times at the old Harvard Club in 1934 in the company of Shimmy Patton and Art Hebebrand, and that he is acquainted with Sam Hessler, but does not know Rene Holst, Lu Poole, Edith Barry, or Jean Ford; that he does not know George Timiney, except to know that he is a policeman.

Mulcahy stated that he does not associate with any of the employees of the Harvard Club, except that he goes out with Red McCool occasionally; that he has never heard any conversation among any of the employees or members of the club concerning the Barker-Karpis mob. He stated that he knows Mickey McGee, who is now at the Chalet Club, a mile from Gratiot, near Detroit, Michigan; that McGee was employed at the Harvard Club late in 1934.

He stated that he has never heard any rumor to the effect that Karpis was at the Harvard Club on January 10, 1936; that he was there at that time; that he left for Detroit on this same day and came back two months ago.

The following is a description of Raymond Mulcahy,  
which was obtained by Agent from observation and interrogation:

Age	-	39 years
Height	-	5'10"
Weight	-	154 pounds
Hair	-	Dark chestnut
Eyes	-	Brown
Relatives	-	Brother - Dan Mulcahy, residing 8 miles from Ashtabula, Ohio; Brother - Harry Mulcahy, 293 Jackson Street, Conneaut, Ohio; and a brother who resides at 2102 North 14th Street, Toledo, Ohio.

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Bert Trattner, who is employed in the horse room at the Harvard Club, was interviewed by Special Agents C. K. Smith and J. K. Brennan, and he stated that he resides at 13450 Cedar Road, Cleveland, Ohio, telephone YKilowstone 9212, with his wife, Helen; that he has no children, and that his parents are deceased; that he was drafted in the United States Army from Cleveland, Ohio, on October 3, 1917, served in the 125th Infantry, 32nd Division and was honorably discharged on May 14, 1919; that when he was drafted he and his two brothers operated three cigar stores in Cleveland, and on returning from the Army he and his brothers opened a store in West Virginia, where he ran a hand book and has been connected with gambling ever since; that he obtained employment at the Harvard Club in 1935, although he did not work steadily, and during 1935 and at the present time is a price maker, and accordingly does not come in contact with any of the customers of the club. He stated he did not submit an income tax return in 1934, as he did not make \$2,500; that he was paid \$8.00 per day until three months ago when his salary was raised to \$12.00 per day; that he does not know anyone from Toledo.

Photographs of persons connected with this investigation were shown to Trattner and he identified that of Milton Lett, whom he states he believes was employed as a shiller at the dice tables during the winter of 1935.

He stated he was not in the club when it was raided in January, 1936, and was told that the club was closed, and that he would be notified should his services be required in the future. The only thing he knows about Alvin Karpis is what he read in the newspapers and he stated that he had never heard anything about this investigation until told by one of the employees that he was wanted at the Federal Bureau of Investigation for interview.

He stated that the club obtains their wire service from "Mushie" Wexler, to whom they pay \$200.00 per week for such service, leaving this amount in an envelope in the David L. Cohen Haberdashery in the Hollenden Hotel, where "Mushie" picks it up.

The following is a description of Bert Trattner, which was obtained by Agent from personal observation and questioning:

Age	-	44 years
Height	-	5'4½"
Weight	-	154 pounds
Hair	-	Black
Eyes	-	Black
Teeth	-	Has five lower teeth; the others are false.
Scars	-	¾" cut scar right leg

Relatives

Sister - Jean Galland, employed by WPA, Columbus, Ohio. She is a widow and has child Jack, age 14 years.

Brother - Harry Trattner, residing on Hough Avenue (address unknown), single, and not working.

Brother - Joe Black, manager of Black's Inn, 241 Capitol St., Charleston, W. Va.

Brother - Sam Trattner, who has a concession at the Texas Centennial.

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The following investigation was made by Special Agents J. B. Fitzgerald and R. T. Noonan on September 21, 1936:

Earl R. Brazzil, alias "Stubbie", was located at the Gordon Square Hotel and brought to the Cleveland office where he was interviewed. He stated that his correct name is Earl R. Brazzil, that he is 37 years of age and resides and has resided for the past two years at the Gordon Square Hotel, Cleveland. He stated that he has been employed at the Harvard Club, Newburgh Heights, Ohio, for the past two years as a crap game dealer and is so employed at the present time. He recalled the arrest of the three women, Paula Harmon, Wynona Burdette and Mrs. Harry Sawyer about two years ago and at that time was employed at the Harvard Club. He read of the arrest of these women in the papers and sometime later, he thinks, at least, a year, read a story in the newspapers wherein it was stated that Karpis and others were supposed to have been at the Harvard Club during the time they were in Cleveland with these women. After this appeared in the local papers it was the subject of much discussion by the various dealers, each trying to determine whether or not Karpis and any of his gang had been at their respective tables, and he also heard some discussion at Sellers' beer parlor to the effect that Karpis had been in there.

Brazzil was shown various photographs which he identified as set out herein. From looking at the photographs of Karpis he advised that he could almost positively state that he drank beer at Sellers' place at the same time that Karpis did, that is, that he saw him there drinking beer. He could not state how often. He was also of the opinion that he had dealt to Karpis at the crap table in the Harvard Club about two years ago. He was unable to state the time other than to say it was while the club was operating in the big place that he saw Karpis in Sellers' place.

When shown the photograph of Willie Harrison he immediately stated that he had seen Harrison often. At one time when he, Brazzil, was working in the Dutch Royal Nite Club in Toledo, where he was employed for about one year before coming to Cleveland in 1934, Harrison and 3 or 4 others, all of whom were



drunk and rather tough looking, began throwing ash trays around this nite club and he had to ask them to stop. In addition, he has also seen Harrison, whom he knew only as Willie, in Sellers' place on the grounds of the old Harvard Club drinking beer and has also seen him in the club a few times. Generally, Harrison would be accompanied by three or four other parties, none of whom Brazzil was able to describe or identify at this time, and he could not place Karpis with Harrison, although it is possible that they were together.

Brazzil immediately identified Milton Lett as a "shill" employed at the club under the name of Willie when the club was operating in the large building. He was unable to state just when Lett was there, but it was before the club was closed and was in the large building. He has not seen Lett since the club opened in the new place. He was unable to place Karpis with Lett at any time but knows that he saw Lett and Sharkey Gorman together. He further recalled that Lett spoke with a southern accent and that he had peculiarly colored teeth and that he never had much to say. He also recalled that he saw Lett and Patton and Hebebrand talking together at times.

Brazzil readily identified photographs of Hebebrand, Patton and Tip O'Neil, stating that he did not know what the latter did but thought he was possibly one of the floor men as he was always around on the floor.

After considerable reflection he was able to identify the photograph of Fred Hunter as one who was a black-jack dealer at the club when it was in the large building. He stated that his recollection of this man was only faint and that he could remember little about him and could not state definitely when he worked there, except that it was in the large building and was subsequent to the time he, Brazzil, began his employment at the Harvard Club.

He could not recall ever having seen John Brock at the club and did not identify his photograph as anyone known to him nor did he see Brock when Brock was supposed to be staying at the Gordon Square Hotel under the name of Evans.

Brazzil was unable to identify photographs of either of the Barkers, Harry Campbell, Sawyer or Volney Davis as anyone he had ever seen.

With reference to the manner in which the income tax is reported by employees of the Harvard Club, Brazzil stated that a man whom some have said is a representative of the income tax office, comes to the club and makes out the reports which are signed by the individual employees. Due to the fact that he was sick in 1935 much of the time no return was made out for him as he knew, and was also told that he did not make enough money so that he would have to make a return.

Brazzil further stated that the newspapers were delivered to the Harvard Club, that is, two boys called there with the Press and the News and four or five of the employees, including "M. TA", (Maurice Baylis) got these papers every day.

As for the "fix" at the Harvard Club, Brazzil stated he did not know where it was but knows that there must be one. The only way, he stated, that he can figure it out is that there must be some arrangement with the officials of the village of Newburgh Heights. He was asked who might have caused Hebebrand and Patton to have to pay a fine or serve time in September 1935 and he stated that he did not know. He has heard it said among various of the dealers that the sheriff is a "right fellow" and will not come out and bother the club unless the mayor sends for him. At the present time Talbot and Conway are the apparent proprietors, but Patton and Hebebrand come to the club occasionally, and he has seen them in the place occasionally, as well as Dan Gallagher, who makes a few visits.

Brazzil advised that he knows Joe Roscoe and both Bert and Ted Angus of Toledo and that he saw Roscoe at the old Harvard Club a few times. He stated that he was floor manager of the Dutch Village, a night club in Toledo, Ohio, for about a year before he came to Cleveland, this place being operated by one Joe Rose and Art Hand. Previous to that he was out of a job for about four years and made a living by playing a few crap games and working in some bookie joints in Toledo. When he came to Cleveland he came with Ray Mulcahey.

Brazzil stated he knows most all of the dealers at the Harvard Club, but is not acquainted with the employees of the horse-room and that he has been in the office of the club only once.

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There are six slot machines there now and there were about twenty when the big place was operating. Some "dago", whose name he does not know comes in and collects from these machines. He also has heard that Nate Weisenberg has something to do with the slot machines, but he does not know how much. He has seen Weisenberg at the club and knows that he drives a Lincoln automobile. He also advised that Talbot told him he might be brought in for questioning and to tell the truth to which he answered, "What else can I tell?" He related that the various employees who have been in for questioning have been talking about it.

The following is a description of Earl Brazzil:

Age	- 37 yrs. (born E. St. Louis, Ill.)
Height	- 5' 5"
Weight	- 160 lbs.
Build	- medium heavy
Eyes	- light brown
Hair	- light brown
Face	- full
Complexion	- medium ruddy
Residence	Gordon Square Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio
Marital status	- married; wife in insane asylum; lives with another woman as his wife at the above hotel
Relatives:	mother and brother, Eddie, 1231 Morrison Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
Occupation	- gambler
Crim. record	- arrested Toledo, Ohio, at Jovial Club for gambling; released; about 4 yrs. ago

Special Agents R. T. Noonan and J. B. Fitzgerald located William J. Finkelstine alias Bill Fink at apartment #328, Doan-brooke Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, and invited him to the Cleveland Bureau office where said agents interviewed him with the following results.

Finkelstine stated he was born and reared in Duluth, Minnesota; that he is now 39 years of age and has been a gambler since 1925; that he worked in a cafe in Duluth; then went to Chicago in

1927 and worked in a gambling house at 511 North Clark Street, then went to Detroit, Michigan, where he worked in a gambling house called the Palm Garden and other gambling places until February 28th, 1935, when he came to Cleveland, Ohio. He stated that about a week after he arrived in Cleveland he got a job at the Harvard Club where he has since been employed as a clerk on the crap tables. He said that he and the other dealers are not taken into the confidence of the ones higher up in the club, and, therefore, does not have any information relative to the ownership and management of the place, but that Toots Talbot is the boss, and it seems to be common knowledge that Art Hebebrand and Shimmy Patton are the operators of the club.

Finkelstine did not come to Cleveland until several months after the three women were arrested at the Cleveland Hotel in September 1934 and stated that he never heard of the incident. Photographs of the Barker-Karpis mob and their women as well as photographs of the Clevelanders under investigation were shown to this man, who identified only Hebebrand, Patton and O'Neil and stated that he had seen a photograph of Karpis in the newspapers. He thought that he recognized Milton Lett as a schill but was not at all sure of it and also partially identified Fred Hunter as a person who looked familiar and may have been seen at the Harvard Club.

When questioned about income tax Finkelstine related that he paid \$6.38 on earnings of \$3000 for 1935; that the bosses at the Harvard Club kept track of the amount he had earned, had a lawyer or income tax man at the club who prepared the returns for all of the employees; that he was called into the office and told that he had to pay this amount of tax; that he signed the papers which were already prepared, paid the money and that was all there was to it. He had with him the duplicate of his tax return which reflected that he earned \$3,000 from the Avenue Catering Company, Cleveland, Ohio, and had a deduction of \$45 for sales tax paid.

The following description was obtained from observation and questioning:

Name	-	William J. Finkelstine alias Bill Fink
Residence	-	apartment #326, Doanbrooke Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio
Age	-	39
Height	-	5' 8 1/2"
Weight	-	167

Hair - black  
 Eyes - brown; cast in left eye  
 Occupation - gambler, Harvard Club  
 Born - Duluth, Minnesota  
 Relatives- Elenore Finkelstine, wife, Doanbrooke  
 Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio;  
 Dr. D. Finkelstine, #218 Fargussen  
 Building, Duluth, Minnesota (brother)  
 E. M. Finkelstine, Virginia, Min-  
 nesota (brother)  
 Mrs. A. Burovsky, 1414 East Third  
 Street, Duluth, Minnesota (sister)

Louis Monica, 16610 Southland Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio,  
 telephone number Clearwater 5059-J, was contacted by Special  
 Agent J. E. Brennan and requested to appear at the Cleveland  
 Bureau office, which he did, and was interviewed by Special  
 Agent C. E. Smith.

Monica advised that his true name was Motyka, and he  
 was a carpenter by trade, but had not worked at his trade for  
 the past six years. He further advised that for the past six  
 years he had been employed at the Harvard Club, having been  
 hired by Arthur Hebebrand, his brother-in-law, further stating  
 that he had married Art's sister, Adeline, but she had died on  
 June 24, 1933, death resulting from burns she had received in  
 a fire; that he had one son, the result of the marriage, James,  
 age 7½, a student at St. Joseph's Academy on Rocky River Road.  
 He further stated that his mother-in-law, Hebebrand's mother,  
 also lives with him and takes care of his son.

Monica was questioned whether he had submitted an in-  
 come tax return, and he stated that he had; however, upon ques-  
 tioning, he stated that a Mr. Geisy (phonetic spelling) who he  
 thought was a tax consultant had asked him questions relative  
 to his dependants, and he stated he told him that he supported  
 his mother-in-law, son and also claimed exemption for moneys paid  
 to his church, which, in view of the fact that he earned only  
 \$3200 or \$3300 per year was sufficient to place him on the exempted  
 list. Monica was questioned as to how much he earned at the club,  
 and he stated that he drew a salary of \$60 per week for a six-day  
 week, very seldom working on Sundays. Monica stated that he was  
 fairly certain he had sworn to the tax return, however, he could

not say definitely.

Monica further stated that on May 24 or 25, 1934, he was shot in the abdomen during a holdup and was in St. John's Hospital for a period of about six weeks, and then was home for about the same length of time, after which time he was placed on the door for a very short period of time; then was made a starter, which duties consist of visiting the various stations maintained by the club for the convenience of customers. Monica advised that during the past two years all of his time has been spent on the outside on that work.

Photographs of the members of the Karpis gang were exhibited to Monica; however, he was unable to identify any of them, further stating that due to his outside work he did not have the occasion to become acquainted with the dealers or customers in the club.

Monica was questioned as to the locations of the present stations maintained by the club, and he stated that one was located on E. 105th Street, north of Euclid Avenue, opposite the firehouse and one was located at 1000 Walnut St., in front of the Old Moose Hall; he also stated that the club operated four seven-passenger automobiles, which cars were owned by the drivers, who received ten dollars per day for their services and the use of their cars. Continuing, Monica stated that Paddy Regan was starter at E. 105th Street and Euclid Avenue, and he, Monica, was starter at the Old Moose Hall. He further stated that the following men were drivers and had been driving for a considerable length of time for the club.

Charles Farr,	address not known;	7-passenger Lincoln automobile
Joe Suk,	" " "	7- " Studebaker
Al Rice	" " "	7- " Pierce-Arrow
John Sweeney,	" " "	7-passenger Cadillac
Dave Liebowitz,	" " "	7-passenger Packard

Agent questioned Monica if anybody at the club had discussed this case with him, and he advised that no one had; however, he stated that several months ago he read in the newspapers that Art Hebebrand and James Patton were supposed to have harbored Karpis and that there had been some kind of a "tip-off". Monica was, however, unable to elaborate on this story.

The following description of Monica was secured by personal observation and questions answered:

Name	- Louis Motyka alias Monica
Age	- 37
Height	- 5' 7"
Weight	- 155
Hair	- dark brown, streaked with grey
Eyes	- brown
Teeth	- partial plate, upper front
Complexion	- medium
Build	- medium
Race	- white
Nativity	- Bohemian
Place and date of birth	- Pittsburg, Pa., 7-14-99
Occupation	- starter and carpenter
Residence	- 16610 Southland Ave., Lakewood, Ohio
Societies	- Carpenters Local #1108
Relatives:	- sister: Rosella Motyka, 3389 West 90th Street;
	brother: Charles (uses last name of Morgan) 3389 West 90th Street
brothers:	Rudolph Motyka, 3389 West 90th St.,
	Anthony Motyka, West 86th St.,
	Frank (uses last name of Morgan), Riveredge Avenue,
son:	James, 16610 Southland Avenue
Crim. record:	none claimed

George Langstaff, employee of the Harvard Club, was interviewed by Special Agents Clyde E. Smith and John E. Brennan and stated that he resides at 3261 West 130th Street, Cleveland, with his wife and two children, Herschel 10, and Agnes 6; that he is thirty four years of age, born in Ruses Point, New York, in 1902; that he has been employed at the Harvard Club for the past one and one-half years, previous to which he was employed in the Indiana

Lake Cabaret and Night Club; that he was paid ten dollars per day at the Harvard Club until recently when his salary was increased to twelve with two dollars per hour for overtime, but that he is not employed regularly in that the business is not always such as will require his services; that he deals craps at the club; that he never worked in Toledo but did work in Akron as a dealer for Pip Turner and Tom Hendricks; that the club prepared his income tax returns for him but that he did not pay any tax, as he did not have sufficient income; that he believes the return gave as his employment that he was connected with the Harvard Catering Company or Harvard Club, but that he is not sure of this, not having paid particular attention because his exemptions exceeded his income, and he did not have to pay a tax anyway; that he believes the return was executed before a man named Foshay or some similar name, but that he was not introduced to this man and does not know who he was. Photographs of all persons connected with this investigation were exhibited to Langstaff, of which he identified those of Milton Lett, Tip O'Neil, Art Hebebrand and Shimmy Patton.

He stated that he saw Milton Lett working at the club but does not know his name or who he associated with, stating that he, himself, does not associate with his fellow employees; that he only met Tip O'Neil once and that was when he came in and asked O'Neil for the job dealing craps and does not know what connection O'Neil has at the club and that the same holds true as to Patton so far as his knowledge of Patton goes. He further stated that he has had no military service; has only been arrested for gambling and that his photo and fingerprints are on file at the Akron Police Department, but that he cannot recall when they were taken. He stated that he knew nothing about the subject of this inquiry until Chris Brown told him to come down to the Bureau office.

Langstaff stated that Red McCool, another employee of the club, had told him that Mickey McGee, who was employed at the club in 1934 and who is now at the Chalet Club in Detroit, had an argument with Todd Talbot at a West 28th and Detroit Avenue saloon, and Milton Lett interfered and stopped it, and according to McCool, both parties apparently knew Lett.

On September 24, 1936, Thomas Allen Graham alias Lefty Graham, was interviewed in the Cleveland office by Special Agents S. K. McKee and A. Paul Kitchin.



Graham stated that he was born in Cleveland, Ohio, July 26, 1901, and that he has resided in this city all of his life; that he has been employed as an AB seaman on the Great Lakes practically all of his life, with the exception of the past one and one-half years. He stated that he was employed as a black-jack dealer for four or five months at the Broadway Smoke Shop, 5406 Broadway, Cleveland, Ohio, immediately previous to his employment at the Harvard Club which began in September 1935.

Graham stated that he went to the Harvard Club, at which time he asked Toots Talbot for a job and Toots put him to work at \$5 per day working at the black-jack table. He stated that he worked on these arrangements until about two or three days prior to the time the place was closed in January 1936, working the night shift from 10 pm to closing time. He stated that on Friday and Saturday when they would be busy; that they would start the third table around 8 pm and on these occasions he went to work at this time. Graham informed that only on one or two occasions he worked the day shift and that prior to January 1936 he was not laid off from work.

According to Graham, the only dealers on the black-jack tables were Marty Kuntz, Bob Cook, "Hymie" and himself and that at no time does he recall that any other dealer worked with him, and he does not know anyone by the name of Fred or Freddie that dealt black-jack at his table.

He was exhibited the photographs of the Barker-Karpis mob and also the photos of Milton Lett and Fred Hunter, but he failed to identify either of these photos.

Graham stated that he is at present making \$10 per day and \$1.50 per hour for overtime. He stated that he has never submitted an income tax return as he has never made enough money. According to Graham, he was approached by Talbot and asked about the income tax but he never signed any papers of any kind. He stated that if any return was made in his name, he had nothing whatsoever to do with it.

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Graham was questioned extensively relative to his knowledge of Lett or Hunter, and he denied that he had ever seen either of these individuals or ever knew that they were employed at the Harvard Club.

The following is a description of Graham as obtained from personal observation and interview:

Name	THOMAS ALLEN GRAHAM alias Lefty Graham
Age	35 born Cleveland, O., July 26, 1901
Height	5' 7"
Weight	125 lbs.
Eyes	dark brown
Hair	black, grey (curly)
Complexion	medium dark
Build	slender
Nationality	American
Teeth	bridge, upper front, both eye teeth gold
Scars and marks	none
Residence	5009 Wichita Avenue
Relatives	mother: Carolyn Graham, 5009 Wichita Ave. brothers: Albert Graham, 3320 Broadview Road Willard " same as mother's Robert " same as mother's Earl " same as mother's

Occupation gambler (blackjack dealer at Harvard Club)  
Crim. record none known or admitted  
Marital status married (Isabel Silk Graham, wife  
Thomas Graham, son, age 12)

Mr. Frank W. Smith, 3843 Silsby Road, SW, Cleveland, Ohio, was interviewed at the Cleveland Bureau office by Special Agent S. K. McKee. He advised that he was born at Cleveland, Ohio, and was educated in the public schools of the city, later attending business schools. At one time he was advertising manager for the Phoenix Oil Company of Cleveland, Ohio, but since 1920 has been employed as a real estate salesman. At the present time he is president of the Beachcliff Building Company, 1324 Blount Road, Rocky River, Ohio, which organization was incorporated under the Ohio laws on June 1, 1936. He stated that the officers of this company, in addition to himself are A. W. Hebebrand, Treasurer; James A. Patton, Vice President, and Olive Ewing, Secretary. Miss Ewing is only a clerical employee and has been connected with Arthur W. Hebebrand in the real estate business for a long period of time. Smith stated that he has \$10,000 invested in the above company and that he borrowed this money from Patton and Hebebrand. He said that Patton and Hebebrand, each, has \$15,000 invested in the company and that the concern is presently building six houses on Morewood Parkway at Rocky River Drive, in addition to one house on Sedalia Avenue.

Smith stated that prior to becoming a member of the firm of the Beachcliff Building Company he was employed by Arthur W. Hebebrand as manager of the real estate organization which bore his, Hebebrand's, name, and that he was employed in that capacity until the organization of the Beachcliff Building Company. He said that from approximately September 1, 1933 until November 30, 1935, he was employed in the office of the County Treasurer as a clerk but that he still had charge of Hebebrand's real estate office during the time he was employed by the county. He advised that when the real estate business became very bad along about 1932 and 1933 he was given a job by Hebebrand at the Harvard Club and that his work there consisted of figuring payments to be made as results of bets on horse races. His recollection was that he first went to work at the Harvard Club in January 1933 and he said he has been working there more or less steadily until the present time and that he is still employed at the club doing figure work in connection with horse racing, for which he is paid a weekly salary of \$50.

In response to questions concerning the identity of the persons operating the Harvard Club, Smith stated that Patton and Hebebrand ran the club when it was located in the big place: that is, prior to the raid by Safety Director Ness, which occurred during January 1936. He stated that the same individuals still own the place but that employees named Conway and Talbot are presently operating it for them.

Smith was questioned for details concerning the rental of the house at 3973 West 140th Street to Alvin Karpis. He advised that during this period he was in charge of Hebebrand's real estate office, but he said at that time he was then also working in the office of the County Treasurer and that Edwin P. Slade was the person actively in charge of the real estate office. He advised that a family named Mraz for some time prior to the summer of 1934 had been purchasing the residence at this address under land contract and was a considerable period in default in making their payments. He said the situation had gotten to the point where it was necessary to foreclose on them, and after many negotiations this action had been taken. He advised that he had discussed the details of the Mraz house on numerous occasions with Mr. Slade and Mr. Hebebrand, and everyone understood that the house was to be rented and that it was necessary to obtain as much as \$40 per month rent from same.

He stated that Slade communicated with him one day during the summer by telephone and advised that he had rented the place for \$37 per month and that he told Slade at the time that he could not rent it for that money but would have to get \$40 per month. He said the place was rented by Slade and that his understanding was that the renters obtained the keys to the place from Mr. Slade at the Hebebrand office. Smith advised that the next he heard concerning this house was when the newspaper articles appeared, stating, in effect, that the premises had been occupied by Alvin Karpis and some woman and that Hebebrand and Mitchell were under suspicion for having rented houses to members of the Karpis gang.

Smith stated that he at no time had any conversation with Art Hebebrand concerning the rental of this house to Karpis other than a short conversation at the time the newspaper stories appeared. He said that on this occasion the matter was mentioned briefly during a conversation with Hebebrand and that Hebebrand remarked to him that "without a doubt I will hear more about that". Smith also stated that approximately three or four months ago Hebebrand told him that he was picked up by the government and questioned in connection with an income tax matter. Smith stated further that very recently he had heard from sources he could not recall that three or four employees of the Harvard Club had been questioned by this office, but he advised he had no knowledge as to the details of these questionings or the identities of the persons who had been questioned.

Smith was asked if he had ever talked to Shimmy Patton concerning the newspaper stories to the effect that Karpis and other members of the gang which bears a name had rented houses from persons affiliated with the Harvard Club and had frequented this club. He stated that he had never talked to Patton in this connection.

Smith was asked how it happened that one Bernard Devlin, a relative of Art Hebebrand, moved into the house at 3973 West 140th Street after Karpis had fled from the place, but he was unable to supply any information in this connection. He did state that he knew Devlin (Bernard) to be a nephew of Hebebrand; further, that the house was still furnished with the furniture belonging to Karpis when Devlin moved into it, but he knew nothing further concerning this situation. Smith was asked whether the house in question had been advertised in the newspapers or posted with signs as being for rent but he advised that he could not make either an affirmative or negative statement in this respect.

Frank Smith in response to questions furnished the following names of the various individuals employed in the horseroom at the Harvard Club at the present time:

Bert Trattner - lives on east side  
 Joe McIntee - lives on Colgate or Elton Road  
 Tom Collins - lives near McIntee  
 William Rosen lives on east side  
 James Dempsey - lives in Brooklyn or Park  
 Bernard Devlin, cashier, Broadview and Valley Roads  
 George Gould, 128th Street, south of Lorain  
 ----- Dewar  
 Bill -----  
 Frank W. Smith  
 Jim Connelley - lives in west end

The following descriptive data as to Frank W. Smith was furnished by him:

Name	- Frank W. Smith
Age	- 45 (born 4-25-91)
Height	- 5' 10"
Weight	- 140 lbs.
Hair	- light brown
Eyes	- blue
Residence	- 3943 Silsby Rd, SE, Cleveland, O.
Marital status	- married, one child
Occupation	- real estate - building
Criminal record	- claims none
Relatives	- Ida L. Smith, mother, 3114 Brinsmade Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio

Relatives: Rudolph J. Smith, 3114 Brinsmade Ave.,  
Cleveland  
Elmer R. Smith, brother, 3885 West 135th  
Street, Cleveland;  
Alvina R. Smith, wife, 3843 Silsby Rd,  
Cleveland;  
Ruth J. Smith, daughter, same

Edwin P. Slade, residence 1445 Prospect Avenue, Rocky River, Ohio, was interviewed at the Cleveland office by Special Agent S. K. McKee on September 24, 1936. He advised that he is employed at the Beachcliff Building Company, Rocky River, Ohio, as a salesman and that he secured this employment through Arthur W. Hebebrand. He stated that he has been in the employ of Hebebrand as a real estate salesman for the past seven years and that he has been in the real estate game all of his life. Slade is a man sixty six years of age.

Slade was questioned for the details concerning the rental of the house at 3873 West 140th Street to Alvin Karpis during the summer of 1934, and he advised that on a date which he recalls to be July 6, 1936, Karpis came to the office of the A. W. Hebebrand real estate organization at 9713 Denison Avenue and advised that he was interested in the house in question. Slade stated that this place had been occupied by a family by the name of Mraz.

He stated that at the time he did not definitely know that it was vacated inasmuch as the keys to this house had not been turned in by the Mraz family, although he knew there had been some negotiations under way to dispossess this family, because of their defaults in payments on their land contract. Slade was shown a photograph of Alvin Karpis along with a large number of other pictures, and he, without hesitation, identified Karpis' picture as that of the man who came to his office on the morning in question. He said he rented a house to Karpis at a figure of \$37 per month, stating that during his conversation with Karpis on this occasion Karpis said he was engaged in the concession business and that he, Slade, understood from this that he was possibly a gambler. He said that the keys to the house in question were not at the office when Karpis rented the place and that he told him to come back during the afternoon.

He stated that after renting this place to Karpis he communicated with Art Hebebrand by telephone, at which time Hebebrand told him that rental in the sum of \$40 per month would have to be obtained from this property. Slade stated that at this time Karpis used the

name Milgreth in connection with the rental of this property and that in talking with Hebebrand over the telephone he referred to him as Mr. Milgreth and that Hebebrand did not ask anything about him.

Slade stated that after Karpis' visit to the office in the morning Mr. Mraz turned the keys to the house in at the office and that Karpis came back in the afternoon and secured these keys. He stated that he told him of the additional \$3.00 rent which would have to be paid and that he paid this balance in cash without making any remarks except to say that it was alright. He also said that Karpis paid the \$37 rent in the morning in cash.

Slade said he had no more contact with Karpis until the next installment of rent was due and when Karpis did not come in to make this payment he went to the house and not finding anyone there put a note under the door concerning the rent and that Karpis came to the office the following morning and paid same and apologized at the time for his oversight. Slade went on to say that at about the time the next month's rent was due these people disappeared after the arrest of the three women in a downtown hotel in the city of Cleveland. In connection with payment of rental Slade advised that he believes the receipts for the two monthly payments in rent are still in existence.

Slade was questioned for his knowledge of the method used by Karpis in locating this particular house at the time he came to the Hebebrand real estate office and rented it. Slade was at a loss in this respect, saying he had no idea how the man learned that the property was for rent. He did state, however, that he is positive that the house was not advertised in the newspapers as being for rent and that it had not been placarded with 'For Rent' signs.

Slade was asked if he had ever talked with Art Hebebrand concerning this matter, and he advised that he had never had any such conversations. He did state that he had a conversation with Frank Smith on September 23, 1936, in which Smith advised that he had been questioned at the office concerning the rental of this property but that Smith had not gone into any detail concerning the questioning.

Florence Smith, 1822 Crawford Road, Cleveland, Ohio, friend and associate of Ardell Quinn, when questioned concerning her knowledge of the Quinn woman by Special Agents S. K. McKee and R. T. Noonan, related that she had been visiting the Harvard Club for about five years and that it was at the Harvard Club that she first met Ardell Quinn in January 1936. She first went to the club with one of the drivers from 105th Street in Cleveland, but as it has been about five years ago she could not recall just what the circumstances of the first visit were. Her visits to the Harvard Club have been for the most part to play the horses and place bets thereon, although she did state that she has shot some crap and has also played the roulette wheel at the Harvard Club. She frequented the club more regularly when it was in the large building and has been in the new place only a few times. She has been there only once since her return from California, she having been in California for about four months previous to the last week in September when she returned to Cleveland by way of her home in Butler, Pennsylvania, where she spent a week.

Florence Smith was shown the various photographs of the Barker-Karpis mob and their associates. She was able once to identify Hebebrand and Patton, whom she stated she knew from her frequent visits at the Harvard Club. She did state that she had not seen them around the new place since it opened but they were always around the big building when the club was operating there before it was closed in January 1936. She was also able to identify the photograph of Dan Gallagher, with whom, she said, she was also acquainted. Florence Smith also identified the photograph of Milton Lett as one of the shills at the place and recalled seeing him often about a year ago. She also recalled that he was frequently at the Harvard Club with a party who said he was Lett's brother. This man she described as also a short fellow, stocky, ruddy complexion, a sort of turned up nose, with a more full face and somewhat heavier than Lett and also spoke with a southern accent. She was unable to state definitely that the photograph of Harry Campbell was the man who had been associating with Lett, but thought it possible he was the man. She was unable to make any other identifications of persons who were at this place and could not identify Fred Hunter as anyone she had ever seen working there. She gave the name of Ralph Minier, court reporter, as a friend of hers who often accompanied her to the Harvard Club.

The following investigation was conducted and reported by Special Agent W. E. Hoffman:



At 10:30 pm, 9-22-36, Agent Hoffman proceeded in a Zone taxi cab, hailed, at random, in the city of Cleveland, to the Harvard Club, 41st and Harvard Avenue, Newburgh Heights, Ohio. En route, the taxi driver stated that the lookout at the club would probably demand to know the identity of agent unless he was already known there. Inasmuch as agent had not previously visited the Harvard Club, the driver agreed to accompany him inside to the gambling tables, stating that no questions would be asked if he did so. Upon arrival at the club agent with the driver experienced no difficulty in obtaining admission and the doorkeeper asked no questions.

Inside, through the locked door, which was unlocked by a buzzer system, were four dice tables located in the front half of the building, three of which were being operated, the fourth and last one toward the rear being covered with a regular spread. Although the tables (two) closest the entrance at the front were crowded with some fifteen dice shooters, each, the third table had only seven gamblers around it. Each table was equipped with four operators: the stockman, the ladderman and two dealers. At intervals of approximately 30 minutes one or more of these employees was relieved by a substitute. Chips were not being used, but cash, silver dollars and notes. The minimum bet on the line or the outside was \$1 with a 50¢ minimum bet on the odds. The ordinary leather cup was being used to shoot the dice. The dice tables were the only gambling devices being operated at the time, altho along the rear wall were four slot machines. No one played these and this portion of the building was in semi-darkness. A dice shooter, however, stated that during the daytime a black-jack table sometimes operated.

Agent began gambling at 11:15 pm on the last rear table operating. This table closed at approximately midnight, because all but three of the customers had left. Agent then gambled at one of the two remaining tables until approximately 12:30 am, 9-23-36, and having lost his cash departed therefrom. It might be stated that three women gambled during the course of the evening and placed bets. Both remaining tables were operating at the time agent left the club. The majority of the bets placed ranged from \$1 to \$5 but a few \$25 bets were made.

Agent was able to take a mental description of the various dealers, stick-men and ladder-men and believes he can, at a later date, depending upon the lapse of time, identify them as having been such at the Harvard Club.

Mr. H. B. Stoughton, 13029 Lorain, former sales manager of the Wm. J. Mitchell organization and presently salesman for the Alex Fodor Realty Company, 3324 Lorain Avenue, was interviewed relative to the receipt he executed on June 8, 1934, reflecting that H. G. Milgresh had paid \$50 for one month's rent beginning on June 10, 1934, for the house located at 18109 Flamingo Avenue.

Photographs of all the members of the Karpis gang were exhibited to Stoughton, who advised that he could not positively identify any of them due to the fact that so many people had business dealings with him in the past that he did not pay any particular attention to them. Stoughton was of the opinion, however, that he had received a telephone call from a party who requested him to meet the party at 18109 Flamingo Avenue, which he did, and the party looked the house over and immediately rented it.

Stoughton denied having any conversation with either of the Mitchells prior to the renting of the house, stating that he believed the elder Mitchell was in Roumania at the time. Continuing, Stoughton advised that he had worked for the Mitchells for approximately twenty years, leaving their employ the first part of this year due to lack of work.

With reference to the information furnished Special Agent S. K. McKee by Al Foerster, crap dealer at the Harvard Club, to the effect that Milton Lett told him he was living at the Mecca Hotel, Special Agents A. F. Kitchin and C. E. Smith interviewed Mr. R. R. Downey, manager of the Mecca Hotel, 1862 East Ninth Street, Cleveland, Ohio, and exhibited a photograph of Milton Lett to him. However, he stated that he did not recognize him. Agents secured the 1935 hotel register from Mr. Downey and checked same for the name of Milton Lett, as well as all of his known aliases, but negative results were obtained.

Mr. Hollis Weisman, 1613 East 78th Street, former bell boy and presently room clerk at the Mecca Hotel, was interviewed by Special Agents A. F. Kitchin and C. E. Smith, and photographs of Milton Lett were exhibited to him. After careful examination of same Weisman stated that he could not recall seeing him at any time.

Mr. Fred Smalley, 6504 Linwood Avenue, night clerk at the Mecca Hotel, was interviewed by Special Agents W. B. Matney and C. E. Smith and a photograph of Milton Lett was exhibited to him. Mr. Smalley, likewise, was unable to identify Lett as anyone he had ever seen.

Repeated attempts have been made to contact Mr. Don Carroll, 425 East 147th Street, former clerk at the Mecca Hotel. However, same have been unsuccessful. Mr. Carroll will be contacted in the near future and photographs of Milton Lett exhibited to him for possible identification.

Mr. Jack Van Sant, former clerk, is presently in Peoria, Illinois, and a letter is being forwarded to the St. Louis, Missouri Bureau office requesting that he be contacted.

With reference to the information furnished Special Agent J. L. Madala by Gladys Sawyer, to the effect that someone at the Harvard Club had recommended a Dr. Hannibal to Fred Barker, when she (Gladys) was in need of a physician, it was ascertained that Dr. J. E. Hannibal maintains offices at West 65th Street and Lorain Avenue.

Special Agents A. P. Kitchin and C. E. Smith interviewed Dr. John E. Hannibal at his office in the Marshall Building at West 65th Street and Lorain Avenue and exhibited photographs of various women members of the Karpis gang to him, and he identified those of Gladys Sawyer and Paula Harmon. In reference to Gladys Sawyer, Dr. Hannibal stated she was the individual whom he treated and was accompanied by the woman whom he had also identified.

Continuing, Dr. Hannibal stated that he first treated Mrs. Frank James of 3812 West 159th Street, as he knew her, on July 26, 1934, and again on July 30, 1934. He further stated after a check of his records that he again treated Gladys Sawyer on August 14, 1934, and again on August 16, 1934, which was the last time he saw her; the doctor stated that on the last two occasions his records disclosed that the Sawyer woman used the name, Mrs. Matterson. The doctor was questioned as to the difference in names, and he stated that the names had been given to his nurse, and he had paid no attention to them until shortly after the last time he had treated the Sawyer woman when he noticed her photograph in a Cleveland newspaper and a story setting forth her connections with the Karpis gang. The doctor stated he did not discuss the fact that such a notorious character was a patient of his with anybody but his wife.

Agents Kitchin and Smith had previously checked the records of St. John's Hospital, 7911 Detroit Avenue, for information relative to the shooting of Louis Monica, a Harvard Club employee, and it was

noted that Dr. Hannibal was a staff surgeon at St. John's Hospital; that this doctor had taken care of Monica during the time he was in the hospital. This information was secured from Mrs. Eugenie W. Kelley, record librarian of the hospital.

Dr. Hannibal was questioned as to whether anyone had recommended the Sawyer woman to him, and he stated that she had mentioned the Harvard Club, but he could not recall her mentioning any individuals' names. Dr. Hannibal further related that the mention of the Harvard Club did not appear of any significance at the time inasmuch as Mrs. Hebebrand, Mr. and Mrs. Patton, Louis Monica and about ten other individuals employed at the Harvard Club had been patients of his from time to time. Special Agent Kitchin questioned the doctor as to whether or not he had received a telephone call from anyone at the club advising him that the Sawyer woman was coming to see him, and he stated that it might have been possible, but he did not recall any.

Agents later checked addresses on West 159th Street, as well as West 59th Street; however, no number 3812 was noted.

Doctor Hannibal was again contacted by Special Agents W. B. Matney and C. E. Smith, and he reiterated the above story and again stated that he could not recall the Sawyer woman, mentioning the name of any individual connected with the Harvard Club, further stating that he had spent only a few minutes with the patient each time as all he had to do was remove a dressing and inject ovarian drops.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. L. Madala on September 28, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Chapmon Fletcher, dated at Cincinnati, Ohio, October 11, 1934, which reflects an interview he had with Mr. G. S. Frambes, Jr., President of the Thomas Shirt Company, relative to a quantity of shirts this company sold to members of the Karpis-Barker gang during the time they resided at Cleveland, Ohio. In view of certain developments in this case, particularly with reference to the conduct of various employees of the Harvard Club, it was deemed advisable to re-interview Mr. Frambes for further details of the circumstances surrounding the sale of these shirts. The Cincinnati Bureau office advised on September 25, 1936, that Mr. Frambes was expected to be in Cleveland, Ohio, during the week of September 28, 1936, and furnished his

temporary address as the Y M C A Hotel, Cleveland. The writer contacted Mr. Frambes at the above hotel and requested him to come to the Cleveland Bureau office, which he did.

Mr. G. S. Frambes, Sr., advised that he has been connected with the Thomas Shirt Company at Columbus, Ohio, for the past thirty-five years; that he is now president of the organization and that his son, G. S. Frambes, Jr., is manager. Mr. Frambes went on to relate that about four years ago he became acquainted with Arthur W. Hebebrand, at which time the latter, together with others, were operating a gambling place immediately outside of Columbus, Ohio; that after their meeting Hebebrand began to buy tailor-made shirts through him from the Thomas Shirt Company, and he apparently was very much satisfied with them, as he thereafter referred many persons, who now are employed at the Harvard Club in Cleveland, to him for these type of fitted shirts.

Mr. Frambes advised that he recalls very clearly the circumstances of an order for shirts sold at the Harvard Club to E. Bronson. After referring to his records he advised that on May 17, 1934, which he remembers was on a Saturday, he received a call from Cleveland, Ohio, and the party calling identified himself as Hebebrand of the Harvard Club. Mr. Frambes could not recall now if he recognized his voice. He went on to relate that Hebebrand advised over the telephone that some friends of his at the club desired to be fitted for some shirts, and in this connection suggested that he come to Cleveland that day, stating that these parties wanted these shirts as soon as possible. Mr. Frambes advised that he informed Hebebrand to the effect that he did not contemplate going to Cleveland for another month or so, but that if it would be worth his while he would make a special trip to Cleveland on the following Monday, stating then that it was impossible for him to come that day; that Hebebrand assured him over the telephone it would be worth his while, and, accordingly, Frambes told him he would be at the club around noon that following Monday, May 19, 1934, and that he should have his friends there at that time.

Continuing, Mr. Frambes advised that he appeared at the Harvard Club on May 19, 1934, shortly before noon and asked one of the employes whether Art Hebebrand was in, he not seeing him in the club. He was informed by this individual, whom Mr. Frambes does not recall, that Hebebrand was in New York City and further indicated he was then in that city for a week. Mr. Frambes went on

to relate that shortly after his conversation with the above employee three individuals whom he had never seen before approached him and asked whether he was the shirt man. They then advised that they desired to be fitted for an order of shirts, and Mr. Frambes recalled that one of the men had with him a factory-made shirt, and in referring to it described what changes and alterations he desired on the manufacture of one for himself. Mr. Frambes stated that he did not fit this latter individual for a shirt, but that he did secure the measurements of the other two men; that he recalls two of these men being short, and the other being somewhat taller. He continued that after he obtained the measurements of these men, one of them who later gave his name as E. Bronson, placed an order for twelve shirts: one for eight shirts, and the other gave an order for six shirts; that the price of these shirts was \$6 each to the best of his recollection.

Photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang were displayed to Mr. Frambes, and he positively identified the snapshot of Fred Barker as the man who did all the talking and who furnished his name as E. Bronson. He added that he clearly recalls that this man was short and dapper looking. Mr. Frambes also selected the photograph of Harry Campbell as a good likeness of the other short man, and after further study of this photograph he concluded it was the man in question. As to the third individual in the party agent particularly directed the attention of Mr. Frambes to the photograph of Alvin Karpis, but he either would not or could not identify the same. He explained that he did not pay much attention to this individual, as he had very little to say, and, further, because of the fact that he did not measure him as he did the other two men.

Mr. Frambes, although questioned at great length relative to this possibility, would not say that either of the above three men indicated that Art Hebebrand referred them to him or that they were the parties concerning whom Hebebrand had reference to in his telephone conversation with Frambes two days previous, as heretofore set out.

Mr. Frambes could not recall any employee of the Harvard Club known to him, being present at the club at the time he talked with E. Bronson et al. He stated definitely that Shimmy Patton was not there, nor was Art Hebebrand there. The names of Tony Amersbach and Sharkey Gorman were not familiar to Mr. Frambes.

Continuing, Mr. Frambes advised that while writing the order for the shirts desired, he asked Bronson and the other two men what initials they desired on their respective shirts, and they

specifically informed him not to place any marks of identification on any of the shirts in question. Mr. Frambes admitted that this was very strange, but later concluded that they were "hot" gamblers, and for this reason they did not want their identities known. He further stated he was instructed by Mr. Bronson to mail the shirts when ready to him in care of the Harvard Club, 3111 Harvard Avenue, Cleveland; that these shirts were to be sent COD and he assured Mr. Frambes that someone at the club would accept them.

Mr. Frambes advised that he asked for a \$50 deposit on this order and that Bronson gave him a \$50 bill from a roll that would "choke a horse", using Frambes' expression, and that he gave Bronson a receipt for this money, writing it on the back of one of the company's regular calling cards. Mr. Frambes advised from his records that the above order of shirts was shipped to E. Bronson, 3111 Harvard Avenue, Cleveland, on July 6, 1934, by Parcel Post COD for the balance due, which he recalls was around \$127; that the shirts apparently were accepted as the company received the money shortly thereafter, and that this was the last and only time he ever saw the above-mentioned men.

Mr. Frambes would not associate Art Hebebrand with Bronson and the other two individuals, other than by reference to the telephone call on May 17, 1934, which has heretofore been mentioned, and as to that he would not state positively that Hebebrand made the call, although admitting that the party calling identified himself as Hebebrand. Mr. Frambes intimated to agent during the course of the interview with him that the Harvard Club is one of his best stops and that during the past two years he has sold approximately \$1000 worth of shirts to employees working there. He, of course, admitted he would dislike very much to lose this business under the circumstances.

Mr. Frambes denied that he ever discussed this matter with either Art Hebebrand or Shimmy Patton after he was interviewed by an agent from this Bureau in October 1934, stating that they never asked him about this matter and that he at no time advanced them any information regarding the same.

Photographs of Milton Lett, Fred Hunter, John Brock and others were also displayed to Mr. Frambes, but without success.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents J. E. Fitzgerald and J. L. Madala on September 30, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, August 4, 1936, wherein on page six there is set out an interview had with Walter Stickel relative to a 1933 model Ford coupe which he sold to Charles Miller at Cleveland, Ohio, on February 4, 1935. It will be recalled that Charles Miller is an alias of Harry Campbell and that on March 27, 1935, the above-described car was traded in on a new 1935 model Ford coupe at Toledo, Ohio, this car being purchased by John Brock for Campbell.

It was deemed advisable to re-interview Mr. Stickel for further details surrounding the circumstances of the sale of the above car and with more particular reference to who, if any one, recommended either Karpis or Campbell to the Pollock Davis Motor Company, Cleveland, at the time the car was purchased. In this connection Agent Fitzgerald located Mr. Stickel at his place of employment, The Stanton Motor Company, Painesville, Ohio, and brought him to the Cleveland Bureau office where he was interviewed in detail by Agent Madala. Mr. Stickel reiterated the information previously furnished to Special Agent C. E. Smith relative to the sale of the 1933 model Ford coupe to Charles Miller, as is reflected in the report of Agent Smith, Cleveland, dated 8-4-36. The photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang were again displayed to Mr. Stickel, but he could make no identifications. He advised that the entire deal for the sale of the above car was consummated in about ten minutes, and during this time none of the men had very much to say; that no argument was given by them about the price of the car and that the sale on a whole was a very simple and fact one; that in view of this he had no occasion to especially observe the individuals involved.

Mr. Stickel was asked whether he was acquainted with any one working at the Harvard Club, and he replied that to the best of his recollection he was not. Various names of the persons employed there were submitted to Mr. Stickel, but none of them appeared familiar to him. He further advised that he never visited the Harvard Club in his life, nor does he know whether any of the other former employees of the Pollock Davis Motor Car Company ever frequented this place.

Mr. Stickel could add nothing as to the description of Charles Miller and the two men who accompanied him when the said car was purchased. He stated that he only recalls that one of the men was tall and that the other two were somewhat shorter; also that the tall man wore a dark colored top-coat, buttoned at the neck.



The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. P. Kitchin and R. T. Noonan under date of September 22, 1936:

Reference is made to letter from the Cleveland office dated September 19, 1936, to all offices wherein appropriate investigation was requested for the purpose of locating 1935 model Ford Deluxe coupe, black in color, motor No. 18-1615253, which car was purchased at Toledo, Ohio, on March 26, 1935, by John Brock for Harry Campbell, the purchaser of the car at that time being reflected on the records as Charles Miller, 6604 Pearl Road, Cleveland, Ohio, an alias and fictitious address of Harry Campbell. Teletype from the Cincinnati office under date of September 21, 1936, advised that this car was registered on April 20, 1936, by Cal R. Wood, 5026 Southern Boulevard, Youngstown, Ohio, who purchased same on April 18, 1936, under bill of sale No. 412924.

At Youngstown, Ohio, at the office of the County Clerk, bill of sale number 412924 reveals the sale of this car by L. F. Donnell, Inc., Youngstown, Ohio, to Cal. R. Wood, for a consideration of \$450 on April 18, 1936, same being signed by L. F. Donnell, Inc., by M. D. Holloway, the witnesses being Annette Anspach and Betty Dunn. In checking this car thru the registration of bills of sale in the county clerk's office a record was located under bill of sale #390144, filed September 17, 1935, wherein this car described as a used car with further description as set out above, was sold by "Chas. Miller", 6604 Pearl Road, Cleveland, Ohio, to the Manning-Marino Motor Co., 907 Wick Ave., Youngstown, Ohio, under date of September 17, 1935. No consideration was named on this bill of sale. The bill of sale was signed by Chas. Miller and for the Manning-Marino Motor Co., by Mary A. Edwards. The witnesses are Myron G. Erb and E. Dixon, and the notary public appears also as Myron G. Erb. The records further show that this car was originally registered in Lucas County, Ohio, under bill of sale #377631, filed March 26, 1935.

The records further show that this same car was sold by the Manning-Marino Motor Company to Peter V. Kappelhof, 165 Manchester Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio, for \$495 on September 21, 1935, under bill of sale #390611, filed September 21, 1935, the bill of sale being signed by Mary A. Edwards for the Manning Motor Company and the witnesses being Myron G. Erb and E. Dixon, and the notary being Myron G. Erb, these being the same names that appear on the bill of sale by Miller to the Manning-Marino Motor Co. Under date of March 30, 1936, bill of sale #408842, Kappelhof sold this car to L. F. Donnell, Inc., Youngstown, Ohio. Thru the cooperation of James A. Green, Clerk, Mahoning Co., and the assistance of Mr. Humphreys of the Clerk's office, arrangements were made whereby a photostat copy of this bill of sale was made at the City Blue Printing Co., Wood and Phelps Street, Youngstown, Ohio, thru Henry Caldwell of that company.

At the Manning-Marino Motor Company, 907 Wick Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio, A. R. Marino was interviewed with reference to the purchase of this car. He advised that it was taken in in trade on a Hudson 1935 model 2-passenger coupe, bearing mtr. #68021, serial #546629, model HT. The records do not show the color of this car, but in Mr. Marino's recollection it was black in color. Mr. Marino advised that he was the salesman who handled this deal, and he produced the original order for this car which was turned over to agents. The ledger records of this company show the value of this car as \$800, the tax \$24 and the license and filing fee as \$9.50, making a total of \$833.50. The amount of cash paid is shown as \$463.50, and the value of the Ford allowed on the trade is as \$370. The original new car order is dated Sept. 13, 1935, and shows the make of the car requested to be a Hudson, the model to be HU (which is the Deluxe, but same not being available this was changed to HT which is a standard), the type to be a two-passenger coupe, high head equipment which converts the standard Hudson into a 124 HP motor. It showed a deposit of \$100 at the time of the order. The name Chas. Miller and the address 6604 Pearl Road is said by Marino to be in the handwriting of the purchaser but the word "Cleveland" is inserted by Mary A. Edwards. The signature of A. R. Marino appears on this order. On the reverse side of this order there are the following figures in pencil "\$1025.00" "S P" and "\$595.00 Ford", with "430.00 Bal". Mr. Marino explained this by saying that the \$1025 was the original selling price of the car but that for the cash deal \$225.00 was deducted from the selling price, but in order not to show a fictitious profit the allowance on the Ford was increased \$225, and if \$595 was not realized on the sale of the Ford whatever the difference was between the sale price of the Ford and the \$595 was deducted from the profits.

Mr. Marino was thoroughly questioned concerning the purchaser of this car. He furnished the following description of the Chas. Miller who purchased this car: age 25 to 30 years; tall, not quite 6 feet; very slim build; wore dark clothes; talked good English, no impediment in speech, no southern accent. This party came in one day and ordered the car and returned either that day or the second day after and secured the Hudson. During the time the Hudson was being prepared and serviced this party remained in possession of the Ford and did not leave it with the Manning-Marino Motor Company. According to Mr. Marino, the man who gave the name of Miller came in alone when the order was given for the car. He parked the Ford in front of the motor company, came into the place and advised that he wanted a new car and Mr. Marino immediately went out and appraised the Ford, the whole transaction at that time, according to Marino, not taking over ten minutes.

Various photographs were shown to Marino, including those of Karpis, Campbell, the Barkers, John Brock, Milton Lett and Fred Hunter. Marino selected the photograph of Fred Hunter as the one who resembled the purchaser of the Hudson coupe, Chas. Miller, and after considerable discussion made the statement that in his own mind he felt certain that Hunter was

the one who purchased the car and that if he saw him in person he was sure he would know him. During this discussion Marino identified the photo of Karpis as a party who, under the name of Ames, had purchased a car there in October 1935. Mr. Marino explained that his records would probably show the sale of between 1200 and 1400 cars subsequent to the sale of this Hudson coupe and that in the majority of these instances the signatures of the purchasers are not witnessed in their presence. Relative to Mary A. Edwards, Mr. Marino stated that her signature appearing on bills of sale for the Manning-Marino Company is a routine matter and in the great majority of instances she never actually observed the purchaser of the automobile.

During the interview with Mr. Marino, Mr. Myron G. Erb, bookkeeper and notary public appearing on the instant bill of sale was also requested to view the photographs that were exhibited to Mr. Marino. After a careful examination of these Erb stated that he was unable to identify the purchaser of the Hudson coupe in question as resembling any photograph shown to him. Continuing, Mr. Erb related that it was customary that he notarize all bills of sale that were drawn within the office of this company, such bills of sale amounting to well over one thousand a year. He stated that relative to this particular instance, he recalls nothing whatsoever concerning the description or possible identity of the person with whom this transaction was consummated.

After conferring with Mr. Marino, Erb was requested to examine the records of the Manning-Marino Company to ascertain whether or not this automobile has, subsequent to the instant sale, passed through the hands of this organization. Agents were subsequently advised by Mr. Erb that he had not completed this search but that upon completion of such he would advise the Cleveland field office the result thereof.

Ed Dixon, salesman, 72 Beneta Street, Youngstown, Ohio was interviewed at the office of this motor company, at which time he advised that he has been employed by this company for the past twelve years; that he was probably on duty on the date the above-mentioned Hudson coupe was sold to Charles Miller and that if he recalls correctly, he witnessed the signature of Charles Miller in the office of Mr. Erb. He stated that he does not recall anything further relative to this deal except that Jennie Lyle was present at this time and was conversing with Charles Miller. He could offer no description of the man, Miller, except that he was short and stout, but qualified this by stating that during the time he was in Mr. Erb's office the purchaser was seated with his back toward him and, therefore, he did not at any time see the man's features. He further qualified this statement by saying that he may have the wrong incident in mind and he may have witnessed the signature of Miller without Miller being in the office at all. The photographs mentioned above were exhibited to him with negative results.

Subsequent to the interview with Mr. Erb, Marino was interviewed with reference to his acquaintance with Clayton Hall, and he stated he had seen Hall out to the dog tracks, but did not know his identity until some time in October 1935 when he came to the Manning-Marino Com-

pany with one O. Ames, whom he identified as Alvin Karpis.

Mary A. Edwards, Secretary and Cashier of this motor company, was also interviewed and the above-mentioned photographs shown to her but she failed to identify anyone of them as being a person known to her and she also stated that she could not recall this particular transaction.

J. Carl Manning, 1218 Wick Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio, partner in this automobile firm, stated that he does not recall this particular transaction due to the fact that he very seldom makes any sales of automobiles and that when a sale is made by him personally it is someone of his old customers who deals with him directly. He was also shown the above photographs but was unable to make any identification.

Peter V. Kappelhof, 165 Manchester Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio, and his son, Harry, were interviewed at which time they advised that they purchased this Ford automobile from salesman Moore of the used car department of the Manning-Marino Motor Company and that the car was in excellent condition and, therefore, neither of them asked any questions as to its previous owner. Peter Kappelhof stated that he gave a cashier's check in payment for this automobile and that he retained custody of this car until same was traded to the L. B. Donnell, Inc., Youngstown, Ohio, on March 30, 1936.

Jennie Lyle was located at Lake Milton, about 20 miles west of Youngstown, Ohio, she being the adopted daughter of Aleck Lyle, who operates a resort on this lake. This girl stated that she has been employed at the Manning-Marino Company for about a year and a half and that she knew the Marino family for a considerable time prior to her employment. She was questioned relative to instant transaction and stated that the name of Charles Miller was familiar to her but she could not place any of the details in her mind and was unable to identify any of the photographs shown to her. This girl made the statement that she would not be surprised at any sale Marino might have made to any questionable character due to the associates of Marino and the reputation and occupations of his brothers. She named Marino's brothers as follows: Charles Marino, who works at the motor company in the service department; Hap Marino, whom she has never seen in the place of business of the Manning-Marino Company, but he has served two terms in the penitentiary, charges not known but believed to be hold-ups; Rocco Marino, who operates slot machines and also the Deluxe Cab Company in Youngstown; Dominic Marino, plumber; Anthony Marino, school teacher on the east side of Youngstown.

Charles Marino who has a cottage on Lake Milton was interviewed and was unable to make any identification from photographs shown to

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him and did not recall this particular transaction with Charles Miller and further advised that being in the service department of this company he seldom came in contact with purchasers of automobiles who did not return for service.

The original new car order for this Hudson coupe and the photostatic copy of the bill of sale for the Ford coupe have been forwarded to the Technical Laboratory, under separate cover, with a request that a comparison be made of the signature of Charles Miller appearing thereon with the known specimens of handwriting on file with the Bureau of the members and associates of the Barker-Karpis mob.

Letter was received under date of September 24, 1936, from A. R. Marino of the Manning-Marino Motor Company, Youngstown, Ohio, which stated that the above Hudson coupe, motor No. 68021, serial No. 546629, was found, after checking the records, to have been again handled by this company under date of November 1, 1935, when it was purchased for \$500. No other details of this transaction were given in this letter; therefore, A. R. Marino will be again contacted for the purpose of determining from whom he purchased this car and all details relative to the transaction.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent John E. Brennan:

Information was obtained by agents working at Toledo, Ohio, indicating that the telephone in the temporary office in the Edison Building, Toledo, Adams 1410, may be tapped, possibly by the Toledo Police Department, specifically that one Ben Fretti informed Special Agent E. J. Dowd that upon calling the police department on one occasion regarding an auto accident he had overheard a long distance call between Toledo and Cleveland relating to a secret indictment at Toledo and picking up various subjects.

Adams 1410, Toledo, was found to be working on pair 6 of the house cable in the Edison Bldg., which pair appears in a terminal box on the wall outside room 519, multiples in a terminal box outside room 1209 and is connected to pair 112 of the underground cable in a terminal box located in the basement of the Edison Building. No bridges were found in these terminal boxes, and the corrosion on the binding posts indicated that they had not been loosened for quite some time. No multiple of the underground cable could be found by calling on other pairs in this cable. The lead from the subset in the office to the terminal box outside of room 1209 was removed from the moulding, this being the only wiring in the circuit not in conduit, but no indication of a tap was found. Pair 6 was then disconnected from the house cable at the underground terminal box and from the subset and an electric current was introduced on this pair. This showed an open circuit and no indication of a condenser charge as would have been the case had this pair been tapped through the conduit or at any point in the circuit.

Arrangements were made with Mr. B. A. Hart, Plant Superintendent of the Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Toledo Branch, that agent accompany Mr. Orris Apple, Repair Foreman, of 24 years' experience in telephone trouble shooting in Toledo, to test the line of Adams 1410. It was ascertained that the underground cable carrying pair 112 goes directly to the Adams switchboard from the Edison Building 2 1/2 blocks distance and does not multiple. The terminal on the main board showed no indication of bridging to the test board or any other point and pair 112 in the underground tested ok. In the long lines department a minimum of forty operators are required to handle long distance calls, any of whom might handle a Toledo-Cleveland call. The house cable was rechecked and found to be free of a tap.

Special Agent Dowd recalled a conversation had between Ben Fretti and an insurance adjuster heard on Fretti's tap on September 14th, relating to the accident concerning which Fretti called the police department on that date, at which time Fretti is alleged to have overheard the Toledo-Cleveland long distance call. It was ascertained that E. A. Gernerchak, insurance adjuster, 401 Gardner Building, Toledo, had a claim made by Ben Fretti against William Ruchi relating to an auto accident on that date, whereupon he was interviewed by Agents Dowd and Brennan and stated that Ben Fretti had telephoned him on the morning of September 14, 1936 and related that he had just ascertained from the traffic bureau that William Ruchi, a city fireman, residing at 145 West Park Street, was the owner of an automobile that had run over the curb in front of his house at 1 am that date and damaged his property; that he had talked to Mr. Ruchi, who informed him he was covered by insurance and to call Mr. Gernerchak and make a claim. Mr. Gernerchak was sure that the call was made before noon on September 14th. No report of the accident was made to the police, however, this will account for Fretti's call to the police department on September 14th which call must have been made between 8 am when the traffic bureau opens and noon.

Special Agent Dowd also recalled reading, in a Toledo newspaper, an article regarding a case investigated by the alcohol tax unit wherein a secret indictment had been obtained and convictions were recently entered against a number of defendants. This unit has no telephone in Toledo, and it was the practice of the agents working at Toledo to call their Cleveland office from the District Attorney's office, police department or the WPA office - collect.

Agent Brennan communicated with Special Agent S. K. McKee at Cleveland by telephone and informed him of the above information and suggested that while in Toledo a check might be made at the alcohol tax unit office to determine if that unit called their Cleveland office on September 14th and talked about a secret indictment, etc., and agent was instructed to pursue this lead.

Agents Dowd and Brennan interviewed Mr. Ralph Paquette, deputy collector of internal revenue, Toledo, who stated that none of the alcohol tax unit agents were at present in town; that they had recently completed the trial of a case involving a liquor conspiracy wherein a secret indictment had been obtained and about which the agents had talked to their Cleveland office. He stated that the unit agents made all of their calls collect as they had no phone in Toledo.

Agent Brennan communicated with Inspector E. J. Connelley at Detroit by telephone and informed him of the above, as well as the fact that further check at the alcohol tax unit at Cleveland and telephone toll tickets there might reveal that the call overheard was between the alcohol tax unit agents at Toledo and their Cleveland office. Inspector Connelley instructed agent to return to Cleveland and complete the investigation there.

The records of long distance calls charged to the Cleveland Bureau office reveal no call between that office and the Toledo temporary office on September 14, 1936.

Mr. U. H. Berard, aide to the Assistant Supervisor, Alcohol Tax Unit, Bureau of Internal Revenue, informed agent that a number of his men were working in Toledo on a liquor conspiracy case wherein a secret indictment was returned at Toledo. By consulting his records it was ascertained that defendants in this case were arraigned on September 15th and that on the morning of September 14th he had a telephone conversation with his men at Toledo, discussed the secret indictment and the impending arraignment, and gave them instructions to pick up the defendants for arraignment on the following day.

**Conclusions: As**

1) Ben Fretti telephoned the traffic bureau, Toledo Police Department, on the morning of September 14, 1936, at which time he has stated he overheard a long distance call between Toledo and Cleveland wherein a secret indictment was mentioned, as well as the arrest of defendants.

2) There is no call of record between the Cleveland Bureau office and the Toledo temporary office on September 14, 1936.

3) On the morning of September 14, 1936, a telephone conversation was had between the Alcohol Tax Unit office at Cleveland with their investigators at Toledo, which conversation was substantially the same as reported overheard by Ben Fretti. (In this connection the police switchboard operator may have left the key open on the pair carrying this call when Fretti's call came in.)

4) Check of the house and underground cables leading to Main 1410, Toledo, Main switchboard and testboard reveal no indication of a tap on this line.



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5. The suggestion made by Detective Hanson to Agent Dickstein that the office pair might be connected to a police call box might have been possible when the telephone company was located in an old building near the police department several years ago as terminal boxes were located in the rear of the telephone building and there was a lot of open wiring, but is impossible at this time as both are in new buildings, all wiring is underground and pair 112 in the underground from the Edison Building to the Adams exchange does not multiple.

It is reasonable to assume that there is no tap on Main 1410, but that Fretti overheard the alcohol tax unit call through the police switchboard.

On September 27, 1936, Special Agent R. C. Connell at the Cleveland office received an anonymous telephone call, apparently from a woman, to the effect that a Sally Jackson, who operates a tavern on Pearl Road and who drives a Plymouth car, license KX 241, had Karpis and his mob around her tavern, as well as Hebebrand. The caller also stated that one Leo Hesseman, 3145 West 90th St., also knew Hebebrand and some politicians.

Special Agent C. E. Smith checked the records of the Automobile License Bureau, 709 St. Clair Avenue, and ascertained that 1936 Ohio license KX 241 was issued to Sally Jackson, 4015 Gifford Road, for a 1932 Plymouth coupe.

Through Mr. H. P. McNally, Internal Revenue Department, Retail Liquor Board, Agent Smith ascertained that a Sally Jackson, 6698 Pearl Road, Parma Heights, Ohio, had secured a license in October of 1934 for a tavern known as the Twilight Inn, located at 6698 Pearl Road. Mr. McNally further advised that the record disclosed that his unit had inspected the tavern on June 29, 1935, and ascertained that the operator, Sally Jackson, resided on the second floor of the tavern, and his record further disclosed that the license had expired on June 30, 1936. Continuing, McNally stated that a Pauline Miller, 6698 Pearl Road, had been arrested by state officers and on November 16, 1935, Pauline had plead guilty to the illegal sale of liquor in the Municipal Court at Cleveland, Ohio, and had received a fine of \$100 and a sentence of thirty days in the workhouse. Mr. McNally stated that a D-1 state license, number 11172, had been issued to Sally Jackson.

Mrs. Clare Jentes, record clerk, Ohio State Department of Liquor Control, Marshall Building, was interviewed by Agent Smith and questioned relative to any knowledge she might possess regarding a tavern located on Pearl Road by two sisters, and she stated that the Twilight Inn at 6698 Pearl Road had been operated by some sisters known as Sally and Pauline Jackson; however, she stated that she did not know where they were at the present time, although she believed that another sister known as Marie Tomons operated a place in Berea, Ohio, known as Lindy's Tavern and located on Lindbergh and West Roads, West View, Ohio. Mrs. Jentes further stated that Sally Jackson was also known as Sally Bunge.

Agent using the pretext of investigating liquor licenses stopped at the Duke of York Tavern, 6698 Pearl Road, Parma Heights, Ohio, and engaged the proprietress, Hazel Davis, in conversation, and she stated that she formerly operated a tavern at 5520 Broadview Road and had purchased the Twilight Inn, now the Duke of York Tavern, from a Sally Jackson, whose present whereabouts she did not know, although she thought she was at the Lindy Tavern in Berea, Ohio.

Special Agents C. E. Smith and J. B. Fitzgerald on October 2, 1936, located Leo William Hesseman at the machine shop of Bardon and Oliver Company, 1133 West Ninth Street, Cleveland, and invited him to come to the Cleveland Bureau office to be interviewed. He came voluntarily to said office and was questioned by said agents and also Agent S. K. McKee, with the following results:

Mr. Hesseman stated that he was born in Sandusky, Ohio, but came to Cleveland over twenty years ago where he has since resided with his mother and that he is presently a tool room foreman for the Bardon and Oliver Company, where he has worked for the last twenty years. He said that he has known Sally, Pauline, Florence and Marie Jackson for the last three or four years and that during 1934 he and Sally Jackson opened a beer parlor known as Twilight Tavern located at 6698 Pearl Road, Parma Heights, Ohio, in which he invested \$700. He stated that he saw a fellow called "Tony" around the tavern and that he saw Tony at the door of the Harvard Club on the one occasion that he was at said club.

Early in the interview Leo Hesseman stated to Agents Smith and Fitzgerald that "Art" from the Harvard Club often came to this tavern, was very generous with tips when there and on one occasion paid the orchestra \$25 and that "the Harvard Club crowd practically kept the place going". Later Hesseman denied that he made this statement and said that "Art" was at the tavern only once; that he had never seen "Art", did not know where he came from or anything more about him. Hesseman at first identified a photograph of Fred Hunter as a person he knew as "Little George", whom he had seen at the tavern, but later denied this and said that he had never seen this man and could not identify the photograph. He viewed all other photographs usually displayed in this investigation and did not identify a single one. He said that altho he has lived in the west side of Cleveland for the last twenty years, he has never heard of Art Hebebrand, Shimmy Patton, Dan Gallagher or any of the other well-known characters connected with the Harvard Club. He said that

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as far as he knew, none of these men had ever been at the Twilight Tavern unless Hebebrand is the Art he heard of once being at this tavern. He stated that the girls who actively operated this tavern - namely: Sally, Pauline, and Florence had never mentioned anything about the Harvard Club, any of its gamblers or any members of the Barker-Karpis gang to him. At first this man spoke of Tony Amersbach of the Harvard Club crowd, then later changed his story and said he did not know Tony's last name, where he worked or anything about him. He advised the sisters are now operating a tavern at 7403 Denison Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

It became quite evident to agents that Hesseman at some point in the interview had a change of heart and decided not to know anything about what went on at this tavern nor anyone who frequented the place. He was questioned at length by the agents mentioned herein, but after a certain point the more he was questioned the more he appeared to forget.

Following is a description obtained from observation and questioning:

Name	-	Leo William Hesseman	3145 West 90th
Age	-	42 (6-13-94)	St., Cleveland
Height	-	5' 6"	
Weight	-	145 lbs.	
Build	-	slender	
Eyes	-	brown	
Peculiarities	-	exceptionally receding lower jaw	
Hair	-	brown	

Special Agents S. K. McKee, A. Paul Kitchin, L. Levin and C. E. Smith called at the beer parlor located at 7403 Denison Avenue, where, according to Hesseman, the Jackson sisters probably could be located, and, upon entering a young woman approached agents, and upon questioning stated her name to be Pauline Jackson. She further stated that her sister, Florence, was working in a box factory at West 105th Street and Madison Avenue, and her sister, Sally, was presently residing with her sister, Marie Tomon, who operated the Lindy Tavern at Lindbergh and West Roads, Berea, Ohio.

Special Agent L. Levin immediately proceeded to the box factory for the purpose of picking up Florence, and Agents Kitchin and Smith proceeded to Berea, Ohio, for the purpose of picking up Sally Jackson.

Special Agent S. E. McKee remained at 7403 Denison Avenue with Pauline Jackson, and while waiting for Agents Levin, Smith and Kitchin to return, Tony Amersbach, doorman at the Harvard Club, entered the place, and was questioned by McKee and Tony stated that he thought he had seen agents enter the place and was curious to know what it was all about, as he thought that agents always remained downtown. After having several drinks Tony Amersbach left the beer parlor in a taxicab, stating he was going to take the club money to the bank.

Special Agents A. P. Kitchin and C. E. Smith interviewed Marie Tomons, Lindy Tavern, Lindbergh and West Roads, Berea, Ohio, and was advised by her that her sister, Sally, had left for Cleveland, Ohio and would probably stop at Pauline's place at 7403 Denison Avenue. Agents then returned to 7403 Denison Ave., as previously instructed, where they were met by Agents McKee with Pauline and Levin with Florence.

Special Agent A. P. Kitchin was left at the beer parlor to pick up Sally (when she appeared), and Agents McKee, Levin and Smith proceeded to the Cleveland Bureau office with Pauline and Florence. During the period that Agent Kitchin waited for Sally, Tony Amersbach again appeared at the beer parlor and inquired of Agent Kitchin as to the whereabouts of Agent McKee, and the reason why the beer parlor was closed, upon receiving no information Amersbach left. Sally Jackson later appeared at the tavern and was brought to the Cleveland office by Agent Kitchin.

Sally Jackson was questioned by Special Agents S. E. McKee, A. P. Kitchin and C. E. Smith, and she stated her true name was Helen Wasany; however, she had used the name, Sally Jackson, for years, and on occasions also used the name, Sally Bunge, which is her married name, although she is presently separated from her husband, Carl Bunge, who resided at 1526 Lakeland Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio.

Sally stated that she bought the Twilight Inn during August 1934, spending most of the time until October 1934 in getting the place ready for business and that she operated the place until January of 1936, when she sold it to Leo Hesseman, 3145 West 90th Street, who, she stated, was a friend, whom she had known for eight or nine years. Numerous photographs of the members of the Karpis mob were exhibited to Sally, however, she was unable to identify any of them, with the exception of Arthur Hebebrand, whom she stated that she knew, because she sold tickets for a clam bake at the club. Sally

was questioned as to the individuals at the Harvard Club she knew, and who had patronized her Inn, and she stated that Tony Amersbach and Art Hebebrand had stopped at the Inn on one or two occasions.

Agents called Sally's attention to the photographs of Hunter and Karpis and asked her if she could recall ever seeing them anywhere and in particular if it wasn't a fact that she had a date with one of them; however, she strongly denied knowing either of them. During the whole interview Sally adopted a very hostile attitude and objected to being questioned by agents.

The following description of Sally was obtained by agents from personal observation:

Name	Helen Jasany alias Sally Bunge
Age	29 alias Sally Jackson
Height	5' 5"
Weight	130
Hair	blond
Eyes	blue
Teeth	fair and even
Complexion	fair
Build	medium
Race	white
Nativity	Czechoslovak
Marital status	separated; not divorced
Residence:	1423 Castle Ave., Cleveland, Ohio; presently with sister, Marie Tomons, 118 West Bagley Road, Berea, Ohio, telephone Berea 232
Relatives:	
husband:	Carl Bunge, 1526 Lakeland Avenue Lakewood, Ohio;
father:	Albert Jasany - 1423 Castle Ave.
mother:	Katherine " same
sister:	Pauline " same
brother:	Albert " same
brother:	John " 819 Jefferson Ave., Cleveland, Ohio
"	Edward Jasany, West 25th Street, Cleveland, Ohio
sister:	Marie Tomon, Berea, Ohio

Special Agents S. K. McKee and A. P. Kitchin interviewed Pauline and she stated that her true name was Jasany, altho she had used the name of Jackson. She was questioned relative to the operation of the Twilight Inn operated by her sister, Sally, and she stated that the Inn was opened about October 1934 and closed about January 1936; that they served chicken and steak dinners and lived upstairs above the Inn and that she and her sister, Florence, occupied one bedroom and her sister, Sally, and her husband, Carl Bunge occupied the other bedroom.

Numerous photographs of the members of the Karpis gang were exhibited to Pauline; however, she denied ever having seen any of them at the Inn. She did, however, state that she had seen Art Hebebrand and his girl friend, Ruth, in company with Tony Amersbach and his girl friend at the Inn.

Upon questioning Pauline stated that she had seen individuals from the Harvard Club at the Inn, whom she knew as Stubby, Whitey, Ray and Sharkey; she denied, however, knowing their last names. Pauline also stated that she had met Shimmy Patton, but stated that he had never been at the club. Continuing Pauline advised that she started to work for a Carl Fisher, 1577 Marylyn Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio, about six weeks ago in his cocktail bar at 7403 Denison Avenue. Pauline was unable to furnish any information relative to Fischer other than he owned the place.

The following description of Pauline was obtained by agents from personal observation:

Name	Pauline Jasany alias Pauline Jackson
Age	24
Height	5' 3"
Weight	123
Hair	peroxide blond
Eyes	blue
Complexion	fair
Build	medium
Race	white
Marital status	single
Residence	1423 Castle Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio

During the time Special Agent S. K. McKee was waiting at 7403 Denison for the return of Agents Levin, Kitchin and Smith, he noted a home telephone directory that contained the notation - "Tony - slot Mich 3085". It will be noted here that Mich 3085 is the telephone

listed to Morris Haas at 4601 Harvard Avenue, headquarters for slot machines.

It was also noticed that a State D-2 liquor license number 13501 had been issued to Carl Fisher and a federal liquor permit number 35956 had also been issued to Carl Fisher at 7403 Denison Avenue.

On October 2, 1936, Special Agent L. Levin questioned Florence Rose Masany at the Cleveland Bureau office. She stated that she was born on October 24, 1917 at Cleveland, Ohio, and attended the Lincoln Junior High School, Cleveland, leaving there in October of 1934. She resides at her parents' home, 1432 Castle Avenue, Cleveland, is presently employed at the Gair Cleveland Carton, Inc., at 105th and Madison Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, where she has been employed since 7-14-36.

She stated that she has a sister named Sally, who in about August 1934 rented the premises at 6698 Pearl Road, Cleveland, for a tavern and which was opened about October 1934 as the Twilight Tavern; that toward the latter part of that month she started working as a cook at the tavern and another sister named Pauline worked as a waitress and general assistant to Sally; that Sally and Pauline assumed the name of Jackson for business purposes. Florence further advised that she underwent an operation for her eyes during the early part of November and that she was at home not working during the entire month of November and the early part of December of 1934; that she then resumed her position at the Twilight Tavern and that she left there on Christmas Day 1934 to be at home, inasmuch as her mother was troubled with asthma and was unable to carry on the household duties; that she stayed at home until the latter part of March 1935 when she returned to the tavern as cook and continued in that capacity until the tavern was closed during December 1935, at which time her sister, Pauline, was arrested and charged with selling intoxicating liquor without a license.

She stated that she first met Art Hebebrand about the early part of May 1935, at which time a clam bake and chicken fry were being held at the tavern; that sometime prior to that time she had accompanied her sister to the Harvard Club to secure payment of tickets to the clam bake, which tickets had previously been left there; that on that occasion she had been refused admittance to the club, inasmuch as she was under age; that her sister, Sally, went into the club and that she had to await her return on the outside of the club; that, as a result, she believes, of these tickets being sold, Art Hebebrand came to the clam bake, accompanied by Tony Amersbach, at which time she served them and at which time



she was introduced to them; they were by themselves at a table and two other employes of the Harvard Club were at an adjoining table, they being George, the electrician, and one Sulzman, whose identity she was not certain of. Further, that from time to time various employes of the club came to the tavern, and she named these as being Ray, Kellay, Stubby, Red and Sharkey, but was unable to furnish their last names; further, that Tony was a more or less frequent visitor to the tavern, but that she does not recall his being accompanied there by any other persons than those already mentioned; that she believes that Art Hebebrand was at the tavern only one other time, at which time she did not see him, but was informed by one of her sisters that he was on the porch, it being the summer, accompanied by a woman, whose identity she did not know. She stated also that Tony was door-keeper at the club and that it was he who had refused her admittance to the club, but that her sister, Sally, went to the club quite frequently to gamble.

She was shown photographs of Karpis et al, and she identified the photos of Art Hebebrand, Tony Amersbach and Sharkey as persons known to her by reason of their having appeared at the Tavern and that they were pointed out to her as being employes of the Harvard Club. She was unable to identify any other photos as being persons who had ever visited at the tavern, either with members of the Harvard Club or as other visitors.

She was questioned about the newspaper publicity attendant upon the arrest of the Karpis women by the Cleveland police during the early part of September 1934 and stated that she recalled nothing of the incident, explaining that she was not seventeen years of age at the time and did not pay much attention to newspaper stories. She did state that she recalled the publicity in connection with the apprehension of Karpis and explained this by stating that the newspapers carried two pictures of him, one before his face was lifted and the other after the operation and that there appeared to be no difference between the two photographs. She explained her interest inasmuch as the face lifting operation intrigued her. She was asked if she had seen newspaper photos of Baby-face Nelson and replied that she had and that she would be able to identify his photo; however, she chose the photo of an individual who in no way resembled the photo of Nelson.

She stated also that she never saw Shimmy Patton at the tavern, but she knew the name, saying that she had been told by her sisters that he and Hebebrand operated the Harvard Club. She was questioned at length about any individual who answered the description of Karpis having accompanied Hebebrand or other employes of the club to the tavern, and she insisted that if such

a thing had happened that she knew nothing of it, since she spent most of her time in the kitchen preparing the food. She also informed that there were four rooms above the tavern and that she and Pauline occupied one, Sally occupied another, the third was a living room, and the fourth was not even furnished. She denied that any male persons had slept in any of the rooms while she was there, until the time when Sally was married, which was in November 1935, after which Sally's husband occupied the room with her.

She was questioned about the name John Brock and stated that it was not even familiar to her, and she was unable to identify his photograph. Her description was furnished as follows:

Name	- Florence Rose Jasany
Address	- 1432 Castle Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio
Age	- 19 (born 10-24-17, " " )
Height	- 5' 6½"
Weight	- 123 lbs.
Hair	medium blonde
Eyes	- blue
Complexion	- fair
Build	- slender
Scars and marks	- none
Education	- 11th grade, Lincoln Jr. School, Cleveland
Occupation	- factory worker (Gair Cleveland Carton, Inc.)
Marital status	- single
Crim. record	- claims none
Relatives	- father: Albert ) mother: Katherine ) all residing sister: Pauline ) at brothers: Albert ) 1432 Castle Ave.

John, 819 Jefferson, Cleveland  
Edward, 25th near Lorain, "

sisters:

Marie Tomon, Berea, Ohio  
Sally Bunge, Berea, Ohio

Frank Warner alias Whitey Warner, room 1132, Allerton Hotel, dealer at the Harvard Club, was interviewed by Special Agents J. B. Fitzgerald and C. E. Smith and questioned as to any information he had relative to the Twilight Inn located at 6698 Pearl Road, Parma Heights, Ohio, inasmuch as Pauline Jackson had stated she had

seen a Whitey from the Harvard Club out at the Twilight Inn during the time it was operated by her sister, Sally. Warner stated he had never been at the Twilight Inn and did not know where it was located. He further stated he had never heard of any sisters operating any kind of a tavern and did not know any sisters by the name of Sally, Pauline and Florence Jackson.

It is also to be noted that during the interview Warner stated that he had, the last time he was interviewed by agents, identified the photograph of a man who had played crap at his table. Warner was again shown the photographs of the Karpis gang, and he picked out the photograph of Karpis and stated that he had seen the man in the club twice since he had first identified him, and in this connection Warner either identified Karpis' photo erroneously or is trying to repudiate his identification.

Mr. Clayton Johnson, Lieutenant of Police on desk duty at Central Police Station, East 21st Street and Payne Avenue, on September 8, 1934, at the time Gladys Sawyer, Paula Harmon and Wynona Burdette were arrested, was interviewed by Special Agent C. E. Smith relative to the complaint made by Paula Harmon to the effect that a matron had taken a ring from her.

Johnson stated that inasmuch as he was on desk duty he had to investigate a complaint of that nature, and upon a call from one of the matrons he went to the Women's Jail and questioned a Mrs. Matterson, who stated that the matron on duty had taken a ring from her. According to Johnson, after questioning the Matterson woman he ascertained that the Matterson woman had the ring when she left the Cleveland Hotel, but did not have it when she arrived at the jail.

The lieutenant further stated that his investigation revealed that the women were throwing articles out of the automobile in which they were being transported to jail, and if the Matterson woman did have the ring she may have thrown that out of the car. Johnson further stated that the women did have considerable jewelry on them. He further stated that the detectives and the Department of Justice men were working on the case, and inasmuch as they did not appear to be investigating that angle, and inasmuch as a police-woman had brought the women in and that department was responsible for their own, he advised the Women's Bureau and made no further investigation. The lieutenant further stated that he did not question the women for any information other than regarding the ring.

William Stark, patrolman No. 653, assigned to the Traffic Bureau, Cleveland, Ohio, Police Department, was interviewed by Special Agents J. B. Fitzgerald and C. E. Smith, and he stated that on September 5, 1934, he was assigned to traffic duty on the corner of West Third Street and Superior Avenue, between the hours of 10 am and 6 pm. He further stated that about 4:40 pm on the above date he received a call from the management of the Cleveland Hotel that there were some drunken women in the hotel creating a disturbance. Stark stated he went over to the hotel and observed a woman lying on the floor of the lobby in an intoxicated condition. He identified the photograph of Gladys Sawyer as this woman. He further stated that there were two other women with the drunken woman. Stark identified the photographs of Wynona Burdette and Paula Harmon as the two women who were with Gladys Sawyer, further stating that Wynona Burdette had a little girl with her.

Stark further stated that the hotel management wanted him to put the women out of the hotel so he called the Central Station and requested that the detectives be sent inasmuch as the women had considerable jewelry on them which aroused his suspicions. He stated that while he was waiting for assistance the management of the hotel took the women into a room in order to keep them out of sight and soon after his call to the Central Station Miss Wilcox, a policewoman, came to the hotel in response to his call. Stark stated that Miss Wilcox went into the room and questioned the women and then came out and told him that something was wrong with them as they had offered her a lot of things if she would let them go. Agents were then advised by Stark that the management brought the women to the side door of the hotel, also stating that the woman who had been lying on the floor was in a wheel chair. As soon as the women were placed on the street they were taken into custody by Miss Wilcox and himself and placed in Miss Wilcox's two-door sedan. During the time they were putting the women in the automobile, Stark stated that one of the women took the little girl and started to run down the street, but was caught by some man and brought back to the automobile. After getting the women into the automobile they started for the police station with Miss Wilcox driving and Paula Harmon and the little girl sitting in the front seat and Stark, Gladys Sawyer and Wynona Burdette in the rear seat.

