Clara Miller,
228 17th St., Toledo, Ohio.

Investigation was conducted at this address on June, 22, 1936, by Special Agents R. C. Suran and D. P. Sullivan.

Clara Miller, upon interview, stated that about ten years ago she operated a house of prostitution at 522 Ontario Street, Toledo, Ohio, where she employed 14 girls as prostitutes; that subsequent to that time she operated houses of prostitution at various addresses on Nebraska Avenue; that she has been located at this address for the past three years, where she has maintained only one girl at her house; that because of the competition, it was necessary for her to run a "call" house because she could not afford to board girls who might work for her; that for a date at her house she charges $2.00, the prostitute getting $1.00 and she, Clara Miller, getting $1.00 for the use of the room.

Mrs. Edward Joyce, alias Maude Noble,
50 Wabash St., Toledo, Ohio.

Investigation was conducted at the above address on June 12, 1936, by Special Agents R. C. Suran, D. P. Sullivan, J. V. Murphy and E. J. Dowd.

Maude Noble, in a signed statement, advised that she has operated a house of prostitution at this address for the past 14 years, employed two girl prostitutes during the day and two at night; that she was last raided in July 1934, and charged with operating a disorderly house, and was sentenced to 30 days in the workhouse.

Garnet Murray, when interviewed on the above date, stated that she has been employed at the above address as a prostitute for the past seven years; that the minimum charge for a date is $1.00, of which she pays Maude Noble one-half; that she has been arrested only once since she has been employed by Maude Noble and that occurred about six years ago.

Myrtle Osborn, alias Mickey Malone,
632 S. 11th St., Toledo, Ohio.

Investigation was conducted at this address on July 12, 1936, by Special Agents D. P. Sullivan, J. V. Murphy, E. J. Dowd and R. C. Suran.

Myrtle Osborn stated that she has operated a house of prostitution at this address for the past eight years.

Esther Miller, when interviewed, stated that she was practicing prostitution at this address on the date of the investigation made there; that the minimum charge for a date is $1.00, of which she pays fifty percent to Myrtle Osborn; that because of poor business, occasionally dates could be made at this house for $.50.

Edith May Black was interviewed and she stated that for the past two years she has been employed by Myrtle Osborn at this address as a prostitute.

Knowledge by police of houses of prostitution operating in Toledo, Ohio.

The following interviews indicate that the Toledo Police Department have knowledge of the fact that houses of prostitution are openly operated in Toledo, Ohio, but are considered as necessary evils which should be regulated rather than be suppressed.

On August 18, 1936, Officer Wm. Myers was interviewed by Special Agents R. C. Suran and J. V. Murphy. Officer Myers stated that at the date of the interview, he was assigned to the Vice Squad under Captain Fauble, having been appointed on July 2, 1936. Myers stated that he considered houses of prostitution as necessary evils and that the Police Department was not trying to drive them out of town altogether but did endeavor to regulate them, demanding that the girls not solicit from windows or doorways or walk the streets; that the girls also were required to have periodical medical examinations.

On August 28, 1936, Chief of Police Ray Allen was interviewed by Special Agents E. J. Wynn and D. P. Sullivan, at which time he stated that he knew that there were houses of prostitution operating in Toledo, Ohio; that the efforts of the Toledo Police Department were directed to stamping out street solicitors and to regulate houses of prostitution rather than to entirely suppress them.

Evidence of Corruption

While Agents of this Bureau were making inquires at a number of houses of prostitution on June 11th and 12th 1936, other houses of prostitution ceased to operate and on Friday night, June 12, 1936, a majority of the known houses of prostitution at Toledo, Ohio, closed up.

On June 16, 1936, Mae McKenzie, an inmate of the Shelby Hotel, advised Special Agents E. J. Dowd and J. V. Murphy that the word went out for the houses to open at 8 o'clock that night; this was the night on which the bonus due the World War Veterans was to be delivered by mail. A survey was made by Agents and persons were either seen entering the following addresses or such addresses were seen to be lighted and gave evidence of being open:

627 Ontario St., operated by Rose Smith.

Shelby Hotel, 729½ Summit St.

900½ Monroe St., operated by Rose Bush.

1234 Monroe St., operated by Margaret Clark, sister of Detective Earl McBride.

616 Lafayette St., operated by Kitty Speery.

111 So. Erie St., operated by Eleanor Crockett.

43 Vance St., operated by Mae Leonard.

49 Vance St., operator unknown.

632 S. 11th St., operated by Myrtle Malone.

634 S. 11th St., operator unknown - this place had been previously vacant but apparently opened for the first time on this date.

50 Wabash St., operated by Maude Noble.

51 Wabash St., operated by Margaret Russell.

48 Wabash St., operated by Susan Howard.

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Referring to the closing of these known houses of prostitution at Toledo, Ohio, due to the activity of Special Agents of this Bureau, [redacted] confidentially advised on June 15, 1936, that after Special Agents had interviewed several landladies, most of the known houses of prostitution closed down; that the "pay-off" for the month had been made and when the houses closed the collector had to "kick back" part of the protection money; that he understood that the City Hall newspaper reporters get $200.00 a month each from protection money paid; that these reporters are Phil Gibbs of the Toledo Blade newspaper, Mike Desmond, who is now a feature writer for the Toledo News-Bee, and Jack Flanigan of the Toledo Times; that Gibbs and Desmond are very close friends of CAPTAIN TIERNEY and give him a boost whenever they can; also [redacted] further stated that Mabel Green was formerly a "front" for "pay-offs" and Maxine Belmont was the "front" for about three weeks, up until the present administration was inducted into office on January 1, 1936; that he understood that at the date of this interview a police officer was the collector for the protection money.

Pay-offs and protection money

On June 27, 1936, Special Agents R. C. Suran, and D. P. Sullivan interviewed Hattie Harris, who signed a written statement containing the following information:

That she was employed as a housekeeper in houses of prostitution at Toledo, Ohio, from 1926 until 1935; that in 1927

she obtained employment as housekeeper for Fay Clarke at 112 and 114 Nebraska Avenue; that about 1930 she was left in complete charge of these two houses; that thereafter each month for about two years, from about 1930 to 1932, upon instructions of Fay Clarke, she went to the residence of TED ANGUS and personally paid $100.00 on each occasion. As a result of these payments, the police did not raid this house of prostitution except when the girls tapped on the window to attract customers; that from 1930 to 1933 officers Chris Brennan, Tafelski, Brown, McCarthy, Michalak and other members of the Vice Squad would visit Fay Clark's house but would not raid or arrest any one unless there was some disturbance.

Hattie Harris verbally stated that on occasions when the "heat" was considered to be on the town, some member of the Vice Squad would call at the house and leave word to close up.

On June 12, 1936, a written statement was taken from Mrs. Edward Joyce, who was operating a house of prostitution at 50 Wabash St. as heretofore mentioned. This signed statement - that at about four years ago she was operating a house of prostitution at 202 Erie St. and was advised by other operators of houses of prostitution that in order to remain open, she would have to see TED and BERT ANGUS at the Casino Club in Point Place; that she saw TED ANGUS, who told her it would cost her $100.00 a month to stay open, this money to be paid in advance; that she paid $100.00 one month and during this period was not bothered by the Toledo Police Department; that the following month when she did not pay the Vice Squad continually visited her house and arrested her on one occasion; that they made it so miserable for her that she closed up her house of prostitution; that about June or July of 1935, she was not paying protection money and the Vice Squad frequently visited her house, running through the rooms; that at the suggestion of Julius Davis, she paid $50.00 protection money and was not bothered by the Vice Squad during that month; that when she did not pay the following month, the Vice Squad of the Toledo Police Department came into her house of prostitution and looked around on several occasions.

NOTE: Mrs. Edward Joyce, alias Maude Noble, has died since the above interview.

On June 11, 1936, when Agents were making investigation at the house of prostitution operated by Pauline Neinstein at the Riverside Hotel, 921 Summit St., Toledo, Ohio, Wm. Fisk, badge No. 228, of the Toledo Police Department, called at this house of prostitution in a casual manner; when he was questioned by Agents, he stated that he was looking for violations of the liquor laws.

[redacted] confidentially advised that he had obtained information that officers Fisk and Kline of the liquor squad were the present collectors of protection money from houses of prostitution. This information could not be verified.

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On the night of June 12, 1936, while Agents were making an investigation at the house of prostitution operated by Kitty Sperry at 616 Lafayette St., the telephone rang and the maid answered it. Special Agent D. P. Sullivan approached the telephone and overheard the man calling ask for Kitty and when the maid advised that she was busy, the man calling left a message for Kitty to call Adams 4141. This telephone is listed to the Toledo Police Department.

Jacqueline Thomas, an inmate at this house of prostitution, stated that one of the maids at this place advised her that one night during the week of June 15, 1936, the night Chief of Police (whose identify is not known) called at this address and refused to take a drink from a bottle of liquor which Kitty Speery had and which bottle contained only one drink; that he returned on the following night, when Kitty Speery had a full bottle of liquor, and he and Kitty went into a small room on the first floor, closed the door and began drinking, and this officer left orders that he did not wish to be disturbed even by Federal Agents.

While Agents were making investigation at 616 Lafayette St. on the afternoon of June 11, 1936, Detectives Donald McGregor and W. Cook, members of the Vice Squad, entered this house of prostitution in a jaunty fashion as though they had been there frequently and were welcome. They explained their presence by stating they were making a routine inspection; that they had been

on the Vice Squad one month at that time and had made no arrests to date at this house of prostitution and would be unable to do so unless they caught a man with an inmate in her room, however, these two officers made no effort to make an inspection of the upstairs bed-rooms in this house.

At about 10:30 P.M. the night of June 16, 1936, Special Agents R. C. Suran and D. P. Sullivan saw a uniformed police officer leave a house of prostitution at 43 Vance St. and enter a Toledo Police Department squad car bearing 1936 Ohio plates OR 886. Captain Charles Hennessy confidentially advised that this squad car was used on the night of June 16, 1936 by officers Harry Steel and Seaders; that these officers would have no reason to call at 43 Vance St. in connection with their official duties; that there was no record made by them of such a call having been made.

Officer J. Michalak, residence 3122 Warsaw St., was interviewed by Special Agents E. J. Wynn and D. P. Sullivan and he admitted that he and other members of the old Hoodlum Squad would visit 616 Lafayette St., a house of prostitution operated by Kitty Sperry, would go with her into a back room and close the door; that this was done only to discuss general matters because she like all other madames wanted to know what the "beef" was; that he and other members of the Vice or Hoodlum Squad who might be with him did not always bother to look in the bed-rooms for men visitors in order to get evidence of violation of law.

Apparently as a part of the system of protecting houses of prostitution, in exchange for protection money paid by them, certain police officers assigned to the Vice Squad have in the past been prevented from entering houses of prostitution and are assigned exclusively to working on the streets in arresting women solicitors.

Officer L. D. Mills stated that in January or February 1934, he worked for about ten days under Captain George Timiney; that Timiney called the various members of the Squad into the Chief's office and in the presence of the Chief of Police told them, including himself, Mills, that the Vice Squad should only work the streets and arrest only street walkers; that when he told

Timiney he did not believe this order was consistent with the duties of an officer of the Vice Squad, to remain out of the houses of prostitution, Timiney remarked - "You take care of the streets and I will take care of the --- houses". Mills stated that he was removed from the Vice Squad two days later, no reason being given for this action.

Officer Joseph Cichy, residence 721 Westwood Ave., Toledo, Ohio, when interviewed on August 4, 1936, by Special Agents R. C. Suran and J. V. Murphy, stated that during February 1934, he was assigned to the Vice Squad under Captain George Timiney; that at that time he was assigned to work exclusively on the streets in arresting street solicitors.

Officer C.L. Blinn, residence 878 Prouty Ave., Toledo, was interviewed by Special Agents R. C. Suran and J. V. Murphy on August 3, 1936, and he stated that from January 1934 to August 1934, he was assigned to the Vice Squad under Captain George Timiney; that during this time he was assigned to the duty of arresting street walkers only and was not permitted to enter houses of prostitution.

History

Evidence was obtained during the investigation conducted at Toledo, Ohio, that the conditions found in that city during June and July 1936, did not differ in great measure from that which apparently existed in previous years. In March 1934, a comprehensive confidential report was made by an investigator of the Social Hygene Council, setting up the results of an inquiry made into vice and corruption in that city. The results of this investigation are summarized as follows:

1. That hotels furnish prostitutes or prostitutes would be furnished through bell-boys of hotels in Toledo.

2. That every house of prostitution is compelled to "pay-off" from $15.00 to $25.00 for the smallest places and more for the larger places in order to continue to operate.

3. That George Timiney, then head of the Vice Squad, controlled the collection of "pay-offs" according to statements made by madames of houses of prostitution that were interviewed.

4. That the "pay-off" is divided between police officers and politicians.

5. That no effort was made to close known houses of prostitution but orders were given to such houses to refrain from window tapping, etc.

6. That the madames of houses of prostitution carried sufficient influence (apparently through police officers and politicians) to change the ideas of the Mayor of Toledo to best suit the madames of such houses.

7. That the so-called periodic "vice" and "purity" drives are but temporary and have little if any effect in suppressing vice.

8. That the investigator visited 39 houses of prostitution where 97 (88 white, 9 negro) prostitutes were interviewed or learned about; that of this number only 4 (2 white, 2 negro) were not sexual perverts, the other 93 perverts offering their services at prices ranging from $1.00 to $3.00.

9. That the report shows that the investigator visited the houses of prostitution at 111 S. Erie St., operated by Elinor Crockett, alias Beatrice Fuller, and visited the Riverside Hotel at 921 Summit St., which was operated by Pauline Neinstein.

(It is to be noted that both of the above mentioned places were operated by the same madames when Agents conducted investigation at these places in June 1936).

Rev. Harlan Frost confidentially advised that copies of the above report were provided to Mr. Klotz, former mayor of Toledo, Ohio, and his safety director John Price; that a copy was provided the present City Manager, John Edy, and Chief of Police, Ray Allen.

Indicative of the fact that conditions found by investigating agents in June and July 1936, have prevailed over a long period of time is found in an investigation made by Rev. Charles B. Harrison, who submitted a confidential report dated June 3, 1935.

Vice

Findings of Rev. Charles B. Harrison are practically a resume of the investigation conducted by the Social Hygene Council.

X Slot machines racket

The report states that in 1927, 5,000 slot machines were located in Toledo, Ohio, and were controlled by the Frettie Brothers, who compelled competing operators to pay them a percentage of their earnings for the privilege of placing stickers of the Acme Sales Co., operated by the Frettie Brothers, on their machines; the machines not so identified would be confiscated by the police; that after Judge Norris ordered the police in the first part of 1935 to bring in slot machines found and to also bring to court proprietors of places where such machines were located, the Frettie Brothers gave up the slot machine business and began dealing in pin ball machines.

Gambling

At the date of the above report, June 1935, the following gambling places were operating:

Jovial Club,
631 St Clair St.,
Operated by Ed Warnke.

The Recreation Club,
513½ Jefferson St,
Operated by Harry Levine.

The Superior,
120 Superior St.,
Operated by Bennie Harris.

The Buckeye,
227 Superior St.
Operated by Bennie Aronoff.

The R. & K. Smoke Shop,
428½ Superior St.

Ralph Duggan's Place,
625 St Clair St.

Note: All of the above mentioned places were operating openly at Toledo, Ohio, at the time the Special Agents of this Bureau conducted instant investigation in June and July 1936.

- VICE and CORRUPTION -

(Telephone Tap on Maxine Belmont)

On July 6, 1936, a tap was placed on the telephone of Maxine Belmont, telephone Adams 1556, listed to her paramour, John Thomas, residence 2105 Warren Street, Toledo, Ohio. This tap was maintained until October 3, 1936. During the maintenance of this telephone tap various conversations were overheard, definitely indicating that she was in close association with certain members of the Toledo Police Department, especially members of the vice squad.

That very little, if any, effort was made to close the Shelby Hotel, a notorious house of prostitution operated by Maxine Belmont;

That the raids conducted by the vice squad apparently were friendly raids made apparently only for the purpose of making a show of suppressing vice;

That the Belmont woman had numerous meetings with police officers of the vice squad and that her house was frequently visited by police officers and even by Municipal Court Judge Ramey;

That the conversations indicated a corrupt alliance existing between Maxine Belmont and other operators of houses of prostitution at Toledo and members of the vice squad of the Toledo Police Department.

The following conversation indicates that raids conducted by the Toledo Police Department are a matter of routine, both for the police officers and for the operators of houses of prostitution, and was overheard by Special Agent R. A. Guerin, who was continuously assigned to the surveillance on the telephone tap of Maxine Belmont, beginning July 6, 1936. The pertinent parts of this conversation are set out herewith, the conversation taking place at 5:16 P. M., on September 3, 1936, the call being incoming, and the conversation being between Jennie Whitey, manager of the Shelby Hotel, and Maxine Belmont,

whose voice can be identified by Special Agent R. A. Guerin:

Jennie: Fritz was in court today and was up to see the "Big Boss." He seen all the boys, Cookie and Gilley. (Apparently Cook and Gilley of the vice squad). Fritz said to them, "When are you going to knock off her on Ontario Street?" They told him they would take her in her turn and then Kitty Diamond would be next. Fritz said, "Knock her over first and take Kitty Diamond later."

Maxine: You mean the old lady?

Jennie: Yes.

Conversations between Maxine Belmont and others indicate that she and other madams of the houses of prostitution at Toledo, Ohio, frequently have meetings with members of the Toledo Police Department. The following conversation was overheard by Special Agent R. A. Guerin at 11:05 P. M. on July 19, 1936, the call being an incoming call and the conversation being between Maxine Belmont and Lena, who gossip about general matters and Lena then tells Maxine that she has to meet the "shamuses" (Jewish for police) at two P. M. tomorrow.

Maxine Belmont apparently had meetings with certain members of the vice squad and the conversation quoted herewith has reference to Officer Gilley, a member of the vice squad of the Toledo Police Department. The conversation is a result of an outgoing call made by Maxine Belmont at 4:29 P. M. on August 23, 1936, to Main 0596, which is listed to the Market Business Men's Club, 216½ Superior Street (gambling house operated by paramour of Maxine Belmont, John Thomas) and was overheard by Special Agent R. A. Guerin:

Maxine: Gilley made an appointment to meet me at your place at five o'clock and I don't want to disappoint him. Will there be some place up in front for us to sit?

Johnny: Yes.

Special Agent R. A. Guerin can identify both the voices of Maxine Belmont and John Thomas.

A subsequent conversation verified the fact that Maxine Belmont actually did meet Gilley, as mentioned in the conversation of August 23, 1936, at 4:29 P. M. The following conversation was overheard by Former Special Agent M. J. Kavanaugh at 9:47 P. M. on August 23, 1936, the call being an outgoing call to Adams 4941, which telephone is listed to Jennie Blank, 901 Monroe Street. (This is the address of the house of prostitution of Rosie Bush.) Former Special Agent M. J. Kavanaugh began the surveillance on this telephone tap on July 6, 1936, and can identify the voice of Maxine Belmont:

Maxine: Hello, Lena. How are you?
Lena: Hot. How are you?
Maxine: Alright. Last night Gilley and his partner were in the place and wanted to see me. Mary told me and I had to meet them and talk to them for one and one-half hours. I told them that I did not want to be a bad loser, but neither did I want to lose the big prize. * * *

Lena: His partner was around.
Maxine: I know. I'll see you tomorrow and tell you about it.

Frequent reference is made in the conversations of Maxine Belmont with other operators of houses of prostitution concerning "the boys", reference apparently being made to members of the vice squad. The conversation quoted herewith indicates the friendly attitude of "the boys" to Jennie Whitey, manager of the Shelby Hotel, the conversation taking place at 5:16 P. M., on September 3, 1936, it being an incoming call; part of the conversation mentioned above relating to Officers Cook and Gilley. The pertinent portions are herewith quoted. The conversation was overheard by Special Agent R. A. Guerin:

Jennie: * * * "The Boys" were up here and he says to me, "I got to give you credit * * * you took it like a good fellow. (Apparently having reference to the arrest of Jennie Whitey at the Shelby Hotel a day or two previous to this conversation.)

Maxine: You should say you had been here for 20 years.
Jennie: I told them I wasn't squawking, but I told them I did think it was rotten. Two of them are coming up tonight at ten as they can't get me there in the daytime.

Maxine: Which ones? The two smart ones?
Jennie: Hazen and (Maxine interrupted Jennie at this point)
Maxine: Oh, the old timers. Do you want me to come up about that time so I'll be there?

Jennie: Yes.

The following conversation indicates that Maxine Belmont is friendly with Detective Art Langendorf, who is presently a member of the special investigative squad of the Toledo Police Department. The conversation took place at 4:40 P. M. on September 2, 1936, being an outgoing call to Adams 4530, which telephone is listed to Rose Smith, 628 Ontario Street, which address is a house of prostitution operated by Bill Kozman and his paramour, Rose Smith. Special Agent R. A. Guerin overheard this conversation:

Maxine: Mary, is Helen sleeping? Well let me talk to her. Hello, Helen. How are you?

Helen: Fine, I had the best sleep since I have been here. You know things are better and I feel fine today. Lena went downtown this afternoon.

Maxine: These hours are too irregular. I am cooking dinner tonight. Art Langendorf gave me a fish and I got it in the Algeo (hotel) last night. I have got it cut up and it only makes two pieces and I asked Lena to come up too. Marie could not come.

Helen: Well, that will work out all right. * * *.

The houses of prostitution operating openly in Toledo, and apparently with the knowledge and consent of the Toledo Police Department, apparently are governed by unwritten rules and regulations transmitted to the operators of these houses of prostitution by members of the vice squad, as indicated by the following conversation overheard by Special Agent E. J. Wynn, at 2:35 A. M. on July 29, 1936, the call being an outgoing call, number not being recorded, but apparently to the Shelby Hotel, and was between Maxine Belmont and Maude, whose voice sounded to Agent Wynn like that of a negro woman.

Maxine: How is everything? How many Girls working?
Maude: Two. "The boys" were here tonight. They said things were hot and not to have more than two girls and not to let more than three men in at one time. No crowds; you know what I mean. You know we have been having four girls at night.
Maxine: I'll see Jennie. You take care of things. Keep the door locked.
Maude: Yes, mam, I'se taking care of things just like you was here.

Special Agent E. J. Wynn was on duty on July 29, 1936, apparently only to relieve either Special Agent R. A. Guerin, or former Special Agent M. J. Kavanaugh, but cannot identify the voice of Maxine Belmont.

The reference to "things being hot" apparently refers to the activities of Agents at Toledo, Ohio, which apparently resulted in the above rule of limiting two prostitutes to a house of prostitution.

Further confirmation of the order that only two girls should be employed at the Shelby Hotel is found in the following conversation at 3:59 P. M. on July 29, 1936, the call being an outgoing call, the number not recorded on the recorder, and the woman calling apperently being Maxine Belmont:

Maxine: Hello.
Jennie: I called you this afternoon, but you were not home.
Maxine: I was home, but I don't answer the phone. I'll explain why when I see you.
Jennie: "The boys" were here last night. They saw only two girls working and thought that was all. They said not to work any more, but I am getting Margie for tonight anyway. I'll be up to the house about 7:30 when I get off.
Maxine: All right, Jennie.

The above conversation was overheard by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, who relieved either Special Agent R. A. Guerin, or former Special Agent M. J. Kavanaugh, on the above date, and he cannot identify the voices of either Maxine Belmont or Jennie.

Information was likewise obtained indicating that the captain (apparently of the vice squad) refrained from conducting a raid on the house of prostitution operated by Rosie Bush on a Saturday night, probably because of the large amount of business that would be lost by Rosie Bush if her house were closed on Saturday night. In this connection the following conversation taking place at 12:09 A. M. on August 3, 1936, was overheard by Special Agent R. A. Guerin, the call being an outgoing call, but the number called was not obtained, the conversation being between Maxine Belmont and Rosie (apparently Rosie Bush), 901 Monroe Street:

Maxine: When you go down there tell "the boys" you want to be all right, but your lawyer is out of town and you want a postponement. Did they call the wagon?

Rosie: Yes, the captain said that they could have made it Saturday night, but they gave me a break.

Maxine: Schwartzy (apparently Heslip, the lawyer) is friendly with you. Know who I mean? So get the postponement until the 11th.

Rosie: All right. I'll talk to them.

Reference is again made to the captain, apparently referring to Captain Fauble of the vice squad, in such manner as would indicate that no effort was being made to close houses of prostitution, but only to arrest one inmate. The following conversation relative to this matter was overheard by Special Agent R. A. Guerin at 12:03 A. M. on August 3, 1936, and apparently this telephone call has reference to the same raid mentioned in the above telephone call. The call was an outgoing one, the number of which was not obtained, and was between Maxine Belmont and Rosie:

Maxine: Listen, Rosie, you better get that postponed until next week. Make it the 11th or the 12th and that party will be back.

Rosie: Do you think I can do that?

Maxine: Certainly. Who was there?

Rosie: All of them, even the captain. He told me they would treat me all right; so they only took one. I'll see you tomorrow and tell you all about it.

Information was likewise obtained concerning gross misconduct on the part of Moss (apparently Officer Moss of the vice squad) in that he admitted that he was intoxicated at the time apparently that a raid was conducted. Likewise Officer Halla, who has since been dismissed from the Toledo Police Department was responsible for the Shelby Hotel being raided by the vice squad, because of newspaper publicity to the effect that Halla and Jennie Whitey, manager of the Shelby Hotel, were involved in a domestic quarrel with Halla's wife, who learned of an affair that Halla was carrying on with Jennie Whitey.

At 2:45 P. M. on August 16, 1936, the following incoming call was overheard by Special Agent R. A. Guerin:

Woman: I don't feel well. I am disgusted.

Maxine: I suppose you are still bothered after having those teeth pulled. I had to meet some people up at Jennie's, so they would not be bothering her. They said though that they were sent up there. You know, sent up to do it on account of that other trouble. (probably referring to the Halla-Jennie Whitey affair mentioned in Toledo newspapers.)

Woman: I saw somebody yesterday and asked why they were picking on her. This party said it was because of that trouble she had. * * *

Maxine: When they came up there Freddie Moss (member of the Toledo Police Department) was so drunk he could hardly stand up. He was paralyzed and in court he said he was drunk and he did not know what he was doing. That other one is coming back to work tomorrow and you know how he is. He is the leader and I don't like to see him come back.

The above conversation likewise indicates that Maxine Belmont has several acquaintances either in the Toledo Police Department, or with persons having influence with the Toledo Police Department, who discuss with such persons the reasons why the Shelby Hotel should be raided.

The surveillance on the telephone of Maxine Belmont likewise developed information to the effect that Municipal Court Judge Ramey also visited the Shelby Hotel. This is

verified by a conversation overheard by Special Agent R. A. Guerin at 5:16 P. M., on September 3, 1936, portions of which conversation, concerning other matters, have already been set out. The pertinent portions concerning Judge Ramey are as follows:

Jennie: I forgot to tell you - Judge Ramey was up yesterday about 11 or 11:30 A. M. Viola called me and I asked her if he called up, and she said, "No, he is here now, talking to Betty. He made them call you but you were not home.

Maxine: I don't want to call him at home. I'll call him tomorrow over there, you know.

Maxine Belmont apparently was greatly upset by the fact that a uniformed police sergeant should make an investigation at, or conduct a raid on her house of prostitution, the Shelby Hotel, as indicated by the following conversation between Maxine Belmont and Sadie (apparently Sadie Dann), operator of a house of prostitution at the Oxford Hotel, at 1:50 P. M., on July 17, 1936, overheard by former Special Agent M. J. Kavanaugh:

Maxine: Hello.
Sadie: Hello, it's me.
Maxine: Is anybody down there?
Sadie: No.
Maxine: Well, one of the sergeants was to our place.
Sadie: Yes?
Maxine: I don't know why you don't have your telephone listed.
Sadie: Well, I gave you the number, Adams 0644. I'll tell you what, I'll find out who it is and let you know.
Maxine: We know who it is, but we can't have things going on like that.
Sadie: Who is it?
Maxine: Halderman (apparently Sergeant Halderman), the old man, and another uniform, and he means business; said he would be back every hour.
Sadie: Yes, well I'll find out and let you know tonight. You will be there at six, won't you?
Maxine: Yes, is everything prepared?
Sadie: Yes. I ordered it.

Further information concerning this raid is contained in telephone conversation at 1:15 P. M., on July 17, 1936, between Maxine Belmont and Betty (apparently a prostitute at the Shelby Hotel), the call being an incoming one and was overheard by former Special Agent M. J. Kavanaugh:

Woman: Hello, Maxine? * * * This is Betty.
Maxine: Yes.
Betty: Is it all right to talk to you?
Maxine: Sure.
Betty: Halderman and another came in and one went one way and Halderman caught me on the bed. The man pleaded with him and did everything but cry, so he let him go, and told me he would be back every hour for the rest of the day, tomorrow and Sunday.
Maxine: Are you sure it was Halderman?
Betty: Yes, he told us his name and he was in here before kidding.

In connection with the same raid, information was obtained indicating a disregard by Maxine for the police, probably because of the power she feels she holds in Toledo in operating a notorious house of prostitution. The following conversation was overheard by former Special Agent M. J. Kavanaugh at 2:25 P. M., on July 17, 1936, the call being an outgoing one to Adams 0655, which is listed to the Shelby Hotel at 729½ Summit Street:

Maxine: Hello, Viola?
Woman: This is _____(name not understood)
Maxine: Is Betty or May busy? * * * Let me talk to Betty.
Woman: Hello.
Maxine: Betty?
Betty: Yes.
Maxine: I called and that party goes off work at three o'clock.
Betty: Yes.
Maxine: I'll be down before you girls go off work at five o'clock, and talk to you.
Betty: All right, Maxine.
Maxine: It's all right for Jennie to tell them to go to hell, because she knows them, but you don't.
Betty: That is what I figured. No use to defy him and say, "Take me down."
Maxine: I would like to tell him to go to hell myself, but you have to use your head.

The close alliance of Maxine Belmont with members of the vice squad is indicated in the conversation which will be quoted hereafter, wherein Maxine mentions that she was talking to Jennie and to "the boys" (members of the vice squad) and apparently learned from them that Halderman and his partner had no business making an investigation at the Shelby Hotel, and she indicates that members of the vice squad are of the opinion that they are the only officers connected with the Toledo Police Department, who have a right to investigate it, or raid houses of prostitution. The conversation bearing on this matter was overheard by former Special Agent M. J. Kavanaugh at 9:50 A. M. on July 18, 1936, in an outgoing telephone call to Adams 0655 (Shelby Hotel) between Maxine Belmont and one May, who apparently is a prostitute at the Shelby Hotel.

Maxine:	Hello, May?
May:	Yes, mam.
Maxine:	I was talking to Jennie and "our boys" last night and they said that those fellows (Halderman and partner) had no business coming there and were just putting on and would hardly be back.
May:	Yes.
Maxine:	"Our boys" said they were awfully burned about it and said they could not come in without them.
May:	Yes.
Maxine:	He goes off duty at three and I don't think he will be in.
May:	We will be careful. We have the door open now, but when we are busy it is closed.
Maxine:	All right May.

(Telephone Tap on Sadie Dann)

From August 14, 1936, to September 8, 1936, a telephone tap was maintained on telephone number Adams 0644, listed to the Oxford Hotel, Toledo, Ohio. The Oxford Hotel at that time was being operated by Sadie Dann. Numerous conversations were overheard at that time but only such conversations as are pertinent to this report are being quoted herewith. This telephone tap was maintained by Special Agents N. S. Harzenstein and E. J. Dowd. The conversations overheard indicated that Sadie Dann and Maxine Belmont had meetings and apparently associated together; that certain officers of the Vice Squad apparently visited the Oxford Hotel and knew that this place was being operated as a house of prostitution although no information was obtained indicating that any attempt was made to raid this known house of prostitution by members of the Vice Squad.

The following conversations are quoted:

August 28, 1936, 1 P.M., outgoing call to Adams 1556 (listed to John Thomas, 2105 Warren St.)

Sadie Dann- Well I heard last night that something happened on the street .... there is something I wanted to talk to you about .... can I see you downtown this afternoon?

Maxine Belmont- Sure you can meet me at 2:30 or 3 o'clock in the same place.

Sadie Dann- 2:30 is all right - in the drug store.

The above conversation was overheard by Special Agent N. S. Harzenstein.

August 27, 1936, incoming call.

Sadie Dann- How is everything?

Mickey- Terrible - it is just murder. Are you at home?

Sadie Dann- No

Mickey- Homer just told me there was a little excitement down the street - you know.

Sadie Dann- Who told him?

Mickey- The boys - the boys who come up here - you know who I mean.

Sadie Dann- Freddie (apparently Fred Moss, member of the Vice Squad).

Mickey- No Bob - you know who I mean. He told Homer he just saw two car loads of "madels" (Jewish meaning girls) going down and he wanted to know if it was here or the other. You know what I mean. Homer just went out to find out something for me.

Sadie Dann- Was Freddie up there?

Mickey- Yes

Sadie Dann- Did he say anything?

Mickey- No

Sadie Dann- Well I am going to find out what it was - I will call you back.

The above conversation was overheard by Special Agent N. S. Harzenstein.

August 19, 1936, incoming call.

Sadie Dann- Alma still there?

Woman answering-No (personal conversation regarding cooking, etc.) Mr. Tice and Mr. Cook are here now.

(aside -"Mr. Tice do you want to talk")

It is not necessary for you to come home - it is nothing special.

Sadie Dann- They are there now eh? I will talk to you later.

The above conversation was overheard by Special Agent N. S. Harzenstein.

Note - The Tice and Cook referred to in this conversation apparently are officers Tice and Cook of the Vice Squad.

Punishment to police officers for performing duties in suppressing vice

Information was obtained during the investigation conducted at Toledo, Ohio, that officers fear to carry out their duties because of the knowledge of the alliance of operators of vice resorts with the Police Department. The uniformed police officers are reluctant to enter houses of prostitution, even at the date of the investigation conducted by Special Agents of this Bureau on August 10, 1936.

On August 10, 1936, officer J. Mihalak, who was presently in uniform and who formerly was a member of the Hoodlum Squad, was interviewed. He stated that shortly after the induction of the present administration into office in January 1936, an order was issued that every policeman was responsible for anything that occurred on his beat. Mihalak stated that later this order was changed to read that evidence of gambling or prostitution could be investigated by uniformed police officers but if such uniformed policemen only had a suspicion that a violation of law was being committed in connection with a house of prostitution or a gambling house, this information should be turned over to the Chief of Police. Also Mihalak stated that as a result of this order no policeman would take the responsibility of entering a house of prostitution or a gambling place to obtain evidence of a violation, even if he had good reason to believe that the law was being violated, for fear that he could not prove that his suspicions were well founded.

Further confirmation of this reluctance on the part of uniformed police officers to make any investigation in connection with houses of prostitution is found in the statement made by Officer J. P. McGuire, residence 2140½ Perth St., Toledo, when he was interviewed by Special Agents R. C. Suran and J. V. Murphy on August 5, 1936. He stated that although he had the authority to enter Kitty Speery's house of prostitution at 616 Lafayette St., which is on his beat, he has not done so and does not intend to enter that place, stating that such matters are the work of the Vice Squad and he is leaving it up to that squad.

Information was obtained also that police officers who apparently are anxious to carry out their duties are transferred to other work when they make an effort to suppress vice or gambling.

On August 20, 1936, Captain Rydman, who was Captain of Detectives of the Toledo Police Department, was interviewed by Special Agents E. J. Wynn and D. P. Sullivan, at which time he confidentially advised that some years ago he was placed in charge of the Hoodlum Squad; that under his orders the squad raided several houses of prostitution and he was successful in obtaining convictions and at the same time establishing a good source of information that could be useful in further investigations; that nothing was said to him about his activities but he was relieved of his assignment a week later and put on a desk.

That an active effort to suppress vice was still punishable even up to the period when Special Agents of this Bureau conducted their investigation at Toledo is indicated from information obtained from officer Donald MacGregor, who was interviewed by Special Agents J. V. Murphy and R. C. Suran on July 10, 1936. MacGregor at that time confidentially advised that he was on the Vice Squad from May 1936, to July 1, 1936, at which latter date he was returned to uniform; that on May 18, 1936, he with officer Cook arrested Jane Evans at the Shelby Hotel, who was operating the place in the absence of Jennie Whitie; that Martha Martin, an inmate, was found having a date with one William Kennedy; that he and officer Cook were successful in prosecuting these two women; the Evans woman was fined $15.00 and costs for keeping a house of ill fame and Martha Martin was fined $10.00 and costs, and William Kennedy forfeited a $50.00 cash bond. MacGregor stated that he was removed from the Vice Squad without explanation in less than two weeks; MacGregor stated that Cook was not removed from the Vice Squad and he mentioned that Cook was a brother-in-law of Captain Fauble, who is the present head of the Vice Squad.

A telephone tap was maintained on the telephone listed in the name of Wittenberg-Jacobs & Berenson, Main 9711, Toledo, Ohio, from July 6, 1936, to and ending August 8, 1936.

Conversations over this telephone indicated that the firm of Wittenberg-Jacobs & Berenson, 538 Erie Street, composed of the three Wittenberg brothers, Earl (Ike), Dave, and Myer, together with Ben Berenson, and Jacobs, is practically the only professional bail bond firm in Toledo, Ohio, dealing exclusively in criminal bail bonds.

The conversations over the telephone further indicate that members of this firm are in close contact with the police department, particularly the turnkey's office and that as a matter of fact various turnkeys, as well as police matrons call them and give them information with reference to prisoners, who are in the city jail, and in several instances the turnkeys were heard to comment on whether or not the people who were arrested were good prospects for bail purposes.

Conversations over the telephone further reflect that this firm makes a practice of "fixing" tickets given by the traffic department of the Toledo Police Department, to motorists for violations of the auto laws, their ability to do this apparently being through connections in the city clerk's office.

In addition to the above activities, conversations over the telephone indicate that members of this firm are able to obtain certain confidential information from the city clerk's office with reference to certain criminal warrants and to use their influence to have false returns made on the warrants or to delay their execution, this influence extending to the Sheriff's office.

Pertinent conversations heard over the telephone tap reflecting the existence of the above conditions are set out hereinafter:

- FIXING AUTO LAW VIOLATION TICKETS -

July 7, 1936 — Incoming call at 6:10 P. M. — Agent H. B. Dill

Man calling: Myer, is Abe there? This is Gardner over at the county jail. I got a yellow ticket today and I would like to have him take care of it.

Myer: Abe's not here now, but I'll have him call you.

The foregoing conversation refers to Malcolm M. Gardner, also known as "Speed" Gardner, a Deputy Sheriff under Sheriff James J. O'Reilly.

July 7, 1936 Incoming call at 7:36 P. M. Agent H. B. Dill

Man calling: Myer, this is Babe. My kid cousin got a ticket yesterday and he's got to go to court tomorrow. How many has he got?

Myer: This is his first.
Babe: I'll fix it up. What's his name and address?
Myer: Semore Davis, 632 W. Delaware Street.
Babe:

July 7, 1936 Incoming call at 8:57 P. M. Agent H. B. Dill.

Man calling: Is Earl there?
Man answering: No, he isn't. I am his brother. Can I help you?
Man calling: A friend of mine, Mrs. Al Ducey, got a notice to come down and she's kind of scared. She got a Ford license #1953.
Man answering: Tell her to tell them she is not at home if they come out for her tomorrow. Earl will be back tomorrow.

July 8, 1936 Incoming call at 4:30 P. M. Agent H. B. Dill

Man calling: Myer, this is Bill O'Wine. Abe Goodman got a ticket and I stuck it in my pocket and forgot it. He got a warrant. Take care of it, will you? Also take care of Lenard Greenberg and Marvin Prioni.

Myer: What is this? You got to be a regular fixer haven't you?
Bill: Well, I got to take care of the Hebes.
Myer: Prioni ain't no Hebe name to me.
Bill: Well, he works for a Hebe and they got a lot of votes.
Myer: All right, I'll fix it.

The person indicated as the calling party, Bill O'Wine, in view of subsequent conversations over the telephone is believed to be William Lewand, a Deputy Sheriff under Sheriff James J. O'Reilly, Lucas County, Ohio.

July 9, 1936 — Incoming call at 3:12 P. M. — Agent E. J. Dowd

Bill: Dave, a good friend of mine named Lenard Greenberg, a partner in the Cleveland Exchange Machinery, got a ticket. Will you take care of it and if a bench warrant is issued have it torn up?

Dave: Did they notify him to appear in court yet?

Bill: No.

Dave: Well, the night before, let me know and it will be taken care of and he will not have to appear.

July 9, 1936 — Incoming call at 4:05 P. M. — Agent E. J. Dowd

Bill: This is Bill. Say Ike, Marty Watson got a ticket and a bench warrant is out for him. They were at the house this morning. Will you take care of it and let me know right away?

Ike: Call up at eight tonight.

Bill: Will you be there then?

Ike: No, the Muzzler will let you know about it. He is on then.

The Bill referred to is believed to be Bill Lewand, Deputy Sheriff under Sheriff James J. O'Reilly of Lucas County, Ohio.

July 9, 1936 — Incoming call at 7:00 P. M. — Agent H. B. Dill

Steve Gardner: Myer, this is Steve Gardner. I called the court today about a ticket they had for me, but you didn't do anything about it and they got a bench warrant out for me. They had the wagon out here for me. I'll see that it is taken care of this time.

Myer:

It is believed that the person referred to in the above conversation as Steve Gardner is in fact Deputy Sheriff Malcolm M. Gardner, known as "Speed" Gardner.

July 9, 1936 — Incoming call at 10:25 P. M. — Agent H. B. Dill

Gardner: Myer, this is Steve (Speed) again. Did you see Abe about that? They came over here again for me.

Myer: He said he did fix it, but I'll see him again.

July 10, 1936 — Incoming call at 3:18 P. M. — Agent H. B. Dill

Man calling: Dave, my Dick got caught on Broadway. Will you fix it up?

Dave: How fast was he going?

Man calling: 45 miles.

Dave: What officer got him?

Man calling: Al Tobey.

Dave: When is he supposed to appear?

Man calling: Nine o'clock on July 16th.

Dave: All right, I'll fix it.

July 10, 1936 — Incoming call at 4:48 P. M. — Agent H. B. Dill

Mickey: Ike, this is Mickey. There is a ticket for Harold G. Watkins, 1071 Lincoln.

Ike: I'll see if I can catch it tonight. If I can't I'll get it in the morning.

The person referred to as Mickey is believed to be Deputy Sheriff Herbert G. Gavin, whose nickname is Mickey. He is an office deputy in the office of Sheriff James J. O'Reilly in the Lucas County Court House.

July 21, 1936 — Incoming call at 6:35 P. M. — Agent H. B. Dill

Girl: Davey, this is Charlotte. My neighbor got a ticket. Can you fix it for her?

Dave: I can't fix it now. The chief makes them account for every ticket. We even have to pay our own now. I guess she will have to pay the buck.

Charlotte: O. K. Davey.

July 22, 1936

Outgoing call at 1:15 P. M. to Agent H. B. Dill
Adams 8402

Ike: What is your license number? I want to get your tickets all cleaned up.

Man: My number is 9574 C. Only have one ticket.

July 23, 1936

Incoming call at 1:15 P. M. Agent E. J. Dowd

Man calling: This is O'Wine (believed to be Bill Lewand). Did you take care of that ticket?

Ike: I told the Muzzler. We have a few and they all can't be taken care of.

Man calling: Did Dave Goodman show up?

Ike: Yes, he was here last night and left $3.00.

The person referred to as the Muzzler is believed to be a man by the name of Shapiro.

July 24, 1936

Outgoing call at 3:52 P. M. to Agent E. J. Dowd
Main 0114 (Soldier Boy Shoe Shine Shop)

Ike: Matt, what is your license number on your car. I want to get everything cleaned up down here and make sure that they have no record on you. Now that a new order came out there is no more tag fixing.

Matt: My number is 7265 A.

July 24, 1936

Outgoing call at 3:54 P. M. to Agent E. J. Dowd
Adams 5549 (listed in name of Dr. P. D. Werum, 411 W. Bancroft)

Ike: Doc, this is Wittenberg calling. What is the number on your car? I want to check the records and see that there is nothing against you. You know a new order came out and there is to be no more tag fixing, and I want to see that everything against you is cleaned up.

Dr. Werum: My number is 7737 B.

July 27, 1936

Outgoing call at 6:20 P. M. to Agent R. A. Guerin
Adams 5549 (listed in name of Dr.
P. D. Werum, 411 W. Bancroft St.)

Ike: Let me talk to Dr. Werum. Say Doc, tear up that ticket the other part is gone and there is no record of it.

Dr. W.: O. K. Earl, and thanks.

Ike: Tear it up and say nothing about it to anyone.

July 28, 1936

Incoming call at 12:02 P. M. Agent E. J. Dowd

Man calling: Is one of the Wittenberg boys in? This is Mr. Benedict calling.

Man answering: None of the Wittenbergs is in. This is Ben Berenson. Is there anything I can do for you?

Mr. Benedict: Yes. I got a tag in the name of Stella Braun, parking in restricted zone in front of the Melrose Hotel. Wittenberg promised to take care of it for me.

Berenson: I have taken a note of it and will have it taken care of.

July 30, 1936

Outgoing call at 7:40 P. M. to Agent E. J. Dowd
Main 5510 (listed to G. & W. Mkt.,
2231 Monroe Street)

Ike: Hello Morris. Let me know your license number on your truck.

Morris: CA 84. What's the idea?

Ike: I want to clean up all your tags before tomorrow night. After that time you are out of luck. Get me?

Morris: Oh, yeah.

July 31, 1936 — Incoming call at 10:55 A. M. — Agent E. J. Dowd

Girl: Is Mr. Berenson in?
Thelma (office girl for Wittenbergs): No, he won't be here until twelve o'clock.
Girl calling: When Mr. Berenson comes in will you please have him call Main 5195 (Davis Machinery Co.) about a ticket on a car, license #2934 A? Ben always takes care of tickets and fixes them up. This morning a policeman came here with an affidavit regarding this ticket, which was placed on a car on May 15th for parking in a driveway. It has to be fixed before midnight tonight, so please have him call one way or the other whether he can fix it, otherwise we will have to appear in court.
Thelma: I will have Mr. Berenson get in touch with you today sure.

July 31, 1936 — Incoming call at 11:15 A. M. — Agent E. J. Dowd

Ben Berenson: Is Ike in?
Thelma: No, he isn't. Say, Morris Davis telephoned about a ticket he got on May 15th, which he wants you to fix before tonight. He gave the license number of his car and said that you should call him. Can you fix it?
Ben Berenson: Yeah, I will attend to it and call Morris.
Thelma: Here's Ike now.
Ben Berenson: Say, Ike, what about that check for Christ? He asked me about it.

Ike: I'll see about it.

July 31, 1936 — Outgoing call at 12:01 P. M. to Adams 4141 (Toledo Police Dept.) — Agent E. J. Dowd

Ben Berenson: Say, Ben, this is Ben Berenson. Will you see if you have a warrant there for Morris Davis?
Clerk (Ben): No, I don't see anything. You might call me later.
Ben Berenson: O. K. I'll do that.

July 31, 1936 — Incoming call at 4:20 P. M. — Agent E. J. Dowd

Man calling: Dave, this is Smithy. I've got one of those yellow jokers. Will you have it fixed for me? I got it yesterday.

Dave: Did they serve you with a warrant yet?

Man calling: No, but what am I to do?

Dave: Do nothing, just let me know when you are served to appear in court and I will see that everything is fixed O. K.

August 4, 1936 — Incoming call at 6:12 P. M. — Agent E. J. Dowd

Woman: Bennie, you never did anything about that ticket for Mildred Greenberg. They came out here yesterday for her and you told me to call you when they did and you would take care of it.

Ben Berenson: I'll have the Muzzler take care of it.

August 6, 1936 — Incoming call at 11:15 A. M. — Agent E. J. Dowd

Woman: Where can I get hold of Ike? My husband got two tags, one on July 1st and the other on the 13th and he wants him to fix them up.

Thelma: He is across the street. Call Adams 4141 and ask for the clerk's office.

(Adams 4141 is the Toledo Police Department switchboard.)

August 6, 1936 — Incoming call at 2:06 P. M. — Agent H. A. Guerin

Man: Davey, this is Nate. How about that ticket?

Dave: You will have to pay it I guess. Nobody can do anything about them now. Tell him to come down tomorrow and see me.

- ALLIANCE BETWEEN WITTENBERG-JACOBS & BERENSON WITH TURNKEY'S OFFICE AND POLICE MATRONS -

July 7, 1936 — Outgoing call at 7:10 P. M. — Agent H. B. Dill

Adams 4141 (Toledo P.D.; call transferred to Turnkey's office)

Myer: Clifton, is there anything doing?
Clifton: Not a thing, you got them all out.
Myer: O. K.

July 7, 1936 — Incoming call at 7:50 P. M. — Agent H. B. Dill

Man calling: How about bringing those bottles of mine downstairs? I will come over and get them. The Lieutenants want a drink.
Man answering: All right, come on over.

July 8, 1936 — Outgoing call at 8:05 P. M. — Agent E. J. Dowd

Adams 4141 (Toledo P.D., Turnkey's office)

Dave: Is there anything doing?
Turnkey: No.
Dave: When do you get off?
Turnkey: 10:40.
Dave: I'll be seeing you.

July 8, 1936 — Outgoing call at 10:30 P. M. — Agent E. J. Dowd

to Adams 4141 (Toledo. P.D., Turnkey's office)

Man calling: Anything new?
Turnkey: No. We ain't took in a damn one, except a crazy one.
Man calling: O. K.

July 9, 1936 — Agent E. J. Dowd

Outgoing call at 1:25 P. M.
to Adams 4141 (Toledo P. D.,
Turnkey's office)

Earl: This is Ike. Anything for me?
Turnkey: Not a thing.

July 11, 1936 — Agent H. B. Dill

Outgoing call at 2:15 P. M.
to Adams 4141 (Toledo P. D.,
Turnkey's office)

Ike: Ike talking. Anybody want me?
Turnkey: Not a thing only a couple of drunks.

July 11, 1936 — Agent H. B. Dill

Outgoing call at 5:15 P. M.
to Adams 4141 (Toledo P. D.,
Turnkey's office)

Ike: Ike talking. Got anybody?
Turnkey: Alex Patton - liquor. He is plastered.

July 11, 1936 — Agent H. B. Dill

Incoming call at 5:35 P. M.

Clyde Deed: This is Clyde Deed calling. A man by the name of Andrews was arrested by Officer Reese. Will you get the details and call me, Jefferson 2974?
Man answering: I will call you.

July 11, 1936 — Agent H. B. Dill

Outgoing call at 5:40 P. M.
Adams 4141 (Toledo P. D.,
Turnkey's office)

Man calling: Pittman, have you got a man by the name of Andrews?
Pittman: Yeah, his name is Andius. He was picked up by Reese and Stewens.

The turnkey who answers to the name of Pittman is believed to be Louie Pittman, Turnkey, City Jail.

July 11, 1936

Outgoing call at 5:45 P. M. to Jefferson 2974.

Agent H. B. Dill

Man calling: Clyde, Reese and Stevens picked up Andius, so it must be in connection with an auto. They are on the auto squad.

Clyde Deed: See what you can do about getting him out? Julius and I represented him once and got him out of trouble. His father is all right. He is a railroader and owns his own property. He will do what he says he will.

July 11, 1936

Outgoing call at 6:20 P. M. Adams 4141 (Police Department, matron's office)

Agent H. B. Dill

Man calling: Is Wittenberg there?
Matron: No.
Man calling: Anything for us?
Matron: No, there isn't.

July 13, 1936

Outgoing call at 4:15 P. M. Adams 4141 (Police department, Turnkey's office)

Agent H. B. Dill

Earl: This is Ike. Is there anything for me?
Turnkey: We haven't even got anybody in jail. We are going to close up.

July 13, 1936

Outgoing call at 6:35 P. M. Adams 4141 (Police Department, Turnkey's office)

Agent E. J. Dowd

Myer: Is this you Pittman? Anything doing?
Pittman: No, not a thing.

July 14, 1936

Outgoing call at 2:48 P. M. to Adams 4141 (Police Department, Turnkey's office)

Agent H. B. Dill

Ike: This is Ike. Anybody want me?
Turnkey: Not so far, Ike.

July 14, 1936

Outgoing call at 5:15 P. M. Adams 4141 (Police Department, Turnkey's office)

Agent E. J. Dowd

Ben Berenson: Hello Pittman. You looking for me?
Pittman: No, not until Thursday.

July 14, 1936

Outgoing call at 6:02 P. M. Adams 4141 (Police Department, Turnkey's office)

Agent E. J. Dowd

Myer: This is Myer. Did anyone call me from there? My phone rang but I couldn't get to it in time.
Turnkey: Nothing doing at all.

July 15, 1936

Incoming call at 7:30 P. M.

Agent E. J. Dowd

Man calling: Is Dave there? This is Speed at the County Jail.
Ike: No, he is not. Is there anything I can do?
Speed: This is Ike.
Ike: I just got a good case for you. I will be right over just as soon as some one comes in to relieve me.

"Speed" referred to in this conversation is no doubt Malcolm M. Gardner, known as Speed Gardner.

July 16, 1936

Outgoing call at 2:16 P. M. to Adams 4141 (Toledo Police Dept., Turnkey's office)

Agent H. B. Dill

Ike: This is Ike. Anybody looking for me?
Turnkey: No.

July 16, 1936 — Incoming call at 5:55 P. M. — Agent E. J. Dowd

Man calling: This is the turnkey. We have a man here on a D. D. charge.

Man answering: I'll be right over.

July 16, 1936 — Incoming call at 7:10 P. M. — Agent H. B. Dill

Man calling: Say, Myer, they just picked up a men by the name of Morris Carlski. How about finding out about him?

Myer: O. K. What's your name, I'll call you back?

Man calling: My number is Main 3542.

July 16, 1936 — Outgoing call at 7:12 P. M. (Toledo Police Department, Turnkey's office) — Agent H. B. Dill

Man calling: Have you got a man by the name of Morris or Martin Carlski?

Turnkey: Yes, he's here on assault and battery.

Man calling: Tell him I will be right over to get him out.

Turnkey: O. K.

July 16, 1936 — Outgoing call at 7:15 P. M. Main 3542 — Agent H. B. Dill

Myer: Don, he is in on assault and battery. I will go over and get him right out. Can you come down to the office?

Don: OK, I'll be right down. How long to get him out?

Myer: About five minutes.

July 16, 1936 — Outgoing call at 7:50 P. M. (Toledo Police Dept., Women's Bureau) — Agent H. B. Dill

Myer: Mrs. Mack, anybody looking for me?

Mrs. Mack: No.

Myer: Did you have a woman in there for petit larceny?

Mrs. Mack: Yes, but the judge let her out.

July 16, 1936

Outgoing call at 7:53 P. M. to Adams 4141 (Police Dept.) — Agent H. B. Dill

Myer: This is Myer. Is anyone looking for me?
Turnkey: No, Muz, got them all out.

July 17, 1936

Incoming call at 4:49 P. M. — Agent R. A. Guerin

Man calling: This is the turnkey. There is a fellow here named Willie Hayes in for D. D. and resisting an officer. His folks are here and the judge has set a $500 bill. He wants to talk to you.
Man answering: I'll be right over.
Man calling: Thanks.

July 18, 1936

Outgoing call at 1:20 P. M. Adams 4141 (Police Dept., Turnkey's office) — Agent E. J. Dowd

Ben Berenson: Have you got a Malner for being drunk. His union called me up and asked me to get him out but they would put up no money. Has he any money on him, Tom?
Tom: No, he ain't got a penny.

July 18, 1936

Outgoing call at 3:28 P. M. Adams 4141 (Police Dept., Turnkey's office) — Agent H. B. Dill

Ben Berenson: Canfield, this is Benny.
Turnkey: So far there is nothing.

July 18, 1936

Outgoing call at 6:18 P. M. Adams 4141 (Police Dept., — Agent E. J. Dowd

Man calling: Anything new?
Turnkey: No, just a drink and a train rider.
Man: O. K. kid.

July 18, 1936 — Outgoing call at 7:40 P. M. (Toledo P. D., Turnkey's office) — Agent E. J. Dowd

Man: Anything doing?
Turnkey: No, there ain't nothing doing.

July 20, 1936 — Outgoing call at 1:59 P. M. (Toledo Police Dept., Turnkey's office) — Agent H. B. Dill

Earl: This is Ike, Hank. Anybody want us?
Hank: There is nothing doing, Ike.

It is believed that Hank referred to is Henry Swank, Turnkey at the City Jail.

July 20, 1936 — Incoming call at 8:30 P. M. — Agent H. B. Dill

Man: Louie, this is Dave talking. Say that coon they picked up for the LaTabernilla holdup, is a good nigger. He had a couple of hundred bucks just the other day. You might go over there and see what you can get out of him. You might get a chance to make a couple of bucks and that is what you are in business for. I don't know his name, but they call him "Stagger" Martin. Find out what he has got and get what you can.

Man: All right.

July 20, 1936 — Incoming call at 8:35 P. M. — Agent H. B. Dill

Man: This is the turnkey. Dave is here and said he would be here for about 20 minutes. He told me to tell you.

Man: Thanks.

July 21, 1936 — Outgoing call at 6:31 P. M. (Toledo Police Dept., Turnkey's Office) — Agent H. B. Dill

Man: Casmir, did they bring those people back yet?
Turnkey: No.
Man: Anybody looking for me?
Turnkey: No, just had one in today. A. & B. He made his own bond. You know that one they had on $5,000 bond; they dismissed the charge.
Man: I thought so. It was just a family quarrel.

The person referred to as Casmir is thought to be Casmir Wawrzyniak, a turnkey at the city jail.

July 22, 1936 — Outgoing call at 7:07 P. M. (Toledo Police Dept., Turnkey's Office) — Agent E. J. Dowd

Man: Turnkey, please.
Turnkey: Hello, who is this?
Man: This is Dan, is there anything for me?
Turnkey: No, nothing today.

July 23, 1936 — Outgoing call at 2:35 P. M. (Toledo Police Dept., Turnkey's Office) — Agent E. J. Dowd

Man: Anything for me?
Turnkey: Not a thing.

July 23, 1936 — Outgoing call at 4:35 P. M. (Toledo Police Dept., Turnkey's Office) — Agent H. B. Dill

Ben Berenson: Casmir, this is Benny. Did that guy get out yet?
Turnkey: Yeah.

July 24, 1936 — Outgoing call at 5:15 P. M. (Police Dept., Turnkey's Office) — Agent H. B. Dill

Man: Do you want me?

You had better call in about 10 minutes.

July 24, 1936 — Outgoing call at 5:30 P. M. (Police Dept., Turnkey's office) — Agent H. B. Dill

Ben Berenson: Got anything?
Turnkey: Yeah. Arthur Wilker, 3165 Knright for indecent exposure and soliciting for the purpose of prostitution. Two warrants.
Berenson: O. K.

July 24, 1936 — Outgoing call at 6:10 P. M. (Police Dept., Turnkey's Office) — Agent H. B. Dill

Man: Is anybody looking for me?
Turnkey: Who is this?
Man: This is Morris.
Turnkey: No, not yet, call in about ten minutes.
Morris: All right.

July 24, 1936 — Outgoing call at 6:20 P. M. (Police Dept., Turnkey's Office) — Agent H. B. Dill

Man: What is it?
Turnkey: Call back in about fifteen minutes.
Man: I may come over.

July 24, 1936 — Outgoing call at 6:39 P. M. (Police Dept., Turnkey's office) — Agent H. B. Dill

Dave: Did anyone call for me?
Turnkey: What-you-call-it has come back to talk to them. He will call you from there in a few minutes.

July 25, 1936 — Incoming call at 2:06 P. M. — Agent R. A. Guerin

Man calling: There is a fellow over here named Joe Kenton, who is being held for material witness and his family wants to get him out.

Man: Thanks, Andy, I'll be right over.

It is thought that this call was placed to the Wittenbergs by some Turnkey at the jail.

July 25, 1936 — Incoming call at 7:05 P. M. — Agent E. J. Dowd

Turnkey: We have a man here by the name of Will W. Kinard. He is an enginaer. Plenty of money. Makes $50 or $60 per week. He wants to make bond.

Man: I'll be right over to see him.

July 25, 1936 — Outgoing at 7:30 P. M. (Police Dept., Turnkey's Office) — Agent E. J. Dowd

Man: Sey, Turnkey, what was that Kinard's first name?

Turnkey: Will Kinard.

Man: O. K.

July 27, 1936 — Outgoing at 3:27 P. M. (Police Dept., Turnkey's Office) — Agent E. J. Dowd

Man: Turnkey, what is the charge on Jim Curry?

Turnkey: Suspicion.

Man: Any other call for me, Cap.?

Turnkey: No, nothing.

July 27, 1936 — Outgoing at 5:40 P. M. — Agent E. J. Dowd

Man: Any one listening?

Turnkey: I had better call you later.

Man: O. K.

July 29, 1936 — Outgoing call at 3:05 P. M. (Police Dept., Turnkey's Office) — Agent R. C. Suran

Ben Berenson: Is anything doing?
Turnkey: Nothing, Ben.

July 29, 1936 — Outgoing call at 5:05 P. M. (Police Dept., Turnkey's Office) — Agent J. V. Murphy

One of the Wittenbergs: Anything new?
Turnkey: We have a drunk name is Carl Chummhl and he is pretty drunk, but he will want bond.
Wittenberg: I will have somebody come up there about 6 P. M.

July 30, 1936 — Outgoing call at 3:40 P. M. (Police Dept., Turnkey's Office) — Agent E. J. Dowd

Man: Anything for me?
Turnkey: No, not just now. We did have a drunken sailor, but sent him to the hospital. His name is Henry Settin, Lincoln Park, Mich.
Man: O. K.

July 30, 1936 — Outgoing call at 5:15 P. M. (Police Dept., Turnkey's Office) — Agent E. J. Dowd

Man: Anything for me?
Turnkey: Say, come over about six o'clock. That man Henry Settin wants to see you about getting out. He is here on a D. D. charge.
Man: O. K.

July 31, 1936 — Outgoing call at 3:30 P. M. (Police Dept., Turnkey's Office) — Agent E. J. Dowd

Ben Berenson: What have you got for me?
Turnkey: A colored fellow named Sam Woody from Toledo
Ben: O. K.

July 31, 1936 — Incoming call at 4:25 P. M. — Agent E. J. Dowd

Woman calling: This is the matron at police headquarters. Just took in Alice Grove - visiting and soliciting. Will you take care of it, Dave?

Dave: She is from up on Erie Street. O. K. I will come right over and get her out.

July 31, 1936 — Outgoing call at 5:30 P. M. (Police Dept., Turnkey's Office) — Agent E. J. Dowd

Man: Anything for me?

Turnkey: No, not a thing.

July 31, 1936 — Incoming call at 7:45 P. M. — Agent E. J. Dowd

Woman: This is matron. We have Nellie Allen here for D. D.

Man: Thanks very much, I'll be right over.

August 1, 1936 — Outgoing call at 1:52 P. M. (Police Dept., Turnkey's Office) — Agent E. J. Dowd

Dave: Say, Joe, there is a fellow named Anderson there. We just got a call that the squad was bringing him in.

Joe: He did not get here yet. I will call you just as soon as he arrives.

The Joe mentioned is no doubt Joe Rickard, city jailer.

August 1, 1936 — Outgoing call at 2:10 P. M. (Police Dept., Turnkey's Office) — Agent E. J. Dowd

Dave: Anything for me?

Turnkey: Not yet.

Dave: Did they place any charges against those two fellows who were arrested about 1:30 this morning for impersonating an officer?

Turnkey: They are still here on suspicion.

Dave: Did anyone else have a chance to talk to them?

Turnkey: No, not that I know of.

August 1, 1936 — Outgoing call at 3:50 P. M. (Police Dept., Turnkey's Office) — Agent E. J. Dowd

Man: Anything for me Fred:
Fred: No, nothing.
Man: What's the time up there?
Fred: It's just 3:50.

It is believed that Fred mentioned is Fred Sideman, Turnkey at the jail.

August 4, 1936 — Outgoing call at 1:20 P. M. (Police Dept., Turnkey's Office) — Agent E. J. Dowd

Myer: Anyone looking for me?
Turnkey: No, nothing at all.

August 4, 1936 — Outgoing call at 3:13 P. M. (Police Dept., Turnkey's Office) — Agent R. A. Guerin

Ike: Fred, anybody there for me?
Fred: No, Ike, not yet.

As previously indicated it is believed that Fred mentioned is Fred Sideman, Turnkey, city jail.

August 4, 1936 — Outgoing call at 3:52 P. M. (Police Dept., Women's Bureau) — Agent E. J. Dowd

Ike: Is there anything for me?
Matron: No, not right now.

August 4, 1936 — Outgoing call at 5:14 P. M. (Police Dept., Turnkey's Office) — Agent E. J. Dowd

Man: Mack, this is Myer, anyone looking for me?
Turnkey: No, not yet.

August 4, 1936 — Outgoing call at 7:03 P. M. (Police Dept., Turnkey's Office) — Agent E. J. Dowd

Man: Fred, is there anything new?
Fred: No, nothing for you. We just got a bunch of train riders in.
Man: O. K.

August 5, 1936 — Outgoing call at 6:26 P. M. (Police Dept., Turnkey's Office) — Agent E. J. Dowd

Man: Have you got a man named Charles Wells there for D. D.? His friend is here.
Turnkey: He just came in. He is in no shape to go out now. It will be at least two hours.
Man: Has he got anything on him to go out?
Turnkey: Yes, he has enough.

August 5, 1936 — Incoming call at 6:23 P. M. — Agent E. J. Dowd

Turnkey calling: I've got a fellow here who is going to put up a $500 bond. I am getting him ready to go out.
Man: What's his name?
Turnkey: Never mind his name come right over.
Man: O. K.

August 6, 1936 — Incoming call at 4:16 P. M. — Agent E. J. Dowd

Women's Bureau: We have Agnes Crosby for petit larceny from the stores.
Man: We will take care of her.

August 6, 1936 — Outgoing call at 6:37 P. M. (Police Dept., Turnkey's Office) — Agent E. J. Dowd

Man: Fred, this is Benny. Is there anything new for me?
Fred: No, not a thing.

Benny is no doubt Benny Berenson, and Fred is thought to be Fred Sideman, Turnkey, city jail.

August 7, 1936	Outgoing call at 12:53 P. M. (Police Dept., Turnkey's Office)	Agent E. J. Dowd
Myer: Turnkey:	Anything there for me? Not a thing.	

August 7, 1936	Outgoing call at 4:23 P. M. (Police Dept., Turnkey's Office)	Agent M. J. Kavanaugh
Myer: Turnkey:	Anybody asking for me? No, nothing.	

ACTIVITIES WITH REFERENCE TO FIXING WARRANTS WITH THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, AND ALSO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AND ABILITY TO SECURE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION WITH REFERENCE TO WARRANTS.

July 9, 1936, 5:25 P.M. incoming call:

Man calling in: Earl, this is Bill Ryan; the police just picked up a good friend of mine; he gave the name of James Taylor; get him out on bond - call me at Main 1980.

Earl Wittenberg: I will let you know after I know what the charge is.

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

The telephone number Main 1980 is listed in the name of Mrs. Sally Buckley, 321 Jefferson Ave., Toledo.

July 9, 1936, 5:26 P.M. outgoing call to Adams 4141, Police Department; call placed through to Turnkey's office:

Earl Wittenberg: Earl Wittenberg calling; do you have a James Taylor and if so, on what charge?

Turnkey: Yes - he is held here on suspicion.

Earl Wittenberg: Who are the officers?

Turnkey: Langendorf, Manson, Eggleman and Fielding.

Earl Wittenberg: Uh - O.K.

The above call overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd.

July 9, 1936, 5:28 P.M., outgoing call to Main 1980:

Earl Wittenberg: Say Bill, that guy is being held on suspicion - we can not do anything until there is some charge against him.

Bill: Can't you get in touch with the officers and arrange that he gets out on bond?

Earl Wittenberg: All right - I will try and get the charge changed and call you.

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

July 9, 1936, 6 P.M., incoming call:

Bill Ryan: What did you do about getting that fellow out (talking with Meyer Wittenberg).

Meyer Wittenberg: I just came from the Safety Building and talked to the officers - they said the man beat a hotel bill at Akron and that they are now waiting for a release.

Bill: I already sent the money - they got the wrong man but don't tell them anything about it.

Meyer Wittenberg: The officers know that the money was sent and just as soon as the Chief of Police at Akron notifies them to release the man, he will be turned out.

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

July 10,1936, 12:15 P.M. incoming call:

Man calling: Who is this?

Man answering: Benny (Benny Berenson)

Man calling: This is Bill Ryan - what did you do about getting that fellow Taylor out?

Benny Berenson: I understand the cops from Akron are coming to get him on a warrant.

Bill: This is a bum rap - the warrant is out for a man named Clabby; anyway the bill is paid and I don't see how they can prosecute Taylor.

Ben Berenson: Sorry we can not do anything - it is now up to Taylor to prove he is not the man, but if the hotel accepted the money, they can not prosecute him.

The above call overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd.

July 13, 1936, - 3:05 P.M. incoming call:

Man calling: Benny - this is Billy - is there a warrant for Billey Burns?

Ben Berenson: No - do you know where she is?

Bill: Yea.

Ben Berenson: You might as well bring her in.

Bill: O.K.

The above conversation overheard by Special Agent H. B. Dill.

July 21, 1936 - 6:20 P.M.

Man calling: Say, Sammy Reinstein got caught in Maumee (a suburb of Toledo,Ohio,) the other day - he was going 56 and the speed limit is 50; officers Sheppard and VanRennsaler got him. Can you fix it? He is supposed to appear at 7:30 tonight; he was driving an Oldsmobile car.

Man answering: Tell him to forget about it - I will fix it - I will call Jim Highland.

The above call overheard by Special Agent H. B. Dill.

July 21, 1936 - 6:30 P.M. outgoing call to Adams 9121,
(telephone listed to Prescott Quality Market, 2132 Ashland):

Man calling: Sam, I straightened it out for you - I saved you a "sawbuck".

Sam: O.K. - I will take you to the Chinks tomorrow night - I will meet you at 6 o'clock.

Dave Wittenberg: All right.

Above call overheard by Special Agent H. B. Dill.

July 27, 1936 - 11:58 A.M. outgoing call to Adams 4244 -
(Sheriff's office in Court House):

Man calling: Hello Mick - say, will you look up a warrant for a fellow named Reinstein, which was returnable on the 25th. His address is 1905 Wynover (phonetic) Drive, and mark it "No service".

Mick: All right Davey but if there is a bench warrant issued, I do not see how I can do very much.

Dave Wittenberg: Oh that is just a bluff, isn't it?

Mick: No - the Mayor is now on the muscle and they are beginning to look after these things, however, I will see what I can do and call you.

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

The person referred to as Mick is no doubt Deputy Sheriff Herbert G. Gavin, whose nickname is Mickey Gavin. He is an office deputy at the Court House office of Sheriff James O'Reilly of Lucas County, Ohio.

July 27, 1936 - 2:17 P.M. outgoing call to Adams 4244 (Sheriff's office in Court House):

Dave Wittenberg: Dave Wittenberg calling - hello Mickey - call Reinstein on that Reader.

Mickey: Davey, in my absence one of the Keys called him up. It does not matter because it is a State warrant and it would follow him all over anyway - you ought to let us know about these things before hand - see Bill about it and we will hold it.

The above conversation overheard by Special Agent D.P.Sullivan.

The person referred to as Davey is Dave Wittenberg.
The person referred to as Mickey is Deputy Sheriff Herbert G. Gavin.
The person referred to as Bill is no doubt Bill Lewand, a Deputy Sheriff.

July 27, 1936 - 3 P.M. - outgoing call to Adams 5111 (Lucas County Jail):

Dave Wittenberg: Dave Wittenberg calling; Steve (possibly Speed) this is Dave - is the honorable Bill O'Mann (Bill Lewand) there?

Speed: No he is not.

Dave Wittenberg: I want to get him pretty bad - there is a warrant out that was sent over here for a man named Reinstein - I want to have it taken care of.

Speed: O.K. I just got it in my hand right now - nothing to worry about - if you do not get ahold of Bill, I will take good care of you.

Dave Wittenberg: Thanks.

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

The person referred to as Bill O'Wann, as indicated, is no doubt Bill Lewand - it was rather difficult to get his name correctly in early conversations, however, subsequently on this tap his name was straightened out.

The person referred to as Steve or Speed is Deputy Sheriff Malcolm M. Gardner, whose nickname is Speed, and who is employed as a Deputy Sheriff under Sheriff James J. O'Reilly and whose principal work consists in handling complaints.

July 27, 1936 - 3:01 P.M. outgoing call to Adams 9121 (Prescott Quality Market, 2132 Ashland):

Dave Wittenberg: Sam, this is Dave - I think I got that warrant all fixed; I just was talking to the man who has it in his hands and he told me there is nothing to worry about; I think everything will be O.K. and I will see you about 7 tonight as I want to call someone else - get me?

Sam: O.K.

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

July 27, 1936 - 4:14 P.M. outgoing call to Sheriff's office in Court House:

Man calling: Mick - this is Irving; say, about that warrant you are holding, what do you say?

Micky Gavin: Tell him to keep away from here for a few days; the town already is too hot.

Irving: You mean he should not go near the store at all Micky?

Micky Gavin: Yes - it would be better.

Irving: All right - I will tell him not even to go near Maumee and to go over into Michigan.

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

July 27, 1936 - 4:40 P.M., incoming call:

Man calling: Hello Benny, this is Bill O'Mann (Bill Lewand Deputy Sheriff). Is Dave or Ike there?- I got ahold of that warrant.

Ben Berenson: Hold the wire, Dave is right here.

Bill Lewand: Say, I got ahold of that State warrant for Sammy Reinstein - I have it right here now; I went to the officers who made the pinch, Van Rennsaler and Sheppard, and they told me that the case was in Connell's Court; I saw Connell and he told me "This is a court of justice and not a court of fix" so I could not do anything with him, but I saw Jim Holland in the Mayor's office. He told me that the Mayor in this case, where the fellow is charged with stealing, will not do a thing, but you just let me handle this for a couple days longer and I think I can fix it O.K.

Dave Wittenberg: Bill, tell them that Sam went to Michigan for hay fever and stall it off as long as possible until you are able to fix it up.

Bill Lewand: O.K. kid - I never failed yet.

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

July 27, 1936 - 7:35 P.M. outgoing call to Pontiac 164-W (This 'phone is listed in the name of Fred Osterman, 413 Columbus St.,Toledo): Bill Osterman is a one armed Deputy City Clerk, who handles warrants in the City Clerk's office.

Man calling: Is Bill Osterman there? Bill this is Maurice. Johnny Andrews is here; he says he will have a carton of cigarettes here for you.

Bill: That is fine; I am out; I want to see you tomorrow anyway about Kitty.

Maurice: Something bad?

Bill: No; I will see you tomorrow.

This conversation overheard by Special Agent R. A. Guerin.

As indicated, Osterman is a Deputy City Clerk, who handles warrants. It is believed that the Kitty Referred to in the conversation is Kitty Diamond, a notorious madam of a house of prostitution in Toledo, Ohio.

July 31, 1936 - 12:01 P.M. - outgoing call to Adams 4141, Police Department, the call being routed to the City Clerk's Office:

Ben Berenson: Say Ben, this is Benny Berenson; will you see if you have a warrant there for Morris Davis.

Ben, the clerk: No, I do not see anything - you might call me later.

Ben Berenson: O.K. I will do that.

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

July 31, 1936 - 2:32 P.M. - outgoing call to Adams 4214:

Man calling: Is Morris there?

Woman answering: Yes, hold the line please.

Morris: Hello.

Man calling: Say, Ramey wants you to meet him at the Y.

Morris: Is court out?

Man calling: Yes.

Morris: He can not do me any good at the Y - he was supposed to meet me at the station.

Man calling: I do not know anything about that - you will have to talk to him.

Morris: I guess he can give me a note.

Man calling: I do not know.

The above conversation overheard by Special Agent E.J.Cavanaugh.

The Ramey mentioned in the conversation is Judge Homer Ramey, one of the Judges of the Municipal Court.

July 31, 1936 - 3:50 P.M. - incoming call:

Man calling in: Is Dave there Benny?

Ben Berenson: No but I expect him back shortly.

Man calling: Tell him to call Micky at the County Jail - it is important.

Ben Berenson: O.K.

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

The Micky mentioned in the conversation is Deputy Sheriff Herbert G. Gavin.

July 31, 1936 - 3:55 P.M. - outgoing call to Sheriff's office in Court House:

Dave Wittenberg: Mickey, what is on your mind?

Mickey: I am interested in Anna Todd, Sunset Blvd.; she comes up in court tomorrow morning.

Dave Wittenberg: Gee, that is before O'Connell - he is tough; Tell you what you do; call him on the 'phone right away, Adams 4141, and tell him who you are and that Jim O'Reilly is personally interested, and I know you will get action.

Mickey: O.K. I will call him.

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

July 31, 1936 - 4:05 P.M. incoming call:

Man calling: Mickey Cavin calling - say Dave, I tried to get Judge O'Connell on the 'phone but no one answers.

Dave Wittenberg: I just left him in his office; he must have left there with Garvin; I will see him in the morning and let you know how I come out.

Mickey: I am all right with him; tell him Mickey in the Sheriff's office is interested.

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

August 3, 1936 - 12:35 P.M. incoming call:

Woman calling in: Dave, they are out here with a warrant for Kate again; the policeman just left here; isn't there any way of fixing this up?

Dave Wittenberg: Christ no; Frank O'Connell is on the bench and there is no way of fixing anything with him; I will have to see Bill Osterman tonight.

Woman: How is it you always fixed it up for Kate before?

Dave Wittenberg: I told you Judge O'Connell is on the bench this week and there is no way of putting a "fix" on with him; Kate will have to appear unless I can do something with Bill Osterman tonight.

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

The Bill Osterman referred to in the above conversation is a one armed Deputy City Clerk, who handles warrants in the City Clerk's office in the Safety Building at Toledo.

August 3, 1936 - 4:35 P.M. incoming call:

Man calling: Is Ike Wittenberg there?

Man answering: No, he is gone for the day.

Man calling: Is Berenson there?

Man answering: No, he is also gone; this is Meyer Wittenberg talking; what can I do for you?

Man calling: Talk a little louder so I can recognize your voice before I talk to you.

Meyer Wittenburg: I know who this is - it's Oscar isn't it?

Oscar: That's right; I have an agreement with Ike that you are to bail out every one handling the green bottles and keep those in handling the flash bottles.

Meyer Wittenburg: How are we to know?

Oscar: You will have to make inquiry and you can get me by calling Monroe, Michigan, 7100 F 1 - that's my residence.

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

August 6, 1936 - 7:03 P.M. - outgoing call to Adams 7141, Police Dept., the call being routed to the Clerk's office:

Man calling: Is Bill Osterman there yet?

Man answering: Yes, he is here now.

Man calling: I will be right over.

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

Bill Osterman, it is to be recalled, is a Deputy Clerk who handles warrants in the City Clerk's office.

CONNECTIONS WITH HOUSES OF PROSTITUTION:

July 10, 1936 - incoming call 5:45 P.M.

Woman calling: Is one of the Wittenbergs there?

Woman answering: No but Mr. Meyer is just across the street.

Woman calling: Tell him to get a girl from 45 Michigan Street out.

Woman answering: O.K.

The above conversation overheard by Special Agent H.B.Dill.

45 Michigan Street in Toledo is a known house of prostitution and this call undoubtedly refers to a prostitute who was arrested from that house.

July 10, 1936 - 5:48 P.M. incoming call:

Woman calling: Meyer - what's this about that second beef at 45 Michigan Street; some guy said he lost some money.

Meyer: Who is this?

Woman calling: This is Maxine.

Meyer: We just got a man by the name of Brown out.

Maxine: You find out about it and call me at Adams 3658.

The above conversation was overheard by Special Agent H.B.Dill.

The Maxine referred to in the conversation is Maxine Belmont Thomas, the most notorious madame of houses of prostitution in Toledo, Ohio.

July 10, 1936 - 5:50 P.M. outgoing call to Adams 4141, Police Dept., connection placed through to Matron's office.

Meyer calling: Have you got a girl over there from 45 Michigan?

Matron: Yes, her name is Beatrice; they got her for petit larceny.

Meyer: Thanks.

The above conversation overheard by Special Agent H.B.Dill.

July 10, 1936 - 5:52 P.M. to Adams 3658:

Meyer Wittenberg: Maxine, she is in for petit larceny; do you want me to get her out.

Maxine: Sure and let me know what its all about; we do not know.

Meyer Wittenberg: All right; I will get her and let hertalk to you from our office.

Maxine: O.K.

The above conversation overheard by Special Agent H.B.Dill.

July 10, 1936 - 6:05 P.M. - outgoing call to Adams 3658:

Meyer Wittenberg: Maxine, the bond was $300.00; she's here; I will let you talk to her.

Girl: Hello.

Maxine: What's the matter?

Girl: I do not know; he must be crazy.

Meyer Wittenberg: The man is crazy; he will be in all night; you do not need to worry ; they have not got a case against her.

Maxine: What about two charges in one day?

Meyer Wittenberg: That's all right; they will not do anything.

Maxine: How much is the bond going to cost?

Meyer Wittenberg: You can see Ike about that tomorrow.

The above conversation overheard by Special Agent H.B.Dill.

July 23, 1936 - 7:10 P.M. outgoing call to Main 5459 (dial recorder not functioning properly, therefore, this number is questionable):

Man calling: How do you feel?

Woman answering: Oh - so so - I do not think I am living right.

Man calling: What do you know?

Woman answering: Not a thing.

Man calling: Did you know the old landlady, Marie Harrington, is coming back to Toledo and operate; she bought the property.

Woman answering: Yes, I knew all about it and to hear Pauline, you would think she had everybody interested in her property; anyway she got rid of it.

Man calling: Yea and if I never see her again, it will not be too soon; I do not want to have anything to do with her.

Woman answering: Marie sure got ahold of a fine class; I guess she stands in well.

Man calling: Yea - she always did. What did you do last night?

Woman: Oh, I got up at 1:30 this morning and went back to bed at 3.

Man calling: What were you doing?

Woman answering: I was busy - what do you think?

Man calling: I would like to see you; I will call you up tomorrow.

Woman: O.K.

The above conversation was overheard by Special Agent E.J.Dowd, and the voice of the man calling sounded like the voice of Ben Berenson. The Pauline mentioned is Pauline Neinstein, who sold the Riverside Hotel, a house of prostitution, to Marie Harrington.

July 23, 1936 - 7:30 P.M. incoming call:

Woman calling: Is Benny B there?

Man answering: Yes, how are you Kitty?

Kitty: I am so disgusted; I want to see you tomorrow evening; that party wants a bottle (They carry on a long Jewish conversation).

Ben Berenson: I will see you tomorrow evening and you can have it then.

Kitty: Yes, do not come in the afternoon. (Another long conversation in Jewish).

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

The person mentioned in the conversation as Kitty is no doubt Kitty Diamond, the madam of one of the largest houses of prostitution in the city of Toledo.

SLOT AND PINBALL MACHINES - CORRUPTION (Fretti Tap)

On August 17, 1936, a telephone tap was established on telephone MAIN 5412, which is the telephone of the Star Vending Company and the Amusement Game and Novelty Company, firms which are operated by Joe and Ben Fretti, at 514 North Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio. This tap was continued until September 24, 1936, and was maintained by Special Agent E. J. Dowd except during the period when he was relieved for lunch by other agents. Conversations overheard on this telephone tap show the corrupt alliance existing between the criminal element in Toledo, Ohio and the Toledo, Ohio, Police Department. Further information was obtained indicating that Joe and Ben Fretti practically control the pinball business in the city of Toledo; that they are closely allied with numerous police officers.

This tap established that

1) Pinball machines paying off in money and slugs which are redeemed in money or merchandise are openly operated.

2) After the passing of a local ordinance compelling the licensing of each pinball or slot machine device considered to be an amusement device and not a gambling machine, pinball machines and slot machines continued to operate openly in Toledo, Ohio, these machines paying off in cash and slugs.

3) Ben and Joe Fretti are the apparent heads of a local syndicate at Toledo, Ohio, controlling the pinball business in that city.

4) Joe and Ben Fretti are allied with various police officers and their interests are protected by such officers. Evidence of collusion and condonation of law violations are shown as follows:

   a) Meetings of Joe Fretti and Sergeant Knudel at Knudel's home for the purpose of Knudel conveying to Fretti official orders issued to the police concerning pinball machines.

   b) Various meetings of Joe Fretti with Sergeant Knudel and other police officers of the Toledo Police Department under suspicious circumstances.

c) Definite information indicating that police officers of the Toledo Police Department make efforts to foster the interests of Joe and Ben Fretti in their operation of pinball machines in the city of Toledo, Ohio, and and advocate actions that might be even in violation of law. Knowledge by Joe and Ben Fretti of proposed police activities before such intended action is taken.

d) Indications that violations of law concerning the operation of pinball machines are fixed in court.

e) Checking on the activities of investigating police officers and threatening police officers who might be investigating pinball machines operated by Joe and Ben Fretti. Use of the local police at Toledo, Ohio, to aid in stamping out operators of competing pinball machines. Racketeering methods used in coercing individuals to use Regal beer distributed by Joe and Ben Fretti.

On or about June 1, 1936, Special Agents E. J. Dowd and J. V. Murphy interviewed Benjamin Fretti, who stated that he and his brother, Joseph Fretti, reside at 3252 Parkwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio; that he and his brother, Joseph, are associated with Ben Harris as partners in the slot and pinball machines in Toledo, Ohio, under the trade names of the Amusement Games and Novelty Company and the Star Vending Company; that their business is confined to the city of Toledo, Ohio, there being a gentlemen's agreement not to operate in Lucas County, Ohio, outside of the city of Toledo; that in the city of Toledo he and his associates mentioned have twenty-four race horse machines, 108 one-ball pin machines, 125 ten-ball machines; that the race horse and one-ball machines pay rewards in tokens which are exchanged by the proprietors of places where these machines are located in cash; that the ten-ball machines are for amusement purposes only; that during the past six months from 20 to 30 machines have been confiscated by the police; that when the machines were confiscated the proprietors of the places where the machines were located were arrested and that he and his brother, Joseph, paid the fines in connection therewith. Ben Fretti further stated that neither he nor his brother, Joe, has ever been arrested in connection with slot machines; that he and his partners and other pinball machine operators meet one or more times a month to discuss conditions in their business and to promote and iron out any difficulties that might exist; that when necessary they raise money to promote and protect their business,

and named the following operators of slot machines in Toledo, Ohio:

Louis House, 405 Platte Street	100	pinball machines in Toledo;
Al Fetzer, 318 18th Street	70	" " " "
National Coin Machine Co., operated by Carl Cooper and Mike Jamison, Tryone Lake, Toledo	48	" " " "
Merle Fike, office of O'Rourke Mtr. Sales Co., Toledo	35	" " " "
Donald Feake, Eastern Ave., Toledo	35	one and ten pinball machines
LaPlante, 318 18th St., Toledo	35	one pinball machines;
Roy Kerr, Street address unknown, Toledo, operates victrola machines	8	one pinball machines
Sam Lupica, Bishop St., Toledo	16	pinball machines
Fred Neal, same office as Fretti Bros., Toledo	25	pinball machines

Ben Fretti further stated all pinball machines are operated on a fifty-fifty bases with the proprietors where the machines are located; that the collector when he removes the proceeds makes the count in front of the proprietor or his representative and divides on a fifty-fifty basis and renders a collection receipt signed by both the proprietor and the collector. Ben Fretti stated that he realized that at the time of this interview he was engaged in an illegal business and mentioned that for a number of years he has dabbled in politics in Toledo; that he controls about fifteen hundred votes and from time to time makes contributions to both the Democratic and Republican parties.

That pinball machines operate openly in Toledo, Ohio, is verified by an investigation conducted by Special Agents E. J. Dowd and J. V. Murphy on June 10, 1936, at the Waldorf Hotel cigar stand. At this place Agent Murphy played all four of the pinball machines operated in the lobby of this hotel and received tokens from these machines which were turned in at the cigar stand, for which he received 50¢. The four machines played by Agent Murphy consisted of one race horse machine called "Paces Races" and three pinball (one-ball) machines. Each of the four machines played by Agent Murphy is a 5¢ machine.

Mr. K. V. Dixson, proprietor of the Waldorf cigar stand, when interviewed, stated that the Paces Races machine was installed by the Amusement Games and Novelty Company; that the "digger" machine was also installed by the Amusement Games and Novelty Company; that the "bally" pinball machine was instituted by Al Fetzer, 2116 Sherwood Avenue; that the multiple pinball machine was installed by the National Coin Machine Company, 2137 Tyron Lake; that all of these machines are operated on a fifty-fifty basis; that the machines pay rewards in the form of tokens, for which he exchanges cash at the rate of 5¢ per token.

Mr. Dixson further stated that when the collector makes collections from these machines a duplicate collection slip is furnished him and he exhibited to the investigating agents a number of these duplicate collection slips which indicate that he receives an average of between fifteen and twenty dollars per day from the operation of these machines.

Investigation also conducted on the above date by Special Agents E. J. Dowd and J. V. Murphy at the Corbett Drug Store located in the Hillcrest Hotel resulted in the location of three pinball machines in operation at that drug store; that the machines were played several times by Agent Murphy and eight tokens were paid by the machines which tokens were exchanged for nickels.

Mr. M. D. Lindau, Manager of the Corbett Drug Store, Hillcrest Hotel, when interviewed, stated that two pinball machines were put in by Al Fetzer and the other machine by the Amusement Games and Novelty Company; that all the machines are operated on a fifty-fifty basis. Mr. Lindau exhibited his records which indicate that the drug store revenue from these machines runs about ninety dollars a week, and he admitted that the reward tokens paid by the machines are cashed by the drug store.

In the case of the pinball machines located in both the Waldorf Hotel lobby and the Corbett Drug Store in the Hillcrest Hotel no effort is made to conceal these machines, and both Messrs. Lindau and Dixson stated that occasionally uniformed police officers come into their places of business but pay no attention to the display or operation of these pinball machines, even tho at the date of this investigation such operation of pinball machines was illegal in the city of Toledo.

Mr. William Poulos when interviewed by Special Agents J. V. Murphy and R. C. Suran on August 23, 1936, at the Penny Arcade, Jim's Place, Put-in-Bay, Ohio, stated that at the time of that interview his wife had eighteen one-ball pinball machines operating in the city of Toledo, which were operated on the "sneak".

On July 6, 1936, a municipal ordinance was passed in the city of Toledo, which compelled the licensing of amusement devices operated by inserting coins or slugs. The ordinances, pertinent parts of which will be quoted hereafter, prohibited the licensing of any gambling devices.

Ordinance #186-36 was passed on July 6, 1936, to take effect thirty days later. Pertinent portions of this ordinance are quoted hereinafter, the purpose being set out as follows:

> "to license and regulate mechanical amusement devices and to provide a penalty for the violation thereof...."

Section 1. "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.

Section 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....."

Section 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."

Section 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 takens to the operator or player of such device.

Section 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.

A amending ordinance was passed by the Council at Toledo, Ohio, on August 3, 1936. This ordinance is #234-36 and amends Section 7 of Ordinance No. 186-36 quoted above, reading as follows:

Section 7. "Any person violating any provision of this ordinance, shall, upon conviction, be fined not exceeding fifty dollars ($50) and each day of such violation shall constitute a separate offense, and upon such conviction the Chief of Police may revoke any license."

Section 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.

The telephone tap maintained on the telephone of The Amusement Games and Novelty Company operated by Joe and Ben Fretti resulted in obtaining information concerning corruption on the part of police officers attached to the Toledo Police Department.

The following conversation was overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd at 5:01 pm on August 20, 1936, the call being an incoming one, the person calling asking for Joe Fretti. The pertinent conversation is herewith quoted:

.....man calling: Say, Joe, I got a copy of the pick-up order with the vending attachment. I'M just about finished and going home.

Joe Fretti: What kind of an order is it?

Man calling: It's a regular issued order to the men. I can show it to you better than reading it over the telephone.

Joe Fretti: That's fine; I will be out to see you tonight; will you be home? What's your number out there?

Man calling: I'll be home all evening. My number is 1836.

Joe Fretti: I'll be seein' you.

Concerning this telephone call, it is to be noted that the address of Sergeant Clint Knudel is 1836 Fernwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. It is probable that the man speaking with Joe Fretti in the above-quoted conversation was Sgt. Clint Knudel.

Sergeant Knudel was interviewed at his residence: 1836 Fernwood Avenue, by Special Agents E. J. Wynn and D. P. Sullivan on September 1, 1936, and he stated that he is in charge of the Radio Department of the Toledo Police Department; that after the enactment of the municipal ordinance prohibiting pinball machines he was placed in charge of the licensing of such machines coming under the ordinance; that the ordinance required that the coin box which dispenses coins and the tube leading to it be removed before the license is granted to the owner of a machine; that any machine having a coin box or slot tube is operating illegally; that slot machines which pay off in coins or slugs are also illegal.

Sergeant Knudel here stated that shortly before this interview Joe Fretti complained to him about the great inconvenience

entailed in bringing bulky, heavy and mechanically delicate pinball machines to the Safety Building for inspection for licensing, and he asked Sergeant Knudel whether it would not be possible to have an officer inspect these machines where they were located; that Fretti stated to him, Knudel, at that time that if such could be done "I will make it worth your while".

Sergeant Knudel here stated that he broached this subject mentioned by Joe Fretti to the Chief of Police, Ray Allen; that Allen told him, Knudel, that it would be agreeable to him to have the machines inspected at their locations; that shortly after this conversation with Joe Fretti he, Knudel, went on a vacation. When asked what benefits he had obtained from Joe Fretti as a result of carrying out the proposition made by Joe Fretti Knudel stated that he had not obtained anything; that during his, Knudel's, absence from the Toledo Police Department William Lucas, a patrolman assigned to the License Bureau, took his place in handling the licensing of pinball machines.

Knudel also stated that he did believe that the Fretti brothers obtained confidential information on prospective activities of the police department concerning slot and pinball machines, because when a complaint was received and officers answered the complaint, they would find on many occasions that the machines had been removed prior to their visit; that on August 21, 1936, the date that he went on his vacation, there were 608 machines licensed, of which 465 belonged to the Fretti brothers.

Altho pinball machines are operating openly in various places in Toledo, Ohio, no apparent effort is made to either confiscate these machines or to prosecute the operators thereof. This fact was mentioned to Sergeant Knudel on the morning of September 1, 1936, when he was interviewed, specific mention being made of the pinball machines paying off in cash at the Corbett Drug Store located in the Hillcrest Hotel.

It is interesting to note the following conversation overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd on the Fretti tap at 3:30 pm September 1, 1936 (a few hours after agents interviewed Sergeant Clint Knudel):

Man calling: Say, Joe, the law is over at the Hillcrest (Hotel Hillcrest); are you coming up?
Joe Fretti: You don't know who it is, do you?
Man calling: No, I don't; you had better come over.
Joe Fretti: Right away.

The following conversation indicates that Sergeant Clint Knudel carried out the proposition broached to him by Joe Fretti, wherein Fretti suggested that Knudel arrange with Chief of Police Ray Allen for the inspection of pinball machines in the places where they were located rather than to have such machines taken to the Safety Building for inspection. This conversation was overheard by Agent E. J. Dowd at 10:27 am on August 22, 1936, on the telephone tap maintained on the telephone of Joe and Ben Fretti, the call being an incoming one:

The man calling states that his name is Lucas (undoubtedly, Officer Wm. Lucas), who talks to Joe Fretti and tells him that if he, Joe Fretti, has his machines in the back of his place ready to send out, that he, Lucas, will be glad to go over to Fretti's place and put the tags on them.

Joe Fretti: What time do you get off today, Bill?
Lucas: I quit at 3 o'clock today and next week will be working over with the License Bureau from noon to four.
Joe Fretti: Well, Bill, we're going to quit here today at about 2, but I will get in touch with you Monday or you can call me.
Lucas: O.K.

Numerous conversations were overheard on the Fretti tap indicating that police officers, especially Sergeant Clint Knudel and Officer William Lucas, frequently had meetings with Joe Fretti; that Sergeant Knudel and Officer Lucas did approach Chief Ray Allen in an effort to convince him not to bother pinball machines operating within 400' of schools in violation of law. In this connection the following conversation is noted: at 3:26 pm on September 9, 1936, Special Agent E. J. Dowd overheard the following incoming call:

Man calling: How does it look on themachines, Joe?
Joe Fretti Leave them rest until tomorrow morning; Sergeant Knudel and Lucas are going in to see the Chief this afternoon and try to persuade him not to bother the machines that are in saloons regardless of whether they are within 400' of a school, as children are not allowed in these places anyway. I think we'll come out alright.
Man calling: Alright then, we won't remove the machines till we hear from you.

In view of the above conversation the following is quoted from Regulations 32 and 32-a, dated February 14, 1935, of the Department of Liquor Control, State of Ohio:

32. "Conviction in any court of competent jurisdiction of any holder or holders of permits issued by the Department of Liquor Control, of keeping, exhibiting for gain or operating a gambling device in violation of the laws of the State of Ohio shall be ground for revocation of any such permit."

32-a. "No person authorized to sell beer, intoxicating liquors or ale in the State of Ohio shall have, harbor, keep, exhibit, possess or employ or allow to be kept, exhibited or used in, upon or about the premises of the permit holder any device, machine or appurtenances which may or can be used for gaming or wagering."

The following conversations show the close association of Officer William Lucas with Joe Fretti (at 9:55 A. M. on August 20, 1936, this conversation, an incoming call, was overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd):

Man calling: Let me talk to Joe Fretti, please.
Girl answering: Hold the wire; I will connect you.
Man calling: This is Luces; come over to the Radio (Radio Barn, of the Toledo P.D.)
Joe Fretti: O.K. Bill, I'll be right over.

In the following conversation Officer Lucas expresses his regrets in being unable to license certain pinball machines operated by Joe Fretti:

Incoming call overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd at 5:55 P. M. on August 24, 1936:

Man calling: Joe this is Lucas. I am sorry to say they would not O.K. the machines that you sent over.
Joe Fretti: When are you going home; I want to see you?
Lucas: I am ready to leave right now.
Joe Fretti: I am about to leave for home and will drive over; I want to see you; will be there in five minutes.

The following has reference to another meeting of Officer Lucas and Joe Fretti: incoming call overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd at 10:10 am on September 8, 1936:

Man calling:	Is Joe there?
Ben Fretti:	Hold the wire (Joe Fretti then answers the phone)
Man calling:	This is Lucas over at the Radio Barn. Can you come over right away? I got to go out.
Joe Fretti:	I was looking for you Saturday; I guess you went home a little early.
Lucas:	I was here until 3:45 pm
Joe Fretti:	I am coming right over to see you, Bill; wait for me.

The following conversation indicates that Officer Lucas was unable to do anything concerning a pinball machine located within 400' of a school building.

Incoming call was overheard by Special Agent R. A. Guerin who was relieving Special Agent E. J. Dowd at 1:09 pm on September 9, 1936:

Man calling:	Joe, that fine and cost straightens out three ways, won't it? Doc's here now.
Joe Fretti:	I suppose so; what does Doc say about talking to Lucas for a new location.
	(Doc goes on the telephone)
Doc:	He said he couldn't do anything about it as it's within 400' of a school, and that's the ordinance. It's out of his power.
Joe Fretti:	Well, leave it up as it is.

From the statement made above by Joe Fretti it is apparent that even tho a machine is located within 400' of a school and it is known to be there by Officer Lucas, Joe Fretti, however, makes no effort to remove same.

In showing the close alliance of Joe and Ben Fretti with members of the Toledo Police Department, the following conversation is noted: (apparently the parties to the conversation are Joe Fretti and Officer Wm. J. Tripp). This incoming call at 3:55 pm on September 15, 1936, was overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd:

Man calling:	Ben? (Ben Fretti) This is Tripp; I'll meet you in exactly four minutes on the corner of Monroe and Ontario Streets.
Ben Fretti:	OK; I'll be right over.

After this conversation Special Agents E. J. Dowd and R. ... Guerin proceeded to the corner of Monroe and Ontario Streets, where they observed at four pm an old 4-door sedan, appearing to be an Overland bearing 1936 Ohio license 3844-C and occupied by two uniformed police officers. These men parked their car on the northwest corner and remained there about five minutes, meanwhile continuously looking toward the east as tho they were expecting someone. They thereafter turned their car around and drove east on Monroe Street to the intersection of Erie Street. At this point a stocky, swarthy individual proceeded west on Monroe Street on foot was seen. The officers signaled to this man, and he crossed the street. This man looked around suspiciously and made a pretense of looking in the window of a store and then casually walked over to the car and engaged in a conversation with the officers, lasting about thirty seconds only. Thereafter, the man walked east on Monroe Street and proceeded in the direction of 514 Monroe Street, the place of business of Joe and Ben Fretti.

As the result of a check made at the Lucas County Automobile Registration Bureau information was obtained that Ohio 1936 license plates #3844-C were issued to William J. Tripp, 3844 Burton Street, Toledo, Ohio, for a 1929 Durant sedan, motor #11062. The Toledo City Directory lists William J. Tripp (Laura G.) as city policeman, residence given as 3844 Burton Street, Toledo, Ohio.

The following conversations indicate that Joe and Ben Fretti have prior knowledge of the activities of the Toledo Police Department bearing on pinball machines. This incoming call at 10:50 am on August 28, 1936, was overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd and is as follows:

Man calling: Say, Joe, this is Carl Cooper. I just heard from Bush that they picked up one of the automatic machines near the Sherlock bakery on Detroit Avenue. Is it one of yours?

Joe Fretti: This is the first I have heard of it. We do have a machine near there in a drug store but up to eight o'clock last nite there were no complaints, and if any such thing was going to happen, we'd know about it ahead of time. ..... I got all our machines open and running, and we absolutely will know if anything is going to happen, so don't worry and go along as usual. The thing we got to do is to watch and be a little careful. Just as soon as a complaint comes in, we know about it.

Incoming call overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd at 11:27 am on September 8, 1936:

Man calling: This is Al Shearer .....
Joe Fretti: Lucas called me over this morning and told me about the police going to tighten up on all pinball machines located within 400' of a school. This is the city ordinance. He is going to give me a list of all these machines this afternoon; I will check them then and see what I can do with them. It won't be necessary to take the machines out today. If we have to, we can replace them with slots. Babe Johnson in the Medical Arts Building says he was notified to take the machines out right away; they're our customers, but I am not going to do anything until I get the list from Lucas and see what machines are named.

Shearer: Will the police grab them today?
Joe Fretti: No, go ahead as usual and have your customers play them. I will let you know after I talk to Lucas.

Incoming call overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd at 3:35 pm on September 8, 1936: (Bill Lucas of the Radio Barn is calling)

Lucas: Joe, I've got that list for you.
Joe Fretti: When are you going home, Bill?
Lucas: Right away.
Joe Fretti: I'll be over in five minutes.

Incoming call overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd at 10:31 am on September 9, 1936:

Man calling: This is 570 Detroit. The officer was here this morning and told us to take out two pinball machines which he said were in the school zone. He said that if I did not take them out immediately, he would take them out for me, so I just thought I'd let you know. I have them covered now in the back-room.

Ben Fretti: We knew all about this and that the officers were going to call. We are seeing about it this morning. You didn't have to take the machines down; go ahead and play them until you hear from me.

Incoming call overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd at 3:45 pm on September 9, 1936:

Man calling: This is Shearer. Say, Joe, I understand the motorcycle cops are calling on places and telling them that their machines must come out or they'll grab them.

Joe Fretti: Why, we got the information in advance. I have a list here and there are quite a number of places. It is the city ordinance. No machines are allowed within 400' of any school.

Man calling: They are not going to pick up the machines?

Joe Fretti: Not yet; I'll let you know when to take them out.....

The following conversation that either money or a gift may have been left at the Radio Barn by Joe Fretti or his associates for Officer William Lucas: (incoming call overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd at 12:03 pm on September 8, 1936:

Man calling: asked if Fike is there (Fike answers the phone)

Officer Lucas: Say, I have a few more spots for you. Stop over and see me at the Radio Building (Toledo PD) after one o'clock.

Fike: OK and say there's a package there for you; pick it up on the way home.

Lucas: Alright.

From the following conversation it is apparent that pinball machines operating as gambling devices continue to have pay-off boxes in violation of the licensing statute:

Incoming call overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd at 10 am on August 24, 1936:

Man calling: This is Joe. George, what's the word?
Joe Fretti: You better lock up every box you've got; the inspection starts today. Keep them locked for a few days - until you hear from me.

Incoming call overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd at 10:12 am August 24, 1935:

Man calling: This is Davis; did you call me?
Joe Fretti: Yes, get right on the job and lock all your paytable boxes. They're going to inspect today. Don't open them until you hear from me.

From the following conversation it appears that the Fretti brothers occasionally arrange for a pinball machine to be picked up, probably for the purpose of making it appear to the public that the police department is axtive in suppressing pinball machines operating as gambling devices.

Incoming call overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd at 9:32 am on August 27, 1936:

Man calling: This is Bob Bartells, Bernie (apparently one of the collectors for Fretti brothers) What's this I read in the paper this morning about picking up a machine.
Bernie: Yeah, we had it arranged. There's a reason for it. You can open up the boxes and play the machines, but use checks instead of nickels.

The following conversation indicates that there is corruption in the issuing of licenses for mechanical amustment devices, the intimation being that Wilson (probably a Toledo police officer) and one Herman are collecting $20 on each license issued.

Incoming call overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd at 4:15 pm on August 28, 1936:

Budrow: (phonetic) Let me talk to Herman (Herman goes to phone)
Herman: Herman, what about them?
Wilson: Is Wilson there?
Herman, see that no one is on the extension phone and don't let anyone hear you. You've been paying that "S of a B" $2.00; give him the gate; we were supposed to get $1 each and the D. so and so never came across; I arranged the license.
Herman: Alright, George, I get you.

The following conversations indicate prosecutions concerning the operation of pinball machines are fixed in court. Incoming call overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd at 12:15 pm on September 9, 1936:

Man calling: This is Fetzer (phonetic) Well, I have got a $25 fine and costs and the diggers machines were continued until 2:30 pm next Tuesday.

Joe Fretti: I don't know why you didn't go to bat? Judge Merlin told Cohen (attorney) that if we fought the case, he was not going to find you guilty.

Fetzer: Well, it can't be helped now. Joe, I thought it was the best thing to do in order to keep things down and thought there was everything against me.

Joe Fretty: No, it can't be helped now.

Incoming call overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd at 4:04 pm on September 9, 1936:

Man calling: Joe, this is Cooper; I thought you were going to be over at court this morning.

Joe Fretti: No need of me being there when we had the attorneys to represent us. .....

Cooper ..... I see Fetzer got off alright.

Joe Fretti: Yes, I had that taken care of; I was over this morning and saw Lucas. .....

Probably because of the authority that they know they have with the Toledo Police Department the Fretti brothers exhibit an audacity and boldness in dealing with police officers regarding confiscating pinball machines.

The following conversations indicate that Joe and Ben Fretti openly express over the telephone their opinions about investigating officers and threaten when an officer investigates pinball machines operated by them.

Incoming call overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd at 11:15 am on August 18, 1936:

Man calling: This is Mickey. I just learned that a "copper" is going around with the inspectors to play the race horse machines. I am in a place right now where he is playing.

Man answering: Did you tell the fellow not to pay him off?

Other man: I already attended to that. Did you get the name of the copper that is going out with the inspector?

Man calling: I think it's Wilson

Other man: OK; I will send Joe over to look after it.

Incoming call overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd at 10:58 am on August 16, 1936:

Woman calling: Joe, I got some nice news for you. They are coming up and I have got to prepare something for dinner. (At this part of the conversation Agent Dowd heard someone tell Joe Fretti that he was wanted on the other telephone located in the Fretti brothers place of business.)

Agent Dowd overheard Joe Fretti ask the woman calling (apparently his wife) to hold the wire while he answered the other telephone and the following statement made by Joe Fretti was overheard by Agent Dowd:

Joe Fretti: Now listen, Wilson, you want to be a detective don't you; well, now take a tip from me and stall around for an hour and the license will be there for the table. What's the big hurry?

Joe Fretti then answered the other telephone and continues a conversation with the above-mentioned woman concerning domestic affairs.

Incoming call overheard by Agent Dowd at 12:27 pm on August 27, 1936:

Man calling: This is Dick; let me talk to Ben Fretti .....
(Ben Fretti gets on the phone)

Man calling: Say, Ben, what's the dope on the machines?
Ben Fretti: Everything is alright; we arranged to have the test case continued until the 14th as we question the validity of the ordinance. In the meantime, everything is arranged to open up all the boxes. You just go ahead and operate.

Man calling: Yeah, but if we get pinched, who pays the fine?
Ben Fretti: If there's any trouble, we stand good for the $50 fine.

Man calling: There are two patrolmen on the beat out here and they came in making inquiries about the machines but we had them locked.

Ben Fretti: Hell, open them up. What's the names of these coppers?

Man calling: I don't know; the one in the afternoon seems to be a pretty good fellow.

Ben Fretti: Get the names right away and see me and we'll see that they don't bother you.

Incoming call overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd at 11:58 am on September 3, 1936:

Man calling: Joe, have you got a spot at 516 Front: two coppers were there a little while ago making inquiries; looks like they might want to grab the machines.

Joe Fretti: Yeah, we got machines there. Thanks for calling; I will look it up and have them put away.

Ben and Joe Fretti apparently are not averse to using racketeering methods in preventing competitors from entering the pinball machine business in Toledo, Ohio

Incoming call overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd at 12:13 pm on August 27, 1936: (Guy Shearer talks with Ben Fretti)

Guy Shearer: Ben, get this ad in last nite's paper: Attention, shopkeepers - pinball machines cheap sold, rented and exchanged and serviced, 436 Superior Street. Is he connected with you?

Ben Fretti: No, I never heard of the place but don't get confused. If they are attempting to sell pinball machines to the shopkeepers, they are going to get an awful trimming. You know we are not in business for our health. Just as soon as they put in a machine alongside ours we will take ours out and after they lose a few machines, pay $50 fines and go into court, they won't last. What we got to do is keep our collectors on the alert and whenever they find any of these machines, fill them with slugs and we'll take care of the rest ..... As I said before, instruct all collectors to be on the look-out for any of these new machines, and if you get any further information on it, let me know.

Joe and Ben Fretti have obtained the distributing agency for Regal beer in ten counties in northwestern Ohio. On August 12, 1936, in an interview had with Ben Fretti by Special Agents John L. Madala and J. V. Murphy, Fretti stated when reference was made to several hundred cases of Regal beer in stock in their place of business at 514 Monroe Street that he and his brother, Joe, had the distributing agency for this Regal beer in the above-mentioned territory and that he moved from his former location, 504 Monroe, on August 7, 1936, to obtain larger quarters.

The following conversation indicates that the Fretti brothers are using the typical "muscling" methods of racketeering in order to distribute this beer. Incoming call overheard by Agent E. J. Dowd at 11:48 am on August 17, 1936, the conversation being between Joe Fretti and an unknown man calling

Man calling: Eddie at 801 Cherry Street, listed to Mother H, operator of a house of prostitution at 627 Ontario Street, is hot under the collar. Ray O'Boyle was in there and told him he would have to take 25 cases of beer. Eddie said he didn't like the way O'Boyle talked to him; that he uses about 70 cases of beer a week and has arrangements with three other breweries; that when he buys 25 cases he gets one free. Tell Eddie we fired Ray O'Boyle; that we'll meet his proposition. He pays for 24 cases and gets one free.

Joe Fretti:

Thereafter Special Agent E. J. Dowd engaged in a conversation with Bennie Puttler at the Adams Cafe, 17th and Adams Streets. Puttler is a bartender at this cafe, which is operated by "Muchy" Levine. Puttler stated to Agent Dowd that a salesman for Regal beer came to the Adams Cafe and stated that this place was down for two cases of beer; that the Dutch Village night club was down to take 25 cases of beer a week and mentioned several other places which have been allotted a specific number of cases of beer that they were to take each week. Puttler stated that the beer was taken, but no effort was made to sell same.

Information was likewise obtained over the Fretti brothers telephone tap indicating that such was their influence that they could also arrange for cafes to remain open after the closing hours in violation of the closing hour law, as indicated by the following conversation:

Incoming call overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd at 4:15 pm on August 18, 1936:

Man calling: Joe, (Fretti), I am going to open up the Weatherly Cafe Thursday nite and expect a big crowd, it being opening nite; I was wondering, Joe, if you couldn't do me a favor and fix it up for me to remain open all nite. I have a 2:30 license but am expecting a mob after the other joints close and it will give me a chance to make a little money that nite.

Joe Fretti: I will be glad to see what I can do. I will call you on the telephone tomorrow or it may be better for you to call me tomorrow afternoon and I will let you know definitely.

Incoming call overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd at 12:45 pm on August 20, 1936:

Man calling: This is Casey. What did you find out, Joe, about allowing us to stay open tonite?

Joe Fretti: I tried to get it through but I am told nothing doing, this being your opening night you will probably have 25 or 30 saloon keepers there, and if you are allowed to keep open, there will be all kinds of "beefs" from them. What I suggest is that you close your doors at 2:30 and serve the people who are inside.

Casey: That's taking a chance though.

Joe Fretti: Well, that's the only thing I can suggest.

Definite information was obtained that persons operating slot machines and pin ball machines in Toledo, Ohio, are compelled to pay a certain amount of money for each machine so operated to the Fretti brothers. On July 30, 1936, "Turk" Tobin was interviewed by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan and he stated that about June 15, 1936, he came to Toledo, Ohio, with his employer, Mike Boosaris, for the purpose of placing in operation some automatic "digger" machines. These digger machines are electrically operated cranes which are placed in operation by the insertion of a nickel in a slot and the player attempts to so direct the small electric crane that it will pick up one of numerous prizes placed inside of the machine. Tobin stated that at the time that he and Boosaris came to Toledo they got in touch with Joe Fretti and Boosaris agreed to pay Joe Fretti $1.50 each week for each machine he operated in Toledo, Ohio; that after this agreement was made a card was placed in each machine operated by Boosaris, the card being an identifying mark indicating that a weekly payment was made to Joe Fretti for the operation of such machine, the card reading: "Crane Operators Association, Toledo, Ohio"; that if such arrangements for protection had not been made with Joe Fretti, the digger machines would have been either hi-jacked or destroyed by hoodlums connected with the Fretti brothers. Tobin stated that it was his duty to pay the $1.50 per week for each machine to Joe Fretti but that he failed to do so but pocketed the money for his own use.

Apparent alteration of Police Records,
Gross Neglect of Duty By Police Officers,
"Basket" Complaints,

Officer L. D. Mills of the Toledo Police Department, residence 2517 Portsmouth Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, upon interview stated that on July 15, 1936, at about 2 A.M. he arrested a notorious "pimp" named Allen Hackenthorn, and booked him "on suspicion" in order that he could thoroughly investigate this individual. Without Mills' knowledge, someone changed the charge to "suspicious person", which charge permitted Hackenthorn to be released on bond and Hackenthorn was released; that he, Mills, did not learn of this until after Hackenthorn's release and he expressed his opinion that Detective Art Langendorf was responsible for changing the charge placed against Hackenthorn.

In referring to the present set up at the Toledo Police Department, Detective James Ford mentioned that when Mayor Klotz was in office in 1934 to 1935, one John Price was Safety Director, who was considered honest and reliable; that Price had as his secretary a man by the name of Wagner, who was reported to be connected with Ted Angus and the Fretti Brothers; Ford stated that Wagner is presently secretary to City Manager Edy.

Indicative of the laxity of law enforcement in the city of Toledo on the part of members of the Toledo Police Department is the statement made by police officer Arthur Brown, residence 728 Humboldt St., to Special Agents R. C. Suran and D. P. Sullivan on June 15, 1936. Brown stated, in referring to members of the Barker-Karpis "hanging out" at the Casino Club that he was acquainted with Wm. J. Harrison under the name of Willie and had seen this man on three or four occasions at the Casino Club during the summer of 1934; that Willie told him that he had been residing at Hammond, Indiana, and that he had been in a hotel room with a girl who jumped out of the window; that as a result the police charged Willie with attempt to rape this girl. Brown further stated that Willie told him that the charge was without foundation as the girl had jumped out of the bath room window herself but that because of a change in the city administration he could not do anything about the charge and had to leave town. Brown could not explain why he did not report this matter to the Hammond Police Department, knowing that Willie was wanted on a charge of attempt to rape.

In referring to Willie Harrison, officer John McCarthy, residing at 644 Colburn St., Toledo, Ohio, advised Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and E. J. Wynn, on August 10, 1936, that he knew Willie Harrison as "Little Willie"; that he met Harrison at the Casino Club in the summer of 1934 and learned from him that he was from northern Indiana, near Chicago, and was in Toledo, Ohio, waiting for the "heat" to blow over in some Indiana town where he had gotten in bad with a woman; that he, McCarthy, understood from "Little Willie" that he was charged with some offense resulting from a woman jumping out of a hotel window. McCarthy did not explain when questioned why he did not investigate to find out whether Harrison was a fugitive.

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Information was obtained in the course of this investigation regarding so-called "basket" complaints.

[redacted] confidentially advised Special Agents E. J. Dowd and J. V. Murphy on June 13, 1936, that during the time Geo. Timiney was in charge of the Vice Squad, [redacted] Captain Timiney issued orders [redacted] to keep out of the "sporting houses" except on complaint; that complaints against houses were made known to the Vice Squad by means of memoranda from Captain Timiney, which memoranda were placed in the Vice Squad complaint basket. These complaints usually were couched in general language and stated in substance that at a certain address there was "window knocking", "indecent exposure", etc., and that the complaint should be given immediate attention. The memoranda never stated who made the complaint and these were called by members of the Vice Squad "basket" complaints and were usually issued to the Vice Squad shortly after the 15th of each month. Mention has been made in this report that when a madame of a house of prostitution failed to make a monthly payment for protection the Vice Squad would raid the houses operated by such madames and it is probable that these "basket" complaints were directed against some such operators of houses of prostitution who had failed to make payments of protection money for that month.

The following information was obtained, which shows that it is evident that certain members of the Toledo Police Department do not live within the salary that is paid to them by the Toledo Police Department.

Miss Deene Allen, Apt. 4, 220 Monroe St., when interviewed by Special Agents E. J. Dowd and J. V. Murphy, stated that during the time she lived with George Timiney, up until the fall of 1932, that Timiney spent money freely and on one occasion he purchased for her a new automobile and took a trip with her through Canada, the trip costing about $500.00; that on another occasion she found a list in Timiney's clothes of 93 disorderly houses after he had met Ted Angus in front of a disorderly house located on Orange Street in Toledo, Ohio; that Timiney spent more money than he could possibly have received as salary from the Toledo Police Department.

Frank Greenwald, who operates the Private Cab Company, stated, upon interview, that it was noticeable that shortly after certain individuals in the Police Department were placed on the Hoodlum and Vice Squads, they would show up with new clothes, new automobiles and generally presented a condition of wealth, whereas prior to that time these individuals would usually be broke and would be borrowing money from any one who cared to loan it to them.

Gambling Houses

R. & K. Smoke Shop, 428½ Superior St.

On June 29, 1936, Special Agents E. J. Dowd and J. V. Murphy made an investigation at the above address, which is located over the DeVeaux Restaurant. It was found that this smoke shop occupied the entire second floor, the front being partitioned off and occupied by a lunch room and smoke shop and the rear portion is fitted out as a horse racing bookie shop. Three men are employed at this place at the betting counter in taking and cashing bets; one man is employed making a large board displaying the names of horses entered at various notorious race tracks in the United States; another man is employed in the rear of this gambling place announcing race track information over a loud speaker; a black jack game is

operated at this bookie place and at the time of this investigation there were numerous people engaged in betting at this address.

Superior Sports Center, 120 Superior St.

On May 29, 1936, Special Agents E. J. Dowd and J. V. Murphy made an investigation at this address. They noted that an open doorway from the street leads into a large room approximately 60 x 40 ft. In this room a race horse book shop is located with boards extending the length and width of the room, giving horses running in all races at six different race tracks in the United States. Race track information is broadcast in this room by means of a loud speaker; eight employees behind a counter occupy themselves in taking bets on the various horse races; a "black jack" and "21" game are in open operation at this gambling place; there is also a "chuck-a-luck" game in open operation in this room. This place is an unrestricted gambling place and is open to the public without passes or identification.

The Toledo newspapers carried news items to the effect that the Lucas County Grand Jury in session at Toledo, Ohio, on June 17th and 18th 1936, was making an inquiry into vice and gambling in Toledo. This Grand Jury subpoenaed the owners of the following pieces of property where gambling places are operated, namely

The Buckeye, 229½ Superior St.
Superior Sports Center, 120 Superior St.
The Jovial Club, 631 St Clair St.
Courtesy Club, 513½ Jefferson St.

On June 18, 1936, Special Agents E. J. Dowd and J. V. Murphy made an investigation at the Superior Sports Center and the Buckeye and the Courtesy Club, and it was noted they experienced no difficulty in gaining entrance to these places as they were being openly operated and apparently the Grand Jury inquiry had little or no effect on their operation.

That gambling is going on to the knowledge of the members of the Toledo Police Department is evident from the statement made by Officer Wm. Myers of the Vice Squad of the Toledo Police Department when he was interviewed. He stated

that he knew of several gambling establishments and named several of the above mentioned gambling places already named in this report. Myers further stated that a person from the street could hear the loud speakers at the Buckeye and at 120 Superior St., calling out the results of horse races.

Gambling places have openly operated at Toledo, Ohio, for many years and members of the Toledo Police Department apparently are aware that they should not interfere with the operation of such houses. Detective L. Shimmon, residence 1619 Schomberg St., Toledo, Ohio, when interviewed on August 4, 1936, stated that he was assigned to the Vice Squad from April or May 1933 until August 1933 and was exclusively assigned to work on gambling; that during that period Bennie Harris and Bennie Aronoff were having an argument and the Police Department was on the side of Bennie Aronoff, which resulted in the Toledo Police Department raiding Bennie Harris frequently; that he, Shimmon, refused to concentrate his efforts against Bennie Harris inasmuch as both Harris and Aronoff were violating the law; that as a result of his attitude he was removed from the Vice Squad.

SLOT MACHINES (LUCAS COUNTY)

Investigation carried on incidental to the harboring investigation being conducted at Toledo, Ohio, from June 1st up until the present date has resulted in obtaining information indicating that slot machines and pinball machines are openly operated in Lucas County; that in great measure the ownership of such slot and pinball machines is vested in Tom Worland. Evidence has been obtained that Worland's interests in such illegal gambling devices are protected by the Sheriff's Office of Lucas County, in that his slot machines apparently have a legal immunity from confiscation; that slot and pinball machines operated by competitors of Worland are frequently confiscated by the Office of the Sheriff, while Worland's machines are untouched; that, as a result of this general understanding, there appears to be a general reluctance on the part of special deputy sheriffs to interfere in any way with the pinball or slot machines operated by Tom Worland and leave the matter of investigating such violations of law as operating illegal slot machines to the Sheriff's Office; that the Sheriff's Office of Lucas County apparently is aware of the fact that slot and pinball machines are operated in various parts of Lucas County, inasmuch as a survey of pinball and slot machines was made by County Prosecutor Frazier Reams, and the definite information concerning the places where slot and pinball machines were found was turned over by Mr. Reams to Sheriff James O'Reilly a few months ago; that deputy sheriffs interviewed admitted knowledge of pinball and slot machines being in Lucas County and of confiscating pinball and slot machines operated by competitors of Tom Worland; that Worland's machines are touched only when a specific complaint is made concerning a certain machine being operated.

The following slot machines were found by agents who will be named hereinafter at the addresses noted during the time that investigation was being made at Toledo, Ohio, and vicinity in connection with the harboring case:

DATE	AGENTS	LOCATION	NUMBER	OWNER
6-1-36	E. J. Dowd J. V. Murphy	C. W. Hecht Holland, Ohio	3	DeLuxe Service
do	do	O. W. Young, Chicago Pike and Eber Road	1	DeLuxe Service

DATE	AGENTS	LOCATION	NUMBER	OWNER
6-1-36	E. J. Dowd J. V. Murphy	G. J. O'Brien Valley Wood Golf Club, Chicago Pike	2	Deluxe Service
8-22-36	J. V. Murphy R. C. Suran	Adams Lunch, Junct., US Hwy 20 and St. Hwy 263	1	DeLuxe Service
do	do	Garden Gate Cafe US Hwy 20 and St. Hwy 263	1	DeLuxe Service
do	do	Nationwide Grocery Junct., US Hwy 20 and Dulton Drive	4	do
do	do	Dick Witt store Waterville, Ohio	1	not known
8-25-36	do	Veterans of Foreign Wars Club, Point Place, Ohio	1	R G Kerr, 32 Maher St., Toledo, Ohio
8-28-36	do	Z.O. Harper, Junct., Hwy 2 and US Hwy 208.	2	Tom Worland
do	do	Lunchroom, South Side, US Hwy 208 within Lucas County Line	1	Tom Worland
6-1-36	E. J. Dowd J. V. Murphy	Red and White Grocery Intersect., Ind., Ill. and Conant Streets, Maumee, Ohio	2	DeLuxe Service
do	do	Dale Holmes, Holmes Grocery, Cor., Conant and Dudley Streets Maumee, Ohio	1	DeLuxe Service

DATE	AGENTS	LOCATION	NUMBER	OWNER
6-1-36	E. J. Dowd J. V. Murphy	Hi-Speed Gasoline Station, J. M. Todd, Manager, Telegraph Rd., near Ohio-Mich. line	3	DeLuxe Service
do	do	G. W. Crabb, The Roundhouse, Telegraph Rd.	4	W-B Service Co.
do	do	Myron J. Crabb, Crab Service Station, cor., Alexis and Telegraph Rds.	2	DeLuxe Service
do	do	F. E. Tiplady Tiplady Service Station Telegraph Rd and Orville Drive	2	DeLuxe Service
do	do	Mrs. Nedeau, Top-Notch Lunch stand	1	do
do	do	H. Peterson Canary Cottage 4713 Detroit Avenue	1	do
do	do	Wayne Eddington The Bungalow 4712 Detroit Avenue	1	do

The following pinball machines were found in Lucas County in investigation incidental to the harboring case being conducted at Toledo, Ohio, by the agents hereinafter noted:

DATE	AGENTS	LOCATION	NUMBER	OWNER
6-1-36	E. J. Dowd J. V. Murphy	F.J. Hickey Cgo. Pike US	1	DeLuxe Service
do	do	A. Codes, Code's Wayside Inn - Cgo. Pike	2	do

DATE	AGENTS	LOCATION	NUMBER	OWNER
6-1-36	E. J. Dowd J. V. Murphy	P. G. Plummer Plum Garden- Cgo. Pike	1	DeLuxe Service
do	do	G. J. O'Brien Valleywood Golf Club, Chicago Pike	1	do
6-1-36	do	Dale Holmes, Holmes Grill, cor. Conant and Dudley Streets, Maumee, Ohio	1	do
6-1-36	do	G. W. Crabb, The Roundhouse, Telegraph Road	1	W-B Service Co.
do	do	Dixie Inn Telegraph Road	1	DeLuxe Service
do	do	H. Peterson, Canary Cottage, 4713 Detroit Avenue	1	do
do	do	Wayne Eddington The Bungalow 4712 Detroit Avenue	1	DeLuxe Service
5-26-36	do	James Coleman, Granada Gardens, Secor and Monroe Sts.	2	do
8-22-36	J. V. Murphy R. C. Suran	Dick Witt's Store, Waterville, Ohio	1	not known
do	do	Waylog Inn Waterville, Ohio	2	not known
do	do	Saloon- Whitehouse, O.	2	not known
do	do	Saloon- Whitehouse, O.	1	not known

At most of the places above mentioned where slot machines and pinball machines were found the investigating agents played such machines and learned that they paid in either cash or tokens, which the owners of the places where such machines are located would exchange such tokens for cash or merchandise.

Tom Worland, DeLuxe Service Company, 129 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio, when interviewed by Special Agents J. V. Murphy and E.J. Dowd advised that the DeLuxe Service Company is a trade-name used by him; that all slot and pinball machines in Lucas County operated by him bear a sticker tag of the DeLuxe Service Company; that he also permits other operators of slot and pinball machines to place on their machines the sticker tag of the DeLuxe Service Company; that at the time of the interview he had not more than a hundred machines in various places in Lucas County and was operating not more than ten or fifteen pinball machines in the city of Toledo, Ohio; that slot and pinball machines operated by him in Lucas County outside of the city limits of Toledo pay rewards in cash of 5¢ denomination; that the pinball machines; however, pay rewards in tokens only but that the tokens are fully cashed by the merchants where the machines are located, and the DeLuxe Service Company takes up the tokens for exchange in cash.

Worland admitted that he knew that the operation of slot and pinball machines was illegal. He denied, however, that he was "paying-off" any city or county officials to permit him to operate but stated that from time to time he donates campaign funds to both the Democratic and Republican parties.

Joseph A. Becker on June 2nd (1936) was interviewed by Special Agents Dowd and Murphy at 2305 Caledonia Street, Toledo, Ohio, and stated that he was a deputy sheriff during 1928 and 1929 under former Sheriff Joseph Zimmerman; that he owns about fifteen slot machines and about twenty pinball machines, which are located in various places in Lucas County; that, in addition, he takes care of about fifty slot and pinball machines for Tom Worland, owner of the DeLuxe Service Company; that all of the machines owned by him as well as Worland's machines are placed with merchants and others on a fifty-fifty basis; that he purchased his machines from Tom Worland; that he receives from Worland twenty-five per cent of the income from the machines owned by Worland, which he, Becker, takes to cover for services rendered on them; that he does not operate any machines in the city of Toledo.

Mr. Chester A.Hunter, 807 Alvinson Road, Toledo, Ohio, when interviewed on June 2, 1936, by Special Agents E. J. Dowd and J. V.Murphy stated that he takes care of twenty-six slot machines and thirty four pinball machines at various locations in Lucas County for Tom Worland of the DeLuxe Service Company; that he personally owns nineteen slot machines and fifteen pinball machines; that these machines are placed and operated on fifty-fifty basis with the owners of the places where the machines are located; that he operates his machines with DeLuxe Service Company stickers placed thereon and for the use of that service he buys his machines from the DeLuxe Service Company and pays two dollars a month for the use of the DeLuxe Service Company telephone; that for collecting from and servicing DeLuxe Service Company machines he receives twenty-five cents on each machine serviced.

From the above it will be noted that Worland and other operators of slot and pinball machines in Lucas County apparently do not operate any such machines in the city of Toledo; that with the exception of the ten or fifteen pinball machines mentioned by Tom Worland, which he states he operates in the city of Toledo, Ohio, he and other operators by some mutual agreement, apparently with the operators of pinball and slot machines in the city of Toledo, restrict their activities to the county.

Evidence was obtained during this investigation indicating that while Tom Worland apparently operates pinball and slot machines with comparative immunity from confiscation by the Sheriff's Office of Lucas County, other operators of pinball and slot machines are hindered by the repeated confiscation of their machines by the Office of the Sheriff.

In this connection, William Poulos, when interviewed by Special Agents J. V. Murphy and R. C. Suran at the Penny Arcade, Kim's Place, Put-in-Bay, Ohio, on August 23, 1936, stated that he operated slot machines in various parts of Lucas County for the past three years up until four or five months ago; that the number of machines operated by him varied; that at one time he had as many as thirty machines operating in various parts of the county; that about four or five months prior to the interview had with him Sheriff O'Reilly came to him and instructed him to take all of his slot machines out of Lucas County, but O'Reilly did not give him, Poulos, any reason why he should take his machines out of the county, while Tom Worland was permitted to continue operations; that Worland thereafter continued to operate apparently without being bothered by the Sheriff's Office; that in various places where he had placed slot machines deputy

sheriffs of Lucas County came in and removed such slot machines, although they failed to disturb slot machines operated by the DeLuxe Service Company that might be located in the immediate neighborhood. Verification of the fact that the Sheriff's Office of Lucas County condones the operation of slot and pinball machines by Tom Worland at the same time that it confiscates slot machines and pinball machines operated by competitors is made in the statement of H. Cooper, who was interviewed on August 31, 1936, by Special Agents J. V. Murphy and R. C. Suran. Mr. Cooper operates a filling station and grocery store at the corner of Whitford and Monroe Streets, Sylvania, Ohio.

Cooper stated that about eight months prior to the date he was interviewed, Poulos, a Greek, (apparently William Poulos), operator of the W-B Service, put in one 5¢ slot machine in his place of business; that about a week after it had been in the place Deputy Sheriff Sharkey came in and said he had orders to remove the machine and took it out; that after this took place and shortly before the interview had with Cooper, a man employed by Tom Worland came into the store and asked Cooper to permit him to place a pinball machine in the store, and that he, Cooper, refused to have such done.

Definite information showing that Tom Worland's interests in slot and pinball machines operating in Lucas County are protected by the Sheriff's Office was obtained from interview had by Special Agents J. V. Murphy and R. C. Suran with O. W. Plotner, who operates a filling station and store at the intersection of Telegraph Road and Warrington Street in Lucas County. Plotner stated that Poulos of the W-B Service Company had a 5¢ slot machine in the place of business operated by him, Plotner; that shortly after this slot machine was put in operation a man employed by Worland stopped into the store and observed the W-B Service Company slot machine; that about a week later a deputy sheriff came to the service station and told Plotner that he had received a complaint from some teachers' association about the slot machine and ordered Plotner to remove it.

Plotner stated that a Mrs. Tiplady operated a filling station adjacent to his filling station; that she was principal of a school; that when he advised the deputy sheriff that Mrs. Tiplady had slot machines in her place of business, the deputy sheriff pretended surprised to learn of this, then proceeded to Mrs. Tiplady's place of business and thereafter returned and

advised Plotner that Mrs. Tiplady had been instructed to remove these machines; that the machines were removed from his place of business and from Mrs. Tiplady's place of business at that time, but that the machines were replaced in Mrs. Tiplady's place of business shortly thereafter; that this took place about the first part of the year 1936; that about five months after the above-mentioned occurrence the W-B Service Company placed a 1¢ slot machine in his filling station and that this machine was shortly thereafter removed by the same deputy sheriff who had previously removed the other slot machine of the W-B Service Company, which had been placed in Mr. Plotner's place of business; that various slot machines owned and operated by Tom Worland are located in various filling stations along Telegraph Road in the vicinity of his, Plotner's, filling station; that these machines bear a sticker of the De-Luxe Service Company and that they apparently are not bothered or removed by the Office of the Sheriff.

It appears from the investigation conducted in Lucas County that it is generally known that slot machines and pinball machines are openly operated there.

W. H. Seed, Justice of the Peace, Sylvania Township, Sylvania, Lucas County, Ohio, when interviewed on August 19, 1936, by Special Agents R. C. Suran and J. V. Murphy stated that he understood that Tom Worland had slot machines and crap games in the "Dug-out", a gambling house operated by Tom Worland; that he does not consider it his business to look for slot machines and that if he received a complaint about one, he would probably refer the matter to the Sheriff's Office, particularly if the slot machines were in a place of business of a friend of the Constable and would embarrass the Constable to make an arrest or remove the machines.

It appears to be the general understanding in Lucas County that the question of confiscating slot machines illegally operated in the county is left entirely to the Sheriff's Office. Special deputies apparently understand that it is not a part of their duties to take any action against the slot machinists.

Carl Fisher, Justice of the Peace, who operates a grocery store at the intersection of Highways Nos. 20 and 263 in Lucas County when interviewed on August 22, 1936, by Special Agents R. C. Suran and J. V. Murphy stated that the constables working out of his office carry deputy sheriff commissions but would take no action against slot machines, as that is a matter that would be left up to the Sheriff's Office, and as Justice of the Peace

be left prosecution of the slot machine cases to the Prosecutor's Office. The fact that these slot and pinball machines are openly operated in Lucas County is known to law enforcement officials in that county, and it appears evident from the statement made by Justice of the Peace Fisher when asked why pinball and slot machines were permitted to operate openly in Lucas County - he merely smiled and stated "I suppose fees are paid tothe Sheriff", but would not enlarge on that statement.

This is borne out by the statement of Z. O. Harper, who operates a filling station on Rural Route #4, Swanton, Ohio, when he was interviewed by Special Agents R. C. Suran and J. V. Murphy on August 28, 1936. At that time Mr. Harper advised that the 5¢ slot machine and the 1¢ slot machine in his place of business have been continuously located in his store for the past five years; that various deputy sheriffs visit his place of business for the purpose of using the telephone; that these slot machines, which are placed in a conspicuous position in his filling station, apparently are seen by these deputy sheriffs, who, however, take no action to confiscate them.

Deputy sheriffs of Lucas County, when interviewed by Agents, have admitted knowing of slot and pinball machines operating in Lucas County as is verified by the interview had with Deputy Sheriff Donald Cochrane, 2048 Warren Street, on August 27, 1936, by Special Agents E. J. Wynn and D. F. Sullivan. When asked whether he, Cochrane, had knowledge of a survey of slot machines and pinball machines made by Frazier Reams, County Prosecutor, recently, Cochrane stated that a list of various places where slot and pinball machines were located was turned over to the Sheriff's Office; that the Sheriff's Office checked on it but he did not know what the ultimate result was.

Deputy Sheriffs of Lucas County admit that altho the operation of slot and pinball machines paying off in cash or in tokens which are exchangeable for cash or merchandise is illegal; nevertheless, they know of no case where prosecutive action is taken against the operators of such slot machines. On the occasion when Deputy Sheriff Donald Cochrane was interviewed, as heretofore mentioned, he stated that during the time he has been employed by the Sheriff's Office since January 1935, he can not recall any person being prosecuted for owning or operating any gambling or slot machines operated in the County of Lucas.

When questioned for an explanation as to why prosecutive action was not taken Cochrane could not give any adequate reason other than to state that the proprietors of various places from which slot machines and pinball machines were taken did not reveal who the owners of these machines were.

Further confirmation of the fact that the Sheriff's Office of Lucas County is advised of the presence of slot and pinball machines in that county was obtained through an interview had with Deputy Sheriff George J. Zang by Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and E. J. Wynn, on August 27, 1936. Zang at that time stated that as far as he knew no person or group of persons was given immunity so far as control of slot and pinball machines was concerned. He advised that whenever he discovered slot machines in Lucas County he brings them in, but later contradicted himself by saying that he did not know of a place where there were slot machines, indicating that he had some reason for not bothering these machines but would not elaborate on the matter.

That the influence of operators of slot and pinball machines in Lucas County bears considerable weight with the law enforcement officials in that county is borne out by the statement made by Constable and Deputy Sheriff Corrothers on September 1, 1936, when interviewed by Agents J. V. Murphy and R. C. Suran. At that time Corrothers was interviewed at his residence on Penn Road, Adams Township, in Lucas County, and he mentioned that he visits the "Dug-out", a gambling house operated by Tom Worland on Hill Avenue almost daily; that there are dice tables in operation at that place, altho he does not go into the rooms where the dice games are operated, and that there are five or more slot machines operating in this place; that he left slot machine matters up to the Sheriff's Office, altho he is a deputy sheriff; that the main reason he did not want to touch slot machines is because he does not desire to interfere with someone else's business and get "taken for a ride"; that he knows he has a right as a constable to close up this gambling establishment but knows it would be opened up the next day; that if he continued to close up such a place, he feared someone would catch him when he came home some/late and "take him for a ride"; and that he had no desire to be killed; that at different times he has seen regularly salaried deputy sheriffs present at the "Dug-out"; that these men apparently take no action to confiscate slot machines located in that gambling establishment.

Definite information was obtained from Deputy Sheriff Charles Sharkey as will be hereinafter set forth, showing that Sheriff James J. O'Reilly is cognizant of the fact that slot and pinball machines are operating in Lucas County and apparently issued orders to refrain from confiscating slot and pinball machines located in various party of the county; that Sheriff O'Reilly does not desire to offend the persons who have slot and pinball machines located in their place of business, feeling that if he did disturb such machines he would thereby lose votes; that he, Sharkey, takes action against slot machines operated by the DeLuxe Service Company only when specific complaints are received concerning such machines; that, however, in the case of machines operated by the W-B Service Company he confiscates every machine operated by that service company that he sees, regardless of whether he receives the complaints concerning the operation of the machines or not.

On September 1, 1936, Special Agents J. V. Murphy and R. C. Suran interviewed Deputy Sheriff Charles Sharkey at his home on Plainview Road, RR #2, Toledo, Ohio, and Sharkey stated that he has been a deputy sheriff since January 7, 1935, and was formerly employed as a brick layer; that when Sheriff O'Reilly first took office, he issued instructions that all slot machines in operation in the County of Lucas should be seized; that thereafter he, Sharkey, and his partner, Andrew Carr, seized numerous slot machines irrespective of the ownership of same; that in so doing they incurred the displeasure of various business men who had machines in their places of business, and he reported the fact to the sheriff, and it was decided by the Sheriff that the drive against slot machines, if continued, would seriously interfere with Sheriff O'Reilly's chances for re-election; that the Sheriff then decided that the only machines which should be seized were those against which complaints had been received by the Sheriff's Office. Sharkey at that time admitted that he knew that Tom Worland had several slot machines in the "Dug-out", a gambling house operated by Worland.

Deputy Sheriff Sharkey upon further questioning stated that he did not know of any prosecutive action ever being had in Lucas County in connection with seized slot machines. He stated that he has no use for William Poulos, who operates slot machines on the trade name of the W-B Service; that he considers Poulos as being very unscrupulous, and he, Sharkey, seizes every slot machine that he sees bearing the tag of the W-B Service; that in the case

of slot machines owned by Tom Worland and operated under the trade name of the DeLuxe Service he seizes such slot machines only when a specific complaint concerning one is received by the Sheriff's Office.

Deputy Sheriff Sharkey in speaking of the operation of pinball and slot machines in Lucas County stated that the only reason that slot and pinball machines are presently operating in Lucas County is because Sheriff O'Reilly does not desire to offend the persons who have these machines in their places of business and thus lose a lot of votes.

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Further evidence was obtained indicating that Tom Worland apparently had practical immunity in illegally operating slot machine and pin ball machines in Lucas County.

Tony O'Brien, O'Brien Tavern, 447 Monroe St., Toledo, Ohio, was interviewed on August 28, 1936, and he stated that Joe Becker, collector for Tom Worland, advised him that in case he, Tony, allowed him to place slot machines and pin ball games in his place of business, he need not worry about being arrested; that after Becker placed machines in O'Brien's Tavern, he returned on several occasions and took the slot machines out saying that there was temporary "heat" on but that in one or two days Becker would return with them; that about the first part of 1936, the slot machines were taken out altogether but the pin ball machines were left there.

Mrs. Tony O'Brien, wife of Tony O'Brien, was also interviewed on August 28, 1936, and she stated that Sheriff James O'Reilly and James Coleman, who operates the Granada Gardens in Lucas County, are very close friends; that James Coleman has only a beer license but sells hard liquor; that O'Reilly undoubtedly knows that Coleman is violating the law but apparently does not report the fact; that the Granada Gardens remains open throughout the night, as long as James Coleman has customers and that Sheriff O'Reilly apparently takes no steps to see that the Granada Gardens is closed at the legal closing hour.

Investigation was made by Special Agents J. V. Murphy and E. J. Dowd at the "Dugout", a gambling place operated by Tom Worland in Lucas County just outside the city limits of Toledo, Ohio.

This place was found to be an open gambling place with dice and card games in operation and it was noted that there were five or six slot machines in operation at this place. Information was obtained during this investigation that the "Dugout" has operated openly for some years and apparently no attempt has been made by the Sheriff's Office of Lucas County to close this place.

Gambling places apparently are operated in Lucas County without interference by the Sheriff's Office of that county in the past. Louis Greiner, residence 128 15th St., apt. 5, Toledo, Ohio, was interviewed on August 6, 1936, and he stated that in October 1929, he opened up a night club known as the Chateau, located about six miles outside the city limits of Toledo, Ohio, in Lucas County; that Chester Marks, who is now deceased, was a partner in this venture; that after Marks died he continued to operate the Chateau until December 31, 1934, when the place was destroyed by fire; that in addition to the night club at the Chateau, gambling games were also operated at this place; that when the Chateau was first opened Joe Zimmerman was sheriff of Lucas County and he at no time interfered with the gambling operations at the Chateau; that he did not "pay off" to Joe Zimmerman but was very active in Zimmerman's campaign when he was running for office and for this reason the Sheriff permitted him to operate gambling games at the Chateau; that David M. Krieger took office as Sheriff on January 1, 1930, and Krieger likewise did not interfere with the gambling operations at the Chateau.

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TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1323, et al. Edward George Bremer - Victim.

CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Eli Stewart sentenced to Northeastern Penitentiary on 6-2-33. Frank Grabowski sentenced to one hour in custody U. S. Marshal at Dayton, Ohio, on 5-19-33.

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Reference: Teletype message from Cleveland to Atlanta, 10-30-36; teletype message from Atlanta to Cincinnati, 10-31-36.

Details: AT CINCINNATI, OHIO.

The records of the U. S. Attorney's office at Cincinnati, Ohio, reflect that Eli Marion Stewart entered a plea of guilty on 6-2-33 to three counts in connection with a Post Office robbery at Steubenville, Ohio, in 1931. On the first count, he was sentenced to serve two years in a Penitentiary and to pay a fine of $4,000.00, to stand committed until paid, sentence of imprisonment to commence at expiration of sentence imposed in District Court of New Jersey. On the other two counts, he was sentenced to serve terms of five years in a Penitentiary, to run concurrently with the sentence imposed in the District Court of New Jersey. Correspondence in the case reflects that Stewart was to be incarcerated in the Northeastern Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

The file further reflects that an indictment was returned on 6-4-30 at Newark, N.J., Case #1910B, charging Stewart, Grabowski and others with a Post Office robbery at Asbury Park, N.J., some time in 1929. No further information concerning New Jersey Case #1910B was found.

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The following is the record of Eli Marion Stewart as disclosed by the files of the Identification Unit:

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The following notation appears on the records of the Identification Bureau:

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The records of the U. S. Attorney's office, Cincinnati, Ohio, reflect that Frank Grabowski entered a plea of guilty to participation in a robbery of the Steubenville, Ohio, Post Office, on 5-19-33. He was sentenced to serve one hour in the custody of the U. S. Marshal. It appears that Grabowski was a Government witness in this case, and for this reason, was granted leniency.

The following is the record of Grabowski, as reflected by the files of the Identification Unit:

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The following notations appear in the records of the Identification Unit:

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The Cleveland Bureau office in its teletype of 10-30-36, requested that the correspondence records, photographs and criminal records of Eli Marion Stewart and Frank Grabowski be obtained and forwarded immediately to the Cleveland Bureau office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE TRENTON OFFICE at Newark, N.J., will examine the file of Criminal Case #1910B in the office of the Clerk of the U. S. District Court to determine what disposition was made of the charges against Grabowski and Stewart. If it is determined that Grabowski was convicted in this case, the Trenton office should set out an appropriate lead to secure a photograph, correspondence record and any further criminal record, and arrange to have this information transmitted as soon as possible to the Cleveland Bureau Office.

THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE at Lewisburg, Pa., at the Northeastern Penitentiary, will obtain any further criminal record, photograph

and correspondence record of Eli Marion Stewart, and forward the same immediately to the Cleveland Bureau Office.

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Director,
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RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Under date of March 28, 1936 this office forwarded to the Bureau, upon request, the original signed statements of Wynona Burdette dated at St. Paul, Minnesota January 18, 1936 and Dolores Delaney dated January 22, 1936, for use in the trial of Joseph Adams and Duke Randall in Florida.

The Cleveland Bureau office by letter dated October 31, 1936 requested that these statements be immediately forwarded to that office for use in the harboring investigation which is contemplated to take place at Toledo, Ohio in the near future.

Inasmuch as Dolores Delaney is expected to be a defendant in the instant harboring prosecution and since it is anticipated that her statement will be used as evidence against her, it is respectfully requested that the Bureau forward her signed statement to the Cleveland office at an early date in order that the same may be available to the United States Attorney at Cleveland.

There is contained in the Chicago Bureau office files a carbon copy of the signed statement of Wynona Burdette dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, January 18, 1936, which bears Miss Burdette's signature, and the same, together with the Burdette woman's original signed statement dated at Chicago, Illinois, January 31, 1936, is being forwarded to the Cleveland Bureau office by registered mail with a copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232, et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BRIAER, VICTIM -
KIDNAPING

Dear Sirs

In compliance with the request contained in the letter from the Chicago Office to the Bureau dated November 5, 1956, there are transmitted herewith the original signed statement of Dolores De Lancy, dated January 22, 1956 and a signed carbon copy of the statement of Wynona Burdette, dated January 18, 1956.

These statements were forwarded to the Bureau by the Chicago Office under date of March 28, 1956.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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TITLE: GEORGE TIMINEY; 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: JAMES J. WILSON interviewed at Northeastern Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania; denies he aided in operations performed by Dr. JOSEPH P. MORAN on members of BARKER-KARPIS gang; states met gang 3 or 4 months after Bremer kidnaping; refused to speak of his own and the gangs activities and associates at Toledo, Ohio during 1934 and denied that he ever did anything to aid or harbor any member of the BARKER-KARPIS gang in Toledo, Ohio. States DOC BARKER told him he had seen DR. MORAN in Detroit, Michigan about July 15, 1934.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated October 17, 1936.

DETAILS: Upon instructions of Inspector E. J. CONNELLEY, the writer proceeded to the Northeastern Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania on October 30, 1936 for the purpose of interviewing JAMES J. WILSON for information concerning his activities and the activities of other members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang during the time they were residing in Toledo, Ohio during the spring and summer of 1934. Agent interviewed Major HILL, Warden of the Northeastern Penitentiary, and he secured the file on JAMES J. WILSON and stated that this man was transferred to the Northeastern Penitentiary from Chillicothe, Ohio on August 11, 1935. Major HILL stated that the file indicates that WILSON is eligible for parole on February 6, 1937 but he added that there is little probability of WILSON making parole in the near future because of the notorious character of the BARKER-KARPIS gang, with whom he was associated. Major HILL further stated that WILSON is presently employed in the penitentiary hospital as a hospital clerk and technician and that his work, primarily, consists of aiding the penitentiary psychiatrist.

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JAMES J. WILSON was interviewed. He was disinclined to speak of his activities or of the activities of the BARKER-KARPIS gang, and stated that he had expected that there was a possibility of his being paroled in February, 1939. During the course of the interview had with him WILSON stated that contrary to general belief, he was not a nephew of Dr. JOSEPH P. MORAN; that, in fact, he was only related to Dr. MORAN through marriage of his sister to Dr. JAMES MORAN, a brother of Dr. JOSEPH P. MORAN. WILSON stated that Dr. JAMES MORAN is practicing medicine at Springvalley, Illinois. He stated that prior to the time that Dr. MORAN became acquainted with members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang he was engaged in the legitimate practice of medicine and did not have hoodlums for clients. When asked directly whether Dr. MORAN was introduced to members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang through LOUIS ALTERIE (deceased Chicago gangster) WILSON did not directly answer, but stated that Dr. MORAN undoubtedly became involved with members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang because of greed for money; that he firmly believes that Dr. MORAN did not know the true identities of the gang when he was first acquainted with them, basing his opinion on the fact that Dr. MORAN was in great fear of becoming involved in any way with a violation of a law over which the United States had jurisdiction. WILSON stated that he was making no excuses for what he had done but he had become associated with members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang through Dr. MORAN.

Upon further questioning WILSON stated that he did not meet members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang until 3 or 4 months after the Bremer kidnaping and that he never aided in any operations performed by Dr. JOSEPH P. MORAN on members of the gang; that these operations had already taken place before he met them; that after Dr. MORAN had become acquainted with members of the gang he was forced to go along with them to protect himself; that he, WILSON, likewise continued his association with members of the gang and later found out their true identities. WILSON would not state exactly when he first learned of the true identities of members of the gang.

WILSON was advised that he probably would be indicted for harboring ALVIN KARPIS and DOC BARKER at Toledo, Ohio during the spring and summer of 1934. At this point he denied that he ever did anything to aid or harbor any members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang at Toledo, Ohio during that time. Specific mention was made by Agent of the occasion when he purchased a Ford automobile from the Jess J. Ellis Sales Agency at Toledo, Ohio and of his act in renting an apartment in the Burdella Apartments for VOLNEY DAVIS and EDNA MURRAY, but WILSON made no comment. Mention was likewise made of the occasion when he had an accident in HARRY CAMPBELL'S car on May 16, 1934 at Toledo, Ohio. WILSON did not directly answer this question and merely stated that he did not consider it to be harboring to drive another persons automobile. Reference was likewise made to his constant association with all the members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang at the Casino Club and elsewhere at Toledo, Ohio during the summer of 1934 but WILSON would make no comment concerning this association.

WILSON stated that he had no animosity to the Bureau because of the fact that he was convicted for conspiracy to kidnap EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, but he stated he felt that he had served sufficient time for whatever part he played in the activities of the BARKER-KARPIS gange He stated that he realized that if he were indicted for harboring, this indictment would act as a detainer and prevent his parole; that he did not know exactly what he would do in connection with a harboring charge as it meant that he would have to serve out the remainder of the three years on the sentence he is presently serving and might possibly have to serve an additional two years; that he did not know whether he would plead guilty or not guilty to a harboring charge. WILSON mentioned that he realized that the Government would have little difficulty in convicting him if only for the reason that he was considered a member of the BARKER-KARPIS gange

Agent questioned WILSON at great length concerning the possibility of his testifying as a witness for the Government. He stated that he could not see any possibility of his being a Government witness because such an action would mean that his life would be endangered after he returned to the penitentiary; that in any event he would prefer to serve even a 12 or 15 year sentence at the penitentiary with the assurance of knowing that he would be free at the termination of such sentence rather than testify as a Government witness and feel certain that some inmate of the penitentiary would stab him in the back because of the fact that he had testified for the Government.

In answer to most of the questions asked him WILSON would answer "I have nothing to say" and especially when a question had any reference to his activities or the activities of members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang at Toledo, Ohio during the summer of 1934.

During the course of the interview the conversation turned to DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN and WILSON stated that he at times wondered whether DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN was in fact dead, and upon questioning provided the following information, most of which is contained in his signed statement dated September 25, 1935 which he provided to Special Agent J. L. MADALA. He stated that about the middle of July, 1934 DOC BARKER told him that Dr. JOSEPH P. MORAN, DOC BARKER and two or three others of the gang went to a restaurant in downtown Toledo and Dr. MORAN was quite intoxicated and they left him in the car which was parked outside the restaurant; that when he, DOC BARKER, and the others came out of the restaurant one of the car doors was open and DR. MORAN was gone; that they looked around for him but were unable to find him and he, DOC BARKER, had not seen DR. MORAN since.

WILSON further stated that about two weeks later, around the first of August, 1934, he was still residing at the home of HARRY CAMPBELL in Point Place, Ohio; that HARRY CAMPBELL and other members of the gang had already left Toledo and he was staying at this house alone; that he saw DOC BARKER one day and DOC BARKER volunteered to drive him to Chicago, Illinois; that on the way DOC BARKER stated that he had seen DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN in a "swanky" night club in Detroit a short while before this occasion; that DR. MORAN was accompanied by a young woman

whom DOC BARKER described almost identically with DR. MORAN'S sweetheart BETTY TRACY; that there were two or three other men with DR. MORAN and they had a black Dodge coupe; that DR. MORAN had two railroad tickets and he stated to DOC BARKER that he and his girl were going away and were not going to tell anyone where they were going. DOC BARKER further told WILSON at that time that DR. MORAN had told him that JIMMY WILSON should go to Chicago, Illinois and obtain from DR. MORAN'S girl some money that belonged to WILSON. WILSON stated that these instructions somewhat puzzled him as from the description given by DOC BARKER of the girl seen by him at Detroit answered the description of BETTY TRACY and he could not understand how she could also be in Chicago.

WILSON stated that on arriving in Chicago he contacted BETTY TRACY and got some money from her. WILSON explained that he and DR. MORAN ordinarily left their money with BETTY TRACY for safe keeping and this money was some that he had previously earned; that he did not mention to BETTY TRACY what DOC BARKER had told him about seeing DR. MORAN and a girl in Detroit, Michigan. WILSON stated that thereafter he asked SLIM GIBSON whether he had heard from DR. MORAN but GIBSON told him that he had no information as to where DR. MORAN could possibly be. WILSON stated that he never heard from any members of the gang that DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN was dead and he still hopes that DR. MORAN may still be alive. WILSON would not expand on any of the statements made as set out above.

WILSON was questioned at great length and he stated on several occasions that he had no ill feeling because of his conviction; that as an assistant to the penitentiary psychiatrist he interviews every inmate that enters the penitentiary; that he realizes fully that a life of crime is not a paying proposition; that he feels that he has learned his lesson and is anxious to be released from the penitentiary; that he has several friends who have promised to aid him upon his release; that he will give considerable thought and consideration to what action he will take in the matter of his probable prosecution for harboring ALVIN KARPIS and ARTHUR "DOC" BARKER at Toledo, Ohio.

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U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812

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November 3,1936

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Cleveland Office dated October 31, 1936, requesting the original criminal record of Charles Carroll, FBI #30222, and which refers therein to a laboratory report and letter from the Bureau dated September 20, 1936. This letter should have been referred to as being dated September 20, 1934.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	Nov. 3,1936	Oct.30, 1936	JOHN L. MADALA JLM:JMS

TITLE: GEORGE TIMINEY; DOCTOR 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; NAT'L FIREARMS ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: MARIE GALLUP also known as "PEACHES" BUTLER upon re-interview identifies FRED HUNTER, JOHN BROCK and JOHN F. "SHARKEY" GORMAN as persons she had dates with at house of prostitution of EDITH BARRY during the time KARPIS and CAMPBELL resided there. She states KARPIS paid bills for her services rendered to these men. She relates that SHARKEY on one occasion brought KARPIS to BARRY'S house and then left later that day with KARPIS and CAMPBELL. She identifies BENSON GROVES as patron of EDITH BARRY'S place prior to 1930.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent John L. Madala, Chicago, Illinois October 3, 1936. Report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Cleveland, Ohio October 24, 1936. Report of Special Agent John L. Madala, Cleveland, Ohio October 31, 1936.