Continuing, Stark stated that he had all he could do to keep the women quiet in the rear seat, as they were throwing their arms around an awful lot, and he did not want them to get his gun. He further stated that about East Third and Superior Avenue the woman in the front seat hit Miss Wilcox in the eye with her fist

and gave her a black eye. He further stated that they then picked up the traffic man at that corner and he rode the right hand running board to the station. Stark was asked if the women threw anything away while they were driving to the station, and he stated that he did not see anything thrown from the car himself, but later after arriving at the station some traffic officer had brought a bill of sale and some automobile keys to the station which had apparently been thrown from the car.

Continuing, Stark advised that upon their arrival at the station he assisted in bringing the women to a small conference room on the third floor, which room is located immediately adjacent to the Women's Bureau. He then stated that he talked with the little girl for a short time in an endeavor to ascertain where the women lived; however, he only found out that they resided somewhere on the west side of town. He further stated that a short time after the women were brought into the station Detectives Hugo and Jacobs took the case over and he went home. The following morning he inquired of Inspector Nevel what had become of the women and was advised by him that the police had found a house on the west side of town and raided it, but the men were not caught. Stark was then questioned whether he had heard any rumors as to how or why the men had not been caught, and he stated he had not. He further stated upon questioning that none of the women had offered him anything to get away, as he had not talked to them except for a short time at the hotel.

It will be noted here that the members of the hotel management had identified Paula Harmon as the women who tried to run away with Francine Sawyer rather than Wynona Burdette, as identified by Stark.

On September 22, 1936, Special Agents A. P. Kitchin and R. T. Noonan located Antoinette Mora at 620 Wilson Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio, this woman having been in jail in Cleveland on September 6, 1934, during the time Paula Harmon, Wynona Burdette and Mrs. Harry Sawyer were also being held there. When interviewed Miss Mora stated that while she was in jail at the time above mentioned she could not recall the three women in question either from the photographs shown to her or from descriptions furnished, and she did not recall any women having been picked up at the Cleveland Hotel at that time and lodged in the jail. This woman showed a cooperative attitude, but was unable to give any information, the reason being, as she stated, that she had been drinking considerably the day she was picked up and could not now recall much about it.

A record of the long distance telephone calls made from the following telephones from January 1st to August 1st, 1936, was obtained from the Ohio Bell Telephone Company through Miss Mabel Hiller in the office of Mr. Christman, Manager of the Department of Public Relations:

Residence of Morris Haas	- Yellowstone 0583
Samuel Haas	Longacre 8460
Nate Weisenberg	Fairmount 6671
Office of Weisenberg & Haas	Michigan 3085
Office of Samuel Haas	Cherry 1584

Due to the fact that no significance is placed in any of the calls listed on this record at present, same is being placed in the Cleveland office file on this case. Also due to the numerous calls listed they are not being copied for insertion in a report.

Special Agent W. B. Matney made inquiry at the Retail Merchants Board, Cleveland, Ohio, regarding one John C. Ferguson, 3827 West 158th Street, it having been previously determined that his home would be suitable for installation of a telephone tap as to Arthur W. Hebebrand, 3909 West 158th Street. It was learned that Ferguson has been employed for a long number of years as a motorman by the street railway company and has always enjoyed a good reputation.

Special Agent Matney contacted John C. Ferguson, 3827 West 158th Street, Cleveland, Ohio. This man advised that he has been employed by the Cleveland Railway Company for about twenty years, but has not been working for the past five months due to a serious injury to his arm, which was broken in three places. Mr. Ferguson advised that since his injury he and his wife have rented rooms to help defray expenses. Ferguson appeared to be a reliable person, and agent advised him of agent's identity but gave no indication as to why agent wanted the back bed room on the ground floor of this house. Ferguson advised that he would keep agent's identity confidential and would advise his wife that agent was an attorney for the street railway company and he, Ferguson, had met agent while he was working for the company.

It is believed advisable to secure the lower back bedroom as there has been a phone in this room before and the wiring is still in this room.

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Mr. Ferguson advised that the man occupying this room at the present is planning on going south on the first of October. After a lengthy conversation with Mr. Ferguson he agreed to talk to his wife and see if they could arrange it so agent could occupy this room immediately. They stated that this man was a landscape gardener but was broke and behind in his rent.

After Ferguson and his wife had an opportunity to talk to the occupant of this room Ferguson was again contacted and stated that this man had come home drunk and had resented their suggesting that he vacate this room. Ferguson stated that this man would leave on the twenty-sixth of September and requested that agent see him again on that date. He advised that the rent on this room would be \$7 per week. Ferguson has a phone in his house, this number being Clearwater 2485-M.

The above-mentioned room is being secured so as to install a tap on the home phone of Art Hebebrand, who lives on 158th Street in Cleveland, Ohio.

9-20-36

At 1:35 am a girl by the name of Billy called Ardell's residence and talked to Gladys and told her that "We're at Springfield" and that they would spend the night there and would come to Cleveland the following morning.

At 8:10 pm some man called and asked to speak to Billie and asked Billie how she liked it over there. Billie told him that she hadn't had any business and things looked pretty slow. He stated that she should be careful and "take good care of that dough"; that they would leave there the next day. He stated he was staying at 1906 East 84th Street.

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At 2:02 pm the same man again called Billie and after being informed that business was still slow, he stated that he expected they would make at least \$50. He then said they might go to Buffalo the following day.

At 8:12 pm this same man called and told Billie that he would come for her at 10 pm, and they would go to Buffalo. Agents Smith, Malone and Kitchin covered this proposed departure but no one was seen at either Ardell's place or 1906 East 84th Street.

9-22-36

At 4:12 pm some man called and said he was a friend of Edith Barry and wanted to come out. Ardell then called Edith in Toledo and Edith said this man was ok and his name was Walter Patnoe. Then followed a friendly conversation.

9-23-36

At 8:55 am the manager of the Tilden Apartments, 1906 East 84th Street, called Ardell and stated that the man who stayed there had left some clothes and a scottie dog and wanted to know where she could send them to him. Ardell stated she did not know his address.

From telephone calls it was learned that Bill Quinn, clerk at the Hollenden Hotel, is a close friend and procurer for Ardell.

9-24-36

At 1:25 pm Gypsie Currier made an appointment with the hair-dresser for 10:30 the following morning.

9-25-36

On this morning Agents Noonan and Kitchin picked up Gypsie Currier as she filled her appointment stated above.

At 8:01 pm Mr. Rudd, janitor of the apartment house in the rear of Ardell's place, called Ardell and stated he had something important to tell her and she should come to the rear of her back yard.

9-26-36

At 1:05 pm Helen Claude called long distance and asked for Mr. W. T. Keller of Tiller at telephone #580, Joplin, Missouri. Mr. Keller was not in; Helen later canceled this call.

At 1:10 pm Ardell called Sergeant Fife at the 11th precinct relative to Gypsie being missing. Sergeant Fife said he would come over at 2:30 and see her.

At 3:15 pm Sergeant Fife called Inspector Carey from Ardell's and requested Inspector Carey to see if Gypsie was being held at the PD. He gave description, etc.



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At 3:30 pm Inspector Carey called Ardell and told her Gypsie was not at the police department and he could not find any record.

At 8 pm Ardell called Detroit, Temple 19209 and talked to Jane relative to some man who stated he knew Jane. This is evidently a house of prostitution as Jane stated the man was ok and good for \$20.

All during this day Ardell made several calls in an effort to locate Gypsie. On this same night the agents of the Cleveland Bureau office raided the house of Ardell Quinn and the results are being reported in a separate report.

9-27-36

Ronce answered phone on each occasion and told the parties at the other end not to talk over the phone and about Ardell's arrest.

9-28-36

Harry Hall, bondsman, made several calls to the house in an endeavor to find Joe Vanim relative to the bond for Ardell's release. Mr. Booth, attorney for Ardell, also called.

At 8:29 pm Mike Cosser, evidently a bondsman, called the U. S. Commissioner at Fairmount 4084 and tried to get the Commissioner to accept bond for Ardell on this night. He was told by the Commissioner that he could make bond at about 8:20 or 8:25 the next morning. Immediately after this call Mike Cosser called Dwight E. Williams, Deputy U. S. Marshal at Garfield 9086-J and told him that the Commissioner would allow bond at 8:20 the next morning. Williams said he would be down early in order to assist and see that Ardell would be released. He stated that he would have her at Nicola's office.

9-29-36

Some man from the Independent Towel Supply called and talked to Martha McGuire and asked her if they were going to continue out there or did they want him to come by after the towels. She told him to call later and talk to Ardell.

Due to the fact that they evidently had some one from the telephone company checking the line, the tap on both phones was temporarily discontinued. Garfield 4780, the private phone, was taken out of Ardell's but the tap was continued on Garfield 9241, the pay station.

9-30-36

At 2:55 am -- Out.

Man called Henderson 0910 (Belden) asked for 301

Jean Hello

Man Just a minute, Jean

Woman (taking phone from man) I want to know something  
for your own benefit. Did you squawk on  
Ardell this afternoon?Jean Who is this? I told what I had to Who's  
this?Ardell (taking phone from woman) You recognize my  
voice, don't you? Tell her what she wants to  
know.

Jean Yes, I recognize your voice, Ardell.

Woman (taking phone from Ardell) DID YOU SQUAWK ON  
ARDELL?

Jean Who's talking?

Woman Never mind who's talking. If you squawked on  
her, you'd better hide or get the Hell out  
of town right away too - if you know what's  
good for you.Jean I'm under a doctor's care now. (Woman hung  
up while Jean talking).

Out - Receiver lifted, but no number called.

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10-1-36

At 10 am "Cele" called Ardell from Detroit and during the conversation said "And to think of all those thousands you've paid those people downtown". Ardell immediately cut in and changed the subject.

On 10-2 and -3-36 nothing of importance happened over this tap.

On 9-23-36 the tap on the Beachcliff Realty Company was discontinued as it was unproductive. On 9-30-36 at 12:55 pm a tap was installed on the telephone at the residence of Art Hebebrand and is being maintained by Agents E. J. Dowd and W. B. Matney. Up to and through 10-3-36 this tap has been unproductive.

From September 25, 1936 until September 30, 1936, the various agents assigned to this investigation were engaged in the investigation of the case entitled ARDELL QUINN; Gertrude Currier et al, Victims, WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT, which was an outgrowth of the telephone tap on the Quinn woman which was installed to secure information concerning corruption in the city with respect to vice and the police department through which the fugitives herein were able to come to the city and secure assistance in hiding from the law.

No undeveloped leads are being set out in this report for the reason that all investigative activity at the present time is being assigned to the various agents on the assignment in memorandum form.

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FILE NO. 7-6

REPORT MADE AT <b>EL PASO, Texas.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10-5-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10-2-6-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>M.C. Falkner jfn</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 - NAT'L FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

No record of the registration of Ford De Luxe Coupe, motor #18-1615253, at Motor Vehicle Bureau, Santa Fe, N.M. Stop notice placed on 10-2-36; stop notice withdrawn on 10-5-36.

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**REFERENCE:** - Letters from the Cleveland Office dated September 19, 1936 and September 29, 1936.

**DETAILS: -**


The reference letter dated September 19, 1936 requested that check be made of the Motor Vehicle Bureaus under the jurisdiction of each field office to ascertain if Ford De Luxe Coupe, bearing above motor number, had been registered at any of these Motor Vehicle Bureaus. Request was made in this letter that in the event no registration had been made of this automobile, that stop notice be placed with the various Motor Vehicle Bureaus.

**AT SANTA FE, N.M.:-**

On 10-2-36 inspection was made of the records in the office of the Motor Vehicle Bureau and it was determined that the automobile in question has not been registered there. On the same date a stop notice was placed on this automobile.

The reference letter dated September 29, 1936 stated that all stop notices on the instant car may be withdrawn, as this automobile had been located at Youngstown, Ohio in possession of an innocent purchaser for value. On 10-5-36 the above stop notice with the Motor Vehicle Bureau at Santa Fe was withdrawn.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
October 2, 1936

TD:A

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Mr. Suydam telephoned and stated a person connected with the American Christian Foundation paper was in his office and desired a photograph of Karpis and Campbell for reproduction purposes in connection with an article they were preparing.

The above request was complied with.

Respectfully,

T. D. QUINN.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

October 8, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to Bureau letter under date of October 3, 1936, advising that investigation through the office of the Bureau of Internal Revenue at Washington, D. C. failed to reflect the filing of a corporate income tax return by the Harvard Club, Newburgh Heights, Ohio.

Please be advised that the original request, as contained in letter from this office to the Bureau, dated September 19, 1936, was that inquiries be made to ascertain whether the Harvard Club had filed tax returns under the name of the Avenue Catering Company, inasmuch as the individual income tax returns of several employees of the club, when examined in this office, showed the name of the Avenue Catering Company as the source from which their salaries had been received.

It will be appreciated if you will have the desired inquiries made as to this concern.

SKM/EJB  
CC - Chicago  
- Cincinnati

Very truly yours,  
*J. P. MacFarland*  
J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

*Letter Cleveland 10/16/36  
cc Chicago Mr Paul Ryan  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1252; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
VICTIM - KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated October 8, 1936,  
in which you request that the Bureau ascertain information concern-  
ing the income tax returns filed under the name of the Avenue  
Catering Company.

By letter dated October 8, 1936, the Bureau was advised by  
Honorable Guy T. Helvering, Commissioner, Bureau of Internal Revenue,  
Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., that the request made concern-  
ing this matter was receiving attention. Your office will be advised  
upon the receipt of additional information.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director

cc-Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
Chicago

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DIRECTOR

PHONE BREKID USA FREED INDICATES WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE  
FULLY AT CLEVELAND AND SHOWS INTEREST IN POSSIBLE HARBORING CHARGES  
PER CONVERSATIONS WITH SAC MACFARLAND AND SPCL. AGT. S. K. MCKEE  
HOWEVER THEY HAVE NOT COMMITTED THEMSELVES AS TO WHAT IF ANYTHING DEFINITELY  
ELY WE ARE DOING ON HARBORING. THERE IS SOME INQUIRY TO BE MADE HERE  
AND NEWARK IN PAUL H. A. WENDEL MATTER WHICH VETTERLI AND SPCL. AGT.  
WEST CAN COVER AFTER TOMORROW AND BELIEVE IT DESIRABLE FOR ME TO  
PROCEED TO CLEVELAND TOMORROW SOME TIME FOR LINE UP OF WORK THERE  
WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, RETURNING HERE FOR NEWARK GRAND JURY FRIDAY WHICH  
I WILL DO UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY. THIS WILL GIVE ME OPPORTUNITY TO

LINE UP INQUIRY THERE AND TOLEDO AND ~~SEE~~ ALSO SEE WHAT USA FREED  
HAS IN MIND.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-2**

REPORT MADE AT <b>LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10-7-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9-25-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>B. L. DABRON</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>ADM</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; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** No record of 1935 Ford Coupe, Motor #18-1615253 among the records of the Automobile Registration Bureau, State Capitol, Little Rock, Arkansas. Stop placed against the registration of this automobile.

**REFERENCE:** Circular letter to all field offices from the Cleveland Office dated September 19, 1936.

**DETAILS:**

At the office of the Automobile License Bureau, State Capitol, Little Rock, Arkansas, it was ascertained that they had no record of the registration of 1935 model Ford DeLuxe Coupe, motor #18-1615253. The search of the records was made in the presence of the writer who examined all of the registration cards of this series as recorded in the License Bureau.

An appropriate stop was placed among the records of the State License Bureau as to this automobile and the Little Rock Office will be advised if the same is registered or any inquiry received concerning the same in the future.

**UNDEVELOPED LEAD:**

THE LITTLE ROCK OFFICE at Hot Springs, Arkansas, will conduct the investigation requested in the summary report of Special Agent A. Paul Kitchin, Cleveland, Ohio, dated September 8, 1936.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>7-1576-113026</b> <b>OCT 10 1936</b> <b>OCT 14 1936</b>
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SAC ATLANTA

PHONE. BREKID. REFERENCE LETTER OCTOBER THIRD REGARDING UNKNOWN  
SAS. INFORMATION OBTAINED THIS INDIVIDUAL IS BENSON GROVES ALIAS  
B. J. GRAYSON ALIAS GEORGE WILSON SENTENCED ATLANTA PENITENTIARY  
JUNE NINETEEN THIRTY ONE FOR MAIL ROBBERY. FINGERPRINT CLASSIFICATION  
T WNTY FIVE OVER NINETEEN, I OVER O, SIXT EN OVER EIGHTEEN. PLEASE  
OBTAIN SIX PHOTOGRAPHS, PERSONAL HISTORY, CORRESPONDENCE RECORDS AND  
FORWARD CLEVELAND AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY FOR USE IN LOCATING.  
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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

October 8, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

In connection with the harboring investigation in the above entitled case, it is desired that a photograph be secured of LUCIAN C. FLEMING, former state prohibition officer.

I am informed that a photograph of Fleming may be obtained from Mr. Herbert Hine, Department of Liquor Control, Ohio Hartman Building, Columbus, Ohio. Fleming was employed in the Enforcement Division for eight years prior to 1936.

Will you kindly secure a copy of this photograph and forward same to this office?

Very truly yours,

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J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

October 8, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

In connection with the above styled investigation at Cleveland, Ohio, information has been developed that Fred Barker, with aliases, ordered shirts from the Thomas Shirt Company, 240 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio, and that these shirts were shipped to him in five packages, under the name of E. Bronson, 5111 Harvard Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, via parcel post, cash on delivery. Attached to these packages were so-called "tags", or receipts, signed by the addressee of the packages, indicating that he had received the packages. These tags are on file in the money order section of the Cleveland post office, and Mr. James Collins, assistant postmaster, has advised that he could not release these tags unless the office of the third assistant postmaster general at Washington, D. C. so ordered. Accordingly, it is requested that appropriate steps be taken so these tags may be made available.

To properly identify these tags, it is stated that they are each for \$25.40, are each addressed to E. Bronson, 5111 Harvard Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, and are from the Thomas Shirt Company, 240 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio. These tags bear C.O.D. number of the Columbus post office of 81202, 81203, 81204, 81205, and 81206. They also bear Cleveland post office money order numbers 629675, 629676, 629677, 629678, and 629679. These latter numbers are the key to the filing at the Cleveland post office.

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Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

Letter Postmaster General  
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October 24, 1936.

FED. BUREAU OF INV.

The Honorable,  
The Postmaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Postmaster General:

During the course of an official investigation being conducted at Cleveland, Ohio, it was determined that the Thomas Shirt Company, 240 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio shipped to E. Bronson, 3111 Harvard Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, via parcel post, cash on delivery, five packages. Attached to these packages were receipts signed by the addressee, indicating that he had received the packages.

Photostatic copies of these receipts are desired in order that continued investigation can be conducted, and Mr. James Collins, Assistant Postmaster, Cleveland, Ohio has advised the Cleveland Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, that he would be unable to temporarily release the receipts unless the office of the Third Assistant Postmaster General at Washington, D. C. authorized this action.

The receipts in question are further described as being for \$25.40 each, bearing cash on delivery numbers of the Columbus Post Office as follows: \$1202, \$1203, \$1204, \$1205 and \$1206. The receipts also bear the Cleveland Post Office money order numbers 629675, 629676, 629677, 629678 and 629679.

It would be appreciated if you would authorize the Postmaster at Cleveland, Ohio to temporarily release these receipts to a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the purpose stated.

Sincerely yours,



(Signed) Homer Cummings

Attorney General.

cc-Cleveland

*Re: ...*

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-36

REPORT MADE AT <b>Okla. City, Okla.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/7/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/28/36 10/6/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>L. B. Reed</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>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Okla. City files contain no data to show acquaintance or association between Sam Coker and Harry Campbell previous to Coker's arrest in Ohio. Coker first mentioned in these files 1/10/36. Coker released Okla. Penitentiary 9/3/35. Investigation of Coker in Okla. was begun in Jan., 1936 due to his association with "Burkhead" Keady, who was affiliated with Karpis and Fred Barker. No information to show Campbell connected with Karpis-Barker mob between time Coker was arrested with Karpis and Fred Barker 6/10/31 and Coker's release 9/3/35 or prior to 6/10/31. John Brock sentenced to Okla. Penitentiary 10/8/31 and discharged 8/5/34. Okla. City files do not show Brock ever associated with any subjects in Brekid case in Okla. Brock was a protege of Keady, the association beginning upon Brock's discharge in August, 1934. Brock's first association with Karpis-Campbell apparently when Keady put Brock in Garrettsville mail robbery. Coker and Brock were strickly Keady's men. Keady now reported running gambling joint in Dallas, Texas.</p>			
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**DETAILS:**

On September 28, 1936 Special Agent E. J. Wynn of the Cleveland Bureau office telephoned the Oklahoma City office, and informed Special Agent L. E. Kingman that Mr. E. J. Connellay had directed that certain information be obtained from the Oklahoma City files in this case with reference to the harboring situation at Toledo, Ohio, and it was desired all information in the files in this case be summarized, which would tend to show that John Brock and Sam Coker were acquainted with Harry Campbell previous to their association with Campbell in the Garrettsville mail robbery. Mr. Wynn stated that if no information to this effect could be found in the Oklahoma City files, it was desired that inquiries be made to develop such information.

Concerning Sam Coker, the Oklahoma City files in this case have been examined, and found not to contain any information to show acquaintance-ship or association between Sam Coker and Harry Campbell in Oklahoma, or previous to Coker's arrest in Ohio. Sam Coker was first mentioned in the Oklahoma City file on this case in a letter dated January 10, 1936 from this office to Mr. E. J. Connellay at Chicago. It had been learned at that time that Coker was associating with "Burrhead" Keady since Coker's release from Oklahoma State Penitentiary; that Coker lived and had relatives at Nowata, Oklahoma. Covers were placed on the mail of Coker's relatives in an attempt to get new leads as to Campbell's whereabouts, it being believed that some information might be developed through that method, as Coker and "Burrhead" Keady were closely associated.

In January, 1936 Post Office Inspector Hettrick, Cleveland, Ohio, indicated his belief that Coker was then at Cleveland, and had been in the Garrettsville, Ohio mail robbery. Hettrick said that Coker had been under observation by the Post Office Inspectors.

The records of Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma reflect that Sam Coker, #14023, was admitted to that penitentiary March 18, 1924 on conviction of bank robbery to serve thirty years. He was paroled January 11, 1931, and the parole was revoked February 13, 1931, and he was returned to that penitentiary June 19, 1931. The records show that Coker remained in the State Penitentiary at McAlester from June 19, 1931 until September 3, 1935, on which date he was paroled. He was returned to that penitentiary May 9, 1936 after his arrest in Ohio. The revocation of Coker's parole in 1931, according to the record clerk at McAlester, Oklahoma, was brought about because it was learned he had been running with Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker and others. He was arrested on June 10, 1931 at Okmulgee, Oklahoma in connection with a jewelry robbery at Henryetta, Oklahoma.

Attention is called to the fact that at that time Coker was arrested

with Karpis and Barker and from then on up to the time of Coker's release in September, 1935 from Oklahoma State Penitentiary there is no information to indicate that Harry Campbell had been associated with the Karpis-Barker gang, in Oklahoma.

By Special Agent L. E. Kingman.

With reference to John Brock, the records of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma reflect that Brock was sentenced to that institution on October 8, 1931 from Creek County, Oklahoma for assault with intent to kill, and was discharged on the expiration of his sentence on August 5, 1934.

An examination of the Oklahoma City file in this case does not reveal that John Brock ever had any connection with any of the subjects in the BREKID case in Oklahoma.

Special Agent L. E. Kingman, who was familiar with the situation in Tulsa, states that at the time of the arrest of "Burrhead" Keady, it was ascertained that John Brock returned from the penitentiary in August, 1934 broke and ill with syphilis and nearly blind. George "Burrhead" Keady picked Brock up and took care of him, and gave him employment in Keady's gambling and liquor joints. At the time of the Garrettsville mail robbery Brock was employed by Keady at the Lincoln Hotel Barroom, 3 South Main, Tulsa. Brock was Keady's man, body and soul, but there is nothing to show that Brock ever had any connection with Karpis or Campbell previous to Keady taking him to Ohio to participate in the mail robbery.

There is more information pertaining to Brock contained in the report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, April 22, 1936, pages nineteen to twenty-six, than any other portion of this file, this information being obtained by Special Agent E. J. Dowd from his confidential contacts with Post Office Inspectors who handled Brock and interviewed him.

At Tulsa, Oklahoma (by Special Agent L. E. Kingman).

It is believed that Police Detective Earl Gardner and Bill Woods, Burns Detective representative, are more familiar with the subject matter discussed here than any other men in Tulsa. These two men were interviewed and questioned in detail.

It was learned that Sam Coker purchased his parole on January 11, 1931 from Governor Holloway for \$5,000.00. He came to Tulsa and his home near Nowata, and was taken in tow by George "Burrhead" Keady, who was then acting as the Tulsa contact for the Barker-Karpis gang, and who is said to have put

Coker into that gang as his personal representative in 1931. It, of course, was impossible for Coker to have been connected with this gang prior to that time, as he was in the penitentiary at McAlester from 1924 to 1931.

Sam Coker, Joe Howard, Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker were arrested at Tulsa, Oklahoma by Earl Gardner and other officers on June 10, 1931 at a house on 936 South Braden Street, Tulsa, where they were living. In their possession was found burglar tools, guns and about \$1,500.00 worth of loot taken from the Black Jewelry Store at Henryetta, Oklahoma. This theft consisted of about \$6,000.00 worth of jewelry. They were taken to Okmulgee for trial. Coker's parole was revoked, and he was returned to the penitentiary on June 19, 1931. Karpis was not tried, and nothing came of the prosecution of the others, due to the fact that the jewelry was returned to the owners.

So far as the records of the Tulsa Police Department show this is the only arrest or instance where it can be shown that Coker was associated with Karpis at any time prior to going to Ohio after his parole in September, 1935.

In 1931, up to the time of this Henryetta Jewelry job, Harry Campbell had not joined the Barker-Karpis gang. He was in Tulsa, and was associated in a gang consisting mainly of himself, Jimmie Lawson and Glenn Roy Wright. He did not become associated with the Barker mob until after the killing of J. Earle Smith, the Tulsa lawyer. Of course, Harry Campbell knew the Barker boys for several years, but did not team up with them in their real jobs until after Coker went back to the penitentiary, and it is possible that Coker did not know Campbell until he went to Ohio in 1935.

John Brock was picked up by Keady, fed, given medical treatment, for his syphilis, and practically rescued from a dying condition, after he got out of the penitentiary at McAlester in 1934. He was nearly blind. It is not believed that he had ever known either Karpis or Campbell prior to being taken to Ohio by Keady to take the place of Coker in the Carrettsville job. All he had done was to help Keady run bars and gambling joints. Prior to 1931 he hung around Sapulpa, Oklahoma. The link in the chain that bound together the Barker-Karpis gang and tied them into Tulsa was Keady. Coker and Brock were Keady's men, supplied by him.

Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley was advised at the recent convention of identification men at Dallas, Texas by Clint Miers, Assistant Superintendent of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, that Keady was presently running a gambling joint in Dallas.

Keady has not been seen or heard of recently in Tulsa.

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Cleveland, Ohio

Mr. Nathan ✓  
Mr. Tolson  
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Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Harbo  
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Mr. Lester  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Schilder ✓  
Mr. Tamm ✓  
Mr. Tracy  
Miss Gandy

October 8, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

During the course of the harboring investigation being conducted at Cleveland, Ohio, information has been obtained that the unknown man known only as Sam, who is alleged to have participated in the Garrettsville mail train robbery, and who has been sought as a potential subject as to the harboring situation in this district, is identical with Benson Groves, former inmate of the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia. This data was obtained from Captain Alfred Jones of the Detective Bureau, Cleveland Police Department, and he also advised that Post Office Inspector S. J. Hettrick placed a wanted notice against this individual with the Cleveland Police Department, on August 26, 1936, in connection with the instant mail robbery.

The Atlanta office has been requested via teletype to secure photographs, personal history, and correspondence records as to this man and to forward same to the Cleveland office for use in locating him.

The descriptive data on record at the Cleveland Police Department concerning this man is as follows:

Name	-	Benson Groves, alias B. J. Grayson, alias George Wilson.
Age	-	50 years (born 8-25-80)
Height	-	5'6 1/2"
Weight	-	169 pounds
Hair	-	Dark chestnut
Eyes	-	Azure blue
Complexion	-	Ruddy
Build	-	Muscular, heavy, with pot belly
FPC	-	25 I 16
	-	19 0 18
Police #	-	Cleveland, Ohio, PD #13823

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Bro. Jones  
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Criminal Record

Arrested Cleveland, Ohio, 1915, safe cracking. Sentenced Atlanta Penitentiary, June 1931, to 5 years on charge of mail robbery.

The Bureau is requested to furnish the Cleveland office with a complete criminal record as to this man and to advise whether he is possibly in custody at the present time. In the event no other law enforcement organization has placed a wanted notice against him, it is respectfully requested that a confidential stop notice be placed in order that the Cleveland office will be immediately informed of his detention, and be in a position to interview him without delay. If a wanted notice has already been requested by some other law enforcement agency it is desired that the usual stop notice be placed on behalf of the Cleveland office for its immediate advice of the location of this individual.

✓  
10/12/35  
[Signature]

Very truly yours,

[Signature]  
E. J. CONNELLEY  
Inspector

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CC - Atlanta  
- Cincinnati  
- Chicago

October 13, 1936.

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7-576-13032

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1448 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of October 8, 1936, in which you advise that information has been obtained by your office to the effect that the unknown man known only as Sam, who is alleged to have participated in the Garrettsville mail train robbery, and who has been sought as a potential subject as to the harboring situation in your district, is identical with Benson Groves, former inmate of the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia. It is noted in the last paragraph of your letter you request the complete criminal record of Benson Groves, together with information as to whether he is in custody at the present time, and also that a wanted notice be placed in his fingerprint file to the effect that he is wanted for questioning by your office.

There is enclosed herewith a copy of the complete criminal record of Benson Groves, with aliases, #FBI-10577, as reflected by the fingerprint files of the Bureau. It is noted that this individual was received at the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, #6798, on February 3, 1917, and again on July 10, 1931, as #38605. The criminal record enclosed contains all aliases, description and fingerprint classification of Benson Groves. There are enclosed also two copies of the photograph of this individual as appearing on the fingerprint cards submitted by the Police Department, Cleveland, Ohio, #13813, and by the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, #38605. A wanted notice has been placed in the fingerprint file of Benson Groves, #FBI-10577, to the effect that he is wanted and any information received should be forwarded to you immediately. A copy of this letter, together with the enclosures mentioned herewith, is being forwarded to the Atlanta, Cincinnati, and Chicago offices of the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
cc-SAC, Atlanta  
SAC, Cincinnati  
SAC, Chicago.

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October 2, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. J. McCLURE,  
GENERAL AGENT.

There are transmitted herewith two vouchers in favor of the Hertz Drive-Yourself Stations, Toledo, Ohio, in the amounts of \$11.10 and \$21.50, which represent payment for the rental of automobiles by Special Agents of this Bureau.

You are advised that the rental of these machines was necessitated by the investigation being conducted by the Bureau in connection with the Bremer Kidnaping Case. It was necessary that certain persons be kept under constant surveillance and, there being no Government cars available, the rental of these machines was essential. This was the cheapest means of transportation available for the proper conducting of this investigation.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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October 8, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

The Bureau desires to be immediately advised whether  
a definite date has been set for the trial of Joe Adams and Duke  
Xandall for the harboring of Alvin Karpis.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Cincinnati

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Washington D.C.

✓ Dear Sir:-

I read in a local paper that one of the remaining men of the Karpis gang is known to be a youngstown man. The following may be of interest to you.

Alvin Karpis

In June a friend of ours purchased a place on the outskirts of the city. When, before purchasing, they tried to inspect the place they were allowed to see only one floor at a time, being told the other floors were not fit to be seen and to come back later. After our friends took possession of the place they found that the door leading from the basement to the first cellar had been shot to pieces, about the height above a man's hips, showing it had been used as a target. Soon after they learned that the place had been used as a hideout for the Karpis gang.

The former occupant of the premises was an employee of the Soely Dairy Plant. He has since died but no doubt the widow is still employed there. It is possible that the man your department is looking for is a relative hence the use of their house as a gang hideout.

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THE HARR TAILORING CO.  
112-118 E. Front St.  
Youngstown, Ohio

Oct. 9, 1936

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I read in a local paper that one of the remaining men of the Karpis gang is known to be a Youngstown man. The following may be of interest to you.

In June a friend of ours purchased a place on the outskirts of the city. When, before purchasing, they tried to inspect the place they we allowed to see only one floor at a time, being told the other floors were not fit to be seen and to come back later. After our friends took possession of the place they found that the door leading from the basement to the fruit cellar had been shot to pieces, about the height above a mans hips, showing it had been used as a target. Soon after they learned that the place had been used as a hideout for the Karpis gang.

The former occupant of the premises was an employe\_ of the Isaly Dairy plant. He has since died but no doubt the widow is still employed there. It is possible that the man your department is looking for is a relative hence the use of their house as a gang hideout.

Yours truly

/s/ F. T. Weaver

October 16, 1936

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Mr. F. T. Weaver,  
112 East Front Street,  
Youngstown, Ohio.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1252; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
VICTIM - KIDNAPING

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Dear Sir:

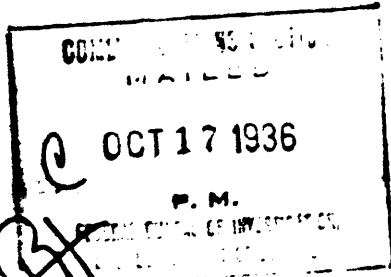
This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 9, 1936, in which you furnish information concerning a place on the outskirts of Youngstown, Ohio which may have been used as a hide-out for members of the Karpis-Barker gang.

I am referring this information to Mr. J. P. MacFarland, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 1448 Standard Building, Cleveland, Ohio, who will assign an agent to interview you to obtain such further information as you may possess concerning the matter referred to in your letter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Cleveland (with copies of incoming letter)  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
Chicago



*Wm. R. C.*

1448 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio

October 9, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Re: BREKID

97116

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated September 27, 1936, and to teletype from this office dated September 26, 1936, referring to indictments returned against various defendants in the Bremer kidnaping case and returns made on warrants issued as a result of such indictments, and in your above mentioned letter of September 27, 1936, it is noted that mention is made of a bench warrant for Karpis, issued on January 22, 1935, with a non est return made on January 23, 1935, on another bench warrant issued against Alvin Karpis on January 24, 1935, and a notation of it having been served on May 6, 1935. Further mention is made of a bench warrant issued against Harry Campbell on January 22, 1935 and of it having been served on May 12, 1935.

The file reflects that two indictments were returned by the United States Grand Jury of St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 22, 1935, one naming various defendants, including Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, in a conspiracy count, the other indictment, returned against Karpis and Campbell and other individuals, was comprised of the substantive charge kidnaping. From your letter, above mentioned, it is impossible to ascertain which of the above mentioned warrants, issued against Alvin Karpis, was issued for the conspiracy indictment and which was issued for the substantive indictment of kidnaping. It is requested that this office be advised as to what indictments the bench warrants issued against Alvin Karpis on January 22 and January 24 refer, and to what indictment the bench warrant issued against Harry Campbell on January 22, 1935, refers. Information is likewise desired as to whether only one bench warrant was issued against Harry Campbell on the indictments returned against him on January 22, 1935.

The above information is desired for use in the preparation of a summary report, being prepared at the present time with reference to the harboring case at Toledo, Ohio, and it is requested that the above desired information be forwarded to this office by air mail special delivery letter.

Very truly yours,  
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J.F. MacFARLAND,  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Bureau  
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1445 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio

October 9, 1936

97114

Special Agent in Charge,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J.E. Sharp, dated at Philadelphia, February 5, 1935, and to the report of Special Agent William Larson, dated at Detroit, Michigan, January 31, 1935, with particular reference to the information contained in these reports concerning Dr. Horace E. Hunsicker of 1625 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, having been kidnaped by Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell in January 1935, following the escape of the two fugitives from Atlantic City, New Jersey.

You will please note by reading the two reports of reference that there are very material discrepancies with reference to the exact date and time that Dr. Hunsicker was kidnaped by Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, and that Dr. Hunsicker at the time he was interviewed, was apparently in a highly nervous condition and, perhaps, was not able to fully recall all details with reference to date, time, place and circumstances surrounding his kidnaping.

It now becomes important to fix definitely the time, date and place where Dr. Hunsicker was kidnaped by Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, and it is, therefore, requested that you go over these reports very carefully and re-interview Dr. Horace E. Hunsicker for the purpose of securing from him detailed, accurate information with reference to this kidnaping, with particular reference as to the exact date and time.

Inasmuch as this information is desired in connection with the preparation of a summary report, which is being prepared by the Cleveland Office, you are requested to expedite this matter and forward the results of your investigation to this office at the earliest moment possible.

Very truly yours,

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J.P. MacFARLAND,  
Special Agent in Charge

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612 Marine Trust Bldg.  
Buffalo, N.Y.

Oct. 9, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to circular letter from your office dated September 20, 1936, in the above entitled matter, requesting that stop notices in the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, be withdrawn against a 1935 Ford V-8 Coupe, motor #18-1618253.

Please be advised that the Motor Vehicle Bureau at Albany, New York has been instructed to withdraw said flash card.

Very truly yours,

S. E. SACKETT  
Special Agent in Charge

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1448 Standard Building  
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October 10, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to your letter of October 8, 1936, regarding Benson Groves, with aliases, in which information was transmitted that Groves communicated with Mrs. O. B. Fountain, possibly his wife, at Gordon, Georgia, during the period he was confined in the Atlanta Penitentiary.

It is desired that investigation be conducted at Gordon, Georgia concerning the identity and present location of this woman in order that inquiries might be made through her for the purpose of locating Groves. In conducting this investigation it is not desirable to mention Groves' connection with either the Garrettsville mail train robbery or the instant harboring investigation.

Please give this inquiry expeditious attention.

Very truly yours,

SKM/LJS

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J. P. McFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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REPORT MADE AT: Salt Lake City, Utah	DATE WHEN MADE: 10-8-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 10-3-36	REPORT MADE BY: W. A. RORER MC
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE I. O. 1232; et al. EDWARD BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Stop notices in Utah and Nevada on Ford Coupe, Motor 18-1615253, removed. P.			
REFERENCE: Circular letter from Cleveland Office September 29, 1936.			
DETAILS: Upon receipt of reference letter the Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau in Utah and Nevada, and the National Automobile Theft Bureau, Salt Lake City, Utah, were requested to remove stop notices on Ford V-8 Coupe, Motor 18-1615253. PENDING			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-1304	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES RECORDED AND INDEXED: OCT 12 1936 CHECKED OFF: OCT 14 1936 JACKETED:
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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

October 10, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: BREXID

Dear Sir:

This will confirm telephone conversation of October 10, 1936, between Special Agent S. K. McKee at Cleveland, Ohio, and Special Agent A. H. Johnson of the Chicago office in which certain investigation was requested concerning Benson Groves, with aliases, who has been identified as the fifth participant in the Garrettsville mail robbery, and who is a potential subject in the harboring investigation now being conducted in this district.

Groves is known to have used the following aliases: Benjamin Grayson, "Soup" Groves, George Wilson, Burns Corby, Benjamin Greyson. He was received at the Atlanta Penitentiary on July 10, 1931, to serve two concurrent sentences of five years each for post office robberies, and was transferred to Lewisburg Penitentiary on December 10, 1932. His sentence expired March 27, 1935. While confined at the Atlanta Penitentiary he wrote to a sister, Mrs. Ida Fryar, 6632 Jackson Avenue, Hammond, Indiana, and also to the Postmaster at Hammond, Indiana. This sister was the only relative listed by the prisoner. Atlanta Penitentiary photograph #38603 of this individual is being transmitted herewith for your use in this investigation. The following descriptive data as to him was furnished by the penitentiary authorities:

Born  
Height  
Weight  
Eyes  
Complexion  
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Build  
Residence  
Scars

7/25/90 in West Virginia

5'6"

171 pounds

Blue

Florida

Brown

Medium stout

Toledo, Ohio

Tattoo right forearm, "B.C." and "B.O."

on shield; left forearm girl's initials

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Occupation  
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Salesman  
Seventh grade  
Tobacco and liquor  
Methodist  
Dead

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As requested telephonically it is desired that interview be had with the Postmaster at Hammond, Indiana, for such information as he may be able to furnish regarding Benson Groves. It is also desired that discreet inquiry be made in the vicinity of the sister's home to learn if the brother is residing there, or is known to the neighbors. The matter of an interview with the sister should depend upon the results of inquiries conducted as to her character, reputation, and closeness to her brother.

In conducting this investigation it should be borne in mind that Benson Groves is being sought by the postal authorities for participation in the mail robbery in question, along with Alvin Karpis, Fred Hunter, John Brock, and Harry Campbell. At the present time there is no process outstanding as to him in connection with the harboring of any subjects in this case, but it is highly desirable that he be located for interview. In the event he is located and the circumstances permit it is suggested that telephonic communication be had with Inspector E. J. Connelley prior to contacting him.

This investigation should be given expeditious attention in line with reference telephone conversation.

Very truly yours,

SMH/EJB  
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J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

CC - Bureau  
- Cincinnati



U. S. Department of Justice

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October 10, 1936.

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Buchanan .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Glavin .....  
Mr. Ladd .....  
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Director

In recent conferences of Special Agent in Charge MacFarland and Special Agent McKee with U. S. Attorney Freed at Toledo, Ohio, in the Ardell Quinn, White Slave Traffic Act violation, he has indicated a very willing desire to cooperate with us, particularly in any harboring charges which might be possible in the Karpis - Campbell situation, he indicating that he knows from the witnesses in the Garrettsville, Ohio train robbery that there are undoubtedly numerous possibilities as to harboring charges. Mr. Freed has indicated that John Brock, one of the principal subjects in the Garrettsville train robbery, will be a witness, as will also the Zetzer brothers, who furnished the plane and the hideout for the opening of the mail sacks in this case, the plane being used for the trip of Karpis, Hunter and Brock from Port Clinton, Ohio to Hot Springs, Ark. They will undoubtedly be in a position to furnish considerable information as to the harboring charges, based upon what it is expected they will testify as to in the Garrettsville train robbery. The U. S. Attorney has indicated that he would like to be in position to know just what he should do with reference to these witnesses, particularly as to obligating them to testify in both cases, if and when they testify, or agree to do so. With the above idea in mind, he has indicated that he desires us to interview John Brock, whom the Post-Office Inspectors have previously, in substance, refused to allow us to interview, although we have not particularly been insistent as to this, for diplomatic reasons. U. S. Attorney Freed has agreed to make Brock available to us in his office for interview. which interview, he insists, is at his request, and we will plan to interview Brock at that time, as it is very possible he will be able to give us considerable information which will assist in the harboring charge and might be sufficient to connect up the harboring charges as to 1934, 1935, and 1936, which would, of course, simplify the prosecutions as to Hebebrand and Patton. Joe Zetzer undoubtedly, if he is to appear as a witness, can give us very definite information which is highly essential in order to connect up Joe Roscoe with the harboring charges. The U. S. Attorney has indicated that he believes we should also interview the two Zetzer brothers for this reason, they apparently having made complete statements as to their participation in the Garrettsville train robbery, which consisted of furnishing the subjects with a hideout the night of the train robbery at which time they rifled the mail sacks and burned up these sacks in their home, and in the presence of the two Zetzer brothers.

October 10, 1936.