DETAILS: AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN:

In view of recent information obtained from LILLIAN MEREA to the effect that MARIE GALLUP alias "PEACHES" BUTLER, together with EDITH BARRY, discussed JOHN F. "SHARKEY" GORMAN with ALVIN KARPIS and HARRY CAMPBELL, after which GORMAN appeared at EDITH BARRY'S house and contacted KARPIS and CAMPBELL, it was deemed advisable to re-interview the GALLUP woman and obtain from her additional information relative to

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this matter, it being noted that no mention of the individual named "SHARKEY" was made during the initial interview with her.

Upon instructions of Inspector E. J. Connelley the writer proceeded to Milwaukee, Wisconsin on October 30, 1936 where MARIE GALLUP was contacted by telephone and requested to call at the Milwaukee office, at which time she was interviewed and the following signed supplementary statement obtained from her, the original of which is being retained in the Cleveland office files:

"Milwaukee Bureau Office
October 30, 1936.

I, MARIE GALLUP, do hereby make the following supplementary 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 having been made to me.

I recall that on a Saturday, January 19, 1935 I slipped on the ice and broke my wrist. About three or four days later, on or about January 23rd or January 24th, 1935 I met ALVIN KARPIS and HARRY CAMPBELL, whom I knew as "Sonny" and "Buff", in the kitchen of Edith Barry's house. 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.

KARPIS and CAMPBELL at this time remained at Edith Barry's house for approximately ten days, they occupying the spare bedroom which is located on the east side in the front. 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 other times they ate downstairs with Edith and myself. Edith Barry 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 any visitors that KARPIS and CAMPBELL might have had during this period. I remember that KARPIS and CAMPBELL left one night around ten or eleven o'clock and upon leaving KARPIS came into my room and handed me $40.00 stating that this money should help pay my dector bill for my broken wrist. I do not know in

what manner KARPIS and CAMPBELL left Edith's place, nor do I recall anybody coming there to take them away.

The next time I saw both KARPIS and CAMPBELL again was about two or three weeks later. I do not know how they came to EDITH BARRY'S house on this occasion, but believe they came there in an automobile, as I recall something about "LOU" parking their car for them near the Jarvis Apartments around this time. To the best of my recollection, a day or so after the boys arrived Edith came into my room around 11.00 P.M. and told me that I was to have an all night date, and that she would let me know when this party was ready to go to bed. I recall asking her whether I should collect the money from him, and Edith said that "SONNY" meaning KARPIS, would take care of the bill. Shortly thereafter MISS BARRY brought the said party into my room, and from a group of photographs I have selected and identified the photograph of FRED HUNTER as the man above referred to. I recall that this man told me he was a gambler from Cleveland, Ohio, and during the course of a conversation which followed the name of SHARKEY was mentioned. I recall telling HUNTER that I had met SHARKEY many years previous in Cleveland, Ohio, and it appeared that HUNTER was likewise acquainted with SHARKEY. I believe he told me that SHARKEY was a gambler from around Cleveland.

I also recall FRED HUNTER telling me on this occasion that he had stayed in the same room we were in sometime previously, and that I was not the same girl he had at that time. I told him that I likewise had not seen him before, and that I must have been out when he was there on the said occasion. HUNTER remained with me overnight and left around twelve o'clock noon the next day. As far as I know he left by himself, as I definitely recall that KARPIS and CAMPBELL were still at the house after he left.

The next time I again saw KARPIS and CAMPBELL at EDITH BARRY'S house was about three or four days prior to my birthday, which was on March 29, 1935. I recall that around this time "LOU" was supposed to have taken their car to a garage to be fixed, and I also recall "LOU" leaving the house the next morning with a roll of bills, and I was made to understand that she was going to get the car out of the garage. I did not hear that she had purchased a new car. I also recall that around this time "LOU" frequently parked the boys' car in the vicinity of the Jarvis Apartments, and at night she would go to the car and turn on the parking lights.

I have been shown a photograph of JOHN BROCK, and I identify it as a man with whom I had an all night date during the period KARPIS and CAMPBELL were at EDITH BARRY'S house on the above occasion. I recall that EDITH told me not to mention any money to him, as "SONNY" would take care of his bill. He remained with me all night and left the following afternoon. I do not know with whom he left on this occasion. I recall that in the morning when we got up, I brought this fellow, whom I identified as JOHN BROCK, downstairs and I observed him talking with KARPIS and CAMPBELL who also were downstairs at that time.

I have been shown a photograph of JOHN F. GORMAN, and I positively identify him as a man known to me as SHARKEY. I first met this individual about ten years ago when EDITH BARRY and I went to Cleveland, Ohio. EDITH BARRY had a date with JIMMY O'NEIL and that night the three of us went to PATSY KILBANE'S place in Cleveland, Ohio. JIMMY O'NEIL knew SHARKEY and introduced him to EDITH and me. That night the four of us and some other people went to the Club Madrid and various other places. I recall that O'NEIL did not want SHARKEY in the party, as he thought him to be a roughneck. I recall that during the time KARPIS and CAMPBELL were at EDITH BARRY'S place around my birthday, Edith and I had a conversation with them about SHARKEY. It appeared that KARPIS and CAMPBELL knew SHARKEY, as I recall KARPIS remarking that SHARKEY was a silly kid. I remember that shortly after this conversation KARPIS left Miss Barry's house by himself, and that about two days later returned with SHARKEY, although I did not see them come in together. As I recall this occasion EDITH BARRY awakened me around seven o'clock in the morning, and said that I should come into her room and meet an old friend of mine whom I had not seen for a long time. I got dressed and went into Edith's room, and there I recognized SHARKEY. He was partially drunk, and I recall that while we were drinking in the room, SHARKEY asked Edith where "SONNY BOY" had gone. Edith replied that "SONNY" had gone to bed, and that he had plenty to drink already. We drank in Edith's room for several hours, and after it appeared that SHARKEY had enough to drink, Edith told me to take him to bed with me. I informed Miss Barry that I was menstruating, and suggested that she call a girl for him. Edith said that "SONNY" wouldn't like that arrangement, and that I should do what I could with him. Thereafter I took SHARKEY into my room and he slept until four p.m. that afternoon. I recall that in the morning when he and I were talking he told me that he was employed as a gambler at the Harvard

Club in Cleveland,Ohio; that he was married and had two children, and also that JIMMY O'NEIL was married. I also recall that on this morning Edith had "LOU" park SHARKEY'S car away from the house, she giving "LOU" the keys.

After SHARKEY awoke on the afternoon of the above occasion, he took a bath and then went into the front right bedroom and visited with KARPIS and CAMPBELL. I recall that SHARKEY was very much sick after he got out of bed that afternoon, and couldn't eat or drink a thing. He said that that was the first time he had anything to drink in a long time. It seemed to me that while KARPIS and CAMPBELL were eating dinner that night, SHARKEY was away from the house for some reason. I think he went to get a shave.

Shortly after dinner KARPIS and CAMPBELL started to pack their things and while they were in their room EDITH came up and told KARPIS that SHARKEY was waiting for them downstairs. They left shortly thereafter, and although I did not see KARPIS and CAMPBELL leave with SHARKEY, I know from conversation I overheard that they left with SHARKEY. This was the last time I saw any of the above named individuals.

Although I did not see SHARKEY, I recall that EDITH BARRY mentioned to me on one occasion previously that he had been at the house. I do not recall at this time the circumstances of this visit.

I have read the foregoing statement which consists of three typewritten pages, and swear that the same is true to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

MARIE GALLUP.

Witness:
John L. Madala
Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U.S.Department of Justice,
1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland,Ohio."

The writer interviewed MARIE GALLUP at great length concerning JOE ROSCOE. She advised that she is personally acquainted with this individual and that she has on several occasions seen him in the house of EDITH BARRY. She further stated that she does not know of her own knowledge that JOE ROSCOE visited KARPIS and CAMPBELL during the times they resided at EDITH BARRY'S place during the forepart of 1935. She went on to relate that she never heard KARPIS, CAMPBELL or EDITH BARRY discuss JOE ROSCOE and that the only mention of JOE ROSCOE which was ever made in her presence was in 1934 when CHARLES J. FITZGERALD informed her that he together with KARPIS and CAMPBELL on this occasion had won considerable money at the gambling place of JOE ROSCOE at Toledo, Ohio.

With further reference to JOHN F. "SHARKEY" GORMAN, she was definite in her statements that she saw "SHARKEY" at EDITH BARRY'S house only on one occasion during the various times that KARPIS and CAMPBELL resided there. However she mentioned that it is entirely possible that he visited there at other times and she did not know of it, because at that time she spent very little time in the house of EDITH BARRY. She was certain that she had heard EDITH BARRY mention on one occasion prior to the time that she (MARIE GALLUP) saw SHARKEY at EDITH BARRY'S house that he had been there. However she does not recall the circumstances of his visits nor does she know of her own knowledge whether SHARKEY at that time either contacted or visited KARPIS and CAMPBELL.

A photograph of BENSON GROVES was shown to her and she immediately identified it as that of a person known to her as BEN. She stated that she saw this individual about six or seven years ago at which time he was in the company of JAMES "TIP" O'NEIL who is an old sweetheart of EDITH BARRY. She went on to state that she heard that BENSON GROVES was sent to a Federal penitentiary for mail robbery around 1930, and that as far as she knows he is still in the penitentiary.

MARIE GALLUP was again questioned relative to any contacts that KARPIS and CAMPBELL might have had in Cleveland, Ohio and in this connection the names of ART SHEBERBRAND, SHIMMY PATTON, WILLIAM MITCHELL and FRANK J. NOONAN were mentioned to her, but to no avail.

She is fully aware of the fact that she may be subpoenaed before the Grand Jury at Toledo, Ohio in the near future and stated that she is willing to proceed to Toledo at such time and tell all she knows to the Grand Jury. Agent questioned MARIE GALLUP about the present whereabouts of MYRTLE LOIS PRICE, another former prostitute inmate of EDITH BARRY'S house, and she advised that MISS PRICE is presently out

of the city but that she is expected to return to Milwaukee in a few days. She further stated that Miss PRICE is now residing with her at apartment 402, 2711 West Wells Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, telephone West 0254-J. She stated that MYRTLE PRICE likewise anticipates being subpoenaed before the Grand Jury at Cleveland,Ohio, and that neither she nor MISS PRICE will make any effort to avoid giving testimony should they be called upon to do so.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
BUREAU OF PRISONS
WASHINGTON

November 4, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER

The enclosed letter from Archie Negleman was received through the prisoners mail box and has just come to my notice. This prisoner, has also written to the Attorney General asking to be transferred from Atlanta Back to Lewisburg. He has also written me offering to help convict officers at Lewisburg of bringing liquor into the institution provided I will send him back to Lewisburg.

I am inclined to call his bluff and do this on the understanding that if he doesn't make good he will be sent back to Atlanta again.

If you desire to have one of your agents contact this man and will so advise me, I will notify you as soon as he is returned to the Lewisburg penitentiary.

/s/ Sanford Bates

Director.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
November 4, 1936

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AIR MAIL

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Please forward, for use in investigation here, six photographs of Harry Campbell taken since his apprehension at Toledo in May, 1936. Please expedite.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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November 7, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,
Fugitive, I.O. #1232;
EDWARD GEORGE BRAM.R, Victim;
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of November 4, 193[illegible], there are transmitted herewith six photographs of Harry Campbell taken since his apprehension at Toledo, Ohio on May 7, 1936.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure 1105173

AIR MAIL

404 New York Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota
November 3, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

BREKID

Reference is made to the Chicago office letter of November 2, 1936, requesting certain statements be forwarded to your office.

Enclosed herewith are the following:

Statement of Paula Harmon dated at Chicago, Illinois, September 22, 1934, but notarized September 25, 1934;

Statement of James J. Wilson dated at Chicago, Illinois, September 25, 1934;

Signed copy of statement of James J. Wilson dated at Chicago, Illinois; September 25, 1934;

Statement of James J. Wilson dated at Chicago, Illinois, September 7, 1934;

Statement of Wynona Burdette dated at Chicago, Illinois, September 13, 1934;

Statement of Gladys Rita Sawyer dated at Chicago, Illinois, September 15, 1934;

Statement of Clara Gibson dated at Chicago, Illinois, January 13, 1935.

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Very truly yours,

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C. W. STEIN
Special Agent in Charge

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November 3, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Re: Unknown Subjects;
Charles Schlorer - Victim;
Extortion.

From time to time Field offices have been forwarding samples of the known handwriting of gangsters, kidnapers and known extortionists which have been searched generally through the anonymous files. There has just been completed another general search of the following individuals:

Edna Murray
Homer Van Meter
Harold Alderton
Lloyd Barker
Elmer Farmar
Mrs. G. E. Barker
Volney Davis
John Hamilton
Harry Campbell
Thomas H. Robinson, Junior
Mrs. Dixon (writing for G. E. Barker)
Lester J. Gillis
Jess Doyle
Alvin Karpis
Fred Hunter
Oliver A. Berg
Fred Barker
Frank Vitolo

This brings the general search up to date in the absence of some specific request from the Investigative Division.

No match was found.

File 9-759 - Unknown Subjects; Charles Schlorer - Victim; Extortion in the Philadelphia office reveals some similarities to the writing of Vitolo and his mode of operation. The similarity in writing is not sufficient to warrant a conclusion, it being possible that he did not write the letters.

The purpose of submitting a report in this manner is so that the Investigative Division may decide how many and what offices should be advised with reference to the handwriting of the known gangsters and what instructions should be issued, if any, concerning the Philadelphia office and Vitolo.

Respectfully,

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E. P. Coffey.

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H. O. HILL
Sheriff of Geauga County
Chardon, Ohio

Dear Sir

As would like to be remembered by the name
of Elmer Charles Winterhalter
I have been confined up in the jail for
months & have had time to think
and I have come to the conclusion
that I have been a very foolish boy
with plenty of time to repent
of my sins

Respectfully yours
Elmer Winterhalter

Sheriff's Office
Chardon, Ohio

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Chardon, Ohio.

[illegible] ORDER

Attention: Mr. Fred C. Spohn,
Fingerprint Expert.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your communication dated [illegible],
I am attaching the record revealed through a search of the
identification files of this Division in the case of the
following:

CHARLES CARROLL, Oklahoma State Penitentiary
#10508.

Please be advised that a notation has been made in
our file to the effect that this individual is wanted by you,
and in the event information is received relative to the
above subject's whereabouts you will be promptly notified.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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U. S. Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 812,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

November 4, 1936.

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

Dear Sir: In re: BREKID

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated October 26, 1936, setting out information concerning a letter written by Fred C. Spohn to the Bureau dated at Chardon, Ohio. A review of the file fails to reveal a copy of this letter and it is requested that in connection with the harboring investigation presently being conducted at Cleveland, Ohio, a photostatic copy of the above mentioned letter be forwarded to the Cleveland office.

It is noted in paragraph two of the above mentioned Bureau letter that the date of the letter of Fred C. Spohn to the Bureau is given as September 9, 1934. In paragraph three it is noted that the date of the same letter is given as August 9, 1934. This latter date is apparently the correct date.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORIN, FUGITIVE,
I. O. No. 1232; et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BRIDGER - VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of October 31, 1936, there are transmitted herewith the originals of registration cards Nos. 868 and 870 of the Hotel Denmor, Atlantic City, New Jersey, reflecting the registrations on January 18, 1935, of Mrs. A. B. Graham and sister, of Macon, Georgia, and R. S. Carson and G. C. Cameron, of Rock Harbor, Florida, respectively.

The above described registration cards will be necessary at the trial of Joe Adams and Henry "Duke" Randall at Miami, Florida, on February 15, 1937, and your office should make the necessary arrangements to insure their return to the Bureau several days prior to that date.

As requested in your letter of November 4, 1936, there is forwarded herewith a photostatic copy of a letter dated August 9, 1934, addressed to me by Fred C. Spohn, of Chardon, Ohio, requesting the criminal record of Charles Carroll alias Charles Winterhalter. A photostatic copy of the Bureau's reply to Mr. Spohn's communication, dated August 17, 1934, is also attached hereto.

Further, in connection with the instant case, I desire that you immediately furnish the Bureau all the information which has been obtained by your office concerning Wayne Preston, who it is believed is involved in the robbery of the mail truck at Warren, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Inclosure No. 1020628
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POST OFFICE BOX 812,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

November 4, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dear Sir: In re: BRUKID

It is requested that you forward to the Chicago Bureau office a copy of your letter to the Louisville office dated October 26, 1936, having reference to the tracing of certain guns.

Copies of all reports and communications should be designated for the Chicago office in every instance.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

DPS:MG

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cc-Bureau
Cleveland
Cincinnati

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

October 30, 1936.

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

With reference to the possible prosecution of the various subjects in connection with the harboring charges at Toledo and Cleveland, Ohio, together with Agents S. K. McKee and E. J. Wynn, on October 29, 1936, I conferred with United States Attorney E. B. Freed, and first assistant United States Attorney Foote, and furnished Mr. Freed with copies of the summary reports prepared by Special Agent S. K. McKee, dated October 26, 1936, and Special Agent E. J. Wynn, dated October 25, 1936, and discussed in a general way the entire situation as to the various persons who would be charged with the offense in question in keeping with the evidence set out in our summary reports. It was indicated to Mr. Freed that we believed an early Grand Jury should be had for the hearing of witnesses in order to secure early indictments in this. However, previous to indictments and preferably about the late afternoon of November 6, 1936, we should secure warrants for all subjects who are at liberty, secretly through the United States Commissioner, in order that on the following day, Saturday, November 7, 1936, we might take into custody the various persons involved, which would give us ample opportunity to thoroughly question these individuals on Saturday night and Sunday before it would be necessary to take them before the United States Commissioner for arraignment; that the four subjects who are outside the Northern District of Ohio would be apprehended by Agents from other offices, and that they should be furnished with certified copies of the complaint and warrant for the arrest of these individuals, secretly in accordance with our arrangements at Cleveland and Toledo. However, provided these four defendants outside the Northern District of Ohio would sign waivers of removal, we would arrange to have Agents transport them to Toledo where prosecution would be had.

United States Attorney Freed in substance agreed with our arrangements but indicated he would like to read the reports before the warrants are issued; that as to the Grand Jury it would be

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necessary to consult with United States District Court Judge Hahn at Toledo, as to when he could ask for a Grand Jury during November at Toledo. It is possible that they may be able to arrange a Grand Jury for the latter part of the week of November 9, 1936, and that with this idea in mind prior to the convening of the Grand Jury we could arrange for the apprehension of the various persons on the night of November 10, 1936, which would allow us November 11, 1936, Armistice Day, a holiday, to question these individuals somewhat on the order planned as to Saturday and Sunday. United States Attorney Freed indicates that if the judge agreed to call a Grand Jury at a specific date, our plan, as previously above outlined, will be carried out and we will obtain warrants as to the arrest of the various subjects in this Saturday preceding the coming week in which the Grand Jury will be called. This plan, of course, will be entirely in accordance with the general idea worked out as to when and how these persons will be arrested. United States Attorney Freed is to confer with United States District Court Judge Hahn of Toledo, Ohio, on November 3, 1936, and I shall see United States Attorney Freed at Toledo, Ohio, on November 3, 1936, in order to discuss further with him the plans we are to carry out in connection with the above situation. If it is carried out in accordance with our request, which it is believed will be the case, we plan on arresting at Toledo, Ohio, George Timiney, Bert Angus, Ted Angus, Coolie Monroe, Frank Greenwald, Joe Roscoe, Edward McGraw, Mrs. Clara McGraw, and Madeline Angus. At Cleveland, Ohio we will arrange for the arrest of John F. "Sharkey" Gorman. We will arrange for the Philadelphia office to arrest Thelma Holst, and arrange for her removal. We will arrange for the Cincinnati office to arrest Rene Holst and Lucian "Ludy" Fleming, and their removal to Toledo. We will arrange for the Detroit office to arrest Ruth Wells and to remove her to Toledo.

This represents a total of fourteen subjects who will be prosecuted in connection with this case, and in order to make available at the trial of this case any and all evidence, particularly the conversations between the various conspirators during the operation of the conspiracy to harbor, we will suggest to the United States Attorney that he include certain other subjects in this case who are presently confined in penitentiaries, namely, Fred Hunter, James J. Wilson, Charles J. Fitzgerald, Oliver A. Berg, William Weaver, Volney Davis, Dolores Delaney, Harry Campbell, John Brock, and Sam Coker.

It is to be noted that the conspiracy to harbor, in 1934, concerns the harboring of Alvin Karpis and Arthur R. "Doc" Barker, presently confined in the penitentiary.

Possibly there should also be included in the indictment William J. Harrison, deceased; Russell Gibson, deceased; Fred C. Barker, deceased; and Dr. Joseph P. Moran, believed to be deceased.

In this connection it is believed that at least James J. Wilson, Dolores Delaney and Sam Coker should be returned to Toledo for trial in connection with the prosecution of other individuals indicated. Whether or not the other individuals in prison should be returned is a matter to be left to the discretion of the United States Attorney. It is to be recalled that James J. Wilson and Dolores Delaney have previously made very definite, lengthy statements in this situation which they subsequently tried to repudiate, and which, of course, can be introduced in their respective trials. John Brock, previously mentioned above, it is expected will be a witness in this case for the Government. The only other two subjects who might be involved would be Milton Lett, and Benson Groves, with aliases, the so-called fifth man in the Garrettsville train robbery. The handling of the situation as to Edith Barry, informant of the Bureau, has been discussed previously with the United States Attorney in order to acquaint him with the situation, and in order to, if possible, live up to any obligations we may have in connection with her as an informant, and also to possibly encourage her to testify in this case, it being noted that she was possibly involved, to a certain extent, at the time of the Warren, Ohio, mail truck robbery, occurring in April 1935, inasmuch as the subjects met at her house prior to the time this job was carried out.

In arranging the above arrests we will, of course, during the coming week in so far as possible discreetly determine where each of the subjects is located in order to facilitate their arrests, if these are to be carried out on November 7, 1936.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Inspector.

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POST OFFICE BOX 812,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

November 4, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In re: BRIKID

Reference is made to your letter to the Cincinnati office dated October 28, 1936, requesting information concerning the retention of certain "flash cards" placed on automobiles known to have been used by members of the Barker-Karpis gang, and on certain individuals with the Veterans Administration and other agencies in Washington, D. C.

Reference is made to the letter of Inspector E. J. Connelley dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, July 18, 1936, a copy of which was designated for your office, which set out that "stops" should be maintained on the following two automobiles:

1935 Plymouth sedan, motor No. PJ-322772, and
1935 Ford V-8 Tudor sedan, motor No. 2044337.

Your attention is directed to the letter from the Cleveland office dated September 12, 1936, a copy of which was designated for each field office, requesting that all "stops" be withdrawn on 1934 Ford coupe, model 40, motor No. 18-429014. It is requested that if such has not already been done as requested, the "flash card" on this car be withdrawn, but that the "flash cards" on the first two above mentioned automobiles be maintained until further notice.

Flash cards on William J. Harrison with the Veterans Administration and the United States Navy Department should be withdrawn, as it is definitely known that this man is now deceased. It is requested, however, that the "flash card" on Dr. Joseph P. Moran be retained at the Veterans Administration.

Very truly yours,

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D. M. LEED,
Special Agent in Charge.

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POST OFFICE BOX 812,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

November 4, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

In re: BREKID

A review of the file in the Chicago Bureau office reflects considerable information concerning Frank J. Noonan, owner of the detective agency bearing his name. It will be recalled that Dolores Delaney when interviewed at St. Paul in January, 1936, stated that she believed that the detective credentials carried by Alvin Karpis were issued by the Noonan Detective Agency at Cleveland, Ohio, and that these credentials also contained a photograph of Alvin Karpis. During the various interviews had with Frank Noonan in the past he has given varying explanations for the presence of pay envelopes of his detective agency found in the house located at 3973 East 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, shortly after it was abandoned by Alvin Karpis and other members of the gang on September 6, 1934.

There is little doubt that Noonan was associated in some way with Alvin Karpis and other members of the gang residing at Cleveland, Ohio, and it is believed that further efforts should be made to determine how Alvin Karpis obtained possession of the detective credentials apparently of the Noonan Detective Agency. It is suggested that investigation be conducted to ascertain the identities of all of the permanent employees of the Noonan Detective Agency for the years 1934, 1935 and 1936, particular attention being paid to such employees as were working in the office of the detective agency. It is suggested that such employees be thoroughly interviewed and that the books and records of this detective agency be examined to ascertain whether any record was kept of credentials or other means of identification issued to persons employed by that firm. The possibility exists that some employees may be able to identify Alvin Karpis as having been a visitor at the Noonan Detective Agency.

In the questioning of employees of the Noonan Detective Agency, it is likewise suggested that an effort be made to learn whether the photographs placed on credentials of this detective agency are ordinarily taken by one commercial photographer. In the questioning of witnesses connected with the Harvard Club or with potential subjects in instant harboring case who are located at Cleveland, Ohio, it is suggested that they also be questioned for all possible information

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concerning Frank J. Noonan, and that an effort be made to associate him with Alvin Karpis or any other members of the Barker-Karpis gang during the time they were either residing at or visiting Cleveland, Ohio.

If it is at all possible, it is suggested that a sample credential card of the Noonan Detective Agency such as was used during the year of 1934 be obtained in order that it may be shown to witnesses to whom Karpis displayed the credential card in question.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cincinnati

Post Office Box 812,
Chicago, Illinois.

November 3, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir,

Confirming telephone conversation had on this date with Special Agent S. A. McKee, please be advised that interview was had with Mr. J. B. Stewart of the Pittsburgh Steamship Company, Room 1131, 208 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Stewart stated that the barge "Fritz" of the Pittsburgh Steamship Company left Chicago, Illinois on October 24, 1936, bound for winter quarters at Toledo, Ohio; that it would take from eight to nine days to complete this trip; that it would therefore probably dock at Toledo on November 3, 4 or 5, 1936; that the crew would be laid off for the winter after the barge arrived at its winter quarters at Toledo.

Further information was obtained from Mr. Stewart that Captain McElroy, Fleet Captain, is in charge of the ships anchored in the lagoon at Toledo, and that he can be located at the Steamship Company headquarters in the Rockefeller Building at Cleveland, Ohio; that in the absence of Captain McElroy, Chief Engineer J. F. Wood, also located at the Pittsburgh Steamship Company's headquarters at Cleveland, Ohio, can provide information concerning the location of the barge "Fritz".

Mr. Stewart stated that the members of the crews employed by his Company ordinarily receive a bonus after their services have been terminated for the season and for this reason the Company ordinarily has the permanent addresses of the various men employed on their ships during the summer season; that these addresses are undoubtedly in the files of the offices of the Pittsburgh Steamship Company at Cleveland.

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As suggested in the telephone conversation with Agent McKee, inquiry should be made of Captain McElroy or Chief Engineer Wood

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of the Pittsburgh Steamship Company at Cleveland, Ohio, to definitely ascertain what date the barge "Fritz" will arrive at Toledo, Ohio, and the approximate date that the crew of that barge will be relieved from duty, and if possible, the permanent address of Charles Becker on file at the Steamship Company should be obtained. Also, Special Agent E. J. Wynn should be advised of the results of the investigation made at Cleveland, Ohio, for any appropriate action that may be desired at Toledo at this time.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BRIBED.

Dear Sir:

Please refer to report of Special Agent J. B. Johnson, Cincinnati, 5-27-36, verifying previous information to the effect that Rene Holst and Ludy Fleming were residing at 2301 Auburn Avenue, Cincinnati, apartment #211 under the name of L. C. Reynolds.

You are now advised that L. C. Reynolds and the woman with him left this address on July 8, 1936, leaving a forwarding address to R.R. #3, Perrysburg, Ohio, on the outskirts of Toledo.

It is thought that the Cleveland Office will desire to verify this address at Perrysburg.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

In re: BRENID

In connection with the harboring investigation at Cleveland, Ohio, in which Frank J. Noonan, owner of the Noonan Detective Agency, 1900 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, is a potential defendant, please be advised that on September 6, 1934, there was found on the premises formerly occupied by Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney, which is located at 3973 West 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, a copy of the criminal record of Charles Carroll, F.B.I. No. 202222.

Subsequent investigation disclosed that Fred S. Spohn, fingerprint man in the Sheriff's office at Chardon, Ohio, requested of the Bureau, at the instance of Frank J. Noonan, to forward the criminal record of Charles Carroll to Sheriff H. O. Bill at Chardon, Ohio. The Bureau complied with this request on August 14, 1934, and immediately upon the receipt of the said criminal record, Fred Spohn turned the same over to Mr. Frank J. Noonan. Mr. Noonan was interviewed at various times concerning his interest in securing Carroll's criminal record and also for an explanation as to how this criminal record came into the possession of Alvin Karpis. In this connection Noonan told several different stories, none of which apparently are true, and at no time did he admit that he secured the criminal record for the benefit of Alvin Karpis. There was also found in the apartment of Alvin Karpis at 3973 West 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, after he abandoned the same, a quantity of pay envelopes of the Noonan Detective Agency, these envelopes bearing the name of H. G. Oilgreth written on them in longhand. H. G. Milgreth is the alias Karpis used while living at Cleveland, Ohio, during the summer of 1934. Information has been obtained to the effect that Karpis carried on his person around this period a commission card which identified him as a representative of a private detective agency, name of which not known but believed to have been the Noonan Detective Agency.

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The abstract of the criminal record of Charles Carroll with aliases, which was furnished to this office by the Bureau, disclosed that this individual as Charles Carroll alias Charles Winterhalter, No. 6968, was received at the State Industrial Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, on December 18, 1933, to serve a sentence of five to ten years for burglary in the second degree. This record further reflects that Carroll escaped from said institution on March 9, 1929.

An examination of the criminal record of Alvin Karpis reveals that he was received at the State Industrial Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, as No. 7071, on February 25, 1926, to serve a sentence of ten years for burglary in the second degree and that he escaped from the reformatory on March 9, 1929.

It will be noted that both Charles Carroll and Alvin Karpis apparently escaped from the State Industrial Reformatory at the same time.

With the foregoing information in mind, it is respectfully requested that you immediately conduct an investigation at the reformatory at Hutchinson, Kansas, and ascertain the identity of the person or persons who can testify to the fact that Charles Carroll and Alvin Karpis escaped together on March 9, 1929, and also, if possible, the names of witnesses who can testify as to the prior association of these two men during the time they were incarcerated in the State reformatory.

Reference is now made to the report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, February 2, 1935, wherein it is noted on page twelve that an examination of the file of Charles Carroll, No. 1049, at the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, disclosed that it contained a letter from Fred C. Spohn, F.P.E. (fingerprint expert), Sheriff's office, Geauga County, Chardon, Ohio, dated July 24, 1934, asking if Carroll were a parole violator.

It is kindly requested that you ascertain at the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, the name of the person who is competent to introduce Mr. Spohn's original letter as above described, as evidence in the contemplated trial at Cleveland, Ohio. Kindly have a transcript of Mr. Spohn's letter made and furnish the same to the Cleveland Bureau office as soon as possible for the information of the United States Attorney at Cleveland, Ohio.

It is requested that you expedite the foregoing investigation and in submitting your report please designate one copy for the United States Attorney at Cleveland, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

October 30, 1936.

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

RE: BRKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated October 24, 1936, to which was attached a copy of suggested press release with reference to subjects who are to be apprehended in connection with the harboring investigation, and in this connection the following references are made to such memorandum with suggestions as to what should be included:

With reference to such attached memorandum, on page one, last paragraph, it is to be noted that Harry Sawyer and Kate Barker were not, in accordance with our best information, at Toledo, Ohio, at any time.

On page three it is noted that the death of Russell Gibson was at Chicago on January 8, 1935, rather than January 8, 1936.

With reference to page two, second paragraph, where it is indicated that Bert Angus had a saloon at Hammond, Indiana. This should be indicated as Calumet City, Illinois.

With reference to the last paragraph on page two, it is to be noted that Alvin Karpis remained at Chicago, and that Freddie Barker returned from Toledo to Chicago when both of them had their fingerprints changed by Dr. Moran.

With reference to page three, last paragraph, Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker, it is believed, were in Toledo at the time of the money changing in connection with "Boss" McLaughlin; that the money changing was primarily carried on by Arthur R. "Doc" Barker, and Russell Gibson, with the assistance of Dr. Moran, and also Ollie Berg, and Volney Davis and William Weaver, who were then located at Aurora, Illinois.

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With reference to page four of this memorandum, Russell Gibson, "Doc" Barker and Ollie Berg were at the Fort Meigs Hotel, rather than the Algeo Hotel.

With reference to the second paragraph on page four, it is believed that Theodore Angus should be referred to as Ted Angus, which is the name he is commonly known by at Toledo, Ohio.

In connection with paragraph two, page four, that ~~with~~ reference to the open houses of prostitution and bookie joints should be eliminated as this might infer that these individuals went every place anyone else would go, which would be the possible defense of subjects charged in this case. The name of Captain George O'Timiney is as indicated, rather than being Timmoney. It is noted in this same paragraph that Timiney is referred as the drinking companion of various members of fugitive band, and it is believed that this should be eliminated as this has been the defense of James J. O'Reilly, which we have been unable to break down, and might be resorted to upon our own statements by Timiney. In this same paragraph the last sentence as to Ludy Fleming should be eliminated as this strikes too definitely at the evidence we expect to present as against Fleming, which at best is rather limited.

In the third paragraph on page four reference is made to Bert Angus having assisted "Doc" Barker, et al, in the purchase of automobiles and fronting for them. This is believed to be one of our good points of evidence to introduce against Bert Angus, and should be eliminated from the release, as the main witness in this, one Barry, who sold these cars, if approached by Angus might be unduly intimidated.

In the fourth paragraph on page four the date should be June instead of April.

In the first paragraph on page five, first line "In August 1934" should be changed to read, "In June 1934."

In the first paragraph on page five, it is believed that attention should be called to the fact that Art Hebebrand is not as yet a defendant in this case.

Next to the last sentence, paragraph one, page five the reference to immediate investigation should be changed by eliminating the word, "immediate", inasmuch as we did not make the first inquiry in this situation, same having been made by the Cleveland Police.

In connection with the last paragraph on page five, it is believed that reference to the activities of Colin Conroe and Frank Greenwald picking up Karpis and Campbell should be eliminated inasmuch as this surprise evidence should not be disclosed at this time.

In connection with the first paragraph on page six, wherein reference is made to Esther Goulet, it is to be noted that as yet we do not have sufficient evidence to prosecute her as a subject. It is believed that the name of John Brock should be eliminated in this same paragraph, as well as the reference to Wilton Lett, Lett being in the status of a wanted person at this time. In this same paragraph the reference to James "Shimmy" Catton and Art Hebebrand as to their criminal activities should be eliminated as well as the reference to Benson Groves.

In connection with the second paragraph on page six, the name of Benson Groves should be eliminated; also information as to the participation of Joe Rosen in the mail train robbery; also ~~with~~ reference to the fact that Karpis and Campbell fled to Port Clinton, Ohio, inasmuch as this goes into information which we expect to prove by John Brock and John Zetzer.

In the last paragraph on page six, the reference to the investigation subsequent to the mail train robbery should be worded differently.

The date of the marriage of Harry Campbell was May 29, 1935.

With reference to the last paragraph on page six, concerning Sheriff James J. O'Reilly it is believed that this should be eliminated notwithstanding the fact that it covers the same subject matter previously covered in the newspapers, by reason of the fact that it might be considered as an attack by us on O'Reilly at this time without any particular value being had by doing so in the absence of any definite information which would warrant his prosecution at this time.

Very truly yours,

E. J. O'NEILLEY
Inspector.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

November 2, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: THOMAS A. BROWN, St. Paul, Minnesota Police Department.

On July 17, 1936, Thomas A. Brown, a detective in the St. Paul Police Department was suspended from that Department pending investigation concerning statements made during the trial of Jack Peifer in the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr., that Brown aided and abetted the kidnapers of Mr. Hamm. On August 5, 1936, Brown was dismissed from the service of the St. Paul Police Department. Brown appealed his dismissal, and a hearing on this appeal began before the Board of Appeals or Referees of the City of St. Paul on August 21, 1936, and was concluded on October 2, 1936.

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The Board of Appeals or Referees for the City of St. Paul found from the testimony given before them that on and between May 10, 1933 or thereabouts, and June 15, 1933, Brown willfully aided and abetted John E. (Jack) Peifer, Fred Barker, et al in a conspiracy to kidnap William Hamm, Jr.; that Brown failed to obey the orders of his superior, Thomas D. Dahill, then Chief of Police of the City of St. Paul, to conduct an investigation concerning the occupants of 204 Vernon Avenue, these occupants being Paula Harmon, Fred Barker and other members of the Harpis-Barker gang, who were responsible for the kidnaping of Mr. Hamm, and that Brown did willfully communicate with the occupants of 204 Vernon Avenue that they were under suspicion and would be investigated by the police officers. The Board further found that between September 15, 1933 and January 17, 1934 in the City of St. Paul, Brown aided and abetted Alvin Karpis and others of the Karpis-Barker gang in a conspiracy to kidnap Edward George Bremer, and conveyed to Harry Sandlovitch alias Harry Sawyer information concerning the movements and activities of the police officers and officers of the Federal Government in an attempt to apprehend the kidnapers. The Board found as a conclusion of law that Brown was guilty of inefficiency, breach of duty and misconduct in the performance of his duties as a police officer in the classified service of the City of St. Paul, Minnesota, and ordered that he be removed and discharged from the employment of the City of St. Paul effective August 5, 1936.

The St. Paul office has furnished the Bureau with a transcript of the testimony and hearing. This transcript is being reviewed to ascertain whether there is additional information contained therein concerning Brown's connection with the kidnaping cases involved which has not been heretofore furnished to the United States

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Memorandum for
the Director.

Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota.

The Statute of Limitations has expired as to the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr. but the Statute does not run as to the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer until February 9, 1937, or it is probable that the Statute could extend until three years from the date of the last overt act, which was the exchange of ransom money in Cuba, September, 1934.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

November 3, 1936.

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

Dear Sir: RE: BREKID

Transmitted herewith are three copies of an index which has been prepared for use in connection with the summary reports of Special Agents E. J. Wynn and S. K. McKee, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, October 25 and 26, 1936, in the above entitled case. Copies of this index are being forwarded to the several offices which received copies of the reports in question.

Very truly yours,
J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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This index relates to the summary reports of Special Agents E. J. Wynn and S. K. McKee, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, October 25, 1936, and October 26, 1936, respectively, in the case entitled George Timiney, ET AL; Edward George Bremer, VICTIM; Kidnaping, Harboring of Fugitives, Obstruction of Justice, National Firearms Act. All persons, addresses, automobiles, and other relevant data have been included; however, no reference has been made to individuals who are either defendants or potential defendants.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Further investigation at Canton, Ohio, unproductive as to information involving Edna Haney. William R. Scott, alias Scottie, denies having ever driven the LaSalle automobile of Joe Rich, and could supply no information relative to Karpis' stay at the Haney house. Long distance telephone calls from the Haney house obtained, but no calls made from this place during period in question. Additional interviews with Mrs. O. W. Blackman and Mrs. Peter Karcher, Cleveland, Ohio, reveals statement by Slade of the Hebebrand Real Estate Organization that the house subsequently occupied by Karpis was not for rent. Slade denies talking to Mrs. Karcher prior to the time Karpis vacated the house at 3973 West 140th Street.

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DETAILS: The following investigation was conducted at Canton, Ohio, and vicinity, by Special Agents A. Paul Kitchin and R. T. Noonan, during the period October 21 to 23, 1936:

At the McKinley Airport, Canton, Ohio, Earl G. Kail, not Kial as formerly reported, in charge of this port, was again interviewed. At this time photographs of both John Stover and his wife were displayed to Mr. Kail and he positively identified both as being photographs of the pilot and the woman accompanying him who drove a Ryan Cabin Plane into this airport on or about January 19, 1936. At the time this plane landed Mr. Kail stated he was up in a plane with a student, giving instructions and therefore did not see the occupants and does not know how many came in same, other than the pilot and his wife, who remained to put the plane away. Mr. Kail does not recall the pilot making any statement as to anyone being with him on the trip. After the plane was put away Mr. Kail drove the pilot and his wife, whom he identifies as Mr. and Mrs. John Stover, to the Courtland Hotel. At that time the pilot did not know just when he intended to leave, but called Mr. Kail later that night and told him he wanted to get an early start in the morning and made arrangements for Mr. Kail to be there to gas up the plane and assist in getting it ready. In making this identification from the photographs shown to him, Mr. Kail stated that the pilot was dressed just the same as in the photograph shown to him, and walked with a decided limp. He recalled that others were around and some helped to put the plane in the hangar, but at this time he was unable to state just who they were, except it was known one was Vernon Finzer. Kail repeated other information similar to that set out in report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, dated April 22, 1936, at Cleveland, Ohio, and also report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, dated July 7, 1936.

With reference to the departure of this plane, the following morning, which he places as Monday morning, January 20, 1936, Kail again mentioned the fact that the same green LaSalle cabriolet, which had met the plane the night before, drove out that morning with a man and a woman, who waited in the car until the plane was warmed up and ready to go and that he then assisted in the loading of the baggage, there being a large amount, about five bags or more, and he also believes he may have assisted the woman into the plane. He recalls that the plane was a five passenger plane and that the large amount of baggage caused the four passengers to be cramped for room, and he further recalls

that the pilot and his wife had, as he believes, only one and not more than two bags, when he took them to the Courtland Hotel the night previously. Kail was unable to positively identify the photograph of Grace Goldstein as that of the woman accompanying Karpis on this trip, but did state that the photograph looked like the woman. He again positively identified Karpis from the various photographs shown to him. Upon further interview he furnished the following description of this woman: Age, about 30 years; average or a little more in height, fixing it at 5'6" or 7"; weight, 135 to 145 pounds; medium heavy build, brunette, not very good looking, wearing a dark coat with some fur on it, but could not say whether or not it was entirely made of fur.

It is noted that Kail again positively identified Joe Rich as the man who brought Karpis and this woman to the airport the morning of January 20, 1936, and he also advised that this same car, a green LaSalle cebriolet, met the plane the previous evening and left before he, Kail, landed from a flight on which he made this observation of the arrival of the Ryan plane.

Vernon Finzer, Sugar Creek, Ohio, advised that he drove a taxicab in Canton, from January to April, 1936, but during the same time was taking flying lessons from Earl Kail at the McKinley Airport. On the night of the arrival of this Ryan Cabin plane about which he has previously been questioned and the date of which arrival he fixes as being some time in January 1936, he was at the McKinley Airport. When this plane landed no one got out of it until a green LaSalle cabriolet (coupe with canvas top) drove up to the plane and a woman, whom he described as short and stocky and dark complexioned, got out of the plane and got into the car. This is the only one who got out of the plane, whom he saw, but he stated that when the LaSalle was driving away there were two women in it along with the man who was driving. The pilot and his wife remained at the airport and he, Finzer, helped put the plane in the hangar. Others helped with the plane, but he could not now recall who they were. He thought one Frank Parker might have helped. Finzer described the pilot as being short and slender and as walking with a limp, and his wife as being very attractive. From photographs shown to him Finzer stated that the photographs resembled the pilot and his wife. When shown the photograph of Grace Goldstein he could not say whether or not it was a photograph of the woman who got off the plane. He did state that this woman had on a fur coat.

Further inquiry revealed that U. A. Whitaker and G. F. Daiger, employees of the Hoover Plant, North Canton, Ohio, were student flyers at the McKinley Airport at that time. Both were interviewed and advised that they could not recall this incident at all and that, therefore, in all probability they were not present at the field upon the arrival or departure of this plane.

Mr. Kail was unable to state what other student flyer could have been there at that time except possibly Graydon Evans, Bolivar, Ohio. Mr. Kail called Mr. Evans by telephone in Agents' presence and questioned him regarding this incident and Evans advised that he was not present at the time. In interviews with Mr. Kail, and Mr. Whitaker, they stated that after the first interview by Agents of the Bureau the incident was discussed among the student flyers and it was never determined that anyone of them, other than Finzer, was present at the time this plane landed. The mechanic on duty now at the airport was questioned by Agents, and Mr. Kail, and he stated that he was not present on the day of the arrival of this Ryan plane. Mr. Kail, Mr. Whitaker, and Mr. Finzer could not say definitely whether or not Frank Parker was present at this time, he being at that time a student flyer. The address of Frank Parker in care of Mrs. Annabelle Gilhausen, 78 Mt. Vernon Street, Richfield Park, New Jersey, was secured from Mr. Whitaker. He is presently located on 146th Street, New York City, but the exact address was not in possession of Mr. Whitaker, but he advised that Mrs. Annabelle Gilhausen at the above address would know where Frank Parker is now located.

The report of Special Agent W. E. Hopton, Kansas City, dated July 29, 1936, sets forth interview with Joe Rich wherein Rich stated that one "Scottie" worked for Edna Haney and also Min Staley and that this individual sometimes drove Rich's car.

William R. Scott, who is known as "Scottie", was located at Edna Haney's home, 309 Fourth Street, SE, by Detectives Bennett and Beresford and brought to the Courtland Hotel where he was interviewed by Agents. He stated that he is 39 years of age and has spent practically all of his life in Canton, Ohio; that he has had various jobs, most of them odd jobs, for the past few years due to an injury received some years ago; that he formerly worked for Edna Haney and Joe Rich at 410 Fourth Street, SE, during the spring and summer of 1935, but left in the early summer and went to live with his sister, Alvina Greenfield, 2048 Second Street, NE. From that

time until about May 1936, he stated that he saw Edna and Joe only occasionally when he would drop in there for a visit. About a week before Joe Rich went to the penitentiary, in April or May 1936, he stated that he again went to work for Edna Haney as a handy man around the house and took care of odd jobs.

Scott was shown numerous photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang, with four different photographs of Karpis, but he stated that he had never seen Karpis in his life and that he was positive that Karpis never stayed at the Haney home during the time he was there. He admitted having read in the local papers about Karpis allegedly having stayed at Edna Haney's but claimed not to know anymore about it than that. Scott stated that the photograph of Fred Hunter was that of a person whom he had seen some place around Canton in the past, possibly at the Derby saloon, but he could give no other information.

With reference to the green LaSalle car which belonged to Joe Rich, William R. Scott stated that he never drove that car and moreover that he never was in the car either with Joe Rich or anyone else, but that Edna Haney had a Studebaker 1935 sedan which he often drove, generally to run errands for Edna. She traded this car off on her furniture.

William R. Scott could furnish no further information of value. He stated that he at one time knew the girl named Dolly Rogers, who worked for Edna Haney, but that she had left long ago and her present whereabouts was unknown, except that at one time since her departure from Canton, Ohio, she was working in a house of prostitution in Akron, Ohio. A girl by the name of Gladys Manners is at present working for Edna Haney with Helen Ross, but she has been there only two months. Scott also admitted an acquaintance with Eddie Brennan, Ed Siemund, Jake Gilmore, and Carl Studer, but claimed to know nothing about their business except that at one time Brennan operated the Delmonico on East Tuscarawas Avenue in Canton, and Jake Gilmore and Siemund operated the Dew Drop Inn, and that Brennan operated the above place while Studer was in the penitentiary. He described Brennan as age, 35 years, height 5'8" or 9", weight, 180 pounds, medium complexion, light brown hair, thin on top. He further stated that Brennan operated the Derby in Canton in 1934, and at one time operated the Grand Lunch. Scott admitted having served fourteen months in the state penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio, for riding in a stolen car, and also other arrests for drunkenness, by the city police in Canton, Ohio.

Helen Ross was contacted at the house of prostitution of Edna Haney at which time she voluntarily agreed to accompany Agents to the Courtland Hotel where she was interviewed.

Helen Ross was questioned at length, but no further information could be obtained from her. She again positively denied having ever seen Karpis and insisted that he did not stay at Edna Haney's place. She also insisted that had he ever been there she would have known it and that it was not possible for him to have resided there over night on one or more occasions without her knowledge. She did state, however, that during the period in question, she was not residing at Edna's but went there each morning about nine or ten o'clock and remained until bedtime.

Helen Ross submitted the following statement, the original of which is being retained in the Cleveland office file:

"Canton, Ohio
"October 22, 1936.

"I, HELEN ROSS, make this statement to A. Paul Kitchin and R. T. Noonan, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, of my own free will, no threats or promises having been made to me.

"I have known Edna Haney for about three years. When she resided at 422 Walnut St., about three years ago I worked for her for a few months. Then I again went to work for her at 410 Fourth St., S.E. when she moved there about May 1935 and have worked for her ever since. She moved to her present location, 309 Fourth St. S.E., in the latter part of January 1936, and I came there with her and continued to work for her as a prostitute, and am so employed at the present time.

"Several photographs have been shown to me of Alvin Karpis and I have been asked whether or not he ever stayed at the home of Edna Haney to my knowledge and whether or not I ever heard any remark made to indicate that he had been there. I will state that Alvin Karpis never stayed at Edna Haney's home during the time I worked there, and that if he had I would have known of it, and I further state that I never heard Edna or her husband Joe Rich state that they knew or ever had Karpis at their home.

"I have read the above statement and the same is true.

/s/ HELEN ROSS

WITNESSES:
R. T. Noonan
A. Paul Kitchin
Special Agents, Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice, 1448 Standard Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio."

Francis Bishop, 2019 Fifteenth Street, SE, Canton, Ohio, the son of Edna Haney, was interviewed at length, but no information of value was obtained from him. He stated that he is the son of Edna Haney by her first marriage and that he has lived separate and apart from her for the past six or seven years; that he is married and has three children, whom he supports from his employment at the Timkin Roller Bearing Company. He stated that he goes to Edna's house occasionally but that he never makes any point to delve into her affairs and therefore never asks any questions relative to her business. He also stated that he has not spent the night at his mother's home since her marriage to Joe Rich, whom he knows only slightly. He professed no knowledge whatsoever relative to the business operated by his mother and stated that he knew no one who resided with her. After a considerable length of time it was determined that this man probably was in no position to have any direct knowledge of the fact that Karpis stayed at Edna Haney's and it is possible that his mother never mentioned this matter to him.

Mrs. James Best, who resides next door to the place occupied by Edna Haney at 410 Fourth Street, SE, and whose husband operates a feed store at this address, was interviewed and she stated that she has resided at this same address for the past twenty years; that she knows Edna Haney but that she has never visited in her home. She stated that she does not associate with this class of people and that she never came into contact with the Haney woman except to meet her on the street and exchange a casual greeting. She stated that the rear of the former Haney residence, in which Min Staley now resides, adjoins the property of her husband, and the rear of the house is adequately visible for her to notice anyone who comes and goes from the rear of this place, but that the front of the house is not visible to her and therefore she does not know anything relative to who might go into the front of the house.

She stated that she recalled the article which appeared in the newspaper following the arrest of Joe Rich, stating that Alvin Karpis was supposed to have stayed at the home of Haney, but that she never noticed anyone resembling the photo of Karpis as having ever frequented the Haney place. She stated that there is a blacksmith's shop which adjoins the property in the rear and that this shop has a room over it in which someone stays; that it could have been possible for Karpis to have stayed in this place and that she would not have seen him. She stated that this shop is operated by one John Davis and that Davis would probably tell Agents if he had any information relative to this matter.

At the property next door to the former Haney residence to the west, there was a funeral taking place, and many people were gathered at this residence. Due to this fact no interview was had with these people.

John B. Davis, blacksmith, 404 Rex Avenue, SE, informed Agents that he has been at this address for the past six years and that he knows Edna Haney. He also stated that he has the business of the Saddle Club and therefore has seen Edna Haney quite frequently at this club. He states that when Edna Haney resided in the house now occupied by Min Staley, he occasionally saw her at the rear of this property but that he never noticed any man, other than Joe Rich, residing at this place. He was shown the photographs of Karpis and he stated that he never recalls having seen this individual. He stated that there is a room over his shop which has been occupied for the past six years, ever since he has had the shop, by an old man by the name of Jordan, who works as a handy man at the Salvation Army. He stated that no one other than this man has ever stayed in this room and that he is sure that no one would stay in this room during the winter months due to the fact that this old frame building would be very uncomfortable in cold weather.

Edna Haney was again interviewed at 309 Fourth Street, SE, but no further information was obtained from her other than the fact that she purchased the property in which she now resides from Mrs. Stella Pfeffer. She stated that she paid a considerable down payment on this house and lot and has been making payments, monthly, to the bank ever since. She further stated that she does not know the present address of Mrs. Pfeffer as she has not had the occasion to see her for the past several months. She also denied having ever seen Karpis, or having ever heard Joe Rich speak of him until after Joe was arrested and the newspapers carried the article about Karpis allegedly staying at the Haney house, Joe made some remark about the absurdity of same. She stated that she knew Eddie Siemund, Eddie Brennan and Jake Gilmore and also knew that Joe Rich at one time associated with these men. She denied any knowledge as to their whereabouts at the present, stating that she has not seen either of these individuals since a considerable time prior to her marriage to Joe Rich; that she may have seen them since but that she does not recall it at present.

Edna Haney was questioned relative to the whereabouts of Dolly Rogers, but she denied knowing her present whereabouts, stating that the last time she heard of her, Dolly was in Akron, Ohio, but she does not know where she was located in that city.

Emma Simpson, maid at the Haney house of prostitution, was again questioned but she supplied no further information than that recited in the report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, July 28, 1936, in this case.

At the office of the County Recorder, there was located in Deed Book #1133, page 521, deed #36709, an entry which reflects that on January 3, 1936, the property in which Edna Haney now resides was transferred from Stella Pfeffer to Edna T. and Joseph J. Rich. The consideration mentioned in this instrument was "one dollar and other valuable consideration" and no purchase price was mentioned.

It was ascertained from the Superintendent of Mails, Canton, Ohio, that Mrs. Stella Pfeffer was residing at 823 Case Place, NE.

Inquiries at this address disclosed that Mrs. Pfeffer had gone to Los Angeles, California, and her present address was not obtained. Mrs. Pfeffer's sister stated to Agents that she knew the address of Mrs. Pfeffer but that she hadbeen told by her not to divulge same to anyone. She stated that she would not give this address to anyone without the permission of Mrs. Pfeffer.

This address can, no doubt, be obtained through the postal authorities at Los Angeles, but at this time no lead is being set out for that office to locate her.

Prior to leaving Cleveland, Ohio, this Agent contacted Mr. Christman, manager of the Department of Public Relations, Ohio Bell Telephone Company, and Mr. Christman telephoned to Mr. A. Williams, manager of the Ohio Bell Telephone Company office in Canton, Ohio, and instructed Mr. Williams to turn over to this Agent a list of the long distance telephone calls made from or to the phone of Edna Haney or Joe Rich.

The above-mentioned list of long distance telephone calls charged to the phone of Edna Haney, #37353, was obtained from Mr. Williams and same comprises all calls from October 20, 1935, to May 15, 1936. It was ascertained from Williams that Edna Haney had a telephone in her name at 422 Walnut Street from August 1934, to February 15, 1935, but that no telephone was listed to her until October 18, 1935, when a telephone bearing #37353 was installed at 410 Fourth Street, in her home. When Edna Haney moved from this address to her present address, she had the number transferred and her telephone is still listed under the same number.

Outgoing call	Date
Lorain, Ohio, #6-1433	10/20/35
Akron, Ohio, Blackstone 8585	10/21/35
(2) to Akron, Ohio, Franklin 7265	10/28/35
Akron, Ohio, Franklin 7265	10/31/35
Lorain, Ohio, #6-1433	11/3/35
Akron, Ohio, Franklin 7265	11/3/35
Cleveland, Ohio, Washington 3095	11/9/35
Akron, Ohio, Franklin 7265	11/9/35
" " " "	11/11/35
" " " "	11/12/35
Lorain, Ohio, #6-1433	11/13/35
" " "	11/14/35
Akron, Ohio, Plaza Hotel, Jefferson 0970	11/16/35
Lorain, Ohio, #6-1433	11/17/35
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Kenyon Bowling Alley, 823 Federal St., Cedar 9371	11/22/35
Alliance, Ohio, Charles Whitmore, #4205	11/26/35
Akron, Ohio, Gus Bolas, Sawyerwood, Blackstone 0427	11/29/35
Massillon, Ohio State Hospital, #5141	12/2/35
Akron, Ohio, Blackstone 0427	12/9/35
" " " "	12/11/35
" " " "	12/13/35
" " " "	12/16/35
" " " "	12/18/35
" " " "	12/20/35

		Date
Outgoing call		
Akron, Ohio, Blackstone 8585		12/23/35
" " " "		12/25/35
Incoming call		
Lippe at Blackstone 3411, Akron, Ohio (Collect)		12/26/35
Joe Rich at Hemlock 3159, Akron, Ohio (Collect)		12/31/35
" " " " " " " "		1/2/36
Outgoing call		
Charles Whitmore, 1024 Front Street, Alliance, Ohio, #4205		1/29/36
Massillon, Ohio, #6302		2/29/36
Akron, Ohio, Jefferson 0170	(9:38 PM)	3/18/36
" " " "	(6:25 PM)	3/18/36
Akron, Ohio, Franklin 3529		3/18/36
Incoming call		
Lutz talking from Akron, Ohio, Jefferson 0170 (Collect)		3/18/36
Outgoing call		
Akron, Ohio, Jefferson 0170	(11 A. M.)	3/16/36
" " " "	(10:52 A.M.)	3/16/36
" " " 5055		3/16/36
" " Blackstone 0427 (Gus Bolas, Sawyerwood)		3/15/36
Akron, Ohio, Jefferson 5055 (Dave Luskey)		3/27/36
Cleveland, Ohio, Main 3293 (Mark Wolpaw, Society for Savings Bldg.)		3/25/36
Akron, Ohio, Blackstone 8585		3/21/36
Akron, Ohio, (Mike Croucher, Ohio St. Life Ins. Co.)		4/14/36
Akron, Ohio, Franklin 3529 (Mike Kosser, Ohio St. Security Building Co.)		4/13/36
Akron, Ohio, Jefferson 3916, Jenkin Bonding Co.		4/4/36

Outgoing call	Date
Akron, Ohio, Franklin 3599 (Jenkin Security & Bonding Co.) Note: 35 Mills St. Agent - Mike V. Rossey, 1327 Midland Road.)	4/4/36
Cleveland, Ohio, Main 3293 (Mark Wolpaw, Society for Savings Bldg.)	4/3/36
Cleveland, Ohio, Main 3293 (Mark Wolpaw, same address)	5/15/36
" " " " " " " "	5/13/36
Akron, Ohio, Jefferson 0170	5/7/36
" " Jefferson 5055	5/7/36

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It will be noted that there were no long distance telephone calls from January 2, 1936, to January 29, 1936, such period covering the period from January 15th to January 21, 1936, when Karpis is alleged to have stayed at the Haney house.

It should be noted that in the statement of Earl G. Kail, in report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, dated July 7, 1936, that he states that this Ryan plane landed at the McKinley Airport on January 19, 1936, and departed on January 20, 1936; that he fixes these dates due to the fact that his general ledger shows a sale of gasoline for this plane on the morning of January 20, 1936. However, in the report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, dated April 22, 1936 at Cleveland, Ohio, and on page 62 thereof, it is reflected that the records of the Courtland Hotel, Canton, Ohio, show the registration of Mr. and Mrs. John Stover, Hot Springs, Arkansas, at 6:15 P. M., January 20, 1936. It is thought that the last referred to records establish the correct date of the arrival of the plane piloted by Stover as being on January 20, 1936, due to the fact that the records maintained by Kail at the McKinley Airport are kept in a very unsystematic manner.

Ira Manderbaugh, Chief of Police, was questioned as to any information he may have relative to the newspaper article which stated that Karpis had been in Canton, Ohio, and had stayed at Edna Haney's house. He stated that he had no information whatsoever except the same rumor. He stated that he would not be surprised at Joe Rich associating with Karpis, or any other killer, as he considers Joe Rich a worthless criminal. As to Edna Haney, he stated that Edna is a shrewd woman and has been in the prostitution racket for a number of years and

that it would be very hard to extract any information from her relative to the activities of Joe Rich or his associates. He stated that he obtained some information recently, from an unrecalled source, that Eddie Brennan is at present allegedly in Akron, Ohio, and the Ohio State Highway Patrol was expecting immediate results relative to his location and arrest. He stated that he has no information whatsoever relative to the whereabouts of Eddie Siemund and Jake Gilmore, except as told to Agents Smith and Fitzgerald that they were supposed to be in Toledo, Ohio.

Chief Vanderbaugh stated that he had two men on the vice squad that he trusted implicitly and that they may have some further information relative to the whereabouts of Dolly Rogers, or the activities of Edna Haney. He introduced Agents to Sam Bennett and Lieutenant George Beresford.

These men were questioned generally relative to Edna Haney and the rumor that Karpis was supposed to have stayed at her house. These men could not provide any further information other than that in the possession of this Bureau.

Patrolman W. H. Grossglaus, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Massillon, Ohio, was interviewed relative to the facts concerning Eddie Brennan. He stated that he had no record whatsoever relative to Brennan and he was positive that his department was not conducting any investigation relative to the location and apprehension of this men. He stated that he had some notation in his files that Jake Gilmore and Eddie Siemund were wanted in connection with the hi-jacking of some whiskey trucks but that he knew of no active investigation being conducted relative to these individuals. Grossglaus was requested to place a note in his identification files that in the event either of these individuals was located that the Cleveland Bureau office be advised as it was the desire of this Bureau to interview these men with reference to an investigation now being conducted.

Mr. Francis A. Onesto, manager of the Onesto Hotel, Canton, Ohio, was interviewed relative to the registration records of his hotel concerning the persons registered there from January 15, 1936, to January 21, 1936. He stated that he was extremely busy in the preparation of a dinner for a convention on this evening, but that on the following day he would forward to the Cleveland office the entire registration records from January 14 to 22, 1936, inclusive.

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On October 26, 1936, the above records were received by the Cleveland office and same were thoroughly examined, but no registration was found among this group for Grace Goldstein or Alvin Karpis. The above records were returned to Mr. Onesto via registered mail on October 27, 1936.

Due to the fact that sufficient details are not recited in the interview with Mrs. Peter Karcher, 1580 Larchmont Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio, in the report of former Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan, dated April 9, 1935, concerning the efforts made by her to rent the house located at 3973 West 140th Street, she was reinterviewed by Special Agents A. Paul Kitchin and R. T. Noonan. The interview with Mrs. Karcher will be set out later in this report.

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Mrs. O. W. Blackman, 3969 West 140th Street, was interviewed in the Cleveland Bureau office. She stated that prior to June 15, 1934, she was residing in Lakewood near her sister, to whom she is very devoted; that on this date, both she and her sister, Mrs. Peter Karcher, received notices that they must vacate the premises that were at that time occupied by them. She stated that she immediately began endeavors to locate another residence and in this manner she found the house in which she now resides; that she rented this place at 3969 West 140th Street, from a Mrs. Cycle, on June 19, 1934, and although she did not move into this place until June 30, 1934, she immediately began to renovate the place and prepare her yard and garden. She stated that on June 20, 1934, she was at her place when she saw the neighbors, who resided at 3973 West 140th Street, drive up to their place; that she at this time engaged in conversation with this woman and ascertained that her name was Mraz. She stated that Mrs. Mraz was very angry and on this occasion told her that she was being ejected from the premises and that she was compelled to move within the next few days. Mrs. Blackman stated that upon ascertaining this, she immediately informed her sister of the proposed vacancy and both she and her sister on this same day, or the following day, went to see Mrs. Walter Mraz and at that time ascertained from her that the property belonged to the Hebebrand Real Estate Organization. Mrs. Blackman stated that she is positive that Mrs. Karcher made a telephone call to the Hebebrand organization relative to the rental of these premises and that this call was made from the Blackman home. She also stated that she is positive that her sister ascertained during this telephonic conversation that the premises were not for rent, but that they were for sale at some very exorbitant price, which she does not recall. She stated that either on this same day or the following day, Mrs. Karcher went to the Hebebrand Organization at which time she talked to a Mr. Slade. Mrs. Blackman did not go with Mrs. Karcher on this occasion but states that her sister told her of the results of this interview with Slade in that she could purchase the place but that it was not for rent under any circumstances as they had a friend who was going to move into the house.

Mrs. Blackman stated that prior to being furnished with information as to the house at 3973 West 140th Street, Mrs. Karcher had made a deposit on the place in which she is now residing, and, therefore, due to the fact that she could not come to any agreement with the Hebebrand Organization, Mrs. Karcher moved into the house on which she had made a deposit on June 28, 1934. This is shown due to the fact that Slade, as will be later reported, denied talking to Mrs. Karcher prior to the time the house in question was vacated by Karpis, and the above dates show that arrangements for the rental of the place must have necessarily been made between June 20 and 28, 1934, as Mrs. Karcher gave up the idea and moved into her present address on June 28, 1934.

Mrs. Blackman stated that on June 28, 1934, Mrs. Walter Kraz vacated the house at 3973 West 140th Street; that she recalls this date due to the fact that it was the same date on which her sister moved into her present address. She stated that on June 29, 1934, she was again at 3969 West 140th Street, making preparations for moving, when a man, whom she identifies as Alvin Karpis came to her door and asked her if she had the keys to the house next door; that she informed him that she did not have these keys, and that to her knowledge, the house next door was not for rent. She stated that Karpis turned to her and said, "I know it, but the owner is a friend of mine and he is going to let me live there."

Mrs. Blackman stated that she moved into her new place on June 30, 1934, and about that time she was subpoenaed to the Federal Court at St. Paul, Minnesota, to testify in the case concerning Harry Sawyer and William Weaver, and that she was gone from Cleveland for about one week; that when she returned to Cleveland she ascertained that a couple had moved into the house next door and she places this date as being July 6, 1934, as to when this couple moved in. She stated that she saw this couple very often and identifies them as being Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney; that they lived at this address continuously until about 5:45 A. M. on the morning of September 6, 1934, when they vacated the premises. She stated that she was awakened on this morning by the noise next door and the sound of automobiles starting and that she looked out of her window and saw two small coupes and a large sedan drive hurriedly away from this address.

Mrs. Blackman identified the photograph of William J. Harrison, deceased, as being the individual who stayed at this residence with Karpis and Dolores Delaney, stating that he apparently lived at this

place with them. She stated that she had several general conversations with Harrison and is positive of his identification. She identified the photograph of Harry Sawyer as having visited the house on one or two occasions. She stated that she identified Sawyer in St. Paul, Minnesota, in person and is also very positive of this identification. She also identified the photographs of Gladys Sawyer and Wynona Burdette as being two of the women who, on one occasion, visited this place at which time they left a chow dog and a small girl, about five or six years of age, with Karpis and drove off in an automobile with Dolores Delaney and one or two women.

Mrs. Blackman stated that she is positive that there was never exhibited any sign or placard at this address showing this place to be for rent or sale and that no signs were placed on the premises otherwise showing that they were vacant.

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Mrs. Peter Karcher, 1580 Larchmond Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio, was interviewed at her residence by Special Agents R. T. Noonan and A. Paul Kitchin. Mrs. Karcher advised that prior to June 15, 1934, she was residing in Lakewood, Ohio, near her sister, Mrs. O. W. Blackman, and on that date received a notice to vacate the premises at that time occupied by her. She stated that on or about this same date her sister, Mrs. Blackman, made arrangements to rent the premises located at 3969 West 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio. According to Mrs. Karcher, she had resided near her sister for the greater portion of her life, and she was very desirous of obtaining a residence in the immediate neighborhood of the premises rented by her sister. Accordingly, Mrs. Karcher made further inquiry relative to the rental of the premises in that neighborhood, and on or about June 20, 1934, she was advised by her sister that the premises located next door to 3969 West 140th Street, were to be vacated in the very near future. She stated that as a result of this she and her sister contacted Mrs. Walter Mraz at 3973 West 140th Street, at which time Mrs. Mraz advised her that she was being ejected from the premises by the Hebebrand real estate company and that she must vacate within the next few days. Mrs. Karcher stated that she immediately made a telephone call from the residence of Mrs. Blackman to the Hebebrand company, located on Denison Avenue. Mrs. Karcher related that she was advised by some man, during this telephonic conversation, that the premises at 3973 West 140th Street, were not for rent under any circumstances, but were for sale. According to Mrs. Karcher she made an appointment to see someone at the Hebebrand company, and that either on this same date or the day following she personally contacted a Mr. Slade at the Hebebrand company on Denison Avenue. At this time she was advised by Mr. Slade that the premises located at 3973 West 140th Street were not for rent as a friend of his, or of the organization, was going to move this house, but that this property was for sale at a price of $5,400. Mrs. Karcher stated that she had a lengthy discussion with Slade at this time relative to the fact that this price seemed exorbitant, and that Mr. Slade gave her the impression that he was not anxious to sell this property at this time. Mrs. Karcher stated that after she failed to make any arrangements relative to the property located next to her sister, she, on June 28, 1934, moved into an apartment in which she now resides at 1580 Larchmont Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio.

Mrs. Karcher stated that she visited her sister quite frequently during the next few months, but that she never observed closely the occupants of the house located next door, and that she

would not attempt to make any identification. She stated that on the Sunday following the date that Alvin Karpis vacated the premises at 3973 West 140th Street, Mr. Slade telephonically inquired of her if she were still interested in the purchase of the property at the above location. She stated that at this time Slade talked as if he were interested in quoting a smaller price, whereupon she made an appointment with him to view the premises, and on this same Sunday she was accompanied by Mr. Slade and viewed the premises at 3973 West 140th Street. Mrs. Karcher stated that the furniture belonging to Karpis was still in this house, and that she asked Mr. Slade whether or not portions of this furniture could be purchased by her, and he replied that this furniture could not be sold until after the lapse of one year as they had not obtained actual possession of the same.

Mrs. Karcher stated that Mr. Slade is the only man with whom she ever had any dealings at the Hebebrand organization, and for a period of approximately six or eight months after the premises were vacated by Karpis, she had numerous conversations with Slade relative to the purchase of this property, but due to the exorbitant price quoted she did not make any arrangements to purchase same. She did state, however, that subsequent to the place being vacated by Karpis, that Mr. Slade seemed very anxious to dispose of the property and quoted a price of $5,100, stating that he could make some arrangements at the West End Branch of The Cleveland Trust Company to purchase the pass books which were used for payment on the mortgage held by this bank on this property, thereby reducing the price $200.00 or $300.00.

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Mr. Edwin P. Slade, 1445 Prospect Avenue, Rocky River, Ohio, was contacted at the Beachcliff Realty Company, Rocky River, Ohio, at which time he voluntarily agreed to accompany Agents to the Cleveland Bureau office where he was subsequently interviewed. Mr. Slade was again questioned relative to the details of the rental of the property located at 3973 West 140th Street to Alvin Karpis under the name of H. G. Milgreth, and he related the same information as has heretofore been reported. Mr. Slade was questioned relative to the fact that Mrs. Peter Karcher personally contacted him prior to the rental of this property, prior to Karpis having rented the house, but he emphatically denied that he had seen Mrs. Karcher or had any telephonic contact with her prior to the time this property was vacated by Karpis. He stated that the first time he met Mrs. Karcher or talked with her relative to the rental

of this property was a few days after this property was vacated by Karpis, when he recalls accompanying her to the premises. Mr. Slede stated that for six or eight months following this time he endeavored to sell this property to Mrs. Karcher, but no arrangements could ever be effected.

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EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - victim.

CHARACTER OF CASE
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Signed statement obtained from Constance Burkhardt, who was entertainer with Jerry Massiker at Casino Club in summer of 1934. She identifies photographs of Jimmie Wilson, Harry Campbell, William Harrison, Wynona Burdette, Russell Gibson, Charles J. Fitzgerald, Dolores Delaney, Edna Murray and Dr. Joseph P. Moran as persons frequenting the Casino Club while she worked there. She stated that Captain George Timiney and other Toledo Police Department detectives drank at the Casino Club during the period of her employment. She recalls that last week in June 1934, Dr. Moran, who was drunk and boisterous, was taken from the Casino Club by Russell Gibson and two unknown persons; that these three returned without Dr. Moran, and she never recalls seeing Dr. Moran after that time; that Ted and Bert Angus, Jimmie Wilson, Slim Gibson, Harry Campbell and Nig Cousins went to Middle Island together on a fishing trip. Al Wilson, who lived at the Burdella Apartments with Thelma Holst during 1934, unable to identify photos of Barker-Karpis gang. Ed Nagle, who kept company with Mildred Kuhlman during summer of 1934, identified photo of Charles J. Fitzgerald as person known to him as "Pops", but unable to positively identify other photos of members of the Barker-Karpis gang. Charles Sweet stated Coolie Monroe left Middle Island 10/19/36, for his home in Canada, address unknown. Deane Allen furnished no additional pertinent information. John J. McAlister identifies photo of Benson Groves as person known to him as Old Ben, who frequented Courtesy Club prior to August 1936. Efforts to locate Benson Groves unsuccessful. Ethel Julert, waitress at 42nd Street Cafe, identifies photo Benson Groves as person frequenting that cafe and talking to Joe Roscoe prior to April 1936.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: J P MacFarland SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Frances Belander, former servant at home of Joe Roscoe, identifies photo of Benson Groves as Ben, who visited there prior to May 1936; that Mrs. Roscoe informed her that Ben is now in California. Mrs. Jimmie Hayes furnished no information with regard to vice and gambling payoffs in Toledo.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 10/24/36.

DETAILS: This report covers the investigative activities of Special Agents H. B. Dill, A. Dickstein, A. J. Norstrom, and J. V. Murphy.

AT TOLEDO, OHIO

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on October 22, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent H. D. Harris, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 19, 1936, wherein it is noted that Jarry Vassiker advised that one "Connie" had been a fellow entertainer at the Casino Club.

Ed Schlatter, Boody House Bar, Sylvania & Phillips Avenue, advised that he does not know the location of "Connie" nor does he know her full name.

Inquiry at numerous night clubs and taverns in Toledo, revealed that this woman used the name of Connie Brinkman, and that she resided in the vicinity of Dorr Street and Detroit Avenue. After neighborhood inquiry, it was determined that she resided at 1458 Dorr Street, Toledo, where she was located and brought to the temporary offices for interview,

at which time it was learned her true name is Constance Burkhardt, and the following signed statement was obtained, the original of which is being retained in the Cleveland office file:

"513 Edison Building
"Toledo, Ohio
"October 22, 1936.

"I, CONSTANCE BURKHARDT, known professionally as Constance Brinkman, 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 reward. I give this statement because I wish to tell the whole truth of what I know concerning this matter.

"I am 25 years of age, am single, and reside at 1458 Dorr Street, Toledo, Ohio. I am an entertainer by profession, having begun such profession on April 15, 1934, for Ed Schlatter, at 2501 Detroit Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. I arrived in Toledo, from Cleveland, Ohio, on above date, and Joe Brinkman, a driver for the Community Traction Company of this city, introduced me to Schlatter, Jerry Massiker, an entertainer, had been working there several weeks previously, and Schlatter invited me to try out with Jerry Massiker. We harmonized perfectly, and Schlatter employed us as a sister team, known as the Massiker Sisters, the Personality Girls. I played the piano and sang, while Jerry sang and did an Oriental dance as a special feature. We stayed with Schlatter until the middle of June 1934, when Charlie Kennedy, who was the head of the Bartenders Union of Toledo, offered to manage us, and said that he had a proposition for us at Angus' Casino Club. Jerry was going with Kennedy at the time, and paid him nothing for his services. Kennedy took us out to the Casino Club on Summit Street, in Point Place, and the Angus' gave us an audition, and hired us immediately. I believe this occurred on a Friday night, and the following Tuesday night we began work.

"We started work about June 19, 1934, at about 9:00 P. M., and worked until six or seven o'clock the following morning. Four our services we received $35.00 a week a piece, and our salary was paid out of tips alone, and all tips over and above our salary were split between the house, and Jerry and myself.

"The first night we entertained at the Casino Club, we played to a large crowd. I have been shown photographs of the

Barker-Karpis gang, and I identify those of Jimmie Wilson as a person known to me as Jimmy Jackson, Harry Campbell known to me as Buff, William Harrison known to me as Willie the Clown, Wynona Burdette, known to me by that name, Russell Gibson known to me as Slim, Charles J. Fitzgerald known to me as "Pops", Dolores Delaney, known to me by that name, Edna Murray and Doctor Joseph P. Moran, who I recall seeing at the Casino Club, but whose names I never knew. All those persons named above, were regular patrons of the club, and all of them were present every night that I played at the club.

"Jerry and I were also known as the Massiker Sisters at the Casino Club. We were hired by Ted Angus for one week's engagement, and Ted Angus kept us over for a second week. We also worked on the night of July 17, 1934, when Angus had the Waiters and Bartenders Annual Frolic at the Casino.

"The aforementioned persons kept to themselves, and we were afraid to approach them, as their girls were snobbish, and they were not friendly to us.

"About the third night that we were there, Jimmy came up to the piano and asked for the 'Boulevard of Broken Dreams', his favorite song, and Jerry sang the number for him at his table, Wynona, Buff, Slim and Willie the Clown were at the table, and after the song Jerry and Jimmy danced together. Jimmy waited to take Jerry home, but she refused, as Jerry and I always went home together. From that night on, Jerry was crazy about Jimmy.

"These people whom I have identified, always grouped together, and always took possession of the place no matter how many persons were there. Bert and Ted Angus never beefed about the gangs carrying on, and they both seemed to be right in with them, although they pulled a lot of rotten stuff off. This gang was very generous with their tips. Jimmy always paid us $1.00 or $2.00 for a song, and I remember that Willie gave us $5.00 once and $7.00 another time for a tip. Willie always took the kitty box around the crowd, and he was the only one who was not on the make, as far as we were concerned. Slim was always trying to make us, and one night he asked to take Marie Barley, our cook, to her hotel, the Navarre. He tried to get smart with her, so she got out of the car and took a bus to her hotel. She wasn't on speaking terms with him after that, and before that Slim was always hanging around the kitchen.

"I was pretty green about things at that time, and I will never forget what happened at the Casino Club during the time I was employed there with Jerry the latter two weeks of June 1934.

"About the fourth night we were there, the whole gang was there and they were all lit up. They were drunk and carried on. We couldn't entertain decently because of their foolish pranks. Jerry was singing a number, and Willie got out on the middle of the floor and began to disrobe. Willie was always clowning on the floor, but this night he took all his clothes off, down to his shorts. Jerry told me to bang on the piano, as we were pretty embarrassed. 'Pops', the old man was standing at the bar, and walked over to Willie, and jerked the buttons off the shorts with his cane. Willie's shorts fell off and he dashed off the floor and went downstairs, completely nude, all but shoes and socks. Bert and Ted Angus both watched this affair and both got a big kick out of it. Bert usually occupied the second booth near the door, and always sat alone smoking a cigar, unless Nig Cousins sat with him.

"Nig Cousins and his wife were at the Casino Club a lot during this time. Mrs. Cousins was very jealous of Mrs. Ted Angus, whose given name I do not know. Nig Cousins didn't appear to be associated with the gang, although he laughed a lot at their manuvers. Ted usually sat on the last stool at the bar, next to the door where we went downstairs.

"One night a woman known as 'Big Bertha', who ran a house of prostitution in Toledo, was at the Casino with Mrs. Ted Angus at a table. The woman whose photograph I identify as Edna Murray, also sat at their table, with two of 'Big Bertha's' girls, a blonde and a brunette. The brunette was a dope head and was really high, and I remember she did a low down dance on the floor. Five detectives followed 'Big Bertha' in, and among them was a detective whose photograph I identify as Captain George Timiney. I didn't know they were detectives or who they were, but they joined 'Big Bertha's' party.