Director

I will be at Cleveland on Monday when interview is had with John Brock, and at that time will make the necessary arrangements as to whether we are to interview the two Zetzer brothers, we previously having interviewed and held for sometime in Cleveland Joe Zetzer. It is possible that Brock might be able to furnish us the information we lack as to showing Sheriff O'Reilly actually knew who Harry Campbell was.

It is believed that if the U. S. Attorney is honest and willing in his efforts, and capable of handling the prosecution, that he could produce better results in the district than some man from outside who might be appointed as a special prosecutor, and during the coming week when I have had opportunity to contact with and size up the situation as to Mr. Freed, and his possible interest or motives behind his recent request to us, I will communicate with you personally by telephone as to just what we should do as to going into the situation with Mr. Freed, rather than considering the possibilities of a special prosecutor. In the meantime we will, of course, diplomatically handle the situation as concerns Mr. Freed, in order that we will not be obligated in any way to him, should contrary action be necessary and desirable.

As has been indicated in correspondence from Cleveland, the fifth subject in the Garrettsville train robbery has been identified, and has been known to the Post-Office Inspectors at least since August 26, 1936, when they placed a stop against him with the Cleveland Police Department, and we are assembling the necessary information in order that if by any chance we should come upon information which would give us his location, we will cause his apprehension, inasmuch as he will also be one of the possible subjects in the harboring cases as to Karpis and Campbell.

Very truly yours,

  
E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Inspector.

cc - Cincinnati  
cc - Chicago  
cc - Cleveland

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 7-82

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

REPORT MADE AT <b>Chicago, Ill.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/10/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10/8/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>ARTHUR C. RUTZEN</b> <b>ACR:IM</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; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  CAPTAIN GEORGE C. CHAMBERS interviewed minutely relative to Casino Club, Toledo, Ohio. Claims he only knew CHARLES BECKER, former bartender at Club, and BERT and TED ANGUS, alleged owners of Club. Never personally knew CAPTAIN GEORGE TIMINEX, and had no information relative to him. Pictures of BARKER-KARPIS mob shown to CAPTAIN CHAMBERS and he only recognized picture of BERT ANGUS. CAPTAIN CHAMBERS could give no pertinent information relative to activities at Casino Club.			
DETAILS: <u>AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:</u>  This investigation is predicated upon a telephone call made by Special Agent Wynn of the Cleveland Bureau Office to the Chicago Bureau Office on October 7, 1936, during which he made reference to the report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, dated June 23, 1936, Page 13, which mentions the name GEORGE C. CHAMBERS.  Mr. Wynn stated that in 1934 CHAMBERS was the keeper in charge of several steamships of the Pittsburgh Steamship Company, stationed at Bayview, Ohio, which is a short distance out of Toledo, Ohio; that undoubtedly CHAMBERS visited the Casino Club at Toledo, Ohio, frequently during the year 1934; that CHAMBERS is presently the Captain of the steamship Cornell, which is scheduled			
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to dock at 8 A.M. on October 8, 1936, at the pier of the Carnegie Illinois Steel Company, South Chicago, Illinois.

Agent Wynn requested that MR. CHAMBERS be minutely interviewed regarding the activities during the year 1934 at the Casino Club and particularly whether he can furnish information tending to show the association of CAPTAIN GEORGE TIMINNEY with any members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang. Agent Wynn suggested that the pictures of all members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang be exhibited to MR. CHAMBERS, as well as the pictures of BERT and TED ANGUS, who were the operators of the Casino Club.

Mr. Wynn stated further that they were interested in getting complete, detailed information from MR. CHAMBERS regarding the activities of the Casino Club, and the various associations of the members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang.

CAPTAIN GEORGE C. CHAMBERS was interviewed aboard the S. S. Cornell at the south pier of the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Company, Chicago, and he advised that he had formerly frequented the Casino Club in Toledo, Ohio, as often as once a week, during the years 1933 and 1934; that at that time he was the keeper in charge of several steamships of the Pittsburgh Steamship Company stationed at Bayview, Ohio; that the only people he knew at the Casino Club were CHARLEY BECKER, who at that time was a bartender, and BERT and TED ANGUS, who were the alleged owners of the Club. He stated that he knew no other person that might have frequented the Club, although he does remember seeing a heavy-set man, whose first name was WALTER, visit on a few occasions with TED ANGUS; that this heavy-set man, whose name was WALTER, drove a La Salle Coupe; that he knew nothing relative to his reputation or his business.

CAPTAIN CHAMBERS advised further that some time during the year 1934, the Sheriff's force of Toledo, Ohio, visited his home, which was then located at the foot of 118th Street in Toledo, stating that they had heard that BECKER had helped KARPIS move, and that they were trying to locate BECKER; that as far as he knew they subsequently located BECKER and interrogated him at length relative to his association with KARPIS; that BECKER is now the Chief Engineer on the barge "John Fritz", which travels the Great Lakes and, if necessary, can be reached through MR. J. E. COTTIER, 208 South La Salle Street, Chicago.

The pictures of the BARKER-KARPIS mob were shown to CAPTAIN CHAMBERS. Of the entire mob the only picture he could recognize was that of BERT ANGUS. He seemed rather surprised to find that BERT ANGUS had a criminal record, and had been apparently associated with people of the KARPIS-BARKER mob. CAPTAIN CHAMBERS made careful study of "DOC" MORAN'S picture. He stated at first that he thought he had seen that face before. However, after close scrutiny he advised that he was positive he had never seen him before.

CAPTAIN CHAMBERS stated further that he had heard at one time that the Casino Club was frequented by gamblers, although he also stated he often wondered how they made any money at the Casino Club because it appeared to him as if they never did any business. He stated further that the Casino Club was more or less of a quiet place, and he never noticed any activity around there; that the ANGUS brothers now have a place in West Toledo, Ohio, called the New Casino. CHAMBERS stated that he was there on the opening night on the invitation of one HARRY BEAGLE, who supplies the meat for the ships of the Pittsburgh Steamship Company.

CAPTAIN CHAMBERS could give no further information relative to the Casino Club or any of the people who frequented the place.

P E N D I N G.

501 Healey Building,  
Atlanta, Georgia,  
October 8, 1936.

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated October 8, 1936, with reference to one Sam, (last name unknown), and to teletype to the Atlanta Office under date of October 8, 1936, by Mr. Connelley regarding Benson Groves, with aliases, advising that Groves is identical with Sam, and one of the participants in the Garrettsville, Ohio mail train robbery which occurred on November 7, 1935.

The records of the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, disclose that BENJAMIN GRAYSON, with aliases: Ben Grayson, "Soup" Groves, George Wilson, Burns Corby, Benjamin Greyson, Burns Corby, true name BENJAMIN GROVES, #38605, was arrested at Canton, Ohio, during October, 1930 and was received at the Atlanta Penitentiary on July 10, 1931, to serve two concurrent sentences of five years and \$1,000 fine each for Post Office robberies imposed by the United States District Court of New Jersey (Newark) and by the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio (Dayton), and that on December 10, 1932, Grayson was transferred from the Atlanta Penitentiary to the United States Northeastern Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

The Atlanta Penitentiary records disclose the following record of BENJAMIN GRAYSON, with aliases, #38605:

Born

Height

Weight

Eyes

Complexion

Hair

Build

Residence

Scars and marks

July 25, 1880 in state of West  
Virginia

5' 6"

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Blue RECORDED

Florida &

Brown INDEXED.

Medium stout

Toledo, Ohio

Tattoo right forearm "B. G." and

"B. G. on shield"; left forearm

"girl in tights, sailor boy and

others"; oblique scar 3/4" 1"

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Education  
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Native  
Parents  
Marital status  
Military record  
Prison fingerprint  
classification  
Relatives

above right corner of mouth  
Salesman  
Seventh grade  
Tobacco and liquor  
Methodist  
West Virginia

Dead  
Single  
None  
25 1 16  
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Sister: Mrs. Ida Fryar, 6632  
Jackson Avenue, Hammond,  
Indiana.

The Atlanta Prison files contain the following transcript of  
Grayson's criminal record dated December 5, 1935, FBI-10577:

[REDACTED]



Notations unsupported by fingerprints:

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The Atlanta Prison correspondence records disclose the following information concerning Grayson's correspondents:

Letters Sent:

Mrs. Ida Fryar, Sister, 6632 Jackson Avenue, Hammond, Indiana.  
Postmaster, Hammond, Indiana.  
Mrs. O. D. Fountain, Gordon, Georgia.

Letters Received:

Henderson Credit Bureau, Henderson, Kentucky.  
H. J. Fryar, Friend, Hammond, Indiana.  
Ida B. ---, Friend, Dayton, Ohio.

The prison records reflect that under date of August 13, 1931, Warden A. C. Aderhold of the Atlanta Penitentiary, addressed a letter to Mr. J. W. Welborn, Inspector in Charge, Post Office Department, Cincinnati, Ohio, transmitting photographs of Benjamin Grayson, #38605, Dalton F. Keener, #38709, and James F. O'Neill, #38719. Warden Aderhold's letter was in reply to the request of Mr. Welborn for the photographs of these three inmates. Under date of July 31, 1936, Warden A. C. Aderhold addressed a letter to Messrs. R. V. Kelly and P. F. Quinn, Post Office Inspectors, Newark, New Jersey, advising that Benjamin Grayson, #38605, was transferred from the Atlanta Penitentiary to United States Northeastern Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, on December 10, 1932, and that Grayson should have been discharged by expiration of sentence with good time allowance on March 17, 1935. In this letter Warden Aderhold also advised the Post Office Inspectors that during his incarceration Grayson had corresponded with Mrs. Ida Fryar, sister, 6632 Jackson Avenue, Hammond, Indiana, and Mrs. O. D. Fountain, wife, Gordon, Georgia, and that Grayson had requested the Atlanta Penitentiary officials to notify Mrs. Ida Fryar in case of his sickness or death. It should be noted that the Warden spelled the last name of Grayson's sister, (Fryar), whereas the Penitentiary records carry the last name of this sister as (Fryar).

On July 11, 1936, Warden Aderhold addressed a letter to Mr. S. Hettrick, Post Office Inspector, Cleveland, Ohio, transmitting the identi-

fication record and a mounted photograph of Benjamin Grayson, #38605-A.

Six photographs of Grayson were secured at the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, and are being transmitted to the Cleveland Office herewith.

The above information concerning Grayson was discreetly obtained at the Atlanta Penitentiary without making any disclosures to the Prison officials.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Bureau  
Chicago  
Cincinnati  
E. J. Connelley, Chicago

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

October 10, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREXID

In connection with the harboring investigation being conducted in this case at Cleveland, Ohio and vicinity, it has been ascertained that the fifth participant in the Garrettsville mail train robbery was BENSON GROVES, with aliases, former inmate of the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia. This individual is, of course, a potential subject in the harboring inquiry and it is very desirable that he be located.

Benson Groves is the true name of this man and when last received at the penitentiary he stated Toledo, Ohio, was his home. He has used the following aliases: Benjamin Grayson, Ben Grayson, "Soup" Groves, George Wilson, Burns Corby.

Kindly have the alphabetical indices of the Motor Vehicle Bureau at Columbus, Ohio, searched for the name and aliases of this man for the purpose of securing a description of the car he is driving as well as his present address. Please give this matter expeditious attention.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

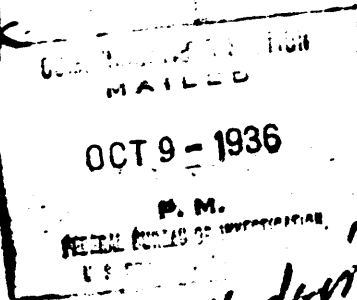
Re: BREXID.

Dear Sir:

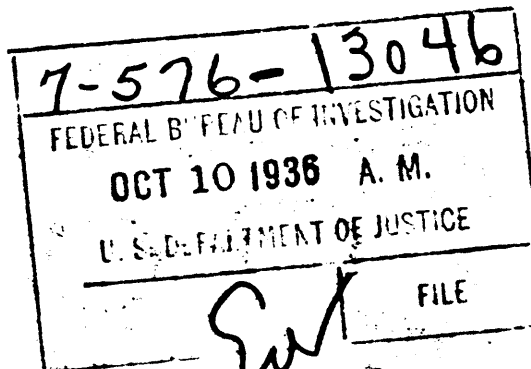
Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, September 26, 1936, in which it is stated information was obtained from Detective Harry Hanson, Toledo, Ohio, Police Department, to the effect that there was a possibility Captain George Tainey had the telephone tapped which is located in the temporary office being maintained by the Bureau at Toledo, Ohio.

The Bureau desires to be promptly advised of the results of the investigation conducted by Special Agent J.E. Brennan at Toledo, Ohio, concerning this possible telephone tap.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

404 New York Building  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
October 10, 1936

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

BREKID

Reference is made to your letter of October 2, 1936, file 7-77, in the HANAP case.

Attached to each copy of this letter is a statement of the formal charges prepared and served upon Thomas A. Brown, former police officer, St. Paul, by Commissioner of Public Safety G. H. Barruss, dated August 5, 1936.

Under separate cover the transcript of testimony taken in the resultant hearing before the Civil Service Commission requested by Brown is being forwarded to you. This transcript is composed of four volumes and has been loaned to this office by City Attorney John L. Connolly. It is desired that they be returned to this office for transmittal to Mr. Connolly as soon as the Bureau has had a chance to review them. It is my recommendation that the facts as developed in this hearing be fully reviewed by an agent who is cognizant of all developments in the Bremer case with the thought of determining whether sufficient evidence has been developed or can be developed to warrant bringing of criminal charges against Brown in Federal Court in connection with this case.

It will be recalled that the Statute of Limitations will not run in this case until sometime in January, 1937.

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Very truly yours,

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C. W. STEIN,  
Special Agent in Charge

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August 5th, 1936

Mr. Thomas A. Brown,  
759 E. Maryland Street,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Under date of July 17th, 1936, you were suspended without pay pending investigation of certain statements made against you with reference to your conduct as a Police officer in the classified service of the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota, which statements were made by witnesses testifying in behalf of the United States Government in the case of the United States of America versus John Peifer, et al.

These statements and others have been fully investigated, and as a result of said investigation, you are hereby discharged for inefficiency, breach of duty, misconduct, misfeasance and malfeasance in the performance of your duties as an employee in the classified service of the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota, in the following particulars, among others, to-wit:

(1) That on and between May 15th, 1933, or thereabouts and June 15th, 1933, or thereabouts, in the County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota, the City of Chicago, County of Cook, State of Illinois, and the City of Bensenville, County of DuPage, State of Illinois, you, Thomas A. Brown, together with John P. (Jack) Peifer, Fred Barker, Arthur (Doc) Barker, Alvin Karpavics alias Alvin (Ray) Karpis, Fred Goetz alias George (Shotgun) Ziegler, Charles J. Fitzgerald alias Chuck Fitzgerald, Byron Bolton alias Monte Carter, Elmer Farmer, and Edmund C. Bartholmey did wilfully and unlawfully conspire to kidnap William Hamm, Jr. of the City of Saint Paul, and hold him against his will until he paid or caused to be paid to you and the aforesaid persons ransom as a consideration for his release in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars.

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That thereafter and on June 15th, 1933, in the City of Saint Paul, County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota, you and the aforesaid persons did kidnap William Hamm, Jr., and cause him to be transported to Bensenville, Illinois, there to be held against his will until he paid or caused to be paid to you and the aforesaid persons as a consideration for his release the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ransom money; and that the said William Hamm, Jr., was held in Bensenville, Illinois, until the 18th day of June, 1933, until said sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars was paid to you and the aforesaid persons whereupon the aforesaid William Hamm, Jr. was released.

(2) That on the 19th day of June, 1933, you failed to properly carry out the order of your superior, Thomas E. Dahill, Chief of Police of the City of Saint Paul, to investigate the actions, conduct, and identity of the occupants of a residence at 204 Vernon Avenue in the City of Saint Paul, said premises being occupied at said time by some of the persons who participated in the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr.

(3) That on and between September 15th, 1933, or thereabouts, and January 17th, 1934, or thereabouts, in the City of Saint Paul, County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota, City of Chicago, County of Cook, State of Illinois, and the City of Bensenville, County of DuPage, State of Illinois, you, Thomas A. Brown, with Alvin Karpavics alias Alvin (Ray) Karpis, Volney Davis, Arthur (Doc) Barker, Fred Barker, Harry Campbell, Elmer Farmer, Harry Alderton, Phoenix Donald alias William Weaver, Harry Sandlovich alias Harry Sawyer, Byron Bolton alias Monte Carter, and Fred Goetz, alias George (Shotgun) Ziegler, did wilfully and unlawfully conspire together to kidnap Edward G. Bremer of the City of Saint Paul and hold him against his will until he paid or caused to be paid to you and the aforesaid persons ransom as a consideration for his release in the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars.

That thereafter and on January 17th, 1934, in the City of Saint Paul, County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota, you and the aforesaid persons did kidnap Edward G. Bremer and cause him to be transported to Bensenville, Illinois, and to be held against his will until he paid or caused to be paid to you and the aforesaid

persons as a consideration for his release and the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars ransom money, and that the said Edward G. Bremer was held in Bensenville, Illinois, until or about February 8th, 1934, until said sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars was paid to you and the aforesaid persons, whereupon the aforesaid Edward G. Bremer was released.

(4) That on January 22nd, 1934, in violation of orders, you disclosed confidential information to the effect that the kidnapers of the said Edward G. Bremer had delivered ransom notes by hurling a milk bottle through the window of the residence of Dr. H. W. Kippert, 706 Lincoln Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

(5) That on or about the 24th day of January, 1934, you disclosed confidential Police information in violation of orders to one Harry Sandlovich alias Harry Sawyer as to the movements of the Police Department of the City of Saint Paul, and the Federal Government in attempting to apprehend and hunt down the kidnapers of the said Edward G. Bremer.

That each said act committed by you as hereinabove set forth constituted conduct unbecoming an officer or employee of the City of Saint Paul, and that each said act as hereinabove set forth constitutes inefficiency, breach of duty, misconduct, misfeasance, malfeasance, and nonfeasance in the performance of your duties as an employee of the City of Saint Paul.

If you desire to have a hearing on these charges, you must serve notice of your demand for such hearing upon the Commissioner of Public Safety within ten days after the service of these charges upon you.

Yours truly,

/s/ G. H. BARFUSS

Commissioner of Public Safety  
of the City of Saint Paul.



612 Marine Trust Bldg.  
Buffalo, N.Y.

Oct. 9, 1936

Hon. Charles A. Harnett  
Commissioner of Motor Vehicles  
Bureau of Motor Vehicles  
Albany, N.Y.

Att: James T. Somers  
Deputy Commissioner  
FILES DIVISION.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to our letter dated September 24, 1936, requesting that your records be searched to ascertain whether a 1935 Ford Deluxe Coupe, motor #18-1615253, had been registered for the year 1936 under the name of Charles Miller of L. E. Arnold Inc., to which you replied on October 6, 1936 that said car was not registered. In view of the fact that it was requested that a flash card be placed in your files, you are hereby instructed to withdraw same inasmuch as said automobile has been located in the state of Ohio.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter,

I am

Very truly yours,

S. E. SACKETT  
Special Agent in Charge

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1300 Liberty Trust Building  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

October 12, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
CLEVELAND, OHIO.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to telegram from the Pittsburgh Office, dated October 10, 1936.

May I advise you that Special Agent A. Schroeder telephonically communicated with Major Henry C. Mill, Warden of the United States Northeastern Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, who informed him that BENJAMIN GRAYSON was released from that institution on March 17, 1935?

Incomplete correspondence records reflect mail received by GRAYSON from his sister, IDA FRYAR, 6632 Jackson Avenue, Hammond, Illinois, and 6236 Van Buren Street, Hammond, Illinois; ROBERT ELIASBERG, 5513 Fifth Avenue, New York City, and DR. FRANK ROBINSON, Moscow, Idaho.

A further check of the correspondence records is being made, and you will be advised if any other information of value is received.

Very truly yours,

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R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge

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

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

It is requested that I be furnished two photographs  
of Alvin Karpis taken since his apprehension at New Orleans  
on May 1, 1936.

Very truly yours,

*Wright Brantley*  
WRIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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

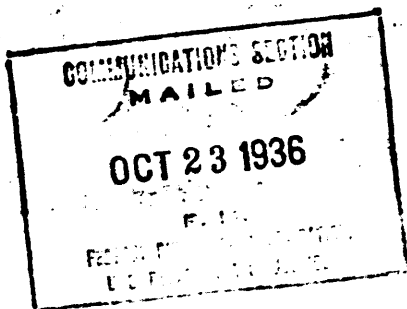
Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your  
letter dated October 10, 1936, there are transmitted herewith  
two photographs of Alvin Karpis taken since his apprehension.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #1110286



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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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SAC CLEVELAND

PHONE. BRKID. BENJAMIN GRAYSON RELEASED USHE MARCH SEVENTEENTH  
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MAIL RECEIVED BY GRAYSON FROM IDA FYAR, SISTER, SIX SIX THREE TWO  
JACKSON AVENUE, HAMMOND, ILLINOIS - AND SIX TWO THREE SIX VAN BUREN  
STREET, HAMMOND - ROBERT ELIASBERG, 5513 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY -  
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September 21, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

With reference to our conversation recently concerning the St. Valentine's Day Massacre, I desire to advise that the report of Agent Brennan dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, July 24, 1935 in the Bremer Kidnaping case was received in the Bureau on July 27. At that time, Mr. Newby was supervising this case and the fact that Bolton had furnished the details of the massacre was not brought to my attention. Although Mr. Newby addressed a memorandum to you on August 3, 1935, containing an excerpt upon another situation from this report of Agent Brennan's, no reference was made to Bolton's statement concerning the massacre. The weekly summary report of Agent Newby summarizing the developments in this case makes no reference to Bolton's statement in this regard.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with alias - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

William Wilson Wirick, taxi driver, identified photographs of Jimmie Wilson, William Weaver and Harry Campbell, and made signed statement that he drove them to and from Casino Club, Johnny Thomas' Market Business Men's Club, The Dutch Village night club, and Edith Barry's call house, in Toledo, during 1934; that he drove Sam Coker and Edith Barry from Edith Barry's call house to Market Business Men's Club, in January, 1935, where later Frank Greenwald and Anna Pierce joined them and Coker paid for all night drinking party. Edward Winseman, former taxi driver for Private Cab Company, identified photo of Harry Campbell as person he drove number of times during summer of 1935, including trips to New Casino at times Bert and Ted Angus were present there. Winseman furnished information regarding past and present collectors of pay off for vice and gambling in Toledo. Anna Smith, alias Pierce, made statement claiming Frank Greenwald, alias "Greenie" never informed her until after he was interviewed by Agents, that he hauled Karpis and Campbell after their escape from Atlantic City, N. J., and knew their identity. She admitted being on drinking party with Edith Barry and Sam Coker, but did not know Coker's true identity. Frank Greenwald admitted being on drinking party with Anna Smith, Edith Barry and Sam Coker last winter at Market Business Men's Club, Toledo. Employees of 42nd Street Cafe, Toledo, interviewed and no pertinent information obtained. Orville Glenn (Slim) Schaffer admits drinking beer with Harry Campbell at Goulet's Grill, but claims did not know true identity of Campbell. Signed statement obtained from William F. "Bill" Harris denying he knew or introduced Karpis, Willie Harrison and Campbell to Charlie Sellers.

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at Cleveland, Ohio, in summer of 1934. Harold St. Aubin made signed statement that in spring of 1934 Bert Angus introduced him to "Doc" Barker as Mr. Morley, the man who rented an apartment in the Burdella Apartments. Ervin H. Shimman, former Deputy Sheriff and State Prohibition Agent, interviewed and no pertinent information obtained. Spencer Sweeney unable to furnish any information regarding Barker-Karpis gang. Bennia Weiss denies ever making statement that "Nig" Cousins told him during 1934 that he took "sucker" bets from "hots" from Chicago, at the Casino Club. Summary included of news articles concerning Barker-Karpis gang, appearing in Toledo newspapers. Shipkeepers at Bay View in 1934 to be located with aid of Pittsburgh Steamship Company. Frank Dobson, shipkeeper, states never visited Casino Club.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 10/3/36.

DETAILS:

AT TOLEDO, OHIO

This report covers the investigative activities of Special Agents A. J. Norstrom, A. Dickstein, H. B. Dill, and J. V. Murphy, who have been engaged on the harboring investigation at Toledo, Ohio.

Special Agents R. A. Guerin and N. S. Harzenstein have been maintaining the telephone tap on the residence telephone of Maxine Belmont, 2105 Warren Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, who is prominently engaged in the vice racket in Toledo. On instructions of Inspector E. J. Connelley this telephone tap was discontinued on the night of October 3, 1936.

The conversations overheard over the above-mentioned telephone tap, between period October 2nd to 3rd, when it was discontinued, are not being incorporated in this report for the reason that they have no bearing on this investigation.



The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on October 2, 1936:

Reference is being made to the report of Special Agent J. W. Murphy dated 10-3-36 at Cleveland, Ohio, wherein it is stated that William Wilson Wirick, a former cab driver for the Private Cab Company, would again be interviewed in an effort to obtain further pertinent information of value to this investigation.

Wirick was requested to appear at the temporary office at 513 Edison Building, at which time a further discussion was had with him as to his knowledge of facts of interest in this matter. He at first informed that he could not add anything to what he had previously given, and continued to be reluctant to answer questions put to him. He finally consented to give a signed statement, but he informed that he would refuse to testify to the facts contained therein.

513 Edison Building,  
Toledo, Ohio  
October 2, 1936

"I, William Wilson Wirick, do hereby give a signed statement to Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, without threats or promises of reward made to me. I wish to tell the truth of what I know concerning this matter.

"I am 43 years of age, residing at 415 3rd Street, Toledo, Ohio, married and have two children. I have driven taxi cabs in the city of Toledo for the past 28 years. I have been employed by the Private Cab Company for the past 3 years, and am presently employed by General Wheel Company, Toledo, Ohio, and I have been so employed since April 9, 1936, at which time I left the Private Cab Company. I wish to state for the past three years I worked during the months from January to June at the Private Cab Company, being employed the balance of the time at the General Wheel Company.

"During the winter of 1934 and 1935 I was driving for Frank P. Greenwald of the Private Cab Company. During that period I

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answered calls for the Private Cab Company at the Casino Club, operated by Ted and Bert Angus at Point Place, Toledo, Ohio. While the Angus brothers operated the Casino Club, until Charles Haymaker took the place over in the fall of 1935, changing the name of the club to the Little Club, I made several trips a night to the Casino on some occasions, while at other times, 3 or 4 times a week depending entirely on business. As a rule when any of the drivers of the Private Cab Company received calls to the Casino, we knew who our customers were to be, that is, the local customers. However, when Bert or Ted Angus would call for a cab, we would not know the identity of our prospective customers.

"I have been shown photographs of members of the Barker-Karpis gang and identify and have marked for identification the photographs of Jimmy Wilson, William Weaver and Harry Campbell as individuals I have seen at and driven to and from the Casino Club, Johnny Thomas' Market Business Mens Club at 216 1/2 Superior Street, The Dutch Village, operated by Art Hand and formerly the Bon Ton Club, Edith Barry's call house at 524 Southard Street. I saw these persons during 1934 at the above mentioned places, but can state no definite time or exact dates. I have driven these individuals on a number of occasions, but cannot recall anything unusual that would make me recall these trips any more than if we had any other customers. Greenwald has always catered to the underworld people, and none of the Private Cab drivers would make trips unless being called by telephone by customers known to the company. As to the above mentioned individuals, I did not get to know their names, as the calls for service were always made for them by the proprietor or employees of the places they frequented.

"I have probably seen all the members of the Barker-Karpis gang out at the Casino Club, as the photographs of Alvin Karpis and Charlie Fitzgerald look familiar to me, but I have never driven them in my cab. I make it a policy not to mingle with my customers, and if they asked me to join them in a drink, I would drink alone, and consequently was never in a position to know their identities. However, Ted or Bert Angus were always at the Casino Club while these persons were there.

"At this time I wish to state that in 1934, I worked for the General Wheel Company from September to the first of the year in 1935 from August to the first of the year, and in 1936, from July to the present date. However, in 1936 I left Greenwald's employ April 7, 1936, and consequently during the above period of time I was not working for Greenwald's, I naturally did not come in contact with these people.

"In the latter part of December 1935 after the season was over at The General Wheel Company I again was employed by the Private Cab Company operated by Greenwald.

"One night in January 1935 about 11 pm I answered a call at Edith Barry's call house at 524 Southard Street. I picked up Edith Barry and an individual known to me as 'Tommy', whose photograph I have been shown and marked for identification as that of Sam Coker #14023. I drove them to Johnny Thomas' Market Business Men's Club at 216 1/2 Superior Street, Toledo, Ohio. Edith Barry invited me up to Thomas' as they wanted me to wait awhile. I sat there and drank with them, and later Frank Greenwald and Anna Pierce came up and joined the party. Then Johnny Thomas, Irving, his bartender, and a woman named Marion, who lives on Scottwood Avenue, joined in the party, and we drank all Vat 69 whiskey that Thomas had in stock. Sam Coker paid the entire bill and played the quarter slot machines all night. About 2 am I drove Edith Barry and Sam Coker back to Barry's and Greenwald and Anna Pierce followed in Greenwald's car and joined the party at Barry's. Sam Coker discharged me and paid me \$7.85 for the bill and gave me the balance of \$10 in change for my tip.

"A week later I received a call from Thomas' and picked up Edith Barry and Coker. I went up to Thomas' place and had a couple of drinks. Johnny Thomas was drinking with them, and Sam Coker appeared to have plenty of twenty-dollar bills, as every fifteen or twenty minutes Coker would change a twenty-dollar bill.

"Sam Coker was pretty drunk and I guess that Thomas robbed him of half of his change. I sat at Thomas' with them for half an hour and then drove them to Kin Hong Lows Chinese Restaurant at 841 Jefferson Street where they discharged me. These calls were always made late at night or early in the morning.

"Until the time that I quit Greenwald's on April 7, 1936, I drove Campbell three or four times thereafter, and every time that I picked him up or drove Campbell around, it was at Edith Barry's or Thomas', but I never drank with him on the latter occasions. Campbell was always good pay and tipped generously. Greenwald told me that he had Coker for \$15 one night and showed me a twenty-dollar bill Coker had given him for the cab bill, referring to the customer I had the night before, meaning Coker.

"With reference to Harry Campbell, whose photograph I identify as a person known to me as 'Bob', I have seen at Thomas' at 216 1/2 Superior Street. I don't recall the exact date, but on one occasion drove Edith Barry to Thomas' and when I went up to get change she bought me a drink. That time I noticed Campbell and Coker sitting at the bar and Johnny or Irving were talking to them. I recall that Campbell was someone I had seen before, but I only stayed at Thomas' for five minutes and then left.

"I have never seen Harry Campbell's wife nor have I ever driven him or Coker to or from Edward McGraw's place at 2011 1/2 Adams Street, and the only person I can ever recall driving to this place was Nan Patterson's brother who lives at 513 Elm Street, Toledo, and whose last name I do not know. Nan Patterson runs a call house at 1137 Erie Street, Toledo.

"I have read the foregoing statement consisting of three typewritten pages, and the facts I have given have been the whole truth, to the best of my knowledge and recollection. I have initialed each page and signed the third page.

/s/ "William Wilson Wirick"

Witnessed by: A. J. Norstrom,  
A. Dickstein,  
Special Agents, FBI, U. S. Department of Justice, 1448 Standard Building, Cleveland, Ohio

It will be noted that on this interview Wirick advised that he had never seen or driven Campbell's wife, although he had previously stated that he had driven her with Campbell on a round of night clubs on one occasion. When questioned as to these discrepancies, he replied that he couldn't remember and was not quite sure. Neither could he recall dates or incidents that would be of interest, and it was apparent that he wanted to leave the impression that he gave no more thought to these individuals than he would to any customers, as he further stated that he did not wish to be involved in this investigation.

Wirick further advised that his future livelihood depended upon the keeping of continued friendship and cooperation of some of the persons involved in this investigation, as well as their acquaintances and associates. To quote his language in this connection he stated to agents that "I know what you fellows want, you want to stick Bert and Ted Angus in jail and a few others for harboring the gang, but when this thing is cleared up, I can't go to the government for a dollar, but if I went to Bert

and Ted Angus, they would spit in my face if they knew I have squealed on them or turned "copper".

Wirick advised that he might furnish names of other individuals whom he assumed would have some information of interest to this investigation and stated that Anna Pierce, Frank Greenwald's sweetheart and a former check girl at the Casino Club, would have been in a position to furnish information of value.

He further advised that Eddie Boyle, a waiter at the present Casino Club, was employed at the Old Casino Club, as well as one named "Shorty", a porter at the Old Casino Club, who he believes is now employed at Ripley and Russell's, located at Jackson and St. Clair Streets, Toledo, Ohio. He further recalled that Greenwald employed one Eddie Winzelman as a driver in the early part of July 1935, who was employed continuously until the first of December. Winzelman's wife, Helen, is a housekeeper at a bawdy house at 900 Monroe Street; that Winzelman spends most of his time at the cab stand located at the Hotel Secor, Toledo, Ohio.

Another driver who was employed by Greenwald was Eddie Lavender, who worked for Greenwald during the first few months of 1936 and whose present whereabouts can be found through checking the taxicab inspector's records at the Toledo Police Department.

Al Abele, a former undertaker, whose brothers operate the Abele Funeral Parlor at Toledo, Ohio, and who now lives at 625 Lucust Street, Toledo, and who is employed at Levine's gambling place, 513 1/2 Jefferson Street, also drove for Greenwald according to Wirick at intervals for the past three years. Wirick also suggested the name of Jimmy MacParkland, presently employed by the Red Cab Company, Toledo, for interview, as MacParkland has driven cabs in Toledo for a number of years, and has a wide acquaintance in the underworld of the city of Toledo.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on October 6, 1936:

In that William Wilson Wirick of 415 Third Street, Toledo, Ohio, informed Agents when interviewed that Edward Winseman was a driver for the Private Cab Company during the summer of 1935, Agents located Winseman at his home at 1932 North 14th Street, Toledo, Ohio, and he voluntarily accompanied Agents to the temporary offices room 513 Edison Building, Toledo, Ohio, where he made the following signed statement, the original of which is being retained in the files of the Cleveland Bureau office in this case:

"513 Edison Building  
"Toledo, Ohio  
"October 6, 1936.

"I, EDWARD WINSEMAN, do hereby give a signed statement to Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, of my own free will, without threats or promises of reward. I have voluntarily given this statement because I wish to tell the truth regarding what I know about this matter.

"I am 34 years, married, and living with my wife Mary at 1932 No. 14th Street, Toledo, Ohio. I was born in Toledo, and had been living here ever since. I was employed by Frank P. Greenwald from 1927 to 1931 as a driver for the Private Cab Company, 520 Cherry Street, Toledo, Ohio, and again from June through to September 1935 for Greenwald.

"In the latter part of June 1935, I received a call from the Peacock Inn, located in the 2000 block on Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio, to pick up a fare. Upon my arrival there a man whose photograph I identified as Harry Campbell, and have marked for identification, and a woman whose identity I do not know, engaged my cab, and I then drove them to the Little Club at Point Place, operated by Charlie Haymaker. This was about 8:00 P. M., in the evening, and when we arrived at the club, Jimmy Naples, a waiter, was the only person present as I recall. Charlie Haymaker was not there. I walked in and had a glass of beer. The couple paid me 85 cents for the trip, and gave me the balance of two dollars for a tip. Sometime after 2:00 A. M., the following morning,

I again picked up this couple and drove them to Wells Roast Beef Cafe on Monroe Street, and as I recall it the fare at that time was \$1.05, and I was paid the balance of two dollars, or two dollars and fifty cents. I recall this last trip was after hours, and the only ones besides he and his woman companion at the club were a few milk drivers. Charlie Haymaker would be there after hours.

"During the next two or three months, I drove Campbell and this woman about six times, although I was never aware of his identity. On one occasion I picked them up at Goulet Grill at 2130 Monroe Street, but ordinarily I picked them up at the Peacock Inn, but I don't recall that I ever got to know his name. At that time Greenwald and I were the night drivers, and Harry Francis was the day driver. When I first went to work for Greenwald, he told me that he had hauled Karpis and Campbell before I went to work for him, and he also told me that the money he made off of them driving them around kept him in business, and he told me that they often paid him ten and twenty dollar tips. The only place I recall that Greenwald told me he hauled Karpis and Campbell and to and from Bert and Ted Angus' Casino Club, at Point Place, and as he expressed it, their tens and twenties were God-sends. The only place I knew where Greenwald would find out their identities, would be from Bert and Ted Angus, because Greenwald and the Angus brothers were very close, and they had the reputation of knowing all the criminals who came into Toledo, Ohio.

"However, I do not believe that Greenwald knew that I had driven Campbell on these occasions, as I imagine that he would have told me of his identity. Whenever I hauled Campbell, I told Greenwald that this party had given me a one or two dollar tip, and that I wanted his trip if he called again, but Greenwald never appeared to know whom I meant, or at least I never told him, or had he told me.

"As I have previously stated, I have hauled Campbell and his woman companion five or six times, and I usually picked them up at the Peacock Inn, and with one exception I hauled them to the Little Club at Point Place, or the New Casino, operated by Bert and Ted Angus. On one occasion I hauled Campbell to the wrestling matches at the Toledo Auditorium, but I never recall having driven them to Campbell's home at 2132 $\frac{1}{2}$  Monroe Street, or to Ed McGraw's call house at 2011 $\frac{1}{2}$  Adams Street, Toledo, Ohio.

"I further recall that if I hauled Campbell to the Little Club, I would always get a call to pick him up later in the evening and haul him to the New Casino Club or viceversa.

"I don't recall that Charlie Haymaker was present at the Little Club on the occasions I hauled Campbell to that place or picked him up, but I do remember that every time I hauled him, or picked him up at the New Casino Club, Bert and Ted Angus would be present. Campbell would always buy me a bottle of beer on every trip, and I would always stand at the bar of the Little Club and the New Casino Club, and drink the beer, but never drank with him.

"I might explain that on my trips to the New Casino Club or to the Little Club, I never knew the identity of my customer before hand. When I would arrive at the New Casino Club I would go to Bert or Ted Angus, or to the door-man, and ask them who called 'Greenie', and they would then send a waiter to notify Campbell when I arrived. The waiters would always return and tell me that my load was buying me a drink and I would always drink beer. I might state that Ted Angus was usually at the door at the Casino Club, as they did not have a door man, otherwise each waiter had to take his turn at this job. The only waiters I knew were Jack Smith, known as Cum Cum and Eddie Boyle.

"The same practice occurred at the Little Club, and I would ask Charlie Haymaker, or Jimmy Kaples, or Dick and Quinn, the waiters, who my load was, and Campbell would always buy me a drink at the bar. I have been shown photographs of Alvin Karpis, and other members of the Barker-Karpis gang, but I fail to recognize their photographs as the likenesses of any persons I have previously known.

"Mary Winseman, also known as Mary Nelson, my wife, is now the housekeeper for Helen Marks, alias Helen O'Neill, in a house of prostitution at 627 Ontario Street, Toledo, Ohio. Prior to this employment my wife worked for Bill and Rose Kozman at the same address. She also has worked for Mother H. Fleming, and for Maxine Belmont at the Shelby Hotel on Summit Street in 1927 and 1928.

"In 1931 my wife and I wanted to open a house of prostitution at 328 Nebraska Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. Ted Angus was the collector for the administration at that time. Addison Q. Thacher, and I believe that Louis Haas was the chief of police then.

"Before we opened our house of prostitution, we went out to Ted Angus at the Old Casino Club at Point Place and explained to him that I was starting in, and that I didn't have the means to pay off. Ted Angus wanted to know where I was going to open up, so he said it was all right for me



to open up, and to come back and see him after thirty days, and if I had the money he knew I would take care of him. At the end of the thirty days, the business wasn't there, so I called Ted Angus up on the phone that I was vacating, so I never paid him any money for protection.

"From my own knowledge and from my own wife had told me, I knew that Harry Bernstein was the collector for vice and gambling pay offs prior to the time that Ted Angus was collecting, and this was during the Jackson administration, and I recall that I had driven Bernstein to all the houses of prostitution in Toledo every two weeks and every thirty days for collections. When I was working for Greenwald at that time, Sadie Pann was collector prior to Bernstein, but she left Toledo some time after that, and just recently returned.

"Maxine Belmont followed Ted Angus as collector for the Klotz administration and is still the collector today, although since Ray Allen has become chief of police, she has lost her power and now only collects from a few select houses. I don't know who she pays off to, but I suppose it is the vice squad.

"My wife informs me that at the present time, most of the houses do not pay off to a collector, but that the individual members of the vice squad (sergeants and patrolman on the beats) collect their own five and ten dollars a week personally.

"I might further state that I learned from my wife at the time that Agents of the U. S. Department of Justice were raiding various houses of prostitution in Toledo, my wife told me that various sergeants and patrolmen of the Toledo Police Department who had already collected, that they had all come in and kicked it back. At that time Sergeant Bernhagen, and Patrolman Brown formerly of the hoodlum squad, under Captain George Timiney, even though they were assigned to other beats, were collecting from Rose Kozman, for whom my wife worked, in addition to the regular sergeant and patrolman on the beat.

"I have read the foregoing statement consisting of four typewritten pages and the facts that I have given are the truth to the best of my knowledge and recollection. I have signed each page after reading same.

/s/ EDWARD WINSEMAN

WITNESSES:

A. J. Norstrom  
A. Dickstein, Special Agents,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1448 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio."

With reference to the above statement Winseman explained that Greenwald had apparently driven Campbell as many times as he, in that they were the only two night drivers at the time. However, he informed that Greenwald had always instructed his drivers to "see nothing and know nothing", and for this reason he never discussed his fares, or as to their identities, only to comment that he had a good "greaser" again. As he recalled during this time, Campbell was by far his best customer, in view of the lavish tips that he gave. However, he related that Greenwald never intimated to him that he had driven this party or his woman companion, whom it is assumed was Gertrude Billeter Miller.

He further related that Greenwald trusted him to the extent that he would not violate a confidence, and for this reason when discussing business conditions, at the time he began working for Greenwald in June 1935, Greenwald told him that he had driven Karpis and Campbell on numerous occasions, and although he did not state the exact time he intimated that it was shortly before he, Winseman, went to work for Greenwald. He further related that Greenwald was well aware of the identity of Karpis and Campbell, and that they were fugitives, but that he had to depend upon the lavish tips that they gave him to keep in business. Winseman was vague and evasive when questioned as to specific details on this point, and declined to elaborate on his statements. He further stated that without a doubt, Bert and Ted Angus knew the true identities of Karpis and Campbell, but could furnish no basis for such statements.

Winseman further informed that he never knew Campbell by the name of Bob Miller, or any other name, and although Campbell was very generous in his tips, and bought him drinks every time he drove him to the New Casino or Little Club, he never made it a point to learn his name, and he explained the reason for this being that when a patron of the Private Cab Company tipped lavishly, he assumed that they were not legitimate business men, and the less he learned of their identities, and the fewer questions he asked, the longer they would continue their patronage. He further explained that Campbell was not a friendly individual, and therefore he avoided talking to him unless absolutely necessary.

Winseman insisted that Charles Haymaker, or other employees of the Little Club at Point Place, did not appear to know Campbell's identity, although he informed that he picked up Campbell at his place after the other guests had departed, which was after closing house. He never recalled seeing Haymaker talking to Campbell.