"The little brunette was standing at the piano, and one of the detectives told me he would give me $50.00 dollars for a date. I refused to talk to him, and the little brunette told him that if he wanted that sort of stuff, he should come down to her place. The brunette then told me that they were a gang of coppers, and not to pay any attention to them.

"Captain Timiney was drinking, but was not drunk, but the rest of the detectives were plenty drunk. I don't think the rest of the gang was present that night, outside of Mrs. Angus and Edna Murray. The place was wild that night and 'Big Bertha's' party stayed for an hour. That's the name the brunette girl called her, but I do not know any additional information about her.

"During the above two weeks, I remember one night Jerry and Jack 'Cum Cum' Smith, a waiter at the club, were caught in a downtown hotel by two detectives from the Toledo Police Department. Jerry was pretty drunk when she left the job that night, and she was using dope at the time and was pretty wild. She used to go to Dr. Rosenberger on Huron Street, the Medical Center, and get a shot in the arm every night, after she got through with her job.

"This particular night, the police found Jerry in bed with 'Cum Cum' and Jerry was naked. The detectives took Jerry to the police station and called in her brother, Merle Massiker, a Toledo policeman. Jerry told me that she and 'Cum Cum' drove back to the Casino Club after Merle slapped her face, and Jimmy Wilson pulled a gun on 'Cum Cum' for getting Jerry in that jam. 'Cum Cum' didn't show up at the job for two nights, as the gang ribbed him so much that he was scared of them. Bert and Ted Angus couldn't wait till I got to work to tell it to me, and they were all laughing about it. I think that this incident was a put up job on Jerry's part, although she never told me. Jerry had a reputation for being quite wild around the city of Toledo.

"We completed our first week at the Casino Club, and because the gang insisted, Bert and Ted Angus kept us for another week. The first Sunday night of the second week, Slim told Jerry that Jimmy was down at Willow Beach with another woman. It was just before we went to work that evening, and we had sufficient time to drive down there. Slim, Jerry and myself drove down to Willow Beach, and we saw Jimmy leaving the pier with another woman, whose identity I don't know. Jimmy and this woman had been riding on some amusements, and when Jerry met Jimmy, she just told him that he had a good alibi and left him. He had told her he couldn't be at the Casino that night, because of another engagement.

"Jimmy was living at the Jarvis Apartments, and Jerry told me that she had slept with him a couple of nights. At his apartment every morning when we left work, she would drive past his apartment to see if his car was parked there, as she was awfully jealous of him.

"The beginning of the second week, I remember that Doctor Moran was awfully drunk at the Casino Club, and he seemed to be talking too much, as far as I could observe. I thought the boys were taking him home, as three of the gang left the Casino with Moran. Jimmy stayed at the Casino, while Slim and two other fellows, whose identities I could not recall, took Dr. Moran out of the Casino. I had never noticed Moran before that night, but he was awfully loud and the boys were arguing with him.

"Slim returned between three or four hours later, awfully excited and nervous, and Slim asked Ted Angus for towels, washrag and soap. He only had pants and the top of his B.V.D's on, and he said he was awfully dirty and wanted to wash up. Moran didn't come back with Slim and the others, and I never saw him after that time. Slim acted awfully upset, and acted as though he were afraid of something. Slim went over to a table and drank, ordering straight shots of whiskey. The whole gang acted worried a few days thereafter, and they seemed to be afraid that something was going to happen, so Ted Angus suggested a fishing party to Middle Island.

"Slim asked me, and Jimmy asked Jerry to go on the party with them, and Ted told us girls it would be all right for us to go along. I asked him if Mrs. Angus was going to accompany Ted, and when he said no, Jerry and I refused to go. Bert Angus was left in charge of the Casino Club, and Ted Angus, Slim, Jimmy Jackson, Buff and Nig Cousins went along on the fishing party. They were gone for three days and the girls were not in touch with them. Edna Murray, Wynona Burdette, Mrs. Cousins, and Mrs. Angus stayed at the Casino Club and raised hell about not hearing from the party. They became worried, got drunk, and raised hell. Edna was particularly angry, as she sure used filthy language all the time they were gone.

"The fishing party lasted for two nights and three days, and the gang got back before Jerry and I got to work. The couples were quarreling between themselves, when we got to work that night, and from that night on everything was pretty quiet with the fellows.

"About the time of their return, I got the idea that something was wrong with the gang, and I couldn't confide in Jerry because she was so close with Jimmy. I mentioned to her the night that Slim asked for the towels, that there was something wrong with Slim, and she told me that if I knew when I was well off, I would keep my mouth shut, or I wouldn't be able to open it.

"At the end of the two weeks, the gang lost interest in us, and our tips were cut down, and Ted didn't seem to care if the place did any business or not. Jimmy wouldn't take Jerry out after she refused to go on the fishing trip with him, and they both had a falling out.

"The last Sunday night of the second week, Ted Angus told us he was going to change entertainment, and for us to go get a new job. We had been popular with the public crowd, and they really liked us, and I couldn't understand why he was letting us go. He then hired Scottie and Ross, a girl, to follow us.

"Before Jerry and I left, he asked us to have a drink with him at the bar, as he wanted no herd feelings, Slim seemed taken back, but Jimmy had lost interest in Jerry. I might state that Edna was trying to break Jimmy and Jerry up anyway.

"We played for the Frolic at the Casino on July 17, 1934, from 9:00 P. M., in the evening until 7:00 A. M., the next morning, but I never saw any of the gang there that night, and Ted didn't say anything to us about them.

"I didn't go to the Casino and never saw the gang after that. However, about two months ago, while playing at Ka See's Night Club at 4014 LaGrange Street, Toledo, Ohio, at which time Ted Angus and Nig Cousins came out, and Ted Angus gave me $5.00 for a song. Ted wanted me to work at the New Casino at $50.00 per week, but I turned him down.

"I have read the foregoing statement consisting of five typewritten pages, and the facts given therein are the truth to the best of my knowledge and recollection. I have made my own corrections after reading this statement.

/s/ CONSTANCE BURKHARDT

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

It should be noted that Constance was unable to identify photographs of Doc Barker, Fred Barker, Paula Harmon, Volney Davis, Ollie Berg, and Alvin Karpis. She informed that if any of these persons had been conspicuous in their presence at the club, she would be in a position to recognize their photographs. With particular reference to Dolores Delaney, she recalled having seen her, but could not recall incidents or circumstances attendant to such meeting. She further informed that she recalled Edna Murray vividly, because of her lewd and filthy speech, but that she never saw her in the company of a man. As she recalled, Edna posed as Jimmy Wilson's sister. She further related that the gang seemed to be antagonistic toward Edna, and that she constantly quarrelled with them.

Constance further informed that she did not know Ludy Fleming or Joe Roscoe, and never saw them at the Casino. Neither did she recall having met Coolie Monroe or Charlie Becker at the Club, although she stated that there were employees of the club, whom she had seen, but whose names she did not know. She explained this by stating that the Anguses never confided in her, although they did to Jerry Massiker, and that she endeavored to mind her own business, in so far as possible, and not to make too many inquiries.

She further related that Wynona and she became very friendly and that Wynona frequently sang at the club. She recalled that she and Jerry had dinner at the club on three afternoons during their engagement, and that all of the above-mentioned persons were present on these occasions, drinking and carousing. She related that they spent money freely, but that she never learned of their occupations or activities, and because of Jerry's attitude, made no inquiries.

She informed that Wynona Burdette had just recovered from an appendectomy at that time, and appeared to be very weak. Wynona advised her that Buff and her were married and that they were from Texas.

Constance further recalled that after the incident when Millie Harrison disrobed, she asked Jerry about the advisability of giving up the job as the actions of these people were extremely suspicious, and that the Anguses appeared to heartily endorse anything that the gang did. She was of the opinion that the Anguses and these persons were in some illicit enterprise.

It should be noted that at the time Agents located Constance, she was in the company of one Bud Horn, whom she introduced as her husband. Horn was reluctant to permit her to talk with Agents and maintained a surly attitude toward the proposed interview.

However, she later informed that Horn was not her husband, and that although they lived together she posed as his wife for the sake of decency. She further informed that Horn contemplated obtaining employment in Florida, shortly, but that she, although unemployed, would remain in Toledo throughout the winter. She further informed that she will move to 1648 Dorr Street, on October 26, 1936, and can be located at any time at that address. She further related that Fred Burkhardt, a brother of hers works in the map department of Sears-Roebuck in Chicago, Illinois, and that she ordinarily kept contact with him.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on October 23, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, dated August 29, 1936, at Cleveland, Ohio, wherein it is noted that Mildred Kuhlman advised that she lived at the Burdella Apartments, Collingwood and Cherry Streets, Toledo, Ohio, with Thelma Holst and Al Wilson, following her return from Texas in May or June 1934.

Al Wilson was located at his residence, by Agents, at the Madison Court Apartments, 813½ Madison Avenue, and was requested to appear at the temporary offices, 513 Edison Building, Toledo, Ohio, for interview.

He informed that he is presently employed at the Courtesy Club, 513½ Jefferson Street, Toledo, Ohio, as a crap dealer, having first been employed at that place ten years ago under Jimmy Hayes, and now employed by Benny Levine, who with Herb Lange took over Hayes' interests, following the death of Hayes at the hands of racketeers in Detroit in 1935.

He informed that he is 36 years of age, divorced. He stated he first met Thelma Holst in 1933, when she and Rene Holst were bootlegging at the Jarvis Apartments in Toledo, Ohio, and that he lived with her thereafter until January 1935. He informed that they continued to live at the Jarvis Apartments until the spring of 1934, at which time they moved to an apartment in the 1800 block on Franklin Avenue. He further related that in the fall of 1934, they moved to the Burdella Apartments, where they occupied an apartment on the third floor.

He insisted that this was in the fall, in that they would be required to heat their apartment on Franklin Avenue, and for that reason moved to the Burdella Apartments. He further related that shortly thereafter Mildred Kuhlman came to live with them at the Burdella Apartments, which was rented in the name of Al Wilson, and Mildred paid one-half of the rental. He stated that Rene came to live with them also and that she was keeping company with Lady Fleming at that time, while Mildred Kuhlman was keeping company with Ed Nagle.

When shown photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang he informed that none of them bore likenesses of persons he had previously met or known. He advised that during this period of time he worked nights at the Courtesy Club from 7:00 P. M., until 5:00 A. M., the following morning, and never had the opportunity to go out with Thelma during that time of the evening. He further advised that he occasionally

stopped at the Casino Club on Summit Street, after working hours, but that he never recalled having seen any members of the Barker-Karpis gang, Thelma, or Mildred at the Club on occasions of such visits. He advised that the Casino Club was the only place he could buy liquor at that hour, and that he was always in the company of Bill Erwin, Jimmy Gray, John Schmeckle, and Ed Brunschweiger, all employees of the Courtesy Club. He advised further that he recalled meeting Ludy Fleming and Rene there on several occasions. He further advised that he met Joe Roscoe at the Casino Club on one occasion in the early morning, and recalls having met Walter Belpash there on several occasions, although he could not give the exact time. He advised that he frequented the Casino Club, while living on Franklin Avenue, as well as the Burdella Apartments.

He further stated that Thelma never informed him whom she met at the Casino Club, although he knew that she was there quite often when he worked, nor does he recall that Thelma, Rene or Mildred ever discussed meeting any Auto-Lite strike breakers at that place. He also advised that he did not know that Volney Davis, or Edna Murray ever resided at the Burdella Apartments, and that the only visitors to the apartment whom he knew were, Mrs. Charlie Haymaker, who resided on the second floor, Bert and Madeline Angus, Mr. and Mrs. Hoel, and Danny Holst, Rossford, Ohio, parents and cousin, respectively, of Thelma.

He further advised that the first intimation he had that the Barker-Karpis gang had been in Toledo was following the arrest of Mildred Kuhlman with Doc Barker in Chicago in January 1935. He informed that he quarrelled with Thelma Holst about Mildred having lived with them while associating with such a notorious character, and that a week or so thereafter, he left Thelma when she accused him of running around with other women. He advised that he saw her shortly thereafter at the Casino Club one morning with two other girls from the Auto-Lite plant at Toledo, where she was working, but has never heard from or seen her since.

He insisted that while living with Thelma, he was not interested in her affairs, and never questioned her activities, and that she never confided in him, nor did she ever advise him, even following Mildred's arrest, that she had known or associated with members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on October 26, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Cleveland, Ohio, August 29, 1936, wherein it is noted that Mildred Kuhlman advised that during the summer of 1934, she was keeping company with Ed Nagle, and that Nagle, when he discovered the type of people frequenting the Casino Club, was displeased with her, but that he had nothing to do with the gang.

Nagle was located at the James E. Nagle & Sons, Electroplating Company, 2042 Hawthorne Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, of which company he is the vice-president. Upon request of Agents, he appeared at the temporary offices for interview.

He informed that he is 33 years of age, single, and that prior to the death of his father a few months ago, had been a regular patron for years of all the night life places of Toledo. He informed that he had always been a free spender, and was apparently well known in Toledo as a so-called "play boy." He informed that in 1932, he met Mildred Kuhlman at Thelma Holst' apartment at the Jarvis Apartments, Toledo, Ohio, where Thelma was bootlegging. Thereafter Mildred moved to the Georgia Manor Apartments in Toledo in 1934; when he renewed his acquaintance and kept company with her for several months. He informed that practically every night in the week, he and Mildred visited various night clubs in Toledo, stopping at each place only long enough to have a drink, doing this to avoid staying in one place long enough to become intoxicated.

He informed that thereafter Mildred left Toledo, and that he did not use liquor or frequent night clubs from January to June 1934, in that he had seriously neglected his business, theretofore. However, he recalled that either in June or July of 1934, he again began frequenting these places, and for about a month kept company with Mildred. He informed that at that time, Mildred was living at the Burdella Apartments with Thelma, and Rene Holst and Al Wilson, and that Thelma and Rene were frequently at the Casino Club on Summit Street, Point Place.

He informed that he and Mildred occasionally visited the Casino Club, but although he saw Thelma and Rene there on a number of occasions, he refused to join them. He advised that he did not know the identities of anyone at the Casino, other than Bert and Ted Angus, and Nig Cousins, but that the Casino had the reputation of being a hangout for all the local hoodlums, and he didn't want Mildred to patronize the place. He further advised that at this time Mildred

seemed to be comfortably fixed, although she had no visible income, but he chided her for associating with Thelma and Rene, and the type of people who frequented the Casino Club. He further informed that Rene was keeping company with Ludy Fleming, and that he particularly disliked Fleming, as he had heard from numerous bootlegging friends that Fleming was a double-crosser.

When shown photographs of members of the Barker-Karpis gang, Nagle informed that some of them were very familiar, but that he was at a loss to state definitely where he had seen these persons. He informed that he had met so many people about Toledo, that unless he was introduced to them, he would be unable to place them. He further informed that Mildred never spoke to these people, and because of his business activities, never associated with people whom he saw in the various places which he frequented.

He stated that the photograph of Charles J. Fitzgerald was the likeness of a man known to him as "Pops", whom he had seen in various bootlegging joints in Toledo a number of years ago, but whom he had not seen in recent years. He further advised that he recalled the photograph of William J. Harrison as that of a habitue of Jackie Kennedy's Studio Club. He further informed that he believed that the photographs of Dr. Joseph P. Moran and James J. Wilson were the likenesses of persons he had seen standing at the bar in the Casino Club, but could not be positive in his assertion, other than he believed that Dr. Moran always wore a hat.

He further informed that the names, aliases, or nicknames of these persons were not familiar to him. He also advised that he could not definitely state at what time he had seen Nig Cousins at the Casino, and stated that he could not remember ever having seen Ludy Fleming, Captain George Timiney, or Detective Art Langendorf at that place, although they were all known to him. He explained, however, that his visits at the Casino Club were always of short duration.

With reference to the photograph of Harry Campbell, he recalled having seen this individual at Al Vollmer's Cafe, now known as the Mayfair Nite Club, Adams and 17th Streets, Toledo, Ohio. He advised that this occurred last winter, as he remembered that he saw this individual there on several occasions, as the waiters at the place called him "limpy" and they advised Nagle that he was "good", meaning a liberal tipper.

He informed that he did not know of Vollmer's present location, but that two of his former bartenders are now employed at a recently opened tavern on Sylvania Avenue at Revere Street, Toledo.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents ... J. Norstrom and A. Bickstein on October 26, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Cleveland, Ohio, dated September 12, 1936, wherein Mrs. Elsie Sweet advised that her husband, Charles Sweet, had been employed as a cook at the 42nd Street Cafe and was then at Middle Island.

Agents located Sweet at his home, 612 Lotus Street, Toledo, Ohio, and he was requested to appear at the temporary office, at which place he was interviewed. He advised that he was presently unemployed, in that Middle Island closed for the season on October 19, 1936, and that the only employee presently on the Island is Buster Williams, caretaker, who resides at the Island premanently. He further stated that Walter Belpash has returned to Toledo, but does not know his present address. He also stated that Coolie Monroe has returned to his home in Canada, but that he does not know his address.

Sweet advised that he obtained employment from Joe Roscoe at the Jovial Club, 631 St. Clair Street, as a cook six years ago. Two years ago, Roscoe gave him a job at the 42nd Street Cafe, and in May 1936, he requested permission to work on Middle Island for the summer, as he had heard that the patrons at the Island were liberal tippers, which he later found to be untrue. He further stated that he took his wife and family to the Island, and that they lived in a tent at that place until July 4, 1936, at which time he and his family returned to Toledo for three weeks, at which time Tex Williams accepted his job.

He returned, however, in the latter part of August to the Island, and both Tex and he worked in the kitchen. When shown photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang, he informed that none of them was a likeness of persons he had previously seen at the 42nd Street Cafe, or elsewhere. He advised that he is exceedingly nearsighted, and is unable to recognize people except at close view, which may be true, in that he wears very thick lensed eye glasses.

Sweet further advised that despite his employment by Roscoe for a period of six years, he knew little about him, as Roscoe never spoke to him or anyone else, and never confided in anyone, to the best of his knowledge. Neither have the employees of the Island ever spoken of the presence of any members of the Barker-Karpis gang at that place.

Sweet informed that the only former employees of the Island other than those above mentioned that he had ever heard of were Gus Lemke, and a cook named "Red", who worked at the Island for several years, and this individual is now believed to operate a

poolroom at the town he believes to be Bellevue, Ohio.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio, October 23 and 24, 1936:

Reference is made to reports of Special Agent L. C. Taylor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, dated March 5, 1936 and April 17, 1936, incorporating interviews had with Archie Negleman, an inmate of the Northeastern Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. It is noted in the report of Special Agent Taylor dated March 5, 1936, that he mentions he was introduced by Ed Seaman to a person whom he later learned was Harry Campbell; that this introduction took place in a rooming house operated by a German woman in Toledo, Ohio, who had a daughter by the name of Mary teaching school. Negleman stated he did not know the address of this rooming house, but furnished descriptive information as to how it might be reached.

Efforts were made by Agents to locate the house mentioned by Negleman, without success.

In a recent interview an Agent of the Cleveland office had with a German woman, who operates a call house at 124 West Bancroft Street, Toledo, she stated to the Agent that information which she had furnished had been instrumental in the apprehension of Harry Campbell at Toledo, Ohio. It was also ascertained by the Cleveland office Special Agent that this German woman has a daughter who is teaching school.

Believing this German woman might be the one referred to by Archie Negleman, she was interviewed by Agents at her residence, 124 West Bancroft Street. She stated that her name is Elta M. Gurin; that she is now operating a rooming house at her present address, where she has resided since 1918. Mrs. Gurin stated that she has a married daughter, Mrs. Gwendolyn K. Day, who resides in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and is teaching school there at the present time. She also stated she has another married daughter, Mrs. Atha Fitzgerald, who resides in Fostoria, Ohio; that she does not have a daughter by the name of Mary.

With regard to information Mrs. Gurin claims she furnished which she believes was responsible for the apprehension of Harry Campbell, she stated that while working as a nurse she learned indirectly that Harry Campbell was working on Adams Street; that she gave this information to her attorney, Mr. Jacobson, whom she believed in turn gave the information to Assistant United States Attorney Openlander. She

stated she furnished this information to her attorney about four or five weeks before the apprehension of Harry Campbell.

Photographs of members of the Barker-Karpis gang, which included those of Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis, as well as those of Eddie Siemund, and Jake Gilmore, were exhibited to Mrs. Gurin. She stated she is unable to identify any of them as persons she had ever seen. She selected the photograph of Harry Campbell and stated she believed she had seen his photograph in the Toledo newspapers, after his apprehension.

Archie Negleman, in his instructions as to how to reach the rooming house where he was introduced to Harry Campbell, mentioned above, stated that just before reaching this house he crossed a narrow bridge. After interviewing Mrs. Gurin, Agents made a survey of the neighborhood, but was unable to locate a bridge of any kind in the vicinity of 124 West Bancroft Street.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio, October 26, 1936:

Deane Allen, who was previously interviewed in detail, as set out in report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Cleveland, Ohio, June 27, 1936, was reinterviewed at her apartment, 24 Seney Apartments, 16th and Monroe Streets, Toledo, to obtain any additional information she might be able to furnish regarding this matter.

She was questioned as to whether or not she had been on any parties at Johnny Thomas night club, the Market Business Men's Club, at which time Sam Coker, Harry Campbell and Edith Barry were present. She stated she has never been on a party with those persons, and has not been in Johnny Thomas' club in over three years; that she is not personally acquainted with Edith Barry, but knows of her by reputation. She stated that the only time she ever saw Harry Campbell and Sam Coker was at Goulet's Grill, where she visited quite often to drink beer, prior to the apprehension of Campbell and Coker. She stated she never had any conversation with either of these two men. Miss Allen also stated that she learned from some one at Goulet's Grill, whom she does not recall, that Sam Coker and several others were drinking at Goulet's Grill on St. Patrick's night, 1936, and after Goulet's Grill closed that night, they all went to the Owls' Club, which is operated by her sweetheart, John J. McAlister; that she was not present at the Owls' Club on this occasion, and her informant also told her that Harry

Campbell and wife were not in the party with Sam Coker, also that Edith Barry was not a member of this party. She stated that her informant told her that Sam Coker and party went to the Owls' Club and drank and were there only a short time.

Photograph of Benson Groves was exhibited to Deane Allen, and she stated she cannot identify same as being the likeness of any one she ever saw.

She was further questioned in detail with regard to her knowledge of George Timiney's connection with Ted Angus concerning vice, gambling, and payoffs in Toledo and Lucas County, Ohio. She did not, however, furnish any information in addition to that set out in report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, above mentioned.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents F. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio, October 26, 1936:

As Deane Allen, when interviewed on October 26, 1936, mentioned that Sam Coker and others, whom she does not know, visited the Owls' Club on the night of March 17, 1936 (St. Patrick's Day), which club is operated by John J. McAlister, her sweetheart, John J. McAlister was located at apartment 24, Seney Apartments, where he resides. He was interviewed and stated that after Sam Coker was arrested in Toledo, Ohio in the early part of May 1936, he learned that Coker and some other persons had visited the Owls' Club on St. Patrick's Day, 1936, but he did not recall seeing him there. He stated that he does not recall ever having seen Harry Campbell.

McAlister was questioned as to whether or not he knew a character in Toledo, Ohio, who was called "Old Ben", and at the same time the photograph of Benson Groves was exhibited to him. He stated that he does know a person called "Old Ben", and identified the photograph of Benson Groves, U. S. Penitentiary, No. 38605, as the photograph of this person. He stated he has known Benson Groves for about 19 years; that he first met him at the Arcadia Tavern in Erie, Pennsylvania, where he, McAlister, formerly resided; that at the time he knew Groves in Erie, Pennsylvania, Groves was associated with Jack Pier (phonetic), who at that time was the bootleg boss in the state of Pennsylvania; that for this reason he, McAlister, assumed that "Old Ben"

was a "front" man for a bootlegging ring. McAlister stated that after "Old Ben's" vacation (a term in the penitentiary) he came to Toledo, Ohio, and stayed until about July or August of this year (1936); that prior to about six or seven weeks ago he, McAlister, was employed as door man at the Courtesy Club, 513½ Jefferson Avenue, and "Old Ben" Groves visited this club about three or four times a week for about a year and a half prior to July or August 1936; that he, McAlister, often talked with "Old Ben" as much as two hours at a time at the Courtesy Club on current events; that "Old Ben" was quite a well-read man and was conversant on the subject of mechanics, having served an apprehtice-ship as a mechanic. He stated that "Old Ben" usually left the club around midnight; that although he talked to "Old Ben" on many occasions, he never asked him what his present occupation was or where he was living. McAlister stated that "Old Ben" was very conservative in dress as well as his living and never appeared to have an excessive amount of money. McAlister stated that the photograph of Benson Groves, U. S. Penitentiary #38605, is a very good likeness of him. He stated he has no idea where "Old Ben" might be at the present time, and does not know his present associates.

McAlister stated he knows Edward Clarence "Boiler" Webb, but that he is certain that "Old Ben" does not associate with Boiler Webb, in view of the fact that Webb is a very boisterous type of person and not dependable, while on the other hand "Old Ben" is a quiet conservative person and one who could be depended upon.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Cleveland, Ohio, dated October 24, 1936, page 45, and letter of the Cincinnati office to the Cleveland office, dated October 14, 1936.

It will be noted from an interview with John J. McAlister, set forth elsewhere in this report, that McAlister states Benson Groves is a mechanic, having served an apprehticeship in that trade. As set forth on page 45 of reference report it will be noted that one George Wilson, 934 Barry Street, Toledo, Ohio, who registered an automobile in or near Toledo, Ohio, in the year 1936, in the name of George Wilson, which is an alias used by Benson Groves, is listed in the 1936 Toledo City Directory as a Mechanic employed by the Toledo Machine & Tool Company. In view of McAlister's statement that Benson Groves is

a mechanic, investigation was made at 934 Barry Street, on October 23, 1936, where Mrs. I. Wilson was interviewed. She stated that George Wilson, residing at that address, is her son, age 29 years, and he is employed as a mechanic for the Toledo Machine & Tool Company.

On October 24, 1936, investigation was made at the Toledo Police Department, Identification Division, to ascertain whether or not there was any local record on Benson Groves. A file was found on Benson Groves, in the Identification Division, and examination of this file disclosed that the Toledo Police Department had record of numerous old arrests on this man, and in the file were several photographs of Groves, which were not of recent date. There was also found in this file a fugitive wanted descriptive circular, with photograph of Benson Groves, U.S.P. #209, issued October 5, 1936, by the Post Office Department, office of Inspector in Charge, Cincinnati, Ohio, case #99941-D, stating that Groves is wanted in connection with the holdup and robbery of mail train at Garrettsville, Ohio, on November 7, 1935. This circular was received by the Toledo Police Department on October 24, 1936. This circular does not offer a reward for the apprehension of Groves.

Criminal record of Edward Clarence Webb, alias "Boiler", was examined at the Toledo Police Department, Identification Division and same discloses that Webb served a term in the Federal penitentiary for robbery of U. S. Post Office at Steubenville, Ohio. It is noted from report of Special Agent F. J. Smith, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 22, 1936, that Benson Groves was indicted by Federal Grand Jury in company with James F. "Tip" O'Neil, Clarence Webb and others for robbery of the U. S. Post Office at Steubenville, Ohio, on which charge Groves was sentenced to serve five years in the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, from June 6, 1931. The Clarence Webb mentioned in Agent Smith's report, is, no doubt, the same person as Edward Clarence Webb, alias "Boiler."

Edward Clarence Webb resides in room 327, Hotel Algeo, Toledo. Observation of this hotel, and surveillance of Edward Clarence Webb over a period of the past week has failed to disclose to date that he has contacted any person who resembles the photograph of Benson Groves. During this period of surveillance, Webb visited at various times the Turf Bar, the Algeo Hotel Bar, the Buckeye gambling club at 229 Superior Street, and the Lafayette Cafe, corner of Jefferson and St. Clair Streets.

On October 27, 1936, Special Agents A. Dickstein and A. J. Norstrom interviewed City Detective Harry Manson, Toledo Police Department, and Manson informed them that Clarence "Boiler" Webb is presently

residing at the Algeo Hotel, Toledo, and Webb is a close associate of City Detective Art Langendorf; that Webb can usually be found at the Turf Bar, the Algeo Bar and the Goulet Grill; that Webb is a close friend of Jack MacDonald, alias Jack Mack, a brother of Kate Goulet, who is an ex-convict and is now bartender at Goulet's Grill.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on October 26, 1936:

Ethel Ilert, 216 Marion Street, Toledo, Ohio, advised Agents that the photograph of Benson Groves was that of an individual known to her as Ben, a former patron of the 42nd Street Cafe. She informed that Ben was a very close friend of Joe Roscoe, as Groves visited the cafe practically every night during the past winter, and would sit with Joe Roscoe at a table located at the corner of the bar from 10:00 P. M., to closing time, and neither of them would speak a word during the entire time.

She further informed that Ben rarely drank liquor, but that he would occasionally order a short shell of beer, tipping the waitress twenty-five cents on each order. She also stated that Ben was well known to all employees at the cafe, and that Harry Nelles, a former bartender, would occasionally drive Ben home, although she was not aware of his address. She also stated that Ben was always wearing glasses on each occasion he had been at the cafe.

She further advised that she has not seen Ben since April 1936, but that if he puts in his appearance again at the cafe, she would immediately communicate with Agents.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. Dickstein and A. J. Norstrom at Toledo, Ohio, October 28, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Cleveland, Ohio, October 24, 1936, page 45.

Frances Selander, 264 Marion Street, Toledo, Ohio, advised upon being shown a photograph of Benson Groves, that this individual was known to her as Ben, and that he was a frequent visitor to the home of Joe Roscoe last winter. She further stated that she has not seen Ben since May or June 1936; that about two months ago she inquired of Mrs. Joe Roscoe as to the present whereabouts of Ben, and

Mrs. Roscoe advised her that Ben was in California and that he ordinarily returns to Toledo each winter. Miss Selander further advised that she contemplates returning to Roscoe's to work, if her mother will permit it, and she will then endeavor to obtain additional information as to Ben's whereabouts.

Irving Greenspoon, bartender at the Market Business Men's Club, operated by Johnny Thomas, 216½ Superior Street, Toledo, was also contacted, and a photograph of Benson Groves exhibited to him. He advised that this individual bears no likeness to any person he has previously seen at the club, and he could not identify Groves as a person he has ever seen around Toledo, Ohio. However, Greenspoon, advised that he will make discreet efforts to ascertain the identity and possible location of Benson Groves, and if successful, will advise Agents.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio, October 28, 1936:

Gertrude Billeter Miller was reinterviewed at the home of her mother, Mrs. Gertrude Billeter, on Kopernik Avenue. She stated that Harry Campbell was first introduced to her by Clara McGraw, at McGraw's rooming house, as "Bob", and later Clara told her that Campbell's name was "Bob Brown", her cousin; that she never knew Campbell by any other name until the night before she and Harry were married, and on that night she was sitting in a room at McGraw's rooming house with Ed and Clara McGraw and Harry Campbell, at which time Harry Campbell stated in substance that since he was going to marry her, Gertrude, he might as well tell her his name, and then stated that his name was Charles Miller; that when they applied for a marriage license at Bowling Green, Ohio, on May 29, 1935, Campbell gave his name as Clarence Charles Miller. She stated she never knew Harry Campbell's true identity until the day he was arrested. She was questioned as to why she called Campbell by the name of "Bob", and she stated she did not know other than that was the first name he gave her and she continued to call him by that name.

With regard to Alvin Karpis, Gertrude stated she knew Karpis only by the name of "Sonny", and did not learn his true identity until he was apprehended in New Orleans about May 1, 1936, at which time his picture appeared in the Toledo newspaper. She stated two or three weeks prior to the date Karpis was apprehended

she saw in the Toledo newspaper a picture of Karpis, listing him as Public Enemy No. 1, and offering $5,000 reward for his arrest or information leading to his apprehension; that she thought she recognized Karpis' picture as being that of same person she met at McGraw's and known to her as "Sonny" and she took the peper to her husband (Harry Campbell) who was lying on the bed, and asked him who he thought it looked like, and he said he did not know, and she asked him if he didn't think it looked like "Sonny" and he said it was not, as the picture of the man in the newspaper had higher cheek bones than "Sonny". She stated that no mention was ever made to her by her husband (Harry Campbell) concerning the apprehension of Alvin Karpis in New Orleans about May 1, 1936.

Gertrude stated she never noticed a photograph of her husband (Harry Campbell) in the newspapers until after he was apprehended on May 7, 1936, and did not see a photograph of Harry Campbell in the newspapers at the same time that of Karpis appeared therein.

With reference to that part of Esther Goulet's statement concerning Harry Campbell carrying a pistol, as set out in report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Cleveland, Ohio, October 24, 1936, page 32, Gertrude Billeter Miller stated that her husband (Harry Campbell) carried his pistol stuck in his belt in the back, and she never questioned him as to why he was carrying a pistol; that she believed he was carrying it because he always had a large amount of money on his person; that she never told anyone that Harry carried a pistol to safeguard the diamonds he and she wore.

Gertrude stated that she and Harry had never been to the New Casino Club in Toledo, and at no time did either she or Harry suggest going to that place. She stated that she and Harry did visit the Dugout on one occasion, and this was during the time she and Harry were living in their trailer car at her mother's home near the Dugout. She stated she recalls this visit to the Dugout was about 5 P. M. on July 4, 1935; that her mother was going to give a weiner roast that night, and during the late afternoon she and Harry were at McGraw's rooming house; that her mother invited Clara and Ed McGraw to the weiner roast, but Clara could not go, and Ed McGraw accompanied her and Harry to her mother's home, and upon arriving there they went over to the Dugout to have a couple of drinks before going on the weiner roast party; that on entering the Dugout, as they did not have membership cards which were required to gain entrance, membership cards for Ed McGraw, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller were made out and given them. She stated the three of them sat at a table and after having a drink, Harry excused himself and went to the men's rest room in the basement; that while he was gone some drunken man came to their table and seated himself in Harry's chair, and commenced to annoy her; that

Ed McGraw asked him to leave, which he would not do, and when Harry returned to the table an argument ensued, and as a result the doorman of the Dugout requested that they return their membership cards and leave; that Harry returned the card given to him for her and him, but Ed McGraw refused to return the card given him, although all three of them left the place immediately, and never returned to that club again.

Gertrude stated she recalled that on one occasion when she and Harry were at the Granada Gardens, operated by Jim Coleman, they had an argument with some other guests there, which was caused by those guests pushing their seat back, pushing her and Harry against the table; that as these guests, whose names she does not know, were leaving the Granada Gardens, one of the men made a remark to Harry which caused Harry to invite him outside to fight; that Jim Coleman, the proprietor, quieted Harry down and Harry did not leave the place to fight this stranger.

Gertrude stated that at no time while she lived with Harry Campbell did he ever take her to the Little Club, formerly the Little Casino Club, nor did he ever mention to her that he had ever visited that place.

Gertrude was again questioned with reference to her knowledge that Harry Campbell might have an investment in slot machines in Toledo or Lucas County. She stated she has never written to Harry regarding same, and has otherwise been unable to ascertain that he had such an investment.

She stated she has not as yet started annulment proceedings, in view of the fact that her husband (Harry Campbell) may effect his release from the Federal penitentiary some time in the near future, and she feels that she should wait a while before starting any proceedings to annul her marriage.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio, October 29, 1936:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Cleveland, Ohio, July 11, 1936, wherein an undeveloped lead was set out for the Detroit office at Harbor Springs, Michigan, to interview Mrs. Jimmie Hayes and obtain any information she might have knowledge of concerning payoffs in the vice and gambling rackets in Toledo. A letter was received from the Detroit office, dated October 23, 1936, advising that Mrs. Hayes left Harbor Springs, Michigan, approximately October 15, 1936, and is now at her home 2709 Collingwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, where she will remain until about November 1st, when she

is expected to leave for the south.

Mrs. Elenore M. Hayes, widow of James Hayes, deceased, was interviewed at her residence 2709 Collingwood Avenue, Toledo. She was questioned in detail concerning payoffs in Toledo to allow gambling and vice to operate in Toledo unmolested. It is noted that Mrs. Hayes' husband, known as Jimmie Hayes, prior to the time he was murdered in Detroit by gangsters in the fall of 1934, was reputed to be the king of gambling racket in Toledo, and it is alleged that he made payoffs to allow gambling to operate unmolested. Mrs. Hayes stated that she knew absolutely nothing about her husband's business operations; that he was very close-mouthed, and never discussed his business with her; that this made it quite hard on her, in view of the fact that she had to take over known business after his death, and on account of not knowing anything about his business dealings, it is possible he may have had investments in businesses which she knows nothing about, and which she has no doubt lost. Previously conducted investigation at Toledo has disclosed that Jimmie Hayes was very close-mouthed and never talked about his business dealings; also that Jimmie Hayes, prior to his death, had an interest in the Jovial Club, 631 St. Clair Street, and the Courtesy Club at 513 Jefferson Street, Toledo, which are gambling clubs. In this connection, Mrs. Hayes stated that her husband never had any interest in the Courtesy Club; that he did have an interest in the Jovial Club about 1926 or 1927, but disposed of same, and if he had an interest in the Jovial Club at the time of his death, she knew nothing about it.

With regard to businesses operated by her husband, Mrs. Hayes stated he operated a night club known as The Villa, located on the Dixie Highway, U. S. Highway #25; that this club was closed for the two seasons preceding her husband's death, and is no longer operated by her; that to her knowledge, her husband never made any payoff to anyone to allow this club to operate. She further stated she contributed her husband's success to the fact that in connection with his gambling operations, he never mentioned anybody's name.

Mrs. Hayes was questioned as to whether or not she knew Ted and Bert Angus, and she stated she is not personally acquainted with them, although knows who they are; that she never heard that Ted and Bert Angus were collectors of payoff on rackets in Toledo at any time. She stated she never visited the Casino Club on Summit Street; that she was in Florida during the winter of 1933-34, and returned to Toledo in March 1934, where she remained a short time; then she and her husband went to Harbor Springs, Michigan, to open their resort, and they remained there during the summer until they closed their resort the first part of October 1934.

Continuing, Mrs. Hayes stated that she and her deceased husband had known George Timiney for a number of years; that her husband and Timiney were very good friends, and often played golf together; that Timiney had been to her home to see her husband a number of times, prior to her husband's death. She stated she does not think Timiney would attempt to harbor any of the Barker-Karpis gang, for it would be a "feather in his cap" to cause their apprehension; that he made a good name for himself in cleaning up the Italian gang (Licovoli gang), and she believes he is a good, honest officer; that Timiney spent about ten days' vacation at her resort at Harbor Springs, Michigan, in August 1936.

Mrs. Hayes stated that John B. McMahon, 1118 Edison Building, Toledo, was her husband's attorney for a number of years, and is at present her attorney; that Mr. McMahon could furnish definite information as to the dates on which her deceased husband sold his interest in the Jovial Club, if such information is desired. She stated her deceased husband at one time had an interest in the old Brooklyn Race Track at Cleveland, Ohio, which was an unsuccessful business venture.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The CLEVELAND OFFICE at Toledo, Ohio, will continue further investigation. No leads are being set out herein, inasmuch as leads are being assigned in memorandum form.

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
November 3, 1936

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RE: ERSKID

Mr. Chauncey Strain,
Postmaster,
Wann, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

You were recently contacted by Special Agent L. E. Kingman of this office, who requested a renewal of the cover on all mail going to and from the Lett family, who receive mail out of your Post Office.

You requested Mr. Kingman to furnish you with self-addressed envelopes for the mailing of tracings to this office, and also a supply of onion skin paper for the purpose of making the tracings. A supply of both envelopes and thin paper is being forwarded to you herewith.

Your cooperation in the past has been deeply appreciated by this office, and we shall appreciate very much your forwarding tracings of all first class mail received and sent by this family to this office.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Laboratory Report
November 4, 1936.

Number: 7-576-13147

Case: ERWIN

Specimens:

8. One application for purchase of dangerous or deadly weapons
fA 704 dated August 17, 1935 in name of Roy Eckles.
K1. One page bearing specimen signatures of Roy Eckles.

Examination requested by: Oklahoma City

Date received: 10-31-36

Examination requested: Document

Examination by: Appel

Result of examination:

After a comparison of the signature on the application form listed above as 8 with the specimen signatures of the suspect no conclusion was reached because of the inadequacy of the specimens submitted. It is requested that more specimens of the suspect be submitted if other conditions warrant. These should be handwritten in pencil on ruled paper. Also some information should be given as to whether the handwriting appearing in the body of the application is written by the same person as that of the signature.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Re: BRENKID.

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 October 31, 1936.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 2118
Detroit - Michigan
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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith, in duplicate, copy of a letter written by Wynona Burdette to her sister, Mrs. R. D. Wilson, Hominy, Oklahoma, under date of October 17, 1936. Copies of this letter are also being transmitted to the offices listed below.

A photostatic copy of the original letter was received at the Detroit Office through Mr. John J. Ryan, Superintendent of the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan.

Very truly yours,

Herold H. Reinecke

Herold H. Reinecke
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Letter addressed:
Mrs. R. D. Wilson,
Hominy, Oklahoma

Milan, Mich.
Oct. 17, 1956

Darling sister and family:

How are all of you getting along? Esther dear I thought I would wait to answer your letter until I got my papers and had them filled out. I just got them finished. Gee they are sure darbies to fill out, and how, and me with this wonderfull memory of mine. I sure had a time. I sure had a time. I guess I let my_self get too nervous. I have a nice big headache. But I was so afraid I would make a mostake that I didn't know what to do, and I really want to make parole, and turn over a new leaf in life. I really think I have had my share of trouble in this world.

How's our little girl Gwen getting along? I guess she is back in school now isn't she? I want to be there for her graduation so bad, doesn't she graduate this year? Has she got very many things in her hope chest? I'm making a lunchion set. And the darn thing is to pretty to part with, I mean to part with to sell downstairs, and I was just wondering if she wouldn't like to have it. don't say anything to her about it, and when I finish it, I'll see if I can send it to her.

Do you ever hear from Eunice? I must have said something in one of my letters that hurt her feelings but I can't recall what it could have been. I haven't heard from her in 2 monthes, and I know she gets my letters because I send them to Millies address, maybe Charles won't let her write any more. I wish Jim & Ruth would write me once in awhile, in with Eunices letter. I had a letter from Art, Helen, and Helens mother the other day. they are getting along just fine again, that big brother of ours is sure a changeable guy, don't you think? ha ha, one letter I get from him he sayes he's going to leave Helen, and the next time I hear from him they are doing swell. I look any time to hear that he's on his way to Oklahoma (or) the stork has visited them. ha. really he has me guessing. He's a little knockout. Oh gee, there is the prettiest music on the Radio right now, a pipe organ, they're playing the Doll Dance. Music really can drown a person's troubles can't it? I love it.

We have a few instruments up here and I try to play them all. I would, huh? We have a Guitar, Banjo Uke, Drum, Violin, and Organ. We have quite a time. When we're all in the humor of talking and singing together, which is very seldom, but the girl I run around with, she and I play and sign most every night.

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Ester, where is Ellen Louise at now? I sure hope she is getting on good, she is so sweet and tiny. Where is she going to school?

Have you got your teeth yet? You have never said any more about them. I hope you are all well and happy. I'll ring off for this month, my head and neck is hurting, leaning over here writing.

I hope I can let you know about the parole in a couple of monthes. I send my papers down in the morning but it may be a month or more before the board meets, see? But will let you know as soon as I find out.

Answer soon.

With Loads and Loads of love
from your Baby sis & Aunty,

Nona B.

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Louisville, Ky.	11/4/36	10/31/36	F. E. HURLEY CAK

TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. #1232 - FUGITIVE; et al;
EDWARD J. BREMER - Victim;

CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Benson Groves, with aliases, not known at Henderson, Ky. Henderson Credit Bureau closed business in 1934 and absorbed. Present employees have no record of correspondence with Groves in 1931 and 1932 while incarcerated in the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Inspector E. J. Connelley, dated 10/12/36 at Cleveland, Ohio.

DETAILS: AT HENDERSON, KY.

Agent's inquiries developed that there is no such concern as the Henderson Credit Bureau in business at the present time; that there was such a company in 1931, 1932 and 1933, but that it was absorbed by the Interstate Finance Corporation of Kentucky in 1934; that the present manager of the latter concern is Mr. Russell G. Carlisle, #4 Farmers Bank & Trust Company Bldg., Henderson. It was further ascertain that a Mr. Duke Devasher, the former executive officer in charge of the Henderson Credit Bureau, is now somewhere in Missouri; that his first assistant was Mrs. Hattie Chaney, a Secretary in the employ of the State Highway Commission, Frankfort, Ky. Her home address in Frankfort is #426 Shelby Street.

Mr. Russell G. Carlisle and his assistant, a Mr. R. W. Woodside, searched their records and reported that there are several cards of former accounts on file in the name of Groves and Grayson; that there is no card of

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record, past or present, in the name of George Wilson or Burns Corby; that the name of Grayson and Groves is very common in the vicinity of the City of Henderson and Henderson County. Carlisle produced a card showing that one Ben Grayson, Merritt Drive, Henderson, opened an account with the former Henderson Credit Bureau on September 9, 1931, or rather, Grayson owed the A. T. Callender Coal Company of Henderson $27.50 which Grayson had neglected to pay; that the Credit Company under Mr. Devasher, attempted to collect the debt from Grayson up to February 24, 1933, on which date the account was closed as "uncollectable." Messrs. Carlisle and Woodside furnished several names of persons named Graves and Groves who might be able to give some idea who Benson Groves might be. Nothing of additional value was learned from these cooperators.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Robinson, 2nd & Elm Streets, Henderson, were interviewed by Agent and Mr. Woodside. Mrs. Robinson, an experienced clerk at Mr. Carlisle's office, is sick at her home at present. Nothing was learned as to Subject other than it is possible that Groves, alias Ben Grayson, might have been connected with one Grim Hollowell and one Sales, 221 Tenth St., Evansville, Ind., two well-known bootleggers. According to Mr. Robinson, Hollowell and Sales, particularly the latter, would know of a Ben Grayson who was associated with them in the bootlegging racket a few years ago; that he, Robinson, knew that there was a Ben Grayson who was prominent in the bootlegging racket with Sales and that he is of the opinion that Grayson was arrested and sent to some penitentiary, the name of which is not certain. Mr. Sales is said to be residing on New York Street, Evansville.

Miss Christine Moss, an experienced clerk at the Henderson Sales Finance Co., #8, Farmers Bank & Trust Bldg., searched her records but found nothing as to Subject Groves, alias Grayson. She was unable to furnish any information as to this man. Mr. King, the Manager, was also interviewed with negative results.

Sheriff John T. Reed and his Deputies, Howe and Gregory, were interviewed without results. However, Agent, accompanied by Gregory and Howe, made inquiries at the home of a trusted informant near that of Ben Grayson, a former State convict. It was ascertained that Grayson has lived in Henderson for nearly 40 years; that he has served time at the State Penitentiary, Eddyville, for horse stealing; that he has no living sister or no relative named Mrs. Ida Fryar of Hammond, Ind.; that his description does not tally with that of Subject Groves. It further developed that it was this Ben Grayson who owed money to the A. T. Callender Coal Company in 1931 and 1932. So far as this well informed informant is advised, Ben Grayson never lived in Ohio or elsewhere in Kentucky other than in Henderson within the past

30 years. Furthermore, that this Grayson is well known to Messrs. Gregory and Howe as well as Officers Clyde Adkins, E. H. Brown, George Williams and others at Police Headquarters, Henderson. Nothing of a definite character was learned from any of the several law enforcement officers listed above. No such person as Groves, alias Grayson, alias Corby, etc., who has served time in the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., is known to them. They could give no information or leads that might result in locating Subject Groves in view of the fact that the identity of Subject could not be clearly placed and that the date and place of his conviction and commitment to the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, was not disclosed.

During the course of the several inquiries as to Subject Groves, Agent suggested to the several officers that they contact their confidential informants and friends with the view to locating someone who might know Groves, a former Federal prisoner at Atlanta. These suggestions were carried out with negative results. Agent interviewed Will A. Graves, 1307 O'Byrne Street in this connection.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE INDIANAPOLIS OFFICE at Evansville, Ind.

Ascertain whether Grim Hollowell and an associate named Sales is now located in Evansville as reported above. Discreetly interview them through cooperators or under pretext as to Subject Groves, alias Ben Grayson. A record as to this man may possibly be obtained through the police, U. S. District Clerk or the U. S. Marshal at Evansville. Copy of letter of Agent Connelley dated October 12, 1936 is enclosed herewith.

THE CLEVELAND OFFICE at Cleveland, Ohio.

Is requested to ascertain from Inspector E. J. Connelley at Cleveland, the date and place of Subject's Groves' conviction and for what violation he was committed to the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., in 1931. This information is desired for elimination purposes at Henderson, Ky., in cooperation with the police and the Sheriff.

THE LOUISVILLE OFFICE at Frankfort, Ky.

Mrs. Hattie or Hallie Chaney, State Highway Commission Office, or 426 Shelby St., Frankfort, will be interviewed relative to any information she may remember as to her writing the Ben Grayson named in this case sometime between July 10, 1931 and September 10, 1932, at a time when he was incarcerated in the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga. Mrs. Chaney is reported to have an excellent memory and was chief assistant to Mr. Devasher, the Manager of the Henderson Credit Bureau in 1931 and 1932.

At Henderson, Ky., further investigation will be conducted at the Sheriff's office and elsewhere when additional information is received from Cleveland as to Groves.

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November 5, 1936

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith copies of a memorandum dated October 29, 1936 prepared from the information contained in the Bureau's files regarding the murder of Police Officer Miles Cunningham at Chicago, Illinois on September 22, 1933.

At the time you interview Mr. James P. Allman, Commissioner of Police, Chicago, Illinois concerning the Saint Valentine's Day massacre as previously instructed, I desire that Mr. Allman be acquainted with the information contained in the enclosed memorandum, and furnished with a copy of same.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 29, 1936.

MEMORANDUM

RE: MURDER OF POLICE OFFICER
MILES CUNNINGHAM

On September 22, 1933, five men in two automobiles held up two messengers and two guards of the Federal Reserve Bank, Chicago, Illinois at Jackson Boulevard near LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois, and stole three bags containing mail which was being transported from the Chicago Post Office to the Federal Reserve Bank.

After the robbery those responsible fled in a Hudson sedan, but had an accident with the car at Adams and Halsted Streets, Chicago, Illinois. Police Officer Miles Cunningham of the Chicago Police Department and a fellow officer stopped to investigate the accident, and as they approached one of the cars involved in the accident five men fled from it, two or more of them being armed with machine guns. These men opened fire on the officers and killed Officer Cunningham. At the time Officer Cunningham and his fellow officer began the investigation of the automobile accident they did not have knowledge of the robbery which had been perpetrated a few minutes before on Jackson Boulevard.

Volney Davis advised Special Agents that the Hudson car used in this robbery contained several extra sets of license plates, photographs of which appeared in Chicago newspapers. One of these license plates was a Minnesota tag bearing #B-141145, and he recognized this plate as being one of the several plates which he had stolen for members of the Karpis-Barker gang, this particular plate being stolen by him in Duluth, Minnesota.

He stated that shortly after the robbery Arthur "Doc" Barker came to his house and had his hand bandaged. Davis further advised that since he has been in Federal custody he was furnished information by Elmer Farmer that on the night of the robbery Bryan Bolton, who had been a participant, had shot "Doc" Barker accidentally through the little finger of his left hand with a machine gun. He stated that Farmer further advised him that on this night Harry.

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Sawyer, Fred Barker, Arthur "Doc" Barker, Fred Goetz, alias George Zeigler and Alvin Karpis came to Farmer's home in Bensenville, Illinois, and it was these individuals who were responsible for the robbery and murder of Miles Cunningham.

Bryan Bolton has furnished the information that the persons responsible for the murder of Miles Cunningham are Fred Goetz, Fred Barker, Arthur "Doc" Barker, Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis and Harry Sawyer, and claims that he obtained this information from Fred Goetz.

During the course of the questioning of Alvin Karpis by Special Agents concerning the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer of St. Paul, Minnesota, he was also questioned concerning the murder of the Police Officer. Karpis stated that Harry Sawyer was not in the robbery and inferred that it was Bolton rather than Harry Sawyer who was a participant, and that Bolton shot a stone out of "Doc" Barker's ring with a machine gun.

During the interrogation the statement was made to Karpis by Special Agents that Karpis and other members of his gang did not give Miles Cunningham a chance, but shot him down without warning. To this remark Karpis replied, "That is not so, he was told to stick up his hands."

Karpis would make no direct admission concerning his guilt in connection with this matter, but stated that he had positive reasons to know that Harry Sawyer was not implicated in the murder of Miles Cunningham.

POST OFFICE BOX 812,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

November 6, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir: In re: BRAKID

Reference is made to letter from this office to the Kansas City office dated November 3, 1936, a copy of which was furnished the St. Paul Bureau office.

A review of the file in this case reflects that Charles Carroll was arrested by the St. Paul Police Department on April 14, 1933, and that this information was conveyed to Fred Spohn, fingerprint expert, Sheriff's Office, Chardon, Ohio. In the report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, dated at Detroit, Michigan, December 3, 1934, there is set out on page 12, a letter addressed to Fred Spohn and signed "Frank J. Noonan, per E. Cook", in which it was suggested that Mr. Spohn write to St. Paul and Washington in an effort to secure some information on Carroll.

It is kindly requested that you have an Agent immediately call at the St. Paul Police Department in an effort to locate any letters which Mr. Spohn may have written to them relative to the status of Carroll. If such a letter is located, it is suggested that a transcript of same be made and that the name of the person who is competent to introduce the same in evidence be secured. Kindly designate a copy of your report for the United States Attorney at Cleveland, Ohio, and give this matter your prompt attention, as it is contemplated that this case will be presented to a Federal Grand Jury at Cleveland, Ohio, in a few days.

Very truly yours,

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D. E. HALL,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Okla. City, Okla.	11/3/36	10/27 to 30/36	L. E. Kingman

TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232; et al
~~EDWARD GEORGE BRUNER - Victim~~

CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping; Obstruction of Justice; Harboring of Fugitives; National Firearms Act

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No indication that Milt Lett has been in the vicinity of Coffeyville, Kans., South Coffeyville, Okla., or his home near Wann, Okla. Ted Thornton is not operating a joint at South Coffeyville. Mrs. Constance Ferris, mother of Lett's wife, has not heard from her daughter. Mail cover renewed at Wann, Okla. Postmaster there states very little mail going or coming to the Lett family. Lett was seen by Jake Myers, Jr. of Nowata, Okla. in the early part of Aug., 1936 at Jay, Okla. Relatives of Lett in the vicinity of South Coffeyville, Okla. have heard nothing of him, and contacts made with the view toward accomplishing his surrender.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent A. Paul Kitchin, Cleveland, 9/8/36, and report of Special Agent V. W. Gillen, Kansas City, 9/22/36.

DETAILS: At Nowata, Oklahoma.

Gene Haverfield, police officer, and Hugh Owens, Deputy Sheriff, were contacted. These two officers have maintained constant watch in the vicinity of Milt Lett's home, and have endeavored to secure information as to his whereabouts. Mr. Owens stated that he had been unable to develop any information indicating the present whereabouts of Lett, but that he was certain that Lett

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had not been in the vicinity of his home, because if this were true, he would have received some information to that effect, at least after Lett had made his visit. Gene Haverfield stated that the only information he had been able to develop was that Jake Myers, employed by the Stanolind Pipe Line Company at Nowata, Oklahoma, had told him some time ago that his (Myers) son had seen Milt Lett at Jay, Oklahoma in August, 1936.

Jake Myers was interviewed at his place of employment at the Stanolind Pipe Line Company. Mr. Myers said his son, Jake Myers, Jr., age fourteen, was at Jay, Oklahoma in the early part of August of this year, and that when his son returned home to Nowata he stated he had seen Milt Lett at a little cafe in Jay eating a couple of hamburgers; that Lett was driving a black Ford V-8 Coupe, and that when he saw Myers he hurriedly left the restaurant, jumped into his car, and drove away. Jake Myers, Jr. confirmed this statement, and stated that Lett was alone, and that he was positive of the identity as he had seen Lett several times at Nowata in 1934 during a trial when Lett was accused of having stolen some guns which belonged to the elder Mr. Myers. Jake Myers, Jr. said he did not get the license number from the automobile, and had never seen Lett since that occasion. Mr. Haverfield stated that he had maintained contact with Jake Myers, Sr., and that Myers, with other persons around Nowata who knew Lett, would immediately furnish him any information which they were able to obtain that might be of assistance in locating Lett.

At Wann, Oklahoma.

Chauncey Strain, Postmaster, was contacted. He stated that the Lett family, which receives mail on a rural route, was receiving very little mail at this time, the most frequent letters coming from Mrs. Collins, sister of Lett at Wichita, Kansas. Mr. Strain stated that he had not been forwarding tracings of mail to the Oklahoma City office because recently during a visit to Wann, George Hill, Post Office Inspector at Tulsa, had informed him that it was not necessary for him to take duplicate tracings, but that the tracings which Strain was forwarding to the Post Office Inspectors at Tulsa at their request would be available to agents of this Bureau. A renewal of the mail cover was requested, and Mr. Strain stated that henceforth he would furnish tracings to both the office of the Post Office Inspectors at Tulsa and to the Oklahoma City office of the Bureau. Mr. Strain stated that he and John R. Hendrixson, the carrier on the rural route serving the Letts, were maintaining watch of the mail dispatched by the Lett family, and that very little mail was sent out by this family, most of it being letters to Sears Roebuck & Company or similar communications. Mr. Strain is of the opinion that if Maggie Lett is communicating with Milton Lett she is doing so by some other means than the Wann Post Office.

John R. Hendrixson, rural route carrier, stated that he was maintaining constant watch on both incoming and outgoing mail to the Lett family, and had observed nothing of interest. He stated that he also kept watch of the roads and highways throughout his route each day for some indication that Milt Lett might be in that vicinity, and that he was certain Milt Lett had made no visits to his mother's home, at least during daylight hours.

A letter is being directed to Mr. Strain, the postmaster at Wann, Oklahoma, requesting a renewal of the mail cover on mail addressed to the Lett family.

Walter Anderson, brother-in-law of Milt Lett, was interviewed at his farm six miles east of South Coffeyville, Oklahoma. He stated he does not believe Maggie Lett or Charlie Lett or Sig Lett, mother and brothers of Milt Lett, had heard anything from Milt. He has not seen the Lett family for about four or five weeks, and stated he has not seen Milton Lett since last fall when he got scared and left that part of the country, and has not even heard of him being in the vicinity of Wann or South Coffeyville, Oklahoma. He stated he does not have the slightest idea where Milt Lett could be found. He also stated that he sees Earnest Walker, who resides five miles southwest of South Coffeyville, very frequently. Earnest Walker is another brother-in-law of Milt Lett, and the Walkers receive mail on rural route #5 out of Coffeyville, Kansas. Mr. Anderson stated that he was positive the Walker family was not hearing from Milt Lett, and had no idea where he could be located.

In order that the data might be accurate as to the relatives of Milt Lett, agent discussed the identity of these relatives and their present location with Mr. Anderson. There are some exceptions noted as to the list of relatives set out in the report of Special Agent Kitchin, dated September 8, 1936 at Cleveland; therefore, the following list is given:

Relatives of Milt Lett

Maggie Lett, mother, R. R. #2, Wann, Oklahoma.
Charles Lett, brother (age about 19), R. R. #2, Wann, Oklahoma.
Sig Lett, brother (age about 16), R. R. #2, Wann, Oklahoma.
Jane Lett Collins, sister (wife of Ora Collins), 150 Lula St., Wichita, Kansas.
Ora Collins, brother-in-law, 150 Lula St., Wichita, Kansas.
Clifford Collins, nephew (son of Ora Collins), 150 Lula St., Wichita, Kansas.

Lela Mize, sister (wife of Raymond Mize), 4003 Hydraulic St., Wichita, Kansas.
Raymond Mize, brother-in-law, 4003 Hydraulic St., Wichita, Kansas.
Ethel Walker, sister (previously given as Ethel Lett Forth), wife of Earnest Walker, R. R. #5, Coffeyville, Kansas.
Earnest Walker, brother-in-law, R. R. #5, Coffeyville, Kansas.
Ella Anderson, sister (wife of Walter Anderson), six miles east of South Coffeyville, Oklahoma.
Walter Anderson, brother-in-law, six miles east of South Coffeyville, Oklahoma.
Hazel Anderson, niece, (daughter of Walter Anderson), 21 S. Allen Street, Chanute, Kansas.
Thelma Fritz, niece, (daughter of Walter Anderson), 21 S. Allen Street, Chanute, Kansas.
Herman Fritz, nephew by marriage (husband of Thelma Fritz), 21 S. Allen Street, Chanute, Kansas.
Roy Collins, brother-in-law, Tyro, Kansas.
Tony Collins, nephew (son of Roy Collins), 1455 Fannie Street, Wichita, Kansas.
Fred Collins, nephew (son of Roy Collins), presently residing with Walter Anderson, six miles east of South Coffeyville, Oklahoma.
Ruby Perkey, niece (daughter of Roy Collins), 410 S. 2nd Street, Ponca City, Oklahoma.
Lucille Ferris Lett, wife, address unknown. Her father, A. V. Harris, resides at 803 E. Walnut, McPherson, Kansas. Her mother, Mrs. Constance Ferris, resides at 605 W. 10th Street, Coffeyville, Kansas, and is employed in the WPA sewing room at Coffeyville.

Mr. Anderson stated that Fred Collins, nephew of Milt Lett, who formerly resided at 410 S. 2nd Street, Ponca City, Oklahoma, is presently working on a farm and living part of the time at the Anderson Home; that he had married recently a girl whose last name is McCarty, daughter of a neighbor to Mr. Anderson. Fred Collins is known to have formerly associated with Milt Lett. Mr. Anderson stated that he was positive that Fred Collins had no information which would be of value in locating Milt Lett, as he had talked with Collins on several occasions about Milt Lett, and that Collins would have had no reason to withhold information from Mr. Anderson. Mr. Anderson stated further that he did not believe Maggie Lett was hearing from Milton Lett because at this time she has no money, and on the occasion of her last visit to the Anderson home, about four or five weeks ago, stated that she was

not able to plant any crop of wheat this fall because she had been forced to sell her seed wheat for money to live on. During the interview with Walter Anderson agent indicated that Milt Lett was wanted by this Bureau merely for questioning in the hope that he would be able to assist the Bureau in clearing up the situation with reference to harboring charges now under investigation in Ohio. Mr. Anderson expressed the opinion that it would be much better for Milt Lett and all of his relatives if he were in the custody of this Bureau rather than to be in the custody of some other law enforcement agency which might be seeking him, and that he, Anderson, would at the first opportunity convey this idea to Maggie Lett, mother of Milt Lett, and to all the other relatives. Mr. Anderson stated he had very little association with the Collins branch of the family at Wichita; that there was a possibility that some of the Collins family at Wichita might be hearing from Lett, and through them he communicated with his mother, Maggie Lett, but if this were true, Mrs. Lett was certainly very secretive about it, and did not tell other relatives anything about having heard from Milt Lett.

Following out the suggestions made in the reference report of Special Agent Kitchin, contacts were had with several of the persons mentioned.

With reference to Pearl Stanley, who resides on a farm east of South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, it was ascertained that this woman still maintains her home at this location. Agent was advised by Gene Haverfield, police officer at Nowata, and by George Tobler, Jr., Deputy Sheriff at Coffeyville, Kansas, that there was no indication at the present time that this woman was harboring any thugs; that she would furnish no information to any officer, and that a contact with her from an investigative standpoint would avail nothing, even if she knew anything about Milt Lett, which was seriously doubted by these officers. Agent drove by her place, which is a two story brick house, and there was no indication of any activity around these premises.

Charley McCabe, who operates the McCabe filling station at South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, was contacted. He apparently, at the present time, is perfectly willing to assist this Bureau in locating Milt Lett, or in any other matter regarding the apprehension of fugitives. This attitude on his part has shown improvement since the apprehension of Karpis and Campbell, as he was probably fearful of the consequences if he furnished any information prior to their apprehension. McCabe stated he had endeavored constantly to ascertain some information that would be of assistance in the location of Milt Lett, and that he was positive that Milt Lett had not been in the vicinity of South Coffeyville or his home at Wann, Oklahoma since he left Coffeyville, Kansas last winter. Mr. McCabe stated that his brother, Les McCabe, who formerly worked for him at the McCabe filling station is now located in the

oil fields on a drilling job near the first little town north of Russell, Kansas. Mr. McCabe stated he saw Charles Lett, brother of Milt Lett, at least once a week, and has approached him several times on the subject of Milt Lett's whereabouts; that he has even gone so far as to ply Charles Lett with beer and liquor in the hope that he would loosen up and tell something about Milt Lett, but that these efforts have been unsuccessful. He stated he would continue his contacts with Charles Lett, and all others who might be in a position to furnish such information. He stated he knew how to communicate with the Oklahoma City office, and would not hesitate to furnish any information which he obtained.

In order that data might be contained in this file giving accurate information as to the Hill family, Charley McCabe was questioned. He stated that the Hills around South Coffeyville, Oklahoma consisted of four members; that Gus Hill and Fred Hill are brothers, and are cousins to Tom Hill and Claude Hill, who are brothers. Mr. McCabe stated that Gus Hill is presently serving a sentence in the Kansas State Penitentiary; that Fred Hill is presently living at South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, and is working for Tom Hill. He stated that Tom Hill is presently in South Coffeyville, and is on appeal bond, his case pending review by the Court of Appeals for a life sentence given him at Independence, Kansas. It is not believed that Tom Hill at this time would furnish any information to any officer, as he is very bitter over this conviction. Claude Hill is presently serving a jail sentence of six months in the county jail at Independence, Kansas.

During the visits of agent to South Coffeyville, Oklahoma and contacts had with Charley McCabe, it was ascertained that Dollie Hill, wife of Gus Hill, was not at home and was on a temporary visit somewhere. This woman is a close contact and informant of George Tobler, Jr., Deputy Sheriff at Coffeyville, Kansas. It should be here noted that George Tobler, Jr. is a distant cousin of the Hills. This relationship apparently does not deter Tobler from his efforts as a law enforcement officer. When Tobler was contacted at Coffeyville he stated he had been contacting Dollie Hill frequently; that he asked her if she had any information relative to Milt Lett, and she always stated she did not know anything about where he could be located.

It was ascertained that Lynn Hicks and Charley Harris are associated together, and operating the State Line Filling Station and the Hicks Night Club on the state line south of Caney, Kansas. Neither of these parties has any close connections at the present time at South Coffeyville, Oklahoma. Deputy Sheriff George Tobler, Jr., Coffeyville, Kansas, stated he made casual calls on Lynn Hicks and Charley Harris at their places of business, and they had no information concerning Milt Lett. Mr. Tobler stated

he was certain that if these parties ever come into possession of any information concerning Lett they will communicate with him immediately.

Harry Sherman, mentioned as a contact, also known as "Boogy Woogy," operates the Nut House, a night club at South Coffeyville, Oklahoma. According to Charley McCabe, this person is entirely unreliable. George Tobler, Jr. and officers at Nowata, Oklahoma also consider this person unreliable. He should not be approached directly for any information. There is no reason to believe that he is in possession of any information concerning Lett, and it is also believed that should Lett contact Harry Sherman, Charley McCabe or the officers mentioned would learn of the incident, and the information would be conveyed to the Oklahoma City office.

The same situation exists as to Al Sherwood, who still resides at South Coffeyville and is employed by Tom Hill in Tom Hill's night club, the Casa Del Camino.

Mrs. Ester Twilley, 1401 South Elm Street, Coffeyville, Kansas, was contacted, and she stated that Mrs. Constance Ferris, mother of Lucille Ferris Lett, is now living at 605 West 10th Street, Coffeyville, Kansas, and is employed in the WPA sewing room at Coffeyville. Mrs. Twilley stated that she had no positive information to furnish at this time concerning the whereabouts of Milt Lett, but that she possessed the address and telephone number of the Oklahoma City Bureau office, and would furnish any information she obtained to the Oklahoma City office. Mrs. Twilley is the mother-in-law of Ted Thornton, who operates the night club between Fort Scott, Kansas and Nevada, Missouri, where the last contact was had with Milt Lett. She stated Ted Thornton still operates this night club, and that he is not operating any joint at South Coffeyville. Mrs. Twilley does not believe Ted Thornton knows at the present time anything as to the whereabouts of Milt Lett, as she repeatedly questions Ted Thornton whenever he comes to Coffeyville. She pointed out, however, that the associates of Ted Thornton in the operation of this night club are Earl Morris, who is married to another daughter of Mrs. Twilley, Edith Morris, and Roy Risner. Mrs. Twilley stated that she is of the opinion that if Milt Lett ever made any visits to Ted Thornton's night club, he would stay in one of the tourist cabin shacks which are located on a farm owned and operated by Roy Risner. She stated that neither Earl Morris nor Roy Risner will ever furnish any information to Bureau agents which might assist in the apprehension of Milt Lett. She pointed out that Earl Morris was the person who had furnished Milt Lett a car when Lett got away from the night club at Nevada, Missouri and later from Fort Scott, Kansas. Mrs. Twilley stated her daughter, Edith Morris, could be made a valuable informant relative to any connections that Milt Lett might have or might establish with Ted Thornton, Earl Morris or Roy Risner. She cautioned that Edith Morris be contacted only in the absence of her husband. She stated that Edith Morris

could be found at 124 State Street, Fort Scott, Kansas, and that any agent contacting her should not mention any specific statement concerning Milt Lett, but that Mrs. Morris would be able to furnish data as to the location of the Roy Risner farm and the tourist cabin shacks which Mrs. Twilley mentioned above. Mrs. Twilley is of the opinion that if Milt Lett comes to that vicinity he and his wife may stay in one of these shacks. Mrs. Twilley stated that she is in a position to obtain information concerning Lett's movements around his home and around South Coffeyville, but that she had heard rumors to the effect that Maggie Lett, Milt Lett's mother, knew that Bureau agents had been contacting Mrs. Twilley, and she was,therefore, not able to contact Mrs. Lett directly. While Mrs. Twilley is somewhat erratic in her statements and inclined to exaggerate, it is believed that if she obtains any information of value she will not hesitate to furnish same to this Bureau. It is believed that she has also been approached by Post Office Inspectors, and is considered an informant by them, as during the conversation with this agent, she confused George Hill, Post Office Inspector, with Paul Hansen, former Special Agent.

It was ascertained by the contact with Mrs. Twilley and with George Tobler, Jr., Deputy Sheriff, that Vivian Hollingsworth Mantooth has separated from her husband. This girl was a former sweetheart of Milt Lett, and is presently living with her mother at 1502 S. Elm Street, Coffeyville, Kansas, and is employed as a bar maid at Glen Kemmerer's cafe at 922 S. Walnut Street, Coffeyville, Kansas. The abovementioned person was used by Postal Inspectors fruitlessly as an informant. The Inspectors went so far as to furnish her with an automobile for about two weeks, and she produced no information of value for them.

Another contact mentioned in reference report of Special Agent Kitchin was Nate Smith, Special Agent, Missouri Pacific Railroad, Coffeyville, Kansas. He was not in Coffeyville at the time of agent's visit, and could not be contacted. George Tobler, Jr., Deputy Sheriff, stated that Nate Smith was a cooperative officer, and that he had frequent contacts with him, but that he knew of no reason why Nate Smith would be in possession of any information concerning Milt Lett.

Mrs. Constance Ferris, mother of Lucille Ferris Lett, was contacted at the WPA sewing room at Coffeyville, Kansas. She stated that she now resides at 605 West 10th Street, Coffeyville, where she has a room. She has been separated from A. V. Ferris, father of Lucille Ferris Lett for some time. Mr. Ferris resides at McPherson, Kansas. Mrs. Ferris said she had heard nothing from her daughter since she left home to marry Milt Lett, and has no idea where she can be presently located. Mrs. Ferris stated that recently she met Maggie Lett on the streets of Coffeyville, Kansas, and with

no one else present informed Mrs. Lett that she no longer had any malice toward Milt Lett for marrying her daughter, would not seek to annul this marriage, and that her only desire was to hear from her daughter and to know that she was safe and in good circumstances. She stated that she begged Mrs. Lett that if she knew anything about where Milt and Lucille could be found to give this information to her confidentially, and Mrs. Lett stated she did not know where they were, and had not heard from Milt for months, but if she knew she would be glad to tell Mrs. Ferris where they could be found. Mrs. Ferris stated she did not believe any of the former girl friends of her daughter knew anything about where she could presently be located.

Agent was informed by George Tobler, Jr., Deputy Sheriff, that he had been approached by Walter Johnson, Marshal of the City Court at Coffeyville, and Johnson had asked if there was any reward being offered for the location of Milt Lett, and indicated that he either had some information or was in a position to develop some information concerning Lett's whereabouts.

Walter Johnson was contacted, and stated he believed he could assist in the location of Milt Lett, providing money was forthcoming to pay his expenses, but when Johnson was questioned relative to any information in his possession he apparently had none other than what is well known to the Bureau. He stated that Lett hung around Ted Thornton's place on the highway between Fort Scott and Nevada; that he had recently made a trip to Nevada, and was a close friend of Ade Tow, Chief of Police at Nevada, and he thought he would be able, through Mr. Tow, to locate Lett. Agent did not disclose to Mr. Johnson that agents from the Kansas City office were already in close contact with Ade Tow, Chief of Police at Nevada. Johnson was furnished the address of the Oklahoma City office, and was informed that no reward had been offered, but that any data he could supply would be appreciated. He stated he would make efforts to obtain information, and would impart same to the Oklahoma City office if anything developed.

At Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Harold "Fats" Wright, who presently resides at 1721 South Baltimore, Tulsa, and is employed at nights in the offices of the Empire State Express, was interviewed, and for the information of the offices concerned, it should be herein stated that this individual is a brother of Glenn LeRoy Wright, former associate of Harry Campbell. Harold Wright stated he had never known any person by the name of Milt Lett, and that so far as he knew Glen LeRoy Wright had never associated with any such person. Wright stated that the only contacts he had ever had with Bureau agents was a contact with Paul Hansen, former Special Agent, and that he had furnished Agent Hansen with all the data in his possession concerning the associates of Glen LeRoy Wright, Gene Johnson and Harry Campbell prior to the time that Harry Campbell joined the Barker-Karpis mob. He stated he could not have mentioned to Hansen or anyone else at

any time that he had a former friend named Lett, as such was not the case, and he did not know anything about Milt Lett.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE

At Fort Scott, Kansas, will make discreet contact with Mrs. Edith Morris, 124 State Street, in the absence of her husband, and will develop data as to the location of the shacks on the farm of Roy Risner, which might be used as a hideout for Milt Lett, and will seek to develop her as an informant.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE

At Nowata, Wann and South Coffeyville, Oklahoma and at Coffeyville, Kansas, will continue contacts with persons who may be in position to furnish information concerning the location of Milt Lett.

P E N D I N G

November 18, 1936

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Dwight Brantley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1932, et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BRENNER, VICTIM -
KIDNAPING

Dear Sirs

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent L. P. Kingman, dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, November 5, 1936, in which the information is contained that Chauncey Strain, Postmaster at Wann, Oklahoma, failed to furnish tracings of mail received by relatives of Milton Lett at Wann, Oklahoma, to the Oklahoma City Office on instructions of George Hill, Post Office Inspector at Tulsa, Oklahoma, Mr. Strain stating that Mr. Hill had advised him that it was not necessary for him to make duplicate tracings as the tracings furnished to the Post Office Inspectors at Tulsa would be available to Agents of the Bureau.

I desire that you advise me of the details concerning the placing of the cover on the mail addressed to the relatives of Milton Lett at Wann, Oklahoma, and whether George Hill, the Post Office Inspector, at any time advised your office that mail tracings were being received by him which tracings were available to you. It is noted in the report of Special Agent Kingman that Mr. Strain agreed to furnish these tracings directly to your office in the future, and it is requested that immediate attention be given to all such tracings received and that auxiliary offices be notified by telegram or telephone if necessary, to conduct the necessary investigation concerning the persons corresponding with the Lett family.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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St. Paul
Cincinnati
Cleveland

CLEVELAND OHIO
November 5, 1936

E. E. Conroy
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
501 Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia

BREKID REFERENCE LETTER OCTOBER THIRTY FIRST EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION

COLIN MONROE FORWARD PHOTOGRAPH AIR MAIL

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[illegible] Building
Cleveland, Ohio

November 6, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir: RE: BREKID

Transmitted herewith are the following serials forwarded to this office under date of August 11, 1936, for the use of Special Agent S. K. McKee:

Report of Special Agent M. D. Brown, Chicago, Illinois, dated 9/19/34;
" " Special Agent in Charge William Larson, Detroit, Michigan, dated 9/28/34;
" " Special Agent M. D. Brown, Chicago, Illinois, dated 10/1/34;
" " Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan, dated 12/3/34;
" " Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan, dated 2/25/35.

Very truly yours,

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J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 2118
Detroit - Michigan
November 6, 1936

Mr. John J. Ryan
Superintendent
United States Detention Farm
Milan, Michigan

Re: BREKID

Dear Mr. Ryan:

This will acknowledge receipt of photostatic copy of letter dated October 17, 1936, written by Wynona Burdette, an inmate of your institution, to her sister, Mrs. R. D. Wilson, Hominy, Oklahoma.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Herold H. Reinecke
Special Agent in Charge

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Bureau letter dated October 22, 1936, I proceeded to West Plains, Missouri, for the purpose of interviewing Sheriff J. D. Threlkeld, and County Attorney Floyd Bean, with reference to the murder case which they have against Alvin Harpis at that point. Upon interviewing them I ascertained that neither of these men held any official position in the county at the time of the murder, which occurred on December 19, 1931, and that the investigation which was conducted immediately after this murder was conducted by a large number of citizens in the community, many of whom had no official position.

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Consequently, in order to ascertain all the facts it was necessary for me to also interview Mrs. C. R. Kelley, widow of the sheriff who was killed by Harpis; Mr. James [illegible]ridges, a carpenter, who was Chief Deputy Sheriff at the time of the crime; Mr. W. O. Davidson, owner of the garage in which the murder occurred and Mr. Clarence McCallon, proprietor of a clothing store in West Plains. The information set out hereinafter is a summary of the information obtained from all of these individuals:

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

About the middle of October, 1931, one A. W. Dunlop rented a farm one and one-half miles from Thayer, Missouri. He was accompanied by a woman who was supposed to be his wife but has since been identified as being Kate Barker. Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis were in and out of this particular farm, driving a DeSota Sedan. On December 17, 1931, the clothing store of Clarence McCallon was burglarized and about $2000. worth of clothing stolen. After the burglary some one recalled having seen a strange automobile cruising alleys in the vicinity of the store a few days prior to the burglary. Some one had jotted down the license number (no one knows what this license number was) and gave it to Sheriff Kelley. Sheriff Kelley told the men working in the garage of W.O. Davidson this license number and requested in the event they should see it again to notify the Sheriff.

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At about 8:30 on the morning of December 19, 1931, a DeSota Sedan backed into the garage of C. ... Davidson in West Plains, Present in the garage at the time were Davidson and two of his mechanics, Raymond Tiner and Plez James. There were three men in this automobile. One of them got out and later identified himself as Robert Gross, of Paragould, Arkansas, who was hitchhiking and had been picked up by the two men at Thayer, Missouri, and had ridden with them the distance of twenty five miles to West Plains, Missouri. The two men who stayed in the car were later identified as Alvin Harpis and Fred Barker, who requested that the spare tire on the car be repaired. Tiner and James proceeded to repair this tire.

Upon seeing that this car bore the same license number as the Sheriff had previously given him, Mr. Davidson went across the street, met the Sheriff at the Post Office and told him the car bearing the license for which he was seeking was then in his garage. The Sheriff went over to the garage and accosted the two men in the car. He walked up to the driver of the car and told the men they would have to get out of the car as he desired to search them and the car. The driver, later identified as Alvin Harpis, got out of the car backwards and whirled around with a .45 caliber automatic in his hand. He shot the Sheriff in the abdomen. As the Sheriff was shot he clutched the arms of Harpis. The other man in the car, identified as Fred Barker, shot the Sheriff through the arm with a .38 caliber revolver. Several shots were fired, after which Harpis ran out of the front door of the garage and turned into an alley and ran down this alley. Some one in West Plains saw him running down the alley and saw him put a new clip in the automatic. The identity of this person is unknown at the present time. Some one else saw Harpis enter a red Chevrolet Coupe about two blocks from the garage, this leading to the supposition that there were evidently other members of the Harpis-Barker mob in town that morning and were probably intending to rob the bank but their plans went awry when the shooting started. Barker drove out the front door in the DeSota Sedan and it was later found abandoned near Thayer, Missouri. When he drove out of the garage Plez James shot at the car with a .22 caliber rifle and two bullet holes were found in the rear of the DeSota when it was recovered, but the bullets did not penetrate the body very far.

It appears that Sheriff Kelley and others had been conducting investigation at the farm near Thayer, Missouri, where Kate Barker and the boys were living prior to this occurrence inasmuch as word had been received that suspicious characters were seen there. Consequently a raid was staged by a number of citizens on this farm on the night of the murder and a considerable portion of the loot from the burglary was found at this place. There were also a number of photographs, among them being photographs of Harpis and Barker, which were used in the identification of these individuals by the various witnesses.

A few days after the robbery Mrs. Dorothy Harpis came to West Plains looking for Harpis and was taken into custody and questioned concerning Harpis, but no information of value was obtained from her.

WITNESSES.

RAYMOND TINER and FLEE JAMES, West Plains, Missouri, can both identify Harpis as having been the man who fired the shots which killed the Cheriff. Both Tiner and James were in the garage and saw the actual shooting.

ROBERT GROSS, Paragould, Arkansas, can testify that he rode with these individuals from Thayer, Missouri, to West Plains, Missouri, and had a good opportunity to observe them, and can also identify Harpis. Gross was standing behind the automobile watching the other men repair the tire and saw the shooting occur.

W. C. DAVIDSON, West Plains, Missouri, while in the garage at the time of the shooting states he cannot identify Harpis, but can testify relative to the shooting.

CLARENCE McCALLON, West Plains, Missouri, was approaching the garage when the shooting occurred and saw the side of the man shooting. He cannot identify him but states that when the hideout near Thayer was raided a brown suit was found therein which he identified as being identical with the suit worn by the man who was doing the shooting. No one knows what happened to this suit.

RICHARD GREEN, Attorney, West Plains, Missouri, can identify Harpis as being a person seen by him in a cafe in West Plains the night before the murder.

EE MEER, cafe owner, West Plains, Missouri, can identify Harpis as being in his cafe the night preceding the murder.

DR. F. A. BARNES, Thayer, Missouri, can state that he visited the hideout on several occasions and that he saw Harpis there, whom he was treating for gonorrhea, and that Harpis also called at his office on several occasions for treatment.

AUBREY and CECIL CAMPBELL, filling station operators at Thayer, Missouri, can testify that the DeSota Sedan which was used in this murder, and which they saw after it had been abandoned, had been driven to their place several times for gasoline, oil, greasing and washing, and can identify Harpis as being the man who drove this automobile.

MR. GOLDIE TRIBBLE, garage operator, Thayer, Missouri, can testify that he identified the car used in the murder as being

one which a person, whom he identified as Harpis, had driven into his garage on several occasions prior to the murder.

[illegible], Prosecuting Attorney, West Plains, Missouri, can testify that on the day preceding the burglary a man came to his office pretending to be a typewriter repair man. Bean's office was located next door to the store which was burglarized. He can identify this man as being Harpis and can also identify a scarf which Harpis was wearing at that time and which Harpis lost in the alley when he was fleeing from the garage. Mr. Bean believes that Harpis merely came into his office under a pretext in order to look over the surroundings of McCallon's store before it was robbed.

With reference to ballistic evidence, two bullets were recovered. A review of the files in the Kansas City Office reflects that these bullets were sent to the Bureau by the Kansas City Office by letter dated June 6, 1934, in the case entitled "Vernon C. Miller (Deceased), et al - Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner". It is suggested that these bullets be compared with test bullets fired from any guns which may have been recovered from the Harpis-Barker gang in the event this has not already been done by the Technical Laboratory.

CONCLUSION

From the witnesses listed above, it is my opinion that were Harpis to be tried for murder at West Plains, Missouri, he would be convicted. There is some doubt, however, as to whether he would receive the death penalty as the death penalty has never been inflicted in that county. In the past few months a murderer was tried who had killed one of his relatives and then burned the body of his relative in an automobile, but he was given a life sentence.

Mrs. Kelley, widow of the slain sheriff, expressed herself as being opposed to trying Harpis for the murder. She stated she believed he was receiving adequate punishment at the present time, and that if he were to be returned to West Plains he would probably escape.

It is to be noted, however, that I did not suggest to any of these persons that Harpis should be tried at West Plains, nor was it suggested to them that steps should be taken to get him back for trial. I merely stated, in getting this information, it was desired so that our files would be complete with reference to all of the crimes which Harpis might have committed.

At the present time there is no adequate jail at West Plains to keep Harpis were he to be taken there. A new Court

house is now being built which will probably be completed within the next year which will have an adequate jail in it.

The present Prosecuting Attorney and Sheriff leave office on January 1, 1937, at which time new officers who have not as yet been elected will take over the duties of these offices. It is, of course, not known what the attitude of such officials might be toward the prosecution of Harpis. The present Prosecuting Attorney stated that the procedure which would have to be followed in case of a trial would be to bring Harpis to West Plains for a preliminary hearing on an Information, at which time he would be bound over for action at the next term of the Circuit Court, the terms of the Circuit Court being in February, June and October of each year.

While I did not suggest to the Prosecuting Attorney that he take any action with reference to getting Harpis back for trial, he said he had been thinking about writing to the Attorney General requesting that Harpis be brought to West Plains to be tried for this murder, and he indicated he might write such a letter. The impression I gained was that he would like to get such publicity as might accrue to him in bringing Harpis back for a preliminary hearing, although any actual prosecution for the murder would be in the hands of the new Prosecuting Attorney who takes office January 1, 1937.

In view of these facts it is my recommendation that no action be taken until the new Prosecuting Attorney takes office after the first of the year and at that time his attitude be ascertained relative to prosecution. In the event he indicates himself favorable toward a prosecution of Harpis it can then be suggested to him that he correspond with the Attorney General requesting that appropriate arrangements be made to have Harpis returned to West Plains, Missouri, for trial on the murder charge, as I believe he could be convicted although I am doubtful as to whether he would be given the death penalty.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

November 3, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Special Agent in Charge Newman has conducted inquiries at West Plains, Missouri to determine the strength of the state case against Alvin Karpis upon charges of murdering Sheriff Kelley on December 19, 1931. Briefly, there is available at the present time the following evidence:

Positive Evidence

Raymond Tiner and Plez James, West Plains, Mo., can both positively identify Karpis as being the man who fired the shots in the garage which killed the Sheriff. These men were in the garage and saw the shooting.

Robert Gross was standing behind the automobile watching Tiner and James repair a tire and saw the shooting occur. He had previously ridden from Thayer, Mo., to West Plains, Mo. in the car with Karpis and can positively identify him as being the driver of the car.

Aubrey and Cecil Campbell can testify that the DeSota sedan which was used in the murder and which they saw after it had been abandoned, had been driven to their place several times for gasoline, oil, greasing and washing by Karpis.

Goldie Trimble, garage operator, can testify that he identified the car used in the murder as being the one which Karpis had driven into his garage on several occasions.

Affirmative Evidence

Richard Green and Ed Kerr can testify that they saw Karpis in a cafe in West Plains, Mo. the night before the murder.

Dr. F. A. Barnes can testify concerning his treatment of Karpis at the premises occupied by Karpis prior to the shooting.

Floyd Bean can identify Karpis as being a man who came to his office on the day preceding the murder, ostensibly in the capacity of a typewriter repairman, but actually it appears in order to case the bank which was located next door to Bean's office. Bean can also positively identify a scarf which Karpis was wearing when he called at his office and which scarf Karpis lost in the Alley when he was fleeing from the garage after the murder.

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Negative Evidence

W. O. Davidson was in the garage at the time of the shooting but cannot identify Karpis.

Clarence McCallon was approaching the garage when the shooting occurred and saw the side of a man shooting, this man fleeing in a brown suit, which was afterwards found in the hideout near Thayer, where Karpis had been residing. The suit has disappeared, however, and it does not appear that it would be probable for the prosecution to show that Karpis wore the brown suit.

Conclusion

Mr. Newman states and I concur in his belief, that Karpis could be convicted for this murder. Mr. Newman states, however, that he doubts that the death penalty would be imposed, since it has never been inflicted in that county. Mrs. Kelley, the widow of the slain sheriff, expressed herself as being opposed to Karpis' being tried for this murder on the ground that he was receiving adequate punishment at Alcatraz.

There is no adequate jail at West Plains in which Karpis could be held. A new Court House is being built which will be completed next year. The present Prosecuting Attorney and Sheriff leave office on January 1, 193[illegible] and their successors will not be known until after the current election. Terms of court are held in February, June and October of each year. It appears, therefore, that we should wait until after the new attorney is inducted into office, contact him, ascertain whether he will proceed against Karpis and whether he will endeavor to obtain the death penalty. If trial is undertaken it would be necessary under the state procedure to bring Karpis to West Plains for a preliminary hearing on an information, after which he would be bound over for the next term of the Circuit Court. It would appear that this procedure should be followed that is, the bringing of Karpis back to West Plains only at a time immediately preceding a term of Court.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

Approved. I think that if there is sufficient evidence to convict him of this murder he should be tried for it provided the prosecuting attorney really intends to get the death sentence.

11/4/36 J. E. H.

RCS:RD

November 7, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL McMAHON

I am in receipt of information from the Jacksonville Office of this Bureau that the trial of Joe Adams and Henry "Duke" Randall for the harboring of Alvin Karpis has been set for February 15, 1937 at Miami, Florida.

Will you please advise me whether Mr. Walter L. Barlow will try this case as originally planned, or whether another Special Assistant to the Attorney General will be designated to prosecute the case against Adams and Randall.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

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Kansas City	11-7-36	10-29-36	H. A. SNOW wlc

TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232, ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM

CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mrs. Eva Hooper, 1107 South 33rd Street, St. Joseph, Missouri, denies having any information as to the present whereabouts of Milton Lett or his wife, Lucille Ferris Lett. Mrs. Hooper's attitude not cooperative at present.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. B. Brown, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 9-15-36.

Summary report of Special Agent A. Paul Kitchen, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 9-8-36.

DETAILS: At St. Joseph, Missouri.

Agent interviewed Mrs. Eva Hooper (not Hopper) at her residence, 1107 South 33rd Street. Mrs. Hooper's attitude during the interview was not cooperative in the least and she first stated that she had been worried and harassed by other Government officers (probably Post Office Inspectors) and also some state officers, whose identity she did not know, causing her much embarrassment and worry. Agent endeavored to secure the cooperation of Mrs. Hooper by pointing out to her that it would probably cause the mother of Lucille Ferris considerable pleasure to locate her daughter and that if she had any information whatever same should be voluntarily given. Mrs. Hooper advised that she has

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had no word as to the whereabouts of her niece, Lucille Ferris Lett, since shortly after she heard that they were married. She stated that she had only seen Milton Lett on one occasion and that for only a few minutes while he stood on her front porch with his wife and conversed with her for a short period. Since that time she has had no word, either directly or indirectly, from either Lett or his wife, Lucille.

Mrs. Hooper stated that on one occasion some officers searched her premises and scared her and her neighbors to death in an effort to locate Lett, but she certainly did not and would not allow him to remain in her home after learning that he is wanted. When requested by Agent to inform the Kansas City Office of any information which she might receive in the future Mrs. Hooper replied in the negative, but it is felt that should her acquaintance be cultivated it might result in some possible information being received in the future as to the location of her niece, Lucille, and possibly Lett himself. At present, however, her attitude is that she does not wish to be bothered, does not know where her niece or Lett are located, and would not inform the Bureau if she did know. She advised further that she is and appeared to be ill over the worry occasioned her by officers in the past in an effort to locate Lett. However, Mrs. Hooper gave the impression of being a rather conscientious and hard working woman and whose cooperation could be counted upon should she promise same.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

The KANSAS CITY OFFICE at St. Joseph, Missouri, will, after the lapse of a reasonable length of time, again contact Mrs. Eva Hooper, 1107 South 33rd Street, and endeavor to secure her cooperation in locating her niece, Lucille Ferris Lett.

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1308 Masonic Temple Building,
New Orleans, La.
November 6, 1936.

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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

Dear Sir:

On October 27, 1936, Superintendent of Police George I. Reyer, New Orleans, Louisiana, telephoned me for some information on the National Stolen Property Act and also on the Federal Fleeing Felon Act. Mr. Reyer has been out of town most of the time since I have been in charge of this office, and since this was my first contact with him, I suggested that he give me an appointment for a conference at a date convenient to himself. Mr. Reyer obliged me in this matter, and on Friday, October 30, 1936, Special Agent C. E. Weeks, Special Agent (A) V. R. Clary, who is the Number One man at this office, and myself had a conference with Mr. Reyer in his office. Mr. Reyer had all of his Captains of Detectives present, and the agents accompanying me and myself had an opportunity to meet most of the high ranking officers on the New Orleans Police Force.

This meeting afforded me an opportunity to inform Mr. Reyer and his officers concerning the National Stolen Property Act and the Federal Fleeing Felon Act, as well as to discuss other interesting phases of law enforcement.

Towards the conclusion of our visit, Mr. Reyer mentioned the incident which occurred at Fred Hunter's apartment on Canal Street, just after Hunter and Alvin Karpis were apprehended by yourself and Agents of the Bureau. In bringing this matter up, he did so in a manner which suggested to myself and all present that it had caused some unpleasant feelings at the time but should be forgotten. In a very few words, I agreed with Mr. Reyer, and I believe that the incident has been put in the background for good. Captain of Detectives William O. Bell approached me after I left Mr. Reyer's office and said that he had been the officer to whom a Bureau Agent's remarks had been directed, and that he no longer felt offended in any way. Captain Bell and I exchanged very few words, and with a laugh and a hand shake we parted.

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I am writing this letter primarily to inform you that this incident does not appear to retain any further importance with the New Orleans Police Department, and, of course, it is a closed subject with myself and the other agents here.

I also desire to inform you that I consider the visit by myself and the other agents with Mr. Reyer and his officers to have been highly successful in tending to create a more friendly and cordial relationship between our two offices.

Very truly yours,

R. L. Tollett,
Special Agent in Charge.

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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: Original letters from Fred C. Spohn, F.P.E. Sheriff's Office, Chardon, Ohio, dated 7-15-34 and 7-24-34, together with carbon copies of replies, obtained from Mr. C. W. Wilson, Record Clerk, Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas.

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Letter from Chicago Bureau Office dated 11-4-36.

DETAILS:

At the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, C. W. Wilson, Record Clerk, was interviewed and the files in the case of Charles Carroll, Number 1049, former inmate of that institution, were examined. The following letter, dated at Chardon, Ohio, 7-15-34, signed by Fred C. Spohn, F.P.E., Sheriff's Office, was found:

"on secret information receaved i am writing you for information if you have it, on one Charles Carroll Transferred from Reformatory to Kansas Pen in 1924 or 29 i would like very much to have a photo-Record and finger print class of him.

"

with thanking you in advance, i Remain

A reply to this letter signed by Mr. Wilson was also found in the files and is quoted as follows:

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"Agreeable to your request of July 15th I am herewith enclosing a descriptive photograph of our Charles Caroll.

Trusting this to be the desired information, I am "

A letter signed by the same individual dated 7-24-34 at Chardon, Ohio, was also located, and is quoted as follows:

"Mr. Wilson

Dear Sir:

In Re - to Charles Caroll we would like a little more information if it isent too much bother, was this man paroled - and have you any idea where this man is now or where he can be Located, and if he has Relatives were can they be located, we would like very mutch to locate this man, with thanking you in advance

I remain

Yours truly "

The following letter was written by Mr. C. W. Wilson, Record Clerk, dated July 26, 1934, in answer to the above:

"I have your letter of July 24th relative to our Charles Carroll. Be advised that this man was not paroled from this institution, but was discharged by expiration. He served two terms in the Oklahoma Penitentiary, the first one being 1 year, 3 months and 25 days. The second one being of 2 years, 5 months and 9 days duration. He was discharged on both these terms. At the time he entered this institution he asserted that his parents were both dead and gave no other relatives. The last report we have on this man was his arrest in St. Paul, Minn. April 13, 1933, same name."

The original letters signed by Fred C. Spohn, dated 7-15-34 and 7-24-34 at Chardon, Ohio, together with carbon copy replies by Mr. C. W. Wilson, dated July 18, 1934 and July 26, 1934, are being forwarded herewith to the Chicago Office for whatever action they deem advisable. These letters should be returned to this office when they have served their purpose so they may be placed in the files at the penitentiary. The proper person to subpoena for the purpose of identifying these letters is C. W. Wilson, Record Clerk, Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, he having placed his initials at the top of same for identification purposes.

The following statement of Charles Carroll with regard to his escape March 9, 1929 in company with Hill, O'Keefe and Karpis,

dated March 15, 1929, was also found in the files of the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas:

"March 15th, 1929.

Statement of Charles Carroll, #6968 in regards to his escape March 9th, 1929 in company with Hill, O'Keefe and Karpis.

Carroll states that the padlock at the rear of No. 3 cell house was picked and that O'Keefe did the work and it took him about 5 minutes to open it; then O'Keefe and Karpis went back to the garage door and broke that lock. He (Carroll) and Hill were at the rear of the cell house watching for them. After the locks were fixed they all came back and got into there cells for count.

After count they all left the cell house at about the same time, went into the garage broke into the tool room and got the saws. Carroll and O'Keefe sawed the bar. After they got out all went to the railroad tracks and agreed to part. Hill and Carroll going to the right down the tracks and the other two taking the direction to the left. (From this on his story is the same as Hills.)"

The carbon copy of the above, procured from the penitentiary, is also being transmitted herewith to the Chicago Office to be returned to this office when it has served its purpose.

Descriptive photograph of Charles Carroll, Number 1049, Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, is being forwarded to the Chicago Office. Descriptive photograph of Carroll is also being forwarded to the Cleveland Office.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE KANSAS CITY BUREAU OFFICE. Further investigation will be conducted at the Kansas State Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, for the purpose of ascertaining the prior association of Karpis and Carroll while inmates of that institution. It was ascertained that D. J. Wilson was Assistant Superintendent of the Kansas State Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, in April 1928, and at the time of the escape of the above mentioned individuals. The Record Clerk in that institution now is a Mr. Ford, who will be interviewed for the purpose of ascertaining any information he might have.

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SANFORD BATES
DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
BUREAU OF PRISONS
WASHINGTON

October 24, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Your memorandum of October 22, 1936, has been received, and, together with the letter from Mrs. Newbold, sister of Alvin Karpis which you enclosed, has been forwarded for the attention of the Board of Parole.

In connection with the case of Dolores Delaney I cannot help but feel that the publication of the letters from her to Karpis and from Karpis back to her, which appeared in last month's American Magazine, which article was attributed to you, was a mistake.

I inquired of the Superintendent of the Detention Farm at Milan as to how these letters happened to be released and he stated that the originals were sent to your Special Agent at Detroit at his request. They were returned and after censorship were forwarded to the addressees.

I believe that this Bureau should register its objections to the publication of these letters for two reasons; first, because it is the policy of this Bureau not to publicize such matters. The letters were delivered to your Agent for the specific purpose of giving confidential information about the prisoners. We have always tried to cooperate in every way with your Agents and have worked on the assumption that confidential material turned over to them would remain confidential. The care, custody and control of United States prisoners is the function of this Bureau. It is our contention, therefore, that the publication of confidential matter affecting these prisoners should not be made against the objection of this Bureau.

In the second place, I believe that with a considerable section of the population such letters may develop sympathy for the prisoner and thus make the task of the Parole Board more difficult.

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hy can't we get together on some occasion and discuss some of the policies which affect our joint enterprises?

Sanford Saltz

Director.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
November 2, 1936.

Time - 4:07 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Harboring Cases in Ohio.

Mr. Connelley telephoned me from Ohio and said that they talked to the Judge about this matter today; that the Judge will call the grand jury for November 30, 1936, and no sooner; the warrants will be authorized on the 21st and the Judge will call the Commissioner into his chambers and instruct him that there is to be no possibility of any leak as to the matter. It was further agreed that there would be no hearing between the 21st and the 30th, and such time thereafter as the grand jury would require to return the indictments.

Mr. Connelley understands that the reason the Judge put this time up so far is because he is going away on some trip about the middle of the month in connection with a football game of some sort. Mr. Connelley said that he believes the USA made every effort he could to get the Judge to agree to an earlier date, but the Judge would not consider anything prior to that time.

In the meantime, there are a few investigative leads to be covered in that vicinity, and then, too, we want to start getting a definite line on the subjects so that we won't have any difficulty in finding them when the time comes for them to be picked up. Mr. Connelley said that he thought possibly the time here could be spent in laying some kind of ground work in Hot Springs, Arkansas. We are also going to have to move on the Miami situation ina short time, too.

I told Mr. Connelley that I would get this information in to you and see what your reaction is.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

7-576-13229

COPY

Toledo, Ohio
November 7, 1936

J. Edgar Hoover
Bureau Federal Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The cause of which I am writing to you is one of the greatest importance.

As you know the last election of November 3, was a landslide for President Roosevelt and the entire Democratic party. It was such a landslide in fact, that our entire State and County Democrats were elevated to office. I am calling this fact to your attention from a non political standpoint and only as a law abiding citizen of Lucas County, Ohio.

Voicing the sentiments of many and the majority of the people, I have taken it upon myself to inquire of you or your Department for advice and if possible your p rsonal cooperation.

Sheriff James O'Reilly has been re-elected. As you probably know, this is the man who a few months ago was harboring Harry Campbell. And who a few weeks later, issued the statement that he had captured a certain Charles Nolan wanted for a charge of forgery. It was then foud out that the Sheriff had cooked up the deal with the forger in order that the Sheriff would gain a little publicity. Nolan had really given himself up. I'm quite sure you know of the reputation of this so called chief law enforcement officer of our County.

Your own Department has issued statements concerning this man. You well know that at the time of these incidents the newspapers, both Republican and Democratic organizations have asked this man to resign and yet he must have foreseen his re-election through the dynamic strenght of the President and his party. His opposition Louis J. Haas was expected to defeat him and had it not been for the National ticket he would have done so, and very badly too. The question is, how can we, the people, oust, or over rule this re-election which is to last for the next four years? We cannot bear to see a man of such character rule, and yet indirectly, he has been put there. Could you please write me advice, or personally, look into the matter. My name must not be mentioned, and this is strictly confidential between you and myself.

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I am anxiously awaiting your immediate reply, and proceedings.

Respectfully,

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November 17, 1936

Mr. Frederick D. Abodeely,
1129 Ontario Street,
Toledo, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter of November 7, 1936, complaining of conditions prevailing in Toledo and requesting that I suggest to you some manner in which you may take appropriate action to remove from office candidates elected at the recent November election.

I regret to advise you that it is impossible for me to offer any suggestion to you in this matter, but recommend that you consult a reputable attorney for appropriate advice.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Cleveland

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D. M. Ladd
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Building
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OFFICE TUESDAY MORNING

CONNELLEY

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

CLEVELAND OHIO
November 8, 1936

C. W. Stein
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
404 New York Building
St. Paul, Minnesota

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1308 Masonic Temple Building
New Orleans, Louisiana
November 6, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: Brekid

Dear Sir:

Complying with the request contained in your letter dated at Chicago November 4, 1936, I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter dated at this office October 26, 1936, having reference to the tracing of certain guns.

In the future, copies of all reports and communications will be furnished your office in every instance.

Very truly yours,

R. L. Tollett,
Special Agent in Charge.

Enc.

cc-Bureau
Cincinnati
Cleveland (Enc.)

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ost ffi ce Box 81
hicago Illinois

November 7, 1936

Mr. .J.Kynn
Po t ffice Box 383
Toledo, Ohio

RE: BUFKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent William Larson dated at Detroit, Michigan September 28, 1934, in the above entitled case. It will be noted on page 5 of this report that Mr. Larson conducted some investigation at the address 1711 - 12th Street, Toledo, Ohio, which address was furnished by William Beaver and Myrtle Eaton to Mrs. Billgrube at the time they rented a house from them at Grand Forest Beach, Ohio. It was ascertained by Mr. Larson that this address is that of an apartment house, and that Bill Beaver and Myrtle Eaton resided there for two weeks in May, 1934.

The persons interviewed were unable to furnish any other information concerning Beaver and the Eaton woman except to state that Bill Beaver had informed them that he was contemplating going to work for Ted Angus at the Casino Club on Summit Street, Toledo, Ohio.

It was noted that the investigating agent failed to report the name under which Bill Beaver and Myrtle Eaton were residing at 1711 - 12th Street, Toledo, Ohio, and in this connection it will be recalled that they used the name Mr. and Mrs. Thornton while residing in Aurora, Illinois just prior to this period. It will also be recalled that shortly subsequent thereto Bill Beaver purchased an automobile under the name of J.A.Orwood, and in view of this it is likely that Bill Beaver used either the name Thornton or Orwood while residing at the above mentioned address.

It is requested that another inquiry be made at 1711 - 12th Street, Toledo, Ohio, for further detailed information regarding the occupancy of Eaton and Bill Beaver at that place in May, 1934. It is suggested that a signed statement be obtained from that person who was informed by William Beaver that he was contemplating going to work for Ted Angus.

It is further suggested that you check with the three newspapers in Toledo, Ohio in an effort to ascertain whether any of the below named persons and places were subscribers to any of the Toledo newspapers during the year 1934-35:

Edith Parks (paramour of George Timiney in 1934)
Bert Angus - residence
Ted Angus - residence
Casino Club
Joe Roscoe - residence
Broadway's 42nd Street Cafe
Joval Club
Private Cab Service Company
Frank P. Greenwald - residence
Rene Polst - residence
Thelma Polst - residence
Lucien Fleming - residence
Goulet's Grill
Fred Goulet - residence
Edward McGraw - residence
Art Langendorf - residence
Edith Barry

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

JLM:FB
cc Bureau
Cleveland
Cincinnati

Post Office Box 818
Chicago, Illinois

November 7, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Cincinnati, Ohio

RE: BARKER

Dear Sir:

Edna Murray, an important witness in the coming trial of George Tinney, et al, at Cleveland, Ohio, is expected to testify that during the latter part of January, 1934, or the first part of February, 1934, Fred Barker requested her and Wynona Burdette to go with Willie Harrison to Toledo, Ohio, and obtain a set of Ohio license plates for his automobile; that upon their arrival in Toledo, Ohio Wynona Burdette, Willie Harrison and she proceeded to the Casino Club and at this place Harrison contacted Coolie Monroe, a subject in this case, and asked him to secure a set of license plates in the name of T. C. Blackburn, he giving Coolie the title to Fred Barker's car.

Edna Murray will further state that on the following evening Willie Harrison in her presence secured the license plates from Coolie Monroe at the Casino Club, after which they proceeded to Chicago, Illinois.

A review of the files in the Chicago office reflects that in January, 1934, Fred Barker apparently possessed two automobiles in the name of T. C. Blackburn. It appears that one was a 1933 model Ford standard sedan, motor No. 18-493080, and the other was possibly a Buick sedan, motor No. 2858080, serial 2703063.

With the foregoing information in mind, it is suggested that you have an agent check at the record division Bureau of Motor Vehicles at Columbus, Ohio in an effort to ascertain whether any car was registered in the name of T. C. Blackburn in Lucas County, Ohio during January or February, 1934. If such a registration is located, it is suggested that a photostatic copy of same be obtained and forwarded to the Cleveland Bureau office. It may be that the handwriting appearing on this document can be proven to be identical with that of Coolie Monroe.

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It is suggested that the above investigation be conducted as early as possible as it is contemplated that this case will be presented to the Federal grand jury at Cleveland, Ohio, in the near future.

Very truly yours,

D. M. HADD
Special Agent in Charge

JLY:FB
cc Bureau ✓
Cleveland

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

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

November 3, 1936.

Time - 2:55 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Courtney Ryley Cooper telephoned me from New York City and said that in checking on the William Elmer Meade matter, he noticed where he was indicted in 1922 for the fraud down in Florida; that he was in the penitentiary at Cannon City, Colorado, between the years of 1923 and 1925, and was released in 1925. He said he was wondering why the Post Office Inspectors did not pick him up when he was released from prison in 1925. Then, too, he said he was wondering if Meade's wife, San Francisco Kate Smith, had any criminal record.

After checking the files in this matter, I advised Mr. Cooper that according to available records, the Post Office Inspectors took Meade into custody when he was released from the Cannon City, Colorado, Penitentiary on September 4, 1925, and that he evidently posted bond at this time, although it cannot be verified from any available records. Subsequently, however, on August 11, 1933, the Post Office Inspectors again apprehended Meade at Chicago, Illinois, where he posted bond on August 24, 1933, which bond he subsequently jumped, and Meade was a fugitive on this latter bond when he was apprehennded by the Bureau Agents.

I informed Mr. Cooper that the wife of Meade, San Francisco Kate Smith, had no criminal record.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

7-576-1233

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TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1323, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BRELER - VICTIM

CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Criminal and correspondence records of Colin Munro, USP, Atlanta, Ga., #39536 and George Eberly with aliases, USP, Atlanta, Ga., #39537 obtained from USP and set forth herein. Additional correspondence records Benson Groves, USP, Atlanta, Ga. #6998 obtained and set forth herein. Photographs of Munro and Eberly forwarded to Cleveland Bureau Office.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Atlanta, dated 10-12-36;
Bureau letter to Mr. E. J. Connelly, Cleveland, 10-13-36;
Report of Special Agent L. C. Taylor, Atlanta, 10-31-36;
Letter from the Cleveland Office, 10-31-36.

DETAILS: The records of the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, reflect that Colin Munro, #39536 was received at the Penitentiary from the Northern District of Ohio for violation of the National Prohibition Act (transportation) under sentence of one year and one day, on November 5, 1931; that said sentence had been imposed on September 24, 1931; that he was discharged by expiration of sentence July 22, 1932 and was given transportation to his home in Lorraine, Ohio.

The records of the Penitentiary also reflect that George Eberly, with aliases, Whitey Eberle, Daniel Joseph Eberly, #39537 who was a co-defendant with Munro was discharged from the Penitentiary on October 2, 1932 and furnished transportation to Toledo, Ohio.

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While incarcerated in the Penitentiary, Munro had no visitors. The records, however, reflect that he corresponded with the following persons:

LETTERS SENT

D. W. Munro	1340 W. Monroe St.	Phoenix, Arizona
Russel Appeman or Apperman	Friend	Vermillion, Ohio
Hymie Darling	Friend	5th Ave & Stephenson St. % Nathan, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Harold Williams	Friend	% Carl Ernie Kelly's Island, Ohio
Cyrus Donnelly	Attorney	Toledo, Ohio
Davey Smith	Friend	Danburg, Ohio
Mr. O. K. or H. Poll	Friend	18-10th St., Toledo, Ohio
Mr. Mike Peen or Punn or Pern	Friend	634 Broadway, Lorraine, Ohio
Roy or Ray Moorehead	Friend	Toledo, Ohio
Mr. Stephen Finjehas	Attorney	Toledo, Ohio
Mr. D. M. Munro	Son	26 [illegible]. Congress St. Hartford, Conn.
Mr. Thomas Berry	Friend	794 N. 41st St. E. St. Louis, Ill.
Guy Tibbles or Pibbles	Friend	Danburg, Ohio

LETTERS RECEIVED

W. F. Peer	Friend	Lorraine, Ohio
"Don"	Brother	Hartford, Conn.
"Chattanooga News"		Danb. (probably Danburg, Ohio)
"Buster"		Kelly's Island, Ohio
"Buster"	Friend	E. St. Louis, Mo.
"Berry"	Friend	Toronto, Canada
"Don" or "Dan"		St. Johns N.B., Canada
"Nellie"	Friend	Toledo, Ohio
Roy Moorehead, U. S. District Court		Toledo, Ohio

Under date of November 23, 1931 the Bureau furnished the Penitentiary with the following criminal record for Colin Munro:

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[redacted]

The following information appears on above print:

[redacted]

The following notation appears on the above print:

[redacted]

The following description of Munro was obtained from the records of the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta:

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Age [redacted]
Height
Weight
Build
Hair
Eyes
Complexion
Occupation
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Religion
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Six photographs of Munro were obtained from the U. S. Penitentiary and are being forwarded with copies of this report to the Cleveland Office by air mail, special delivery.

The records of the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, contained the following description of George Eberly, with aliases:

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Age	[redacted]
Height	
Weight	
Build	
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Eyes	
Complexion	
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A photograph of Eberly was also obtained from the Penitentiary and is being forwarded to the Cleveland Office, air mail, special delivery, with copies of this report to that office.

In reviewing Eberly's correspondence record at the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, it was noted that he corresponded with a number of individuals with whom Munro also corresponded. For this reason a complete list of persons to whom and from whom Eberly sent and received letters is being set forth below:

LETTERS SENT

Miss Alice Lester	General Delivery	Amherstburg, Ont. Canada
J. A. Finch		Washington, D. C.
Chas. Davis	Friend	1111 Moore St., Toledo, Ohio
Miss Gretchen Windnagle,	Friend	223E Madison St., Sandusky, Ohio
Mrs. Stella Eberly	Mother	Lakeside, Ohio
Mr. Geo. or Joe or Goe Lazzara	Friend	223 Center, Sandusky, Ohio
Mr. Hymie Darling	Friend	5th Ave & Stephenson, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Mr. G. W. Hoffman	Friend	124 W. Front, Perrysburg, Ohio
Mr. Theo Hilt	Friend	Shoane Hotel, Sandusky, Ohio

Tom Hansor	Friend	Sandusky
Miss Marion Eberly	Sister	Lakeside, Ohio
Julian Shade	Friend	Sandusky
Miss Lola Lange	Friend	Sandusky
Miss Goldie Russell	1709 Center St.	Winston, Salem, N. C.
Mrs. Alice Nolan		221 Decatur St.,
		Sandusky, Ohio
Roy Moorehead	Friend	Toledo, Ohio
C. Goodchild	Friend	Amherstburg, Ont.
Harol Williams	Friend	Danburg, Ohio

LETTERS RECEIVED

Mother	Friend	Lakeside, Ohio
"Charley"		Toledo, Ohio
Budd and Bobby		Amherstburg, Ont.
Theo A. Hut or Hirt		Sandusky, Ohio
Marian	Sister	Lakeside, Ohio
Emma C. Duagle	Friend	Lakeside, Ohio
"Lola"	Friend	Sandusky, Ohio
Dept. of Justice		Washington, D. C.
U. S. Attorney		Toledo, Ohio
Harold		Sandusky, Ohio
Mrs. Joe Robel	Friend	Lakeside, Ohio

While incarcerated at the Penitentiary and on March 18, 1932 Eberly was visited by Mr. and Mrs. John Grow, Post Office Box 404, Lakeside, Ohio.

Under date of November 24, 1931 the Bureau furnished the Penitentiary the criminal record of George Eberly from which it was noted that

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[redacted]

The original file on Benson Groves, #6998 at the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, reflects

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The file mentioned reflects that on February 9, 1917 [redacted]

The original file on Benson Groves further reflects that his [redacted]

Original file mentioned also contained the following correspondence record for Groves:

LETTERS SENT		1917
Mrs. Ida Fryor,	Sister	Gen'l Delivery, Hammond, Ind.
Mr. Larry Witte or Witle	Friend	Foreign Exchange Bank, Bellaire, Ohio
Mr. Fred Hepe	Friend	526 Water Street, Benwood, W. Va.
Mr. Luke Guovey or Gnovey	Friend	Parkersburg, W. Va.
Mr. John Myers	Friend	620 Water St., Benwood, W. Va.
Mr. James Crowley or Crawley		Oak Cafe, Canton, Ohio
Ida B. Groves		3110 Sacramento St., Pittsburgh, Pa.
		Martins Ferry, Ohio
E. J. Goff		1918
Fred Hepe		526 Water St., Benwood, W. Va.
Mrs. Ida Fryar		RR 1, Hammond Ind.
Leonard Goeglien		% Fred Hepe, 3515 Belmont St., Bellaire, Ohio
		710 Main St. Benwood, W. Va.
Charles Everett		1919
Mrs. Ida Fryar	Sister	933 Erie St., Hammond, Ind.
Fred Hepe		3515 Belmont, Bellaire, Ohio
		1920
Mrs. Ida Fryar		Hammond, Ind.
Fred Hepe		Bellaire, Ohio
Charles Everett		Benwood, W. Va.

LETTERS RECEIVED

Ida Fryar		Hammond, Ind.
H. H. Groves		Wheeling, W. Va.
Ida B. Groves	Friend	Brenwood, W. Va.
"Meyers"		Cincinnati, Ohio
Fred Hepe		Benwood, W. Va.
Ida B. Groves	Aunt	Dayton, Ohio
E. P. Goff		Martin's Ferry, Ohio
J. M. Myers		Canton, Ohio
Ida B. Groves		Pittsburgh
	1918	
E. P. Goff	Aunt	Martins Ferry, Ohio
Ida Freyer		Hammond, Ind.
Fred Hepe		Benwood, W. Va.
Ida B. Groves		Pittsburgh, Pa.
	1919	
Chas. Everett		Benwood, W. Va.
Ida Fryar		Hammond, Ind.
Ida B. Groves		Dayton, Ohio
Fred Hepe		Bellaire, Ohio
	1920	
Ida Fryar		Hammond, Ind.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD

THE ATLANTA OFFICE at Macon, Georgia will follow out the leads set forth in the reference report of Special Agent L. C. Taylor.

PENDING

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

EAT:DD

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

November 3, 1936.

Time - 3:20 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

During a telephonic conversation which I had with Mr. Connelley at Cleveland, I mentioned to him your desire that we prosecute Tom OBrown if possible in connection with the Bremer and Hamm Cases.

Mr. Connelley said that he is frankly doubtful if we can secure a conviction of this man, although they would be glad to prepare a summary report on this particular angle right there in Cleveland, which can be submitted to the United States Attorney for his opinion as to prosecution. Mr. Connelley pointed out that in the hearing which the Civil Service held out there for this man, they did not necessarily have to stick to the hard and fast rules of evidence, and introduced much hearsay during the course of the proceedings. He said that when they got all of their so-called evidence and hearsay introduced on both the Bremer and Hamm cases, it looked pretty good, and they practically had Tom Brown kidnaping both Bremer and Hamm. When we have to stick to the rules of evidence, and all that sort of thing, the possibilities of a conviction are very remote, and even if we did secure one, mainly on the public feeling which is existing out there, the court of appeals would undoubtedly throw it out.

However, Mr. Connelley said that they would prepare this summary. We have a transcript of the Civil Service hearing in St. Paul, which Supervisor Suran is reviewing at this time, and when we get the summary which Mr. Connelley is preparing, the two will be checked to see if our evidence can be strengthened.

Respectfully,

E.A.T.

E. A. TAMM.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Downey
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Joseph
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Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

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Post Office Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

November 7, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

RE: BRUKID

Dear Sir:

It is suggested that all Cleveland newspapers be searched for the period around March 31, 1936, in an effort to locate an Associated Press dispatch from St. Paul, Minnesota, which relates to a confession purported to have been made by Jess Doyle concerning the Fairbury, Nebraska, and Third Northwestern Bank of Minnesota bank robberies.

An examination of the summary reports of Special Agent L.J. Lynn and S. K. McKee dated Cleveland, Ohio October 25, 1936, and October 26, 1936, respectively, fails to reflect any mention of such an article appearing in any of the three newspapers at Cleveland, Ohio.

This information is deemed necessary in corroborating John Brock's statement as it will be recalled that he overheard Alvin Karpis talking with John P. Schark[illegible] German about the publicity accorded Jess Doyle's purported confession, and some discussion and concern was had re and re whether Jess Doyle knew about the facts in Cleveland Ohio; that apparently in view of the foregoing they temporarily suspended activities in connection with the contemplated robbery of the mail truck which later was perpetrated at Warren, Ohio on April 25, 1935.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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POST OFFICE BOX 812,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

November 6, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

In re: BREKID

Reference is made to letter from this office dated November 4, 1936, in which it was suggested that certain investigation be made relative to Frank J. Noonan. In line with this matter it was noted in the report of Special Agent D. E. Hall dated at Detroit, Michigan, December 3, 1934, on page 15, that according to Mr. Noonan the following named persons were in his employ during 1934: Reed Hess, Ed Cook, Cliff and Rose Seaton and an undercover man whose name he refused to divulge, Rose Seaton acting as a stenographer. Reference is now made to the report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, July 13, 1936, wherein it is noted on page 16 that Alvin Karpis when interviewed by Inspector E. J. Connelley at St. Paul, Minnesota, would not openly admit that he had a credential card of the Noonan Detective Agency, but later tentatively admitted the same by saying that he did not secure this identification card from Frank J. Noonan, but that he had gotten it from a subordinate.

It might be well to re-interview Ed Cook, he having previously admitted writing a letter to Fred Spohn at the direction of Mr. Noonan, requesting that he secure the criminal record of Charles Carroll, and obtain a signed statement from him setting forth all conversation he had with Mr. Noonan relative to this matter. It is also suggested that Mr. Spohn be re-interviewed regarding this particular angle and a similar written statement be secured from him with particular reference being made to his efforts in securing Carroll's record. The interviews had with Ed Cook and Fred Spohn are contained in the reports of Special Agent D. E. Hall dated at Detroit, Michigan, December 25, 1934, and December 3, 1934. This office has directed letters to the Kansas City and St. Paul Bureau offices requesting them to locate the original letters written by Mr. Spohn and also to secure the names of those witnesses who are competent to introduce these letters as evidence if it becomes desirable.

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In view of the fact that Frank Noonan admitted that the criminal record of Charles Carroll was secured at his request, and in

view of the varying explanations as to his interest in this individual and the further fact that apparently Charles Carroll and Alvin Karpis served time and escaped together from the State Industrial Reformatory at Hutchinson, Kansas, on March 9, 1929, and also considering the subsequent finding of the said criminal record in the house formerly occupied by Alvin Karpis in Cleveland, Ohio, it is believed that there is sufficient evidence on hand to warrant an indictment against Noonan. It would appear that this evidence, coupled with anything we might develop with reference to the credential card which Karpis carried in 1934, would be of material value in our case against Noonan.

In interviewing Mr. Reed Hess it is suggested that you call to his attention the letter contained on page 24 in the report of Special Agent D. M. Hall dated at Detroit, Michigan, December 3, 1934, and have him admit that he dictated the same at the direction of Frank J. Noonan. Efforts should also be made to obtain a copy of this letter either from Mr. Fred Spohn, who appears to have the original copy, or from the files of the Noonan Detective Agency, at which place, according to the reference report of Agent Hall, a carbon copy of this letter is contained.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cincinnati
St. Paul

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November 9, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Detroit, Michigan.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases -
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; ET AL;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM;
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

It is noted that your office has been receiving photostatic copies of the outgoing correspondence written by DOLORES DELANEY, at the U. S. Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan.

It is requested that several photostatic copies of these letters be furnished the Bureau, in order that the Technical Laboratory will be supplied with specimens of the handwriting of DOLORES DELANEY.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Cincinnati
Chicago

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Post Office Box 612
Chicago Illinois

November 6, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BRAID

Dear Sir:

Confirming the telephone conversation had by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan with Special Agent S. K. McKee on this date, please be advised that a review of the files in the Chicago Bureau office on this case reflects considerable information concerning the Silver Grill at 28th Street and Detroit Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio. Mention is made in the report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, July 21, 1936, that inquiry at the [redacted] indicated that this place was owned by James Patton. Apparently from the information contained in the report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, dated October 20, 1936, the legal title to the building in which the Silver Grill is located is in the name of Julia Patton, wife of James "Shimmy" Patton. Previous interviews with Jut Wilbane, the present manager of the Silver Grill, and with Ed Gallagher, former manager, resulted in the information that this Grill was operated and the business owned by them.

Mention is made in the statement of John Brock that in the latter part of March, 1935, he, Alvin Karpis, Fred Hunter, "Sharkey" Gorman and another unknown man had a meeting in a back room at the Silver Grill. Dolores Delaney has likewise stated that during the summer of 1934 she with Alvin Karpis visited a tavern, which she described identically with the description of the Silver Grill, on several occasions and that Karpis appeared to be well acquainted with various employees in that place.

It will be recalled that at the time that Doc Barker was arrested in Chicago, Illinois on January 8, 1935 there was found on his person a memorandum book which contained the following notation:

"6282 Main 28th & Detroit Friday 1 o'clock".

This notation apparently has reference to a meeting of some kind that Doc Barker either had or would have at the Silver Grill.

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In view of the above information it is suggested that further investigation be made in an effort to definitely connect James "Chimmy" Patton, Art Ueberbrand, Tony Amersbach, John "Sharkey" Gorman and Frank J. Coonan with the Silver Grill. Inasmuch as the files in the Chicago Bureau office do not reflect that investigation was conducted at Cleveland, Ohio concerning the telephone number Main 6222, it is suggested that this number be checked for the years 1934 and 1935 to ascertain whether it was listed either to the Silver Grill or any of the persons above mentioned or their associates, and that further inquiry be made at the [redacted] to learn the source of the information contained in their files to the effect that James Patton was the owner of the Silver Grill. It is probable that this information was obtained in the usual manner by [redacted] personally interviewing James Patton.

Reference is made to the statement of Lillian Mared in which she makes mention that "Sharkey" called at Edith Barry's house in the spring of 1935 in a green Graham coupe. It is known that Tony Amersbach is the owner of a green Graham-Paige automobile and it is probable that "Sharkey" borrowed this automobile from Tony Amersbach at the time that he visited Edith Barry's house at Toledo, Ohio. It is noted in the interview recently had with "Sharkey" Gorman that he denied ever having used Tony Amersbach's Graham automobile. In view of the above it is suggested that in the interviews being conducted at the Cleveland Bureau office, that inquiry be made to ascertain whether "Sharkey" was ever known to have borrowed the automobile of Tony Amersbach. Any information that would indicate that "Sharkey" had made a trip either to Toledo, Ohio or Detroit, Michigan in Amersbach's car would be of value in disproving the assertion made by "Sharkey" that he at no time borrowed Amersbach's car and to some extent would corroborate the testimony of Lillian Mared. If it can be shown that "Sharkey" has borrowed Amersbach's car in the past, it is suggested that definite information be obtained concerning the description of the Graham-Paige owned by Amersbach. It is noted from the files in the Chicago Bureau office that Tony Amersbach registered his Graham-Paige automobile in the State of Ohio in 1935 under registration number HY655.

There is no available copy of the report of Special Agent D.E.Ladd, Detroit, Michigan, dated February 25, 1936, in the Chicago Bureau office files. It is requested that a copy of this report, which is charged to Special Agent S. K. McKee, be forwarded to the Chicago Bureau office. If further use is had of this report at Cleveland, same will be returned to Special Agent S. K. McKee.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

DML:fvv
cc Bureau
Cincinnati
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CLEVELAND OHIO
November 8, 1936

C. Fletcher
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
500 Rector Building
Little Rock, Arkansas

BREKID I WILL BE LITTLE ROCK TUESDAY AND PREFER YOU BE THERE IF IT WILL NOT

INTERFERE ANY PREVIOUSLY PLANNED WORK

CONNELLEY

cc-Bureau
Cincinnati

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

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November 9, 1936.

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

Dear Sir: RE: BREKID

Confirming telegram from this office on November 2, 1936, you are advised that on that date the trial of the indictments against JOSEPH H. DAVIS and HENRY (DUKE) RANDALL was set for February 15, 1937. Judge Holland is disqualified in this case by reason of his previous service as United States Attorney. He indicated that Judge A. V. Long of the Northern District of Florida would be requested to preside at these trials.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Chicago
Cincinnati
Cleveland,
St. Paul

Jax # 7-24-

7-515-12241

Post Office Box 615,
Chicago, Illinois.

November 6, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: KIDNAP

Dear Sir,

A review of the file in the Chicago Bureau Office reflects that on Page 57 of the report of Special Agent E. J. Lynn, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, on June 13, 1936, that [redacted] advised Agent Lynn that he had talked with Bert Ford and "Hughie" Minel, at which time Bert Ford mentioned that Chris Brennan and Frank Delora, former members of the Hoodlum Squad under Captain George Kimmey, had been in Fred Coulet's Grill many times and that prior to the time Harry Campbell was arrested he had observed the above mentioned detectives play the marble machine with Harry Campbell at Coulet's Grill.

[redacted] further advised that Bert Ford likewise told him that a taxicab driver named "Greenie" knew Harry Campbell well and that he drove Campbell around Toledo, Ohio before the latter bought an automobile.

In view of the above information, it is suggested that [redacted] be again interviewed in order to have him repeat this information to an Agent of the Bureau and for the purpose of ascertaining the source from which Bert Ford obtained this information.

It has also been noted that during the time that a tap was maintained on the telephone at the Casino Club during September and October, 1934, that a woman named Rose Herman, a waitress at the Dutch Village night club, residence 1401 Miami, telephone number Taylor 1665, frequently conversed with Bert Angus and apparently was his sweetheart.

Two women named "Hazel" and "Margaret", and who resided at the same address as Rose Herman, likewise called the Casino Club on various occasions during that time.

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It is suggested that Rose Herman be located and interviewed and that the identities of "Hazel" and "Margaret" be learned so that they also can be interviewed concerning the persons they saw at the Casino Club during the time that they frequented it in September, 1934, and probably prior thereto. It is possible that these women may be in possession of valuable information concerning members of the [illegible]

who visited the Casino Club, as well as Captain George [illegible] and other persons involved in the harboring of the members of the Barker-Karpis gang at Toledo during the summer of 1934.

In reviewing the file in the Chicago Bureau Office, it was noted that there were several persons interviewed at Toledo, Ohio, who apparently were in a position to have obtained considerable information concerning the activities of members of the Barker-Karpis mob during the time they resided at Toledo in the summer of 1934, but who, upon interview, denied practically all knowledge concerning this gang. The names are being listed below so that consideration may be given to calling these persons as material witnesses before the grand jury when this case is presented:

Jack "Cum Cum" Schmidt) Waiters at Casino Club
Jack Martha) in summer of 1934.
[illegible] Yonkers
Walter Belpash
"Bennie" Weiss alias Hiss (A friend of "Big" Cousins).
Ethel Scholtz (Paramour of "Big" Cousins in the summer of 1934).
Geraldine "Jerry" Bessiker alias "Jerry" Jordan.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge

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November 9, 1936.

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

There are transmitted herewith two vouchers in favor of the Hertz Drivurself Stations, Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio, in the amounts of $24.90 and $15.70, 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.

Encl. #1021878.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

Cleveland FILE NO. 7-1

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
Cleveland, Ohio	11/9/36	10/28 to 11/5/36	J. V. MURPHY JVB

TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; ET AL.
EDWARD GEORGE BRENER - Victim.

CHARACTER OF CASE
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Kenneth Francis, former driver of Private Cab Company, unable to identify photograph of Benson Groves. Efforts to locate "Big Bertha", who was on party with Edna Murray, Captain George Timiney and others at Casino Club in 1934, were unsuccessful. Fred Cranston, Jr., previously referred to as Harry Krantz, states he visited Casino Club during 1934 and 1935, but unable to identify photographs of members of Barker-Karpis gang as persons he saw there. Perry Hicks, commonly called "Red", a former cook at Middle Island during 1933, 1934, and 1935, furnished information regarding employees of Middle Island, but unable to identify photographs of Barker-Karpis gang. Mrs. Edith Marks states George Timiney now residing Lorraine Hotel and expects move to Y.M.C.A., Toledo. U. S. Attorney's records, Toledo, Ohio, reflect that Colin Monroe, when arrested and convicted in Federal Court in 1931, gave address as Lorain, Ohio. [redacted] states Ludy Fleming and Rene Holst [redacted] they are now residing Cleveland, Ohio; [redacted] Wayne Preston, who participated in mail truck robbery, Warren, Ohio, spring of 1935, is now in Cuba. Investigation discloses Coolie Monroe still on Middle Island, but expected to return to mainland within a week.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 11/3/36.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: J. P. Mure Jr. SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE RHR

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DETAILS:

This report covers the investigative activities of Special Agents E. J. Wynn, A. Dickstein, A. J. Norstrom, H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on October 28, 1936:

Reference is being made to the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, October 3, 1936, wherein it is noted that Kenneth Francis drove Karpis, Coker, and a third unknown individual to and from McGraw's about December 21, 1935.

Francis was located at the Private Cab Company, 520 Cherry Street, Toledo, and when shown a photograph of Benson Groves stated that he had never seen this individual, and that he was positive that Groves was not the third individual above mentioned.

He further informed that he had only given Joe Roscoe service on one occasion, at which time he helped Roscoe start his car last winter, when it was stalled in front of the Jovial Club.

He further advised that he never took a message from Edith Barry's to Roscoe at the 42nd Street Cafe, or elsewhere.

In this connection, Agents contacted Ed Winseman, 1932 North 14th Street, Toledo, who informed that the photograph and name of Benson Groves were unfamiliar to him, nor did he at any time, while in the employ of the Private Cab Company, deliver messages to or from Edith Barry, Joe Roscoe, or Benson Groves.

Agents also contacted William Wilson Wirick, 415 Third Street, Toledo, Ohio, who informed that the photograph of Benson Groves was unfamiliar to him, nor did he at any time, while driving for the Private Cab Company, deliver any message to or from Edith Barry to Joe Roscoe or Benson Groves.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on October 29 and 30, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, November 3, 1936, wherein it is noted that Constance Burkhardt, a former entertainer at the Casino Club, advised that one "Big Bertha", with two girls, were at the Casion Club with Edn Murray and Captain George Timiney and four other police officers.

In an effort to determine the identity of "Big Bertha", Agents contacted Mrs. Margaret Slater, Women's Bureau, Toledo Police Department, who advised that Bertha Thompson, a former bootlegger on Suter Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, was known to her as "Big Bertha", but that she was unaware of her present whereabouts. Inquiry by Mrs. Slater's assistant, of the vice squad, indicated that she might be located through Ruth and Doc's Beer Tavern, Hawley and Western Streets, Toledo, Ohio.

Inquiry at the latter address revealed that a woman known as "Big Bertha" resided at the corner of Baden and Walbridge Streets, Toledo, Ohio. However, interview with this woman at 356 Baden Street revealed that her name was Bertha Starr, and that she had only been in the Casino Club on one occasion, at a dance marathon, and that the identity of the patrons of this place was unknown to her.

She directed Agents, however, to Bertha Thompson, who resided on Maple Street, who, to Mrs. Starr's knowledge, was a former bootlegger.

Mrs. Bertha Thompson, 3214 Maple Street, was interviewed and advised that she had never visited the Casino Club, and that the patrons of that place were unknown to her. She informed that when she was bootlegging about six years ago, a Bertha Bandurek, who operated a call house near Summit and Suder Streets, Toledo, Ohio, was also known as "Big Bertha" and was often confused with her.

Inquiry in the vicinity of Summit and Suder Streets, revealed that Sophie Bandurek, operated a beer tavern at 3527 Summit Street, Toledo. Interview with this woman disclosed that she is now known as Sophie Blalock, and that her sister, Bertha Bandurek, has resided in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for the past seven years, and advised that she is not aware of her sister's present address.

Sophie further advised that she had visited the Casino Club on several occasions in 1934, but knew nothing of the activities or identities of the patrons of that place. However, without hesitation, she selected the photographs of Willie Harrison and Jimmy Wilson, as photographs of persons whom she had previously seen, but could not positively state that the Casino Club was the place where she had seen these two individuals.

Interview was also had with her sister, Irene McDonough, 1636½ Sylvania Avenue, who informed that she had visited the Casino Club on several occasions in 1934, but was unable to recognize any of the photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang which were exhibited to her. She recalled, however, that she frequented the place only when Big Nell, a colored woman, was the entertainer there.

Interview was also had with Bertha Isenberg, housekeeper for Mrs. Clark, who operates a call house at 1234 Monroe Street, Toledo. She informed that she had never visited the Casino Club at Point Place, and had no information to offer concerning the patrons of that place. It should be noted that this woman adopted a very hostile attitude, and informed that henceforth, she did not wish to be bothered about any matters in which she had no concern.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on November 2, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Cleveland, Ohio, dated July 11, 1936, wherein it is noted that John Murtha, a former employee of the Casino Club, advised that one Harry Krantz had informed him that a bunch of "hots" out of Chicago were frequenting that place in 1934.

Murtha, when again contacted at his home, the Mayfair Apartments, 1802 Cherry Street, where he resides with his sister, Edith Schlotz, the former wife or paramour of "Nig" Cousins, advised that he recalled that Krantz' given name was Fred, and that he was in the roofing business at that time.

Inquiry at various roofing concerns in and around Toledo, revealed that in 1934, a Fred Cranston, Jr., 835 Lincoln Avenue, was a copartner with Ray Sherman in the Toledo Roofing Company at 1228 Dorr Street, Toledo.

Agents located Cranston at the Oldsmobile automobile agency, 1127 Sylvania Avenue, where he is presently employed as a salesman.

He informed that he was a steady patron of the Casino Club at Point Place in 1934, and up until the spring of 1935, when the place was taken over by Charlie Haymaker.

He related that he had known Bert and Ted O'Angus for about ten years, and that he was also well acquainted with Nig Cousins and Ethel Schlotz, Ludy O'Fleming and his former wife, Joe Roscoe, Rene and Thelma Holst, Madeline and Ruth Angus, Mildred Clark, Captain George Timiney and Edith Marks.

He informed that he could not recall exactly when he began patronizing the Casino Club in 1934, but remembered that during the time he visited the place, Big Nell, the colored entertainer, had a negro orchestra at the place. He further related that one Sunday evening, the girl named Jerry, who had formerly been a waitress at the Dutch Village, sang at the club.

He further advised that he recalled that Marie, the cook at the club, prepared excellent food, and for that reason, Nig Cousins, Ethel Schlotz, himself and a girl named Hattie Danley, who operates a millinery shop at 4361 Overland Parkway, Toledo, ate their dinner at the Casino Club practically every Sunday that Marie was working. Cranston informed that very few people patronized the place on Sunday nights, but that he and Hattie Danley visited the place frequently during that period, on week nights, usually coming into the club after midnight. He related that they always sat at the bar with Bert and Ted Angus, and on one occasion, Timiney, Toddy Marks (Edith Marks) and Sally Buckley, who is employed at George Sullivan's Turf Bar, on Monroe Street and St. Clair, joined them and bought them drinks.

When shown photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang, he informed that he could recognize none of them as likenesses of persons he had previously seen or met at the Casino Club, and the names, aliases, nicknames of members of the gang, and their women were called to his attention, as well as incidents which happened at the club, but he informed that he was not familiar with any of them. He related that this was unusual, in that if any of these persons were known to the Angus brothers, Roscoe, Cousins, Ludy Fleming, and had they been present at the club when he was there, he was positive that he would have been introduced to them, in that he had been at the Casino Club on numerous occasions when the above-mentioned people were there. He also stated that he was well acquainted with Coolie Monroe, Charlie Becker and Cum Cum Smith, and that he occasionally played golf with Smith, but no mention was ever made to him of this gang frequenting the place.

He further denied that he had ever made a statement to the effect that a gang of "hots" from Chicago were frequenting the Casino Club, and was unable to account for the origin of such a statement, in that he stated he would not have been in a position to obtain such information, and further, that he never saw anything at the Casino Club at that time to arouse his suspicions.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on November 2, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy dated at Cleveland, Ohio, October 31, 1936, wherein it is noted that Charles Sweet advised that one "Red", who operated a billiard parlor at Bellevue, Ohio, had been employed for a few summers at Middle Island, as a cook.

Inquiry at various billiard parlors at Bellevue, Ohio, revealed that Perry Hicks, who operated at billiard parlor at 108½ Main Street, Bellevue, was known as "Red."

Upon interview, Hicks informed that he is fifty years of age, and resides at 315 Kilborn Street, Bellevue, Ohio. He stated that he was a cook by profession, and prior to August 1933, had been employed at the Jovial Club, Toledo, Ohio, as a chef for five years. He then related that Joe Roscoe sent him to Middle Island in the latter part of August 1933, to take the place of Gus Warnke, and he then worked at the Island through the season of 1934 from May to November, and nearly the entire season of 1935, as a cook.

He advised that in 1933 Bert Angus was managing the Island for Joe Roscoe, and in 1934, it was managed by Dewey Schmidt, who was later employed as a bartender at the Algeo Hotel, Toledo. In addition to himself, he informed that the following persons were employed during the 1934 season: Buster Williams, caretaker; Coolie Monroe; Tate Angus, son of Bert Angus, waiter; and Bill, whose last name Hicks was unable to recall. He advised however, that Harry Barley, manager of the Elks Club at Toledo, was a steady patron of the Island at that time and he procured the job for Bill through Joe Roscoe.

Hicks further informed that during the 1935 season, the Island was managed by Walter Belpash, and the following persons were employed there in addition to Monroe and Williams: Paragon McCormick, who resides on Piele Island; and Cecil and Bill, two high school students, whom Roscoe brought from Toledo.

When shown photographs of members of the Barker-Karpis gang, Hicks informed that he was unable to identify any of them as persons known to him as having been patrons of the Island. He related that he was not in a position to observe who the guests might be, and further that he never used intoxicants, and therefore never mingled with the patrons. He recalled, however, that in 1934, a well

was dug on the Island, as related by Edna Murray, but he stated that he could not recall any of the gang at the Island at that time. He informed that from July 2 to 7, 1934, he was in Toledo having dental work done, and upon his return to the Island, recalled that Buster Williams informed him that Ted Angus and Nig Cousins had been over to the Island with a big gang during his absence.

He recalled that Nig Cousins was a frequent visitor at the Island during 1934, but he could not recall that he ever came in the company of anyone other than Joe Roscoe, or one of the Angus brothers. He further recalled that Detective Art Langendorf was a weekly visitor with Joe Roscoe and almost without exception, came over for every week end. He could only recall that Captain George Timiney visited the Island on two occasions, in company with Edith Marks, known to him as Toddy Marks, and once with Joe Roscoe. He remembered them particularly in that they never failed to bring him a box of candy.

He partially identified the photograph of Benson Groves known to him as Ben, a person who was a steady patron of the Jovial Club seven or eight years ago. He related that the last time he saw Ben was in the latter part of the 1935 season, when he visited the Island on a week end with Joe Roscoe.

Hicks informed that he believed that Coolie Monroe lived in the vicinity of Leamington, Canada, a short distance from Fiele Island, in that Buster Williams' parents, whose name he believed to be McGee, were truck farmers near that town, and Williams and Monroe always went home together to Leamington, Canada. Hicks stated that he was almost positive that Monroe was a Canadian citizen, in that in 1934, the Canadian Customs Inspectors visited the Island and requested that all employees procure visitors' permits thereafter. He recalled that Canadian Customs Inspector Henderson, stationed at Fiele Island, and now retired, knew Monroe to be a Canadian, and informed him that he, Monroe, would not be required to abide by the rules of the Canadian authorities, inasmuch as he was a Canadian. He further related that Coolie Monroe spent the entire winter of 1935 and 1936 with Walter Belpash, but had not seen him since that time. However, he related that he spends most of his time at the Jovial Club in Toledo, and if he, Hicks, wanted to contact or locate Coolie Monroe, he would do so through the members of the Jovial Club.

Following investigation was conducted at Toledo, Ohio, by Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy on October 31, 1936:

Mrs. Edith Marks, former paramour of George Timiney, was interviewed at her new place of business, the Coral Room of the Lorraine Hotel, Toledo, with reference to any further knowledge she might have concerning activities of Captain George Timiney of the Toledo Police Department. She advised that in view of the fact she no longer has anything to do with Captain Timiney, she has no information which she has not already furnished to Agents, except the fact that George Timiney is now residing at the Lorraine Hotel, but expects to move to the Y.M.C.A. within the next few days. She stated she heard that Timiney remarked that his reason for moving from the Lorraine Hotel was to prevent his seeing any violations of law she, Mrs. Marks, might commit in the operation of the Coral Room, which is a cocktail bar.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio, on October 31, 1936:

In an endeavor to locate the present whereabouts of Coolie Monroe, or Colin Munro, a check of Toledo city directories for the years 1927 to 1936 was made to ascertain if Monroe ever was listed with a local address. These directories do not show a listing for Coolie or Colin Monroe, Munroe, or Munro.

On November 2, 1936, the United States District Court criminal docket at Toledo, Ohio, for the year 1931, was checked, which reflects that in Docket Case #7059, United States vs. George Zebrly, alias Whitey Eberle, and Colin Munro, these defendants were indicted at Toledo, Ohio, September 11, 1931, for violation of Title 1, par. 805, Tariff Act of 1930, and Section 6, Title 2, National Prohibition Act; that on September 24, 1931, Zebrly, upon plea of guilty, was sentenced to serve a term of fifteen months in Federal Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, and on the same date, upon plea of guilty, Colin Munro was sentenced to serve a term of one year and one day in the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia.

On November 2, 1936, an examination was made of the closed file in the office of the United States Attorney, Toledo, Ohio, on case U. S. vs. George Zebrly, alias "Whitey" Eberle, and Colin Munro, to ascertain if same contained any personal history or addresses of antecedents of Colin Munroe. This file reflects that in August 1931, when Zebrly was arrested for smuggling liquor, he gave his address as 831 Perkins Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio, and Colin Munro gave his address as 1843 E. 31st Street, Lorain, Ohio. Further investigation will be made at Sandusky and Lorain, Ohio, in this connection.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio, on November 3, 1936:

In an endeavor to secure information concerning present whereabouts of Coolie Monroe, or Colin Munro, [redacted] He stated he is not [redacted] was interviewed [redacted] personally acquainted with Coolie Monroe, although he has heard of him; that he has no knowledge of Monroe's nativity, and does not know where he would reside after he has left Middle Island, if he was employed there last.

[redacted] further stated that [redacted] Ludy Fleming and his wife, the former Rene Holst, visited in Toledo, [redacted] that Fleming and his wife are now residing in Cleveland, Ohio, and he is in some kind of a muscle racket, working for Maxie Diamond of Cleveland; that he is of the opinion that it may be bootleg liquor racket, [redacted] that one of the persons who robbed the mail truck at Warren, Ohio, during the spring of 1935, was in Cuba on the "lam", and that his name is Wayne Preston.

Also, [redacted] stated that [redacted] that Bureau Agents had worried a gambler by the name of "Whitey", who was employed at the Jovial Club in Toledo, to such an extent that it was necessary for him, Roscoe, to transfer "Whitey" to the Harvard Club in Cleveland, Ohio, and that it is his, [redacted] opinion that Joe Roscoe has some interest in the Harvard Club in Cleveland.

[redacted]

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents E. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy at Toledo and Lakeside, Ohio, on November 4 and 5, 1936:

As previous investigations have developped that persons going to and from Middle Island, in Lake Erie, usually depart and arrive at Brown's boatworks in Lakeside, Ohio, which is the nearest point to Middle Island where boat livery may be obtained, Agents proceeded to Lakeside, Ohio, on November 4, 1936, and made inquiry of one of the employees of Worthy R. Brown & Son, Inc., (boat works) as to whether or not Middle Island was still in operation, and this employee, whose name was not obtained, stated that Middle Island has been closed for the season, but he does not know who is still on the Island; that Alex Metzo, who operates the livery boat to Middle Island and other points, is well acquainted with employees of Middle Island and their plans, and Alex should be in a position to furnish the names of persons still on the Island; that Alex was at that time on a trip to Put-In-Bay Island.

On November 5, 1936, Agents returned to Lakeside, Ohio, to the boat works of Worthy R. Brown & Son, Inc., where Alex Metzo was interviewed. Alex stated he did not know where Coolie Monroe was located, and did not know anything about any persons or any activity on Middle Island. It was apparent from the attitude adopted by Alex Metzo that he was not willing to furnish any information he might be in possession of concerning Middle Island. Agents did not reveal their identity to Metzo.

Mr. William Brown, Manager of Worthy R. Brown & Son, Inc., Lakeside, Ohio, was interviewed at his office. He stated that he did not know who was on Middle Island at the present time, as the Island had been closed about two or three weeks for the season; that he knows Coolie Monroe, but does not know whether he is still on the Island. He stated that the work boat "Jo-Jo", used at Middle Island does not put up for the winter at his boat works, but is stored at Herman's boat works, Bay View Yacht Club, Toledo, Ohio, and he does not know when this boat will go there for winter storage.

Agents proceeded from Lakeside, Ohio, to the Bay View Yacht Club, Toledo, Ohio, where inquiry was made of an employee of Herman's boat works concerning the boat "Jo-Jo." During this conversation, the boat "Jo-Jo" was seen entering the channel, coming to Herman's boat works. It was noted when this boat tied up, there were two men on board. Agents E. J. Wynn and A. Dickstein, who had been waiting at this boat works for the arrival of the "Jo-Jo", interviewed one of the men on this boat, who is called "Mack" (McCormick), and "Mack" advised that Coolie Monroe was still on Middle Island building an ice

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Laboratory Report

November 7, 1936.

Number: 7-576-13162

Case: Brekid.

Specimens: Q9. One photostat containing copies of the reverse side of five C.O.D. package receipts, all signed "L. Bronson" and dated July 11, 1934.

Examination requested by: Cleveland Office

Date received: 11/3/36

Examination requested: Document

Examination by: Appel

Result of examination:

The signatures appearing on the photostat designated above as Q9 were compared with the known handwriting specimens of the following:

C. McDonald
Fred Barker
Elmer Farmer
Lester Gillis
Harry Campbell
Mrs. Dixon
Joe Adams
Volney Davis
Arthur Barker
Oliver Berg
Jess Doyle
Homer Van Meter
William Weaver
Edna Murray
Mrs. G. E. Barker
John Hamilton
Alvin Karpis
Fred Hunter
Henry Randall

No identification was effected.

These signatures were also compared with the name "Chas. Bronson" appearing on the application for duplicate transfer of title certificate but no conclusion was reached.

The handwriting of Dolores Delaney was not compared as the only specimens in the Bureau's files were signatures on fingerprint cards.

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P. O. Box 1525,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

November 9, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
CLEVELAND, OHIO.

RE: BREKID

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From previous reports submitted in this case, it does not appear that DAISY FARMER is sought for further interview. It is noted, however, in the report of Special Agent Smith, hereinbefore referred to, that DAISY FARMER, immediately upon the termination of the interview, packed her clothes, picked up her son and left town, her whereabouts being then unknown.

If an interview is desired with DAISY FARMER, it is suggested that the Pittsburgh Office be notified, in order that her location in Pittsburgh might be ascertained at this time.

Very truly yours,

R. L. SHIVERS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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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 November 3, 1936.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure:

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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 26, 1936.

Time - 12:10 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

During a telephonic conversation which I had with Mr. Connelley at Cleveland, he had the following suggestions to offer with regard to the proposed press release on the harboring cases in that vicinity:

Page 1, paragraph 3. It is indicated that Harry Sawyer and Kate Barker received protection in Toledo. Mr. Connelley said that neither of these individuals was ever at Toledo.

Page 2, paragraph 1. It is stated that Russell Gibson was killed on January 8, 1936. This individual was killed on January 8, 1935..

Page 2, paragraph 2. It is stated that William J. Harrison had formerly conducted a partnership business at Hammond, Indiana. This should be Calumet City, Illinois.

Page 2, paragraph 3. It is stated that Karpis and Barker left their women in Toledo and return to Chicago for operations. Karpis had remained in Chicago all of this time, and did not go to Toledo until after he had had his operation. Fred Barker, however, was in Toledo and came to Chicago to be operated on, after which both of them went to Toledo.

Page 3, last paragraph, wherein it is stated that immediately after the arrest of McLaughlin, Karpis and Barker fled to Toledo. Mr.Connelley said that at that time, Karpis and Barker were in Toledo, while Doc Barker, Gibson and Moran apparently were negotiating the handling of the ransom money with McLaughlin, and Doc Moran, Volney Davis and William Weaver were at Aurora at that time with the money. Mr. Connelley suggested that the paragraph remain as it is, with the deletion of the reference to Karpis and Barker, and adding the words "fled to Toledo" at the end of the paragraph.

Page 4, first paragraph, stating that Gibson, Moran and Berg made temporary headquarters at the Algeo Hotel in Toledo. Mr. Connelley said these were at the Fort Meigs Hotel in Toledo.

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Page 4, paragraph 2. Mr. Connelley said that it might be well to have the reference to Theodore Angus changed to "Ted"; that while Theodore is probably his correct name, everyone knows him as "Ted", while he probably would not be known as "Theodore". In the same paragraph, Mr. Connelley believes that the sentence "Timiney at times also was the drinking companion of various members of the fugitive band" should be deleted entirely in view of the fact that

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he believes the reference to Sheriff O'Reilly later inthe memorandum should also come out. Mr. Connelley also believes that the sentence following the above quoted sentence pertaining to Lucian Fleming should also come out, because it gives an indication of what the possible evidence against Fleming is.

Page 4, paragraph 3. Mr. Connelley believes that the first sentence should come out entirely, pointing out that our best witness in this matter is going to be Berry, and if this advance information on this particular subject comes out, someone will probably go over there and "work on" this man and probably intimidate him to such an extent that he will not make a good witness.

Page 4, paragraph 4. The reference to "April, 1934" should be June, 1934.

Page 5, paragraph 1, line 7. Mr. Connelley suggests that this read "operated by Arthur W. Heberbrand and others", or "operated by Arthur W. Heberbrand and James "Shimmy" Patton", since everyone knows that Patton is involved in this situation anyway, and according to Mr. Connelley, Patton is probably the tougher of the two.

Page 5, paragraph 1, line 10. Mr. Connelley suggests that the word "immediate" should come out, since this statement would probable be made exception of by the Cleveland Police Department by statin: that they were the ones who made the first investigation. Mr. Connelley said that they were in there first; as a matter of fact, they fixed the situation up so that no one else could do anything on it.

Page 5, paragraph 4. Mr. Connelley said that he believes this entire paragraph should come out, since this would tend, if left in, to show Colin Monroe that Greenwald is going to testify against him. No one knows the information in this paragraph at this time, and the only one who could tell it would be Greenwald, and while Greenwald is going to be arrested with the others, he is going to be a principal witness.

Page 6, paragraph 1. Mr. Connelley suggests that the reference to Esther Goulet be left out, since the impression which is left in this paragraph is that she harbored the subjects, and if this is so, the question will be raised as to why we don't arrest her, and she is not to be made one of the defendants. Immediately following this, Mr. Connelley suggests that the reference to John Brock be left out, since he is to be one of our best witnesses, and we are going to press no charges against him. Mr. Connelley further suggests that the next sentence in that paragraph, beginning with "The fugitives" and ending with "Lewisberg, Pennsylvania." be left out entirely, for the reason that we make definite allegations of harboring by Patton and Heberbrand, and we are not filing on them at this time. Then, too, Benson Groves is mentioned

more specifically later in the memorandum. In connection with Benson Groves, Mr. Connelley said that he understands the Post Office Department is issuing a circular on him, although he has not seen it, and he was wondering if they might take exception of the fact of our mentioning him in connection with the Garrettsville, Ohio, mail tobbery. I told him that I could not see why they should take exception to this, and pointed out that it was my opinion we should take advantage of every opportunity to get this man's name in the paper in connection with investigation being conducted by the Bureau, so that if we later have an opportunity to take him into custody, the public will have already been apprised of the fact of the Bureau's association with him.

Page 6, paragraph 2. Mr. Connelley believes that the sentence reading "Joe Roscoe participated in the plans to rob the mails and shared in the loot" should come out, since there is only one way we could know that, and that is to disclose what Brock has said. The following sentence, relating to the harboring by Joseph and John Zetzer should in Mr. Connelley's opinion be taken out.

Page 6, paragraph 3. Harry Campbell married Gertrude Billiter on May 29, 1935 rather than May 27th.

Page 6, the following sentence is included: "Campbell was frequently in company with Sheriff O'Reilly, with whom he drank, attended parties and for whom he worked by getting voters in Lucas County to register to insure them being eligible to vote for the reelection of O'Reilly to the office of Sheriff of Lucas County * * **". Mr. Connelley believes that in view of the fact this release will probably be made on Monday morning prior to election, the references to Sheriff O'Reilly should be taken out, since otherwise we would be charged with releasing information detrimental to the sheriff prior to election day. I told Mr. Connelley we would get your decision on this particular point.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

TAT:TJF

November 6, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

With reference to the attached telephone memorandum addressed to you under date of October 26, 1936 and received in your office on October 31, 1936, you are advised that it was not my intention, because of the nature of this memorandum, to forward it to your office. The memorandum containing details of Connelley's suggested changes in a press release in the Cleveland-Toledo harboring matters was reviewed by me for accuracy and sent to Mr. Suran, the supervisor handling this matter, for appropriate changes in the press release. Mr. Suran made the necessary changes, initialed the memorandum and intended to route it to the files section. The memorandum inadvertently went into your office without ever having been signed by me, and as indicated to you, it was not intended that this memorandum would be sent to you.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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house and had about a week's work to do before he would leave the Island. "Mack" stated that Coolie Monroe would come into Lakeside, Ohio, as soon as he had finished his work. Buster Williams, who accompanied "Mack" on the "Jo-Jo", was interviewed by Agents Murphy and Dill, and furnished in substance the same information obtained from "Mack", in addition to which he stated they brought the "Jo-Jo" in for the winter.

In view of the information furnished by "Mack" and Buster Williams, Agents Wynn and Dickstein, H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy, proceeded to Lakeside, Ohio, the evening of November 5, 1936, and contacted Mr. William Brown at his residence. Mr. Brown stated he is acquainted with Buster Williams, and Williams is a peculiar person; that when he comes to the mainland he seldom stayed more than one day before returning to Middle Island, and he usually returns to the Island from Lakeside, Ohio, by one of his, Brown's, boats driven by Alex Metzo; that if Coolie Monroe is on Middle Island awaiting the return of Williams, Monroe may come to Lakeside, Ohio, on the boat which Williams goes back to the Island in.