With reference to the Casino Club at Point Place at the time the Angus brothers operated there, Winseman informed that when he first began to drive for Greenwald in 1927, the basement of the club was used as a meeting place for all the hoodlums of Toledo, although he could not recall their identities, but on several occasions he recalled seeing Captain George Timiney in the club basement. He further stated that Timiney used the Casino Club as a hangout, and on numerous occasions he had driven Maxine Belmont and Harry Bernstein to the Casino Club where they had met Timiney, and although he believed that these meetings were for pay off purposes, he never actually saw money being passed between them. Winseman informed that he had no special liking for Timiney, in that on a party with Edith Marks, and Ruth LaBeau, Mrs. Marks' sister, Timiney had publicly snubbed him. Although he never actually saw protection money given to Timiney, he stated up until recently, it was no secret among the underworld that Timiney always received a "cut" of all protection money paid. However, since Captain Clarence Fauble has become head of the vice and gambling squad, he believed that the centralized pay off system had collapsed, with the exception of Maxine Belmont's circle of madams, and in this connection each officer collects his own protection money.

As a matter of interest he related that Maxine Belmont has been effected by the present investigation being conducted by the Government, to the extent that she is drinking heavily, and she is under the impression that everyone she talks to, and who is not known to her, is a Government Agent delving into her affairs.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on October 7, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, September 5, 1936, wherein it is stated that Frank Greenwald's paramour, Anna Smith, also known as Anna Pierce, had formerly been a check room girl at the Casino Club at Point Place, which was operated by Ted and Bert Angus. Anna Smith was located by Agents at the Algeo Grill, Hotel Algeo, Toledo, Ohio, and she was requested to appear at the temporary offices, 513 Edison Building, where the following signed statement was obtained from her, the original of which is being retained in the Cleveland office file:

"513 Edison Building  
"Toledo, Ohio,  
"October 7, 1936.

"I, ANNA SMITH, also known by the name of Anna Pierce, do hereby furnish the following signed statement to A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein, knowing them to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, of my own free will, without threats or any promises of reward made to me. I give this statement for the purpose of telling all I know about this matter.

"My true name is Anna Smith, although I am known as Anna Pierce. I am 38 years of age, and I was born at Cleveland, Ohio on December 9, 1898. My parents, Mr. & Mrs. George F. Smith reside at 1459 Oak Street, Toledo, Ohio, and I have two brothers, William and George Smith, Jr., and one sister Veronica Smith. I have resided in Toledo, Ohio, since I was 7 years of age. When I was 22 years of age, I was married to Albert Sharboneau, but have been widowed 13 years.

"I have known Frank P. Greenwald since 1918, at which time I was telephone operator at the Waldorf Hotel, Toledo. My husband died in October 1923, and I went to work for Greenwald in 1924, at the Private Cab Company as a bookkeeper. He had offices at 323 Jackson Street, and in 1930 he moved to 520 Cherry Street, Toledo, Ohio. I left Greenwald's employ in 1930, and then went to work for Jack Kennedy (who was later killed by the Picovoli gangsters) at the Studio Club and later changed to the Blackhawk Cafe in Toledo, Ohio, as a waitress first, and later took over the check room. Shortly before

Kennedy's death, I went to work for the Crescent Club, which was operated by Abe Siegal and Charlie Haymaker. It is now known as the New Casino Club, operated by Bert and Ted Angus. I worked there as a waitress until the place closed in 1933. I then went to the Tropic Club on Jackson Street, operated by Harold Winters, and after working there for a period of 4 months, I then went to the Navarre Club, operated by Torrance Melrose, at St. Clair and Jackson Streets, Toledo, Ohio, working there until about June 1, 1934.

"About November 24 or 25, 1934, I was employed by the Casino Club on Summit Street at Point Place by Bert and Ted Angus, and I remained there until Angus moved from there to the New Casino at Lint Avenue, Toledo, in April 1935. I was employed as a hat check girl there. I didn't work all summer until November of 1935, at which time I went to work for the Algeo Hotel, where I am presently employed as a waitress in the Algeo Grill Cafe.

"About July 1, 1934 I went to Long Lake at Ionia, Michigan, and stayed there until November of 1934 at which time I went to work for Ted Angus.

"I have been shown photographs of Russell Gibson, alias Slim Gray, and Willie Harrison, Hammond, Indiana Police Department number 1829. However, these photographs are not good likenesses of the individuals I knew as 'Slim' and 'Sailor Willie', although they are undoubtedly the same men.

"When I was employed at the club at 513 $\frac{1}{2}$  St. Clair Street, Toledo, Ohio by Jack Kennedy, Willie and Slim were good customers of the place. This was in pre-repeal days, and admission to the club was only by card, and it was my duty to inspect all cards presented by the patrons. Jackie Kennedy brought Slim and Willie to the club the first time they came there. Slim was a vicious acting person and drank a great deal. The majority of the time he spent at the bar alone, but Willie was always accompanied by a crowd. On one occasion Charlie Kennedy, who ran a cigar store on Jackson and St. Clair Streets, got into an argument at the club, and Slim pulled a pistol. Jackie Kennedy pushed Slim and the gun discharged, the bullet striking Slim in the leg and wounding him. I was standing 6 feet away from Slim at the time and I remember the incident clearly. Slim slept at the club indefinitely until his leg was well, then left and I never saw him again.

"Willie Harrison was there continuously until after the repeal of prohibition, and Jackie Kennedy and he appeared to be very good friends. He was well known to Ulessa Bopard, alias Nig Bopard, who was Kennedy's partner and is still in Toledo, Ohio, as well as Kennedy's various bartenders Rich Casmere, Eppie, and Whitey Wasserman all of them still living in Toledo, Ohio.

"In November of 1934, as I have stated, Ted Angus employed me as check room attendant at the Casino Club at Point Place. My hours were from 8:00 P. M. to 5 or 6 A. M. Angus had no check room prior to the time that I was employed, but business picked up at that time, and found it necessary to open up one.

"I have been shown photographs of all members of the Barker-Karpis gang, but I fail to recognize any of them as likenesses of persons I saw around the Casino Club, or any other place, at that time. Beside myself at that time, Angus employed Jack Smith, a waiter; 'Babe', a bartender, now dead; a cook known as 'Red' and the two Anguses. The entertainers were two colored women, the two Nellies, on the night shift, and during the day, an individual known to me as 'Coolie', who was the bartender for Anguses. During the time that I was employed at the Casino Club, Captain George Timiney and Mrs. Edith Marks visited the place several times, and I noticed that Timiney was friendly with the Anguses, often drinking together with them at a table. However, I never recall Timiney being there with the Anguses, often squad paid nightly visits to the place.

"Joe Roscoe owns the building known as the Casino Club, and he was out there several times by himself, but he would always stand at the bar and talk. Rene and Thelma Holst spent a great deal of time there, and Madeline and Ruth Angus assisted in the check room.

"I recall the incident of the escape of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell from Atlantic City, N. J., and I am told that this occurred about January 22, 1935. I was working at the Casino Club at that time, and recall having read of the incident in the Toledo newspapers. My first knowledge that Frank P. Greenwald had any part in this incident came to me after he was questioned by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in September, 1936. The same night that he was questioned, Greenwald came to my apartment at 2105 Warren Street, Toledo, in a very sick condition and told me that he had been questioned, and that he had admitted that he had hauled members of the Barker-Karpis gang, and that he was driving them even though knowing their identities. I was keeping company with Greenwald at the time of this escape, but he never told me, or gave me any intimation that he had anything to do with this matter. I might state that Greenwald was living home at the time of this occurrence, and he did not begin to live at my home until July of 1936.

"The night of the questioning he told me that following the break of Karpis and Campbell at Atlantic City, N. J., that he had hauled the guys that escaped from the law at Atlantic City, N. J., in January 1935, and that he picked them up at Ash and Summit Street, the day following their escape, but he did not tell me where he hauled them to. He told me that he had

hauled the gang before that time, but never knew their identities, but that he also hauled them after that time and knew who they were, and that they were Karpis and Campbell. I asked him why he didn't report the presence of these fellows in town, and he said who the hell could he tell it to; that there was no one around town he could tell it to.

"Greenwald further stated that he had hauled Karpis and Campbell to a lot of places since their escape from Atlantic City, N. J., but had mostly hauled them from Goulet's Grill. He further stated that if Angus were responsible for bringing people like that around to jeopardize other people's lives, they ought to be shot. He never told me that the Angus brothers knew who this mob was, however.

"I might state that I was working at the Casino Club at the time of the escape at Atlantic City, N. J., but I did not know of the presence of any fugitives at the Casino Club during that period, or anything about the place that would appear suspicious at that time.

"I have been shown a photograph of Sam Coker, and although I have been on a party on one occasion at Johnny Thomas', known as the Market Business Men's Club, located at 216<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Superior Street, Toledo, Ohio, with this individual, the photograph shown to me is a very poor likeness, although the profile view is more familiar. I have also been shown a photograph of Harry Campbell, but state positively that I have never seen this individual.

"One night last winter Greenwald and myself went up to Johnny Thomas' together and Edith Barry and her companion, Coker, were drinking and playing the quarter slot machine. I do not remember what name Coker used at that time, although I did not know his true identity. The four of us spent the evening at Thomas', and although Johnny Thomas spoke to us occasionally, he did not join the party. Edith's companion played the quarter slot machine, and bought drinks all night, and every one got pretty drunk. We then rode over to Edith Barry's place at 524 Southard Street, intending to drink, but when we got there we decided we had drunk enough, so went home. To my knowledge, this was the only time I ever seen Coker.

"I have read the foregoing statement consisting of four (4) typewritten pages, and the same is true to the best of my knowledge and recollection. I have signed each page after reading the same.

/s/ MRS. ANNA SMITH

WITNESSES

A. J. Norstrom  
A. Dickstein, Special Agents,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1448 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio."

Anna Smith was vigorously questioned as to her statement that Greenwald did not advise her, until after he had been questioned by Bureau Agents, that he had driven Karpis and Campbell following their escape from Atlantic City, New Jersey, in January 1935, or that he knew their identities thereafter, but she maintained that her first knowledge of the incident in question, was as set forth in her statement.

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By inquiry at the newspaper offices of the Toledo Morning Times, The Toledo Blade, The Toledo News-Bee, it was ascertained by Special Agent R. A. Guerin that the respective individuals listed herein can identify and produce the desired and necessary papers:

The Toledo Morning Times:

Managing Editor -  
Librarian -

Harold H. Hartley  
Mrs. Charlotte Urd

The Toledo Blade:

Managing Editor -  
Librarian -

Charles R. Corbin  
Miss Helen Lee

The Toledo News-Bee

Managing Editor -  
Librarian -

Paul Evenstad  
Miss Ardeth White

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The Toledo Times was reviewed for the following months by Special Agent R. A. Guerin, and the following pertinent articles were observed:

April 1, 1935  
page 8, col. 4

Milan, Mich. A.P. The gangster girl friends of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell arrived at Milan, Mich. to begin serving sentence of 5 years. Wynona Burdette and Dolores Delaney, erstwhile companions of the fugitives, passed their first Sabbath in the prison community which includes many other gangsters' "molls."

April 16, 1935  
page 2, col. 2

St. Paul, Minn. AP Bremer list reduced to ten as Byron Bolton pleaded guilty. Bruno Austin indicted for conspiracy in this case, brought to St. Paul from Chicago, but was not arraigned. List of defendants shown, including Doc Barker, Harold Alderton, Elmer Farmer, and Jess Doyle.

April 17, 1935  
page 2, cols 5 & 6

St. Paul, Minn. AP Bremer publicly related today his own account of the kidnaping. Doc Barker and Alvin Karpis accused by the government of engineering the snatch.

April 20, 1935  
page 2, col 5

St. Paul, Minn. AP Picture of Boss McLaughlin and Edna Murray leaving building in St. Paul. Karpis linked to kidnaping. Mrs. Florence Humphrey, clerk in department store, identified photograph of Karpis as man to whom she sold three flashlights. Introduced in evidence and identified by various of a long series of witnesses were photographs, besides those of the defendants, of Harry Sawyer, alleged finger man, Harry Campbell, Dr. J. P. Moran, Volney Davis, William Harrison and Alvin Karpis, all still sought to answer kidnap charges.

April 23, 1935  
page 2, col 1

St. Paul, Minn. AP Government finishes fingerprint testimony. Seven accused of passing ransom bills.

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April 26, 1935  
page 7, col 6

St. Paul, Minn. AP Jury shown kidnap bills.  
\$2625 found in possession of William Vidler  
when he was arrested introduced.

July 1935

No articles noted.

August 31, 1935  
page 1, cols 7 & 8

G-Men on Toes. In hunt for Karpis. New York,  
NY. AP A fake alarm sent G-Men to apartment  
building on East 22nd Street where an Oklahoma  
business man surprised. At district office of  
bureau it was stated all tips being followed  
in routine manner, but at present only concen-  
trated search was around Seattle and Karpis'  
known hangouts.

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The Toledo Morning Times was reviewed by Special Agent R. A. Guerin from September 1935 to and including May 7, 1936, with the following articles noted:

September 3, 1935  
page 1, col. 5

St. Paul, Minnesota AP Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver among the 22 persons indicted for the Bremer kidnaping brought by plane to St. Paul after arrest at Allendale, Florida

September 5, 1935  
page 3, col. 7

Pictures of Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver being held in St. Paul County Jail.

October 1, 1935  
page 3, cols 3&4

Chicago, Illinois AP Police sought Midget Fernkes as leader of 7 gunmen who made an unsuccessful attempt to hold up the University State Bank. The possibility that Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy #1 might have been a member of the gang was discussed by police, but D. M. Ladd, Chicago Chief of the Bureau of Investigation said the descriptions given him were not that of Karpis.

November 4, 1935  
page 1, col 3

Kansas City. AP Vivian Chase found shot to death. Reputed to be a former associate of Alvin Karpis, present Public Enemy #1 and the notorious Barker brothers. Mrs. Chase had been a fugitive since October 1932.

November 8, 1935  
page 1, col 3

Garrettsville, Ohio US In wild west fashion, 5 machine gun bandits robbed an Erie train of mail pouches containing \$40,000 in currency

November 27, 1935  
page 1, col. 2

Tulsa, Oklahoma. AP Mrs. Alvin Slayman Karpis has been granted a divorce from Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy #1.

December 1935

No items observed

January 2, 1936  
page 3, cols 6 & 7

Kansas City, Missouri US Karpis trail hot, G-Men believe. Karpis who formerly captained the

Karpis-Barker mob engaged in a gun battle with Kansas City officers yesterday in the heart of the residential district. Outlaw's companion, Homer Fanning, identified his driver as Karpis and said he had met him in Chicago. Ollie Smith, tourist camp attendant, identified picture of Karpis.

January 5, 1936  
page 1, col 5

Kansas City, Missouri AP Thomas J. Higgins, Chief of Kansas City detectives, said he had learned from Homer Fanning that Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy #1, is dodging police with a face remodeled by plastic surgery.

January 18, 1936  
page 1, col. 4

AP Picture of Terese Carmichael, witness at trial of Cassius McDonald, who testified she saw him at home of Alvin Karpis while she was a nurse for Dolores Delaney.

January 25, 1936  
page 1, col. 1

St. Paul, Minnesota AP Harry Sawyer and William Weaver given life sentences for participation in Bremer kidnaping. Cassius McDonald also convicted but sentence deferred until February 1st. Only 3 of conspirators still unaccounted for: Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and Dr. Joseph P. Moran.

February 27, 1936  
page 5, col. 8

Cleveland, Ohio AP Grover Keady held on \$50,000 bond when he was arraigned and pleaded not guilty to participation in the Garrettsville, Ohio, mail train robbery.

March 12, 1936  
page 1, col. 1

Washington, DC AP The Federal Bureau of Investigation asked local police to "hold" all persons arrested with mutilated fingertips. This action was taken in an intensified effort to locate and hunt down Alvin Karpis, branded as Public Enemy #1 and other gangsters.

March 31, 1936  
page 1, col 6

Hot Springs, Arkansas AP G-Men seize 3 in raid; Karpis escapes arrest.  
Topeka, Kansas AP Raid at Hot Springs filed to

capture Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy #1, stated Colonel Wint Smith, altho it is believed he was there prior to the raid.

April 1, 1936  
page 3, col. 3

Washington, DC AP J. Edgar Hoover, Director of The Federal Bureau of Investigation authorized a statement that no arrests were made by federal agents at Hot Springs, Arkansas

April 4, 1936  
page 1, col. 8

Port Clinton, Ohio. John Zetzer released after quiz by United States agents in Cleveland, Ohio.

April 23, 1936  
page 2, col 7

Washington, DC AP Alvin Karpis became a \$5,000 quarry for policemen, gangland informers and crime conscious public: Harry Campbell, who has limped alongside the Public Enemy #1 in his two-year flight from justice was worth \$2,500. Karpis and Campbell are the first public enemies to be rated worth reward money to the federal government since Baby-Face Nelson's death.

April 28, 1936  
page 1, col 3

Cleveland, Ohio US Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy #1, was named in federal warrants, charging him with a \$46,000 mail train robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, and the \$5,000 price on the desperado's head was boosted to \$7,500. Harry Campbell, John Brock, Fred Hunter and a gunman designated as "John Doe" named in warrants with Karpis.

May 2, 1936  
page 1, cols 1 & 2

New Orleans, La. US Headline over columns 3 to 8 show: "Alvin Karpis captured; Hoover leads at scene". Picture of Karpis in column 5. Lengthy article describing capture of Karpis and Fred Hunter without the firing of a shot. Article continued on page 2, column 3, but separate note follows syndicated article.

saying Karpis and gang lived in Toledo in April 1934. Karpis and Campbell were sought in Toledo area following discovery of their stolen automobile in La Salle, Michigan, eighteen miles away.

May 3, 1936  
page 1, cols 6 & 7

St. Paul, Minnesota US J. Edgar Hoover says Karpis folded like a yellow rat. Karpis brought to St. Paul for questioning. Continued on page 8, column 6, Mr. Hoover said there was no betrayal of Karpis and scoffed at reports that a brunette delivered him for the \$5,000. Article states that Karpis' movements were closely checked since the Garrettsville robbery, narrowly missing him in Hot Springs.

May 4, 1936  
page 1, col. 1

St. Paul, Minnesota US Alvin Karpis confessed kidnappings of E. G. Bremer and William Hamm, according to reliable sources but refused to name his accomplices. Article continued on page 3, column 1; describes how Karpis always had a gun at hand in the last two years. Mr. Hoover stated "The case is not closed." Of persons still sought some are those who helped the outlaws find hiding places, including doctors, automobile mechanics and operators of privately-owned planes used by Karpis.

May 4, 1936  
page 1, cols 2 & 3

New York, NY US By Walter Winchell. Describes Mr. Hoover's conversation with Karpis relative to the latter's threat to kill him.

May 5, 1936  
page 2, col. 4

St. Paul, Minnesota AP \$400,000 bail to be asked for Karpis after being subjected to continuous questioning.

May 7, 1936  
page 1, col 1

New Orleans, La. AP Fred Hunter placed in federal prison under \$200,000 bond on a charge of harboring and concealing Karpis.

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May 8, 1936  
page 1, columns 4, 5,  
6, 7, and 8

Headline: "Police, County Officers  
Face Grilling by G-Man." Picture and  
story by Sheriff P. REILLY denying  
any knowledge of Campbell's true  
identity. Summary and arrest of Camp-  
bell outlined in different articles  
which are continued on page 2.

The Toledo News-Bee for the month of July 1935 was reviewed  
by Special Agent N. S. Harzenstein, and the following item of  
interest found:

7-3-35  
page 1, col 1

Headline: "G-Men Search for Karpis in Akron  
Hideout".  
Akron, Ohio. Agents are hunting Karpis  
in Akron, Ohio, where he is believed  
to have reorganized remnants of the  
Licavoli mob of Toledo, the Purple Gang  
of Detroit and members of a Pennsyl-  
vania gang. Karpis was hunted in  
Toledo several months ago after kid-  
naping a Pennsylvania physician and  
bringing him to Wadsworth, near Toledo.

The Toledo News-Bee for the month of August 1935 was review-  
ed by Special Agent N. S. Harzenstein, but no items of interest  
were found.

The Toledo News-Bee was reviewed by Special Agent R. A. Guerin  
for the months of September and October 1935, but no items of interest  
were noted.

The Toledo News-Bee was reviewed by Agent R. A. Guerin from  
November 1, 1935 to May 7, 1936, with the following articles noted:

November 4, 1935  
page 1, col. 5

Kansas City, Missouri UP Vivian Chase,  
sister of Edna Murray, was found shot to  
death. Edna Murray was tried and ac-  
quitted in the kidnaping of Edw. G. Bremer  
of St. Paul.



November 8, 1935  
page 1, col 4

Cleveland, Ohio. Two suspects arrested in connection with holdup of mail train at Garrettsville, Ohio.

December 1935

No articles observed

January 1, 1936  
page 1, col. 7

Kansas City, Missouri UP Homer Fanning who asserted his companion in a gun fight was Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy #1 was unable to lead police to the notorious desperado's hiding place.

February 1936

No article observed

March 30, 1936  
page 1, col. 7

Hot Springs, Arkansas UP G-Men hurled tear gas into a farmhouse in what was believed a search for Alvin Karpis, America's #1 Public Enemy. House reported to have been rented a month ago to Harold Hunter, reputed companion of Karpis.

April 30, 1936  
page 3, col. 1

Port Clinton, Ohio. John Zetzer returned to his home without revealing where or why he had been held.

May 1, 1936  
page 14, col. 3

Tiffin, Ohio. C. F. Funkhauser, filling station operator, told police he identified a photograph of Alvin Karpis as one of two men who visited his station the Sunday previous.

May 2, 1936  
columns 4,5,6,  
7 and 8

Pictures of Karpis and John Zetzer, who admitted flying Karpis to Hot Springs although not knowing his true identity. (Zetzer's article continued on page 2, wherein he describes his conversation with Karpis during the plane ride.) Local article states that it is known the gang assembled in Toledo last November and also in January 1935, after the escape of Karpis

and Campbell from Atlantic City, at which time Sheriff O'Reilly with deputies and police squads made a raid at Point Place, Ohio.

St. Paul, Minnesota. UP Karpis flown to St. Paul. The article describes the capture at New Orleans and the flight of government agents to St. Paul with Karpis. Karpis is last of Barker-Karpis gang, altho his recent associate, Harry Campbell, is still at large. (Continued on page 2, columns 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. It is believed that Clarence Pucheu, automobile salesman, set afloat the rumors that led to the G-Men. The department had reward of \$5,000 on Karpis and offered \$2,500 on Campbell.

May 4, 1936  
page 1, col. 5

Fremont, Ohio. Two former Fremonters, Jack Zimmerman and Don Smith were at the controls of the plane in which J. Edgar Hoover and 9 other G-Men flew Alvin Karpis to St. Paul.

May 4, 1936  
page 2, cols 4 & 5

New York, NY J. Edgar Hoover says politics has replaced Alvin Karpis as Public Enemy #1. He also describes reactions of Karpis after the capture. Picture of Karpis entering the Federal Building at St. Paul on page 2.

May 7, 1936  
page 1, columns 5, 6, 7 and 8

Headline "Hoover seizes Karpis Aid in Toledo". Picture of Campbell, Esther Goulet and front of Campbell's apartment house, in addition to that of a neighbor and the laundry man making a delivery. Long article continued on page 2, columns 2 and 3 outlining in detail the flight of J. Edgar Hoover and subsequent capture of Harry Campbell with the added statement that the information as to his whereabouts was furnished by Karpis.

It mentions the arrest of Sam Coker, minor figure in the gang. There are also stories by Esther Goulet and Mrs. Gerald Rosnaught, a neighbor.

May 8, 1936

Hoover rakes O'Reilly, Allen in reply to Chief. Many articles appear narrating O'Reilly's association with Campbell and his failure to recognize him as a fugitive. Picture of Gertrude Campbell in her apartment after her return from Cleveland.

The Toledo Blade was reviewed by Special Agent R. A. Guerin from March 1, 1936 to May 7, 1936 with the following pertinent articles noted:

March 30, 1936

page 1, col. 1 continued for questioning about gold smuggling ring. On page 2 are pictures of John Zetzer, his wife, Marie Zetzer and his brother, Joseph Zetzer, in addition to pictures of his home and garage.

John Zetzer believed to be in hands of G-Men

March 31, 1936

page 1, cols 2 & 3

Friends believe Zetzer held by G-Men.

April 3, 1936

page 25, cols 3 & 4

Included in article devoted chiefly to absence of John Zetzer from his home is the assertion that G-Men are present in Toledo, but their purpose has not been disclosed. One rumor was that Alvin Karpis, notorious kidnaper, long sought by federal authorities might be in the vicinity.

April 18, 1936

page 1, col. 4

Washington, DC AP J. Edgar Hoover announced the arrest of Charles J. Fitzgerald, Jack Pfeiffer and Edward C. Bartholmey, Postmaster at Bensenville, Illinois, in connection with the kidnaping of William A. Hamm, Jr. Also involved among others is Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy #1, still at large. The actual perpetrators were named by Mr. Hoover to be Alvin Karpis, Art and Fred Barker, Fred Goetz, Fitzgerald and Byron Bolton.

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May 2, 1936  
page 1, col. 8

St. Paul, Minnesota AP Karpis captured by U. S. Agents and brought to St. Paul by plane, accompanied by J. Edgar Hoover and 8 agents. Karpis will be confined in the county jail pending trial on the kidnaping charges.

May 2, 1936  
page 1, cols. 5 & 6

Mystery of John Zetzer's disappearance solved by capture of Alvin Karpis. Zetzer explains his flight to Hot Springs with Karpis but claims he did not know his true identity until shown pictures of him by G-Men. (Continued on page 8, column 3, with picture of Zetzer.) Zetzer denied taking Karpis and Harry Campbell to Middle Island in Lake Erie. Article describes background of case with note that Karpis and Campbell fled to Toledo after escape in Atlantic City.

May 4, 1936  
page 1, cols. 2 & 3

St. Paul, Minnesota. Karpis being questioned. He is to be arraigned on four kidnaping and conspiracy counts in the abduction of Hamm and Bremer. Article contained on page 4, column 3. New York, NY AP J. Edgar Hoover says cooperation of police with his men in some middle western communities is "rotten."

May 5, 1936  
page 1, col. 7

St. Paul, Minnesota AP Questioning of Alvin Karpis resumed. District Attorney G. F. Sullivan said he would ask that bail be set at \$400,000.

May 6, 1936  
page 1, col. 5

New Orleans, La. AP Fred Hunter, associate of Alvin Karpis arraigned on charge of harboring Karpis and held under bond of \$200,000

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May 7, 1936  
page 1

Pictures of Harry Campbell, Mrs. Genevieve Fosnaught, neighbor, and house at 2132 Monroe Street. Lengthy article in columns 7 and 8 describing arrival of plane, capture of Campbell and Coker without a shot being fired and the immediate departure of plane to Cleveland where Coker and Mrs. Campbell were taken off, Campbell himself being taken to St. Paul. Wife to be released. Continued on page 3, columns 2 and 3. Details of the history of the case with mention of Karpis' and Campbell's previous residences and visits to Toledo. J. Edgar Hoover says no reward will be paid as the capture was the result of work on the part of the G-Men.

page 2

Picture of laundry man making delivery at Campbell apartment

page 3

Pictures of back porch of 2132 Monroe Street, Toledo, and of J. Edgar Hoover.

page 1

Interview with Mrs. Fosnaught by reporter set out explaining her reaction as a neighbor to Campbell.

page 3, col. 8

Article states Campbell is a native of Pennsylvania. Article above states Chief of Police Allen convince none of his men knew of Campbell's presence in Toledo. He has not been officially informed as to the raid.

May 8, 1936  
pages 1 and 3

Numerous articles with reference to O'Reilly's connection with Campbell with editorial on front page, saying O'Reilly must go as he has showed himself unfit. O'Reilly says he will not resign.

page 3

Mrs. Campbell returned to her home at 2132 Monroe Street.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on October 2, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 8-22-36, wherein is set out the names of various employees of the 42nd Street Cafe, located at 841 Broadway, Toledo, Ohio, in 1934, including that of "Baldy" Wetzel, entertainer.

Wetzel was located at his home, 2580 Broadway, Toledo, Ohio, and he accompanied agents to the temporary office at 513 Edison Building, where he made the following signed statement, the original of which is contained in the Cleveland office files in this case.

"Toledo, Ohio,  
October 2, 1936

"I, Charles Carl Wetzel, age 45 years, make the following signed statement to Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, of my own free will, without threats or promises of reward. I wish to tell the truth of all that I know regarding this matter.

"I am married to Evelyn Wetzel, residing at 2580 Broadway, Toledo, Ohio, and have an adopted son, Tom, age 22, who is employed by the High Speed Gas Service, at Sylvania and Douglas Streets, Toledo, Ohio.

"I am a musician by profession, and prior to coming to Toledo, Ohio, I was employed at the Military Chop House at Port Huron, Michigan. I arrived in Toledo on the Sunday after Thanksgiving Day in 1933, and I obtained immediate employment at the 42nd Street Cafe, located at 841 Broadway, operated by John Broadway. I have been employed continuously from the time of my arrival in Toledo to this present day, with the exception of six weeks, at which time I was employed with the Blatz Brewery at Toledo, Ohio.

"I have been shown photographs of members of the Barker-Karpis gang, and after carefully reviewing them, with one exception, I failed to identify any of these photographs as likenesses of persons I have previously known or seen. However, the photograph of Harry

Campbell which has been shown to me and has been marked for identification, is the likeness of an individual whom I have seen at the 42nd Street Cafe, but I merely remember having seen this man at the place and I do not recall the circumstances under which I have observed him or the persons with whom he was with nor the date or dates of his visits to the 42nd Street Cafe.

"I might explain that I am continuously employed from 9 pm to 2:30 am as a piano player, and my duties are such that I have very little opportunity to observe the patrons of the cafe who frequent the bar-room of the main dance room. If this individual had been a steady patron of this cafe, I would probably better had recalled the circumstances under which I had seen him.

"Although I am acquainted with Bert and Ted Angus casually as a result of my patronage at the Casino Club, Point Place, Ohio, at infrequent intervals since 1934, I have never been employed by either of these individuals. In fact, I never visited the Casino Club unless I was "tight", and I do not recall the identity of any of the guests at that place.

"I wish to further state that although acquainted with Joe Roscoe, I have never been on Middle Island, on Lake Erie, but located in Canadian waters. Prior to a year ago Joe Roscoe visited the 42nd Street Cafe at least three or four nights a week, but in recent months he rarely comes around. Captain George Timiney, while living with Edith Marks, on 2650 Broadway occasionally dropped in the 42nd Street Cafe for a drink and with him was Chris Brennan, another city detective. Neither Timiney or Brennan had been at the 42nd Street Cafe for the past five months.

"Although I am acquainted with Sheriff James O'Reilly, I have never seen him at the 42nd Street Cafe.

"I have read the foregoing statement consisting of two typewritten pages, and the same is the truth to the best of my knowledge and recollection. I have read this statement before signing this.

/s/ "Chas. Carl Wetzel"

Witnessed by: A. J. Norstrom,  
A. Dickstein,  
Special Agents, Federal Bureau  
of Investigation, U. S. Department  
of Justice, 1448 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Wetzel advised agents that the present employees of the 42nd Street Cafe have been employed at that place since 1934, and in addition to those named above, there is a waitress, Millie, last name unknown, who has also been employed at the cafe since 1935.

He further stated that the only former employees he could name were:

Harry Welles, now at the Boody Bar, and

Dorothy Vanderburg, now married, of Segar Avenue, Toledo



The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on October 2 and 3, 1936:

Reference is being made to the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran dated 8-22-36 at Cleveland, Ohio, wherein in an interview with Harry Wells, a former bartender at the 42nd Street Cafe, Wells informed that two waitresses, Ruth and Ethel, were employed at the 42nd Street Cafe, while he was employed there; that the last name of Ruth being possibly McNally. Agents located Mrs. Ruth Florence McNally at her home, 942 Venton Street, Toledo, Ohio. At that time she informed that Ethel's full name was Mrs. Ethel Julert and that she resided at 218 Marion Street, Toledo, Ohio. Upon agent's suggestion Mrs. McNally and Mrs. Julert appeared at the temporary offices, 513 Edison Building, for an interview on October 3, 1936.

Mrs. Julert informed that she was married to Milton Julert, a baggage clerk for the NYC Railway and that she has been continuously employed at the 42nd Street Cafe since November 1934. She was shown photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang, and after examining them advised that the photograph of Harry Campbell looked familiar, but that she was unable to associate the same with any particular time or place.

She stated that only two waitresses were employed at the 42nd Street Cafe during the evenings, despite the heavy volume of business; that unless a customer was a frequent visitor to the place, she would be unable to recall him, inasmuch as her duties kept her too busily occupied to pay any particular attention while serving them. She further stated that she knew the names and faces of very few customers at the Cafe, in that most of the patrons were of an undesirable class, and she had no desire to make the acquaintance of any of the patrons visiting at the cafe.

She further stated that she knew Joe Roscoe only by sight and had never been introduced to him. He came into the cafe at very infrequent intervals, and when he did come he was with his wife or alone, never drank and was exceedingly quiet and not very talkative. She stated that she knew Ganey Roscoe only

slightly and knew nothing whatsoever about the Roscoe's; also informed that she recalls having seen Sheriff O'Reilly at the 42nd Street Cafe on one occasion, but that she would not know him if she saw him in the street. She further advised that she knows Captain George Timiney only slightly but that he came into the cafe with Art Langendorf.

She informed that Mrs. Louise Hubbard, a cook at the 42nd Street Cafe and who lives about the Crystal Lunch at 1615 Broadway would know more about the activities at the 42nd Street Cafe, in that Mrs. Hubbard was a "busy body" and knew every one else's affairs, and she would, no doubt, tell everything she knew truthfully.

In addition to employees named by Wells, she stated that Mildred Fickel has been employed at the Cafe for the past year, but did not know where she resided other than somewhere on Broadway in Toledo. She related that Ethel Collins is a relief cook for Mrs. Hubbard, but that she has only been employed since May 1936.

Mrs. Ruth Florence McAnally, another waitress, when interviewed after Mrs. Julert, likewise, failed to identify photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang, as persons known to her, or as frequenters of the 42nd Street Cafe. She could add nothing to that information already furnished by Mrs. Julert. She informed that she has been employed since August 1934. Both women have advised that they are originally from Tennessee and have lived in Toledo, Ohio, for the past ten years.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on October 5, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran dated 8-29-36 at Cleveland, Ohio, wherein it was indicated that Gertrude Billeter Miller, prior to her employment by Fred Goulet, resided with Harold and Katherine Kruger at 829 Miller Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. Agents located Mrs. Katherine Kruger at 743½ Vance Street, Toledo, Ohio, where she and her husband, Harold Kruger, have resided since April 15, 1936. Mrs. Kruger informed that Gertrude Billeter had boarded at her home for a period of about a year, shortly prior to the time that Billeter obtained employment from Goulet. Mrs. Kruger stated that her husband had known Gertrude Billeter for a number of years, having been a boyhood companion of Heinie Billeter, Gertrude's brother.

At the time Goulet employed Gertrude she left a board bill at Krugers' place, and Mrs. Kruger did not see her again until after her marriage to Miller, when she met her in a downtown department store, at which time Gertrude informed her that she was married to a Bob Miller and had been living with Bob's brother on Adams Street, but at that time had her own apartment on Monroe Street.

Mrs. Kruger further stated that about a month prior to Campbell's apprehension she visited Gertrude at her apartment at 2132½ Monroe Street, at which place she met Gertrude's husband, Bob Miller, for the first time. She identified the photograph of Harry Campbell as that of Miller, and a photograph of Sam Coker as that of Tommy, whom she met in the apartment later that day. At the time of her arrival Campbell was shaving, and she expressed surprise to Gertrude Miller that her husband was not working. Gertrude at that time told me that Miller was a contractor and did not work in the winter time.

Shortly after her arrival at the apartment Sam Coker made his appearance at the apartment and was introduced to Mrs. Kruger as "Tommy". She further related that after an hour's conversation during which time nothing was mentioned as to Campbell or Coker's occupation or activities, she prepared to leave and Campbell then asked her to join them in a drink at the Goulet Grill, which invitation she accepted. After finishing the drink Campbell, Coker, and Gertie drove her home in Campbell's Ford automobile.

A week or so later Mrs. Kruger said she moved from 829 Miller Avenue to her present address, at which time she wrote Gertie inviting her and Campbell to come over for a visit. She then stated that she heard nothing further from Gertie, but shortly after the apprehension of Campbell, she and her husband met Gertie and her brother, Heinie Billeter, in Richter's Restaurant near her home. Heinie at first refused to let Gertie talk to Mrs. Kruger, but they later managed to have a short conversation, at which time Gertie informed her that she was amazed when she learned of Campbell's true identity. However, during the course of the conversation, Mrs. Kruger asked Gertie if she recalled when they were children they both wanted to be "gunmen's molls" and Gertie replied that she did but had had enough of it and that it made her so nervous all the time. Mrs. Kruger attached some significance to this remark, in that it indicated that from the manner in which she spoke that Gertie was aware of Campbell's true identity. Mrs. Kruger further related that another incident occurred during her conversation with Gertie which she thought to be of importance.

She stated that she asked Gertie if she had received her letter, but Gertie replied that she had destroyed it immediately and remarked that she was glad that she had done so, in that it saved Mrs. Kruger a lot of trouble, and, furthermore, she did not want her to become involved in the matter.

Mrs. Kruger further stated that Gertie had visited her home two weeks prior to the interview, at which time it was indicated that Gertie was drinking heavily and was very much worried over the entire matter. She further informed Mrs. Kruger that the "G-MEN" were watching her constantly and were shadowing her wherever she went. Mrs. Kruger stated that Gertie is presently keeping company with Dale Brown, whom she believes is employed in a grocery store at Monroe and Tenth Streets, Toledo.

Harold Kruger was present at the interview, and he informed that he could not offer any additional information other than what his wife had given, inasmuch as he had never met Campbell.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on October 5, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy dated 10-5-36 at Cleveland, Ohio, wherein it was stated that Louis Kestel of 1220 Jefferson Street, Toledo, Ohio, would be re-interviewed in view of a statement made by Kenneth Francis that Kestel drank beer with Sam Coker at Edward McGraw's call house.

Kestel was located and accompanied agents to the temporary office, 513 Edison Building, and was vigorously questioned as to his associations with the McGraws and Coker, but he could add nothing to the information already obtained from him as will be noted on page 57 of the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran dated 8-15-36 at Cleveland, Ohio. He recalled, however, that on several occasions Harry Campbell, whom he knew as Bob Miller, was accompanied by another man, much larger than Campbell, but that the photograph of Sam Coker, which was exhibited to him, was not the likeness of this individual, nor are the photographs familiar of other members of the Barker-Karpis gang that were exhibited to him.

He stated that he only had a vague recollection, and he never recalled having been introduced to the individual now known to him as Campbell or ever having drunk beer with him. Kestel blamed his lack of powers of observation to his advanced age.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on October 6, 1936 at Toledo, Ohio:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran dated August 29, 1936, at Cleveland, Ohio, wherein on page thirteen, it was stated by Gertrude Billeter Miller that Orville (Slim) Schaffer was frequently in the Goulet Grill, when she and her husband were there, and that Campbell frequently bought drinks for Schaffer.

Agents located Schaffer at his home at 117 - 22nd Street, Toledo, Ohio, and he was requested to appear at 513 Edison Building, the temporary offices, for interview.

When interviewed Schaffer informed that his true name is Orville Glenn Schaffer, and he has been employed for the past two years at the Bakery Equipment Service, 417 Dorr Street, Toledo, Ohio. He related that he travels a great deal for this company, in the capacity of a mechanic, and installs and repairs bakery equipment.

He further advised that he has been married, but is separated from his wife. He informed that he has known Gertrude Billeter Miller for years, she having lived in the same neighborhood where he now resides. He renewed her acquaintance when she was working at the Delmar Lunch at 908 Monroe Street, and through her met the Goulet family at that time.

When the Goulets moved to 2130 Monroe Street, he informed that he continued to patronize their restaurant. He further related that two or three months prior to Campbell's apprehension, Gertrude introduced him to Bob Miller, her husband, whose photograph he identified as Harry Campbell. He related that this occurred at Goulet's Grill, which place he patronizes when in the city.

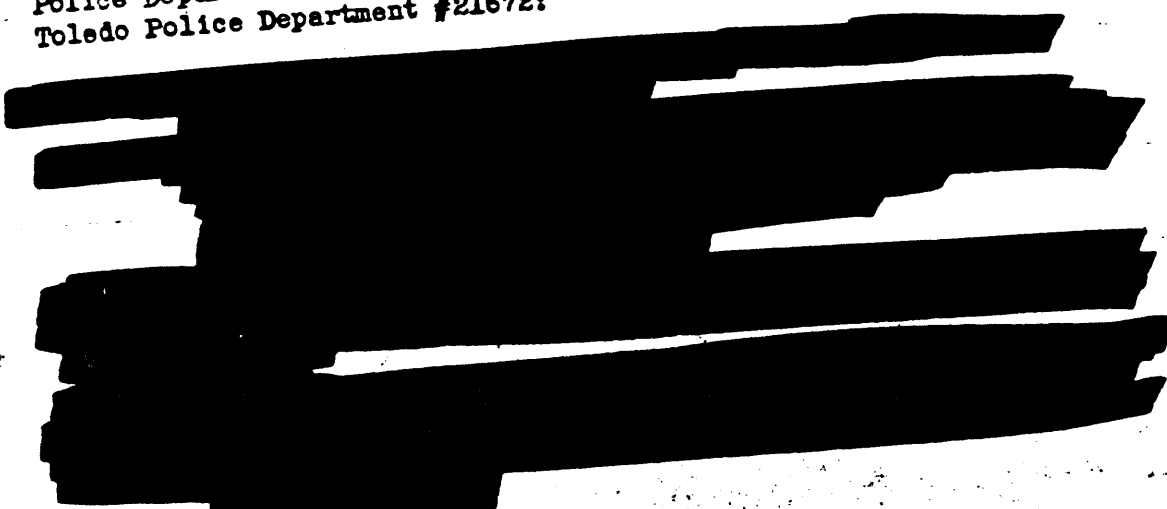
From other sources he learned that Campbell was in the slot machine racket, but that he was not prospering, because on one occasion Campbell asked Schaffer if there was an opening available in his firm, as he, Miller, needed work. He informed that he knew nothing about Campbell's or Gertrude's activities, nor did he ever meet them outside Goulet's Grill. He recalled that only on one occasion did he see Sheriff James O'Reilly at Goulet's Grill, but could not recall if Campbell was present at that time.

Schaffer informed that he drank beer with Campbell on numerous occasions at Goulet's Grill, as Campbell always made a practice of buying drinks for those persons present whom he knew. However, he never became intimately acquainted with him, nor did he ever discuss Campbell's affairs with him, as he could recall.

He stated that he visited Campbell's apartment on only one occasion. This occurred shortly after his first meeting when Esther Goulet informed him that she had an apartment which she could use, this apartment being located over the grill. He stated that he took Esther to this apartment and had sexual intercourse with her, but later learned that it was Campbell's apartment, and that Esther was only taking care of it temporarily for Gertie.

He informed that this was the only time that he had sexual relations with Esther, in that she was known to be of loose morals around the neighborhood, and that he didn't care to have his name linked with hers in gossip.