Mr. Brown stated that Alex Metzo, who drives the boat used in livery service between Lakeside, Ohio, and Middle Island, is well acquainted with Buster Williams, Coolie Monroe, and other persons who frequent Middle Island, but as Metzo depends very much on the trade of such persons for his livelihood, he would not furnish any information concerning anyone who works on Middle Island or frequents that Island, if he thought it might work to their detriment.

In order that Agents might observe the return of the livery boat of Browns boat works from Middle Island, arrangements were made with Mr. William Brown whereby he would notify Special Agents Wynn and Dickstein at the Island House, Port Clinton, Ohio, of the departure of the livery boat, driven by Alex Metzo, for Middle Island, in order that these Agents might go to Lakeside, Ohio, and observe the livery boat when it returned to Lakeside to see if Coolie Monroe is aboard. Mr. Brown stated that another way persons on Middle Island might return to the mainland would be to go to Kelly's Island by outboard motorboat, which is kept at Middle Island for use of Buster Williams; then call his, Brown's, boat works at Lakeside, Ohio, to send over a livery boat, which is done quite often without stating who the boat is for, and persons may then be driven to Lakeside, Ohio. Also if a person is brought to Kelly's Island by outboard motorboat, they can take the ferry from Kelly's Island to Sandusky, Ohio.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD

The CLEVELAND OFFICE at Toledo, Ohio, will continue further investigation. No leads are being set out herein, inasmuch as leads are being assigned in memorandum form.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

November 4, 1936

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREMID

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Dear Sir:

With reference to the possible arrest of the various subjects in the harboring cases at Toledo and Cleveland, U. S. Attorney E. B. Freed conferred with United States District Court Judge Hahn at Toledo on November 2, 1936, as to when it would be possible to call a Grand Jury at Toledo and the judge insisted on the date of November 30, 1936 for calling the Grand Jury, although the U. S. Attorney indicated that it might be well to call same at any earlier date.

With this in mind the U. S. Attorney advised that it would be arranged then to arrest the various subjects on November 21, 1936, which will give us an opportunity to interview them on the Sunday following (November 22, 1936). The U. S. Attorney, in accordance with an understanding with the judge, says that it will not be necessary to have a hearing for the persons arrested until after the Grand Jury has had time to act, which will avoid disclosure of our case before a commissioner in a hearing on the charges, which would, due to the charges contemplated, make a rather lengthy and expensive hearing. As to the secret warrants, the judge advises he will call the U. S. Commissioner into his chambers for this and insist on absolute secrecy.

Mr. Freed advised that if we believed it necessary or advisable to have the arrests at any earlier date than above indicated, he would approve of this but that he believed it would be necessary to have a hearing at an early date before the Grand Jury could act if we were to arrest them at an earlier date. Mr. Freed advised that he did not think it advisable for us to take any action which would cause us to disclose our case to the defense before the trial of the case and as to this I also believe such action would hurt the successful prosecution of the subjects if we placed ourselves in position to disclose our witnesses and subject them to cross-examination before trial.

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The above confirms my telephone conversation with Mr. E. A. Tamm on November 2, 1936.

As to the further work necessary in this case at Cleveland and Toledo, we will arrange for Agent Norstrom to return to his headquarters on November 4, 1936 with instructions to return to Toledo on the morning of November 18, 1936 in order to be available in the arrest of the numerous subjects who are to be picked up and this will allow ample time to locate the subjects who are to be arrested on November 21, 1936.

Agents Dill, Murphy and Dickstein will remain at Toledo and endeavor to locate or obtain leads on this party Benson Groves, with aliases, who is wanted as the fifth man in the Garrettsville train robbery of November 7, 1935, and who is also responsible for harboring Campbell and Karpis. We have also some indication that the third man in the Warren, Ohio truck robbery of U. S. Mail is one Wayne Preston and they will try to get any and all possible information as to him in order, particularly, to identify him and get a picture for such latter purpose. They will also follow up the location of Colin Munroe who is last reported as being at Middle Island but expected to return to Toledo the last of the present week. It may be necessary to pick up Munroe as he is reported as planning on going to Canada. He could be, if willing, an invaluable witness against Timiney and other members of the hoodlum squad.

Special Agent E. J. Wynn will be at Cleveland to consult with U. S. Attorney Freed while he, Freed, is making a study of the report and later Mr. Freed expects to go to Toledo where he can devote his entire time to this, together with Assistant U. S. Attorney Openlander, and Agent Wynn will then be at Toledo to consult with him as to this. Agents Wynn and Kitchin will follow up leads also at Cleveland on Hebebrand and Benson Groves.

During the two weeks we are awaiting the pick up at Toledo and Cleveland, it is planned to have Agents Sullivan and Madala proceed to Hot Springs, Ark., for the purpose of making the preliminary set up there, which will be several telephone taps on such as "Dutch" Akers, Chief of Police Makelin, Mayor McLaughlin, et al, both as to their homes and such other places as it may be indicated they are carrying on their negotiations as to the "pay-off". Agents Sullivan and Madala, at Chicago, are now checking the summary reports in the harboring cases against the file and index to verify that we have not omitted any detail and I will arrange to meet them in Little Rock the last of the present week in order to instruct them and plan the work at Hot Springs. All agents will return to Cleveland and Toledo for the pick up arrests on November 18, 1936 in order to definitely locate those to be arrested on November 21, 1936.

Agent S. K. McKee will be joined at Jacksonville, Florida by Agent R. T. Noonan in order to check all files which pertain to the Miami situation and particularly any informants such as Danny McFarland, et al, who are available, after which they will proceed to Miami and lay out the plan of operation which is to be pursued during the present season. They will meet in Jacksonville to start the work about the end of the present week. They will return for the pick-up arrests here unless something unusual developes at Miami during the next two weeks.

As the taps are established in Hot Springs, we will require at least two agents for each tap. This work will be started about the end of the present week when I arrive at Little Rock and line up what is needed.

As the situation is determined in Florida, we will require additional men there.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Connelley
Inspector

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Post Office Box 812
Chicago Illinois

November 9, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

I am attaching hereto a copy of each of the following letters obtained by the Kansas City Office from the files of the Kansas State Penitentiary:

Letter dated July 16, 1934, signed "Fred C. Spohn, F.P.E., Sheriffs Office, Chardon, Ohio";

Letter dated July 18, 1934, signed "C. W. Wilson, Record Clerk";

Letter dated July 24, 1934, signed "Fred C. Spohn, F.P.E., Sheriffs Office, Chardon, Ohio";

Letter dated July 26, 1934, signed "C. W. Wilson";

Copy of a statement of Charles Carroll dated March 15, 1929.

Photograph of Charles Carroll, Kansas State Penitentiary #1049.

It is suggested that in interviewing Fred C. Spohn that the above mentioned letters be exhibited to him for identification purposes, and that these letters be made a part of the Cleveland Bureau Office file for use in any future prosecution had in this case in the Cleveland District.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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1130 Enquirer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

November 10, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: BRAKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter under date of November 7, 1936, in the above entitled case, which refers to the purchase of a set of Ohio License plates by Edna Murray and Wynona Burdette on behalf of Fred Barker at Toledo, Ohio, during January or February, 1934.

It is noted that you suggest the license plates purchased may have been for 1933 Ford Sedan, Motor #18-493080 (not #18-493020) or Buick Sedan Motor #2858090, Serial #2703063 both of which cars were at one time owned by Fred Barker under the name of T. C. Blackburn.

I wish to advise that a review of the file at the Cincinnati office indicates that the above mentioned Ford was registered under 1933 Ohio License C25-771, under the name of T. C. Blackburn, 4214 N. Lockwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, on September 26, 1933 and the Buick in question was registered under 1933 Ohio License C25-783 on September 28, 1933, the same name and address being used. It has previously been ascertained from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Columbus, Ohio, that neither of these cars was registered in Ohio during the year 1934. It also appears from report of Special Agent D. L. Nicholson, St. Paul, 6-9-34, that the Ford in question was transferred from T. C. Blackburn to R. E. Nelson, 212 St. Peter Street, St. Paul, on December 8, 1933.

It appears therefore that the license plates referred to by Edna Murray were probably for some other automobile. If the file at the Chicago Office reveals any other automobiles which might have been in the possession of Fred Barker during January and February, 1934, please advise this office so that

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a further check for registrations can be made.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box #1469,
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Mr. E. J. Connelley, Inspector,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1130 Enquirer Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In accordance with instructions contained in your letter of October 14th, 1936, I proceeded to Hot Springs last week and had a conference with Grace Goldstein, at which time I inquired as to whether she had any of the property of any of the Subjects in this case, particularly Karpis, now in her possession. I impressed her with the fact that in the event this property should later turn up in her possession, or be found in the possession of some person through whom it could be traced to her, that she would probably be in serious difficulty and could look for no aid from this Bureau.

Grace Goldstein appeared to be rather frank and while she did not mention to me the fact that she at any time had any bonds in her possession, I had to bring the subject up myself and inquired of her whether she had not had some money, bonds, or other property belonging to Karpis in addition to the machine guns, which were turned over to me.

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She advised that on the date of her release from this office that she proceeded to Shreveport, Louisiana, thence to Texarkana and later to her home near Paris, Texas, where she took from a place where it had been buried, a small black suitcase, which Karpis had given her - the contents being a number of blue prints, maps and other papers, of which she had no knowledge. She also said that in this suitcase was a brown envelope, which was sealed with wax and which she had never opened. She said that this was in the suitcase at the time Karpis gave it to her and that he then informed her this envelope was the property of Fred Hunter and did not inform her of its contents. She stated that upon arrival in Paris, Texas, she was most fearful of the Post Office Inspectors and what might happen to her if these papers were found in her possession and feeling that they were of no further value to either Karpis or Hunter and certainly none to her, that she burned the entire contents of this suitcase. I inquired of her whether she had any idea as to the contents of the brown envelope and she said that she had none, other than recently while she was visiting in the East she was told by a mutual friend of herself and Karpis, as well as Hunter, that the envelope contained bonds which were stolen in the Carrettsville robbery. She did not mention the name of this friend, but informed me that the purpose of her visit in the East, at which time she was accompanied by Connie Morris, was to take her Great Dane dog there to breed it to a dog belonging to this friend of her's, from which I have no doubt that the friend referred to is Clayton Hall.

I am inclined to believe that Grace Goldstein was truthful in her statement to me, however, from past experience, before writing to you, I wanted to wait a day or two and see if she would either call or visit me at the office, which

she has not done, therefore, I am more inclined to believe that her statement is probably true.

I did not turn over to Grace at this time the $300.00, which you sent me in the form of a draft, as I felt that I would like another opportunity to talk with Grace in a further effort to secure some information and, therefore, will make it a point to go to Hot Springs again within the next week or ten days, at which time I will cash the draft and turn over to her this amount of money and at the same time endeavor by further questioning to secure the information which you desire.

During the course of our conversation I inquired of Grace how she was getting along with the officers in Hot Springs and she informed me that "Dutch" Akers left her entirely alone - had nothing whatever to say to her, but that Chief of Police Joe Hakalin was on most friendly terms with her. She said that she did not want, of course, to be out with "Dutch" Akers, but that his action toward her did not cause her any particular worry, as it was not "Dutch" Akers at all through whom she had her influence with the authorities. She mentioned no names at this point, but I am of the opinion that she referred to the Mayor, Leo P. McLaughlin and that Chief of Police Joe Hakelin is her go between with the Mayor.

Until the time of my next interview with Grace Goldstein I will retain the serials which you enclosed in your letter, unless you have some immediate need for them, as some question may come up during the course of my interview with her that is covered in these serials.

For your general information, I might say that "Dutch" Akers apparently is cooperating with this office one hundred per cent

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Mr. E. J. Connelley

at the present time and has done so ever since your visit to Hot Springs. Of course, all we get from Akers is an occasional motor theft case, but he is at least trying to give us the impression that he is on friendly terms with this office and the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

CHAPMON FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE,

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TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1323; et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.

CHARACTER OF CASE
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

All indictments pending in this case in this district continued over the term and the matter referred to the Attorney General of the United States for instructions as to whether further prosecution will be undertaken or the indictments quashed.

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DETAILS:

At the November term of the United States District Court at St.Paul, Minnesota, on November 3, 1936, the following indictments in this case were continued over the term on motion of the United States Attorney:

6095 Alvin Karpavicz,
alias Alvin Karpis,
Arthur R. Barker,
alias "Doc" Barker,
Volney Davis,
alias "Curley" alias "Cotton",
Harry Campbell, alias
George Winfield, alias "Dave",
Elmer Farmer,
Harold Alderton,
alias Harold Allerton,

ACT JUNE 22, 1932 (18 USCA 408a)
1 ct: Transporting Edw.G.Bremer in interstate commerce & holding him for ransom.

1-22-35 Indictment.
Pleas of N/G entered by Barker, Farmer, Alderton, Sawyer, Weaver

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: E. W. Ellis SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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William Weaver,
alias "Bill" Scott
" Phoenix Donald
" Charles N. Lucas,

Harry Sawyer,
alias Harry Sandlovich,
William J. Harrison,
alias "Willie"
" Elmer Howe,

John Doe
Richard Roe.

6096 Alvin Karpavicz,
alias Alvin Karpis,
Harry Campbell,
alias George Winfield
" "Dave"
William Weaver,
alias "Bill" Scott,
" Phoenix Donald,
" Charles W. Lucas,
Harry Sawyer,
alias Harry Sandlovich,
William J. Harrison,
alias "Willie"
" Elmer Howe
Joseph Patrick Moran,
alias Doctor Joseph P. Moran,
"Whitie", true name Bruno Austin
or Bruno Putas,
Myrtle Eaton,
alias "Mert"
Joe Doe
Richard Roe.

ACT JUNE 22, 1932 (18 USCA 408a)
1 ct: Conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer, transport him to Bensenville, Ill., and there hold him for ransom.

1-22-35 Indictment.
5-6 " Order discharging "Whitie", or Bruno Austin (Putas) from custody.

6174 Alvin Karpavicz
alias Alvin Karpis,
Arthur Barker
alias "Doc" Barker,
Volney Davis,
William J. Harrison,
Byron Bolton,
alias Monty Carter,
Elmer Farmer,
Harold Alderton,
alias Harold Allerton.

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9-27-35 Indictment.

Assistant United States Attorney George Heisey advised that a communication was being directed to the Attorney General of the United States for instructions as to whether further prosecutive action would be taken, or motion made to quash these existing indictments. Mr. Heisey further advised that the above, as listed, are all of the indictments now pending in this district in this case.

In connection with the hearing held in the United States District Court at Kansas City, Missouri, on October 23, 1936, Mr. Heisey advised that this was a hearing upon a motion made at the instance of Mrs. Cassius McDonald to secure his release on bail so that he might make certain business arrangements relative to his property. This motion was heard on the above date before Federal Judges Stone and Van Valkenburg, and was denied.

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November 10, 1936.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: VICE, GAMBLING AND POLICE CORRUPTION IN TOLEDO, OHIO.

On May 20, 1936, the Bureau began an investigation in Toledo, Ohio, in connection with individuals who were responsible for harboring members of the Karpis - Barker Gang at that place, and during the course of this investigation telephone taps were maintained in that city. Various persons, including operators of houses of prostitution, prostitutes, police officers, and informers, were interviewed, who provided information concerning vice and corruption in the city of Toledo as it existed at the time of the investigation and prior thereto.

The investigation resulted in the information that houses of prostitution were openly operated. Interviews were had with former and present members of the Vice Squad of the Toledo, Ohio Police Department and also with Chief of Police Ray Allen, and it was evident that the presence of such houses of prostitution in Toledo were known to the various officers. The interviews disclosed that apparently these houses of prostitution operated with the sanction of the Toledo Police Department. They were considered necessary evils and there was no effort made to suppress vice in that city. What efforts were made to regulate the houses of prostitution, were by prohibiting what is known as "street walking" by the prostitutes, prohibiting soliciting by the prostitutes from the windows and doorways, and further requiring the girls to have periodic medical examinations.

During the course of the investigation, Agents conducted a survey of 17 houses of prostitution which were found to be openly operating in Toledo. It was found that there was one house of prostitution operated by a negro woman, by the name of ELEANOR CROCKETT, alias Beatrice Fuller, who had colored inmates in the house, but only white patrons were permitted to enter. Eleanor Crockett admitted that she operated this house of prostitution in Toledo for 29 years and had only been arrested three times, the last time she was arrested being five or six years ago.

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At the time this investigation was instituted by the Bureau, KENNETH LARSON, police officer of the Toledo Police Department, confidentially advised that after Special Agents had interviewed several landladies of the houses of prostitution in Toledo, the "pay-off" for the month of June had been made; that due to the investigation conducted by the Bureau the houses closed and the collector of the graft money had to "kick back" part of the protection money.

As evidence of "pay-offs" and protection money, one HATTIE HARRIS, colored, furnished the Agents with information that she was employed as a housekeeper in houses of prostitution at Toledo, Ohio from 1926 until 1935; that in 1930 she was in the employment of a madam of a house of prostitution by the name of FAY CLARKE, and had complete charge of two houses of prostitution operated by the Clarke woman, and that every month, from about 1930 to 1932, upon the instructions of Fay Clarke, she, Hattie Harris, went to the residence of TED ANGUS and personally paid him $100 as protection money for the privilege of operating the two houses of prostitution. Hattie Harris also advised that on occasions when the "beat" was considered to be on the town, some member of the Vice Squad would call at the houses of prostitution and leave word for the houses to close up. These occurrences would happen during the so-called purity drives by the Police Department.

MRS. EDWARD JOYCE, alias Maude Noble, advised Agents that she had operated a house of prostitution in Toledo, Ohio for more than four years and that about four years ago she had operated a house at 202 Erie Street, Toledo, Ohio, and at that time she was advised by other operators of houses of prostitution that in order to remain open she would have to see TED and BERT ANGUS, at the Casino Club in Point Place; that it would be necessary for her to pay $100 per month protection money; that she paid $100 for one month, during which time she was not bothered by the Toledo, Ohio Police Department, and the following month, when she did not pay, the Vice Squad continually visited her house and arrested her on one occasion; that they made it so miserable for her she had to go out of business temporarily. She stated that about June or July, 1935 she was not paying protection money and the Vice Squad frequently visited her house; that at the suggestion of one JULIUS DAVIS she paid $50 protection money for one month and was not bothered by the Vice Squad. This woman died on September 1, 1936.

The other operators of houses of prostitution interviewed by Agents refused to admit that they were paying protection money, and in some cases the women claimed they were operating only rooming houses. However, the prostitutes interviewed at these houses all admitted practicing prostitution.

On June 11, 1936, when Agents were making investigation in the house of prostitution operated by PAULINE NEINSTEIN, 921 Summit Street, Toledo, Ohio, WILLIAM FISK of the Toledo Police Department called at this house of prostitution in a casual manner. When he was questioned by Agents, he stated that he was looking for violations of the liquor laws. OFFICER KENNETH LARSON later confidentially advised that he had obtained information that OFFICERS FISKE and KLINE, of the Liquor Squad, were collectors of protection money from houses of prostitution. This information could not be verified.

On the night of June 12, 1936, while Agents were making investigation at the house of prostitution operated by KITTY SPERRY, alias Kitty Diamond, 616 Lafayette Street, Toledo, Ohio, the telephone rang and the maid answered it. A Special Agent approached the telephone and overheard the man who was calling ask for "Kitty" and when the maid advised that Kitty was busy, the man calling left a message for Kitty to call Adams 4141. This telephone is listed to the Toledo Police Department.

While Agents were making an investigation at the house of Kitty Sperry on June 11, 1936, DETECTIVES DONALD MacGREGOR and W. COOK, members of the Vice Squad, entered this house of prostitution in a jaunty manner as though they had been there frequently and were welcome. They explained their presence by stating they were making a routine inspection; that they had been on the vice squad one month and had made no arrests. These officers, as well as other officers, subsequently interviewed, stated that they did not make an arrest in a house of prostitution unless they caught a man with an inmate, in her room. Other officers advised that unless this situation existed, the Municipal Court Judges would not find the prostitutes guilty.

At about 10:30 P.M. on the night of June 16, 1936, Special Agents saw a uniformed police officer leave a house of prostitution at 43 Vance Street, and enter a Toledo Police Department Squad car, bearing 1936 Ohio plates OR-886. Captain CHARLES HENNESSEY confidentially advised that this squad car was used on the night of June 16, 1936, by

OFFICERS STEEL and SEADERS; that these officers had no reason to call at 43 Vance Street in connection with their official duties, and that there was no record made by them as having made such a call.

Apparently as part of the system of protecting houses of prostitution, in exchange for protection money paid by them, certain police officers assigned to the Vice Squad have in the past been prevented from entering houses of prostitution and were assigned exclusively on working on the streets in arresting "street walkers". OFFICER L. D. MILLS stated that in January or February, 1934, he was assigned to the Vice Squad, under CAPTAIN GEORGE TIMINEY; that Timiney called the various members of the Squad into the Chief's office, and, in the presence of the Chief of Police, told the Squad that the Vice Squad should only work the streets and arrest only "street walkers", and when he, Mills, told Timiney he did not believe this order was consistent with the duties of an officer of the Vice Squad; that he believed the Vice Squad should be permitted to conduct investigations in houses of prostitution, Timiney remarked, "You take care of the streets and I will take care of the - - - houses." Mills stated that he was removed from the Vice Squad two days later. Other officers who were on the Vice Squad at that time verified the information that they were assigned to work exclusively on the streets, arresting prostitutes who were soliciting.

MRS. EDITH MARKS, former paramour of Captain George Timiney of the Toledo Police Department, has furnished Agents with the information that during the administration of MAYOR SOLON KLOTZ, Toledo, Ohio, years 1934 - 1935, Timiney, CHARLES MATTHEWS, former Welfare Director of the City of Toledo, and Mayor Klotz, split the "pay-off" money collected by Ted Angus from various houses of prostitution in Toledo, and that she derived her knowledge concerning this by various conversations she had with Timiney.

Mrs. Marks stated that prior to 1930 a negro politician by the name of VENA was the collector of protection money in Toledo; that when MAYOR JACKSON came into office in Toledo, Ohio, in the year 1930, George Timiney ousted Vena as the collector, and allied himself with Ted Angus. Mrs. Marks stated that she was certain that Mayor Jackson himself personally benefited by the protection money collected; that this set-up continued throughout Jackson's administration and thereafter for a short time under MAYOR ADDISON Q. THATCHER, who came into office in the year of 1932; that Ted Angus was ousted as the collector, but Timiney continued to share in the "pay-off", but after the election of Klotz as Mayor, Ted Angus again began operating as the collector. Mrs. Marks stated that she did

not know definitely, but that she understood that during the time Klotz was Mayor of Toledo, Ohio, a total amount of protection money each month would amount to between $5,000 and $6,000.

MISS DEANE ALLEN, another paramour of George Timiney, with whom Timiney lived prior to the time he began living with Edith Marks, furnished information that it was common knowledge that Ted Angus collected graft from the houses of prostitution at the rate of $5 for each inmate per week, and that from rumors and other sources not disclosed by her she learned Timiney personally collected graft money from the gambling places in Toledo. She related that prior to 1932 she would visit the Casino Club, operated by Ted Angus, and that on one occasion she drove with Timiney in the latter's automobile to the vicinity of the "red light" district, and while she was waiting in the car on Orange Street in Toledo she noticed Ted Angus come out of a house of prostitution, making a notation on a piece of paper which he later handed to Timiney; that some time later she went through Timiney's clothes and found a list with the names of 93 disorderly houses.

Evidence was obtained during the investigation conducted at Toledo, Ohio that the conditions found in that city during June and July, 1936 did not differ in a great measure from that which apparently existed in previous years. In March, 1934 a comprehensive confidential report was made by an investigator of the Social Hygiene Council, setting up the results of an inquiry made into vice and corruption in that city. The results of this investigation are summarized as follows:

(1) that the hotels furnished prostitutes, or prostitutes would be furnished through bell boys of hotels in Toledo.

(2) that every house of prostitution was compelled to "pay off" from $15 to $25 for the smaller places, more for the larger places, in order that these houses could continue to operate.

(3) that George Timiney, then head of the Vice Squad, controlled the collection of "pay-offs", according to statements made by madams of houses of prostitution that were interviewed.

(4) that the "pay-off" was divided between police officers and politicians.

(5) that no effort was made to close known houses of prostitution, but orders were issued to such houses to refrain from window tapping, et cetera.

(6) that the madams of houses of prostitution carried sufficient influence to change the ideas of the Mayor of Toledo to best suit the madams of such houses.

(7) that the so-called periodic "vice" and "purity" drives were but temporary and had little effect in suppressing vice.

(8) that the investigator visited 59 houses of prostitution where 88 white prostitutes and 9 negro prostitutes were interviewed, or information was obtained concerning them. Of this number, only 4 prostitutes, 2 white and 2 negro, were not sexual perverts. The other 93 perverts offered their services at prices ranging from $1 to $3.

A copy of this report is said to have been furnished to Mayor Klotz and his Safety Director, JOHN PRICE. It is further said that a copy of this report was furnished to the present city manager, JOHN EDY, and Chief of Police, Ray Allen.

Special Agents at the time investigation was conducted concerning houses of prostitution of Toledo learned that with few exceptions the inmates of these houses were all sexual perverts and would sell their services for from 50¢ to $1.

MABEL GREEN, MAXINE BELMONT, ROSIE BUSH, and SADIE DANN, appeared to be the most prominent madams of houses of prostitution in Toledo, at the present time. Telephone taps were maintained on the telephones of Maxine Belmont and Sadie Dann, and information was obtained which would substantiate the allegation that the various police officers were in frequent contact with Maxine Belmont.

The telephone tap on the Belmont woman's telephone disclosed that Municipal Court Judge HOMER RAMEY visited the Shelby Hotel, a house of prostitution operated by Maxine Belmont.

REVEREND CHARLES B. HARRISON furnished Agents with information contained in a confidential report prepared by him under date of June 3, 1935, which disclosed that during that month the following gambling places were openly operating in Toledo:

THE JOVIAL CLUB, 631 St. Clair Street,
operated by ED WARNER.

THE RECREATION CLUB, 515½ Jefferson Street,
operated by HARRY LEVINE.

THE SUPERIOR, 120 Superior Street,
operated by BENNY HARRIS.

THE BUCKEYE, 227 Superior Street,
operated by BENNY ARANOFF.

THE R. and K. SMOKE SHOP, 423½ Superior Street,
operated by "NIG" COUSINS.

RALPH DUGGAN'S PLACE, 625 St. Clair Street.

During the investigation by Agents in June and July, 1935, it was found that the above described gambling places were being operated openly. All of these places are located in the downtown business district in Toledo. Information was obtained that JOE ROSCOE, a subject in the harboring investigation, was interested in the operation of the JOVIAL CLUB; that "NIG" COUSINS, who also associated with the Karpis - Barker Gang in Toledo, operated the R. and K. SMOKE SHOP, which is a "bookie" joint.

The Agents determined, by passing, that the SUPERIOR was evidently a gambling place because the announcing of race results in this club could be heard on the street. Agents found no difficulty in entering any of the gambling places.

Police officers interviewed in connection with the gambling conditions in Toledo, all had knowledge of the operation of these places and used as an excuse for not taking action against them the fact that the operators of these clubs knew their identity and by the time the of-

ficers entered the places no gambling would be in evidence.

The telephone tap maintained on the telephone of the Amusement Games and Novelty Company, operated by JOE and BEN FRETTI, disclosed that the FRETTI brothers were in control of the operation of slot and pinball machines in the city of Toledo. Ben Fretti, when interviewed by Agents, stated that he knew he was engaged in an illegal business and mentioned that for a number of years he had dabbled in politics in Toledo and controls approximately 1500 votes, and that from time to time makes contributions to both the Democratic and Republican parties. The telephone tap on the Fretti place of business was operated from August 17, 1936 to September 24, 1936, and established that:

(1) Pinball machines operate in Toledo, paying off in money and slugs, which are redeemed in money or merchandise.

(2) After passing of a local ordinance compelling the licensing of each pinball or slot machine device considered to be an amusement device and not a gambling machine, pinball machines and slot machines continued to operate openly in Toledo.

(3) Ben and Joe Fretti are the apparent heads of the local syndicate at Toledo, Ohio, controlling the pinball business in that city.

(4) Joe and Ben Fretti are allied with various police officers and their interests are protected by such officers. Evidence of collusion and condonation of law violations are shown as follows:

(a) Meetings of Joe Fretti and SERGEANT CLINT KNUDEL, at Knudel's home, for the purpose of Knudel conveying to Fretti official orders issued to the police concerning pinball machines.

(b) Various meetings of Joe Fretti with Sergeant Knudel and other police officers of the Toledo Police Department under suspicious circumstances.

(c) Definite information indicating that police officers of the Toledo Police Department make efforts to foster the interests of Joe and Ben Fretti in their operation of pinball machines in the city of Toledo, Ohio, and that Joe and Ben Fretti have knowledge of proposed police activities before such intended action is taken.

(d) Indications that violations of law concerning the suppression of pinball machines are fixed in Court.

(e) Checking on the activities of investigating officers and threatening police officers who might be investigating pinball machines operated by Joe and Ben Fretti, and the use of the local police at Toledo, Ohio to aid in stamping out operators of competing pinball machines.

(f) Racketeering methods used in coercing individuals to use Regal Beer, distributed by Joe and Ben Fretti.

A telephone tap was maintained on the telephone listed in the name of Wittenberg, Jacobs, and Berenson, Toledo, Ohio, from July 6, 1936, ending August 8, 1936. Conversations over this telephone indicated that this firm, composed of three Wittenberg brothers, Karl, Dave and Myer, together with Ben Berenson, and Jacobs, is practically the only professional bailing and bonding firm in Toledo, Ohio, dealing exclusively in criminal bail bonds. The conversations over this telephone indicated that this firm is in close contact with the Police Department and is the Municipal Court "fixer"; that the firm is particularly in close contact with the Turnkey's office in the City Hall, and that the various Turnkeys, as well as police matrons, furnish the firm with information with reference to prisoners who are in the City Jail, and in several instances the Turnkeys were heard to comment whether the people who were arrested were good prospects for bail purposes.

Conversations over the telephone further reflected that this firm makes a practice of "fixing" tickets given by the Traffic Department

of the Toledo Police Department for violations of the traffic laws; that their ability to do this is apparently through connections in the City Clerk's office. In addition to the foregoing activities, conversations over the telephone indicated that members of this firm are able to obtain certain confidential information from the City Clerk's office with reference to certain criminal warrants and to use their influence to have false returns made on the warrants or to delay their execution.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

POST OFFICE BOX 812,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

November 10, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir: In re: BOWKID

A review has been made of the file in this case at the Chicago Bureau office by Special Agents John L. Madala and D. P. Sullivan.

Additional information to that contained in the summary reports of Special Agents E. J. Wynn, dated October 25, 1936, and S. K. McKee, dated October 26, 1936, has been obtained as a result of this review of the file. This information has been set out under the names of such witnesses as can properly introduce the testimony.

The witnesses who can testify to those matters bearing on the Cleveland angle of the harboring charges presently pending in that district are as follows:

S. K. McKEE (Interview of Alvin Karpis)
JOHN L. MADALA (Interview of Dolores Delaney)
W. B. MATHEY (Interview of Dolores Delaney)
W. B. MATHEY (Interview of Dolores Delaney)
CHARLES CARROLL
FRED C. STOIK
C. W. WILSON
E. R. PETTIS (Interview of Frank J. Noonan)
E. J. CONNELLEY (Interview of Frank J. Noonan)
JOHN FRANK BROCK
E. J. CONNELLEY (Interview of Alvin Karpis)
PATRICK JAMES KILBANE
OMNY D. McDERMOTT
ROBERT DONLEY
RUTH WINFIELD RECORDED
MRS. O. W. BLACKMAN &
O. ERWIN NAFZ INDEXED 7-576-13259
JAMES MURPHY
W. D. PETERS
S. K. McKEE (Interview of Anthony J. "Tony" Amorosnoch)
CHRIS BOTOFF
E. J. CONNELLEY (Interview of Arthur W. Hebebrand)
S. K. McKEE (Interview of John F. "Makey" Gorman)

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The following witnesses can testify particularly as to the harboring case at Toledo, Ohio:

WYNONA BURDETTE
WILLIAM R. BROWN
HARRY LARELY
LYMAN D. ARNOLD
C. ERWIN MAYER
R. J. RANKIN

Testimony of the three witnesses last named refers to the automobiles for which Colin "Coolie" Monroe obtained license plates at Toledo, Ohio, during January or February, 1934. Edna Murray will probably testify that Colin Monroe obtained license plates for both of the automobiles mentioned, one set of plates being obtained the latter part of January, 1934, when she, Wynona Burdette and William J. Harrison made a trip from Chicago, Illinois, to Toledo, Ohio, and the other set of plates being obtained by Volney Davis for his automobile through Colin Monroe early during the month of February, 1934.

This testimony is not being set up under a separate report, but should be considered as merely supplemental testimony to that contained in the reports of Special Agents T. J. Lynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated October 25, 1936, and S. K. McKee, Cleveland, Ohio, dated October 26, 1936. If the United States Attorney at Cleveland, Ohio, or the Cleveland Bureau Office so desires, this testimony can be inserted in its proper place in either of the above mentioned reports. A copy of this additional testimony is designated for the United States Attorney at Cleveland, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cincinnati
U. S. Attorney, Cleveland

S. K. McKEE

Special Agent,
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Will testify that on May 3 and 4, 1936, he and Special Agent R. C. SURAN questioned ALVIN KARPIS at St. Paul, Minnesota, and that at that time a group of about fifty photographs was exhibited to ALVIN KARPIS, certain of which photographs he identified and others which he refused to identify; that ALVIN KARPIS advised that the photographs which he refused to identify might be photographs of some persons whom he knew, but whom he would not identify or make any statement concerning.

That ALVIN KARPIS selected and identified a photograph of FRED BARKER and stated he became acquainted with this invididual while both were confined in the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, prior to 1931, FRED BARKER being the first of the so-called BARKER-KARPIS gang with whom he became acquainted.

Will testify that during this interview ALVIN KARPIS spoke of the following persons:

FRED BARKER
ARTHUR R. "DOC" BARKER
FRED GOETZ
CHARLES J. FITZGERALD
BRYAN BOLTON
KLMER FARMER
VOLNEY DAVIS
BELLE BORNE
HARRY SAWYER
HARRY CAMPBELL
JAMES J. WILSON
WILLIAM J. HARRISON
RUSSELL GIBSON
KATE BARKER
DOLORES DELANEY
FRED HUNTER
WILLIAM WEAVER
SAM COKER

EDNA MURRAY
PAULA HARMON
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN
BERT ANGUS
TED ANGUS
GLADYS SAWYER
ART HEBERBRAND
JAMES "SHIMMIE" PATTON
JOE ROSCOE
HAROLD "NIG" COUSINS
WYNONA BURDETTE
OLIVER A. BERG
MYRTLE EATON

Will state that ALVIN KARPIS identified a photograph of ARTHUR R. "DOC" BARKER and he stated that he met "DOC" BARKER in the fall of 1932 at St. Paul, Minnesota, and that he, KARPIS, and FRED BARKER furnished the money through which "DOC" BARKER was released from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

That he was first introduced to FRED GOETZ at St. Paul, Minnesota, some years ago, but really became acquainted with him during the spring of 1933 when GOETZ was living with his wife, IRENE, and a little boy at Elmhurst, Illinois.

That he identified a photograph of CHARLES J. FITZGERALD and ALVIN KARPIS stated that he became acquainted with FITZGERALD in Chicago, Illinois, in the summer of 1932 and first met FITZGERALD at the [illegible]OP Inn operated by "DOC" STACEY.

That he identified a photograph of BRYAN BOLTON and he stated that he became acquainted with this man at about the same time that he met FRED GOETZ.

That he identified a photograph of ELMER FARMER and stated that he met ELMER FARMER at a saloon in Bensenville, Illinois, but he did not specify when it was that he first met ELMER FARMER.

That ALVIN KARPIS identified a photograph of VOLNEY DAVIS, but he did not mention when he first became acquainted with this man; that, however, ALVIN KARPIS mentioned that VOLNEY DAVIS was living with FRED BARKER in a cottage at Long Lake, Illinois, during the summer of 1933 and that while

this cottage was occupied by FRED BARKER, VOLNEY DAVIS, PAULA HARMON and EDNA MURRAY, he, ALVIN KARPIS, made two visits to this cottage.

That ALVIN KARPIS identified a photograph of EDNA MURRAY and stated that he had seen her at the cottage of FRED BARKER and VOLNEY DAVIS located at Long Lake, Illinois, during the summer of 1933;

That ALVIN KARPIS identified a photograph of HARRY SAWYER and stated that he first met HARRY SAWYER during the fall of 1931 or the early part of 1932 when he, ALVIN KARPIS, first came to St. Paul, Minnesota; that he also admitted that he had come in contact with HARRY SAWYER during the summer of 1934 at Cleveland, Ohio.

That ALVIN KARPIS identified a photograph of HARRY CAMPBELL and stated that he has known HARRY CAMPBELL for about five years, but that CAMPBELL did not become connected with the "mob" until about the fall of 1933 at Chicago, Illinois; that HARRY CAMPBELL lived with WYNONA BURDETTE during the fall of 1933 and the year 1934 and that after WYNONA BURDETTE was arrested at Cleveland, Ohio, she subsequently returned to her home in Oklahoma and HARRY CAMPBELL went to Oklahoma and drove her to Florida where CAMPBELL and WYNONA BURDETTE lived until the date of the killing of FRED BARKER and his mother at Oklawaha, Florida; that ALVIN KARPIS further stated that he last saw HARRY CAMPBELL during November, 1935.

That ALVIN KARPIS identified a photograph of JAMES J. WILSON and stated that he became acquainted with WILSON through DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN at Chicago, Illinois, and that WILSON also visited the various members of the gang in Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio; that ALVIN KARPIS refused to go into further detail concerning this individual other than to state that WILSON was always trying to be a "big shot" and that the sentence which WILSON received after his conviction in the Bremer kidnaping case was a just sentence; that he stated that JIMMY WILSON took care of HARRY CAMPBELL after DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN had operated upon him.

That he identified a photograph of WILLIAM J. HARRISON and stated that he first became acquainted with this man at Calumet City, Illinois, when HARRISON was running a saloon at that place with one of the ANGUS brothers of Toledo,

Ohio, but that he, ALVIN KARPIS, could not recall the circumstances surrounding his meeting with WILLIE HARRISON; that he last saw WILLIE HARRISON in Miami, Florida, during the latter part of 1934 at which time he, ALVIN KARPIS, gave HARRISON some money to go to California for the purpose of opening a filling station and with the idea in mind that HARRISON would turn "legitimate"; that ALVIN KARPIS stated that WILLIE HARRISON assisted members of the gang in renting various apartments and running other errands for the mob.

That ALVIN KARPIS identified a photograph of RUSSELL GIBSON as an individual known to him as "SLIM" and who associated with members of the gang; that ALVIN KARPIS provided no further information concerning this individual.

That ALVIN KARPIS identified a photograph of KATE BARKER, mother of FRED and ARTHUR R. "DOC" BARKER, and stated that he associated with her frequently and lived in the same apartment with KATE and FRED BARKER on various occasions at Kansas City, Missouri; St. Paul, Minnesota, and Chicago, Illinois, and that he, ALVIN KARPIS, was very friendly with KATE BARKER.

That ALVIN KARPIS identified a photograph of DOLORES DELANEY, but would not state definitely when he first began living with her, but insinuated that it was during the spring of 1933 at about the time he rented an apartment at River Forest, Illinois; that he never married DOLORES DELANEY, but that during the winter of 1934 at Miami, Florida, he and DOLORES DELANEY planned going through a marriage ceremony in view of the approaching birth of her child, but that this proposed marriage did not take place inasmuch as he did not know whether he in fact was still married to another woman and he felt that [illegible] the marriage if performed would not be legal.

That he identified a photograph of FRED HUNTER and stated that he met this man in Ohio; that he knew FRED HUNTER as a gambler and as a salesman for gambling equipment and refused to elaborate further on his acquaintanceship with this individual.

That he identified a photograph of WILLIAM WEAVER and stated that he met "BILL" WEAVER shortly after the latter's release from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary sometime in 1931 and that in fact he, ALVIN KARPIS, gave BILL WEAVER his first

suit of clothes after his release from the penitentiary; that he associated with BILL WEAVER from that time until the summer of 1934 when BILL WEAVER left the gang.

That ALVIN KARPIS identified a photograph of MYRTLE EATON and stated that this woman and BILL WEAVER resided together as man and wife, but refused to discuss MYRTLE EATON further, giving as his reason the fact that he did not know whether there were any charges in connection with the Bremer kidnaping still pending against this woman.

That he, ALVIN KARPIS, identified a photograph of SAM COKER and he stated that he first met this man in Oklahoma during 1931; that he and SAM COKER were jointly involved in the robbery of a jewelry store at Henrietta, Oklahoma, following which robbery COKER was sentenced to the Oklahoma State Penitentiary; that KARPIS further stated that COKER had a lot of gold teeth in the upper front part of his mouth and that COKER had these teeth put in after being shot through the nose or roof of his mouth; that COKER was part Indian and was released from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in September 1935.

Will testify that about a month after he and DOLORES DELANEY left River Forest, Illinois (probably in the summer of 1933) they lived together at the Country Club Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, and were taken to this hotel by FRED GOETZ.

That ALVIN KARPIS stated that he lived in an apartment at Maywood, Illinois, for possibly a month under the name of DAWSON and that shortly after he moved out of this apartment VOLNEY DAVIS and EDNA MURRAY moved into the same building.

That during the time he and DOLORES DELANEY were living in an apartment at River Forest, Illinois, WILLIAM A. HAMM, JR., was kidnaped and that during the kidnaping DOLORES DELANEY remained at the River Forest apartment.

That a few months prior to the Bremer kidnaping HARRY CAMPBELL joined members of the gang at Chicago, Illinois and that shortly thereafter he, with other members of the gang whose identity he would not reveal, proceeded to Reno, Nevada, where they resided until a short time prior to the kidnaping of EDWARD G. BREMER at St. Paul, Minnesota; that the gang at that time left Reno, Nevada, and returned to St. Paul, Minnesota.

That he, ALVIN KARPIS, personally returned to Chicago, Illinois, where he remained for a short while before coming to St. Paul, Minnesota, to participate in the kidnaping of EDWARD G. BREMER; that during the time that EDWARD G. BREMER was held captive by the gang, he ALVIN KARPIS, had an apartment on Yates Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, and that DOLORES DELANEY remained at that place during this period of time.

That after the ransom money collected from the kidnaping of EDWARD G. BREMER was obtained he went to Chicago, Illinois, from St. Paul, Minnesota, and subsequently to Toledo and Cleveland, Ohio; that about this time he made at least two visits to the apartment occupied by BILL WEAVER in Aurora, Illinois; that between the time that the Bremer ransom money was collected and the time that he proceeded from Chicago, Illinois, to Toledo, Ohio, DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN operated on his fingertips and face at the Irving Hotel at Chicago, Illinois; that at the same time DR. MORAN also performed operations on FRED BARKER; that he left Chicago, Illinois, around April 1934 and went to Toledo, Ohio, and he stated that he was acquainted with BERT and TED ANGUS, but refused to discuss these individuals further at this time.

That ALVIN KARPIS stated that BILL WEAVER at first refused to enter into the plot to kidnap EDWARD G. BREMER, but due to certain circumstances WEAVER was more or less forced to participate.

Will state that ALVIN KARPIS admitted that he received mail at General Delivery at Cleveland, Ohio, from HARRY SAWYER, advising him that SAWYER and his wife, GLADYS, were coming to Cleveland, Ohio.

That ALVIN KARPIS stated that at Cleveland, Ohio, during the summer of 1934 he frequented the Harvard Club; that at this place he was acquainted with ART HEBERBRAND, "SHIMMIE" PATTON and "TIP" O'NEILL and that at one time he contemplated going into the slot machine business with ART HEBERBRAND ; that he also at one time planned putting some money into slot machines which were to be placed in foreign countries, but that this deal was never consummated.

That ALVIN KARPIS admitted that he was instrumental in securing a copy of a criminal record of CHARLES CARROLL, alias CHARLES WINTERHALTER, which criminal record was later found in the house occupied by him at 3973 West 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, during the summer of 1934; that ALVIN KARPIS declined to state for what purpose members of the gang desired this criminal record and further refused to state just how this record was secured.

That ALVIN KARPIS was questioned concerning the identification card of a detective agency which he was reported to have possessed during the summer of 1934 at Cleveland, Ohio, and that ALVIN KARPIS would not admit that he ever possessed such an identification card, but did state that he was acquainted with FRANK NOONAN, a private detective at Cleveland, Ohio, whom ALVIN KARPIS described as being connected with the Harvard Club; that in referring to FRANK NOONAN, ALVIN KARPIS stated "I know the man is crooked, but aren't all private detectives crooked? He helped me when I needed help and I won't say anything to help get him in trouble;" that ALVIN KARPIS refused to elaborate on these statements.

That ALVIN KARPIS stated that he was acquainted with JOE ROSCOE and that he had heard that JOE ROSCOE was supposed to be a boy friend of EDITH BARRY; that he was acquainted with EDITH BARRY and was at her home on at least two occasions; that these visits were not for the purpose of obtaining the services of a girl prostitute, but that he declined to specify the reason for these visits; that while visiting the house of EDITH BARRY he became acquainted with two girls who were known to him only by the names of "PEACHES" and "LOU", but denied that he ever had a date with either of these two women.

That ALVIN KARPIS stated that he was acquainted with "NIG" COUSINS, whom he knew as a person who operated a cigar store at Toledo, Ohio; that he also was acquainted with a man who was supposed to be a caretaker at Middle Island, but that he did not know this individual's name; that KARPIS would not go into detail with respect to persons known to him at Toledo, Ohio.

That ALVIN KARPIS stated that after the arrest of GLADYS SAWYER, WYNONA BURDETTE and PAULA HARMON at Cleveland, Ohio, in September, 1934, he and FRED BARKER left the house wherein the circular bearing FRED BARKER'S fingerprints was later found; that after leaving the house he and FRED BARKER

recalled that they had left this wanted circular behind and decided to return to get it, but that upon approaching the house they observed Police Officers surrounding the place and they immediately departed; that after this occurrence he told DOLORES DELANEY to go to Toledo, Ohio, and register under the name of BEAUDRY and that he subsequently met DOLORES DELANEY at this hotel, the name of which he did not mention, and told her to go to a hotel in Chicago, Illinois, where he would contact her; that ALVIN KARPIS stated that he did contact DOLORES DELANEY at this hotel by telephone and instructed her to go to the Diversey-Arms Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, and instructed her where she should meet KATE BARKER; that he told her he would get in touch with her at that place, which he did. Following this he and DOLORES DELANEY proceeded to Miami, Florida; that ALVIN KARPIS stated that this was the last time that he was in Chicago, Illinois, prior to the date of his arrest.

That ALVIN KARPIS was questioned concerning his flight from Miami, Florida, after the killing of FRED BARKER and his mother at Oklawaha, Florida, in January, 1935, and ALVIN KARPIS stated that when he departed from Miami, Florida, in January, 1935, he instructed "DUKE" RANDALL to give to JOSEPH ADAMS, the Manager of the El Comodoro Hotel at Miami, Florida, the balance of the $1,000.00 bill that was being kept for him at the El Comodoro Hotel after the cost of the railroad tickets of WYNONA BURDETTE and DOLORES DELANEY had been deducted.

That ALVIN KARPIS was questioned concerning his association with CASSIUS "CASH" McDONALD and he stated that McDONALD visited his, ALVIN KARPIS', home at Miami, Florida, on Christmas, 1934; that ALVIN KARPIS refused to either affirm or deny that McDONALD was involved in the exchange of Bremer ransom money at Havana, Cuba, during September, 1934, but did state that during the time he was in Cuba he went to a bank in order to get change for some hundred dollar bills and that the bank teller gave him in exchange for his money several packages of five and ten dollar bills issued by the Federal Reserve Bank at Minneapolis, Minnesota, and that he immediately formed the conclusion that they were a part of the Bremer ransom money; that he was afraid to spend the money at Havana, Cuba, and kept it until he left Cuba.

That ALVIN KARPIS stated that before he was captured in May, 1936, and while he was a fugitive he regularly

bought all detective magazines to read stories about his various activities in order to ascertain in which magazine his photograph appeared; that he also read all newspapers in those cities where he was living at a particular time; that during the two trials in the Bremer case at St. Paul, Minnesota, he read all of the St. Paul newspapers in order to follow the trials and ascertain what evidence was being presented by the Government.

That when ALVIN KARPIS was questioned concerning his escape from the Danmore Hotel at Atlantic City, New Jersey, on January 20, 1933, he, ALVIN KARPIS, advised that when he and HARRY CAMPBELL entered the lobby of this hotel they noticed a couple of men "burning" (closely watching) them, but that they registered at the hotel regardless of this, as both of them felt that they might be unduly suspicious; that on the morning when he and HARRY CAMPBELL escaped, Police Officers got hold of him at the hotel; that he merely inquired of them what it was all about and when they asked concerning CAMPBELL he told them that this man was drunk, but that he would go into his room and get him up; that he did go into the room and came out shooting with a machine gun; that ALVIN KARPIS stated that he and HARRY CAMPBELL were successful in getting away from the Police Officers.

Will state that ALVIN KARPIS was questioned concerning the kidnaping of DR. HUNSICKER near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and he, ALVIN KARPIS, stated that he and HARRY CAMPBELL stopped this man on the road somewhere near Allentown, Pennsylvania; that this man (DR. HUNSICKER) was driving a four-door Plymouth Sedan and that they inquired of him if he knew the road to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and when he said he did not they referred to road maps and drove north and then west, leaving Pennsylvania at Newcastle on Route 224; that they kept on this route across Ohio to a point somewhere near Toledo; that ALVIN KARPIS would not state upon questioning where he and HARRY CAMPBELL released DR. HUNSICKER and he, ALVIN KARPIS, stated that he did not know at what point he and HARRY CAMPBELL left Route 224, remarking that the map that they had been using blew out of the automobile; that ALVIN KARPIS admitted that he and HARRY CAMPBELL "tied the Doctor up" but refused to give further details concerning this; that ALVIN KARPIS stated that he and HARRY CAMPBELL abandoned the Plymouth automobile outside of Toledo, Ohio, but he would not answer any questions concerning his movements after this automobile had been disposed of.

That ALVIN KARPIS was questioned further concerning his activities at Toledo, Ohio, and he admitted that he frequented the Casino Club, operated by TED and BERT ANGUS and stated that he used to go to this place and drink.

That in referring to OLIVER A. BERG, ALVIN KARPIS stated that OLLIE BERG acted as a guard of the money during the time it was being exchanged at Chicago, Illinois; that he considered the life sentence received by OLLIE BERG was unjust; that he did not believe that BERG should have been given more than other persons who were guilty of changing Bremer ransom money.

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Will, in addition to the testimony set out beginning on page 84 of the summary report of Special Agent E. J. WYNN, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, October 25, 1936, testify further that in company with Special Agent D. P. SULLIVAN he interviewed

DOLORES DELANEY — Defendant and Possible Witness

at the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 22, 1936, and will introduce the written statement she signed at that time, a portion of which is as follows, and Agent Madala:

Will testify that DOLORES DELANEY discussed the following individuals with whom she was acquainted at Cleveland, Ohio, during the summer of 1934:

ALVIN KARPIS
FRED BARKER
PAULA HARMON
HARRY SAWYER
GLADYS SAWYER
WILLIAM J. HARRISON
HARRY CAMPBELL
WYNONA BURDETTE
"TONY" AMERSBACH
ARTHUR R. "DOC" BARKER

Will testify that DOLORES DELANEY stated that about a week after the time that she and ALVIN KARPIS arrived at Cleveland, Ohio, during May of 1935, she and ALVIN KARPIS were residing in an apartment building which she believed was on 159th Street, immediately off of Euclid Avenue; that at that time ALVIN KARPIS drove to Toledo, Ohio, and returned with FRED BARKER and PAULA

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HARMON; that thereafter FRED BARKER and PAULA HARMON lived with her and ALVIN KARPIS for about three days; that this couple then moved to another apartment somewhere in Cleveland, the address of which she did not know; that she, DOLORES DELANEY, visited this apartment on only one occasion; that sometime thereafter ALVIN KARPIS stated that he was going to rent an unfurnished apartment; that she stated that he apparently did so inasmuch as ALVIN KARPIS took her out to visit a house which was located on Flamingo Street in Cleveland, Ohio; that she, DOLORES DELANEY, stated she had purchased furniture for this house at various furniture stores in Cleveland, Ohio, and about two weeks later had it delivered and moved into the house which ALVIN KARPIS had rented; that a few days after she and ALVIN KARPIS moved into this house, FRED BARKER visited the house alone and thereafter he visited ALVIN KARPIS and herself on several occasions; that on one occasion he was accompanied by PAULA HARMON.

Will state that DOLORES DELANEY advised that on or about June 1, 1934, ALVIN KARPIS drove her to the Cleveland Hotel, KARPIS stating to her that he was going to meet some friends; that in her presence he asked the room clerk at the Cleveland Hotel what room "MR. JAMES" was living in; that when the clerk advised him of the room number she accompanied ALVIN KARPIS to that room and there met HARRY SAWYER and GLADYS SAWYER and their young daugher, FRANCINE; that HARRY SAWYER asked ALVIN KARPIS what had been keeping him; that he had been waiting for two days at the hotel; that ALVIN KARPIS at that time invited HARRY SAWYER, his wife, GLADYS, and their daughter, FRANCINE, to live with her and ALVIN KARPIS until the SAWYERS located an apartment in Cleveland, Ohio; that ALVIN KARPIS and HARRY SAWYER left the hotel later that same day and thereafter she, DOLORES DELANEY, GLADYS SAWYER and FRANCINE SAWYER also left the hotel and returned to the house occupied by her and ALVIN KARPIS; that the SAWYERS remained overnight with them at this house and on the following day PAULA HARMON came over, after which GLADYS SAWYER, PAULA HARMON and herself proceeded to the Cleveland Hotel to check out the SAWYERS; that at that time the floor clerk stated that a long distance telephone call from New York City had come to the hotel for MR. and MRS. FRANK JAMES during their absence and that the party calling gave the room in which they were registered; that GLADYS SAWYER remarked to PAULA HARMON and DOLORES DELANEY that she did not understand who could have made this call because nobody knew where she and

HARRY SAWYER were; that GLADYS SAWYER was greatly worried about this telephone call and in conversation with PAULA HARMON and DOLORES DELANEY, GLADYS SAWYER mentioned the possibility that it might have been "the coppers" checking up on them.

That GLADYS SAWYER checked out of the hotel and all three of the above mentioned women, including herself, made a roundabout trip to DOLORES DELANEY'S home; that on the way they feared they possibly might be followed; that on arriving at her house they told HARRY SAWYER and ALVIN KARPIS about the telephone call; that both were very much worried concerning it, HARRY SAWYER especially so; that thereafter ALVIN KARPIS went to a public telephone and called the long distance telephone operator who advised ALVIN KARPIS that she had no record of such a long distance telephone call.

Will state that DOLORES DELANEY advised that during the time that HARRY and GLADYS SAWYER were living with ALVIN KARPIS and herself that FRED BARKER and PAULA HARMON also visited the house on several occasions; that quite frequently HARRY and GLADYS SAWYER and ALVIN KARPIS visited the apartment of FRED BARKER and PAULA HARMON at Cleveland, Ohio; that she, DOLORES DELANEY, did not visit this apartment during this time as she did not get along very well with PAULA HARMON; that when the others were away she, DOLORES DELANEY, generally remained at home with FRANCINE SAWYER.

That about the first part of July or the latter part of June, 1934, she, DOLORES DELANEY,and ALVIN KARPIS moved into a house on West 140th Street, the exact address of which she could not recall; that after they had been in this house about a week WILLIAM J. HARRISON moved in with them; that PAULA HARMON and FRED BARKER visited this house on one occasion with HARRY CAMPBELL, GLADYS and HARRY SAWYER.

That DOLORES DELANEY stated that about this time ALVIN KARPIS took her to a gambling place located on the outskirts of Cleveland, Ohio, and DOLORES DELANEY described this place as a large gambling house having a large parking lot located immediately outside. She recalled that on the first occasion that ALVIN KARPIS took her to this gambling place he said, "Hello" to the man at the front door as though he had been previously acquainted with this doorman; that thereafter

ALVIN KARPIS took her to this gambling place on several occasions and that she, DOLORES DELANEY frequently visited this gambling place alone; that on one occasion she saw PAULA HARMON and FRED BARKER there, but she did not speak to them.

Will testify that DOLORES DELANEY stated that on or about September 5, 1934, ALVIN KARPIS and she retired for the night one evening about 9 p.m.; that WILLIE HARRISON, who had been living with ALVIN KARPIS and herself, had left Cleveland four or five days previous to this time; that at about 11 p.m. while she and ALVIN KARPIS were in bed HARRY CAMPBELL, FRED BARKER and "DOC" BARKER came to the house and ALVIN KARPIS admitted them; that FRED BARKER told ALVIN KARPIS at that time that WYNONA BURDETTE, GLADYS SAWYER, PAULA HARMON and herself, DOLORES DELANEY, had been arrested; that ALVIN KARPIS told FRED BARKER that she, DOLORES DELANEY, had not been arrested; that she was in fact in bed in the house at that time; that FRED BARKER then told ALVIN KARPIS that WYNONA, GLADYS and PAULA were arrested at theCleveland Hotel for causing some sort of a disturbance; that ALVIN KARPIS thereupon told her, DOLORES DELANEY, to get dressed and go into the living room and maintain a lookout; that HARRY CAMPBELL and "DOC" BARKER laid down to get some sleep while FRED BARKER and ALVIN KARPIS talked privately, none of which conversation she overheard; that about an hour or so later ALVIN KARPIS and FRED BARKER went out and returned about forty-five minutes later, stating that there were cops and squad cars all around FRED BARKER'S house; that while she was still maintaining a watch from the front window, it being about 4:30 a.m., two Police squad cars drove slowly by the house; that these cars appeared to be watching the house; that the cars drove up the block some distance and returned again, driving slowly by the house; that she, DOLORES DELANEY, immdiately called to ALVIN KARPIS and told him of what she had seen and ALVIN KARPIS instructed her at that time to start packing only those things that they would absolutely need and to forget about the rest; that she, DOLORES DELANEY, began packing and about fifteen minutes later ALVIN KARPIS awakened FRED BARKER, "DOC" BARKER and HARRY CAMPBELL and that all of these individuals then departed in three automobiles, the time being about 5 a.m.; that she and ALVIN KARPIS drove away in the Pontiac Coupe belonging to ALVIN KARPIS, and they proceeded to a highway where by prearrangement they met the other two cars which had taken different routes from the one that she and ALVIN

KARPIS had taken; that she got into the Pontiac and ALVIN KARPIS, FRED and "DOC" BARKER and HARRY CAMPBELL got into the other two cars; that ALVIN KARPIS thereupon instructed her to drive to Toledo, Ohio and to check into the Algeo Hotel where he would telephone her; that she thereupon drove to Toledo, Ohio, and checked into the hotel as instructed;

That DOLORES DELANEY stated that ALVIN KARPIS telephoned her at the Algeo Hotel that same afternoon and that she met him in downtown Toledo at which time he told her to take a train to Chicago, Illinois, and to register at the Southmoor Hotel.

Will testify that DOLORES DELANEY stated further that she did proceed to Chicago, Illinois, by train and did register at the Southmoor Hotel; that thereafter at Chicago, Illinois, she associated with the following persons:

ALVIN KARPIS
KATE BARKER
RUSSELL GIBSON
WILLIAM J. HARRISON
FRED BARKER

that two days after she arrived at Chicago, Illinois, ALVIN KARPIS telephoned her and told her to go to an apartment on the north side of Chicago where he would again telephone her on the following day; that she thereupon got an apartment located on Diversey Avenue possibly in the Diversey-Park Arms Hotel, but continued to reside at the Southmoor Hotel; that on the following day ALVIN KARPIS telephoned her at the Southmoor Hotel and she met him outside of the hotel and that she and ALVIN KARPIS went to KATE "MOTHER" BARKER'S apartment and thereafter "MOTHER" BARKER accompanied ALVIN KARPIS and herself to the apartment she had rented on Diversey Avenue; that three or four nights later ALVIN KARPIS called this apartment and told her to pack her belongings, advising her that they were going to Miami, Florida, and told "MOTHER" BARKER that FRED BARKER would see her in a couple of days; that she and ALVIN KARPIS left that night for Miami, Florida; that on arriving at Miami, Florida, she and ALVIN KARPIS proceeded to the El Comodoro Hotel where ALVIN KARPIS asked the room clerk for MR. ADAMS, whom DOLORES DELANEY knew under the name of JOE ADAMS, the Manager of the El Comodoro

Hotel; that on the following morning she and ALVIN KARPIS left Miami, Florida, and proceeded to Havana, Cuba, where they stayed for approximately one week; that thereafter they obtained a cottage at Varadero Beach, Cuba, where they resided from about the first of October, 1934, until about November 15, 1934; that on or about this latter date she and ALVIN KARPIS returned to Miami, Florida.

Will testify that DOLORES DELANEY stated that at Miami, Florida, she associated with

ALVIN KARPIS
WILLIAM J. HARRISON
HARRY CAMPBELL
WYNONA BURDETTE
RUSSELL GIBSON
ARTHUR R. "DOC" BARKER
FRED BARKER
KATE BARKER

that on arriving at Miami, Florida, she proceeded to the El Comodoro Hotel where she met WYNONA BURDETTE and remained overnight with her; that thereafter through JOSEPH ADAMS, Manager of the El Comodoro Hotel, she rented a house in Miami, Florida, under the name of MRS. S. A. GREEN; that she and ALVIN KARPIS resided at this house until January 16, 1935; that during this time KATE BARKER, FRED BARKER, HARRY CAMPBELL, WYNONA BURDETTE, WILLIAM J. HARRISON, RUSSELL GIBSON visited ALVIN KARPIS and herself.

Will testify that during November and December, 1934 and January, 1935, FRED BARKER and his mother resided at Oklawaha, Florida, and that ALVIN KARPIS visited them during this time; that HARRY CAMPBELL and WYNONA BURDETTE resided for a time with FRED BARKER and his mother at Oklawaha, Florida; that during the early part of Jan., 1935, she, DOLORES DELANEY, read in the newspapers that RUSSELL GIBSON had been killed at Chicago, Illinois, while resisting arrest by Government Agents; that on the night of January 13, 1935, WYNONA BURDETTE and HARRY CAMPBELL came to the house occupied by ALVIN KARPIS and herself at Miami, Florida, and remained with them until January 16, 1935; that on this latter date while HARRY CAMPBELL and ALVIN KARPIS were fishing, at approximately 10 a.m. she and WYNONA BURDETTE heard over the radio that it was believed that two of the Bremer kidnapers had been trapped in a house which was then being gassed; that

about an hour later she and WYNONA BURDETTE heard over the radio that "MA" and FRED BARKER had been killed in a house at Oklawaha, Florida; that when ALVIN KARPIS and HARRY CAMPBELL returned from fishing at about 7:30 p.m. that same day, she and WYNONA BURDETTE told them of what had happened; that thereafter that same night ALVIN KARPIS, HARRY CAMPBELL, WYNONA BURDETTE and herself met "DUKE" RANDALL on a road outside of Miami, Florida. At that time she, DOLORES DELANEY, gave $500.00 to ALVIN KARPIS; that KARPIS at that time told her that "DUKE" RANDALL would give her $1,000.00 the following morning; that ALVIN KARPIS told her at that time that "DUKE" RANDALL would take WYNONA BURDETTE and herself to some place where they could spend the night and he instructed that they were to take a train on the following morning for Atlantic City, New Jersey; that thereafter WYNONA BURDETTE, "DUKE" RANDALL and she proceeded to the Ti-Miami Hotel at Miami, Florida, where she and WYNONA BURDETTE remained overnight.

Will testify that DOLORES DELANEY stated that on the following morning "DUKE" RANDALL came to the bedroom occupied by WYNONA BURDETTE and herself and while WYNONA BURDETTE was in the bathroom, RANDALL gave her an evelope which contained $800.00 and RANDALL also gave her at that time a sealed note addressed to the people who operated the Danmore Hotel at Atlantic City, New Jersey, the note mentioning that the bearer of the note was a good friend of "DUKE" RANDALL'S and that he desired that good care be taken of them.

Will state that DOLORES DELANEY advised that she and WYNONA BURDETTE boarded a train about 9 a.m., the date being January 17, 1935, and arrived in Philadelphia the following afternoon; that they thereupon took a train to Atlantic City and arrived late the same afternoon, where they checked into the Danmore Hotel under the name of LOUISE GRAHAM as ALVIN KARPIS had instructed her; that she delivered the note which "DUKE" RANDALL had given her to the man who appeared to be the Manager of this hotel. About two or three o'clock the following morning ALVIN KARPIS came to her door and stated that they, apparently referring to himself and HARRY CAMPBELL, had just arrived in town and had registered in another room; that ALVIN KARPIS did not stay with her that night, but returned at eight or nine o'clock the following morning with HARRY CAMPBELL.

Will state that DOLORES DELANEY mentioned that she, ALVIN KARPIS, HARRY CAMPBELL and WYNONA BURDETTE remained at the

hotel on January 19 and spent the night there.

The above information was contained in the signed statement of DOLORES DELANEY dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, January 22, 1936, which statement also contains the information provided by DOLORES DELANEY to Special Agents JOHN L. MADALA and D. P. SULLIVAN as set out under the testimony of Special Agent JOHN L. MADALA as contained on page 84 of the report of Special Agent E. J. WYNN, Cleveland, Ohio, dated October 25, 1936.

Will testify that DOLORES DELANEY orally admitted to him in the presence of Special Agent D. P. SULLIVAN that she was staying at the Danmore Hotel at Atlantic City, New Jersey, with ALVIN KARPIS, WYNONA BURDETTE and HARRY CAMPBELL in the morning of January 20, 1935; that early that morning Police Officers came to the fourth floor of the Danmore Hotel where she, ALVIN KARPIS, HARRY CAMPBELL and WYNONA BURDETTE were located, and that the Police Officers were looking for KARPIS and CAMPBELL; that a gun battle ensued and KARPIS and CAMPBELL shot their way out of the hotel with a machine gun and escaped; that during this gun battle, she, DOLORES DELANEY, was shot in the leg and that she and WYNONA BURDETTE attempted to escape and left the hotel; that they were forced to return to the hotel because of the wound that she had suffered and because both she and WYNONA BURDETTE were barefooted and could not stand the intense cold; that on returning to the hotel she and WYNONA BURDETTE were placed under arrest.

Will testify that DOLORES DELANEY stated upon questioning that to her knowledge ALVIN KARPIS frequented only two places at Cleveland, Ohio, during the summer of 1934, one of them being the large gambling place located on the outskirts of Cleveland, Ohio, which has been previously described, and the other is a small tavern.

That DOLORES DELANEY stated that WILLIE HARRISON introduced KARPIS into that tavern and that subsequently she and ALVIN KARPIS frequented the place on several occasions during the summer of 1934 and that she observed that KARPIS was well acquainted with the employees at that tavern; that the tavern is located outside of the downtown district of Cleveland, Ohio; that to her best recollection it was located about one block off Euclid Avenue; that in leaving the downtown district of Cleveland

and going out Euclid Avenue one crosses a bridge and that the tavern she referred to is located on the far corner of the first block beyond the end of the bridge; that there are a few tables in the front part of the tavern and some tables and chairs in a back room.

Will state that during the time that she and ALVIN KARPIS frequented the large gambling place which has been previously described and which is located on the outskirts of Cleveland, Ohio, KARPIS appeared to be well known to several employees working there, but that she was unable to furnish any information other than that given above concerning the identities of these persons.

Will testify that DOLORES DELANEY stated that while she and ALVIN KARPIS were living on Flamingo Street in Cleveland, Ohio, KARPIS on one occasion displayed to her a commission card bearing his photograph and which card identified him as a private investigator for a detective agency and that the name of the Noonan Detective Agency appears familiar to her in connection with this commission card; that the photograph appearing on this credential card was an excellent likeness of ALVIN KARPIS; that she stated that she did not know where this photograph was taken nor could she advise under what circumstances KARPIS obtained this commission card.

Will testify that DOLORES DELANEY stated that while she and ALVIN KARPIS were living in Cleveland, Ohio, she purchased a vacuum cleaner and that when the cleaner was delivered to her she gave the salesman four $10.00 notes issued on the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, California; that the salesman apparently became suspicious because of the type of notes she gave him and he made inquiries of MR. MITCHELL of the Mitchell Realty Company, Cleveland, Ohio, concerning the identity of his tenants; that MR. MITCHELL relayed this information to ALVIN KARPIS and when the salesman returned to their home several days later ALVIN KARPIS exhibited to the salesman the commission card previously described and threatened to have the salesman put in jail if he continued to annoy him.

That upon viewing a photograph of MILTON LETT, DOLORES DELANEY stated that the person appearing thereon seemed very familiar to her, but she was unable to state where she had seen him, but that it was quite possible that she saw this man at the gambling place previously described during the time that she and ALVIN KARPIS frequented it during the summer of 1934.

Will testify that when the name of "TONY AMERSBACH" was mentioned to DOLORES DELANEY she stated that this individual might possibly be the doorman at the gambling place, above described, who appeared to be well acquainted with ALVIN KARPIS and whose name she recalled as being "TONY"; that she never learned the last name of the man known to her as "TONY."

D. P. SULLIVAN, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 1448 Standard Building, Cleveland, Ohio, will testify that he and Special Agent JOHN L. MADALA questioned DOLORES DELANEY at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 22, 1936, and that he was present when she signed a written statement on that date and he will verify the truth of the testimony of Special Agent JOHN L. MADALA, both as to the matter contained in the signed statement of DOLORES DELANEY and the oral admissions made by her.

W. B. MATNEY,
Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

This witness will testify that he interviewed

DOLORES DELANEY

at the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, on February 1, 1936, with reference to

ALVIN KARPIS
FRANK J. HOONAN

and that at this time he exhibited to Miss DELANEY fourteen pay envelopes of the Noonan Detective Agency, which envelopes bear the signature of H. L. MILGRETH; that upon examining these pay envelopes, Miss DELANEY informed this witness that she had seen these envelopes in the possession of ALVIN KARPIS on numerous occasions during the summer of 1934 while they resided in Cleveland, Ohio; that she, however, was unable to state where KARPIS secured these envelopes.

This witness will further testify that on the occasion of this interview with Miss DELANEY, she likewise informed him that ALVIN KARPIS had a leather case similar to the ones carried by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, stating further that this folder contained a card which was filled out and had the picture of ALVIN KARPIS attached to it.

This witness will testify that Miss DELANEY informed him that ALVIN KARPIS carried this commission card on his person at all times during the period they resided at Toledo during the summer of 1934; that she also advised that she at no time questioned ALVIN KARPIS concerning this commission card but that he displayed the same to her on numerous occasions; that she does not know where he secured the same.

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R. B. MATNEY,

Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio

Will testify that on or about January 31, 1936, he interviewed DOLORES DELANEY at the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan; that he showed her a diagram of the intersection of Detroit Avenue, West 25th Street and Superior Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio; that DOLORES DELANEY examined this diagram and stated that the beer tavern which she described to Special Agents JOHN L. MADALA and D. P. SULLIVAN at St. Paul, Minnesota, in January, 1936, is located about a block or a block and a half from the above mentioned intersection.

Will testify that DOLORES DELANEY described this tavern as follows:

That the entrance to the tavern was located on the corner of the building; that she recalled that on the right of the entrance there was located a large plate glass window about sixteen feet long which covered the right side of the entrance; that she recalled that the building in which this tavern was located was about three stories high and was a dark brick structure; that the interior of the tavern was approximately sixteen feet wide and about thirty feet long and contained only one table and that the bar ran the entire length of the tavern; that after entering the tavern, entrance could be made through a door in the rear to another room which contained only two tables; that there was nothing else located in the room besides these tables.

CHARLES CARROLL

#16749,
Iowa State Penitentiary,
Fort Madison, Iowa.

This witness will testify that he became incarcerated in the Iowa State Penitentiary at Fort Madison, Iowa, on March 14, 1935; that he was received from Dubuque, Iowa, on a five-year larceny conviction after he plead guilty before the state district court, Judge P. J. Nelson, on March 14, 1935.

He will further testify that he served time with Alvin Karpis in the Kansas State Reformatory at Hutchinson, Kansas, and that he escaped with him from that institution in 1929.

(The foregoing testimony was furnished by Charles Carroll to Special Agent G. H. Wilson at the Iowa State Penitentiary, Fort Madison, Iowa, in March, 1936.)

FRED C. SPOHN

c/o Sheriff's Office
Geauga County
Chardon, Ohio

Will in addition to the testimony set forth on Page 4 in the report of Special Agent S. M. McKee dated October 26, 1936, at Cleveland, Ohio, testify that at the request of the Frank J. Noonan Detective Agency of Cleveland, Ohio, he communicated with the Kansas State Penitentiary during July, 1934, for the purpose of obtaining a photograph and information concerning the criminal record of one CHARLES CARROLL.

Will identify the following letter written by him on July 15, 1934:

"Dear Sir:

"On secret information receaved i am writing you for information if you have it, on one charles Carroll Transferred from Reformatory to Kansas Pen in 1924 or 29 i would like very much to have a Photo - Record-and finger print glass of him

"With thanking you in advance

"i Remain

"Yours Truly

/s/ "Fred C Spohn F.P.E.
"Sheriffs office
"Chardon
"Ohio"

Will testify that he received a descriptive photograph of CHARLES CARROLL in a letter from the Kansas State Penitentiary dated July 18, 1934, in response to his letter dated July 15, 1934.

Will identify a copy of the photograph of CHARLES CARROLL, Kansas State Penitentiary #1049, as being a photograph similar to the one received with the above mentioned letter dated July 16, 1934,

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and will identify a copy of the following letter dated July 18, 1934, as being a copy of a letter received by him with the photograph of CHARLES CARROLL:

"Mr. H. O. Hill,
Sheriff Geauga Co.,
Chardon, Ohio.

"Dear Sir:

"Agreeable to your request of July 15th, I am herewith enclosing a descriptive photograph of our Charles Caroll.

"Trusting this to be the desired information, I am,

"Yours very truly,
/s/ "C. W. Wilson
C. W. WILSON
RECORD CLERK."

Will testify that at the request of the Frank J. Noonan Detective Agency, Cleveland, Ohio, he wrote for additional information concerning CHARLES CARROLL, and will identify the following letter dated July 24, 1934, as a copy of a letter written by him to the Kansas State Penitentiary:

"Mr. Wilson

"Dear Sir

"in Ree to Charles Caroll we would like a little more information if it isent too much bother, was this man paroled and have you any idea where this man is now or where he can be located, and if he has Relatives were can they be located, we would like very mutch to locate this man, with thanking you in advance

"i Remain
"Yours truly
/s/"Fred C. Spohn F.P.E.
"Sheriffs office
"Chardon
"Ohio

"P.S.
"How long did this man
serve in Oklahoma Prison
and was he paroled there"

Will identify copy of a letter dated July 26, 1934, as a copy of a letter received by him from the Kansas State Penitentiary in response to his letter dated July 24, 1934. (This letter is quoted in testimony of Fred C. Spohn set out on Page 104 in the report of Special Agent S. M. McKee dated October 26, 1936.)

C. W. WILSON

Record Clerk
Kansas State Penitentiary
Lansing, Kansas

Will testify that he is employed as the Record Clerk of the Kansas State Penitentiary, and as such, the following records of the Kansas State Penitentiary are kept in his custody:

Will identify a copy of a letter dated July 15, 1934, signed "Fred C. Spohn, F.P.E. Sheriff's Office, Chardon, Ohio" as a letter received at the Kansas State Penitentiary. Will testify that this letter is kept under his custody.

Will testify that on July 18, 1934, he mailed a descriptive photograph enclosed in a letter of the same date signed by him, and will identify a copy of this letter which was taken by him from the files of the Kansas State Penitentiary, and will testify further that this letter is kept under his custody.

Will identify a letter dated July 24, 1934, signed "Fred C. Spohn, F.P.E., Sheriff's Office, Chardon, Ohio" as a letter received at the Kansas State Penitentiary, and as a part of the records kept under his custody and taken by him from the files of the Kansas State Penitentiary.

Will testify that in response to the above mentioned letter dated July 24, 1934, he addressed the following letter, dated July 26, 1934, to "Mr. Fred S. Spohn, F.P.E., Sheriff's Office, Chardon, Ohio," and will identify a copy of this letter as being a part of the records of the Kansas State Penitentiary kept under his custody:

"Mr. Fred S. Spohn,
F.P.E. Sheriff's Office,
Chardon, Ohio

"Dear Sir:

"I have your letter of July 24th, relative to our Charles Carroll Be advised that this man was not paroled from this institution, but was discharged by

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expiration. He served two terms in the Oklahoma Penitentiary, the first one being 1 year, 3 months and 25 days. The second one being of 2 years, 5 months and 9 days duration. He was discharged on both these terms. At the time he entered this institution he asserted that his parents were both dead and gave no other relatives. The last report we have on this man was his arrest in St. Paul, Minn. April 13, 1933, same name.

"Yours very truly,

/s/ "C. W. Wilson
C. W. WILSON
RECORD CLERK"

W. E. PETERS

1340 Russ Bldg.,
San Francisco, California.

In addition to the testimony set out beginning on Page 107 in the summary report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, October 26, 1936, this witness will testify further that on November 14, 1934, he, together with former Special Agent D. E. Hall and Inspector Samuel P. Cowley (now deceased), interviewed

FRANK J. NOONAN

in Room 325 of the Federal Building, Cleveland, Ohio, and that NOONAN at this time advised that he had spent all his life in Cleveland, Ohio, and that since 1927 he has operated a private detective agency known as the Noonan Detective Agency, at 1900 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio; that during the summer months he furnishes watchmen and police to various racetracks and enterprises of a similar nature in the vicinity of Cleveland, Ohio; that he also engages in a private detective practice but handles no domestic relations cases; that he has in the past furnished detectives, guards, and watchmen for various gambling establishments in Cleveland and the vicinity; that prior to January, 1934, he had been employed to furnish guards and detectives at the Harvard Club for the protection of guests and to prevent robberies of the club.

This witness will further testify that he questioned MR. NOONAN specifically as to the interested persons or owners in the Harvard Club and he advised that while he did not know positively he would say that the following are actively interested in this club; William or Billy Furgis, A. W. Heberbrand, and William J. Mitchell; that Furgis as a rule acts as general manager of the club during gambling hours and is assisted by Heberbrand and Mitchell.

Will testify that on this occasion when he interviewed FRANK J. NOONAN he specifically questioned him relative to the pay envelopes of his detective agency found at the residence of Alvin Karpis at 3973 West 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, and that after MR. NOONAN viewed them he readily admitted that they were the property of his agency; that, however, he was unable to account for the manner in which they came into the possession of Alvin Karpis.

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Will testify that MR. NOONAN further informed him that his detective agency was hired to protect the Bainbridge and Thistledown Racetracks, located near Cleveland, Ohio, during the summer of 1934, and that pay envelopes of his agency were kept at the temporary offices at the track and that no record was kept by him of the stock on hand; that he expressed the opinion that it was possible that these pay envelopes might have disappeared at this time or might have been taken by someone without authority.

Will further testify that he exhibited to FRANK J. NOONAN numerous photographs of the so-called Barker-Karpis gang, and that MR. NOONAN advised that he had never seen any of them with the possible exception of Fred Barker, whose face he stated appeared familiar to him as someone he might have seen at one of the tracks.

This witness will further testify that on this occasion he displayed to FRANK J. NOONAN the criminal record of Charles Carroll, alias Charles Winterhalter, FBI #30222, which was found at the residence formerly occupied by Alvin Karpis, Dolores DeLaney, and Willie Harrison at 3973 West 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio; that MR. NOONAN advised him that Fred Spohn was formerly a deputy sheriff at Chardon, Ohio, and that he is now a fingerprint expert in that office and takes care of all the fingerprint work and identification work for the sheriff; that he had employed Spohn for temporary periods, and that Spohn had obtained many criminal records for him; that he did not know Spohn had obtained any records from the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Washington, D. C., as most of them had previously been obtained from the Ohio State Bureau of Criminal Identification at Columbus. On the occasion of this interview MR. NOONAN advised this witness that he could not recall ever having requested Fred C. Spohn to obtain this particular record but that he did recall seeing it; that he likewise could not recall that it was a record from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and that to the best of his recollection this record was returned to Mr. Spohn. At this time this witness exhibited to MR. FRANK J. NOONAN a photograph of Charles Carroll, and MR. NOONAN advised that he was unable to identify the photograph in question and went on to state, however, that he believed he had had a line on this individual in connection with counterfeiting activities at one of the tracks; that he was unable to recall any further details as to this.

This witness will further testify that MR. FRANK J. NOONAN informed him that he often frequented the Harvard Club to gamble prior to September, 1934, and that in his opinion this club is the largest gambling resort in the metropolitan Cleveland area; that the afternoon sessions are devoted principally to bets on horse races and the evening sessions to numerous gambling games.

E. J. CONNELLEY

Inspector,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Will testify that on February 9, 1936, he interviewed

FRANK J. NOONAN

in the presence of Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland at the Cleveland Bureau Office, 1448 Standard Building, Cleveland, Ohio; that at this time FRANK J. NOONAN was asked whether he ever issued a private detective commission card to Alvin Karpis, and that FRANK J. NOONAN denied that such a credential was ever issued to Alvin Karpis with his knowledge.

This witness will further testify that he asked FRANK J. NOONAN whether he ever saw Dolores DeLaney or Alvin Karpis in Cleveland, Ohio, during the summer of 1934, and he informed that he had not.

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JOHN FRANK BROCK,

Cuyahoga County Jail,
Cleveland, Ohio

Will testify that the saloon in Cleveland, Ohio, that he and ALVIN KARPIS visited in the latter part of March, 1935, and where they met FRED HUNTER, SHARKEY and another unknown man (as described on page 133 of the report of Special Agent S. K. McKEE, Cleveland, Ohio, dated October 26, 1936), was located on the southwest corner of 28th and Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio; that the exterior of this saloon answers the description of the tavern which DOLORES DELANEY stated that she and ALVIN KARPIS frequented during the summer of 1934.

Will testify that there is a side door on the 28th Street side that leads into a small back room which is partitioned off from the barroom; that he recalls that this room contained one table and some chairs; that while he was at this saloon, he and the others above mentioned who were with him, did not enter the barroom because there were people in there drinking; that from the small room he could see that the bar was on the left hand side of the saloon.

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E. J. CONNELLEY,

Inspector,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio

Will testify that he interviewed ALVIN KARPIS at the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota, on May 29, 1936, and June 3, 1936, in the presence of Special Agent R. C. SURAN; that at that time ALVIN KARPIS was questioned by him concerning a credential card of the Frank J. Noonan Detective Agency, Cleveland, Ohio, which it was believed that KARPIS possessed at Cleveland, Ohio, during the summer of 1934, and that at that time ALVIN KARPIS stated that he did not get the credential card from FRANK NOONAN, but that he got it from a subordinate and that he, ALVIN KARPIS, recalled the occasion when he exhibited this credential card to a salesman who called at his home at Cleveland, Ohio, in the summer of 1934.

Will testify that ALVIN KARPIS stated that ART HEBERBRAND and JAMES "SHIMMIE" PATTON welcomed him around the Harvard Club at Cleveland, Ohio, and they solicited him to go in on the slot machine racket, but he insisted that HEBERBRAND and PATTON did not know his real identity.

R. C. SURAN, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 1448 Standard Building, Cleveland, Ohio, will testify that on May 29, 1936, and June 3, 1936, he was present when Inspector E. J. CONNELLEY interviewed ALVIN KARPIS at the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota, and will verify the truth of the admissions made by ALVIN KARPIS at that time as have been testified to by Inspector E. J. CONNELLEY.

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PATRICK JAMES KILBANE
Residence - 10707 Clifton Boulevard
Business - 2801 Detroit Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

Will testify concerning the following persons:

ART HEBEBRAND
JAMES "SHIMMIE" PATTON
JOHN F. "SHARKEY" GORMAN

and will state that he has operated a saloon at the address 2801 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, since February, 1935; that before he took over this place he knew that this place was operated by one EDDIE GALLAGHER under the name of the Silver Grill; that EDDIE GALLAGHER was in a bad financial condition and that he knew that the premises where the Silver Grill was located belonged to Mrs. JULIA PATTON, wife of JAMES "SHIMMIE" PATTON; that he went to see Mrs. PATTON and arranged to take over the place by paying the outstanding bills and that he has operated a saloon at this address since that time; that he employs only one bartender named OWNY McDERMOTT, who works from 7:00 P.M. until closing time; that he, PATRICK KILBANE, works from 7:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. daily.

Will identify the photograph of ART HEBEBRAND and state that he has known HEBEBRAND for about ten years and knows that HEBEBRAND is a close friend of JAMES PATTON and that HEBEBRAND is one of the operators of the Harvard Club; that HEBEBRAND visits his saloon occasionally to buy drinks and also to keep engagements with persons he has arranged to meet.

Will identify a photograph of JAMES "SHIMMIE" PATTON and state that he has known PATTON all his life; that he recalls that PATTON was formerly in the bootlegging business on the west side of Cleveland, Ohio and that during recent years he has been one of the operators of the Harvard Club; that PATTON frequently visits his saloon to meet people but that PATTON does not drink.

Will identify a photograph of JOHN F. "SHARKEY" GORMAN and will state that he has known GORMAN all his life; that he knows that GORMAN is employed at the Harvard Club and that GORMAN frequently visits his saloon to drink but that he has never seen GORMAN in the place in company with any strangers.

Will testify that he is unable to recall ever having seen any members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang at his place of business; that he has known JAMES "TIP" O'NEIL all his life and was raised with this man and will state that O'NEIL visits his saloon from time to time to buy drinks; that he, KILBANE, is acquainted with many of the men who work at the Harvard Club and that they come to his place of business to drink.

If necessary JOHN L. MADALA and S. K. McKEE, Special Agents, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 1448 Standard Building, Cleveland, Ohio, can testify that on October 9, 1936 they interviewed PATRICK JAMES KILBANE and he provided the above information to them at that time.

OWNY D. McDERMOTT
Residence - 3155 W. 112th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Will testify that he has been employed as a bartender at the saloon operated by PATRICK J. KILBANE at 2801 Detroit Avenue for approximately the past year and one-half, and will testify concerning the following individuals:

JOHN F. GORMAN
ART HEBEBRAND
JAMES PATTON

and will identify a photograph of JOHN F. "SHARKEY" GORMAN and state that he has seen GORMAN at the saloon where he, McDERMOTT, is employed; that GORMAN usually comes into the saloon alone and that he is unable to remember ever having seen GORMAN come into this place in company with anyone else.

Will identify a photograph of JAMES "SHIMMIE" PATTON and state that he has seen this man visit the saloon where he, McDERMOTT, is employed.

Will identify a photograph of ART HEBEBRAND and state that he has seen HEBEBRAND at the saloon located at 2801 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

Will state that he understands that all of the above mentioned persons are employed or connected with the Harvard Club; that he has come to this opinion from conversations of these persons which he has overheard.

ROBERT DONLEY

c/o George A. Falke Motor Co.
17600 Detroit Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

will testify that in 1934, he was working as a salesman for the George A. Falke Motor Company, 17600 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio; that he will identify the photograph of ALVIN KARPIS as a man who came to the sales room of the said company on the afternoon of July 19, 1934, and giving the name of CHARLES BRONSON, stated that he desired to purchase a Ford coupe with black body and black wheels; that CHARLES BRONSON (identified as ALVIN KARPIS) gave his address as 1312 Brockley Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, and instructed that he, DONLEY, secure the license and have a new car as he described ready for delivery the following day.

Will further testify that about 4:30 P.M. the following day, July 20, 1934, BRONSON called for the car and paid for same in cash (amount not specified).

Will testify that when CHARLES BRONSON first came to the garage he was driving a Ford V-8 coupe, which he stated belonged to a friend of his.

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RUTH WINFIELD

c/o George A. Falke Motor Co.
17600 Detroit Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

This witness will testify that she was the bookkeeper of the George A. Falke Motor Company, 17600 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, and that she was so employed in the year 1934.

She will identify a photograph of

ALVIN KARPIS

as that of a man whom she met as CHARLES BRONSON, and who made a purchase at the above mentioned company of the automobile described by witness ROBERT DONLEY on July 20, 1934.

MRS. O. W. BLACKMAN

3969 West 140th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

In addition to the testimony set out beginning on page 47 in the summary report of Special Agent S. K. McKee dated at Cleveland, Ohio, October 26, 1934, this witness will testify that during the time that the MILGRETHS, whom she identified as ALVIN KARPIS and DOLORES DELANEY, lived at 3973 West 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, in the summer of 1934, there were two cars on the premises almost all the time; that one car was dark blue or black late model Pontiac coach which was kept in a garage most of the time; that as soon as this car was driven into the driveway it was never permitted to stand in the driveway any longer than was necessary to open the garage doors, at which time it was driven into the garage and the doors locked. She will testify that the other car she observed was a dark blue or black, red trimmed, Ford V-8 coach bearing -

1934 Ohio license
No. 711-696

that this car was permitted to stand in the driveway quite often, and for this reason she had a good opportunity to observe it.

This witness will further testify that at about 1:00 A.M. on September 6, 1934, she observed a car drive up the driveway of the residence at 3973 West 140th Street, and four men get out and go into the house; that as they entered the house they pulled down all the shades and turned out all the lights; that they remained in the house for approximately a half hour, during which time they made several trips from the house to the cars and thereafter made a hurried departure. When they left, these men were driving the car in which they arrived, namely, the Ford automobile bearing 1934 Ohio license No. 711-696, and the Pontiac coach which was stored in the garage.

G. ERWIN NAFER

Chief of Record Division
State of Ohio
Bureau of Motor Vehicles
Columbus, Ohio

will in answer to subpoena duces tecum produce Bureau of Motor Vehicle Records showing that in 1934,

Ohio license No. 711-696

was issued for a

1934 Ford coupe
motor No. 18-1037480
in the name of CHARLES M. BRONSON,
1312 Brockley Avenue
Lakewood, Ohio

Ohio bill of sale No. 2057601.

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JAMES MURPHY

1312 Brockley Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

will testify that he and his family have resided at 1312 Brockley Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, for sixteen years prior to 1934, and specifically on July 20, 1934; that he is employed with the Midwest Forge Company of Cleveland, Ohio; that a photograph of ALVIN KARPIS was displayed to him, and will state that he is not acquainted with this individual, nor does he know anything about him; that ALVIN KARPIS has never resided with him and his family, and that he has no knowledge concerning anyone by the name of CHARLES BRONSON; also that he has no knowledge of the 1934 Ford coupe bearing 1934 Ohio license No. 711-696.

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W. E. PETERS
1340 Russ Building
San Francisco, California

Will testify that during September, 1934 he was employed as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, and that on or about September 6, 1934 he, with former Special Agents J. K. COLLINS and L. D. SOCKY and Special Agent W. E. HOPTON, made a search of the premises at 5973 West 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, and found a slip of paper containing the following information:

"PHILLIP | AMERSBACH 7124 | Clark Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, Edward | Summers, Charles Ward, Jessie | Donovan".

S. K. McKEE, Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1443 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Will testify that on or about September 24, 1936 he interviewed

ANTHONY J. "TONY" AMERSBACH;

that at that time AMERSBACH provided information concerning the following individuals:

ART HEBEBRAND
JAMES "SHIMMIE" PATTON
MILTON LETT
FRED HUNTER
JOSEPH ROSCOE.

Will testify that AMERSBACH stated that he was born in Cleveland, Ohio and that in the year 1919 he was at Columbus, Ohio and stole an automobile and was subsequently sentenced to the Ohio State Penitentiary for this offense; that AMERSBACH further stated that shortly after his release from the Ohio State Penitentiary he was again arrested in Cleveland, Ohio in the year 1921 on a charge of burglary in which connection a police officer was shot, and that he was again sentenced to the Ohio State Penitentiary, on this offense, and that he remained there until 1932; that upon his release from the penitentiary in the year 1932 he secured a job through ART HEBEBRAND as doorman at the Harvard Club and that he is still engaged in that work.

Will testify that AMERSBACH selected and identified a photograph of ART HEBEBRAND and a photograph of JAMES PATTON, whom he stated were the operators of the old Harvard Club and as the owners of the new Harvard Club; that AMERSBACH identified a photograph of MILTON LETT and that AMERSBACH stated he knew this individual as "The Kid" and that this man was also known to him as "WILLIE"; that he recalls that MILTON LETT worked at the black-jack tables at the Harvard Club as a "shiller" a year or more ago; that AMERSBACH likewise identified a photograph of JAMES "TIP" O'NEIL and stated that this man is connected with the Harvard Club in some capacity and that he knows that JAMES "TIP" O'NEIL is a close friend of JAMES "SHIMMIE" PATTON.

Will testify that AMERSBACH selected and identified a photograph of FRED HUNTER and that AMERSBACH stated that he knew this man only as "FREDDIE" and recalled that FREDDIE worked at the Harvard Club as a black-jack dealer about a year ago.

Will testify that AMERSBACH selected and identified a photograph of CASSIUS McDONALD and stated that he met this individual twice at the Mayfair Casino a couple of years ago and that this manwas in the company of ART HEBEBRAND; that photographs of ALVIN KARPIS, HARRY CAMPBELL, WILLIAM J. HARRISON, FRED BARKER, ARTHUR R. "DOC" BARKER, were exhibited to AMERSBACH but he denied ever having seen any of these individuals; that AMERSBACH stated he had read in the Cleveland newspapers items concerning the arrest of three women at the Cleveland Hotel a couple of years ago and AMERSBACH stated that these news articles referred to the fact that members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang had frequented the Harvard Club and that these articles also mentioned the fact that various members of the gang had rented houses from ART HEBEBRAND and BILL MITCHELL; that AMERSBACH denied that he had ever seen any of these individuals either at the Harvard Club or elsewhere. AMERSBACH stated that he had never turned down a convict when he needed help.

Will testify that AMERSBACH stated that his principal duties at the Harvard Club do not involve remaining at the door, but that the only duty he has is to take money to the bank every afternoon; that AMERSBACH further stated that he has known JOE ROSCOE for several years; that he knew that ROSCOE was originally from Cleveland, Ohio; that the only trip that he could remember taking to Toledo,Ohio was one made sometime during the summer of 1935 and that this trip was made for the purpose of getting some dealers; that he went to Toledo,Ohio in his Graham-Paige sedan and was accompanied by JOHN F. "SHARKEY" GORMAN and that he obtained a dealer at Toledo, Ohio who was named "PRETTY CHARLIE" and who was at that time working at the Joval Club in Toledo; that he understood that JOE ROSCOE had an interest in the Joval Club.

Will testify that he questioned TONY AMERSBACH as to whether he had any information concerning members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang visiting the Silver Grill at 28th Street and Detroit Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio, and AMERSBACH stated that he had only been in this place on one or two occesions and that the only thing he knew about it was that JAMES "SHIMMIE" PATTON was supposed to have had an interest in the Silver Grill at one time; that during the course of this interview AMERSBACH stated that he would not do anything or say anything to get anybody in trouble for the reason that he knew what it was to do time in a penitentiary; that AMERSBACH stated that he resides at 7124 Clark Avenue, Cleveland,Ohio and that he has a brother named PHILLIP AMERSBACH who is an inmate of the Marquette Prison, Marquette, Michigan.

CHRIS BOTOFF, alias BROWN
7314 Carnegie Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

Will testify concerning the following individuals:

MILTON LETT
JOSEPH ROSCOE
ART HEBEBRAND
JAMES "SHIMMIE" PATTON

and will state that he has been continuously employed at the Harvard Club since about July 7 or 8, 1934 except for a short period of time when the Harvard Club was closed around the beginning of the year 1936, and will identify a photograph of MILTON LETT as a man who worked as a "shiller" at the Harvard Club during the year 1935; that he did not know LETT'S name but recalls that LETT worked for about two days in the "coop" about one and one-half months before the Christmas of 1935 and that this man then disappeared and that he, BROWN, has not seen him since.

Will testify that he has seen MILTON LETT, whom he will identify from a photograph exhibited to him, talking to both ART HEBEBRAND and JAMES "SHIMMIE" PATTON on occasions and that LETT on one occasion told him that he was from St. Louis, Missouri.

Will state that he has seen JOE ROSCOE visiting the Harvard Club on numerous occasions in the past but has not seen ROSCOE at the Harvard Club since it moved to its new location during the early part of the year 1936.

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E. J. CONNELLEY

Inspector,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Will testify that on February 7, 1936, he interviewed

ARTHUR W. HEBERBRAND

in the presence of Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland at the Cleveland Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This witness will testify that he informed ARTHUR W. HEBERBRAND that the Federal Bureau of Investigation definitely knew that he had been associated with members of the Barker-Karpis gang at Cleveland, Ohio, during the summer of 1934 and subsequent thereto, and that his actions were such that he would, at a suitable date and the facts warranting same, be prosecuted for having harbored the fugitives;

That ART HEBERBRAND at this time informed him that he knew "Cash" McDonald, of Detroit, Michigan, and when a photograph of this individual was displayed to MR. HEBERBRAND he claimed that he was unable to identify the same;

That at this time he was shown photographs of the following individuals:

Charles J. Fitzgerald,
Paula Harmon,
William Elmer Mead,
William J. Harrison,
Harry Campbell,
Dolores DeLaney,
Wynona Burdette,
Clara Gibson,
Arthur R. "Doc" Barker,
Harry Sawyer,
Volney Davis,
Russell Gibson,
Belle Born,

Gladys Sawyer,
Jess Doyle,
William Weaver,
Joe Adams,
Edna Murray,
Dr. Joseph P. Moran,
Jimmie Wilson,
Charles Carroll,
Oliver A. Berg,
Myrtle Eaton, and
Byron Bolton;

That MR. HEBERBRAND stated that he was unable to identify any photographs of the above-named individuals as ever having been in contact with him or having been patrons of the Harvard Club.

This witness will further testify that he likewise displayed to MR. HEBERBRAND the photograph of Alvin Karpis, and that HEBERBRAND advised that he knew hispicture by having seen it in the newspapers but that he had no recollection of ever having come in contact with Karpis.

This witness will further testify that he questioned ARTHUR W. HEBERBRAND concerning some flowers which were delivered to him in November of 1934 from a party by the name of T. C. Blackburn; that MR. HEBERBRAND admitted having received these flowers around Thanksgiving of 1934 from Ocela, Florida, but that he had no idea as to who T. C. Blackburn, the sender, was.

This witness will further testify that ART HEBERBRAND advised him that he is personally acquainted with Frank J. Noonan, a private detective of Cleveland, Ohio, and that he on several occasions had put to work at his place employees of the Noonan Detective Agency, merely as a favor to Noonan.

This witness will further testify that ART HEBERBRAND informed him that he was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on March 30, 1897; that he has been in the contracting business at Cleveland, Ohio, building private residences in Cleveland and vicinity, and that after the depression he associated himself with the gambling business, and that he has an interest in the Harvard Club, located in the vicinity of Cleveland, Ohio; that MR. HEBERBRAND further informed him at this time that he had been prosecuted for gambling and served thirty days in the fall of 1935 at Cleveland, Ohio, in the County Jail; also, that he had been arrested at one time in Cleveland on a manslaughter charge, he having killed a man with his automobile, and that this charge was subsequently dismissed.

S. K. McKEE, Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Will testify that on or about September 18, 1936 he, with Special Agent C. E. SMITH, interviewed JOHN F. "SHARKEY" GORMAN and that GORMAN at that time was questioned concerning the following individuals:

WILLIAM J. HARRISON
ALVIN KARPIS
MILTON LETT
FRED HUNTER
ART HEBEBRAND
JAMES "SHIMMIE" PATTON
JOSEPH ROSCOE
TONY AMERSBACH
FRANK GREENWALD
BERT ANGUS
TED ANGUS

that at that time GORMAN stated that he has been employed as doorman and dealer at the Harvard Club for approximately the past 4 years; that he stated that he had received his job from ART HEBEBRAND and JAMES PATTON whom he had known for many years; that GORMAN at that time was shown a group of photographs and he identified a photograph of WILLIAM J. HARRISON and stated that he knew this man only by the name of "WILLIE"; that he could not recall ever having seen "WILLIE" at the Harvard Club but that he did recall seeing and talking with him in a bootleg joint operated by CHARLIE SELLERS; that as near as he could recall this was during the summer of 1934; that he drank beer with "WILLIE" on one occasion during his relief from the blackjack tables; that he could not recall the nature of the conversations had with "WILLIE"; that "WILLIE" disappeared about two weeks before the women (WYNONA BURDETTE, GLADYS SAWYER and PAULA HARMON) were arrested by the Cleveland Police Department. GORMAN stated, when shown a photograph of ALVIN KARPIS, that he recalled that he had dealt blackjack to this man who was known to him only as "SLIM"; that he had also seen "SLIM" in the bootleg joint operated by SELLERS on one or two occasions but that he could not recall in whose company he had seen SLIM; that shortly before the three women were arrested in the fall of 1934, SLIM did not show up at the Club any more and that he did not hear any more about him until after the arrest of the women, when various dealers around the Harvard Club had newspapers that carried the story of the three women as being friends of members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang; that these newspapers also carried the names and photographs of the men these women were connected with and several of the dealers remarked that they had seen ALVIN KARPIS at the Harvard Club; that when GORMAN was questioned he stated he was unable to recall the names of any of the dealers at the

Harvard Club who had remarked that they had seen ALVIN KARPIS there.

Will testify that GORMAN selected and identified a photograph of FRED HUNTER as a man known to him; that GORMAN stated that he first noticed this man around the Harvard Club about the year 1935 and that he was under the impression that this man was possibly a blackjack dealer as he seemed to recall seeing this person dealing at the tables on occasions; that GORMAN stated that he knew FRED HUNTER only by the name of "SLIM" and remembers that this man did not mix very much with the rest of the men employed at the Harvard Club; that GORMAN stated that he was of the opinion that SLIM (FRED HUNTER) was from down around Warren, Ohio but he was unable to state where he had obtained this information, and that GORMAN stated that he did not know who hired HUNTER or how he happened to be employed at the Harvard Club and expressed ignorance of the fact that FRED HUNTER had ever sold dice to the Harvard Club.

Will testify that GORMAN selected and identified a photograph of MILTON LETT as a man who was known to him only by the name of "WILLIE"; that LETT had told him on one occasion that he was formerly from St. Louis, Missouri and had worked in a gambling joint in that town; that he recalls that LETT worked at the Harvard Club during the summer of 1935 as a "shiller" and stated that he did not know who hired LETT or under what circumstances LETT first appeared at the Harvard Club for a job; that GORMAN recalled that LETT owned a Ford sedan and that GORMAN borrowed this car on several occasions; that he accompanied LETT on or about 4 times, at which time they had stopped at a saloon on West 28th Street and Detroit Avenue; that they did not frequent that place very much as the bosses of the Club frequently stopped there and they did not like to see the employees drinking; that when questioned as to who he meant by the bosses of the Harvard Club GORMAN stated that ART and SHIMMIE and one or two others who worked at the Harvard Club seemed to have more to say than any of the other employees; that GORMAN was questioned whether he knew that FRED HUNTER was acquainted with MILTON LETT and he stated that he did not know whether these two men were acquainted or not; that GORMAN was asked whether he knew where LETT resided during the time that LETT was employed at the Harvard Club, and GORMAN stated that one night he drove LETT home and left him out of the car at the school yard located across the street from West 31st Street and Denison Ave. and that LETT had walked across the street from a row of houses and had at that time informed that he lived in the vicinity and was boarding with some woman whose name he did not mention; that GORMAN stated that this was the only information he had concerning the place where LETT resided.

Will testify that GORMAN stated that he was acquainted with JOSEPH ROSCOE and had heard of EDITH BARRY, BERT ANGUS, TED ANGUS and Captain GEORGE TIMINEY but was not acquainted with these latter individuals; that in referring to JOE ROSCOE GORMAN stated that he had met this man about 11 years ago in a bootleg joint operated by JIMMIE KILBANE on the West side of Cleveland, Ohio; that GORMAN stated that he did not know what business ROSCOE was engaged in at that time;

that since that time he has met JOE ROSCOE possibly ten or fifteen times until he obtained employment at the Harvard Club, at which time he again met ROSCOE who apparently visited various dealers from Toledo, Ohio who were employed at the Harvard Club; that GORMAN, upon questioning, stated that he could not recall seeing JOE ROSCOE conversing with ART HEBEBRAND or JAMES "SHIMMIE" PATTON, but he stated that ROSCOE was known to them.

Will testify that when GORMAN was asked how often he visited Toledo, Ohio, he stated that his wife had been residing in Detroit, Michigan and that he used to drive to Detroit about once or twice a month including the years of 1934 and 1935 for the purpose of visiting her and that sometimes on his return from Detroit, Michigan he would stop and visit the cafe owned by BROADWAY, a relative of JOSEPH ROSCOE, and have a drink; that on one occasion about a year ago while at this above mentioned cafe JOSEPH ROSCOE asked him if he cared to go to the Casino Club with him and that he agreed and that at the Casino Club ROSCOE talked with BERT and TED ANGUS but ROSCOE did not introduce him to either of the ANGUS brothers; that a photograph of BERT ANGUS was exhibited to GORMAN and he stated that he was unable to identify it; that he and ROSCOE stayed at the Casino Club for about one-half an hour or an hour on this occasion and that he then returned to Cleveland, Ohio; that he has heard that JOE ROSCOE has an interest in the Joval Club, a gambling place at Toledo, Ohio.

Will testify that GORMAN stated that during the past summer he and TONY AMERSBACH visited Toledo, Ohio in the green Paige sedan owned by AMERSBACH and that they stopped at the saloon located beside the Joval Club and had a couple of drinks and that TONY AMERSBACH went to the Joval Club alone; that shortly thereafter they returned to Cleveland, Ohio; that GORMAN was questioned as to whether he had ever borrowed the automobile belonging to TONY AMERSBACH and whether he had visited any houses of prostitution and he stated that he had never made a practice of visiting houses of prostitution in Toledo, Ohio and that he had not at any time borrowed the automobile of TONY AMERSBACH; that when GORMAN was questioned as to whether he had not visited the house of prostitution operated by EDITH BARRY at Toledo, Ohio, he stated that while he knew of EDITH BARRY he did not even know where her house was located; that his knowledge of EDITH BARRY was obtained from hearing various dealers at the Harvard Club who came from Toledo, Ohio, talk about it and compare EDITH BARRY'S house of prostitution with the house of prostitution operated by ARDELL QUINN; that GORMAN denied that he had ever carried any messages for anybody to EDITH BARRY or JOE ROSCOE and he was questioned as to whether he was acquainted with FRANK "GREENIE" GREENWALD, a taxicab owner at Toledo, Ohio, and he stated that he was not acquainted with this man.

WYNONA BURDETTE,

United States Detention Farm,
Milan, Michigan

Will testify in addition to the testimony set out in the report of Special Agent E. J. WYNN, dated October 25, 1936, at Cleveland, Ohio, that during the time she and HARRY CAMPBELL were residing at the Jarvis Apartments in Toledo, Ohio, shortly after they arrived there from Chicago, Illinois, in February, 1934, they were visited by TED ANGUS, RUTH ANGUS and some members of the gang.

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WILLIAM H. BROWN
Worthy R. Brown & Son, Inc.
Lake Erie Boathouse
Lakeside, Ohio.

Will testify concerning the following individuals:

GEORGE TIMINEY
ART LANGENDORF
JOSEPH ROSCOE
WILLIAM J. HARRISON
BERT ANGUS

and will state that he has operated the boathouse of Worthy R. Brown & Son, Inc. located at Lakeside, Ohio and that he has known JOE ROSCOE for a number of years; that ROSCOE owned a large speed boat called "The Rainbow" and that ROSCOE occasionally stops at his dock to buy fishing tackle and in the case of bad weather ROSCOE ties up for several days at a time at his dock; that ROSCOE also sometimes drops by on the way from Middle Island; that on frequent occasions he has seen Detective ART LANGENDORF of the Toledo, Ohio Police Department riding with JOE ROSCOE in his boat; that LANGENDORF frequently visits Middle Island for the purpose of fishing.

Will testify that he recalls being introduced to a Captain TIMINEY of the Toledo Police Department on several occasions when this man was in the company of JOSEPH ROSCOE in ROSCOE'S boat but that he is not certain that he can identify Captain TIMINEY; that he recalls that during the summer of 1933 BERT ANGUS was acting as manager of Middle Island; that on one occasion during that summer he, WILLIAM R. BROWN, with several friends, visited Middle Island and theremet a man who was known to him as WILLIE and he will identify a photograph of WILLIAM J. HARRISON as being the same person who was known to him as WILLIE; that he recalls that WILLIE was quite a "cut up" and was dressed in brown pajamas and danced and pranced around and that WILLIE was accompanied by a beautiful blonde young woman who was called DOLLY and another man who had one hand and a forearm bandaged.

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HARRY ZAHRLY
Browning-Zahrly Construction Co.
Colton Building
Toledo, Ohio.

Will, in addition to the testimony set out on Page 194 of the summary report of Special Agent E. J. WYNN, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, October 25, 1936, testify concerning the following individuals:

JOSEPH ROSCOE
TED ANGUS
BERT ANGUS
ART LANGENDORF

and will state that about the year 1932 he went fishing with JOE ROSCOE in ROSCOE'S boat almost every week-end and during these trips visited Middle Island where he first became acquainted with BERT ANGUS who was at that time managing Middle Island; that on these fishing trips Detective ART LANGENDORF frequently accompanied JOE ROSCOE and himself and that occasionally Captain GEORGE TIMINEY also accompanied JOE ROSCOE and he, HARRY ZAHRLY; that after the fishing season of 1932 was over he met TED ANGUS and BERT ANGUS at the Casino Club, which place they were operating at that time.

LYMAN D. ARNOLD

c/o Lyman D. Arnold, Inc.,
10th and Adams Street,
Toledo, Ohio,

will produce all records in his possession with reference to the sale of

1933 Ford standard sedan,
Motor No. 18-493020

sold on September 26, 1933 to T. C. BLACKBURN, 4214 Lockwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio.

Will testify that several days after September 15, 1933, one C.W. WOODS, who had previously had repair work done in the garage of the Lyman D. Arnold Company, came into the office and asked the witness whether he would be interested in making a cash sale on an automobile, and how much commission could he expect from him if the deal was consummated; that he agreed to pay WOODS something for his efforts.

This witness will further testify that on the following day or thereafter, C. W. WOODS returned to the garage with an individual whom he introduced as T. C. BLACKBURN, at which time BLACKBURN purchased a new Ford V-8 sedan, color blue, motor No. 18-493020, wire wheels; that BLACKBURN paid cash therefor in one hundred dollar bills and a few smaller ones; that the title papers were immediately executed by one of the clerks for T. C. BLACKBURN, and Ohio license plates were obtained by the company for that individual before the car was delivered; that BLACKBURN accepted delivery of the car and drove away with it in the company of C. W. WOODS.

MR. ARNOLD will testify from his records that the date of this sale was on September 26, 1933.

(NOTE): MR. ARNOLD was unable to identify any photographs of the BARKER-KARPIS mob which were displayed to him. However, at that time a photograph of WILLIAM J. HARRISON, who is alleged to have purchased the car, was not available, and one will be exhibited to him at the time MR. ARNOLD is called upon to provide testimony as above related.

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G. ERWIN NAFER,

Chief of Record Division,
State of Ohio,
Bureau of Motor Vehicles,
Columbus, Ohio

Will upon issuance of a subpoena duces tecum produce the records of the State of Ohio, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, containing information concerning

1933 Ford Coupe
Motor No. 18-328420

licensed on February 10, 1934, under the name of E. V. DAVIS, 1209 Summit Street, Toledo, Ohio, under

1934 Ohio license No. C018348.

Will produce sworn statement of ownership dated February 10, 1934, showing that this car was previously registered for the year, 1933, in the State of Minnesota, under Minnesota license plates

No. B 473567

under the name of E. V. DAVIS, Box 52, Lakeville, Minnesota.

R. J. RANKIN,

c/o Cary Roofing Company,
1209 Summit Street,
Toledo, Ohio

Will testify that his wife owns the building located at 1209 Summit Street and that he is manager of the Cary Roofing Company, which is located on the ground floor of the address, 1209 Summit Street; that he has charge of the rentals of the flats located in this building and will testify that he has never known anyone by the name of DAVIS to either rent or reside at 1209 Summit Street, and is not acquainted with any person by the name of E. V. DAVIS.

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POST OFFICE BOX 812,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

November 10, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

In re: BR KID

A review has been made of the file in this case at the Chicago Bureau office by Special Agents John L. Madala and D. P. Sullivan.

Additional information to that contained in the summary reports of Special Agents E. J. Wynn, dated October 25, 1936, and S. K. McKee, dated October 26, 1936, has been obtained as a result of this review of the file. This information has been set out under the names of such witnesses as can properly introduce the testimony.

The witnesses who can testify to those matters bearing on the Cleveland angle of the harboring charges presently pending in that district are as follows:

S. K. McKEE (Interview of Alvin Karpis)
JOHN L. MADALA (Interview of Dolores Delaney)
W. B. MATHEY (Interview of Dolores Delaney)
W. B. MATHEY (Interview of Dolores Delaney)
CHARLES CARROLL
FRED C. SPOHN
C. W. WILSON
W. E. PETERS (Interview of Frank J. Noonan)
E. J. CONNELLEY (Interview of Frank J. Noonan)
JOHN FRANK BROCK
E. J. CONNELLEY (Interview of Alvin Karpis)
PATRICK JAMES KILBANE
OWNY D. McDERMOTT
ROBERT DONLEY
RUTH WINFIELD
MRS. O. W. BLACKMAN
O. ERWIN NAFER
JAMES MURPHY
W. E. PETERS
S. K. McKEE (Interview of Anthony J. "Tony" Amersbach)
CHRIS BOTOFF
E. J. CONNELLEY (Interview of Arthur W. Hebebrand)
S. K. McKEE (Interview of John F. "Sharkey" Gorman)

The following witnesses can testify particularly as to the harboring case at Toledo, Ohio:

WYNONA BURDETTE
WILLIAM R. BROWN
HARRY ZARELY
LYMAN D. ARNOLD
G. ERWIN NAFER
R. J. RANKIN

Testimony of the three witnesses last named refers to the automobiles for which Colin "Coolie" Monroe obtained license plates at Toledo, Ohio, during January or February, 1934. Edna Murray will probably testify that Colin Monroe obtained license plates for both of the automobiles mentioned, one set of plates being obtained the latter part of January, 1934, when she, Wynona Burdette and William J. Harrison made a trip from Chicago, Illinois, to Toledo, Ohio, and the other set of plates being obtained by Volney Nevis for his automobile through Colin Monroe early during the month of February, 1934.

This testimony is not being set up under a separate report, but should be considered as merely supplemental testimony to that contained in the reports of Special Agents J. J. Lynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated October 25, 1936, and S. K. McKee, Cleveland, Ohio, dated October 26, 1936. If the United States Attorney at Cleveland, Ohio, or the Cleveland Bureau Office so desires, this testimony can be inserted in its proper place in either of the above mentioned reports. A copy of this additional testimony is designated for the United States Attorney at Cleveland, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cincinnati
U. S. Attorney, Cleveland

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Harbo
Miss Gandy

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

November 11, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Dear Sir:

RE: BUKID

While Agents of this office were talking to [redacted] at his place of business in Toledo, Ohio, with reference to other matters concerning this case, [redacted] stated that he had been told by Lucien C. "Ludy" Fleming, one of the subjects in this case, that Wayne Preston was one of the persons who robbed the mail truck at Warren, Ohio, in the spring of 1935, and that Preston was at the present time on the "lam" in Cuba.

[redacted] stated that Preston was a former Ohio State Prohibition Officer; that he does not know the exact time Preston served in this capacity, the duration of his service, or the reason for his discharge; that Preston served as a partner to "Ludy" Fleming in this work, with headquarters in Youngstown, Ohio, and that Preston and Fleming covered twenty-two counties in that vicinity. [redacted] a woman by the name of Mildred Kuhlman were operating a bootleg joint several years ago when Fleming and Preston raided the place and arrested the two women; that at that time Preston fell in love with Mildred Kuhlman and stopped the "rap"; that Mildred then started living with Preston and remained with him until shortly after the sale of beer was legalized, in 1933, at which time Preston "got down and out" and Mildred left him. He stated that about a year ago Mildred got a letter from Preston in which Preston stated that he was going to "pull a job", which would net him about $50,000 and if he was successful he would send for her, Mildred.

[redacted] describes Wayne Preston as follows:

Height	5'10"
Weight	160 pounds
Age	About 40 years
Hair	Black, wears it slicked back.

Neat, well dressed and nice looking.

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It is requested that the records of the Department of Liquor Control at Columbus, Ohio, be checked to ascertain the date when Preston was employed as a State Prohibition Officer, his home address at that time, the names and addresses of his relatives, names of any clubs to which he might belong, the reason for his discharge from that service, and any other pertinent information with reference to Preston that might be contained in the records of that Department. It is also requested that a picture of Preston be obtained, if one is available, for the purpose of exhibiting it to the witnesses of the Warren, Ohio, mail truck robbery for possible identification.

It is suggested that Mr. E. S. Cullison, who is employed in the Department of Liquor Control at the present time, and who was also employed under the former administration, be interviewed for any personal information he may have with reference to Wayne Preston.

It is requested that this matter be given expeditious attention in view of the possibility that Preston might have been one of the participants in the Warren, Ohio, mail truck robbery in the spring of 1935.

Very truly yours,

HSD/EJB
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- Chicago

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 12, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR J. EDGAR HOOVER,
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In reply to your memorandum of November 7, 1936, concerning the trial of Joe Adams and Henry "Duke" Randall set for February 15, 1937, at Miami, Florida, we wish to advise you that Mr. Walter L. Barlow will not try this case as originally planned. Another Special Assistant to the Attorney General will be designated within the next few days to prosecute this case.

Respectfully,

Brien McMahon

BRIEN McMAHON,
Assistant Attorney General.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL BRIEN McMAHON

Reference is made to the memorandum dated November 12, 1936, in which you advise that Mr. Walter L. Barlow will not try the case against Joe Adams and Henry "Duke" Randall at Miami, Florida, on February 15, 1937. As you know, the facts of this case are rather involved and it is believed that a Special Assistant to the Attorney General should be designated to try this case at an early date.

I will be glad to have the Supervisor in the Bureau who is familiar with all the ramifications of the case discuss the same with the Special Assistant appointed.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Dawser
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P. O. Box 1276
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November 11, 1936

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RE: BREKID

Mrs. Blanche Lucas,
Postmaster,
Ponca City, Oklahoma.

Attention: Mr. L. R. Hankins,
Assistant Postmaster.

Dear Sir:

This letter will confirm verbal request made by Special Agent D. R. Morley of this office on November 6, 1936 of Assistant Postmaster L. R. Hankins that a cover be placed on the mail of

Arthur and Ruby Perkey,
410 S. 2nd St.,
Ponca City, Okla.,

for a period of thirty days, and tracings of the mail forwarded to this office.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this and other matters, I am

Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge.
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

November 4, 1936

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: MIAMI, FLORIDA

Dear Sir:

With reference to my letter today in regard to Brekid, and travel of agents S. K. McKee and R. T. Noonan, the present plan of operation will be as follows:

At Miami, it is planned, unless advised to the contrary, to have agent McKee get at least two rooms in some private space for offices and telephones (one regular line and one for Washington unlisted). In order to give this office the appearance of being connected with the Jacksonville office and as being engaged in the conduct of the regular investigative work of the Bureau, it is planned to have the Resident Agents make their headquarters also at these offices. Also, in order that Agent McKee may be familiar with what is going on in the district, all serials as to cases and reports submitted will be routed through him so he will be able, if necessary, to give any instructions or suggestions necessary consistant with any plan of action we may then have in mind. This will be discussed thoroughly with Agent McKee and he will consult with S.A.C. Nathan at Jacksonville as to when we will want to put this plan in operation. This will apply to all work in the sourthern district or section of Florida and from time to time anything which may come up in other parts of the state which may be of value to our inquiry in Miami, will also be routed to Mr. McKee by Mr. Nathan or the Jacksonville office.

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Mr. McKee, in my absence, will be in charge of the work, which is to be carried on in the district by the men on special assignment, and he will keep the Bureau advised of his operations at all times. He will not be subject to the direction of the Special Agent in Charge at Jacksonville, but will be in touch with the latter at all times in order to take advantage of anything which may develop in other classes of cases in the best interest of the inquiry at Miami.

The preliminary work here will be to ascertain "who is who" in political and police circles and who the main hoodlums, etc. are who will be the subject of the inquiry, with particular emphasis, at present, as to the racketeers who come in each season and who are undoubtedly responsible for the major operations.

We will give attention to the W. S. T. A. possiblities and N. S. P. A. with all others which may come up as well as any corruption which, in conspiracy, permits and makes possible such violations of the Federal laws.

It is planned to ask Chicago, Cleveland, Philadelphia, New York and possibly others to ascertain by appropriate inquiry through their files, police, et al, just what outstanding crooks, racketeers and others of similar stripe go to Miami and Miami Beach and other points in Florida each winter, as well as the officers of the above cities who go to Miami to check on the activities of these individuals, and what hotels these officers frequent under courtesy arrangements for the protection they supposedly give, or where they otherwise live. We will try to get pictures of the subjects in a discreet manner as well as information as to where they stop in Miami and other places for the winter and we will supplement this with information in Florida as to just what they do and what projects they control in Florida. We will try to line up their contacts in Florida, both the local officials and the crooks, who are associated with them and what tribute, if any, they exact from the community.

I will advise you later as to when Agent S. K. McKee will arrive in Florida for this work.

The regular investigative work will be handled by the Jacksonville office and the Jacksonville office will be entirely responsible for such class of work.

The matter of furniture and other equipment necessary will be handled in conjunction with the Jacksonville office and appropriate authority obtained from the Bureau as to any purchases or rentals paid.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Connelley
Inspector

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Jacksonville by delivery
Personal & Confidential
through Agent S. K. McKee

RCS:RD

November 11, 1936

7-576-13206

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ROSE CURREN; KATE BECKER;
C. J. PETERSEN, Victim;
Extortion.

Dear Sirs

On November 5, 1936 Mrs. C. J. Petersen, 300 South Oak Park Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois called at the Bureau and advised that she and her husband had been receiving threats from Rose Curren and Kate Becker, these latter two individuals being half sisters of Mrs. Petersen.

Mrs. Petersen advised that for thirteen years she supported her stepmother, Mrs. Catherine Glatzel, and that recently Mrs. Glatzel went to the home of her daughter, Rose Curren with whom she is now residing. Mrs. Petersen advised that Rose Curren and Kate Becker have been communicating with her and her husband, Mr. C. J. Petersen, demanding that the Petersens continue the support of Mrs. Glatzel or pay to Rose Curren and Kate Becker the sum of $600, the original sum demanded being $1,000; that Rose Curren and Kate Becker threatened her over the telephone stating that if she did not comply with this demand they would give her a "wooden kimona", indicating that they would kill Mrs. Petersen and her husband. She advised that similar threats were made to Mr. Petersen.

She furnished further information that under date of September 21, 1936 Kate Becker addressed a letter to Mr. Charles Petersen which stated, "I am going to warn you just once. I am not looking for trouble. If you don't quit telling Frank Becker a lot of lies about me, I won't be responsible what I do (signed) Mrs. Kate Becker 714 N. State St."

Mrs. Petersen, by way of explanation stated that Rose Curren lives with Eddie McFadden, 249 North California Avenue, Chicago, Illinois and also has a rooming house at 174 North Leamington Avenue, Chicago, Illinois; that Eddie McFadden is identical with an individual

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by the same name who was involved with the Touhy gang in the kidnaping of Jake Factor. She stated that Kate Becker who resided at 714 North State Street, Chicago, Illinois lives with one Frank Becker at that address, and it is this Frank Becker who is referred to in the letter received by Mr. Petersen. It is believed that Frank Becker is identical with the Frank Becker who was used by your office as an informant in connection with the Bureau's efforts to locate Dr. Joseph P. Moran who was wanted in connection with the Bremer kidnaping. Mrs. Petersen stated that she and her husband, due to the connections and reputations of Eddie McFadden, Rose Curren and Kate Becker, are in fear of their lives.

Mrs. Petersen further advised that her husband is employed in the Billing Department of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Chicago, Illinois and has a record of all the telephone calls received by him from Kate Becker and Rose Curren. She stated further that Rose Curren claims Dr. Joseph P. Moran is not dead and indicated that she possibly knows the present whereabouts of Dr. Moran; and further that Rose Curren knows the location of the hideout in which Jake Factor was held after being removed by his kidnapers from the residence in Glenview, Illinois.

Photostatic copies of the letter said to have been received by Mr. Charles Petersen, together with photostats of the envelope postmarked Chicago, Illinois, September 21, 1936 are being transmitted herewith, and it is requested that you discuss with the United States Attorney at Chicago, Illinois whether the letter in question, coupled with the telephone threats, constitutes a violation of the Extortion Statute. The telephone calls in question, according to Mrs. Petersen, were not transmitted in interstate commerce.

Rose Curren and Kate Becker should be interviewed concerning Dr. Joseph P. Moran and also concerning the location of the Factor hideout, but in the event the United States Attorney at Chicago declines prosecution relative to the transmittal of the threatening letter to Mr. Petersen, the name of Mrs. Petersen should not be mentioned to Rose Curren and Kate Becker as having furnished the information concerning Dr. Moran and the Factor hideout. If prosecution is authorized, of course it will be necessary that Kate Becker be thoroughly interviewed in connection with the letter she is alleged to have written to Mr. Petersen.

Copies of a memorandum prepared by Mrs. Petersen at Washington, D. C. dated November 5, 1936 are also transmitted herewith.

Mrs. Petersen stated that she was returning to her home in Oak Park, Illinois in the next few days and would be available at that place if further interview with her was desired.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Washington, D. C. Nov. 5, 1936.

Rose Curren, also goes under the name of Rose Glatzel, or Mrs. Rose, and Mrs. Eddie McFadden. He lives at her home. He is the only one left of the Touhy Gang, that was arrested in Minnesota. In Rose Curren's home was one of the hiding places for the gang and May Banghart came from the South, which was one of her hiding places with Basel Banghart. She stayed there until she and Banghart rented an apartment at Center Street and Washington Street, Park Ridge, Illinois. Basel and May lived there while he did his flying for the gang. He kept his plane at Turgeon's Airport in Park Ridge, Illinois.

Rose Curren has bragged about the morning after when Factor was kidnaped. She said, "Well, the old boy won't get out of fake kidnapping this time, as the Touhy Gang have him this time and he will pay. She also worried about Eddie McFadden, as he was out of town at the time. If he would come home and when he did come home, she said, he was crazy just like Sharkey. She told her sister Kate all she would need to do is to blow his brains off, so Kate said "How would you get away with it?" "Oh, that is easy; the cops would think that the Gang got him." Kate and Rose go to taverns dead drunk and fight and tell everything they know. Kate also called McFadden a squealor. That was why he went free, and she has threatened to have their place raided, as they are in the dope business.

Rose was the driver for the gang at times and at Glen View, Illinois, where Factor was held at one time. Before Banghart got in the Factor trouble he and his girl friend, May, would come to Rose Curren's home in new cars, then he would leave them there to be repainted, and then he and May would leave. Also when Banghart escaped from a prison in the South, he killed a guard; he also came there in a new car, and had it repainted. This May lived at Rose Curren's home till she and Banghart went to live in Park Ridge, Illinois. They also had rented a bungalow on the outskirts of Park Ridge.

Mrs. Curren also says that Doc Moran is not dead. He is very much alive, and she says he also is a coke fiend, and if the basement at 174 North Leamington Avenue will be looked over, or 249 North California Avenue, something will probably be found in either one of these places. She is part owner of 174 Leamington.

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Mrs. Emma Culnan used to get the mail at her address for Eddie McFadden and she also used to be with the Gang. She can tell plenty. She would drive Kator home after they had had an evening of cards at Rose Curren's home. Rose Curren also signed bonds for Tommy Touhy before he was taken back to St. Paul, Minnesota, and was sentenced.

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Rose Curren also dealt in stolen cars. When she had a baker shop at California Avenue and Lake Street, one car was turned over to Emma Culnan and another to Mr. Romano at 246 Fairfield Avenue, just across the alley of Rose Curran's home. He did not pay her for the car. She had an extra key and went over to his home and took the car back. She also brags about killing her husband, that it was the opportune time to do it. Her husband was James Curren, a Chicago policeman.

When she smokes this coke and drinks, she and her sister Kate go crazy. They call me up out of bed at 2 and 3 in the morning and call me vile names, that I had to have my phone taken out. I have taken care of their invalid mother for 13 years. This is how they thank me.

Rose Curren and May Banghart knew all about the Joliet Jail Break. This May was there to meet Basel Banghart, and if he had not got shot, she would have met him there. Instead, she went with his pal, who did get away. She now is in prison.

Rose Curren also has address at 714 North State Street, Chicago, with her sister Kate Glatzel, also known as Kay Becker.

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P. O. Box 1276
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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent John R. Welles, dated at Oklahoma City November 11, 1936, wherein the advisibility of interviewing Fred Hunter for information concerning the hideout in southern Oklahoma is mentioned. It will be noted that the statement of Brock, set forth in the report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, dated at Cleveland October 20, 1936, shows that Hunter was taken to this hideout by either George H. "Burrhead" Keady or his wife, Dovey Keady, and that Campbell and Karpis were met at that point.

This office is not in possession of information indicating where Hunter is presently incarcerated. Providing the Bureau considers an interview with Hunter appropriate, kindly cause same to be had.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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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: Howard Allen, Guy Thompson or Ollie Orsendorf, owners of Greyhound dogs, may be person who harbored fugitives on farm between Tulsa and Sapulpa, Okla.; Orsendorf most likely suspect. Descriptions of these persons and residences set out for possible reinterview with Brock. Dovey Keady claims first met Coker week after his release in Sept., 1935. Coker frequent visitor at her house until middle of Feb., 1936. Dovey denies knowing Hunter, Lett, Campbell and Karpis, but does know Brock; claims George Hill, P. O. Inspector, gave her $2,000, and retained $1280 of money Keady left with George Hereford. Keady presently working Hubb Bar, Dallas, Texas; was formerly associated with Ollie Orsendorf, a Greyhound breeder. Dovey has brother, Lucius Hatfield, living at Hydro, Okla. She denies taking any man or men to southern Okla. during spring of 1935 or meeting Coker in Okla. City after his release. Contact of Keady in southern Okla. not determined. No evidence that Sam Coker knew Harry Campbell prior to Coker's parole from Okla. State Pen. Sept., 1935. Milton Lett may have relatives Des Moines, Iowa and Los Angeles, Calif. Arthur Perkey, Ponca City, Okla., relative of Lett, being contacted by informant.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent A. Paul Kitchin, Cleveland, 9/8/36. Report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, Cleveland, 10/20/36. Letters from Cleveland 10/27/36 and 10/30/36.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: Dwight Brantley SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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DETAILS: On November 2, 1936 Earl Gardner of the Tulsa, Oklahoma Police Department was asked whether he had ever heard of George H. "Burrhead" Keady associating with a person in the vicinity of Tulsa who raised and raced Greyhound dogs. Mr. Gardner said dog races were held in Tulsa several years ago, and that Keady probably knew most of the breeders and racers. Mr. Gardner was not told the reason for this inquiry, but he volunteered the information that Guy Thompson, a friend of Keady and Harry Campbell, owned and raced Greyhounds. In 1933 Thompson's home on Cincinnati Street in Tulsa was raided by the Tulsa County Sheriff's Office on a tip that Harry Campbell and Glen Leroy Wright were there. Mr. Gardner said the officers found clothes and other articles belonging to Campbell and Wright in the house, but did not apprehend these men. A still was found in the house, and Thompson was sentenced to six months for violation of the liquor laws. Mr. Gardner advised that Thompson has not been in Tulsa very much in recent years, and believes that he spends the entire year following the dog races throughout the United States.

Thompson was arrested at Tulsa, Oklahoma April 25, 1935, and the Oklahoma City files contain a report of former Special Agent Paul Hansen, dated at Oklahoma City May 14, 1935, entitled Isaac Taylor Robinette, with alias, Fugitive; Mitchell Pilgrim, with alias, Fugitive; Guy Thompson; Glen Bartlett; Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Pittsburgh origin; which covers Thompson's arrest. Thompson was released, and the report shows that he had been in Florida during March, 1935 and April, 1935, up to the time of his arrest. This would tend to eliminate Thompson as the person who harbored Hunter, Campbell, Brock and Karpis, as mentioned in Brock's statement, but in view of the fact that Thompson did associate with some of these persons, several of his police photographs were obtained, and two are being forwarded to the Cleveland office for possible future reference and presentation to Brock.

Inquiry at the various gasoline stations and stores on the Tulsa to Sapulpa highway, as well as of the Postmaster, Mr. A. H. Duescher, Oakhurst, Oklahoma, a town just half way between Tulsa and Sapulpa, developed that there are presently three men raising and racing Greyhounds, who were in that vicinity during the spring of 1935. These men are Warren Patrick, Howard Allen and Ollie Orsendorf. No other persons are known to have been in this business in that vicinity during 1935.

As Warren Patrick operates a large filling station on the edge of Tulsa, and does not have a farm, inquiry was made of Captain R. F. Cowan, Tulsa Police Department, concerning the reliability and reputation of Patrick. Captain Cowan advised he knows Patrick very well, and that Patrick is absolutely

trustworthy. Captain Cowan arranged for Patrick to be interviewed by the writer. Warren Patrick on November 3, 1936 said that there are only two men in that section besides himself who raise and race Greyhound dogs. These two men are Howard Allen and Ollie Orsendorf. To his knowledge no other persons were in that business between Tulsa and Sapulpa during 1935. Orsendorf lives about one mile off the Tulsa to Sapulpa highway in an easterly direction four miles south of Tulsa and ten miles north of Sapulpa. Allen lives in the town of Oakhurst, which is a very small village on the Tulsa-Sapulpa highway half way between the two towns. According to Patrick, both Allen and Orsendorf were at their homes during the spring of 1935, both have been hard up in recent years, and neither has a very good reputation.

Records of the Tulsa County Sheriff's Office and the Tulsa Police Department fail to reveal any arrest record for either Allen or Orsendorf.

Captain Cowan was asked whether he knows either Allen or Orsendorf, and he said he did not know either personally, but he had heard a lot about Orsendorf, and none of it was good. As will be noted later, when asked if "Burrhead" Keady had any friends in the dog racing game, Dovey Keady knew only one and that was Orsendorf. It would, therefore, appear that Orsendorf is the person most likely to have harbored fugitives at Keady's request.

Descriptions of Thompson, Allen and Orsendorf, as obtained from police records and inquiry of Warren Patrick, are as follows:

Name - GUY THOMPSON
Age - 35 Born May 14, 1900 Bartlesville, Okla.
Height - 6', 1½"
Weight - 156
Build - Slender
Eyes - Blue
Hair - Dark brown, curly.
Complexion - Medium
Teeth - Bad
Occupation-Dog track follower
Relatives - Wife, Thelma, address unknown.
Father, J. E. Thompson, Kiefer, Okla.
Brother, B. C. Thompson, Kiefer, Okla.

Name - HOWARD ALLEN
Age - 40
Height - 5', 9"
Weight - 150

Eyes - Gray
Hair - Black; greying.
Complexion - Light
Nationality - Irish

Name - OLLIE ORSENDORF
Age - 55
Height - 5', 11"
Weight - 200
Build - Heavy
Eyes - Blue
Hair - Gray
Complexion - Light
Smooth face.
Blustering type of person.

It was rather definitely ascertained that Thompson did not reside on a farm between Tulsa and Sapulpa during 1935.

Howard Allen now lives, and did live in 1935, at Oakhurst, Oklahoma half way between Tulsa and Sapulpa. His house is the only one in the block, and there is a dog fence around this entire block, which apparently is owned by Allen. The house is three blocks and up a hill from the main highway. It is a one story building of about five rooms, and is painted white with green trimming. It is necessary to open a wire gate to enter the yard or to drive a car into the one car garage which is at the southeast corner of the house. There are two steps leading on to a wooden front porch, which is across the entire north side or front of the house. Water for the place is supplied by a gasoline pump in the back yard.

The residence of Ollie Orsendorf is reached by going south from Tulsa on the Sapulpa road about four miles, and turning left or east on the first macadam road just after passing a large amusement park. This road is followed for about one mile to a gasoline station where a left turn is made. Orsendorf's house is on the east side of this road about one-quarter of a mile from the gasoline station. The house is of wood frame construction, and is painted yellow. It appears to have about five rooms. There is a front porch on the house which faces west. In order to get to this house, it is necessary to go through a wire gate and drive about one-quarter of a mile through a grove of numerous trees. Orsendorf's land appears to be about ten acres, all of which is fenced in with

wire which dogs can not get through. This house was viewed from the highway, and because of the many trees and the fact that the house is so far from the road, it is very hard to see the place without entering the property.

Dovey Keady was interviewed at her home, 230 East Xyler Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and she said she first met Sam Coker about one week after his release from the penitentiary, at which time "Burrhead" Keady, her husband, brought Coker to their home. This was about the middle of September, 1935. Covey's statement is apparently untrue, as is her additional statement that she does not know many of "Burrhead's" friends. She said she knew that most of his friends were continually having trouble with the law. According to Dovey, "Burrhead" and Coker drank most of the time when Coker was in town. Coker visited their home for a night or two at least once a month from the middle of September, 1935 until the middle of February, 1935, at which latter time Dovey claims she chased them both out of the house and told Coker not to return. She claims not to have seen Coker since that time, and that she was not in Oklahoma City and did not drive Coker to Tulsa following his release; in fact, she claims not to have known he was in the penitentiary until he or "Burrhead" told her, after Coker came to her house. Dovey said Coker made out his parole report papers at her house, and on one occasion wanted to leave a blank with her and have her fill it out and send it in at the proper time, but she refused to do this. She claims Coker never told her where he was going when he left town, and she has no idea where he did go. Dovey said she couldn't understand why Coker was in trouble, as a Deputy Sheriff from Nowata, where Coker's sister lives, told her Coker has an income of $400.00 a month, which ought to be enough for him. She said Coker had $1800.00 with him following his release, and she understood the prison authorities had been holding it for him. According to Dovey, Coker always seemed to have plenty of money. Dovey was asked if among "Burrhead's" numerous friends there is one who owns and races Greyhound dogs. She said that the only person she knows is Ollie Orsendorf, and that at one time "Burrhead" may have had an interest in the dogs with Orsendorf. She doesn't know where Orsendorf is at the present time or whether he is still racing dogs. She claims it was several years ago that "Burrhead" associated with Orsendorf, this being before the Tulsa dog track was closed. Dovey said that Post Office Inspector George Hill of Tulsa got the money which "Burrhead" left with George Hereford, and that Mr. Hill subsequently gave her $2,000.00, all of which she spent in employing lawyers to get "Burrhead" out of trouble. She claims that Mr. Hill still has $1280.00 of the money which belongs to "Burrhead." Dovey said she inherited some money from her mother in 1929 and 1932 and loaned it to "Burrhead." "Burrhead" ordered Mr. Hill to pay her the $2,000 toward this loan. She said she had no idea where "Burrhead" got the money, but claimed it was not unusual for him to have that much cash around, and in good times she remembers "Burrhead" making as high as $9,000.00 in twenty-four hours gambling.

Dovey said George Hill came to her house in May, 1936, and showed her pictures of Fred Hunter, Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis, Milton Lett and John Brock, and the only one of these persons she knew was Brock, who at one time worked for her husband at the Lincoln Bar in Tulsa. She understands Brock has

been arrested, but she does not know what for. She claims never to have driven any of these men, other than Brock, anywhere in an automobile. Dovey has a brother named Lucius Hatfield living at Hydro, Oklahoma, but she never took any man or men, other than "Burrhead" there. If "Burrhead" has friends in southern Oklahoma they are unknown to Dovey.

Dovey said she sees Dutch Bowman quite often, and Dutch is working for $2.00 a day at the Brownstone Club, Tulsa, Oklahoma. "Burrhead" Keady is tending bar at the Hubb Bar in Dallas, Texas. "Burrhead" recently sent Dovey $40.00.

Dovey Keady is a very willing talker, but talks slowly, and considers her answers before making them. She appears to be fairly well educated. It is believed that following an interview with "Burrhead" Keady and further developments concerning places where furgitives were harbored in southern Oklahoma, Dovey Keady should be reinterviewed. To date she apparently does not know that Brock has made a statement.

Concerning the association between Sam Coker and Harry Campbell prior to Coker's release from Oklahoma State Penitentiary in September, 1935, on November 4, 1936 Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantly and Special Agent L. B. Reed discussed this matter at length with Mr. A. B. Cooper of Oklahoma City who is and has been very familiar with the activities and associations of well known criminals in the Oklahoma City district. Mr. Cooper conferred at length with Ray Terrill, notorious Oklahoma bank robber who has been at Oklahoma State Penitentiary for approximately ten years and was released September 25, 1936. Terrill is astute, clever and knows the Oklahoma underworld even though he has been in the penitentiary.

A. B. Cooper has Terrill's confidence, and it is believed Terrill would not mislead Cooper. Terrill told Cooper he knows Coker well, as they were in the penitentiary together for several years, worked in the canteen together, and discussed many things. Terrill said Coker told him of his association with Doc Barker and that Joe Howard, Alvin Karpis and Doc Barker during 1931 were associated with Coker at a time when Coker was on parole. These four were arrested in Tulsa for a jewelry robbery at Henryetta, Oklahoma, and Coker was returned to McAlester, where he remained from June 19, 1931 until September 3, 1935. Terrill said Coker never mentioned any association with Campbell or having been on any jobs with Campbell at that time. Campbell and Glenn LeRoy Wright of Tulsa, an Oklahoma outlaw now serving fifty years at McAlester, ran together. Campbell was considered an oil field petty thief, and it is well known in the underworld that Campbell did not become associated with Karpis and the Barkers until about 1933. Terrill said Coker had no association or acquaintance with Campbell until Coker's release from the penitentiary in 1935. Terrill was with Coker, and talked with him after Coker was

was returned to Oklahoma State Penitentiary from Ohio, but Coker made no mention of any jobs participated in by Campbell and Coker since the latter's release in 1935.

Mr. Cooper told Special Agent Reed that he knows the past life of Sam Coker as well as anybody who has been engaged in law enforcement. Cooper said he, accompanied by some Deputy Sheriffs, arrested Coker, Buster Jarrett and Joe Bradley alias Jack Frost for the robbery of the Shidler, Oklahoma bank a number of years ago. Jarrett is now at McAlester serving a twenty-five year sentence for bank robbery. Bradley was sent to Oklahoma State Penitentiary for killing a policeman at Drumright following a bank robbery. Bradley was never tried on the bank robbery charge. Cooper said definitely that Buster Jarrett, Sam Coker and Joe Bradley were pals and running mates at that time. He recalls definitely that Coker, Jarrett and Bradley held up Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gaddis at Bartlesville in 1921 or 1922, but Coker was not tried for that offense because he was convicted of the Shidler bank robbery. Cooper said Coker was not guilty of robbing this bank, as was found out later. According to Cooper, the robbery of the Shidler bank was an inside and framed job, and it was learned that the banker was guilty, and he was subsequently tried and convicted. Cooper said he knows definitely and without fear of contradiction that Sam Coker did not know and had no association with the Barker-Karpis gang, including Harry Campbell, until Coker got out of McAlester; that Coker did associate with Doc Barker and Karpis around Coffeyville, Kansas after Coker got out of McAlester in 1931. Cooper said he knows it to be a fact that Coker was let out of McAlester to work as an informant to catch Campbell and Karpis. Mr. Cooper claimed that Campbell and Glenn LeRoy Wright were "chicken thief" criminals around Tulsa, Oklahoma and vicinity. Doc Barker and Sam Coker had become acquainted at McAlester. In this connection, the criminal record of Coker shows that he was received March 17, 1924 to serve thirty years for bank robbery and was paroled January 11, 1931. Doc Barker as Bob Barker was received at McAlester January 30, 1921 for safe keeping, charge bank robbery, and discharged June 11, 1921. Doc Barker was again received at McAlester February 10, 1922 for conviction of murder to serve a life setence, and was paroled September 10, 1932. Cooper said it is well known to him and all law enforcement officers in Oklahoma who have followed the careers of the Barkers, Campbell, Coker and others that the association of Doc Barker and Campbell began with their acquaintanceship at McAlester. Campbell said that when Doc got out of McAlester naturally Doc and Fred Barker got together. Having become acquainted with Coker at McAlester, Doc introduced Coker to Fred Barker. Alvin Karpis was brought into the vicinity of Coffeyville and Tulsa by Fred Barker, and at that time met Coker. This was after Coker's parole from McAlester in 1931.

Cooper said Harry Campbell was a petty thief, and graduated to bigger crimes when he was taken in by Fred Barker, Doc Barker and Alvin Karpis. Cooper is positive Sam Coker never knew Harry Campbell or associated with Campbell in Oklahoma. Cooper said this was well known to the police at Tulsa

and the Sheriffs and police in the surrounding counties. However, the officers can only state this to be their knowledge, and have no way of proving it.

Attention is called to the fact that Coker was received at McAlester in March, 1924 and paroled in January, 1931; was returned to McAlester in June, 1931, and again paroled in September, 1935. He was next returned to McAlester May 9, 1936. The criminal record of Harry Campbell, as reflected by I. O. 1236, shows he was arrested at Tulsa, #1845, December 25, 1920 for investigation and fined $19.00. He was received at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, #11056, January 30, 1921 for bank robbery, and held for safe keeping. He was discharged June 11, 1921. He was arrested by the Sheriff at Tulsa April 29, 1932 on a charge of burglary, and released on bond.

Mr. Cooper suggested that in line with the above, Mr. Lew Gaston, Chief Special Agent of the Phillips Petroleum Company, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, be interviewed. Mr. Gaston was formerly Chief of Police at Bartlesville.

On November 5, 1936 Mr. Lew Gaston was interviewed at Bartlesville, Oklahoma, and said that he knew of no association whatsoever between Sam Coker and Harry Campbell prior to Coker being convicted of bank robbery in 1924. In order to refresh his memory Mr. Gaston called in Mr. J. C. Tucker, who worked for Mr. Gaston at the time he was Chief of Police, and who later became Sheriff at Bartlesville. From Mr. Gaston and Mr. Tucker it was ascertained that Coker first became known as being connected with Oklahoma outlaws through Coker having carried supplies and given protection to Jess D. Paul alias Big Boy Berry, presently serving time at McAlester; Henry Wells, a former bank robber who now resides at Okesa, Oklahoma; Nick LaMarr, who was sentenced to twenty-five years in the Arkansas Penitentiary; Al Spencer, who was killed by officers; Dick Gregg, who was killed by officers; and Dan Daniels, who was killed in the Canon City, Colorado jail break, and who formerly lived around Nowata, Oklahoma. These men believed that Coker's sister was aiding the criminals; that Coker got to know them, but that he never actually participated in any of their jobs. Neither of these men had ever heard of Harry Campbell until the recent publicity on kidnaping cases. They were practically certain that he was not associated with Sam Coker prior to Coker's conviction on a bank robbery charge, which robbery was not committed by Sam Coker. Both stated that it has subsequently been ascertained that Dick Gregg and a man named Falkenberg were the persons who robbed this bank; that Gregg later killed Falkenberg in a dispute over a division of the spoils, and that subsequently in a gun battle Gregg was killed, as were two officers who were trying to apprehend him.

On November 5, 1936 Mr. Earl Gardner, who has been connected with

the Tulsa Police Department since prior to 1922 and knows the history of criminals whose names have arisen in this case, stated positively that he knew Harry Campbell and Sam Coker had never been associated prior to Coker's release from McAlester Penitentiary in 1935. Mr. Gardner's theory is that "Burrhead" Keady, who went to McAlester and got Coker, and according to Brock's statement arranged for Coker's release, got Coker out of the penitentiary in order that he might share in the income which Coker enjoys and also to place Coker with the Karpis-Barker gang, so that Keady would be able to obtain a split in any money obtained. Mr. Gardner said that Keady for a great number of years has followed the practice of aiding criminals in their activities and collecting from their spoils, but keeping outside the picture himself, thereby avoiding arrest and conviction in connection with their crimes. Coker is part Indian, and is an habitual drunkard and gambler. He is considered as having been entirely under Keady's control since leaving the penitentiary.

Mr. T. L. Pace, 235 N. Oak Street, Nowata, Oklahoma, the home town of Coker, was a Deputy Sheriff at Nowata prior to 1924. Mr. Pace has known Coker all of his life, but had never heard of him being associated with Harry Campbell, and in fact, Mr. Pace had never heard of Campbell until the recent publicity on kidnaping cases. Mr. Pace said that Coker was continually getting in trouble around Nowata prior to 1924 due to heavy drinking and gambling. He said that all the Coker family had too much money for their own good. He advised that in about 1921 Sam Coker received a check for $1,000.00 from Charles Burdon in a gambling game at Nowata, Oklahoma. Coker later went to Burdon's place to collect on the check, and in the ensuing argument Burdon shot Coker in the mouth with a .38 revolver. Subsequently in 1922 Coker shot and killed a man in a gambling game argument, for which offense Coker was tried and acquitted. Mr. Pace suggested that in line with the above Mr. Buck George, who was night officer at Nowata around 1924 and previous thereto, should be interviewed.

Mr. Buck George, Nowata, Oklahoma, has known all of the Coker family since they were children. He knows Sam Coker to have been an habitual drunkard and gambler and hanger on with numerous bank robbers who occasionally visited in the Nowata vicinity. He stated Coker's brother, Lem Coker, was killed by an officer named Lemons at Nowata about 1920; that it was always considered as a murder, and Lemons subsequently left Nowata, was convicted of some crime, and was killed or died in jail. Shortly after this Sam Coker killed a colored man at Nowata, for which he was never tried. In 1922 Coker killed a man in a gambling game, for which offense he was tried and equitted, his attorney being a man named Tillman. In 1924 when Coker and Buster Jarrett were acused of robbing the bank at Shidler, Oklahoma, this same attorney demanded $12,000.00 for defending them, and threatened to see that they were convicted if they did not employ him. Neither Coker nor Jarrett was guilty of this robbery, but they were convicted and sent to McAlester Penitentiary for

long terms. Mr. George claims that all of Coker's recent trouble was due to his heavy drinking and association with "Burrhead" Keady. It was his opinion that Keady obtained Coker's release for the sole purpose of helping Coker spend his income and getting Coker placed with criminals, in order that he, Keady, might cut in on any loot. A man named Frank Palmer married Coker's sister. This man is a gambler, and is supposed to have a police record. His last known address was Toledo, Ohio. Mr. George was positive that Sam Coker never knew Harry Campbell, and believes that "Burrhead" Keady sent Coker to either Campbell or Karpis in Ohio.

Buster Jarrett, #14022, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, was interviewed on November 9, 1936, and advised that he was intimately associated with Sam Coker both before and after their conviction for robbery of the bank at Shidler, Oklahoma. Jarrett said that he was positive that Coker did not know Harry Campbell at that time, and in fact he, Jarrett, had never heard of Campbell until the recent publicity concerning kidnaping cases.

Floyd Jarrett,#21339, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, a brother of Buster Jarrett, advised that he lived around Nowata, Oklahoma prior to his incarceration in the penitentiary, and that he knew Sam Coker especially well. He was positive that Coker, with whom he had associated in the penitentiary, did not meet Harry Campbell until after Coker's release in September, 1936.

Glenn LeRoy Wright, #29585, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, said that he participated in crimes with Harry Campbell during 1920 and 1921, and that Campbell immediately after getting out of Oklahoma State Penitentiary in 1921 went to Casper Wyoming and worked in the oil fields. At that time neither Wright nor Campbell knew Sam Coker. According to Wright, Campbell worked at Casper, Wyoming, using his correct name, until late in the year 1931. Campbell was at Casper at the time Coker was out on parole from January, 1931 to June, 1931. Wright became well acquainted with Coker in the penitentiary. Wright was released early in 1932, and following his release he again associated with Harry Campbell and they committed numerous crimes together. They went to Casper, Wyoming for the purpose of committing crimes, but when Wright found out that Campbell was known to too many people in Casper by his right name he refused to stay in that section of the country with Campbell. During 1932 and up until the time of his arrest in 1933, Wright is positive that Campbell did not know Coker, and he is certain that Coker met Campbell through "Burrhead"Keady of Tulsa following Coker's release in 1935. Wright is very antagonistic toward Keady, and claims that Keady for no good reason has been "cut in" on practically every job occurring around Tulsa for many years. Wright said that if he had any information concerning places where Keady might hide out criminals, he would not divulge the information, but he did state positively that he knows of no place where Keady has connections south of Muskogee, Oklahoma. Wright said that it was general knowledge in the penitentiary that both Keady and Brock had made statements involving Fred Hunter, and therefore

the convicts had no use for them. Wright was given the impression that Keady had made a statement, in order that he and other convicts might continue to be antagonistic toward Keady and divulge the location in southern Oklahoma where Keady took Hunter to Campbell and Karpis.

Charles Davis, #31276, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, who was sentenced to serve eight years for harboring Glenn LeRoy Wright and Harry Campbell, said that he has known Sam Coker for fifteen years, and that to his knowledge Coker was never associated with Campbell or Wright, and during his time in the penitentiary he has never heard Sam Coker speak of knowing Campbell.

Mr. Jess Dunn, Assistant Warden, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, was asked whether he knew of any convict who might have knowledge of "Burrhead" Keady's contacts, or might be in a position to get this information. He suggested that the writer talk to Tom Antone, #18728, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, as this man was well acquainted around Tulsa, and had previously given him, Mr. Dunn, valuable information.

Antone said that he has known "Burrhead" Keady for a great many years; that Keady gets a cut on practically every job that is pulled around Tulsa, and that he has no use for Keady. Antone appeared especially anxious to please Mr. Dunn, and it was suggested to him that he associate with and question the various other convicts, including Sam Coker, with the idea of developing the location of a hideout in southern Oklahoma established by "Burrhead" Keady. Antone said that prior to his conviction and sentence in 1927 he knew that Keady had a hideout for criminals at Denison, Texas. He did not know whether Keady still had contacts there, but believed that some of the older officers at Denison might be able to give information concerning same.

Antone appears to be very smart and well educated, and anxious to help in this matter, and it is believed that he would make a valuable contact for information within Oklahoma State Penitentiary. He should, of course, be approached through Mr. Dunn.

In line with the above, considering the fact that Fred Hunter was taken to the hideout in southern Oklahoma by "Burrhead" Keady or Dovey Keady, and that Hunter is understood to have made some admissions to agents of the Bureau, it would appear advisable that Hunter be interviewed on this matter. The Oklahoma City files do not contain information concerning Hunter's present place of incarceration, and a letter is being directed to the Bureau suggesting that this interview be had.

On November 6, 1936 Earl Gardner of the Tulsa Police Department was asked to furnish information as to relatives, friends and acquaintances of "Burrhead" Keady in southern Oklahoma. On November 8, 1936 Mr. Gardner informed Special Agent L. E. Kingman that his only suggestion was that Keady may have taken the boys down to Davidson, Oklahoma to the home of Hunter's girl. He knew of no relatives living in southern Oklahoma. Gardner also mentioned Ben Hopkins, who is presently operating a beer garden on S. E. 29th Street in Oklahoma City. Gardner also suggested that John R. Johnsey, presently serving seven years in the State Penitentiary at Canon City, Colorado on a jewelry robbery was formerly from Tulsa, and had connections with the underworld. Gardner is of the opinion that if Johnsey were properly contacted he might shed some light on the operations of Keady at Tulsa and his contacts.

While talking to Mr. T. L. Pace at Nowata, Oklahoma, Mr. Pace stated that Milt Lett has relatives at Des Moines, Iowa, and also relatives some place in the vicinity of Los Angeles, California, and if he, Mr. Pace were looking for Lett he would try these two places. He was positive that the relatives in both places are named Lett. He could not add to this information.

On November 5, and 6, 1936 Special Agent D. R. Morley checked the criminal files and arrest cards at the Ponca City Police Department, with the assistance of Night Sergeant E. F. Davidson, without finding an arrest record on Milt Lett. Neither Lett nor the Perkey family was known to Sergeant Davidson or Officer J. W. Donahue. They were unable to identify the photograph of Lett. Chief of Police Joe McFadden and Detective I. E. Webb were unable to identify the photograph of Milt Lett, and have no knowledge of a Perkey family residing at 410 S. 2nd Street, Ponca City.

Agent Morley and Detective Webb contacted Ray Moore, a confidential informant of Officer Webb, and Moore was unable to identify the photograph of Milt Lett, but said Arthur Perkey, husband of Ruby, was a friend of long standing. Moore is endeavoring to obtain information as to the whereabouts of Milt Lett through Arthur Perkey. Detective Webb said this informant is absolutely reliable. 410 S. 2nd Street, Ponca City, Oklahoma, is a low grade rooming house.

On November 6, 1936 L. R. Hankins, Assistant Postmaster, Ponca City, Oklahoma, agreed to forward tracings of all mail received by Arthur Perkey and Ruby Perkey for the next thirty days to the Oklahoma City office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE CLEVELAND OFFICE

Will reinterview John Brock for more definite information concerning the man raising and racing Greyhound dogs who lived between Tulsa and Sapulpa, Oklahoma, the interview being based on descriptions of persons and property set out herein. Will also endeavor to learn from Brock the distance and direction from Tulsa, Oklahoma of the hideout in southern Oklahoma, to which Keady or his wife took Hunter.

No recent photograph of George H. "Burrhead" Keady is available to the Oklahoma City office, and the Cleveland office is requested to forward two of same to the Oklahoma City office at an early date.

THE DALLAS OFFICE

At Dallas, Texas, providing same has not already been done, will interview "Burrhead" Keady along the lines suggested in the statement of John Brock, ascertaining if possible all friends and contacts of Keady in northern Texas. The report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, dated at Cleveland October 20, 1936, which contains the statement of John Brock, is being forwarded with copies of this report to the Dallas office, and should be returned immediately in view of the fact that this is the only copy which the Oklahoma City office has.

At Denison, Texas, will contact law enforcement agencies for information concerning a possible hideout at that place used by George H. "Burrhead" Keady.