The following criminal record was obtained from the Toledo Police Department, Identification Unit, for Orville Glenn Schaffer, Toledo Police Department #21672: b7c



The following description of Schaffer was also obtained from the Identification Unit:

Name	Orville Glenn Schaffer, alias "Slim"
Age	34 years (Born Garragher, Ohio)
Height	5'9"
Weight	140 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown, reddish tint
Complexion	Fair
Build	Slender
Scars	Large oblique scar left side forehead
Occupation	Baker
Residence	117 - 22nd Street, Toledo, Ohio.

A photograph of Schaffer was also obtained and is being made a part of the Cleveland office file in this case.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio, on October 6 and 8, 1936:

Reference is made to reports of Special Agent S. K. McKee, Cleveland, Ohio, dated September 1, 1936, page sixteen, and September 22, 1936, pages ten and eighteen; and reports of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Cleveland, Ohio, dated September 12, 1936, page sixty-three, in regard to Bill Harris, in Toledo, who, in the summer of 1934, is alleged to have introduced Karpis, Willie Harrison and Harry Campbell to a man named Charlie Sellers, in Sellers' beer joint opposite the Harvard Club in Cleveland, Ohio.

Agents called at the Dugout on Hill Avenue, Lucas County, Ohio, on October 6, 1936, and made inquiry for Bill Harris. Agents were informed that Bill Harris was working there, but would not be there for work until about 9:00 or 9:30 P. M. After Agents waited about one hour for Harris, and he did not show up at the Dugout, the floor manager, whose name was not taken, was informed Agents would likely call the following day to contact Bill Harris.

On the morning of October 8, 1936, William F. "Bill" Harris called at the temporary office in the Edison Building, Toledo, where he was interviewed in detail concerning this matter, and the following signed statement obtained from him, the original of which is being retained in the files of the Cleveland office:

Toledo, Ohio  
October 8, 1936.

"I, WILLIAM F. HARRIS, make the following free and voluntary statement to H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy, whom I know to be Special Agents, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. This statement is made without any threats or promises being made to me.

"My name is William F. Harris, age 30 years and married. I reside at 1801 Monroe Street, apartment 12, Toledo, Ohio. I was born at Rudolph, Ohio, February 23, 1906. I have resided in Toledo, Ohio, for the past 12 years with the exception of a few days when I was in Cleveland, Ohio, working at the Harvard Club during July, 1934.

"I am now employed by Tom Worland, dealing craps in the Dugout located on Hill Avenue, in Lucas County, Ohio. This place is also known as the Veterans of Foreign Wars Club. I have worked at the Dugout for Tom Worland for the past year

and one-half, with the exception of about a month during last winter when the Dugout was closed. Before working for Worland I was employed operating a crap table for Pearl Barber, colored, at 617 Monroe Street, Toledo, in rear of a place called George Wilson's Barber Shop. I worked at this place about seven years.

"During the time I was working at the Harvard Club in Cleveland, Ohio, in July, 1934, I worked on the crap table as clerk and stick man, and was put to work by Bennie 'Lug' Levine, whom I had met in Toledo. During the time I worked at the Harvard Club I lived at the Gordon Square Hotel, which I believe was located on Detroit Avenue. I know the following men who are gamblers, who worked at the Harvard Club, as well as in places in Toledo:

Arthur 'Red' McCool  
Shampaign  
Ray Mulkey (or McKay)  
'Stubby' Brazil  
'Pollock Whitey' Warner  
Connie Desmond.

Chris Brown  
Al McCabe  
'Shorty' Conway  
'Pretty Charley'  
Frankie Merritt

"I do not know where Frankie Merritt and Connie Desmond are now located. It has been years since I saw Merritt, and over a year since I saw Desmond. I do not know 'Smokey' Sharkey, Rube McNulty, Jerry Gammon and 'Dutch.' Also do not know Dan Gallagher personally, but know him when I see him. I do not know 'Tip' O'Neil. 'Shimmy' Patton and Art Hebebrand were pointed out to me at the Harvard Club, but I never met them. I was told they were the 'big bosses.'

"I have been shown a number of photographs of persons whom I have been told are members of the Barker-Karpis gang. I am unable to identify any of them as likenesses of persons I ever met. I recognize a photograph, side and front views, of a man named Campbell, who was arrested in Toledo in May, 1936, which photograph I recognize as being one similar that appeared in the Toledo News-Bee some time in May, 1936.

"I have never been in a restaurant across the street from the Harvard Club at any time in Cleveland, Ohio. I have been shown photographs of persons I am told are Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and William J. Harrison, alias 'Willie', and I deny that I have ever met these men, and did not introduce them to a man named Sellers in a restaurant across the street from the Harvard Club in Cleveland, Ohio, during the summer of 1934. I

always ate at the lunch room in the Harvard Club while I was working at the Harvard Club. Lug Levine called me at Toledo by telephone from Cleveland, Ohio, on a Sunday and told me he had a job for me, and I went to Cleveland on Monday and worked Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and left Cleveland on Thursday and returned to Toledo. This was the only time I ever worked at the Harvard Club.

"I have not been to the Casino Club on Summit Street for over seven years. About seven years ago it was not called the Casino Club, but it was a restaurant operated by the Broadways, and Tom Worland had a gambling place in the basement. Jimmie Hayes had a gambling place in an adjoining building.

"I do not know Joe Roscoe, but have heard of him many times. I have never been to Middle Island in Lake Erie.

"I am not personally acquainted with George Timiney or Art Langendorf, but know them when I see them. I am not personally acquainted with Sheriff James O'Reilly, but know him when I see him. While I have been working at the Dugout for Tom Worland I saw Sheriff O'Reilly in the Dugout one time, I believe.

"I have read the above statement and same is true and correct to best of my knowledge.

/s/ WILLIAM F. HARRIS

Witnesses:

J. V. Murphy  
H. B. Dill, Special Agents,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1448 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio."

In addition to the above signed statement, William F. Harris stated that, while he has no personal knowledge concerning same, it is his personal opinion that Tom Worland must be making a pay off to Sheriff James O'Reilly to allow gambling to be operated in the Dugout on Hill Avenue, Lucas County; that, while the Sheriff's office raided the Dugout and arrested Tom Worland a short time ago, for operating a crap game, Sheriff O'Reilly was not present on the raid, and as the only money which was confiscated by Deputy Sheriffs at the time of the raid was about \$2.25, it looked to him like the raid was framed to give Sheriff O'Reilly some publicity for political campaign. Harris also stated that while he has no personal knowledge concerning same, it is his opinion that some one or ones are receiving a pay off in the city of Toledo to allow gambling houses and houses of prostitution to operate openly.

Harris stated that he does not know of another "Bill" Harris in the city of Toledo; that he knows "Bill" Erwin, a gambler who is employed at 513 $\frac{1}{2}$  Jefferson Avenue, Toledo, but he does not know if Erwin ever worked at the Harvard Club in Cleveland, Ohio, during the summer of 1934.

The following description of William F. (Bill) Harris, was obtained by observation and interrogation:

Age	-	30 years (born 2/23/06)
Height	-	About 6'1"
Weight	-	About 170 pounds
Build	-	Slender
Hair	-	Dark brown
Eyes	-	Brown
Complexion	-	Sallow (Smooth shaven)
Occupation	-	Crap dealer
Marital Status	-	Married
Residence	-	1801 Monroe St., Apt. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Toledo, O.
Nativity	-	Rudolph, Ohio
Nationality	-	American
Marks & Scars	-	None noticeable
Criminal Record	-	Claims none
Peculiarities	-	Smokes cigarettes; claims took an occasional drink, but at present not drinking.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio, on October 2, 1936:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan, February 25, 1936, page twenty-five, and report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, page one hundred.

Harold St. Aubin was located at his residence 3411 Detroit Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, where he is engaged in box lunch business. He accompanied Agents to the temporary office in Toledo, where he was interviewed in detail and the following signed statement was obtained, the original of which is being retained in the files of the Cleveland office:

"Toledo, Ohio  
"October 2, 1936

"I, HAROLD ST. AUBIN, make the following free and voluntary statement to H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy, who I know to be Special Agents, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, this statement I make without any threats or promises having been made to me. "My name is Harold Frederick St. Aubin, age 37 years and married. I reside with my wife at 3411 Detroit Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. I am in the box lunch business, which I operate at my residence.

"The Burdella Apartments, which is located at corner of Collingwood, Cherry and Boulevard Streets, Toledo, is owned by Peter J. Pool and Charles M. Pool, my father-in-law and brother-in-law, respectively. Prior to 1934 my wife, Mrs. Lillian St. Aubin, started looking after the renting of the apartments in this apartment building. In Spring of 1934, the exact date I do not recall, my wife informed me that Mrs. Bert Angus or her sister called her and inquired if she had a vacant apartment in the Burdella Apartments, as a friend wanted to rent an apartment. My wife said she had a vacancy, and I believe the next day I saw a man, with a woman, in a Chevrolet sedan, drive up in front of my house and this man paid the rent on an apartment to my wife, and gave the name of Morley. At the time I was in my lunch shop in rear of my house, but I could see him when this man drove up in front of my house. I recognized this man as a person I had seen in the Casino Club, which is operated by Bert and Ted Angus, but then I did not know this man's name. Bert Angus and family then had an apartment

in the Burdella Apartments. About a week later when I stopped in at the Casino Club about 4:00 or 5:00 P. M. I saw this same man in the place, and Bert Angus was in the place. Bert Angus introduced this man to me as the Mr. Morley who rented the apartment in the Burdella Apartments.

"I own a gasoline boat called The Minnehaha, which I keep at the Toledo Yacht Club, Bay View Park, near Toledo. When I was down to the Toledo Yacht Club I usually in late afternoon, on my way home, would stop at the Casino Club for a drink of beer, and on many occasions I have seen this man Morley in the Casino Club, one occasion he was with a blonde hair girl about 28 to 30 years old, small build and whom I believe was the same girl who was with Morley when he drove to my home when he rented the apartment. I never saw Morley with anyone else. Morley seemed to be acquainted with Bert and Ted Angus.

"I have been to Middle Island operated by Joe Roscoe, about five different times, but have not been there during the past two years. On one trip to Middle Island I had with me Harry Zahly, Archie Best, Toledo Detective, Harry Steele, Toledo Police Officer, and Art Langendorf, another member of the Toledo Police. Steele, Best and Langendorf were then members of the hoodlum squad of the Toledo Police Department. I have never been to Middle Island with Morley or any one I ever saw with him. I have never been to the apartment which Morley had rented in the Burdella Apartments. I do not recall that I was ever in the Casino Club at a time when Morley was there, and George Timiney or Art Langendorf were there. I usually went there in the late afternoon, after leaving the Toledo Yacht Club.

"I recall on one occasion I was at the Casino Club when Art Langendorf, Carl Peterson and wife, Detective Hartung, partner of Langendorf were there. I believe Rene Holst was in the party, but I do not recall the date of the party. I believe Flo Wolfe was in the party, but I cannot recall the circumstances of how she came to be there. Flo Wolfe and her husband, Bill Wolfe ran a rooming house at 203 - 18th Street, Toledo, and I believe they are still operating that place.

"I recall one occasion which I believe was some time in April, 1934, my wife and I, my brother-in-law Al Moore, and my two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Al Moore and Dorothy Pool, were attending a Notre Dame dance at the Commodore Perry Hotel. I believe that Joe Degnan and wife were also in the party. After the dance all of us drove to the Casino Club for a drink, and arrived there about 1:30 A. M. The place was crowded, and we got a drink and left. Joe Degnan in backing his car,

ran it into a new Chevrolet coach or sedan just behind his car and smashed a headlight or a fender. The owner of the new Chevrolet was a man whom I recognized as the man Morley who later rented an apartment in the Burdella Apartments.

"I have been shown a photograph of a man whom I have been told is Arthur 'Doc' Barker, front and side views, and, while I cannot positively identify same as the man I met as Mr. Morley, as Morley was always well dressed, the side view looks somewhat like him.

"I have been shown a number of photographs of persons whom I have been informed are members of the Barker-Karpis gang, but I am unable to identify any of them as persons I have seen anywhere, with the exception of photographs of three persons whom I have been told are those of Jimmie Wilson, Ollie Berg and Dr. Joseph P. Moran. I do not recall just where I saw these three persons, but believe it was in some of the night clubs in Toledo, and it may be that I saw one or all of them in the Casino Club, but I am not sure about that. I believe these three men were in some place drinking when I saw them, but I never talked with them and never knew who they were.

"I am well acquainted with George Timiney, who is a captain on the Toledo Police Department, having known him for the past 25 years or more. I have seen Timiney, as well as several members of the hoodlum squad of the Toledo Police Department, of which Timiney was then in charge, in the Casino Club on several occasions. This was usually about 4:00 or 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon, and was as many as two or three times a week. On several occasions Timiney would just come into the Casino Club look around and go out, and other times he would stay longer and was there when I left the club. I have seen Timiney at the Casino Club in company with Mrs. Marks, widow of Chet Marks.

"It was generally known and I have often heard it mentioned that Ted Angus was the collector of pay off for vice in Toledo, but have no personal knowledge of this. I am not personally acquainted with any of the landladies of houses of prostitution, and do not know and have never heard that any of the landladies of houses of prostitution came to the Casino Club to see Ted or Bert Angus.

"I am acquainted with Ludy Fleming, having known him since a small boy. He was state prohibition agent in 1934, and was in such a position for about eight or ten years. I believe he resigned in 1935. Ludy Fleming spent a lot of time around the Casino Club in 1934, and before the repeal of the National Prohibition Act. Fleming used to drink a lot

and was about drunk most of the time I saw him. The Casino Club used to bootleg during prohibition days. I have never been over to Middle Island with Fleming. As I recall, the only ones I saw Fleming associating with at the Casino Club were Ted and Bert Angus.

"I am acquainted with Joe Roscoe, who operated Middle Island, in Lake Erie. I have made a couple of trips with Roscoe in his gas boat to Middle Island during 1931.

"I have never had anyone attempt to buy my gasoline boat, and neither Ted nor Bert Angus ever spoke to me about having a purchaser for a gas boat.

"I have read the above statement and same is true and correct to best of my knowledge. This statement consists of this and two other pages.

/s/ HAROLD ST. AUBIN

WITNESSES:

J. V. Murphy  
H. B. Dill, Special Agents,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1448 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio."

Harold St. Aubin appeared to be sincere in his statements to Agents, and it is believed he has furnished all the information he possesses concerning this matter. Flo Wolfe, mentioned by Harold St. Aubin in his statement above quoted, will be interviewed at a later date, for any information she may possess regarding this matter.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio, October 6 and 7, 1936:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent T. W. Bain, Jacksonville, Florida, dated August 3, 1936, setting out interview with Walter Burwick, in which he mentions that Ervin Shimman, former deputy sheriff at Toledo, Ohio, visited the Casino Club on several occasions, accompanied by Ludy Fleming, who was a state prohibition officer.

Ervin H. Shimman was located on October 6, 1936 at the Interlake Iron Company, 2401 Front Street, Toledo, where he is employed as a special police officer. He was requested to come to the temporary office at 513 Edison Building, Toledo, on the morning of October 7, 1936. On the morning of October 7, 1936 Mr. Shimman came to the temporary office, where he was interviewed in detail, and made the following statement, the original of which is being retained in the files of the Cleveland office:

"Toledo, Ohio  
"October 7, 1936.

"I, ERVIN H. SHIMMAN, make the following free and voluntary statement to J. V. Murphy and H. B. Dill, 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 Ervin H. Shimman, I reside at 3433 Summit Street, apartment #1, Toledo, Ohio, and I work as special police for the Interlake Iron Company, Toledo Furnace Branch.

"In 1920 I started to work for the Toledo Police Department as patrolman. In 1926 I was tried and convicted in the Federal court at Toledo, Ohio for violation of the National Prohibition Act. I was working for the Toledo Police Department as motorcycle rider at the time the violation for which I was convicted was committed. I was sentenced to serve six months in the Dayton House of Correction, Dayton, Ohio. I stayed in this institution for five months and then was released.

"About 1929, when Myron Cooper was Governor and Rubert Beethman was Prohibition Commissioner for the state of Ohio, I was employed for the state of Ohio as state prohibition officer. I served in this capacity for about three months, then Dr. Moore, head of the state Anti-Saloon League made a complaint to Rubert Beethman, state prohibition commissioner to the effect that I was a convicted prohibition violator and I

was discharged. During the time I was state prohibition officer my main duties were to locate and raid liquor stills, and during my three months' service, about half of that time was spent in Toledo, Ohio, during which time I was a partner of Ludy Fleming.

"During the time I was state prohibition officer I do not recall that Ludy Fleming ever mentioned the names of Ted and Bert Angus, and at that time neither of these men was known to me. The first time I ever heard of Ted or Bert Angus was after Mayor Addison Q. Thacher went into office as mayor of Toledo, Ohio, during which time it was commonly talked about Toledo that Ted Angus was the 'fix' on vice and other rackets. I am not well acquainted with either of the Angus brothers, however, I have talked to Bert Angus on several occasions about hunting and other sports, while I would be visiting the Casino Club on some afternoon. This was during the summer of 1934. At the time I would visit the Casino Club there were very few people there, and as I recall some of those who were present there were Otto Albright, who lives in Point Place, Ohio, and at that time was in the slot machine business; a fellow who was called 'The Skipper', also a man who I believe was a captain on a private yacht. There was a man there at times who was called 'Coolie', who was working at the Casino Club. During 1934 I was working as a special deputy sheriff, under former Sheriff Dave Krieger, Lucas County, and most of my time was spent on Telegraph Road, inspecting trucks for violations of the rules and regulations of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. I was working on fee basis.

"I have been shown photographs of persons who I am told are those of members of the Barker-Karpis gang, but I am unable to identify any of them as being likenesses of persons whom I know or have seen at any place.

"I am not personally acquainted with Joe Roscoe, but I know him when I see him. He is a gambler, and I believe he has some interest in a gambling place at 631 St. Clair Street, Toledo, Ohio. I have never been over to Middle Island in Lake Erie.

"I have been to Cleveland, Ohio, several times, but have never been to the Harvard Club, and do not know where it is located.

"During my several visits at the Casino Club on Summit Street during 1934 I never saw George Timiney, Art Langendorf or any other police officers in that place.

"I have read the above statement and same is true and correct to best of my knowledge.

WITNESSES

H. B. Dill  
J. V. Murphy, Special Agents,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1448 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

The above statement was read by Ervin H. Shimman and he stated same is true and correct to best of his knowledge but he does not care to sign same.

J. V. Murphy  
H. B. Dill,  
Special Agents."

Mr. Shimman declined to sign the above statement, furnishing as his reason that in 1926 he signed a statement for Department of Justice Agents, regarding the purchase and sale of a case of liquor, and because of such statement he was tried and convicted of violation of the National Prohibition Act, in Federal Court at Toledo, Ohio, and sentenced to serve a term of six months in the Dayton House of Correction, Dayton, Ohio; that, while he does not know it to be a fact, he was informed the statement he signed was altered considerably, and since that time he has made it a rule not to sign his name to anything.

Mr. Shippman stated that he was a member of the Toledo Police Department, assigned to motorcycle duty, at the time of the violation for which he was convicted; that he knew he was going to be convicted and he resigned from the police department before the date of his trial.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio, on October 7, 1936:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated July 31, 1936, in which it is stated that Mr. Arthur Sweeney of the files section of the Bureau, advised that he has a cousin, one Spencer Sweeney, who, during the summer of 1934, drove motor boats at Lakeside, Ohio, and that Spencer Sweeney may have information regarding the members of the Barker-Karpis gang, since he was in that vicinity during the summer of 1934.

Mr. Sweeney was located at his home, 1330 Sylvania Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, where he was interviewed. He stated that about April or May, 1934, he started working for Walter Hayes, at his boat livery, Catawaba, Ohio, working on motor boats and operating motor boats on special trips to various points on Lake Erie. Sweeney stated that he made a number of trips to Middle Island with passengers. He stated that on these trips he recalls that one of his passengers was Joe Roscoe, who was with several other men whom he did not know and did not particularly notice, as they did nothing to attract his attention. He stated he recalls that he has often had Art Langendorf as a passenger to Middle Island; that both Langendorf and Joe Roscoe often took with them fishing equipment, and visited Middle Island to fish.

He stated he does not personally know George Timiney, and does not recall that he ever had Timiney as a passenger in his boat to Middle Island or any other point.

Sweeney stated that during the summer of 1934 he visited at the Bay View Yacht Club, and on several occasions, during the afternoon, he went over to the Casino Club for a drink; that on some of his visits to the Casino Club he saw Bert Angus in the club but did not see anyone in the club do anything out of the ordinary. Photographs of members of the Barker-Karpis gang were exhibited to Spencer Sweeney, and he stated he is unable to identify any of them as persons he has seen at the Casino Club or anywhere else.

Sweeney also stated that he never saw a member of the Toledo Police Department in the Casino Club. He stated he read in the newspaper about a Dr. Moran being killed and dumped into Lake Erie, but thought it was peculiar that he never heard any talk about this around the boat houses or yacht clubs.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio, October 5, 1936:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, dated at Detroit, Michigan, September 25, 1934, wherein it is stated that Detective R. L. Peters, Toledo Police Department, advised Special Agent Hall that his, Peter's, informant, Bennie Weiss, told him that "Nig" Cousins informed him that "sucker" bets he was taking on horse races were from a gang of "hots" from Chicago, who were hanging out at the Casino Club.

Bennie Weiss was located at the R. & K. Cigar Shop, 428 1/2 Superior Street, Toledo. He accompanied Agents to the temporary office in the Edison Building, Toledo, where he was interviewed in detail and the following signed statement obtained from him, the original of which is being retained in the files of the Cleveland office:

"Toledo, Ohio  
"October 5, 1936.

"I, BENNIE WEISS, make the following free and voluntary statement to H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy, who I know are Special Agents, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, without any threats or promises having been made to me. I make this statement because I wish to tell the truth about what I know about the matter.

"My name is Bennie Weiss, age 42 years, born in Austria-Hungary, and of Jewish descent. I now reside at the Ft. Meigs Hotel, Toledo, Ohio. I am now employed at the R. & K. Cigar Shop, which is a horse race book shop and lunch room operated by Harold 'Nig' Cousins. I have been working there since April, 1936. I have been in Toledo since 1918, coming to Toledo from Terre Haute, Indiana. When I first came to Toledo I worked as a bartender. In 1930 I was convicted for violation of the National Prohibition Act at Toledo and was sentenced in Federal Court to serve two years in Federal Reformatory at Chillicothe, Ohio, and after serving 13 months of this sentence I was paroled, and have since received my final discharge, although I have not yet had my civil rights restored.

"When I returned to Toledo, Ohio, after my release from the Federal Reformatory at Chillicothe, Ohio, I went to work for the Davis Jewelry Company, operated then by Julius Davis and Art Davis. I worked at this place for seven or eight months.

"After I returned to Toledo I heard from various sources, but I cannot recall just who told me, that Ted Angus was the collector of pay off on all rackets and vice in Toledo. I have never been friendly with Ted and Bert Angus, and for that reason never visited the Casino Club on Summit Street while it was operated by Ted and Bert Angus. I have known George Timiney for a number of years. It was common knowledge in Toledo that George Timiney visited the Casino Club when Ted and Bert Angus operated that place; that George Timiney was very friendly with Ted and Bert Angus when Ted Angus was the collector of graft in Toledo.

"In the spring of 1934 I recall that Detective Roger Peters of the Toledo Police Department, showed me several photographs of men wanted for kidnaping a man by name of Bremer in St. Paul. I recall that I informed Detective Peters I heard there were some out-of-town gangsters hanging around the Casino Club, but I never saw any of them. I promised Peters that if I saw any of those gangsters I would let him know, and would try and find out what I could for him. I do not recall ever having told Peters anything about 'Nig' Cousins making a remark to me that some of the 'sucker' bets on horses he was taking were from some 'hots' from Chicago who were hanging around the Casino Club. If 'Nig' Cousins had made such a remark to me I believe I would remember it.

"I have been shown a number of photographs of persons who I have been told are members of the Barker-Karpis gang, but, with the exception of one photograph, I cannot identify any of them as being the likenesses of any persons I know or have seen in Toledo or elsewhere. The one photograph of a person, whom I am told is that of Jimmie Wilson, looks familiar to me. I have seen him somewhere in Toledo, but do not recall just where or when. I have often visited the Dutch Village night club and it might be that I have seen Wilson there, or I might have seen him in the R. & K. Smoke Shop, but I am unable to recall just where I saw this person.

"I am acquainted with Art Langendorf, a member of the Toledo Police Department. I see him quite often on the streets, but I have never been on any parties with him.

"I have known Joe Roscoe for some time, but have not seen him for about two years, as I do not frequent the places where Roscoe visits. I have not seen him in the R. & K. Cigar Shop. I have never been to Middle Island in Lake Erie, which I understand is operated by Joe Roscoe.

"I have read the above statement and same is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. This statement consists of this and one other page.

/s/ BENNIE WEISS

WITNESSES:

J. V. Murphy  
H. B. Dill, Special Agents,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1448 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio."

It is noted that at the time Bennie Weiss is alleged to have informed Detective Peters that "Nig" Cousins told him he was taking "sucker" bets from a gang of "hots" out of Chicago, he, Weiss, was not working for Cousins. Bennie Weiss is now working for "Nig" Cousins at the R. & K. Cigar Shop, and it is possible that that is the reason he now denies that he ever made such a statement to Detective Peters.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on October 2, 1936:

A review of the logs on the telephone tap on Edward McGraw, 2011 1/2 Adams Street, Toledo, Ohio, reflects that a telephone call was made from the McGraw telephone to Jack Armstrong at the Identification Unit, Toledo Police Department. In an effort to ascertain Armstrong's connections with the McGraws, agents interviewed Jack Armstrong at his residence, 2631 Stamford, Toledo, Ohio.

He informed that he had been a member of the Toledo Police Department for the past twenty one years, and for the past few years he has been assigned to the record bureau. Although he has known the McGraws for the past fifteen years, he very rarely sees them and that the only visit he paid them in the past five years, was an evening in August 1936, at which time he was drinking beer in Lamb's Grill downstairs, he went up to McGraw's house to say hello. He further related that he only visited the Casino Club at Point Place on one occasion; that time being in 1934, when he and his wife stopped there for a drink and finding that the prices charged were excessive, he left immediately after having one drink.

Armstrong professed to have no knowledge of the activities of Ed McGraw or the Angus' or of general vice and gambling conditions in Toledo, explaining that he has had an inside job for the past fourteen years and, therefore, was not in a position to know what was going on on the outside, and the only knowledge he has concerning the instant investigation was what he read in the daily newspapers.



The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio, October 7, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Cleveland, Ohio, September 19, 1936, wherein on page twenty-four, is quoted a telephone conversation overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd on telephone tap on the business telephone of Ben and Joe Fretti, 514 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio, between Ben Fretti and a man who said his name was Tripp, in which conversation Tripp stated he would meet Ben Fretti at the corner of Monroe and Ontario Streets, Toledo, in four minutes, and which meeting was observed by Special Agents E. J. Dowd and R. A. Guerin, at which time they noted two uniform police officers in an old Overland sedan, bearing 1936 Ohio license plates #3844-C.

At the Lucas County Automobile Registration Bureau, 405 Michigan Street, Toledo, Ohio, it was ascertained that 1936 Ohio license plates #3844-C were issued to William J. Tripp, 3844 Burton Street, Toledo, Ohio, for 1929 Durant sedan, motor #11062; serial #9806.

The Toledo City directory for 1936 has listing as follows: William J. Tripp (Laura G.), City Policeman, home 3844 Burton Street.

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Following investigation conducted by Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio, October 3, 1936:

With reference to the manner in which the Identification Orders issued by this Bureau are handled by the Toledo Police Department, Mr. John H. Louy, in charge of Identification Bureau of the Toledo Police Department, was interviewed. He stated that when Identification Orders, issued by this Bureau, as well as all circulars of persons wanted, are received by the Toledo Police Department they are routed to the Identification Bureau where, if fingerprints are shown on the circulars or Identification Orders, they are classified and the index records searched to see if they have any previous record on the person or persons. If no record is found, then the Identification Order or circular is indexed and then filed in the files of the Identification Bureau. These Identification Orders or circulars are not sent to the Detective Bureau unless there are duplicate copies. If they find a record of the person shown on the Identification Order or Circular, then the Detective Bureau is furnished a copy of the record, for their information.

At the request of agents Mr. Louy pulled his files covering various members of the Karpis-Barker gang, and his file on Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I. O. #1218, shows that a wanted circular, with fingerprints and photograph appearing thereon was received on June 16, 1932, from the sheriff's office at West Plains, Missouri, stating that Alvin Karpis was wanted for the murder of the sheriff at West Plains, Missouri. With the exception of the date received (stamped with rubber stamp), there are no initials of detectives or others, or other notations on the Identification Orders or circulars on Alvin Karpis, in the file of the Identification Bureau of the Toledo Police Department.

The files of the Identification Bureau of the Toledo Police Department were examined, covering the following members of the Karpis-Barker gang, and there are no notations on the Identification Orders in these files, except the date received, as mentioned above. The dates these Identification Orders were received in the Identification Bureau of the Toledo Police Department are as follows:

<u>Identification Order Number</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Date Received</u>
1235	Dr. Joseph P. Moran	9-24-34
1236	Harry Campbell	11-2-34
1237	Volney Davis	11-2-34
1238	William Weaver	11-2-34
1239	William J. Harrison	2-19-35
1241	Myrtle Eaton	2-26-35

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For future reference the following description of Detective Art Langendorf of the Toledo Police Department, was obtained from Detective Harry Manson of the Toledo Police Department, and furnished to Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on October 7, 1936:

Name	Art Langendorf
Age	47 years (born at Toledo, Ohio)
Height	5'9"
Weight	170 pounds
Build	Stocky (has bull neck)
Color of hair	Medium blonde - curly and stands up
Color of eyes	Blue
Complexion	Light
Marital Status	Married and living with wife. No children.
Occupation	Detective with Toledo Police Department, Toledo, O. and connected with this department for the past 18 years.
Occupation prior to employment with police department:	

It is stated that Detective Langendorf was employed by his father, who was at one time in the butcher business on the east side of Toledo, and was known to assist his father in conducting this business.

Residence	18 Birkhead Place, Toledo, Ohio. Telephone - Jefferson 4551
Organizations connected with	Masons and Elks

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on October 8, 1936, at Toledo, Ohio:

Reference is made to statement of William Wilson Wirick, set forth in the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, dated October 3, 1936 at Cleveland, Ohio, in which he advised that he drove Edith Barry and Sam Coker to Johnny Thomas' Market Business Men's Club, 216 1/2 Superior Street, where they were later joined by Frank Greenwald and Anna Pierce. Greenwald was requested to appear at 513 Edison Building, the temporary offices, for verification of this statement.

A signed statement was obtained from Greenwald, the contents of which are hereafter set forth, the original of which is being retained in the Cleveland office file:

"513 Edison Building  
"Toledo, Ohio  
"October 8, 1936.

"I, FRANK P. GREENWALD, do hereby furnish the following signed statement to A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein knowing them to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, of my own free will, without threats or promises of immunity, knowing true and well that this statement may be used against me in a court of competent jurisdiction. I have also been advised that I need not furnish this statement if I so desire.

"In addition to the information furnished in a signed statement to Special Agents John Madala and V. E. Criss, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and after refreshing my recollection I wish to state that one night last winter, the exact date I do not recall, Anna Pierce and I visited Johnny Thomas' Market Business Men's Club at 216 1/2 Superior Street, Toledo, Ohio. I believe it was rather a late hour, although I have no recollection of the time. When we arrived there, Edith Barry and Sam Coker, whose photograph I have identified, and who I knew at that time as 'Tommy' asked us to have a drink, and we joined their party. I can't recall if Johnny Thomas joined us or not, although Johnny Thomas was present at the club all that evening. "Edith and Tommy played the slot machine all evening, and after having a few drinks, we proposed to go to Edith Barry's place at 524 Southard Street, Toledo, Ohio, to get more drinks. Edith and Tommy drove over in one of my cabs, driven by Elwood Tilton, or Bill Wirick, and Anna Pierce and I followed in my car.

"However, when we arrived at Barry's, we decided that we had had enough to drink, and after staying there five minutes, Anne and I left leaving Tommy there. I might add that I do not recall having seen Harry Campbell, whose photograph I have identified, at Johnny Thomas', either at that time or any other time. Neither do I know how well Johnny Thomas knew Sam Coker, although Coker spent a barrel of money at Thomas' that evening.

"I have read the foregoing statement and the facts given by me are true to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

/s/ FRANK GREENWALD

WITNESSES

A. J. Norstrom  
A. Dickstein, Special Agents,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1448 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio."

Greenwald furnished to Agents a complete record of the trip sheets for the Private Cab Company for 1936, which will be returned to him after pertinent dates and trips have been noted therein.

Greenwald advised Agents that he had discharged Kenneth Francis, as a driver, not because of his having been questioned in connection with this matter, but because Francis was spending too much time with a confidence man around the Secor Hotel, Toledo, and he did not think it was good for the business.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent R. A. Guerin in an effort to locate any banking connections of Art Langendorf and George Timiney:

Mr. W. L. Lamb, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer of the Commercial Guardian Bank, 320 Madison Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, caused the bank's records to be checked, but failed to locate any evidence that either of the above individuals had ever done business with this bank. Mr. Lamb added that his bank maintains a central or control file bearing the name of every customer of the bank, regardless of the nature of the business transacted, but the names of Timiney and Langendorf were not among them, nor were they shown as holders of safe deposit boxes.

At the Morris Plan Bank, 234 Erie Street, Toledo, Ohio, Mr. H. Y. Barnes, Jr., Manager and Treasurer, declared his bank's business was limited to savings and loan accounts and after a perusal of same determined that neither George Timiney nor Art Langendorf were included among the bank's customers.

The American Bank No. 3, was closed and liquidated as of August 15, 1931, and the books and records are now in custody of Fred C. Backus, Liquidator for the State of Ohio, with offices in the Security Bank Building, Toledo, Ohio. Mrs. H. M. Mara, secretary to Mr. Backus checked all available records and ascertained that Timiney and Langendorf did not have commercial accounts, savings accounts, or loan accounts. She informed that to the best of her knowledge no securities were sold by the American Bank and added that if they were, the names of the customers would undoubtedly be revealed in the files which she checked. Mr. Backus advised that the bank did a very small safe deposit box business, and it would be practically impossible to locate any records pertaining to same. In explanation he asserted the liquidator has changed offices a number of times since the original receivership and records not regarded as essential in the transaction of current business were either destroyed, misplaced or left in one of the old offices, and no accurate filing system was maintained in connection with them.

No inquiry was made at the Industrial Bank of Toledo, 1418 Elm Street, Toledo, Ohio, by reason of the fact that the building at this address is occupied by the Henry J. Spieker Company. There is no name on the window or any other indication which would show this establishment to be a bank, and in view of the confidential nature of the inquiry, it was not deemed advisable at the time to conduct the investigation there.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio, October 7, 1936:

On October 7, 1936, a memorandum was received at Toledo, Ohio, from Special Agent E. J. Wynn at the Cleveland office, requesting that records of the Automobile Registration Bureau, Lucas County, be checked covering the transfer of Plymouth Sedan, motor #PD 91271, by R. E. Nelson to the Robison Chevrolet, Inc., Toledo, Ohio, about March 31, 1934.

Mr. Fred H. A. Bahn, Deputy Clerk of Courts, Lucas County Automobile Registration Bureau, 403 Michigan Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, was interviewed, and produced his file #360193, in which is filed duplicate copy of registration form for Plymouth sedan, motor #PD 91271, serial #2088741, signed by R. E. Nelson, which sets forth that instruments showing ownership and registration of this automobile are filed with the Clerk of Courts, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, under their file number 1981489, and on this form is sworn statement of ownership made by R. E. Nelson, notarized on March 6, 1934, by E. P. Homburg, notary public, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

Also in file #360193 of the Lucas County Automobile Registration Bureau is Used Car Bill of Sale #360194, which sets forth that on March 31, 1934, R. E. Nelson, Statler Hotel, 12th and Euclid, Cleveland, Ohio, transferred title on Plymouth sedan, motor #PD 91271, serial #2088741, to Robison Chevrolet, Inc., 3015 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio, which was notarized by Evelyn McPartland, notary public, Lucas County, Ohio, and witnessed by Irene Taylor and Evelyn McPartland, both of whom are employees of the Robison Chevrolet, Inc.

In file #362714 of Lucas County Automobile Registration Bureau, is sworn statement of ownership, showing that J. A. Orhood, 3467 Edgewater Drive, Point Place, Ohio, is the owner of Chevrolet coupe, 1934 model, motor #4135550, serial #1 DA 03-13359. This sworn statement was executed before a notary public of Lucas County, Ohio, whose name is illegible, on May 14, 1934, and the sworn statement was based on Invoice #3548 of Ed O'Dea Chevrolet Company, 623 East Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, dated March 23, 1934, showing that salesman Schane sold to J. A. Orhood, 318 East 5th Street, Chevrolet coupe, motor #4135550, serial #1 DA 03-13359, cost \$696.72. This invoice was stamped with rubber stamp of Ed O'Dea Chevrolet Company, marked "Paid in Full, 3-23-34, H.R.H."



File #362714 contains duplicate Used Car Bill of Sale #362714, which sets forth that J. A. Orhood, 3457 Edgewater Drive, Toledo, Ohio, transferred Chevrolet coupe, motor #4135550 to Jay Carter, 3303 Summit Street, Toledo, Ohio, and this bill of sale is sworn to by J. A. Orhood on July 24, 1934, and witnessed by Blain Caldwell and H. Barry. This file also contains duplicate Used Car Bill of Sale showing that Jay Carter transfers this car to Robison Chevrolet, Inc., Toledo, Ohio, and this bill of sale is sworn to on July 23, 1934.

It will be noted in report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, November 4, 1935, that efforts to locate Jay Carter were unsuccessful, and there is no such street number as 3303 Summit Street.

Mr. Fred H. A. Hahn, Deputy Clerk of Courts, Toledo, Ohio, stated that he is the proper person to subpoena to produce the records covering the above-mentioned transactions.

Further investigation will be conducted at Cleveland, Ohio, where file #1981489 of the Clerk of Courts, Cuyahoga County, will be examined, relative to Plymouth sedan, motor #PD 91271.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent John L. Madala at Cleveland, Ohio, on October 2, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, June 23, 1936, wherein there is set out a list of seamen and shipkeepers, who were in Bay View Harbor, Toledo, Ohio, in the spring and summer of 1934, and who were thought to have visited the Casino Club during this period. It was ascertained that the ships on which these men were located periodically passed through the locks at Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan, making them available for interview at that point at that time. In the report of Special Agent Charles H. Olson, dated at Detroit, Michigan, September 23, 1936, investigation was requested to again contact the Pittsburgh Steamship Company and obtain, if possible, the itinerary or present whereabouts of Charles Becker and the other persons named in the reference report of Agent Smith, in order that they might be interviewed along the lines suggested, it being apparent that these persons could not be satisfactorily interviewed at Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan, under the existing setup.

It was important to particularly obtain the whereabouts of Charles Becker, who is an important witness in this case, in order that he could readily be picked up when and if this action became desirable.

The writer interviewed Mr. J. C. Geissler, Assistant Auditor, Pittsburgh Steamship Company, 1406 Rockefeller Building, Cleveland, Ohio, on October 2, 1936. He advised that Charles Becker is still in the employ of the Pittsburgh Steamship Company, and is presently working in the capacity of an engineer on the barge, "Fritz"; that this boat makes regular trips between Duluth, Minnesota and Chicago, Illinois, on Lake Michigan, and that whenever desirable Becker could be interviewed at Chicago, Illinois, or Gary, Indiana, at which points the freighter, "Fritz" docks and unloads its cargo almost weekly.

With reference to George C. Chambers, mentioned in Agent Smith's reference report, Mr. Geissler advised that this individual is still captain of the freighter "Cornell"; that this ship regularly sails on Lake Michigan and Lake Erie, and periodically docks at Chicago, Illinois, Gary, Indiana, and South Chicago, Illinois, or at Lorain, Conneaut, and Fairport, Ohio; that the ship usually remains in dock at these points anywhere from three to four hours during which time any cargo which they might carry is unloaded.

As to Frank Dobson and William Fearer, Mr. Geissler advised that these men are presently on Lake Erie and are located on freighters "House" and "Johnson", respectively; that they likewise make periodic stops at Fairport, Lorain, and Conneaut, Ohio, and at such times remain there for three to four hours or more.

Mr. Geissler advised that Emmett Moher is presently on sick leave, and according to his records he is residing at 1302 Winslow Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio; that he does not know how long Moher will be at this address.

With reference to Michael McGorry, also mentioned in Agent Smith's report, Mr. Geissler advised Agent that this individual is expected to return to Toledo, Ohio, in the next week or so, where he will be available for some time. He advised that he does not, as yet, have an address on him, but promises to furnish same to this office immediately upon the receipt of it.

With reference to Dan J. Keefe, another shipman to be interviewed, Mr. Geissler advised that this individual is still captain of the barge "Bryn Mawr"; that this freighter regularly sails on Lake Michigan, and that the best place at which to interview him would be in Chicago, Illinois, or Gary, Indiana, when the ship docks there to be unloaded.

Mr. Geissler stated that it would be impossible for him to advise more than a day in advance when the various ships of the Pittsburgh Steamship Company dock at a particular point; that he, himself, does not obtain this information until twenty-four hours in advance of when the particular ship is expected to dock, as the schedules and operations of the ships depend upon the cargoes they pick up. He suggested that, if desirable, he will gladly call the Cleveland Bureau office upon the receipt of information as to when and where the freighters mentioned in this report come in for unloading, and that the time in advance will be such as to give the Agent ample time in which to proceed to that point to conduct the desired interview with the person concerned. This arrangement seemed satisfactory, and Mr. Geissler was requested to advise the Cleveland Bureau office when George C. Chambers, Frank Dobson, and William Fearer arrive in this district, which he promised to do.

As to Charles Becker and Dan J. Keefe, Mr. Geissler advised that he does not receive advance information as to the time

the ships on which these men are located come in to be unloaded, and in this connection mentioned that their Chicago office could be of possible assistance in this matter. He suggested that Mr. J. E. Cottier, 208 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois, be contacted for information as to the time and place the barges on which Charles Becker and Dan Keefe are working come in to port.

Mr. Geissler advised that the sailing season ends around November 15, 1936, at which time the various employees go either to their respective homes or go on a vacation; that he has experienced great difficulty in the past in locating these men during the winter season when they are off the boats, and for this reason he suggested that the desired interviews with the individuals concerned in this matter be undertaken before November 15, 1936.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. E. Smith on October 8, 1936:

Mr. Frank Dobson, Medina, Ohio, and Second Mate of the freighter "House" and former shipkeeper on the boats stored in the lagoon at Toledo, Ohio, during the winter of 1933 and 1934, was interviewed at the Fairport, Ohio Ore Docks, for the purpose of ascertaining any knowledge he might possess relative to the Casino Club which was located opposite the slip in the lagoon where the boats were stored, and the presence of the Barker-Karpis gang at the Casino Club in 1934.

Dobson stated that he had heard of the Casino Club, but had never been in the place and did not know the identity of any of the individuals who may have frequented the club. He further stated that he did not know the names of any of the Toledo, Ohio police officers who may have visited the club. Photographs of all the members of the Barker-Karpis gang, including that of Captain George Timiney of the Toledo Police Department, were exhibited to Dobson, however, he was unable to identify any of them as individuals he had seen anywhere.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The CLEVELAND OFFICE at Toledo, Ohio, will continue the investigation in accordance with previous leads set out, and as other leads are being set forth by memorandum to the investigating Agents, these leads are not being set forth in this report.

At Cleveland, Ohio, will check records of the Clerk of Courts, Cuyahoga County, their file #1981489, relative to certificate of title and registration of Plymouth sedan, motor #PD 91271, in 1934, in the name of R. E. Nelson.

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1139 Inquirer Building  
Cincinnati, Ohio

October 11, 1936

JAC:ACR

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request in your letter dated October 8, 1936, there is enclosed herewith a photograph of Lucian C. Fleming, same having been obtained from Mr. Herbert Rine, Record Clerk, Ohio Liquor Control Department, 275 South Fourth St., Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Rine requested that this photograph be returned to him after it has served its purpose.

Very truly yours,

R. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc: Bureau  
Chicago

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October 22, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

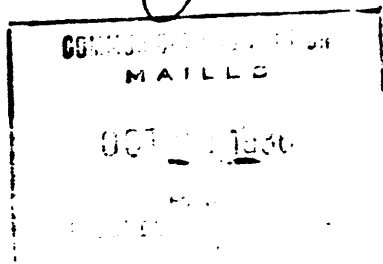
RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1232, et al; EDWARD  
GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM -  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

It is requested that you immediately furnish to  
the Bureau a copy of the photograph of Lucian C. Fleming, who  
is a probable defendant in the harboring case now under investi-  
gation by your office.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



*[Handwritten signature]*  
*[Handwritten initials]*



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## BROWN'S FATE GOES TO APPEALS BOARD

Motions Denied as Hearing Ends; Ruling Must Be Made by Next Saturday.

Whether Thomas A. Brown, former St. Paul police chief and ousted detective, is guilty of charges that he aided kidnapers of William Hamm and Edward G. Bremer, was taken under advisement late Friday afternoon by a statutory board of appeals.

The board's action followed final arguments after a lengthy hearing on Brown's appeal from being discharged from the force. A decision in the case, under the law, must be filed by next Saturday.

Members of the board are Walter Ryan, attorney; John B. Probst, chief civil service examiner, and H. W. Austin, city purchasing agent. Brown, dismissed August 5 by Gus Barfuss, commissioner of public safety, was not present when closing arguments were presented by his attorney, L. L. Anderson, and Corporation Counsel John L. Connolly, representing the city.

In his final plea, Anderson renewed previously-made motions for elimination of large portions of the city's testimony as hearsay, and for dismissal of the ouster charges. The motions were denied by the board before taking the case under advisement.

Anderson asked specifically that the board "find this man (Brown) not guilty of each of the several charges filed against him by Mr. Barfuss."

The charges include allegations that Brown participated in the abductions of Hamm and Bremer, conspired with members of the

## BROWN'S FATE IN OUSTER CASE RESTS WITH BOARD

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Barker-Karpis mob which engineered the kidnappings, revealed confidential police information on the crimes, and failed to properly investigate the occupants of 204 Vernon avenue June 19, 1933, when Barker-Karpis mobsters lived there. Anderson attacked testimony by the city's chief witnesses; Byron Bolton, convicted kidnaper; Thomas Dahill, police chief at the time of the abductions; James P. Crumley, ousted detective inspector, and Edna (Rabbits) Murray, gunwoman in the Barker-Karpis mob.

Bolton's "mind was stimulated" and his testimony "manufactured", Anderson asserted. He characterized Dahill's testimony as "colored" and said the memory of this witness "was decidedly at fault".

Crumley's, he said, was "a bedtime story by a man discharged from the police force for tipping off gangsters", while "Edna Murray lied from the beginning about Brown". Anderson stated that Brown "could have quit or neglected to appeal but he chose to come in here, asking only that the discharging officer say wherein he had committed the acts charged. Not one overt act was proved here against this man (Brown)".

Connolly traced the history of the kidnap gang and its ramifications in St. Paul. He referred to Harry Sawyer, convicted Bremer "finger-man" as "King Harry" and added: "In 1931 as chief of police we had his pal and friend—Tom Brown." This brought a challenge from Anderson that proof of the state-

ment was not in the record of the hearing.

"That's my conclusion from the evidence," Connolly shouted, "and I'm going to repeat it if we have to stay here all night."

Connolly then launched into a detailed review of the evidence which he claimed linked Brown with protecting the mob and "tipping off" its members on police movements.

Connolly said that the "basic test" of the case "is the good of the public service". He maintained that the case "should not be confused with a criminal one as it is no more than a civil proceeding. If the charges are proved the man should be removed, he said, as against the criminal code procedure of proof beyond a reasonable doubt".

Mr. Nathan  
Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Baughman  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
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October 10, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Re: Brekid.

Dear Sir:

There was returned to your office on October 9, 1936  
under Government Bill of Lading #J-75373, the following article:

One ledger book

Enclosed is the original copy of Government Bill  
of Lading #J-75373

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Enclosure #1023162

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

September 28, 1936.

Time -

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
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Miss Gandy .....

During a telephonic conversation which I had with Special Agent S. K. McKee at Cleveland, he said that he and SAC MacFarland, while conferring with United States Attorney Freed on other matters, discussed at some length the situation between the Post Office Department and this Bureau, which subject was brought up by Mr. Freed. Mr. Freed said that while he understood there was some friction between the two Departments, he did not know anything about it, and did not want to know anything about it. However, he said he understood the Bureau was conducting some kind of a harboring investigation, and it occurred to him that if the results of the Post Office Inspectors' investigation and the results of our investigation were consolidated, it ought to make a good harboring case. Mr. McKee then asked the United States Attorney why he didn't make available to us, then, the information in his files as developed by the Post Office Inspectors.

Thus, it appears to Mr. McKee that we will probably gain access to the results of the Inspectors' investigation through the office of the United States Attorney.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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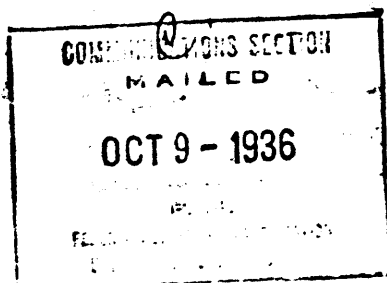
Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

On September 28, 1936, Special Agent S. K. McKee, who is presently on special assignment at your office, advised the Bureau by telephone that a discussion had been had with United States Attorney Freed at Cleveland, Ohio, relative to Mr. Freed's furnishing to the Bureau information developed by the Post Office Inspectors which might be of value in connection with the harboring investigation now being conducted at Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio.

The Bureau desires that you should obtain such information as is voluntarily offered by Mr. Freed concerning this matter, but under no circumstances should this information be solicited.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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October 10, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: BREKID.

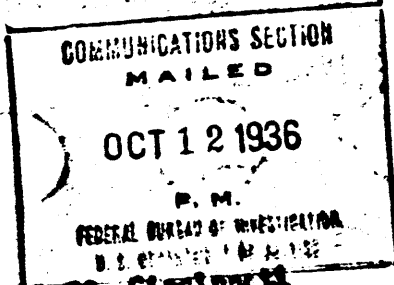
Dear Sir:

The Bureau has noted in the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Cleveland, Ohio, dated October 8, 1936, that Kenneth Francis, driver for the Private Cab Company at Toledo, Ohio, has identified the photograph of Alvin Karpis as being the likeness of an individual who visited Edward and Clara McGraw at 2011 1/2 Adams Street, Toledo, Ohio. The identification made by Francis is corroborated by the statements made by Gertrude Miller, wife of Harry Campbell, to the effect that Alvin Karpis did frequent McGraw's place. Previous reports submitted in this case have contained statements by Clara and Edward McGraw in which they deny that Karpis ever visited their home or in fact was known to them.

The suggestion is made that when the facts of the harboring cases are fully discussed with the United States Attorney, this situation be called to his attention. The United States Attorney might desire to subpoena Clara and Edward McGraw before the Grand Jury and obtain their statements under oath. Their denials that Karpis visited with them would then serve as a basis for subsequent perjury charges if the United States Attorney elected to prosecute the McGraws for their false statements.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

Post Office Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida  
October 12, 1936.

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

With reference to Bureau letter dated October 8, 1936, (7-576), you are advised that on October 12, 1936, I conferred by telephone with Assistant United States Attorney W. Sanders Gramling at Miami. Mr. Gramling informed me that on today he had been instructed by Federal Judge Holland to set this case down for arraignment for October 19th, on which date a trial date will be set. Mr. Gramling advised me that this date would probably be some date in January, 1937, judging from the condition of the docket at Miami. The Bureau and interested offices will be immediately advised as to the date set after October 19, 1936.

During my conversation with Mr. Gramling he informed me that Special Assistant to the Attorney General Linton Collins had inquired concerning this case on Saturday, October 10th. Mr. Gramling further advised that he is of the opinion that the case will probably not be handled by Mr. Barlow, as previously planned.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Nathan*

R. B. Nathan  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cc: Cincinnati  
Cleveland.

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404 New York Building  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
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Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

BREKID

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter dated October 9, 1936, and the letter from this office to your office dated September 27, 1936, please be advised that the bench warrants issued as set out in this latter letter were issued on the conspiracy indictment returned at St. Paul, January 22, 1935.

For your information, there was an order to issue bench warrants on January 22, 1935, on the indictment charging the substantive offense, Docket No. 6095, U. S. Clerk's Office, St. Paul, Minnesota. There was also an order to issue bench warrants on this same date on the conspiracy indictment returned on this date, Docket No. 6096, U. S. Clerk's Office, St. Paul. However, no bench warrants were issued on the substantive indictment. All bench warrants issued were on the conspiracy indictment. There was an order filed in U. S. District Court, St. Paul, January 24, 1935, for a new or alias bench warrant on the conspiracy indictment returned January 22, 1935, for Alvin Karpis, which was served on May 6, 1936, and no non est return made on this latter bench warrant.

The records of the Clerk's Office, St. Paul, disclose that but one bench warrant was issued on the indictments returned January 22, 1935. This bench warrant was issued on January 22, 1935, on the conspiracy indictment and same was executed on May 18, 1936. There was no non est return made on this bench warrant.

Records of the Clerk's Office, St. Paul, also disclose that under their Docket No. 6044, that there was but one indictment returned in this case on May 4, 1934, that charging conspiracy and the bench warrants with the information as to the non est returns set out in the letter dated September 27, 1936, therefore, are bench warrants issued on this indictment as the subjects in this case were not charged substantively at this time.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STAIN  
Special Agent in Charge

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Kansas City, Missouri</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10-12-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10-10-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>G. H. FRANKLIN</b> <span style="float: right;">OS</span>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - FUG. I.O. 1232, ETAL - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING HARBORING OF FUGITIVES OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Jerry Massiker alias Jerry Jordan unknown at Charleston Apartments, 619 West 13th Street, Kansas City, Missouri. Two women entertainers named Hatfield and Green occupied an apartment at this address from September 23 to September 27, 1936, at which time they presumably left Kansas City for unknown destination. Records of the Post Office, Kansas City, failed to reflect any forwarding address.

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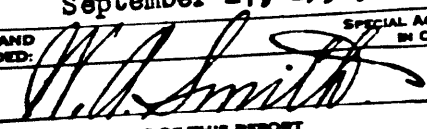
REFERENCE:

Letter from the Cleveland Bureau Office dated October 1, 1936.

DETAILS:

Mrs. Ernest Platt, Manager and owner of the Charleston Apartments, located at 619 West 13th Street, Kansas City, Missouri advised the writer and Special Agent G. V. Dierst that there is no one presently occupying an apartment in this building by the name of Massiker or Jordan and that a check of her records failed to reflect anyone by that name as ever renting an apartment in this building.

Mrs. Platt advised that on September 23, 1936, two women named Hatfield and Green rented Apartment Number 10 for one week, but that these women only remained a few days, checking out on September 27, 1936, and that they presumably left Kansas City.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: 	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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She stated that these women were night club entertainers and had just arrived in Kansas City looking for work and evidently were unsuccessful and it is presumed this is the reason for their leaving Kansas City.

Mrs. Platt further stated that she believes one of these women's first name was Jerry but that she is not certain. She described these two women as both being in their early 20's, one had auburn hair and the other was a brunette; both were about 5'2" or 5'3" in height and would weigh about 110 to 115 pounds each. She further stated that neither of these women left a forwarding address and did not state where they were going upon their departure.

Records of the Post Office, Kansas City, Missouri, failed to reveal any forwarding address left by anyone under the name of Jerry Massiker, Jordan, Hatfield or Green.

As per the request contained in reference letter report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 8-15-36, together with photograph of George Timiney, is being returned herewith.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio,

October 12, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: Brekid

In reply to Bureau letter of October 9, 1936,  
(7-576), requesting advice as to the investigation conducted  
by Special Agent J. E. Brennan at Toledo, Ohio, concerning  
a possible telephone tap on Adams 1410, the telephone being  
maintained in the temporary offices in the Edison Building,  
please refer to report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, dated  
Cleveland, Ohio, October 6, 1936, pages 76 to 79 inclusive,  
wherein the investigation conducted by Special Agent Brennan  
is set forth, establishing that the telephone was free of a  
tap.

Very truly yours,

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

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October 29, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

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

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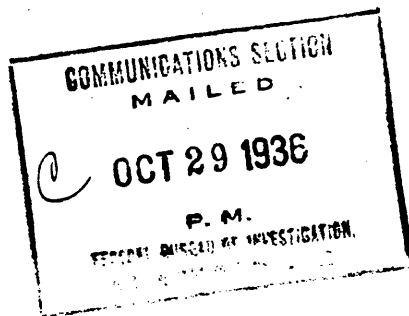
Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request made by your office,  
there is transmitted herewith a photostatic copy [REDACTED]

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #1105235



*[Handwritten signature]*

404 New York Building  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
October 12, 1936

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

NAKAP

The Civil Service Board on October 9, 1936 announced that it had found Thomas A. Brown, former St. Paul Police Officer, guilty on all charges lodged against him by Public Safety Commissioner Gus Barfuss, with two exceptions. The exceptions are the reputed tip-off of the Barker-Karpis gang at 1031 South Robert Street, and the accusation that he revealed confidential police information in the Bremer case to the newspapers.

Brown has not yet indicated whether he will further appeal his case.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STAIN  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Chicago  
Mr. A. J. Connelley

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**October 12, 1936.**

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Baughman \_\_\_\_\_  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I told Mr. Collier that this Unit of the Bureau was in operation at the time of the identification in question, and that the identification itself was made through the facilities of the Single Fingerprint Unit.

**E. A. TAMM.**

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio,

October 13, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: Brekid

Inasmuch as Benjamin Grayson, with aliases, U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, No. 38601, who has been identified as being the fifth man in the Garrettsville, Ohio, train robbery of November 7, 1935, and who previous to his identification was called Sam, is thought to be formerly from Toledo, Ohio, and further since it is believed that there is a strong possibility that he is still in or around Toledo, Ohio, investigation there is deemed feasible for the purpose of causing his apprehension.

As an aid in conducting the investigation in Toledo, Ohio, it is believed that the services of [redacted] whose name has been previously furnished to the Bureau, will be most valuable and with this in mind, authority is requested to pay [redacted] the sum of \$50.00, to be paid in small amounts from time to time. As the Bureau has been previously advised, [redacted] is without funds and he generally picks up his information from bar rooms and bootleg joints and it is, therefore absolutely necessary for him to have spending money.

The Cleveland Office will appreciate being advised just as soon as possible in the premises by the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

*E. J. Connelley*  
E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Inspector.

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

October 12, 1936

Via AIR MAIL

Special Agent in Charge  
Chicago, Illinois

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the  
Cleveland office under date of October 10, 1936, in  
which photograph of Benjamin Graysen, Atlanta Peni-  
tentiary No. 38608, was transmitted for use in in-  
vestigation to be conducted at Hammond, Indiana.

Please copy the above-mentioned photograph  
and forward six copies to Cleveland, one to the  
Bureau, one to Louisville, one to New York and also  
one copy to the Butte field office.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Inspector.

cc: Bureau  
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1448 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio,

October 13, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Re: Brekid

Enclosed herewith is a photograph of Lucien C. Fleming, a former inspector for the Ohio Liquor Control Department, who has been prominently mentioned as an associate of Bert and Ted Angus at the Casino Club in Toledo, Ohio, and who is considered as a potential defendant in connection with the harboring of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell at Toledo, Ohio.

It is requested that you develop sufficient photographs from the enclosed original so that you may immediately forward twelve (12) copies to the Cleveland office, three (3) copies to the Cincinnati office, and one (1) copy to the Bureau.

It is also requested that you return the original photograph to this office inasmuch as it is necessary to return it to the Ohio Liquor Control Department, Columbus, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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OCT 15 1936 A.M.

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

October 12, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Louisville, Kentucky

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

During the course of the harboring investigation now being conducted in the Cleveland District it has been learned that Benson Groves with aliases, Atlanta Penitentiary #38605, was the fifth participant in the Carrettsville mail train robbery, which occurred on November 7, 1935. He has been identified along with Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, John Brock and Fred Hunter by Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hocht of Newton Falls, Ohio, at whose home three of the men spent the night on November 6, 1935. Groves is, of course, an important figure in the present inquiry, and we are very desirous of locating him.

His correspondence record at the Atlanta Penitentiary reflects that he received a letter from the Henderson Credit Bureau, Henderson, Kentucky, during the period of his confinement, which dated from July 10, 1931, until December 10, 1932. On the latter date he was transferred to the Northeastern Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, and his correspondence file at this institution reflects the names of Robert Eliasberg, 5513 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, and Dr. Frank Robinson, Moscow, Idaho, as correspondents. He was an inmate of the latter institution from the date of his transfer until March 17, 1933.

It is desired that immediate inquiry be made of the Henderson Credit Bureau and through the correspondents listed above for the purpose of obtaining all information possible which may be of use in locating this man. In conducting this investigation it should be borne in mind that Groves is being sought by the postal authorities on the mail robbery charge in question. At the present time there is no process outstanding against him in connection with harboring any subjects in this case, but it is highly desirable that he be located. In the event he is located and the circumstances permit, it is suggested that telephonic communication be had either with Inspector E. J. Connelley or the Cleveland office prior to apprehending him. It is to be stated that this man is undoubtedly dangerous, attention being called to the fact that he had taken part in an armed robbery, and every precaution should be taken in effecting his apprehension.

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The Chicago office has been requested to forward copies of Groves' photograph to the Louisville, New York and Butte offices for use in the investigation requested herein.

The following descriptive data was furnished by the penitentiary authorities:

Name	- BENSON GROVES with aliases; Benjamin Grayson, "Soap" Groves, George Wilson, Burns, Corby and Benjamin Grayson
Born	- 7-25-80 In West Virginia
Weight	- 171 lbs.
Height	- 5' 6 1/2"
Eyes	- blue
Complexion	- florid
Hair	- brown
Build	- medium stout
Residence	- Toledo, Ohio
Occupation	- salesman
Relatives	- Mrs. Ida Fryar, sister, Hammond, Indiana
J P S	25 1 16 19 0 16

This investigation should be given expeditious attention.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Inspector.

SEM:h  
cc: Bureau  
Cincinnati  
Chicago  
New York  
Butte

POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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October 15, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of October 10, 1936 which was forwarded in confirmation of a long distance telephone call received at the Chicago office from Special Agent S. K. McKee, requesting that investigation be made at Hammond, Indiana to ascertain the present whereabouts of BENSON GROVES with aliases.

Special Agent T. F. Mullen of this office contacted Walter Herrburg, Superintendent of Mails and O. H. Rabe, Assistant Postmaster, Hammond, Indiana to ascertain the present address of Ida Fryar a sister of Groves, the last address of whom was 6632 Jackson Avenue. The records of the Post Office indicate that Mr. and Mrs. Fryar have not been residing at that address for over 8 years but are now located at 6236 Van Buren Avenue, Hammond, Ind.; that Mrs. Fryar's husband is named Harvey and is employed as a trouble shooter by the Northern Indiana Public Service Company; that Post Office Inspector Hackett or Heskett from Cleveland, Ohio had been in Hammond, Indiana last week for the purpose of locating GROVES; that the Hammond Post Office had been working in conjunction with this Inspector since that time.

According to Mr. Herrburg up to about three and one half years ago a man named Charles Sprout who is an uncle of Mrs. Fryar had lived at 6236 Van Buren Avenue, Hammond, Indiana. While the uncle was living at that address the Fryar family was living at 6632 Jackson Avenue. Subsequently Charles Sprout moved to Dayton, Ohio, address unknown and the Fryar family moved into Sprout's house at 6236 Van Buren at that time. During the past week Charles Sprout who had moved to Dayton, Ohio, street address unknown, had died and both Mr. and Mrs. Fryar went to Dayton for the funeral, returning to Hammond last Sunday, October 11, 1936.

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Mr. Herrburg stated that the carrier who delivers mail to the Fryar family is J. A. Borchardt, and he resides directly across the street from the Fryar family, at 6233 Van Buren Avenue; that Borchardt had been requested by the Post Office Inspector to keep a lookout for the possible return of Groves to Hammond for a visit or otherwise.

Borchardt was interviewed by Agent Mullen and stated that the Fryar family has been living at 6236 Van Buren for over three years; that he is well acquainted with this family, and informed Agent concerning their return from Dayton on Sunday, where they had attended the funeral of their uncle Charles Sprout. A picture of Groves was shown to Borchardt and he stated he had never seen this individual about the Fryar home, never had any mail addressed to him in care of the Fryars, and cannot remember having any mail for the Fryars with the return address of Groves thereon. He stated however, that he is making tracings of all the mail received by the Fryar family, forwarding them to the Post Office Inspector at Cleveland, Ohio. In view of the recent investigation made by the Post Office Inspectors Agent Mullen did not request that a copy of the mail tracings be forwarded to the Chicago office.

Agent Mullen proceeded to 6236 Van Buren Avenue and interviewed both Mr. and Mrs. Fryar under suitable pretext. Mrs. Fryar stated that she has not seen her brother for a considerable length of time; that the last time she had heard from him was by letter at Christmas time; that at that time her brother was living in Toledo, Ohio, the address of which she did not remember, stating that after receiving this letter from him she wrote him at the address given by him in Toledo; that the letter was returned undelivered, and that she therefore tore up the address and kept no note of it. There is a question as to whether Mrs. Fryar was telling the truth when she stated she had not seen her brother for some time, as she appeared to be in a very nervous state during the interview.

Sandor Singer, Captain of Detectives, Hammond, Indiana Police Department was next contacted by Agent Mullen and was shown a photograph of Groves. He stated that he knew him well; that in fact Groves' sister Mrs. Fryar lives three or four doors from him, Singer residing at 6216 Van Buren Avenue. He stated he had seen Groves and that Groves had been seen by other men in his department.

about the sister's home around Christmas or shortly thereafter.  
Singer stated he was positive of this.

Not divulging the purpose of the inquiry, Agent Mullen requested that he notify the Chicago office immediately should Groves put in an appearance, and Singer then stated that a Post Office Inspector from Cleveland had been to the Hammond Police Department a day last week and had made the request that should Groves put in an appearance he be apprehended immediately and held for the Post Office Inspector, this same Inspector leaving five or six photographs of Groves to be distributed among the men. Agent Mullen then impressed upon Captain Singer the fact that this Bureau was anxious to be advised when Groves returned to Hammond, and he stated that inasmuch as Agent Mullen had made this request of him he would be glad to disregard the arrest order by the Post Office Inspectors and would notify the Chicago office upon the return of Groves to Hammond. However he was advised by Agent Mullen that he desired that he (Singer) follow out the request of the Post Office Inspectors as Agent Mullen had no authority to cancel any such request or instructions left by any other department, and Singer then agreed to notify the Chicago office by telephone immediately upon the apprehension of Groves if he returns to Hammond, Indiana.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,

Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Indianapolis, Indiana.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter addressed by the Chicago Office to the Cleveland Office under date of October 13, 1936, outlining the results of the routine inquiries made by Special Agent T. F. Mullen at Hammond, Indiana in an effort to obtain information concerning the whereabouts of Benson Groves, who has been identified as the fifth individual participating in the mail robbery at Carrettsville, Ohio, and whose location is desired by the Bureau in connection with the harboring case now under investigation at Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio.

The Bureau desires that you immediately cause an additional investigation to be conducted at Hammond, Indiana in an effort to obtain information concerning Benson Groves, it being noted that Special Agent Mullen made limited inquiries in connection therewith.

Following is a description of Benson Groves, with aliases Benjamin Grayson, Ben Grayson, "Soup" Groves, George Wilson, Burns Corby, Benjamin Grayson, Burns Corbys

Born

July 25, 1880 in  
State of West Virginia.

Height

5' 6 1/2"

Weight

171 pounds

Eyes

Blue

Complexion

Florid

Hair

Brown

Build

Medium Stout

Residence

Toledo, Ohio

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## Scars and Marks:

Occupation  
Marital status  
Fingerprint  
classification  
Relatives

Tattoo forearms "B. G." and  
"B. G." on shield; left forearm  
"girl in tights, sailor boy and  
others"; oblique scar 3/4" long  
above right corner of mouth.

Salesman

Single

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Mrs. Ida Fryar, sister  
4632 Jackson Avenue,  
Hammond, Indiana.

There are transmitted herewith two photographs of  
Groves bearing the name George Wilson for your use in conducting the  
additional investigation at Hammond, Indiana.

You are instructed that this matter should receive preferred  
attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #1110285

cc-Cincinnati  
Chicago  
Cleveland

1130 Enquirer Building  
Cincinnati, Ohio

October 14, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREXID.

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter dated October 10, 1936,  
please be advised that the Ohio State Bureau of Motor Vehicles, 327  
S. 4th St., Columbus, Ohio, has no record of a registration under the  
following names set forth in your letter:

BENSON GROVES  
BENJAMIN GRAYSON  
BEN GRAYSON  
SCOTT GROVES  
HURON CORBY.

There are a great many registrations under the name  
of George Wilson. However, it was ascertained that the following  
described automobiles were registered to parties under that name  
residing in or near Toledo, Ohio:

George D. Wilson, Route #2, Bowling Green, Ohio.  
1928 Essex Coupe, Motor #873819, License 7680-M.

George A. Wilson, 4106 Farraket Street, Toledo, Ohio.  
1936 Chevrolet Sedan, Motor #6141541, License 3236-D.

George W. Wilson, 425 Winthrop Street, Toledo, Ohio.  
1932 Ford Coupe, Motor #B-2086810, License 8125-F.

George W. Wilson, 425 Winthrop Street, Toledo, Ohio.  
1928 Pierce Arrow Sedan, Motor #8106215, License 8124-F.

George Wilson, 934 Barry Street, Toledo, Ohio.  
1929 Ford Roadster, Motor #1315582, License 3233-G.

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CC Bureau  
Chicago  
St. Paul

Very truly yours, 936 P.M.  
E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge

October 14, 1956

Chapman Fletcher,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Dear Sir:

Recently information has developed indicating that certain of the bonds taken in the Garrettsville train robbery on November 7, 1935, have been in possession of persons at Taylor, Texas, who were negotiating a loan on same. For your information I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter dated September 24, 1936, addressed to the Bureau by the San Antonio office, also copy of a report of Special Agent C. E. Davis, dated at San Antonio, Texas, October 9, 1936, in the matter of ROBERT HUDSON; ET AL; NATIONAL STOLEN PROPERTY ACT. These copies should be returned to me personally after they have served their purpose. It will be noted that Hudson was endeavoring to dispose of certain bonds through W. C. Mofford, attorney, Taylor, Texas.

Recently Clayton Hall has advised me that in his conversations with Grace Goldstein before Karpis was apprehended, she advised him she had had in her possession at least some of the bonds taken in the Garrettsville train robbery, which had been given to her by Karpis, and she claimed to Hall that she had burned these bonds and no longer had them in her possession.

I am enclosing herewith a cashier's check in the amount of \$300.00, of the National City Bank of Cleveland, dated October 13, 1936, #T 1902, for payment by you to informant Grace Goldstein. When you next have opportunity to consult with informant Grace Goldstein it is desired that you diplomatically advise her that we would like to have the bonds taken in the Garrettsville train robbery, which bonds were in her possession at one time. It is not known what her reaction will be to this, but it is possible that she may have some information as to who is now in possession of these bonds, or she may have some of them still in her possession. She should be advised that anyone in whose

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possession these bonds are found will undoubtedly be apprehended for violation of the National Stolen Property Act, and she should make every effort to see that these bonds are returned, if she has any knowledge of them.

Recently Grace Goldstein and Connie Morris visited with Clayton Hall at his home in the vicinity of Youngstown, that is the two persons indicated, were here about the first part of September, 1936. Grace Goldstein indicated that Dutch Akers, Chief of Detectives at Hot Springs, had apparently been endeavoring to embarrass her, and at the present time he will have nothing to do with her; that, however, Chief of Police Wakelin had indicated to her that she should not pay any attention to the activities of Akers. It is believed that possibly at this time, particularly if she is being disturbed by Akers, that she will advise us as to what Akers knew of Karpis in Hot Springs, or perhaps she can furnish us with information in regard to other individuals whom we might approach and who can testify as to Dutch Akers having knowingly been in the presence of Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter. This situation, of course, if developed, will materially assist in arranging a possible prosecution of Dutch Akers for harboring Alvin Karpis at Hot Springs.

Please keep me advised of any confidential information you learn in this matter, and it would be well to advise me in advance of any investigation which you intend to make as to this situation in order that I may coordinate same with future activity expected as to Dutch Akers.

Very truly yours,

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E. J. CONNELLEY  
Inspector.

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PHONE. BREKID TELEPHONE TAP ARDELL QUINN DISCONTINUED TODAY EXPECT

DISCONTINUE ARTHUR HEBERBRAND TELEPHONE TAP END OF WEEK. CAN RELEASE

TODAY SERVICES AGENTS J E BRENNAN, FITZGERALD, LEVIN, HOFFMAN, SNOW

AND SMITH. AGENTS FITZGERALD AND SMITH WILL RETURN REGULAR ASSIGNMENT

CLEVELAND OFFICE. AGENT LEVIN DETROIT BRENNAN ST PAUL HOFFMAN DETROIT

SNOW KANSAS CITY WILL RETURN RESPECTIVE HEADQUARTERS. AT END TELEPHONE

TAP HEBERBRAND SUNDAY AGENTS DOWD CLEVELAND AND MATNEY LITTLE ROCK WILL

RETURN RESPECTIVE HEADQUARTERS

AGENTS MCKEE, MOONAN, KITCHIN AND MADALA WILL COMPLETE LEADS

CLEVELAND AND AGENTS DILL, MURPHY, DICKSTEIN, WORSTROM, WYNN AND SULLIVAN WILL

COMPLETE LEADS TOLEDO. EXPECT TO FINISH NEW YORK AND NEWARK BY FIRST

COMING WEEK AND WILL RETURN CLEVELAND THEN AND ENDEAVOR COMPLETE FURTHER

NECESSARY WORK TO CONCLUDE PRESENT INVESTIGATION. INTERVIEW JOHN BROCK

TO BE ARRANGED FOR MONDAY

PROCEEDING EIGHT THIRTY PM TODAY NEW YORK CENTRAL TRAIN TWELVE

LOWER NINE CAR FOUR EIGHT SIX EIGHT ARRIVE NEW YORK CITY EIGHT AM OCTOBER

NINTH REGISTER LINCOLN HOTEL

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Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Jones  
Mr. Mumford  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Nease  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

October 14, 1936

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

I desire to advise that on October 7, 1936 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] telephoned Special Agent (A) A. H. Johnson and advised that he had just been contacted by an individual who represented himself to be a member of the International News Service. [REDACTED] stated that this individual exhibited to him an identification card which bore his photograph and the name "American Press Club." He stated he was making inquiry regarding the operations of the "G-Men" in the neighborhood and he asked [REDACTED] if he knew that his, [REDACTED] wires had been tapped.

[REDACTED] stated that he gave this individual no information and, as he expressed it, "acted dumb." [REDACTED] further stated that he would not give out any information regarding the operations of any of the Agents of this Bureau. However, he stated that the reporter when leaving intimated to him that inasmuch as he [REDACTED] did not care to give any information it probably would come out anyway and would eventually embarrass him.

The above information is being forwarded to the Bureau for its information.

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Very truly yours,

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D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
October 14, 1936

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: BREKID

This memorandum is submitted for the purpose of advising you of the recent developments concerning the harboring investigation in Toledo and Cleveland, Ohio.

The agents engaged in the investigation at Toledo have reinterviewed Harold Barry, former automobile salesman, who on prior occasions failed to tell the truth concerning automobiles sold by him to members of the Karpis-Barker gang. Barry now admits that he sold two cars to Doc Barker in 1934 and that Bert Angus fronted for him. Gertrude Miller, wife of Harry Campbell, has been interviewed on several prior occasions and when recently interviewed she admitted that she had not told the truth in the beginning. Although denying she knew the true identity of Alvin Karpis, she now admits that Alvin Karpis whom she knew as Sonny, visited Ed McGraw's place in Toledo, Ohio in May 1935, and again in October, 1935, just a few days prior to the Garrettsville mail robbery on November 7, 1935. She also admitted Milton Lett, known to her as Bill, visited McGraw's place in October, 1935. She had previously vigorously denied that she had ever seen Karpis or Lett. Gertrude Miller now also admits that she first met Harry Campbell on a "call" date at Ed McGraw's and that she had illicit relations with him for which she was paid \$10.00 and that a few days later she had relations with him again and was paid \$30.00, this being several months prior to her marriage to Campbell.

Mildred Kuhlman, former paramour of Doc Barker, recently consulted a Priest in Toledo, Ohio and advised the Priest concerning her associations with the Karpis-Barker gang, and the Priest advised her to inform the Bureau of the complete details and the entire truth relative to this association. Thereafter Mildred Kuhlman advised agents at Toledo that Rene and Thelma Holst and Madeline Angus talked frequently of the gang, knowing their true identities. Madeline Angus is the wife of Bert Angus and is a sister to the Holst girls.

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Baughman	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Coffey	✓
Mr. Dawsey	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Foxworth	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Joseph	✓
Mr. Lester	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Quinn	✓
Mr. Schilder	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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Mildred Kuhlman stated that a sum of money was to be paid by the Karpis-Barker gang to Bert and Ted Angus for the protection afforded them at Toledo, Ohio during the summer and fall of 1934; that George Timmony knew the true identities of the gang and was to participate in the division of the money paid for protection, but that he backed out of taking the money because he believed the gang to be too hot.

Frank P. Greenwall alias Greenie, has admitted to the agents at Toledo, Ohio that on or about January 23, 1935 after the escape of Karpis and Campbell from Atlantic City, he received a telephone call from "Cooley" Monroe to pick up two individuals near La Salle, Michigan; that he and Monroe proceeded to this point and picked up individuals who he later learned were Karpis and Campbell and it was at this point that they had abandoned the stolen car used in their flight from Pennsylvania to Ohio. Greenwall admits that thereafter, knowing the true identity of Harry Campbell he picked Harry Campbell up in his taxicab in March, 1936 and drove Campbell from Ed McGraw's place to Edith Barry's place. Kenneth Francis, a taxicab driver for a private cab company, identified Alvin Karpis as being a fare which he picked up at McGraw's place shortly after Christmas of 1935. Both Clara and Ed McGraw continually deny that they have ever seen Karpis.

Marie Gallup, a prostitute, formerly employed by Edith Barry at Toledo, and who is now residing at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has advised that Charles Fitzgerald, Karpis and Campbell were at Edith Barry's place in the fall of 1934; that Karpis and Campbell were in the house one week subsequent to January 24, 1935 and again about three days subsequent to March 27, 1935. She stated that on the occasion of the last visit of Karpis and Campbell to Edith Barry's, she Marie Gallup, who is commonly known as "Peaches" Butler, observed the photograph of Karpis in a detective magazine, and that through this source she learned the true identity of Karpis and Campbell. She stated that she became frightened and immediately left Toledo, Ohio and proceeded to Milwaukee where she has remained to date. She denies she discussed the matter with Edith Barry.

No information has been developed by the agents at Toledo, Ohio which could serve as evidence to show Sheriff James O'Reilly knew the true identity of Harry Campbell. The telephone taps which were maintained on the telephones of Sadie Dan and Maxine Belmont, prominent madams of houses of prostitution in Toledo, Ohio have been discontinued. Likewise the telephone tap on the telephone of Joe and Ben Fretti, prominent in gambling circles in Toledo, has been discontinued. A summary report is being prepared concerning the harboring situation in Toledo, Ohio.

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Edith Marks, former paramour of George Timiney, has furnished further information concerning the corrupt conditions which existed in Toledo during 1934 and 1935. She states that during the administration of Mayor Klotz in Toledo during the period of time as stated, George Timiney, Charles Matthew, former welfare director at Toledo, Ohio, and Mayor Klotz, split the "pay-off" money collected by Ted Angus, which money included that received from vice and gambling. Edith Marks stated that this information came to her through admissions on the part of Timiney, and that although she does not know the definite amount of money collected monthly for protection in Toledo, she estimated that the graft was between five and six thousand dollars per month.

Maudie Noble who admitted paying protection money to Ted Angus, died September 1, 1936 at Toledo, Ohio.

In Cleveland, Ohio, the agents have been interviewing present and former employees of the Harvard Club and have ascertained that Milton Lett, Alvin Karpis and Willie Harrison, frequented the club but nothing was obtained to indicate guilty knowledge on the part of Art Hebebrand and "Shimmy" Patton.

You were previously advised by memorandum that Captain Frank Story of the Cleveland, Ohio Police Department, refused to furnish agents with the identity of the officer who it was alleged received a call from the Harvard Club on September 6, 1934 after the arrest of Gladys Sawyer, Paula Harmon and Wynona Furdette, and thereafter met an individual from the Harvard Club who advised him the women were "bad paper". Story has now stated that the name of this officer is Captain Emmett J. Potts of the Cleveland, Ohio Police Department. Potts, however, denied the meeting with the Harvard Club representative and said the conversation concerning "bad paper" in referring to women who had been arrested was through an anonymous telephone call received by him at police headquarters. It appears that Detective Joe Jacobs and Harry Hugo conducted considerable investigation as to the women arrested and in conducting this investigation interviewed Patton concerning women but the best information obtainable is to the effect that these officers were honestly endeavoring to identify the women.

Gladys Sawyer has been reinterviewed and she furnished the details of a conversation she had with a matron at the City Jail after her arrest on September 5, 1934. She states that Mellic Bartelheim ushered her into a room in which another matron was sitting and the following conversation took place:

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Matron: Do you know Shimmy Patton?  
Gladys: No, I don't.  
Matron: If you do, it would be to your advantage and benefit.  
Gladys: Well I don't know him.  
Matron: You want to get out of here don't you.  
Gladys: Of course I do.  
Matron: For \$500 you can get out.  
Gladys: Does that mean all three of us and the baby.  
Matron: Yes.  
Gladys: You put us on the street, and I'll see to it that you get the \$500.  
Matron: How do I know I'll get the \$500 after you're on the street.  
Gladys: Well, I've got it here and you'll get it."

Gladys Sawyer tentatively identified police matron, Mrs. Schuller, as being the matron who had the above conversation with her, but other information obtained indicates that this identification is probably erroneous inasmuch as Mollie Bartelheim advised quite some time ago that she took Gladys Sawyer from her cell for an interview with Police Matron, Mrs. Mildred Wilcox.

As a result of a telephone tap being maintained on the telephone of Ardell Quinn in connection with this case in Cleveland, Ohio, information was developed that the Quinn woman induced the transportation of one Gypsy Currier from Dallas, Texas to Cleveland, Ohio to work in the house of prostitution operated by the Quinn woman. As a result of a telephone tap definite information was obtained that a telegram was dispatched to the Currier woman to come to Cleveland. The United States Attorney at Cleveland authorized prosecution of the Quinn woman for violation of the White Slave Traffic Act. The Quinn woman was arrested on September 26, 1936 and is now under \$10,000 bond pending grand jury action. The Quinn woman is a very prominent madam in Cleveland, Ohio and vicinity and has operated a house of prostitution at Cleveland, Ohio for a great number of years unmolested by the Police Department.

Respectfully,

  
E. A. Tamm.

October 13, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. H. J. McCLURE,  
GENERAL AGENT.

There is transmitted herewith a voucher in favor of the Hertz Drive-Yourself Stations, Toledo, Ohio, in the amount of \$19.50, representing a charge for the rental of an automobile by a Special Agent of this Bureau.

You are advised that the rental of this machine was necessitated by the investigation being conducted by the Bureau in connection with the Bremer Kidnaping Case. It was necessary that certain persons be kept under constant surveillance and, there being no Government car available, the rental of this machine was essential. This was the cheapest means of transportation available for the proper conducting of this investigation.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice

404 New York Building

Saint Paul, Minnesota

October 14, 1936

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

REKID

Replying to Bureau letter dated October 2, 1936 in the above entitled matter, requesting information as to the reputation of Farwell, Ozmun, Kirk and Company of St. Paul, who are reported to have originally sold a .32 calibre Colt Automatic found in the automobile used by Paula Harmon and others, and also the .45 calibre automatic pistol which was recently recovered from Alvin Karpis, please be advised that the Farwell, Ozmun, Kirk and Company is a hardware wholesale house. This concern has been in business in St. Paul for the past 38 years and, according to Lt. Ray Harrington of the Bureau of Identification, Minneapolis Police Department, and Mr. A. H. Gardner of the Gardner Hardware Company of Minneapolis, it has always enjoyed an excellent reputation.

Both Lt. Harrington and Mr. Gardner have advised, however, that the Farwell, Ozmun, Kirk and Company have for many years catered to police officers, selling them both guns and other merchandise at wholesale prices.

Farwell, Ozmun, Kirk and Company, and the Jamney-Sample-Hill Company of Minneapolis, are the only two large hardware wholesale concerns in the middle West, and supply practically all of the retail houses in this district with firearms.

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Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN

Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 312

Chicago, Illinois

October 15, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Re: BREXID

I am enclosing herewith twelve copies of the photograph of Lucian C. Fleming, together with the original, which were prepared in accordance with your request of October 13, 1936.

I am also forwarding three copies of the same photograph to the Cincinnati Office and one copy to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

LJM

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D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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**OFFICIAL BUSINESS**

**Fleming, Lucian C**  
**1715 Walnut St**  
**Toledo, Ohio**



**PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID  
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300**

7-576-13076

Post Office Box #812

Chicago, Illinois

October 15, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

As requested in your letter of October 12, 1936,  
I am forwarding herewith six copies of the photo-  
graph of Benjamin Grayson. One copy of this  
photograph is also being forwarded to the Bureau  
and each of the Field Offices receiving a copy  
of this letter.

Very truly yours,

DEL:LSM  
enc.

D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

cc - Bureau (enc.)  
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BENSON GROVES

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1300 Liberty Trust Bldg.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

October 16, 1936.

Major Henry C. Hill,  
Warden, U.S. Northeastern Pen.,  
Lewisburg, Pa.

My dear Major: Re: BREKID

Thank you for your letter dated October  
15, 1936 relative to correspondence of John Grayson alias  
Ben Grayson.

May I request that you forward me the entire  
record of Grayson's incoming mail while an inmate of your  
institution.

Thank you for your courtesy in this matter.

Very truly yours,

AS:AG.  
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cc: Bureau

R.E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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OCT 23 1936

1300 Liberty Trust Bldg.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

October 16, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: BREXID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of 8-25-36, requesting that Morris Klineman, an inmate of U. S. Northeastern Penitentiary, be interviewed for information concerning Cleveland racketeers.

In reply, I wish to advise that Special Agent J. B. Reynolds ascertained at the above institution that Klineman was released on parole 8-1-36.

For your information the correspondents of Klineman, while he was confined at the Northeastern, were checked to ascertain if he corresponded with any of the individuals named in your letter with negative results.

The files of Northeastern reflect that Klineman was received as #1568 on 11-29-35, to serve 4 years for failing to file income tax returns; that his home address is 11411 Whitmore Avenue, Cleveland; that his Parole Officer is Thomas B. Williams, U. S. Probation Officer, 29 Federal Building, Columbus, Ohio, and Parole Advisor, P. J. Swartz, E. 9th Street Pier, Cleveland, Ohio.

While in Northeastern, Klineman was visited by A. E. Jappe, Attorney, Cleveland, Ohio.

As of possible interest when interviewing Klineman, the files of the Northeastern Penitentiary reflect that he gave the following version of the offense for which he was convicted, "that he gave information to the Government, under promise of immunity, which was broken."

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Very truly yours,

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R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cincinnati  
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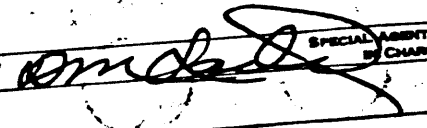
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CHICAGO

FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>Oct. 15, 1936</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>Oct. 10, 1936</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>T. F. MULLEN</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; NAT'L FIREARMS ACT</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>OSCAR HOLOFFE left 206 Briggs Street, Joliet, Illinois about 8 weeks ago; will return in three or four weeks. Post Office records at Joliet indicate that on 7/15/36 HOLOFFE gave a forwarding address of General Delivery, Coal City, Illinois.</p>			
REFERENCE: Letter from the St. Louis office October 1, 1936.			
DETAILS: <u>AT JOLIET, ILLINOIS:</u> <p>Agent proceeded to 206 Briggs Street, the last known address of OSCAR HOLOFFE and was advised by HOLOFFE'S sister-in-law that he had left Joliet seven or eight weeks ago; that he went to Coal City, Illinois to visit a brother there, but has since left there and she does not think he has returned to Coal City. She stated he generally goes away for several weeks at a time; that she believed he is working on a farm as a farmhand, but she did not know where. However she stated she expected him to return to Joliet now that the cold weather is setting in, possibly in three or four weeks.</p> <p>At the Post Office Agent ascertained that on July 15, 1936 HOLOFFE left a forwarding address of General Delivery, Coal City, Illinois.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: 	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">7 1 576 + 13080</div> <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">OCT 22 1936</div>		
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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CHICAGO OFFICE: At Coal City, Illinois will make effort to locate and interview OSCAR HOLOFFK, and if not located there will attempt to ascertain the present address of his brother said to reside in or near Coal City.

At Joliet, Illinois - (if HOLOFFK is not located at Coal City), will again make inquiry at 206 Briggs Street.

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October 15, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1212; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
VICTIM - KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated August 8, 1936,  
concerning inquiries made by your office regarding the sale of  
Thompson Submachine Gun #7609, which gun was sold by P. Von  
Franklin, 2650 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, to Frank  
Hoyt, Kirkland, Illinois.

It is desired that you continue this investigation  
diligently in an effort to determine, if possible, in what manner  
Alvin Karpis came into possession of this submachine gun.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Cincinnati  
Cleveland  
St. Paul

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Cleveland FILE NO. 7-1

Form No. 1 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO		REPORT MADE BY <b>S. K. McKee</b> <i>EJB</i>
REPORT MADE AT <b>Cleveland, Ohio</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/15/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10/7 to 12/36</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>Investigation in vicinity of former Twilight Inn, Parma Heights, Ohio, fails to locate residences of fugitives. Harvard Club employees who frequented Twilight Inn reinterviewed, but state fugitives not seen there. C.O.D. packages from Thomas Shirt Co., Columbus, Ohio, obtained at Cleveland post office by person signing name E. Bronson; drivers from Harvard Club deny obtaining packages. G. E. Hutchison, Knowles-Browne, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio, identified photo of Milton Lett as purchaser of Plymouth sedan used in Garrettsville mail train robbery. Investigation in vicinity 25th and Church Sts., Cleveland, Ohio, fails to locate residence of Lett. Operators of saloon at 2801 Detroit Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, former Silver Grill, state fugitives unknown at place, but numerous persons from Harvard Club frequent same. Additional employees of Harvard Club interviewed with negative results. Frank Ptak, town marshal, Newburg Heights, Ohio, denies acquaintanceship with Hebebrand, et al, also knowledge of character of Harvard Club. Arrangements made with U. S. Attorney Freed, Cleveland, Ohio, to interview John Brock. Benson Groves, USP, Atlanta, Georgia, \$38605, identified by Clyde and Amanda Rochat, Newton Falls, Ohio, as fifth participant in Garrettsville mail robbery. Informant Clayton Hall advised Karpis was set in with Fred Hunter through doorman at Harvard Club known as the Irishman, in early 1935; and that man named Art advanced \$4,000 to finance Warren mail truck robbery; additional information expected from Hall. Investigation at Akron, Ohio, fails to reflect present location of Milton Lett. Emmett Moher, Pittsburgh Steamship Company, unable to furnish data as to gang at Casino Club.</p>		
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>7-576-41308</b> <b>OCT 21 1936</b>
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Steve Kovachy, Cleveland, Ohio, furnished information as to association of potential subjects at Danbury, Ohio, and on Middle Island. Summary of data obtained through Ardell Quinn and Art Hebebrand telephone taps set out herein. Quinn tap discontinued 10/8/36; Hebebrand tap discontinued 10/10/36.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, Cleveland, Ohio, 10/6/36.

DETAILS:

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

This report represents the investigative activity of the various Agents, as indicated hereinafter in the body of this report.

The telephone tap on the telephone of Ardell Quinn, 1916 East 84th Street, Cleveland, notorious house of prostitution, was discontinued on October 8, 1936. This surveillance was maintained by Special Agents H. A. Snow and W. H. Hoffman. A summary of the information obtained during the period of this report will be found elsewhere in this report.

The telephone tap on the telephone of Arthur W. Hebebrand, 3909 West 158th Street, Cleveland, as maintained by Special Agents W. B. Matney and E. J. Dowd, was discontinued on October 10, 1936. A summary of the conversations overheard on this tap will be set out later in this report.

With respect to the statements of the three Jackson sisters as contained in the reference report, to the effect that certain Harvard Club employees frequented the Twilight Inn in Parma Heights, Ohio, reinterviews were had with these employees and independent inquiries were made in an effort to locate the place where the fugitives were residing. The results will be set out hereinafter.



The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent John E. Brennan:

The file reveals that Harry Campbell, using the name of Charles Miller, in February 1934, purchased a 1933 model Ford Deluxe coupe from the Pollock Motor Sales, Toledo, Ohio, at which time he gave his address as 6604 Pearl Road, Parma Heights, Ohio; further that this car was wrecked and on March 26, 1935, it was traded to L. E. Arnold, Ford dealers, Toledo, Ohio, by John Brock, using the name of Charles Miller, 6604 Pearl Road, Parma Heights, Ohio, on a 1935 Ford coupe; that the latter car was traded to the Manning-Marino Company, Youngstown, Ohio, on September 9, 1935, on a Hudson coupe, under the same name and address. The report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated June 13, 1936, contains investigative data prepared by Special Agent C. E. Smith, wherein it is set forth that the above address is fictitious and that photographs of Campbell and others were exhibited to persons residing in the neighborhood, but that no one could identify the photographs.

Inasmuch as subsequent to the investigation reported in Agent Wynn's report information has been received indicating that Campbell and employees of the Harvard Club, Newburg Heights, Ohio, frequented a tavern operated by Sally, Pauline, and Florence Jasany, located at 6698 Pearl Road, Parma Heights, it was considered likely that Campbell may have been residing in the neighborhood of 6604 Pearl Road, wherefore he used this address in purchasing the cars indicated above. Interviews with the Jasany girls are reported elsewhere.

Photographs of the following individuals were exhibited to the persons listed below: Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell, Milton Lett, Tony Amersbach, Sharkey Gorman, Art Hebebrand, Tip O'Neill, Fred Hunter.

The community in which this inquiry was made is a sparsely populated rural section near Cleveland on an E. F. D. route adjoining Middleberg Heights, Ohio, there being several dwellings, filling stations, and small stores interspersed with farm houses. As above stated there is no such address as 6604 Pearl Road, and nearest addresses are 6592 Pearl Road, the home of H. E. Pope, and 6618 Pearl Road, the Incarnate Word Academy. Mr. Pope was interviewed and stated that he operates a dog kennel at this address and has never had any tourists or other persons staying at his place; that he has never seen any of the persons indicated in the photographs in this vicinity.

Mrs. C. Sprague, who occupies the house at 6604 Pearl Road, was unable to identify any of the above photographs. Near this address is a store operated by a Mrs. Schroeder of 6440 Pearl Road. She stated that she rents rooms to tourists and that it would be rather difficult for her to remember all the persons who rent rooms from her as they usually stay but one night or so; that none of the photographs looked familiar to her and she was unable to identify any of them as being persons who had rented rooms from her during 1934.

Mrs. E. McConnell, 6682 Pearl Road, corner of Fernherst Avenue, which is the next house north of the Duke of York Tavern, formerly operated by the Jacany sisters, stated that she has been at this address for the past six months, prior to which time the house was owned by people named White; that the Whites rented rooms to tourists in an effort to raise sufficient money to meet the mortgage on the house, but were unable to do so and have left the community and their present address is unknown; that the mortgage was held by the Broadview Savings and Loan Company, which company has, on numerous occasions, sent representatives to make inquiries as to the location of the Whites, in order to collect money due them. Special Agent Smith, when consulted, stated that he had interviewed the Whites and showed pictures of Campbell, Karpis, et al, to them, but they had been unable to identify these pictures as those of any persons who had rented rooms from them or had seen in the neighborhood.

Mrs. Horace C. Vohoun, 6607 Pearl Road, Mrs. Harry Hewlett, 6653 Pearl Road, and Mr. U. J. Kaufman, 6691 Pearl Road, all viewed the above photographs, but none of them could recall having seen the persons represented in the community.

There is a house about one-quarter of a mile east of 6618 Pearl Road, the number of which is 6788 Beresford Road, a sign on which indicates that rooms are rented to tourists. Inquiry developed that the present occupants have been there but for the past two months and prior to that time it was occupied by George F. Heffner, at present residing at 6996 York Road. Mr. Heffner was interviewed at the WPA project at the Parma Heights Waterworks. He stated that he has resided in this community for many years, has been active politically, having recently been a candidate for mayor, and knows practically all of the people residing around 6600 Pearl Road. He was unable to recognize any of the photographs and stated that he knew of no place where any hoodlums might have stayed in this vicinity unless it could have been the Twilight Tavern, now the Duke of York Tavern, as this was formerly operated by three girls of rather shady character and there are rooms on the second floor which could have been used as living quarters as they are now being rented to tourists.

Mr. M. M. Teeters, a school teacher, residing at 6525 Pearl Road, and who operates a store adjoining, which is about one mile north of what was the Twilight Tavern, was unable to furnish any information indicating that any of the persons whose photographs are listed above, resided in the vicinity.

To the south of the Duke of York Tavern is open country as far as Smith Road, about one mile away. At this road intersection is a small restaurant and tourist camp operated by C. M. Caldwell. The above photographs were shown to Mr. Caldwell, who picked out that of Karpis as resembling a man who had stayed at the camp one night during August of 1936. Mr. Caldwell was informed that Karpis was in the penitentiary during August of 1936, and inquiry was made as to whether or not he was mistaken about the man as he certainly could not remember who stayed at the camp a year ago or the date. He stated that he must be mistaken about the man as he usually always has his cabins full during the summer months and the tourists do not usually stay more than one night. Caldwell also stated that there was but one place in the vicinity that he might consider that thieves might find refuge last year and that was the Twilight Tavern which was then operated by some girls who were engaged in bootlegging, which tavern closed when one of the girls was prosecuted for violating the liquor law.

Mr. Earl Brazzil, Gordon Square Hotel, was reinterviewed by Special Agents J. B. Fitzgerald and C. E. Smith in view of the fact that Pauline Jackson had stated that she recalled seeing him at the Twilight Inn, formerly operated by her sister Sally, and he stated that he had stopped at the Inn on possibly two or three occasions during the year 1935, at which time he attended clam bakes held at the Inn. He further stated that he could not recall seeing Art Hebebrand at the Inn any of the times he was there, further stating that as nearly as he could recall, he was in company with Red McCool, Mickey McGee, George Rumlry and a man known only to him as Hank. Further stating that the last time he was there in 1935, a fight started at a clam bake and he heard someone say that a man was stabbed and he immediately left, stating that he did not want any part of trouble of that nature. Brazzil further stated that he has stopped at the place operated by Pauline Jackson on Denison Avenue, on a couple of occasions, but has not made a practice of stopping there frequently. Brazzil was unable to advise Agents of the identity of either Pauline or Sally's gentlemen friends, and could he identify any of the photographs of any of the Barker-Karpis gang as individuals whom he had seen at the Inn.

Arthur McCool, 1341 Thoreau Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio, was reinterviewed by Special Agents J. B. Fitzgerald and C. E. Smith inasmuch as Pauline Jackson had stated that he had frequented the Twilight Inn. McCool stated that he had stopped at a place known to him as the Twilight Tavern operated by a Sally Jackson, to attend a clam bake; that during the time he was in the tavern about a dozen people were there and a fight started between an unknown man and an Italian known as Tony Spagoni (phonetic) and everybody left the place.

McCool stated that Arthur Hebebrand was not at the tavern the night he was there, nor did he know whether Art frequented the tavern. He further stated that none of the individuals whose photographs had been previously displayed to him by Agents, were at the clam bake, in so far as he knew. McCool stated that he had attended the bake in company with a man known as Henry and George Runcle, an electrician at the Great Lakes Exposition. McCool was unable to furnish any other information relative to the Twilight Tavern.

Sharkey Gorman 6012 Franklin Boulevard, Skibo Apartments, Cleveland, Ohio, called at the Cleveland Bureau office in response to a request that he do so, by Special Agents C. E. Smith and J. B. Fitzgerald. He was reinterviewed by said Agents with the following results: Gorman stated that he has known Sally and Pauline Jackson for the last two years and knows that they, and some other sisters, operated the Twilight Tavern on Pearl Road, just outside of Cleveland, but has been at this tavern only twice and on both occasions when the sisters had a clam bake and sold tickets at the Harvard Club. He said that he has on several occasions seen Sally Jackson at the Harvard Club, where she usually came to sell tickets to a clam bake or chicken fry at the tavern. He is sure Sally was at the Harvard Club at least six times, but said he never spoke three words to her and is not at all on intimate terms with her.

Gorman stated that on the occasion of one of these clam bakes at the Twilight Tavern in the fall of 1934 he saw at this tavern the following gamblers from the Harvard Club: Stubby Brazzil, Pollock Whitey, McCool and Mulkey. He said that he never saw any others from the Harvard Club at this tavern and he did not think that this tavern was a hangout for the gamblers from the club. Gorman stated that he does not know whether or not any persons lived with the sisters at the tavern, or if any persons lived upstairs in the place.

Gorman stated that he never saw Milton Lett, whom he knew as Willie, at this Twilight Tavern and thought that Lett was not at the Harvard Club during the time that Gorman made his few visits to the Twilight Tavern.

Mr. L. D. Killmer, Sergeant of Police, Parma Heights, Ohio, was interviewed by Special Agents J. B. Fitzgerald and C. E. Smith relative to any information he might possess relative to the Twilight Inn, and he stated the place had formerly been operated by Sally, Pauline and Florence Jackson, but they were not operating the place at the present time. Killmer further stated that the Inn had a clam bake one night and a general fight started and after he arrived he closed the place for the night, despite the fact that Sally said she was losing \$100.00. He further stated that the sisters had been "cheating" on selling liquor.

Photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang were exhibited to Killmer, but he was unable to identify any of them as individuals he had seen at the Inn, however, he did say that the photograph of Milton Lett was very familiar to him. He was unable, however, to place him. Killmer further stated that Sally had remarked to him that a lot of the men from the Harvard Club frequented the Inn. Agents questioned Killmer as to whether he had ever seen Art Hebebrand at the Inn, and he stated that he had known Hebebrand by sight, do to the fact that Hebebrand had built some houses in Parma Heights, but he had never seen him at the Inn.

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, Cleveland, Ohio, dated October 6, 1936, wherein is related an interview had with G. S. ~~Frambes~~, president of the Thomas Shirt Company, 240 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio, and more particularly to the information that he forwarded shirts via parcel post, cash on delivery to E. Bronson, 3111 Harvard Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. In connection with that matter, Special Agent L. Levin conducted the following investigation:

Mr. Frank Doua, superintendent of the money order section of the United States Post Office, Cleveland, Ohio, advised that the customary practice is for firms to send their parcels cash on delivery, and that when delivery is effected by the post office covering the locality in which the addressee of the parcel resides and the money is collected for the parcel, the post office makes out a money order to the addressor, or firm, and sends it to him; that in order for the addressee to accept a package, he must pay the amount due and also sign for the package on the reverse of what is termed the "tag", to show that he has received delivery. Further, in order to locate this tag, it would be necessary for his office, where these tags are filed, to know the number assigned to the particular package by the post office where the package had originally been mailed. Accordingly, the Cincinnati office was, by telegram dated October 5, 1936, requested to contact the Columbus post office for the desired information. By teletype dated October 6, 1936, the Cleveland office was advised that the Thomas Shirt Company had sent five packages, each for \$25.40, to E. Bronson, 3111 Harvard Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, and they bore the following numbers: 81202, 81203, 81204, 81205, and 81206.

Agent Levin recontacted the money order section of the post office and in the absence of Mr. Doua, spoke with a clerk, James Gill, who, after searching his records, located the five "tags" referring to these packages. These "tags" indicate that the sender was the Thomas Shirt Company, 240 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio, the addressee was E. Bronson, 3111 Harvard Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, the amount of each package was \$25.40. They were sent out of Columbus, Ohio, on July 6, 1934, and were delivered to the addressee on July 11, 1934; the clerk who made the delivery initialed each tag with the initials "G.J.", who was determined to be George Jironsek; each "tag" bore a number which is the money order number which was used to transmit the amount to the sender, which numbers will be set out later; on the reverse of each of the five "tags" appears the pencilled signature "E. Bronson."

Agent Levin attempted to secure these tags for future reference and was referred to Assistant Postmaster James Collins, who stated that he could release these tags to the Bureau only if he were ordered to do so by the office of the Third Assistant Postmaster General at Washington, D. C. A letter is being directed to the Bureau requesting that these tags be secured.

Mr. George Jironsek, clerk in the C.O.D. room of the post office, was interviewed and he identified his initials as appearing on the aforementioned tags. He stated that it was the customary procedure during July of 1934, to mail out notices to the addressees of all C.O.D. packages, advising them that the package was ready for delivery upon the payment of the specified amount; that when these persons presented such notices, no attempt was made to secure any further identification, it being assumed that the holder of the notice is the addressee of the package; that the only thing required is that the addressee sign the reverse side of the tag; that he has no recollection of the delivery of these five packages to E. Bronson, and that he cannot recall any distinguishing feature in connection with this delivery, nor was he able to furnish even the slightest description of the individual. He did state, however, that the signature on the reverse side of the tags was written in his presence, inasmuch as he has made this a rule for delivery, although he has no independent recollection of this. Photographs of the Barker-Karpis mob were exhibited to Jironsek, and he stated that numerous persons from the Harvard Club, which he recognized from the address 3111 Harvard Avenue, came into the post office around that time to get packages of shirts, and that apparently the Thomas Shirt Company did a tremendous business with those employees.

These tags are described more fully as follows: They are taken from the actual package at the time of delivery and indicate that the sender is the Thomas Shirt Company, 240 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio; that the addressee is E. Bronson, 3111 Harvard Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio; they bear in the upper right hand corner the stamp of the sending post office, indicating they were sent out on July 6, 1934; in the upper left hand corner they bear the stamp of the delivering post office indicating they were delivered on July 11, 1934; they bear the initials "G.J." near the center of the tag, these being the initials of the person making the delivery. These tags also bear the C.O.D. number in the upper right hand corner, and near the center of the tag is the number of the money order which was issued by the Cleveland post office in favor of the Thomas Shirt Company for the money, each being in the

amount of \$25.40. (This money order number enables the post office to quickly locate these tags.)

C.O.D. package number

81202  
81203  
81204  
81205  
81206

Money order number

629675  
629676  
629677  
629678  
629679

Each tag on the reverse side bears the signature in pencil, "E. Bronson" and also the stamped date 7-11-34, in the upper right hand corner.

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Louis Monica, brother-in-law of Art Hebebrand, who has charge of the drivers at the Harvard Club, was interviewed at the Cleveland Bureau office by Special Agent S. K. McKee for information as to his being the party who picked up the C.O.D. packages of shirts at the Cleveland post office in July 1934, for subjects of this case, said packages having been shipped under the name E. Bronson. Monica advised that he has purchased only one or two shirts from the Thomas Shirt Company and that the latest purchase was during the year 1933, and arrived in the fall of the year following the death of his wife. He stated that he has never gone to the post office to pick up any collect packages either for himself, the club, or persons employed at the club. He furnished a specimen of his handwriting at the request of Agent, to be used in determining whether he signed for the packages in question at the post office. Monica advised further that he has never heard of any drivers, or other persons at the club, making trips to the post office to secure collect packages for others, but he advised in this connection that he spends very little time around the club as his duties require him to be elsewhere. This is in line with information given by him during prior interview.

In response to questions, Monica stated that the present drivers for the club are the same men who were driving during the year 1934. He furnished their names as follows: John Sweeney, Joseph Suk, Charles Farr, Dave Lebowitz, and Al Rice. Monica stated he would have the several drivers come to this office for interview if we desired to talk with them, and arrangements to this effect were made.

Dave Lebowitz, driver for the Harvard Club, was interviewed at the Cleveland office by Special Agent S. K. McKee with regard to the possibility of his having been the man who picked up the C.O.D. shirt packages in the name of E. Bronson at the post office in July 1934. Lebowitz stated he had been employed as a driver by the club for about four and one-half years and that he has always driven from the club station at 105th Street and Euclid Avenue. He drives his own Packard sedan and is paid a flat rate of \$10.00 per day, being paid by Rube McNulty at the present time, and having been paid by Tony Amersbach when the club was located in the big place. In response to questions, he stated he had never picked up any packages at the post office and had no knowledge concerning any other person from the club having done such things. He said that his duties very seldom take him inside of the club premises, as he is either driving customers to and from the club, or waiting in the front part of the place for customers to be taken back to town. Photographs of the various individuals connected with this investigation were shown to Lebowitz, but he could not identify any except those of persons connected with the club proper, such as Hebebrand, Patton, Sharkey Gorman, and Tip O'Neil. Lebowitz was asked to furnish a specimen of his handwriting as to the name E. Bronson, which he did, and this specimen will be retained in the file for comparison purposes with the signature appearing on the C.O.D. tag at the post office.

The following descriptive data as to this individual was obtained:

Name  
Age  
Height  
Weight  
Hair  
Eyes  
Criminal Record  
Marital Status  
Occupation  
Relatives

Dave Lebowitz  
31 years (born 9-15-05)  
5'9"  
186 pounds  
Dark brown  
Gray  
Claims none  
Married 9 2 children  
Chauffeur, hotel clerk, cab driver  
Mother - Sarah Lebowitz, 11211 Hopkins Ave.,  
Brother - Max Lebowitz, 860 Lakeview Ave.,  
" - Abe Lebowitz, 11211 Hopkins Ave.,  
Dinah Lebowitz - wife, 11230 Berkshire Ave.,  
all of Cleveland, Ohio.

Alfred W. Rice, driver at the Harvard Club, was interviewed at the Cleveland office by Special Agent S. K. McKee. He said he has been a regular driver since April 1935, but prior to that date worked for other drivers on a substitute basis. He drives a '29 Pierce-Arrow sedan and received \$10.00 per day for his car and services. He advised that he secured his job through Louis Monica and is paid by this individual. Rice stated that he had never picked up any C.O.D. packages at the post office for anybody, but had on numerous occasions taken outgoing mail to the post office for mailing at the request of "Toots" Talbot. Pictures of the various persons concerned in this investigation were shown to Rice and he identified these of the operators. He described Sharkey Gorman by the name of "Smoke", and stated that the men at the club call him by this name when they want to get his "goat." Rice also identified the photograph of Milton Lett as a kid he had seen at the club, and who was evidently employed in some capacity. He did not know any name for Lett, but said he rode into town on numerous occasions in his car. He stated that Lett usually left the car at 25th and Lorain Avenue, but on several occasions he had taken him to the intersection of 25th and Church Avenues, at his request, and he gathered the impression that Lett lived somewhere in the vicinity, also that he was a stranger in Cleveland. He stated further that Lett mentioned St. Louis, Missouri, on several occasions and he understood that he had either worked or resided in this city.

It is to be stated that 25th and Church Avenues is in close proximity to the former residence of Sharkey Gorman and to the Silver Grill at 28th and Detroit Avenues, where Karpis and others of his mob hung out. Investigation will be conducted in this neighborhood in an effort to locate the place where Lett was living as it is believed possible that Karpis and Hunter may have visited him or resided with him.

The following description of Al Rice was obtained for possible future reference:

Name	Alfred W. Rice
Age	42 years (Born 9-7-96)
Height	5'6"
Weight	165 pounds
Hair	Sandy
Eyes	Blue
Marital Status	Married - 2 boys
Criminal Record	Convicted U. S. Dist. Ct., Cleveland, Ohio, 1930 - altering government check; 60 days Cuyahoga Cty. Jail.
Relatives	- Mother - Helen Rice, 3181 W. 14th St. - Wife - Marie Rice, 3181 W. 14th St. - Sister - Natalie Rice, 1427 Clark Ave., telephone Shadyside 5468.

He only identified the photographs of Tip O'Neill and Art Hebebrand, stating that he has known these men ever since he started to work at the club. He stated that he was employed by the CWA and during the period of this employment, he frequented the Harvard Club and placed bets on the horse races; that he then started to help serve the lunches at the Keno tables and after doing this for about three and one-half months, he was employed by Tony Amersbach to drive an automobile to haul patrons to the club.

Suk stated that he has never obtained any C.O.D. package from the post office for delivery to anyone at the Harvard Club and does not know anyone by the name of E. Bronson.

Specimens of the handwriting of Suk were obtained and are being retained in the Cleveland file of this case.

The following is a description of Suk as obtained from personal observation and interview:

	Observation and		32 years (born 7-28-04 at Cleveland, Ohio)
Age	-		
Height	-		5'10"
Weight	-		200 pounds
Eyes	-		Blue
Hair	-		Light brown
Build	-		Stocky
Complexion	-		Medium
Nationality	-		Polish
Marital Status	-		Married
Residence	-		4521 Chanpa Ave., Cleveland, Ohio
Occupation	-		Chauffeur
Teeth	-		None
Criminal Record	-		None
Relatives	-	Mother	- Antonio Suk, 4521 Chanpa Ave., Wife - Ann Karkovec Suk, " " "
			telephone Michigan 4742.

On October 9, 1936, John Anthony Sweeney, driver for the Harvard Club, was interviewed at the Cleveland Bureau office by Special Agent A. Paul Kitchin, at which time he furnished the following information:

Sweeney stated that he is 31 years of age and was born at Cleveland, Ohio, on May 8, 1905; that he is married and has no children. He stated that he has resided in Cleveland all of his life and during the early summer of 1934 he started to work for the Harvard Club as a driver and has continued in this capacity ever since with the exception of the period from January to July, 1936, when this club was closed.

Sweeney stated that he very seldom came into contact with the employees and patrons of the club who are inside and that he hauls so many patrons that he very seldom pays any attention to any of them, and therefore, doubts that he can identify any of these patrons whom he does not know personally. He was shown the photographs of the subjects and potential subjects in this case, at which time he identified the photographs of the individuals connected with the Harvard Club - Tip O'Neil, Art Hebebrand, Shimmy Patton, and Danny Gallagher. He stated that he has known both Art and Shimmy for the past fifteen years, due to the fact that he was reared on the west side.

With reference to the order of shirts which was shipped from the Thomas Shirt Company, Columbus, Ohio, to E. Bronson, Sweeney stated that he does not recall anyone by this name and is positive that he never picked up any package of shirts from the post office for this individual. He stated, however, that he has purchased shirts from the Thomas Shirt Company on several occasions at which time they were sent to him C.O.D., but that he has never obtained any shipment for anyone else.

Specimens of the handwriting of Sweeney were obtained and are being retained in the Cleveland office file of this case.

The following is a description of Sweeney as obtained from personal observation and interview:

Age	-	31 years (born 5-8-05, Cleveland, O.)
Height	-	5'5"
Weight	-	210 pounds
Eyes	-	Blue-gray
Hair	-	Reddish brown
Complexion	-	Medium

Build - Stocky  
Nativity - Cleveland, Ohio  
Nationality - Irish-American  
Marital Status - Married  
Occupation - Truck driver and chauffeur  
Residence - 1434 Lakewood Ave., Lakewood, Ohio  
Relatives - Father - John Joseph Sweeney, 77th and Franklin Avenue.  
Wife - Anne Robertson Sweeney, same as own.  
None known.  
Criminal Record -

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On October 9, 1936, Charles Fratalonie, who is known as Charles Farr, driver for the Harvard Club, appeared voluntarily at the Cleveland Bureau office at which time he was interviewed by Special Agent A. Paul Kitchin.

Fratalonie stated that he was born in Italy on February 22, 1896, and came to this country at the age of eight years. He stated that his mother is still living and resides at 4301 Woodbine Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, and that he is married and resides at 2039 West 48th Street, Cleveland, Ohio. He stated he has lived in Cleveland for the past twenty-five years and has followed the occupation of chauffeur practically all of his life.

According to Fratalonie he started to work for the Harvard Club on December 24, 1933, as a driver, delivering customers to the club, and continuously worked in this capacity until January, 1936, when the club was closed. During this period he was working from nine P. M. to closing time. In July, 1936, he again went to work for this club and is still employed as a driver.

Fratalonie was shown all of the photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang and also miscellaneous photographs of other potential subjects, but he only identified the photographs of Tip O'Neil and Art Hebebrand.

When questioned relative to the C.O.D. package sent to E. Bronson, 5111 Harvard Avenue from the Thomas Shirt Company, Columbus, Ohio, in July of 1934, he stated he could not recall having ever obtained any package for delivery to the Harvard Club, except a package from Detroit for Earl Cockrell, a roulette dealer, for which he paid \$6.00.

Specimens of Fratalonie's handwriting were obtained and are at present being retained in the Cleveland Bureau office file of this case.

The following is a description of Fratalonie as obtained from personal observation and interview:

Age	-	39 years
		(born in Italy on 2-22-96)
Height	-	5'7"
Weight	-	200 pounds
Eyes	-	Brown
Hair	-	Black (curly and partially red)
Complexion	-	Medium
Teeth	-	Good
Nationality	-	Italian
Criminal Record	-	None
Occupation	-	Chauffeur
Marital Status	-	Married
Residence	-	2039 W. 48th St., Cleveland, Ohio.
Relatives	-	Wife - Betty Bogus Fratalone, same address
		Daughter - Florence Fratalone, "
		Mother - Lucy Fratalone, 4301 Woodbine Ave.,
		Cleveland, Ohio.



In connection with the Plymouth sedan alleged to have been used in the Garrettsville mail robbery and which car is supposed to have been purchased by Milton Lett, interview was had by Special Agents A. P. Kitchin and S. K. McKee with O. E. Hutchison of Knowles-Browne, Inc., Plymouth dealers, 1440 West 25th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, and he advised that he recalled the sale of this car very well inasmuch as Post Office Inspectors had checked the matter some time very shortly after the car had been sold. He stated that he and former salesman Willis Ross, who was last known to have been working for the Brownlee Chevrolet Company in Cleveland, dealt with the purchaser of the car, and although Ross received credit for the sale he did not have much contact with the buyer. He stated the order was actually written by one A. G. Cowles, who is still in the employ of the company. He said that the buyer was a young man in his early twenties and with a "countrified" appearance; that he came into the showroom around noon on one day and ordered the car, making a deposit at the time, and when asked for an address he said that he was moving and would phone in his new address as soon as he had moved; that he did telephone the agency on the same night and furnished his address; that on the following day he took delivery on the car, paying the balance of the purchase price in cash at the time. Photograph of Milton Lett was shown to Mr. Hutchison and he immediately identified it as the likeness of the purchaser of the car in question.

Reference was had to the invoice records of the Knowles-Browne, Inc. and invoice dated October 25, 1935, to Carl Baker, 1027 East 147th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, covering sale of Plymouth four door touring sedan, motor #PJ 322722, serial #261985, was located. This invoice showed the car was ordered on October 24, 1935, at which time a deposit of \$20.00 was made, and was delivered on October 25, 1935 when the balance of the total purchase price of \$694.15 was paid. The total price of \$714.15 was split up as follows: price of car, \$690.00; sales tax, \$20.70; new license plates, \$3.45.

A. G. Cowles was interviewed and he advised that he wrote the order for the above car. He said the buyer was a young man with a country air about him, and he particularly remembered that his face was broken out with pimples. Photograph of Milton Lett was displayed to him, and although he said the picture resembled the man who bought the car in question, he could not positively identify it as the buyer did not seem as heavy as the man in the picture looked. He said the man did not give an address when the order was taken as he said he was moving and did not recall the number of his new house; however, he telephoned later in the day and furnished an address. Mr. Cowles said that he seemed to recall that one of the Post Office Inspectors, who investigated this matter had told him that the address in question was either that of a vacant lot or of some vacant house.

In connection with information supplied by Al Rice, driver for the Harvard Club, to the effect that Milton Lett asked to be taken to the intersection of 25th and Church Streets on several occasions while he was working at the club, and as Rice understood that Lett resided somewhere in that vicinity, investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. P. Kitchin and S. K. McKee in this neighborhood. It is to be stated that the Plymouth agency where Lett purchased the car used in the mail robbery is only one half block from the above corner; that "Sharkey" Gorman used to live only one block from the corner; and that the Silver Grill is located within three blocks of this intersection. It is possible that Lett left the club car at this point for the purpose of going to the Silver Grill, however, instead of going home.

Observation showed that the buildings on 25th Street in this section are of business types. On Church Street for several blocks and on the twenty-five hundred block of Detroit Avenue, which is only one block north of Church Street, are located several second class apartment or tenement houses. The residence buildings in this section are worn out and are used as low grade rooming houses at the present time. It is to be stated that Church Street begins at 25th Street.

Mrs. Ruby Bell, manager of the apartment building at 2506 Church Street, upon interview could not identify the picture of Lett, nor had anybody by his true name or aliases been a tenant during the past several years. It was learned, however, that Bill Allen, crap dealer from Toledo, Ohio, had roomed for a short time with one Harold Crowl and his wife. This Crowl is a laboring man connected with the Union Terminal and is not identical with Pretty Charlie Crowl, presently an employee of the Harvard Club.

Mrs. Frank Levell, 2514 Church Street, could not identify the picture of Lett, and in response to questions it was learned that nobody by his true name or aliases had lived in the building during the past several years.

Luther Saunders, 2599 Church Street, operator of a rooming house at this address, was interviewed with negative results.

Neil Bennett, 2520 Detroit Avenue, which place is the tenement where "Sharkey" Gorman used to live, was interviewed and shown the photograph of Lett. He was positive that Lett had neither

lived nor visited in the building. He thought that he had possibly seen Lett hanging around the corner of 25th and Detroit, but he could not be positive as to this.

Mrs. Betty Humphrey, 2610 Detroit Avenue, who manages an apartment building at that address, was interviewed. She stated that she has managed this building and one immediately across the street for the past two years and, when shown the picture of Milton Lett, was positive that he had never lived in either of the buildings.

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Patrick James Kilbane, generally known as Paddy Kilbane, operator of the saloon at 2801 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, where fugitives in this case are alleged to have hung out, was interviewed at the Cleveland office on October 9, 1936, by Special Agents S. K. McKee and J. L. Madala. He advised that he was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and has lived here all of his life; that he attended public and parochial schools through the fourth grade and thereafter went to work. He has worked as a bartender and saloon keeper most of his life. He admitted that he worked for one Michael Kilbane during the prohibition era in the bootlegging business. With respect to his connection with the saloon in question, he advised that he began operating same during February 1935; that he knew the place which was being operated by one Eddie Gallagher as the Silver Grill was in bad shape financially and he also knew that the premises belonged to Mrs. Julia Patton, wife of Shimmy Patton.

He advised that he went to see Mrs. Patton and arranged to take over the place by paying the outstanding bills. Kilbane was questioned at length as to the identity of Eddie Gallagher, but he claimed that he did not know this man, or anything about him other than that he operated the Silver Grill. He stated that he, Kilbane, was working as a bartender at the Club Cafe, 25th and Chatham Street, prior to the time he took over the saloon on Detroit Street. He said he pays Mrs. Patton \$40.00 a month rental on the place; that he employs only one bartender who is Owny McDermott; that he works from 7:00 A. M. until 7:00 P. M. daily, while McDermott works from 7:00 P. M. until closing time and in some instances stays at the place all night. Kilbane advised that during the portion of 1935 that he operated this place he ran under the license in the name of Eddie Gallagher as he did not have the money with which to buy a license of his own. He states he now has his own license, which is merely to sell beer; that he does sell whiskey which he buys at the state liquor store and retails by the drink.

In response to questions Kilbane advised that various police officers come into his saloon from time to time, but not as customers. He denied that he paid any graft to officers for permitting him to sell whiskey when he is only licensed to dispense beer.

Kilbane was shown photographs of the various persons connected with this investigation, and he denied that he had ever come in contact with any of the major subjects. He identified pictures of the following persons, also stating his connection with them, as follows: Tip O'Neil - claims has known him all of his life and was raised with him as a boy. States he does not know anything of O'Neil's criminal activities altho he does not know that he has served several penitentiary sentences. States O'Neil comes into the saloon from time to time to buy drinks; Art Hebebrand - states has known Hebebrand about ten years as close friend of Shimmy Patton and as one of the operators of the Harvard Club. States that Hebebrand comes to the saloon occasionally to buy drinks, also to keep engagements with persons he has arranged to meet; Shimmy Patton - states he was raised with Patton and has known him all of his life. Says Patton was formerly in bootlegging business on west side and during recent years has been one of the operators of the Harvard Club. States Patton comes to the saloon frequently to meet people, but that he does not drink; Dan Gallagher - claims to have known Gallagher about twenty years as a gambler and as a frequenter of saloons. Knows him as an employee of the Harvard Club; Sharkey Gorman - claims to have known Sharkey all of his life. States Sharkey is employed at the Harvard Club and that he comes to the saloon frequently to drink. Claimed that he has never seen Sharkey in the place in company with any strangers.

Kilbane advised that he is acquainted with many of the men who work at the Harvard Club and that they come to his place to drink. He also advised that they patronized the Club Cafe when he worked there, and he has reason to believe that they come to the saloon to talk to him inasmuch as he has quite a reputation as a story teller and entertainer. He was questioned as to the fight which occurred in the saloon between Toots Talbot and Mickey McGee during the course of a "shindig" given by him, and he said he remembered the fight but did not recall who separated the two participants. In this

he said he had given two "shindigs", both of which occurred in the late spring of 1935; that he had invited a number of men from the Harvard Club but that the party was open to the public; that the purpose of these "shindigs" was to drum up some business for the place. Kilbane was questioned at length concerning Milton Lett having frequented his place of business, particularly in company with Sharkey Gorman, but he positively denied that he had ever seen the man.

The following description of Kilbane was furnished by him and obtained from him for possible future reference:

Name	- Patrick James Kilbane
Age	- 49 yrs. born 3-10-87, Cleveland, Ohio
Height	- 5' 7½"
Weight	- 180 lbs.
Hair	- brown, grey at temples
Eyes	- grey
Build	- heavy, large stomach
Occupation	- saloon keeper
Residence	- 10707 Clifton Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio.
Crim. record	- admits arrest Cleveland PD, drunken driving-10 days in jail
Relatives	- Ellen Kilbane, mother, 10707 Clifton Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio;
	James E. Kilbane, brother, 8700 Detroit Ave., Cleveland, Ohio;
	Thomas I. Kilbane, brother, 10707 Clifton Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio;
	Ella O'Donnell, sister, 10707 Clifton Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio

Owen D. McDermott, bartender at the saloon operated by Patrick J. Kilbane at 2801 Detroit Ave., Cleveland, was interviewed at the Cleveland office on October 10, 1936, by Special Agent S. K. McKee. He stated he has been employed at the above for the approximate period of the past year and a half. Photographs of the various persons concerned in this investigation were shown to McDermott, and he identified pictures of Shimmy Patton, Art Hebebrand, Dan Gallagher, Tip O'Neil and Sharkey Gorman as persons he has seen around the saloon. He was unable to supply much information as to these persons other than to state he had seen them around the saloon and that they were connected with the Harvard Club. As to Sharkey Gorman he advised that he usually comes into the saloon alone, and he could not remember him having come into the place in company with anyone else. He also said that Gorman did not come to the place

very often. McDermott recalled the fight at the saloon between Toots Halbot and Mickey McGee during the course of the "shindig", but he could not recall anyone having separated these two men. A photograph of Milton Lett was shown to him but he could not remember having seen him at the saloon or elsewhere. McDermott admitted that he and Kilbane sold whiskey at the saloon when they only had a beer license, and he could only defend himself by saying that a fellow had to make a living somehow. He was questioned at length regarding the photographs of the major subjects in this file and as to their having frequented the saloon but he insisted he had never been in contact with any of them.

The following descriptive data as to McDermott was obtained:

Name	- Owen D. McDermott
Age	- 41 yrs. born 12-4-88
Height	- 5' 4 1/2"
Weight	- 130 lbs.
Hair	- light brown, grey at temples
Eyes	- hazel
Build	- medium, right leg stiff at knee
Marital status	- single
Occupation	- bartender
Criminal record	- convicted US Dist. Court, Cleveland 1921 N P A - sixty days
Residence	- 3155 West 112th Street, Cleveland
Relatives	- Mrs. Mary F. Birt, sister, 3155 West 112th Street, Cleveland

Dick Dutton, an employee of the Harvard Club, Cleveland, was located at room 203, Belmont Hotel, 3844 Euclid Avenue, and requested to accompany Agent Leon Levin to the Cleveland office where he was questioned. He advised that his correct name is Richard Carl Dutton; that he was born in Detroit, Michigan, on 7-12-12; that he attended Eastern High School, that city, leaving when he had completed the 10th grade in June 1927. During the same summer he started working as a page boy and clerk in a bank now known as the Peoples Wayne County Bank, Detroit, Michigan, and continued there until September 1928. Sometime during this month he accompanied his uncle to a gambling house known as the "Mack Avenue", located at 17100 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe, Michigan, a suburb of Detroit. On this occasion, which was his first in a gambling house, he heard that the employees earned \$15 per day and then talked to the man he later knew as the floor man, named Connie Murley, who now operates or works in a gambling ship located off the coast of California, near Los Angeles.