THE OMAHA OFFICE

At Des Moines, Iowa, will conduct appropriate investigation to determine whether there is a family named Lett residing at Des Moines, whether they are related to Milton Lett, and whether he has been visiting them.

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE

At Los Angeles, California, will conduct appropriate investigation to determine whether there is a family named Lett residing at Los Angeles, whether they are related to Milton Lett, and whether he has been visiting them.

THE DENVER OFFICE

At Canon City, Colorado, will interview John R. Johnsey at the State Penitentiary, for information concerning possible contacts in southern Oklahoma and nothern Texas of George H. "Burrhead" Keady, and any other information suggested by the body of this report.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE

At Davidson, Oklahoma, will make inquiry concerning strangers having been at the home of Ruth Hamm during March and April, 1935.

At McAlester, Oklahoma, through Jess Dunn, Assistant Warden of Oklahoma State Penitentiary, will interview Tom Antone for information concerning Keady's contacts.

At Ponca City, Oklahoma, will contact Informant Ray Moore, through Detective I. E. Webb, for information concerning the whereabouts of Milt Lett.

At Tulsa, Oklahoma, will maintain contact with Earl Gardner, Tulsa Police Department, for additional information concerning Keady's contacts.

At Tulsa, Oklahoma, following interview by Dallas office with "Burrhead" Keady, will reinterview Dovey Keady for additional information concerning Keady's contacts.

At Tulsa, Oklahoma, following reinterview with John Brook, will consider the advisibility of interviewing Howard Allen and/or Ollie Orsendorf concerning persons brought to their home by "Burrhead" Keady in the spring of 1935.

Following the completion of investigation concerning the harboring of Campbell and Karpis in the Oklahoma City district, will present the facts to the appropriate United States Attorney for his opinion as to prosecution.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 7-12

FORM NO. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio.

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
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TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I.O.#1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases; et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BRELER - Victim.

CHARACTER OF CASE
Kidnaping; Harboring and Obstruction of Justice; National Firearms Act.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Dr. Frank Robinson, Psychiana Corporation, Moscow, Idaho, has no correspondence from Benson Groves nor has he ever seen him to his knowledge. States letters not connected with financial transactions destroyed. Further advises his literature mailed to penal institutions if desired. RUC

Reference:

Letter from Cleveland Office to Louisville Office, dated 10/12/36.

Details:

At Moscow, Idaho:

Dr. Frank B. Robinson, 122 South Howard Street, Moscow, Idaho, advises that he has no record of Benson Groves under his true name or aliases, nor has he ever seen him in his life. Dr. Robinson explained to Agent that he operates what is known as the Psychiana Corporation, and that he receives letters from millions of people; that unless a person is a member or pupil of his teaching he would have no record of the individual. He further stated a person might write a letter to him, but unless some financial transaction is involved he does not file the letter, in view of the fact he receives thousands of letters from all over the world and does not have sufficient space to file same.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: O.M. Campbell Acting

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Dr. Robinson further stated that he sends his literature to any penitentiary that will apply for it, but that he never charges anything for it if directed to an institution and that for this reason he never keeps any file thereon. He was unable to furnish any information whatever regarding Groves.

It may be stated that the Psychiana Corporation is an institute somewhat similar to Christian Science, which has received wide renown, and, in fact, due to the correspondence received by this organization has raised the Moscow Post Office from second class to a first class rating. Dr. Robinson is a person of great wealth and personally owns approximately half the real estate in the City of Moscow, Idaho.

In view of the foregoing information it would appear probable that Groves received literature forwarded to the Northeastern Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, and probably wrote Dr. Robinson in inquiry concerning this literature, however, did not subscribe or engage in a financial transaction therefore no record of Groves' correspondence with Dr. Robinson would be kept.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

'N EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

November 10, 1936.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: VICE, GAMBLING AND POLICE CORRUPTION IN TOLEDO, OHIO.

On May 20, 1936, the Bureau began an investigation in Toledo, Ohio, in connection with individuals who were responsible for harboring members of the Karpis - Barker Gang at that place, and during the course of this investigation telephone taps were maintained in that city. Various persons, including operators of houses of prostitution, prostitutes, police officers, and informers, were interviewed, who provided information concerning vice and corruption in the city of Toledo as it existed at the time of the investigation and prior thereto.

The investigation resulted in the information that houses of prostitution were openly operated. Interviews were had with former and present members of the Vice Squad of the Toledo, Ohio Police Department and also with Chief of Police Ray Allen, and it was evident that the presence of such houses of prostitution in Toledo were known to the various officers. The interviews disclosed that apparently these houses of prostitution operated with the sanction of the Toledo Police Department. They were considered necessary evils and there was no effort made to suppress vice in that city. What efforts were made to regulate the houses of prostitution, were by prohibiting what is known as "street walking" by the prostitutes, prohibiting soliciting by the prostitutes from the windows and doorways, and further requiring the girls to have periodic medical examinations.

During the course of the investigation, Agents conducted a survey of 17 houses of prostitution which were found to be openly operating in Toledo. It was found that there was one house of prostitution operated by a negro woman, by the name of ELEANOR CROCKETT, alias Beatrice Fuller, who had colored inmates in the house, but only white patrons were permitted to enter. Eleanor Crockett admitted that she operated this house of prostitution in Toledo for 29 years and had only been arrested three times, the last time she was arrested being five or six years ago.

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At the time this investigation was instituted by the Bureau, [redacted] confidentially advised that after Special Agents had interviewed several landladies of the houses of prostitution in Toledo, the "pay-off" for the month of June had been made; that due to the investigation conducted by the Bureau the houses closed and the collector of the graft money had to "kick back" part of the protection money.

As evidence of "pay-offs" and protection money, one HATTIE HARRIS, colored, furnished the Agents with information that she employed as a housekeeper in houses of prostitution at Toledo, Ohio from 1926 until 1935; that in 1930 she was in the employment of a madam of a house of prostitution by the name of FAY CLARKE, and had complete charge of two houses of prostitution operated by the Clarke woman, and that every month, from about 1930 to 1932, upon the instructions of Fay Clarke, she, Hattie Harris, went to the residence of TED ANGUS and personally paid him $100 as protection money for the privilege of operating the two houses of prostitution. Hattie Harris also advised that on occasions when the "heat" was considered to be on the town, some member of the Vice Squad would call at the houses of prostitution and leave word for the houses to close up. These occurrences would happen during the so-called purity drives by the Police Department.

MRS. EDWARD JOYCE, alias Maude Noble, advised Agents that she had operated a house of prostitution in Toledo, Ohio for more than four years and that about four years ago she had operated a house at 202 Erie Street, Toledo, Ohio, and at that time she was advised by other operators of houses of prostitution that in order to remain open she would have to see TED and BERT ANGUS, at the Casino Club in Point Place; that it would be necessary for her to pay $100 per month protection money; that she paid $100 for one month, during which time she was not bothered by the Toledo, Ohio Police Department, and the following month, when she did not pay, the Vice Squad continually visited her house and arrested her on one occasion; that they made it so miserable for her she had to go out of business temporarily. She stated that about June or July, 1935 she was not paying protection money and the Vice Squad frequently visited her house; that at the suggestion of one JULIUS DAVIS she paid $50 protection money for one month and was not bothered by the Vice Squad. This woman died on September 1, 1936.

The other operators of houses of prostitution interviewed by Agents refused to admit that they were paying protection money, and in some cases the women claimed they were operating only rooming houses. However, the prostitutes interviewed at these houses all admitted practicing prostitution.

On June 11, 1936, when Agents were making investigation in the house of prostitution operated by PAULINE NEINSTEIN, 921 Summit Street, Toledo, Ohio, WILLIAM FISK of the Toledo Police Department called at this house of prostitution in a casual manner. When he was questioned by Agents, he stated that he was looking for violations of the liquor laws. [redacted] confidentially advised that he had obtained information that OFFICERS FISKE and KLINE, of the Liquor Squad, were collectors of protection money from houses of prostitution. This information could not be verified.

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On the night of June 12, 1936, while Agents were making investigation at the house of prostitution operated by KITTY SPERRY, alias Kitty Diamond, 616 Lafayette Street, Toledo, Ohio, the telephone rang and the maid answered it. A Special Agent approached the telephone and overheard the man who was calling ask for "Kitty" and when the maid advised that Kitty was busy, the man calling left a message for Kitty to call Adams 4141. This telephone is listed to the Toledo Police Department.

While Agents were making an investigation at the house of Kitty Sperry on June 11, 1936, DETECTIVES DONALD McGREGOR and W. COOK, members of the Vice Squad, entered this house of prostitution in a jaunty manner as though they had been there frequently and were welcome. They explained their presence by stating they were making a routine inspection; that they had been on the vice squad one month and had made no arrests. These officers, as well as other officers, subsequently interviewed, stated that they did not make an arrest in a house of prostitution unless they caught a man with an inmate, in her room. Other officers advised that unless this situation existed, the Municipal Court Judges would not find the prostitutes guilty.

At about 10:30 P.M. on the night of June 16, 1936, Special Agents saw a uniformed police officer leave a house of prostitution at 43 Vance Street, and enter a Toledo Police Department Squad car, bearing 1936 Ohio plates OR-886. Captain CHARLES HENNESSEY confidentially advised that this squad car was used on the night of June 16, 1936, by

OFFICERS STEEL and SEADERS; that these officers had no reason to call at 43 Vance Street in connection with their official duties, and that there was no record made by them as having made such a call.

Apparently as part of the system of protecting houses of prostitution, in exchange for protection money paid by them, certain police officers assigned to the Vice Squad have in the past been prevented from entering houses of prostitution and were assigned exclusively on working on the streets in arresting "street walkers". OFFICER L. D. MILLS stated that in January or February, 1934, he was assigned to the Vice Squad, under CAPTAIN GEORGE TIMINEY; that Timiney called the various members of the Squad into the Chief's office, and, in the presence of the Chief of Police, told the Squad that the Vice Squad should only work the streets and arrest only "street walkers", and when he, Mills, told Timiney he did not believe this order was consistent with the duties of an officer of the Vice Squad; that he believed the Vice Squad should be permitted to conduct investigations in houses of prostitution, Timiney remarked, "You take care of the streets and I will take care of the - - - houses." Mills stated that he was removed from the Vice Squad two days later. Other officers who were on the Vice Squad at that time verified the information that they were assigned to work exclusively on the streets, arresting prostitutes who were soliciting.

MRS. EDITH MARKS, former paramour of Captain George Timiney of the Toledo Police Department, has furnished Agents with the information that during the administration of MAYOR SOLOM KLOTZ, Toledo, Ohio, years 1934 - 1935, Timiney, CHARLES MATTHEWS, former Welfare Director of the City of Toledo, and Mayor Klotz, split the "pay-off" money collected by Ted Angus from various houses of prostitution in Toledo, and that she derived her knowledge concerning this by various conversations she had with Timiney.

Mrs. Marks stated that prior to 1930 a negro politician by the name of VENA was the collector of protection money in Toledo; that when MAYOR JACKSON came into office in Toledo, Ohio, in the year 1930, George Timiney ousted Vena as the collector, and allied himself with Ted Angus. Mrs. Marks stated that she was certain that Mayor Jackson himself personally benefited by the protection money collected; that this set-up continued throughout Jackson's administration and thereafter for a short time under MAYOR ADDISON Q. THATCHER, who came into office in the year of 1932; that Ted Angus was ousted as the collector, but Timiney continued to share in the "pay-off", but after the election of Klotz as Mayor, Ted Angus again began operating as the collector. Mrs. Marks stated that she did

not know definitely, but that she understood that during the time Klotz was Mayor of Toledo, Ohio, a total amount of protection money each month would amount to between $5,000 and $6,000.

MISS DEANE ALLEN, another paramour of George Timiney, with whom Timiney lived prior to the time he began living with Edith Marks, furnished information that it was common knowledge that Ted Angus collected graft from the houses of prostitution at the rate of $5 for each inmate per week, and that from rumors and other sources not disclosed by her she learned Timiney personally collected graft money from the gambling places in Toledo. She related that prior to 1932 she would visit the Casino Club, operated by Ted Angus, and that on one occasion she drove with Timiney in the latter's automobile to the vicinity of the "red light" district, and while she was waiting in the car on Orange Street in Toledo she noticed Ted Angus come out of a house of prostitution, making a notation on a piece of paper which he later handed to Timiney; that some time later she went through Timiney's clothes and found a list with the names of 93 disorderly houses.

Evidence was obtained during the investigation conducted at Toledo, Ohio that the conditions found in that city during June and July, 1936 did not differ in a great measure from that which apparently existed in previous years. In March, 1934 a comprehensive confidential report was made by an investigator of the Social Hygiene Council, setting up the results of an inquiry made into vice and corruption in that city. The results of this investigation are summarized as follows:

(1) that the hotels furnished prostitutes, or prostitutes would be furnished through bell boys of hotels in Toledo.

(2) that every house of prostitution was compelled to "pay off" from $15 to $25 for the smaller places, more for the larger places, in order that these houses could continue to operate.

(3) that George Timiney, then head of the Vice Squad, controlled the collection of "pay-offs", according to statements made by madams of houses of prostitution that were interviewed.

(4) that the "pay-off" was divided between police officers and politicians.

(5) that no effort was made to close known houses of prostitution, but orders were issued to such houses to refrain from window tapping, et cetera.

(6) that the madams of houses of prostitution carried sufficient influence to change the ideas of the Mayor of Toledo to best suit the madams of such houses.

(7) that the so-called periodic "vice" and "purity" drives were but temporary and had little effect in suppressing vice.

(8) that the investigator visited 39 houses of prostitution where 88 white prostitutes and 9 negro prostitutes were interviewed, or information was obtained concerning them. Of this number, only 4 prostitutes, 2 white and 2 negro, were not sexual perverts. The other 93 perverts offered their services at prices ranging from $1 to $3.

A copy of this report is said to have been furnished to Mayor Klotz and his Safety Director, JOHN PRICE. It is further said that a copy of this report was furnished to the present city manager, JOHN EDY, and Chief of Police, Ray Allen.

Special Agents at the time investigation was conducted concerning houses of prostitution of Toledo learned that with few exceptions the inmates of these houses were all sexual perverts and would sell their services for from 50¢ to $1.

MABEL GREEN, MAXINE BELMONT, ROSIE BUSH, and SADIE DANN, appeared to be the most prominent madams of houses of prostitution in Toledo, at the present time. Telephone taps were maintained on the telephones of Maxine Belmont and Sadie Dann, and information was obtained which would substantiate the allegation that the various police officers were in frequent contact with Maxine Belmont.

The telephone tap on the Belmont woman's telephone disclosed that Municipal Court Judge HOMER RAMEY visited the Shelby Hotel, a house of prostitution operated by Maxine Belmont.

REVEREND CHARLES B. HARRISON furnished Agents with information contained in a confidential report prepared by him under date of June 3, 1935, which disclosed that during that month the following gambling places were openly operating in Toledo:

THE JOVIAL CLUB, 631 St. Clair Street,
operated by ED WARNKE.

THE RECREATION CLUB, 513½ Jefferson Street,
operated by HARRY LEVINE.

THE SUPERIOR, 120 Superior Street,
operated by BENNY HARRIS.

THE BUCKEYE, 227 Superior Street,
operated by BENNY ARANOFF.

THE R. and K. SMOKE SHOP, 428½ Superior Street,
operated by "NIG" COUSINS.

RALPH DUGGAN'S PLACE, 625 St. Clair Street.

During the investigation by Agents in June and July, 1935, it was found that the above described gambling places were being operated openly. All of these places are located in the downtown business district in Toledo. Information was obtained that JOE ROSCOE, a subject in the harboring investigation, was interested in the operation of the JOVIAL CLUB; that "NIG" COUSINS, who also associated with the Karpis - Barker Gang in Toledo, operated the R. and K. SMOKE SHOP, which is a "bookie" joint.

The Agents determined, by passing, that the SUPERIOR was evidently a gambling place because the announcing of race results in this club could be heard on the street. Agents found no difficulty in entering any of the gambling places.

Police officers interviewed in connection with the gambling conditions in Toledo, all had knowledge of the operation of these places and used as an excuse for not taking action against them the fact that the operators of these clubs knew their identity and by the time the of-

ficers entered the places no gambling would be in evidence.

The telephone tap maintained on the telephone of the Amusement Games and Novelty Company, operated by JOE and BEN FRETTI, disclosed that the FRETTI brothers were in control of the operation of slot and pinball machines in the city of Toledo. Ben Fretti, when interviewed by Agents, stated that he knew he was engaged in an illegal business and mentioned that for a number of years he had dabbled in politics in Toledo and controls approximately 1500 votes, and that from time to time makes contributions to both the Democratic and Republican parties. The telephone tap on the Fretti place of business was operated from August 17, 1936 to September 24, 1936, and established that:

(1) Pinball machines operate in Toledo, paying off in money and slugs, which are redeemed in money or merchandise.

(2) After passing of a local ordinance compelling the licensing of each pinball or slot machine device considered to be an amusement device and not a gambling machine, pinball machines and slot machines continued to operate openly in Toledo.

(3) Ben and Joe Fretti are the apparent heads of the local syndicate at Toledo, Ohio, controlling the pinball business in that city.

(4) Joe and Ben Fretti are allied with various police officers and their interests are protected by such officers. Evidence of collusion and condonation of law violations are shown as follows:

(a) Meetings of Joe Fretti and SERGEANT CLINT KNUDEL, at Knudel's home, for the purpose of Knudel conveying to Fretti official orders issued to the police concerning pinball machines.

(b) Various meetings of Joe Fretti with Sergeant Knudel and other police officers of the Toledo Police Department under suspicious circumstances.

(c) Definite information indicating that police officers of the Toledo Police Department make efforts to foster the interests of Joe and Ben Fretti in their operation of pinball machines in the city of Toledo, Ohio, and that Joe and Ben Fretti have knowledge of proposed police activities before such intended action is taken.

(d) Indications that violations of law concerning the suppression of pinball machines are fixed in Court.

(e) Checking on the activities of investigating officers and threatening police officers who might be investigating pinball machines operated by Joe and Ben Fretti, and the use of the local police at Toledo, Ohio to aid in stamping out operators of competing pinball machines.

(f) Racketeering methods used in cooercing individuals to use Regal Beer, distributed by Joe and Ben Fretti.

A telephone tap was maintained on the telephone listed in the name of Wittenberg, Jacobs, and Berenson, Toledo, Ohio, from July 6, 1936, ending August 8, 1936. Conversations over this telephone indicated that this firm, composed of three Wittenberg brothers, Earl, Dave and Myer, together with Ben Berenson, and Jacobs, is practically the only professional bailing and bonding firm in Toledo, Ohio, dealing exclusively in criminal bail bonds. The conversations over this telephone indicated that this firm is in close contact with the Police Department and is the Municipal Court "fixer"; that the firm is particularly in close contact with the Turnkey's office in the City Hall, and that the various Turnkeys, as well as police matrons, furnish the firm with information with reference to prisoners who are in the City Jail, and in several instances the Turnkeys were heard to comment whether the people who were arrested were good prospects for bail purposes.

Conversations over the telephone further reflected that this firm makes a practice of "fixing" tickets given by the Traffic Department

of the Toledo Police Department for violations of the traffic laws; that their ability to do this is apparently through connections in the City Clerk's office. In addition to the foregoing activities, conversations over the telephone indicated that members of this firm are able to obtain certain confidential information from the City Clerk's office with reference to certain criminal warrants and to use their influence to have false returns made on the warrants or to delay their execution.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

November 14, 1936

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

COLIN MUNRO, aliases: Colin Monroe, Coolie Monroe, an important subject in the herboring angle of this case at Toledo, Ohio, is presently on Middle Island in Canadian waters in Lake Erie. There are some indications that he will leave this island in the near future and possibly go to Leamington, Ontario, Canada, where, it is rumored, that he has a job.

It may become necessary to resort to some legal action to get him back into the United States and it is, therefore, important to determine whether or not he is an American citizen there being some rumors to the effect that he is a native of Canada.

It is respectfully requested that the records of the War and Navy Departments be searched for the purpose of determining whether or not this individual ever served in the armed forces of the United States, and with this in mind, the following descriptive data is being set forth. A description as obtained from the records of the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, is as follows:

Name	-	Colin Munro
Age	-	39 (1931) (born 3-22-97)
Height	-	5'6½"
Weight	-	147 pounds
Build	-	Medium
Hair	-	Brown
Eyes	-	Blue
Complexion	-	Medium fair
Occupation	-	Carpenter
Nationality	-	American
Religion	-	Presbyterian
Relatives	-	Brother - D. W. Munro 1340 N. Monroe St., Phoenix, Arizona

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The following is the criminal record of Colin Munro, as furnished to the Atlanta Penitentiary by the Bureau under date of November 23, 1931:

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In view of the fact that it is expected that the harboring situation at Toledo will come to trial in the near future, this matter should be given early attention by the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

J P MacFarland GES

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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November 20, 1956.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: HUMRO

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated November 14, 1956, in the case of Colin Munro, alias Colin Monroe, alias Coolie Monroe, in which you request that the Bureau cause a search to be made of the records of the Navy and War Departments for the purpose of determining whether this individual ever served in the armed forces of the United States.

A search was made through the fingerprint files of the War Department, Navy Department, Marine Corps and Coast Guard by means of the fingerprints in jacket FBI-401546 on Colin Munro which includes the fingerprint card from the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, #29536, mentioned in your letter. No record was found of any service for this subject in any of the above-mentioned forces.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc - Chicago
Cincinnati

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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
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Records of the Kansas State Industrial Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, reflect that Alvin Karpis and Charles Carroll escaped together from that institution on 3-9-29.

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REFERENCE: Letter from the Chicago office, dated 11-4-36.
Report of Special Agent A. E. Farland, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 11-7-36.

DETAILS: Through the courtesy of E. W. Ford, Record Clerk, Kansas State Industrial Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, the writer was permitted to examine their records pertaining to Alvin Karpis and Charles Carroll. The receiving register or record book of inmates reflects that Charles Carroll, #6968, was sentenced on 11-6-25 in Butler County on a charge of second degree burglary. The sentence was 5 to 10 years. He was received at the reformatory on 12-18-25. The original fingerprint records of the reformatory reflect that Charles Carroll escaped from the institution on 3-9-29 and was captured on 3-13-29. On 7-27-29 he was transferred to the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas. The original fingerprint records further reflect that Alvin Karpis, as #7071, was received at the reformatory on 2-25-26 from Jackson County, charge burglary second degree, sentence 10 years, escaped 3-9-29 and returned on 3-25-30. He was transferred to the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, on 5-19-30.

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A. M. Starbuck, military instructor, Kansas State Industrial Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, stated that in March, 1929, he was employed as a steward in the reformatory; that he recalled the above four men having escaped, but that he was not present at the reformatory at that time. He stated, however, that he was at the reformatory prior to their escape and that he is able to state that he knew that Karpis and O'Keefe were pals, but was unable to say that Karpis and Carroll were associates in the reformatory.

The writer called at 834 East 4th Street, Hutchinson, Kansas, several times during the day and was unable to find anyone at home. Neighborhood inquiries resulted in information to the effect that Clarence Main is presently working as a carpenter in Burrton, Kansas, and that he usually returns to Hutchinson, Kansas, each Saturday and remains there over the week end.

For the information of the Oklahoma City office, the letter of reference recites that in connection with the harboring investigation at Cleveland, Ohio, there was found on the premises formerly occupied by Alvin Karpis in Cleveland, Ohio, a copy of the criminal record of Charles Carroll; that subsequent investigation indicated that said criminal record was obtained by the Sheriff at Chardon, Ohio, at the request of Frank J. Noonan of Cleveland, Ohio. The letter requested that investigation be conducted to ascertain the identity of the person or persons who can testify to the fact that Charles Carroll and Alvin Karpis escaped together on 3-9-29 and also, if possible, the names of witnesses who can testify as to the prior association of these two men during the time they were incarcerated in the reformatory. The letter of reference requests that this investigation be expedited.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, will interview Captain D. J. Wilson, who was Assistant Superintendent of the Kansas State Industrial Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, in the year 1929, and ascertain whether he possesses additional information relative to the escape of Charles Carroll and Alvin Karpis from the reformatory and whether he has ever seen these two individuals associating with each other while inmates thereof.

KANSAS CITY OFFICE at Burrton, Kansas, will interview Clarence Main, securing from him the facts relative to the escape of Alvin Karpis and Charles Carroll on 3-9-29, and also whether he is able to testify that they associated with each other while

inmates at the reformatory. As noted in the body of this report, Mr. Main usually spends his week ends at home in Hutchinson, Kansas, and it may be that he can be contacted at that place.

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November 13, 1936

Time: 5:23 PM

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: Investigative Matters
at Cleveland

In the course of a telephone conversation with Inspector Connelley who called from Chillicothe, Ohio, he stated that the U. S. Attorney at Cleveland appeared to be giving us the run around; that the U. S. Attorney had today called in Agent Wynn and told him he would not be able to handle the matters on the twenty-first because he would be so busy. Mr. Connelley stated the reason for this is that on the seventeenth the U. S. Attorney will present the Garrettsville job and will use in there two witnesses that they did not know about except from what he got out of the Bureau reports. Mr. Connelley stated he thought they were trying to jump the indictment on us so that they would be the first to lock up the subject. Mr. Connelley stated he planned to get to Cleveland Monday morning and to see the U. S. Attorney and tell him what he thought about the situation. I stated this would be all right and if necessary we would have to move up the date of arrest. Mr. Connelley stated that the U. S. Attorney thought he would have to continue the Grand Jury until about December 14. I told Mr. Connelley to see the U. S. Attorney and inform him of what we want in this case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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November 14, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

It is requested that you immediately furnished to this office fifty (50) photographs of BURTON GROVES, with aliases, U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, #8605, a copy of which photograph is enclosed herewith.

These photographs are to be distributed to the Bureau field divisions with a circular letter and it is therefore requested that you furnish the photographs to the Cleveland office as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

November 14, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: BEKID

Dear Sir:

The United States Attorney at Cleveland desires certified copies of the indictments and bench warrants mentioned below for use in connection with the harboring trial as to certain individuals who harbored members of the Barker-Karpis gang in the Northern District of Ohio.

In requesting the Bureau to secure such certified copies, the United States Attorney stated that it has been his experience that when his office requested copies of indictments from other districts, on occasions leaks have occurred, possibly through inadvertent remarks made by employees in the Clerk's office in other districts, which have resulted in his receiving telephone calls from the Associated Press as to the reason for his requesting such copies of indictments from other districts. Inasmuch as the harboring trial in the Northern District of Ohio is considered of utmost importance, and in order to preclude any intimation reaching the press that the office of the United States Attorney has the matter under consideration, Mr. Freed deems it advisable for the Bureau to secure the requested certified copies of the indictments and warrents.

In line with the request of the United States Attorney you will please arrange to secure from the Clerk of the United States District Court at St. Paul, Minnesota, certified copies of the following documents:

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Indictment returned by the U. S. Grand Jury, St. Paul, Minn. on May 4, 1934, charging Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. "Doc" Barker, John J. McLaughlin, and others, with conspiracy to kidnap and transport in interstate commerce and hold for $200,000 ransom Edward George Bremer, on or about January 17, 1934;

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Bench warrant dated May 7, 1934, issued against Alvin Karpis, with non est return thereon dated May 7, 1934;

Bench warrant dated May 4, 1934, issued for Arthur R. "Doc" Barker, with no non est return thereon;

Bench warrant dated May 4, 1936, issued for Roy Gray and Izzie, bearing no non est return thereon;

Indictment returned by the United States Grand Jury, St. Paul, on January 22, 1935, charging that between December 1, 1933 and May 1, 1934, Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. "Doc" Barker, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, and others, conspired to kidnap and transport Edward George Bremer from St. Paul, Minnesota to Bensenville, Illinois, and hold him for $200,000 ransom in violation of an Act of Congress approved June 22, 1932, Chap. 241, 47 Stat., 326; U.S.C. 408a.

Bench warrants issued on above indictment as follows:

Bench warrant dated January 22, 1935 issued for Alvin Karpis, containing non est return dated January 23, 1935;

Alias bench warrant dated January 24, 1935, issued for Alvin Karpis, containing notation thereon that warrant was served on May 6, 1936;

Bench warrant dated January 22, 1935, issued for Harry Campbell, with notation appearing thereon that warrant was served on Harry Campbell on May 12, 1936;

Indictment returned by the United States Grand Jury, St. Paul, on January 22, 1935, against Arthur R. "Doc" Barker, Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, and others, charging them with kidnaping and transporting Edward George Bremer from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Bensenville, Illinois, on or about January 17, 1934 in violation of an Act of Congress approved June 22, 1932, Chap. 241, 47 Stat., 326; U.S.C. 408a.

It is requested that you expedite this matter and furnish the certified copies of the requested documents at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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November 10, 1936

Mr. Clyde Tolson, Asst. Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tolson:

For your information, I am attaching herewith carbon copy of my teletype message to Mr. Weyerhauser.

I spoke to Mr. Bremer on the telephone and he would like to look at a copy of the film Saturday morning in St. Paul, which I have arranged. Incidentally, Mr. Bremer doesn't recall posing for these pictures. I suppose he was too excited at the time. However, he did not indicate that he would with-hold permission provided he made a pleasing appearance in the film, which is practically the same thing as Mr. Urschel had in mind, except that Mr. Urschel mentioned that he wanted to forget the whole thing, but he wanted me to know that he was not unappreciative of what the G-Men had done for him.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

(S) Charles E. Ford
Managing Director
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Cleveland, Ohio

November 14, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

RE: BENKID

In connection with the above captioned matter this office has conducted considerable investigation in the Northern District of Ohio as to those persons who harbored various subjects of this case in the years 1934, 1935 and 1936, and it is expected that the matter will be brought to trial in the very near future.

The United States Attorney at Cleveland desires for his use some precedent in harboring cases and has requested that he be furnished with copies of the indictments returned in your district as to persons who were charged with harboring Clyde Barrow and Boonie Parker and their associates.

In addition to the indictments the United States Attorney is also interested in any decisions handed down by the trial court in the above-mentioned case, particularly with reference to the matter of knowledge on the part of persons charged with harboring as to the identity of the persons harbored, that is to say, the extent of proof which is necessary to go to a jury and whether the knowledge of one co-conspirator as to the true identity of the persons harbored and the fact that Federal warrants were outstanding can be imputed to co-conspirators who knew that the persons who were harbored were criminals who were wanted, but not specifically that they were wanted for a Federal offense. If available the court's charge to the jury should be obtained.

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Inasmuch as the United States Attorney at Cleveland now has under consideration the preparation of indictments preparatory to presentation to the Grand Jury, it is respectfully requested that you expedite the request made in this letter, and furnish the desired information to the Cleveland office at an early date, indicting two copies of your report for the United States Attorney at Cleveland.

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For your information the correct title of the Brekid case is now, GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH PAMORIN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BURGER - Victim. KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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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
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Informants at Nevada, Joplin, Anderson and Seneca, Missouri, have received no information concerning Lett in several months.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent V. W. Gillen, Kansas City, 10-1-36.

DETAILS: At Nevada, Missouri

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[redacted] stated she has received no information concerning Lett and is no longer in a position to receive information, inasmuch as [redacted] She advised she is still willing to cooperate with the Bureau in furnishing any information she receives, but it is doubtful now whether she will be of further value in this case.

Verne Griffith stated he is still employed at the State Line Tavern and is satisfied that Lett is no longer coming there. He had heard none of the men speak of Lett in sometime and it is his personal belief Lett has left this section of Missouri. He advised that Thornton has recently employed a man named Owen to handle the stick at the gambling table; that this fellow is from Coffeyville, Kansas, and appears to be a very good friend of Ted Thornton. It is Griffith's belief Owen is one of the minor hoodlums and

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probably has a lot of information. Griffith does not believe however Owen would give out any information to anyone and that he certainly would give no information which was against the interests of Ted Thornton. Griffith stated that if he continues to work at the State Line Tavern he will cultivate Owen and see if anything can be gained. Griffith advised that he expects to be made Deputy Sheriff at Nevada, Missouri, if the Chief Deputy, Mr. Stonum, who is now running for Sheriff is elected. (The election has taken place since this interview with Griffith and Stonum was elected Sheriff at Nevada. At this time it is not known how this will effect Griffith's value as an informant.) Griffith has been advised that he would be paid for any information he received concerning Lett which was successful in causing Lett's apprehension, if furnished to Bureau Agents, and he has promised to do everything possible to cause the apprehension of Lett.

Ade Tow, Chief of Police, Nevada, stated he has received no information concerning Lett in several months and he does not believe Lett has been around Nevada recently.

At Anderson, Missouri

Frank Chandler stated he has received no information at all concerning Lett in the past months and it is his belief Lett has not visited friends around Anderson recently. He has this community covered by informants so that he will be notified should Lett put in his appearance.

At Joplin, Missouri

Sergeant Charles Newman and Trooper Kahler, Missouri State Highway Patrol, stated they had received no information concerning Lett in some time and that such informants as they have been able to contact in and around Joplin advised them that Lett has not been seen in Joplin in recent months.

While Agent was in Joplin a check was made of several of the gambling casinos nightly without success. It has been rumored in the past that Lett has worked at the gambling tables in Joplin. He is certainly not there at the present time for all card dealers and dice men found employed are known around Joplin and were all identified by Agent as being local characters before Agent left Joplin.

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At Seneca, Missouri

[redacted] advised that he has heard nothing about Lett in so long that he is convinced Lett is no longer playing along the state line of Missouri and Oklahoma. [redacted] advised that Talbert, the man whom he expected to get information from in Joplin, has been unable to get any and it is his present belief that Talbert is not closely enough connected with the underworld to obtain information that would be of any value.

At Nevada, Missouri

Sam Graham, Highway Patrolman, stated he has thoroughly covered his informants and suspected places around Nevada for the past few months but has obtained no information that would indicate Lett has been in that territory recently or would be returning. He stated that information concerning Lett is entirely cold and it is his personal belief that Lett is no longer traveling in the southwest section of Missouri.

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Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM -
KIDNAPING

Dear Sirs

Transmitted herewith is a draft of the proposed press release regarding the harboring cases at Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio. The identity of the individuals who will be arrested in connection with this matter, and the places where arrested will be incorporated before being released to the press.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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St.Paul, Minnesota	11-13-36	11/7,9/36	R. T. NOONAN

TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.

CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No record of Charles Carroll at St.Paul, Minn., except a copy of his fingerprints and criminal record on file with the State Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, which prints were originally received from the Sheriff's office, Mankato, Minn.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Chicago Office, 11-6-36.

DETAILS:

At St.Paul, Minnesota

Inquiry was made at the Police Department through Fred O'Rourke of the Identification Division, where no record could be found of Charles Carroll.

At the State Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, through J. L. Dwyer in charge of the Identification Division, a record was found of Charles Carroll under No. 45242. This file contains only a number of copies of the criminal record of this individual received from the Bureau, but there is no correspondence or other enlightening facts. Mr. Dwyer made a search of all the Ohio correspondence received by the State Bureau but was unable to locate any inquiry concerning this party.

Melvin Passolt, Superintendent of the State Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, was also contacted during this inquiry and caused a further

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search to be made of the records without finding anything concerning Carroll except as above stated.

It is noted that the fingerprints in this case were received by the State Bureau of Criminal Apprehension from the Blue Earth County Sheriff, Mankato, Minnesota, the fingerprint card being received with no other information than the name written thereon. It is noted that these prints bear the State Bureau's stamp dated April 27, 1933, while the prints received by the Bureau from the Minnesota State Bureau of Criminal Apprehension were received April 13, 1933.

A letter is being forwarded to the Sheriff of Blue Earth County, Minnesota, to determine whether he received any correspondence concerning Carroll from the Sheriff at Chardon, Ohio, or any of his representatives.

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Post Office Box 1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
November 12, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Re: BRLKID

Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

Dear Sir:

In connection with the investigation presently being conducted relative to the corrupt set-up at Hot Springs, Arkansas, which is being supervised by Inspector E. J. Connelley, it is respectfully requested that you thoroughly review the files in the Oklahoma City office in the case entitled: Frank Nash, with aliases; Escaped Federal Prisoner, and those reports in the Kramo case containing results of investigations conducted at Hot Springs, Arkansas, prior to June 18, 1934, which date this office was opened.

This office is particularly desirous of securing the names of confidential informants who have heretofore cooperated with the Bureau, namely, those persons who are in a position to furnish information as to the political set-up at Hot Springs, and those persons who can disclose information showing the alliance of the present city administration, particularly Herbert "Dutch" Ivers, with gambling and vice operations in that town, and with well known criminals who have been harbored there in the past.

It has been noted that Special Agent Frank Smith, of your office, has in the past conducted considerable investigative activity at Hot Springs, Arkansas, in various important cases handled by the Bureau in recent years. Smith undoubtedly has a great deal of information concerning individuals connected with the police department and with politicians of influence in Hot Springs. He likewise undoubtedly is acquainted with various persons whom he has contacted in the past for information. In connection with this request, it is suggested that Special Agent Frank Smith submit his opinion, based upon his past experiences with

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informants, law enforcement officials and others, in past investigations conducted in that city, as to the reliability or unreliability of persons contacted by him in the past.

For your information the following reports, which are photostated, have already been received in this office, and their contents have been noted and reported:

Report of Special Agent R. K. Beverly, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, June 26, 1933.
Report of Special Agent H. F. Trainor, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, July 3, 1933.
Report of Special Agent H. F. Trainor, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, July 15, 1933.

Very truly yours,

JOHN B. LITTLE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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1443 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

November 13, 1936.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

RE: BUKID

Confirming long distance telephone conversation had with you today by Special Agent E. J. Wynn, please be advised that Special Agents A. Paul Kitchin and E. J. Wynn conferred with United States Attorney Emerich B. Freed at his request, and were advised by Mr. Freed that a Federal Grand Jury is to convene at Cleveland, Ohio, on November 16, 1936, and that the presentation of the Garrettsville, Ohio mail train robbery is to be made to the Grand Jury beginning November 17, 1936, which Mr. Freed contemplates will take several days; that thereafter, on November 27, 1936, the case against Ardell Quinn, White Slave Traffic Act, is to be presented to the Grand Jury, providing the presentation of the Garrettsville, Ohio mail train robbery has been completed by that time. Mr. Freed further advised that he has an important N.O.L.C. violation which he intends to present to the Grand Jury; that he deems all three of these cases of such importance as to require his personal attention and presence in the Grand Jury room.

In view of the above, Mr. Freed explained that it would be impossible for him to go through with the original arrangements made for the handling of the harboring situation at Cleveland and Toledo, that is, he would be unable to fully acquaint himself with the complete facts with reference to the harboring situation by November 21, 1936, and, therefore, would be unable to authorize warrants on that date as originally planned. He further stated that in all, his work at Cleveland would tie him up until approximately November 26, 1936, but that under present arrangements he contemplates going to Toledo on November 27, 1936, and there collaborate with Mr. Openlander, his assistant at Toledo in connection with the harboring situation, there to complete a review of the facts, draw up indictments and make final decisions as to the persons against whom he considered issuing warrants.

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In line with the above situation, Mr. Freed stated that no Grand Jury would be called to convene at Toledo, Ohio, on November 30, 1936, as originally planned, but that undoubtedly the calling of the Grand Jury would be postponed until December 14, 1936, at which time the facts in the harboring case would be presented to the Grand Jury.

Mr. Freed stated that he considered the harboring case a very important one and that he desires to become fully acquainted with the facts in the case, and that when he goes to Toledo, on November 27, 1936, he will require the presence of one or more Agents fully acquainted with the facts of the case, to sit in on the discussions with Mr. Openlander and him. He stressed the point that to date he has not been able to fully acquaint himself with the facts in the harboring case, and in view of the attention he must give to other matters in connection with the Grand Jury to convene at Cleveland on November 16, 1936, he would not have sufficient opportunity to fully acquaint himself with the case sufficient to issue complaints prior to December 5, 1936.

In addition to the above information, please be advised that Mr. Freed indicated that it was his intention to subpoena Margaret Bell and Lillian Perez, mentioned in our investigation of the harboring case, as witnesses before the Grand Jury at Cleveland in connection with the Garrettsville, Ohio mail train robbery, stating in this regard that he considers these two witnesses as very important in definitely linking Joe Roscoe with Karpis and Campbell in connection with this particular mail robbery.

In view of the above change of plans, it is presumed that you will not want Agents McKee, Noonan and Norstrom to report in the Cleveland district on November 18, 1936 as originally planned. This office is taking no action with reference to notifying these Agents, leaving this matter for your decision and action. As you know, Agent Norstrom is assigned to the Chicago office and has been specifically instructed to be at Toledo, Ohio, on November 18, 1936.

As you were advised in long distance telephone conversation, United States Attorney Freed desires the presence of Special Agent S. K. McKee at Cleveland, Ohio, on November 23, 1936, in connection with the prosecution of the case entitled, ARDELL QUINN; GERTRUDE CURRIER, with aliases; ET AL - Victims; WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Very truly yours,

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J. E. MacDonald
Special Agent in Charge

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Miami, Florida
Nov. 14, 1936.

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

Dear Sir: RE: MIAMI, FLORIDA

Reference is made to my telephone conversation of Nov. 11, 1936 with Mr. Douglas of the Bureau with regard to the office space to be rented at Miami in which mention was also made of furniture to be used in the office and in which Mr. Douglas advised that the necessary furniture would be shipped from Washington, D. C. Further reference is made to my telegram of Nov. 14, 1936 in which I advised that the space at 1201-2 Biscayne Building would be available for occupancy on Nov. 20, 1936 and that furniture could be shipped in my care at that address.

As outlined in letter to you from Inspector E. J. Connelley under date of Nov. 4, 1936 it is my understanding that the office here will be used for the present, at least, by two Agents from the Jacksonville Office in addition to Agent R. T. Noonan and myself. I have in mind also the possibility of additional Agents using this space during the coming season. With this setup in view I am submitting for your approval the following list of furniture and supplies which I believe to be necessary at the present time:

3 agents desks, desk pads and blotters
1 typewriter desk
1 typewriter table
1 work table, approximately 4'x7'
3 steel filing cabinets, 4 drawer, legal size, with locks
6 filing boxes 3x5 cards
2 costumers
4 waste baskets
1 supply cabinet
3 cuspidors
1 typewriter chair
3 swivel chairs with arms
4 straight chairs with arms
6 straight chairs
8 desk trays
1 standard typewriter
2 portable typewriters

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Rugs of sizes suitable for 3 rooms as indicated in floor plan
1 pencil sharpener
1 safe
1 clock
2 desk lamps

It is requested that one of the framed verses by Elbert Hubbard entitled "Loyalty" also be supplied.

The problem of automobiles is to be considered and it is requested that arrangements to be made to furnish two cars other than Hudsons in first class condition in the event such cars are not available at the Jacksonville Office. For the immediate present authority is requested to rent either Ford or Chevrolet automobiles for use in investigations here.

Advice is requested as to whether a sign is desired on the door of Room 1201 in the Biscayne Building. It is suggested that a sign would be desirable inasmuch as numerous interviews will be held in the office and a sign would facilitate the location of the premises. In the event a sign is desired authority is requested to pay for the painting.

Authority is also requested to pay for any necessary expenses incident to the removal of the furniture which is to be shipped here from the freight station to the space in the Biscayne Building.

I have thought of the matter of keeping the office at Miami open for business, also of receiving messages at the office during the regular hours and otherwise. All of the Agents here will have considerable typing to do and such typing will occupy considerable time which could be used in investigative work in the event stenographic assistance was available. It is also contemplated that the work here will entail night work on account of the nature of the work itself and in numerous instances the work in question can only be performed at night. It is my idea that the purposes of having an office at Miami can best be served by keeping the office open on the same basis as the average field office, that is with respect to hours, in order that immediate communication might be had and contacts received without delay. With this in mind and in order that the Agents here may be available for actual investigative work the major portions of their times I am requesting that the matter of transferring an experienced stenographer to Miami for the period the office will be in operation be considered.

Very truly yours,

S. K. McKee
Special Agent

(SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT)
cc-Jacksonville

1443 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

November 16, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir: RE: BEXID

Reference is made to your letter of November 9, 1936, wherein it is stated that Alex Farmer, husband of Daisy Farmer, with aliases, called at the Pittsburgh office and advised that Daisy Farmer had been arrested in a house of prostitution in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

This is to advise that in so far as the investigation of the above entitled matter is concerned, it is not thought that any further interview with this woman would be necessary at this time. However, it is left to your discretion as to whether or not an interview with Daisy Farmer would probably develop information relative to her transportation from Canton, Ohio, to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and a possible violation of the White Slave Traffic Act.

It is respectfully requested, in accordance with prior instructions, that in all communications relative to the above matter, copies of such communications should be designated for the Cincinnati and Chicago Bureau Field Divisions.

Very truly yours,

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J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio,
November 14, 1936.

Mr. F. J. Lange,
Postmaster,
Kelley's Island, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Lange: - Re Brekid -

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this Bureau, it became necessary to obtain the facilities of the Post Office at Kelley's Island, Ohio, to render such assistance as was deemed necessary.

I have been advised by Special Agents J. V. Murphy and A. Dickstein, of this Bureau Office, of the excellent cooperation you have rendered to them in connection with such official investigation.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking you for your kind cooperation and assistance in the above mentioned matter, which is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

There are transmitted herewith two vouchers in favor of the Hertz Drivurself Stations, Toledo, Ohio, in the amounts of $24.90 and $10.50, which represents 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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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

Post Office Box #1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
November 11th, 1936.

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In connection with the investigation to be conducted at Hot Springs, Arkansas, to determine any and all persons responsible for having harbored Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell while they were in Hot Springs during the year of 1935, Agents Sullivan, Madala and myself have been going over, yesterday and today, the various files in the Little Rock Office which would give any information as to persons having knowledge of what the general situation is at Hot Springs, both as to the harboring situation and as to the possible corrupt conditions existing there between the police department and the criminal element which frequents this place, particularly during the winter season.

We do not intend at this time to take any direct, positive investigative action, as it is believed that this would immediately arouse the suspicions of persons against whom our investigation will be directed and would interfere with their free actions, particularly in telephonic communications. It is planned to place telephone taps on these individuals, as hereinafter indicated, for a reasonable period of time before taking any direct, investigative

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action. With this in mind we are assembling any and all possible information from the files here, particularly the KANSO and BREKID files, which will acquaint us with the various individuals who will be referred to as the telephone taps surveillance progresses.

With the above idea in mind and without disclosing to her the purpose of the investigation to be had at this time, on November 10th, 1936, at the Little Rock Bureau Office, I interviewed Grace Goldstein, Confidential Informant and it is believed that her attitude is entirely friendly and that she will insofar as possible, aid us in the investigation to be had in Hot Springs, Arkansas; that she is furnishing in most instances the entire truth as to various situations, however, there is a very definite possibility that she may be withholding certain intimate details as to situations and particularly regarding her knowledge as to whether or not Herbert Akers, Chief of Detectives, knew that Karpis and Campbell and others were in Hot Springs at the time they were there and actually harbored them at that time. Her statements at this time indicate that she has no information which would place "Dutch" Akers in the presence of Karpis, with a full knowledge of who Karpis was. With the idea in mind that Richard Galatas may have known that Karpis was in Hot Springs at the time in March, 1935, when he made an offer to deliver Elmer Dead to us for certain considerations for himself, Karpis having been referred to to a certain extent at that time, it was indicated to the Informant that Galatas knew Karpis was in there and that it was inconceivable that Galatas knowing this - Akers would not know it. The Informant was encouraged to cultivate Akers, particularly in conversations, he having been very cool toward her since the apprehension of Alvin Karpis, in order that she might encourage him as to confidences, as to what

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he knew about Karpis while he was in there and the Informant indicated her willingness to do this.

In connection with the corrupt set-up at Hot Springs, Arkansas, the Informant advises me that it is her opinion that Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin, City Judge Ledgerwood and the County Judge Witt, together with William S. Jacobs, are the "big four" controlling the corruption in the city, particularly as to controlling prostitution and gambling.

The Informant advises that it is her definite understanding that William S. Jacobs has complete control of the gambling at Hot Springs; that no one can operate a gambling place without his sanction; that practically all gambling is directly operated by Jacobs himself from his various places with little outside opposition and such outside oppositions being operated only with the sanction of Jacobs himself. The largest operation as to gambling, Night Clubs, et cetera, is the Belvedere Club, operated by William S. Jacobs and in fact, is the only one of its particular kind in the city, as it has the exclusive rights on this type of gambling - all types of gambling being operated in this place. In this connection, Mrs. Herbert Akers, wife of Herbert Akers, Chief of Detectives, works in the Belvedere gambling room as a shiller at $5.00 per night. Jacobs also operates a gambling place over the Southern Grill; he also owns the Ohio Club, a gambling place and he also operates Villers Place, this latter being a cigar store, but also operates a book-making establishment. It is possible that he also has interests in other book-making places in Hot Springs.

As to prostitution, the Informant advises that she believes the pay-off would be to Mayor McLaughlin. While she did not say this positively, it is believed that she wanted to infer definitely that he is the man who collects, or at least allows houses of prostitution to operate. The Informant indicated that her establishment is probably the largest one of its

kind at Hot Springs, but that she does not make a pay-off; that she understands there is a pay-off by other houses and when asked if the reason for her not paying off was that she had something on the Mayor, she would not commit herself as to this, but indicated by her attitude that such might be the case. The Informant advised that the next largest house of prostitution operated in Hot Springs is the Proctor House in the three hundred block on Central Avenue, operated by Mother Proctor, who has operated a house of prostitution at different addresses for a long period of time in Hot Springs. The Informant advised that the next house was that of Lillian Sahre, 809½ Central Avenue; the next in order was that of Lillian Pearrow, 105 Prospect Street. The next in order of size is that of "Bessie", last name unknown at 708½ Central Avenue. The next in order is reported to be the Star Rooms, operated by Ada Garner, 827½ Central Avenue.

The Informant further advised in connection with gambling that she believed Johnnie Deacon, a cripple who walks on canes and is a well known character in Hot Springs, is the collector for Jacobs.

In connection with the police officials who would be responsible mostly for the corrupt conditions existing at Hot Springs and who might be closely associated personally, the Informant advised these would be Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers, Bob Moore and probably Cecil Brock of the Identification Unit. She advised that it is the general opinion that Hakelin, the Chief of Police, does not obtain a fair share of the pay-off and that Akers and McLaughlin dominate him and that it is a matter of him going along without a fair return or share in such operations in order to keep his position.

She indicated that "Dutch" Akers and others gave a banquet for Luciano when

he was in Hot Springs during the past season; that Akers has a rather extensive country home, known as "Akers' Acres", which is reached by going out the Malvern road about two miles beyond the Woodcock home where Karpis and the others had a hideout and turn to the right about one mile on a side road. The Informant advised that she discussed with Akers during the Summer of 1935 the matter of going out to live at his place above indicated; that no discussion was had as to just what would be paid in the way of rental, but at that time, although she did not discuss it with Akers, she planned on taking the boys with her, namely, Karpis and Hunter, who would have lived with her and Connie Morris at such place.

As to the residence of the boys at the place known as Dyers' Landing, she advised that she and Connie Morris lived with Hunter and Karpis at this address up until the week the place was searched by Agent Damron and another Agent. In this connection she advised that the place, as she recalls, was searched on October 5th, 1935, Saturday; that, however, Alvin Karpis and George, the latter being Harry Campbell, had left the place on either Thursday or Friday, October 3rd or 4th, 1935 and gone to some unknown destination; that Fred Hunter and Sam Coker were also in Hot Springs at this time and stayed the night of October 4th at her house and left for some unknown destination about 3:00 A. M., October 5th, 1935; that sometime during the morning of Saturday, October 5th, 1935, she went out to Dyers' Landing in order to thoroughly clean this place up, which she did; that the green Chevrolet Coupe seen at this place was her car and that it is her understanding that about one hour after she left, Agent Damron and another Agent went to the place and searched it for fingerprints. She, however, definitely stated, subsequent to the night indicated, "Dutch" Akers had advised her that her thumb print had been found on a mirror in this house. It is my understanding that a smudge was located on a mirror at this place, but not of sufficient clearness to be a latent fingerprint which could be identified. Akers knew of this and it

evidently was this information which was conveyed to her by Akers, as Akers accompanied Agents to the house and he would be the only one, with the exception of Cecil Brock, who also accompanied them to the place, outside of the Bureau Agents, who would know of this fingerprint. It is definitely known that this information as to the fingerprint was conveyed by Alvin Karpis to Edith Barry at Toledo, Ohio, Grace Goldstein having advised Karpis, apparently, of the finding of the print. They, of course, were of the opinion that this was a print that could be identified. Hunter and Coker had had a big party at the Informant's house the night before they left and it is not believed that either Hunter or Coker returned to the place at Dyers' Landing. It was also sometime in the future before Karpis returned to Hot Springs and evidently his return was subsequent to the Garrettsville Train Robbery on November 7th, 1935. Hunter, however, from time to time would return to Hot Springs and bring her notes and communications from Karpis, during the period he was away.

As to the manner in which Karpis and Hunter first contacted her, she indicated that this possibly resulted from the fact that in 1930 Hunter had been treated by Dr. P. Z. Browne, 702 Medical Arts Building, Hot Springs, for a social disease and thereafter returned to Hot Springs in 1935 for additional treatments and somebody at that time furnished the name and address of the Informant to Karpis and Hunter, who appeared at her place - 123 Palm Street, and asked for her, which initiated her association with Karpis and Hunter. She indicates that after the Garrettsville Train Robbery, Hunter and Milton Lett came to Hot Springs to her place on a number of occasions, she at that time being located at her place on 3rd Street.

As to the probability that Morris B. Loftis, whom she refers to as Morris, the care taker

at the place at Dyers' Landing, advising Karpis of the search of this place, she does not know just what he told Karpis, but evidently he advised her of the situation and she indicated that this party is still working as a care taker at Dyers' Landing. This is the individual who advised her that Agent Damron and another Agent had been to the place just shortly after she departed from same, when she cleaned it up on the morning of October 5th, 1935. The Informant indicated that she knows Luciano, but was never at a party given for him; that she cannot recall any party which she and Karpis attended, given by "Dutch" Akers, or attended by "Dutch" Akers, although it is her definite understanding that Akers did give one or more parties for Frank Nash, or at least Akers attended parties given for Frank Nash and on these occasions Akers' companion was a prostitute- "Lola", last name unknown, who worked out of the house of the Informant. She indicated that Lola has been away from Hot Springs for the last two years and she does not know her present address.

In connection with the report that two men had seen Karpis at a grocery store in the vicinity of Dyers' Landing and reported this to the Hot Springs Police in October, 1935, she advised that she believes the person responsible for making this report was one "Wilson", who lives nearby and who also operates Wilson's Tavern, at which place she and Karpis drank considerable beer; that Wilson was angry at Karpis because Karpis would practice shooting around the ducks of Wilson which were swimming in the lake, in order to freighten them. The Informant, continuing her statement that she did not believe she could place Akers in the presence of Karpis, knowing that he was Alvin Karpis, indicated, however, that "Dutch" Akers had over a considerable period of time, seen her, the Informant, in her car with Karpis and Hunter in the car, driving about the city.

The Informant has indicated a willingness to cooperate and will in the future endeavor to obtain as much information as possible as

to this situation and the general situation at Hot Springs and furnish this information to me in the future when I next interview her.

In connection with our possible telephone surveillance on certain of these individuals, to be set up in Hot Springs, the real active season at Hot Springs starts sometime in January. The persons I have in mind for consideration as to this will be Leo P. McLaughlin, the Mayor, who has an office in the City Hall, telephone #648, residence - Kingsway Hotel, Broadway and Spring Street, where he has a private telephone #3891. He also has an office, as an attorney, in the Arkansas National Bank, telephone #871. The home address of William S. Jacobs, who operates the Belvedere Club, on the Little Rock Highway, will have to be obtained later and the possibility as to the Belvedere Club considered after we have determined the definite set-up as to this. The home address of Akers and his wife will be determined if they spend any time in the city, other than at their Country Place, however, it is indicated that Akers spends most of his time about the police station and various places in the city during the evening, it being noted that his wife works at the Belvedere Club each evening. Joseph Wakelin, of course, lives at home with his wife and can be readily located and it is not believed that he spends as much time away from his home as in the case of Akers.

The situation as to City Judge Ledgerwood and County Judge Witt will be determined and the possibilities of this considered. The Police Department at Hot Springs, Arkansas, telephone #123, probably operates on this one telephone. It is believed that considerable contacts had with either Akers or Wakelin would be through the Police Department. The major operations would probably be between the various individuals and Mayor McLaughlin and William S. Jacobs. With this idea in mind we will concentrate first on the possibility of whether or not we can establish a

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telephone tap on the telephone where Jacobs is located most of his time during the day and night and the same as to Mayor McLaughlin.

Agents Sullivan and Madala will confidentially and discreetly determine the set-up as to the possibility of making a tap on these two individuals and will endeavor to obtain suitable quarters, after which it will be necessary to use two Agents out of the Little Rock Office, but preferably Agents from outside who are not known, to man the surveillance on each tap in question. These Agents will keep in touch with Special Agent in Charge John B. Little, as to the work being carried on in order that he may cooperate, advise and counsel with them from time to time, however, they will keep me intimately advised of any major operation to be carried out here, after they have determined where a tap can be placed and the possibility of successfully placing a tap which will not be detected by the person whose phone is tapped.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY.
Inspector.

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Mr. Tamm
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PHONE. BREKID. SITUATION AT HOT SPRINGS REQUIRES MAN FAMILIAR WITH CABLE INFORMATION TO MAKE ARRANGEMENT FOR TELEPHONE TAP REQUIRED. CHICAGO WILL ARRANGE FOR AGENT J M JONES TO REPORT TO AGENT SULLIVAN AT LITTLE ROCK, JONES TO LEAVE CHICAGO TONIGHT. AGENT SULLIVAN WILL ARRANGE CONTACT TO GET THE INFORMATION AND INDICATE THE POSSIBLE SETUP. WHEN DEFINITE TELEPHONE NUMBERS TO BE TAPPED ARE LOCATED LITTLE ROCK WILL REQUEST AUTHORITY TO TAP EACH INDIVIDUALLY.

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November 17, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir: Re: BREKID.

In connection with the above entitled case, I wish to call attention to the fact that the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Columbus, Ohio, preserves its records for only three years, and at the end of the present year will destroy the records pertaining to automobile registrations during 1934.

If any 1934 records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles will be necessary in the further prosecution of this case, it is suggested that appropriate arrangements should be made to have these records preserved so that there will be no possibility of such records being destroyed in the regular course of business prior to the time they may be needed.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge

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U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box #2118
Detroit, Michigan
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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Referring to Bureau letter of November 9, 1936 (7-576) there are enclosed herewith photostatic copies of the following outgoing correspondence written by Dolores Delaney at the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, in order that the Technical Laboratory may be supplied with specimens of her handwriting:

1. Letter addressed "My Darling Alvin," dated "August letter," reading: "I've just heard about your sentence * * "

2. Letter addressed "Dear Mr. & Mrs. Karpis," dated August 20, 1936, reading: "I have been waiting to write you * * "

3. Letter addressed "Dear Mr. & Mrs. Karpis," dated September 9, 1936, reading: "I just received a letter from Clara * * "

These represent the Detroit Field Division file copies of these letters.

Very truly yours,

Herold H. Reinecke

Herold H. Reinecke
Special Agent in Charge

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Date received: 11-19-36 jwp 4:00 PM 11/23

Examination requested: Document

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

The attached is a draft of the suggested press release concerning the arrests to be made at Toledo and Cleveland, Ohio, for the harboring of various fugitives in the Bremer and Hamm kidnaping cases. Details concerning the exact identity of the persons apprehended, places of apprehension, etc., will be added to the release when it is prepared for the press.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

Enclosure.

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TITLE
ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1323, et al.
Edward George Bremer - Victim.

CHARACTER OF CASE
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Jack Hollis, Macon, Georgia, states he never knew Benson Groves.

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REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agent L. C. Taylor, Atlanta, 10-31-36 and 11-6-36. Letter from Atlanta to Cleveland, 10-17-36.

DETAILS: Jack Hollis, 820 Main Street, East Macon, Macon, Georgia, stated he has never known or heard of anyone going by the name of Benson Groves or Grayson, and that if Groves stayed at the Obe Fountain home, it must have been before he went there on December 1, 1932, as prior to that time he did not stay with the Fountains.

Mrs. Jack Hollis, who was interviewed on November 12, in the absence of Mr. Hollis, stated she did not know anyone named Benjamin Grayson, Benson Groves or Benson.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: E. E. Conroy aaw — SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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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: No record of registration of Ford Deluxe Coupe, Model 1935, Moter #18-1615253, at Missouri State Moter Vehicle Department, Jefferson City, Missouri.

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REFERENCE: Letter from the Cleveland Office dated 9-19-36.

DETAILS: A careful check of the records at the Missouri State Moter Vehicle Department, Jefferson City, Missouri, fails to show that 1935 Model Ford Deluxe Coupe, Moter #18-1615253, was ever registered in the State of Missouri. It should be further noted that it is impossible to place stop notices at the Missouri State Moter Vehicle Department, because of their system of filing, as they do not check application for title when received against either the motor number of the car or the name of the owner.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: W. A. Smith — SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
629 First National Bank Building,
Omaha, Nebraska.
November 17, 1936.

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

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

As of possible interest to the Bureau, there is enclosed a clipping taken from the Omaha Bee News, November the 16th, 1936, which indicates that Jess Doyle will be given a hearing in an attempt to obtain a parole. The news item indicates that the Pardon Board will give Doyle a hearing. It reflects that this is being done at the request of Inspectors of the Postal Service, in a deal in which apparently Doyle has agreed to furnish them with information that will clear up a mail messenger holdup.

Very truly yours,

R. A. ALT,
Special Agent in Charge.

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JESS DOYLE MAKES DEAL FOR ACTION

Postoffice Inspectors Think Ex-Barker Gangster Can Aid Solving Coffeyville Robbery

Two convicts who have occupied the headlines in recent years, one

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

November 17, 1936.

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

On November 16, 1936, together with Special Agent E. J. Wynn, a conference was had with United States Attorney Emerich B. Freed, Cleveland, Ohio, as to his change of plans as to when the Grand Jury action would be had as to the harboring case at Toledo. At this time he indicated that the judge of the Eastern Division of the Northern District of Ohio, Mr. West, had insisted upon a Grand Jury immediately, indicating that otherwise it would not be possible due to the absence of the judge in the district, to have a Grand Jury until some time in February 1937.

He indicated that this would require his presenting the Garrettsville mail train robbery case on November 17, 1936, which would require two days; that he had in mind also to present the White Slave Traffic Act case involving Ardell Quinn, on November 23, 1936; that thereafter he had a Home Owners Loan Corporation case which require considerable of his time, and that consistent with handling all of the above cases, as now planned, he would arrange to proceed and be at Toledo on the morning of November 30, 1936, and desired to have at least Special Agent E. J. Wynn available with him in going over the details of the harboring charges and determining definitely which of these he would be justified in issuing warrants for the arrests of such individuals; that everything working out as he planned it above, we would be ready to make arrests of the various subjects in the harboring case on December 5, 1936; that thereafter he would arrange to have a Grand Jury during possibly the coming week following Saturday, December 5, 1936.

Mr. Freed indicated that in connection with the indictment returned in the Garrettsville mail robbery, this would be a secret indictment for the time being at least, or possibly until such time

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as Groves is apprehended, the fifth man in the train robbery; that he expected to include in the indictment as to the train robbery, Benson Groves, Joe Roscoe, John Zetzer, and Fred Hunter, also Karpis and Campbell; that, however, in the subsequent trial of this case, due to the sentences now being served by Karpis and Campbell, he did not expect to request their return here for trial with the other individuals. He indicated that he did not expect to call witnesses Lou Poole or Margaret Ball, as previously indicated, in connection with the Grand Jury action as to this case.

It was suggested to United States Attorney Freed that it is believed serious consideration should be given to the matter of placing the harboring case on trial first in order that he might have the advantage of any and all possible witnesses, which might develop and could be of assistance to him later in the Garrettsville train robbery. It was indicated to him that we believe this desirable for that reason and he indicated that he would give this serious consideration and discuss the same further with us at a later date.

Mr. Freed advised that he has put in considerable time on our summary reports as to this and that he has one hundred pages yet to read, inasmuch as he is giving this very careful attention, and incidental to his consideration of these reports he believes the Bureau is to be congratulated on the careful and efficient manner in which these reports were set up; that in his opinion these were the best reports he has seen during the periods he has served as Prosecuting Attorney and United States Attorney.

The above confirms my telephone conversation with you as of November 16, 1936.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY
Inspector.

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

November 17, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

RE: BEKID

Dear Sir:

Please refer to the report of Special Agent L. C. Taylor, Atlanta, Georgia, dated November 6, 1936, setting out data with reference to the correspondence of Benson Groves, while he was confined in the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, from 1917 to 1920.

It is to be observed that the Chief of Police at Bellaire, Ohio, requested photographs of Benson Groves and one John Daley, and that Groves wrote several letters to individuals in Bellaire, Ohio, and Martins Ferry, Ohio, and also received letters from individuals apparently residing at these places, as well as from one Ida B. Groves, Dayton, Ohio.

It is respectfully requested that you conduct an investigation in order to determine whether or not Benson Groves is presently in contact with any of the aforementioned correspondents.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

November 18, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: [redacted]

In a recent interview with John Brock by Agents of this office in connection with his participation in the Garrettsville, Ohio mail train robbery on November 7, 1935, and also in connection with the harboring situation in existence in the Northern District of Ohio, Brock stated that on one occasion he recalled he overheard Alvin Karpis talking with John H. "Sharkey" Gorman about the publicity accorded to Jess Doyle's purported confession and some discussion was had regarding whether Jess Doyle knew about the gang's contacts in Cleveland; that apparently, in view of the foregoing, they temporarily suspended activities in connection with the contemplated robbery of the mail truck, which was later perpetrated at Warren, Ohio, on April 25, 1935.

It is deemed advisable to ascertain whether or not such a purported confession of Jess Doyle was given any publicity in the Cleveland, Ohio, newspapers, and in connection with this a search of the Cleveland newspapers from March 15th to April 15, 1935 failed to disclose any Associated Press dispatch.

Contact with Mr. Arthur Bostwick of the Associated Press in Cleveland disclosed that if such a dispatch was released by the Associated Press in St. Paul, that they would have a file in the St. Paul office in this connection and would be able to ascertain whether or not this dispatch was released for publication and whether or not same had been published in Cleveland. Mr. Bostwick stated in this connection that in the event the fact of publication of such an article was not mentioned relative to Cleveland, Ohio, that the trunk line letter and the number of the communication should be obtained from the files in an effort to facilitate the search in the Cleveland office of the Associated Press.

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It is respectfully requested that the Associated Press at St. Paul be contacted to ascertain whether or not any such article of a purported confession of Jess Doyle in connection with the Fairbury, Nebraska and Third Northwestern bank robberies had been released prior to the perpetration of the Warren, Ohio mail truck robbery on April 25, 1935. This is desired in order to corroborate the statement of John Brock in this connection.

It is also respectfully requested that this matter be expedited inasmuch as this matter will be brought before the Grand Jury in the Northern District of Ohio, in the very near future.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 1469
Little Rock, Arkansas
November 16, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
New Orleans, Louisiana

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

A review of the files in the Little Rock Field Division fail to reflect any report or indication covering the interview had with Connie Morris, alias Ruth Hamm, at the time she was apprehended by Bureau agents at New Orleans on May 1, 1936.

Inasmuch as it is believed that the information provided by Connie Morris will be of value in the contemplated harboring investigation at Hot Springs, Arkansas, under the supervision of Inspector E. J. Connelley, it is requested that you forward to this office at once a copy of the report or communication covering the interview had with this woman.

Very truly yours,

JOHN B. LITTLE
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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November 17, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

As a result of an investigation conducted by the Bureau at Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio, it is contemplated that the following named individuals will be arrested in the near future for the harboring of Alvin Karpis and Arthur "Doc" Barker:

BERT ANGUS: This individual during the year 1934 was associated with his brother, Ted Angus, in the operation of a roadhouse known as the Casino Club at Point Place, Ohio, which is a suburb of Toledo. Bert Angus was formerly associated with William J. Harrison in the operation of a saloon in Calumet City, Illinois, and it appears that it was through Harrison that Karpis and other members of the mob made their first contacts in Toledo, Ohio. Members of the gang were making contacts at the Casino Club with Bert Angus as early as January 27, 1934, when William J. Harrison, Wynona Burdette and Edna Murray travelled from Chicago, Illinois, to Toledo, Ohio, to secure license plates for an automobile. It will be noted that this trip to Toledo was made during the time Mr. Bremer was being held a kidnap victim.

Bert Angus on March 21, 1934, introduced Harry Campbell as George Winfield at the Jess J. Ellis Motor Sales Company, Toledo, Ohio, and also assisted the members of the gang in securing other cars and also renting apartments. The members of the gang who frequented the Casino Club are as follows:

Alvin Karpis
Fred Barker
Arthur "Doc" Barker
Volney Davis
William Weaver
Oliver A. Berg
William J. Harrison
Russell Gibson.

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Dr. Joseph P. Moran
Harry Campbell
Edna Murray
Wynona Burdette
Dolores Delaney
Myrtle Eaton
Charles J. Fitzgerald.

While at the Casino Club, members of the gang displayed large sums of money and on two occasions, firearms were displayed. While frequenting the club, the gang was very rowdy and on one occasion William Harrison became intoxicated and disrobed on the dance floor. The actions of the gang were countenanced by Bert Angus, as well as his brother, Ted.

According to the records of the Identification Division, Bert Angus was arrested on November 13, 1931, as a bank robbery suspect by the state police at Jonesville, Michigan. He was later turned over to the state police at Indianapolis, Indiana, on the charge of robbing a bank at Kendallville, Indiana. Bert Angus, however, was not prosecuted on this charge. This appears to be the only criminal record for Bert Angus.

TED ANGUS: This individual, as previously stated, was during 1934 operating the Casino Club at Point Place, Ohio, with his brother, Bert. Ted Angus also fronted for members of the gang in securing apartments in Toledo. Ted Angus was intimately associated with members of the gang and on various occasions visited Harry Campbell's home at Point Place, Ohio. He saw to it that special service was extended to the members of the gang at the Casino Club. He also permitted members of the gang to go riding at various times during the summer of 1934 in his speedboat, and in general afforded them protection while the mob was in Toledo and vicinity.

Bert and Ted Angus during January, 1935, were operating what is known as the New Casino Club on the outskirts of Toledo

and it was to this place that Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis proceeded after escaping from Atlantic City, New Jersey, on January 20, 1935. Bert and Ted Angus no longer operate the Casino Club at Point Place, Ohio, but are now operating the New Casino Club, above-mentioned.

Ted Angus on December 8, 1919, was received at the State Prison, Columbus, Ohio, to serve an indeterminate sentence from one to seven years for grand larceny. During prohibition, Ted Angus was a bootlegger and as a result of these activities, he was received at the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, on August 1, 1929, to serve a sentence of 18 months for conspiracy and violation of the National Prohibition Act.

CAPTAIN GEORGE TIMINEY:

This individual is a member of the Toledo Police Department and has been connected with that Department for almost twenty years, and it is said that he will be eligible for retirement in a few months. George Timiney, during the administration of Mayor Solon Klotz of Toledo during the years 1934-35, was head of the so-called hoodlum squad and charged with the duty of apprehending and investigating gangsters. Timiney was closely associated with Ted Angus in the collection of graft from houses of prostitution in Toledo during this period. As a result of his close association with Ted Angus, Timiney was a frequent visitor at the Casino Club and while at the Casino Club associated with various members of the Karpis-Barker gang and made no attempt to cause their apprehension.

RUTH WELLS: This woman during the year 1934 was living with Ted Angus at 4209 N. Lockwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. She was a frequent visitor at the Casino Club and also at the house occupied by Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette at Point Place, Ohio. She was intimately associated with various members of the gang and on May 25, 1934, she introduced Wynona Burdette to Dr. Fred Douglass of Toledo, Ohio and made the necessary arrangements for Wynona Burdette to enter St. Vincent's Hospital at Toledo, Ohio. Ruth Wells is presently residing in Detroit, Michigan, and she will be arrested at that place.

MADELINE ANGUS: This individual is the wife of Bert Angus and was closely associated with various members of the gang at the time they were frequenting the Casino Club at Point Place, Ohio. She was very friendly with both the men and women members of the gang.

RENE HOLST: This woman is the sister of Madeline Angus and Thelma Holst. She likewise was intimately associated with both the men and women members of the Karpis-Barker gang and was in their company frequently at the Casino Club. Rene Holst until recently was residing with Lucian Fleming, 2301 Auburn Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, but it is believed that she is presently with Fleming in Cleveland, Ohio, and it is probable that her arrest will take place in that city.

THELMA HOLST: This woman, as previously stated, is the sister of Madeline Angus and Rene Holst, and with her sisters she frequented the Casino Club and was intimately associated with members of the gang at that place. Thelma Holst is presently residing at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and it is contemplated that her arrest will take place in that city.

LUCIAN FLEMING: This individual was formerly connected with the Department of Liquor Control of the State of Ohio as an Inspector from April 30, 1934, to November 19, 1935, and during the year 1934, he was a frequent visitor at the Casino Club, Point Place, Ohio, and was at that time keeping company with Rene Holst, although he was a married man. Lucian Fleming associated with members of the gang at the Casino Club and also endeavored to sell them a speedboat which he owned. He permitted members of the gang to use this boat for their pleasure. Lucian Fleming was a close friend to both George Timiney and Ted Angus.

COLIN MUNRO, alias COOLIE MONROE: This man was an employee at the Casino Club in the summer of 1934 and observed various members of the Karpis-Barker gang at that place. He also was employed during the summer of 1934 at a place known as Middle Island, which is located in Canadian waters and is a resort operated by Joe Roscoe. Munro was the individual who on or about January 22, 1935, communicated with Frank Greenwald, a taxi driver at Toledo, Ohio, and requested Greenwald to proceed to LaSalle, Michigan, for the purpose of picking up Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell after they had abandoned the automobile which they had stolen from Dr. Hunsicker, kidnapped by them en route from their escape from Atlantic City, New Jersey, to Toledo, Ohio. Colin Munro is presently located on Middle Island, but it is expected that he will return to Toledo in the near future, at which place he will be arrested.

Colin Munro on April 30, 1930, was arrested by the United States Marshal at Toledo, Ohio, and thereafter was sentenced to serve 6 months at Canton, Ohio, for violation of the National Prohibition Act. On November 5, 1931, he was received at the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, to serve a sentence of one year and one day for violation of the National Prohibition Act.

FRANK P. GREENWALD:

This individual is the operator of the Private Cab Company in Toledo, Ohio and the majority of his business is obtained from persons of the underworld class. As previously stated, Greenwald assisted Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell subsequent to their escape from Atlantic City. He also, subsequent thereto, drove Harry Campbell from Ed McGraw's place, 2011½ Adams Street, Toledo, Ohio, to Edith Barry's place in Toledo.

ED AND CLARA McGRAW: These persons operated what is known as a "call" house in Toledo, Ohio, and it was at this place Harry Campbell became acquainted with Gertrude Billiter, whom he later married.

Alvin Karpis and Milton Lett were also visitors at the McGraw Apartment in October, 1935. Alvin Karpis also spent the night with Harry Campbell at the McGraw Apartment on November 5, 1935, two days prior to the robbery of the mail train at Garrettsville, Ohio.

JOE ROSCOE: The wife of Joe Roscoe owns the property on which the Casino Club at Point Place, Ohio, was located. During the summer of 1934 Roscoe was a visitor at the Casino Club during the time members of the gang were in that place. As previously stated, Joe Roscoe has an interest in Middle Island and also operates what is known as the 42nd Street Cafe in Toledo, Ohio. Roscoe also is said to have an interest in the Joval Club, a gambling house in Toledo. He is a close friend of Ted and Bert Angus and George Timiney. Roscoe is involved with Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis, Fred Hunter and John Brock in the robbery of the mail train at Garrettsville, Ohio, and was at Port Clinton, Ohio with them at the time the proceeds of the robbery were divided and received a share of the loot. Joe Roscoe was a frequent visitor at the house of Edith Barry in Toledo, Ohio, subsequent to the escape of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell from Atlantic City, at which time these two individuals found refuge at the Barry home. At Cleveland, Ohio, in March, 1935, Roscoe with John Gorman attempted to arrange a hideout for Karpis and Campbell to be used after the mail robbery at Warren, Ohio, which was perpetrated on April 25, 1935.

JOHN F. "SHARKEY" GORMAN: This man is an employee of the Harvard Club, a gambling house operated by Art Hebebrand and James Patton at Newburgh Heights, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland. He has been employed as a dealer and doorman for the past four years.

Some time between March 23, 1935, and March 26, 1935, John Brock made a trip to Cleveland, Ohio, at the request of Alvin Karpis, contacted Gorman at the Harvard Club relative to Gorman's making a trip to Toledo to see Karpis. As a result of this contact, Gorman visited Karpis and Campbell at the house of Edith Barry at Toledo. Gorman with Joe Roscoe in March, 1935, visited numerous buildings in Cleveland in an effort to find a hideout for Karpis and Harry Campbell.

ARTHUR HEBEBRAND: This individual operates a gambling joint known as the Harvard Club, at Newburgh Heights, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland. Karpis, Fred Barker and other members of the gang frequented this Club during the year 1934, and Karpis and Harry Campbell frequented it during the year 1935. Hebebrand also had meetings with Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis at a place known as the Twilight Inn in the spring of 1935. On one occasion, about the time of the mail robbery at Warren, Ohio, April 24, 1935, Hebebrand had a conference with Karpis at the Twilight Inn. Hebebrand, when interviewed in connection with the Bureau's efforts to locate Karpis, emphatically denied he knew him.

ANTHONY AMERSBACH: This individual is likewise an employee of the Harvard Club, and associated with Karpis and Campbell both at the Harvard Club and at the Twilight Inn. He is an ex-convict, having served an indeterminate sentence in the State Reformatory at Garrettsville, Ohio.

1130 Enquirer Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

November 18, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir: Re: BREKID.

Reference is made to your letter dated November 11, 1936, wherein you request that certain information be obtained from the Department of Liquor Control, Columbus, Ohio, in reference to one Wayne Preston.

Please be advised that Special Agent J. A. Cimperman of this office contacted Mr. E. S. Cullison, Assistant Chief Inspector, State of Ohio Liquor Control Department, 174 4th Street, Columbus, Ohio, and he stated that Wayne Preston formerly worked for four years for the old State Prohibition Department, and that after that department was abolished by repeal of the 18th Amendment, Preston went into the Department of Liquor Control of the State of Ohio. He also ascertained from the employment record that Preston worked in the capacity of Inspector for the latter department from April 10, 1934, until March 31, 1935, on which date he was discharged by the Chief Inspector for being involved in a lot of shady dealing although they were never able to pin anything on him. His dismissal therefore was considered as an act necessary for the betterment of the Department. The employment record did not contain any other information.

Mr. Cullison also stated that Preston was formerly a partner of L. C. Fleming but he was unable to state in what counties they worked together. He also stated that Preston was a very shrewd and clever man and was of the type who wanted to get rich and have plenty of money but was unable to state how far he would go to get it. He further stated that he had been involved in numerous shady transactions with both the liquor departments and that their office had received a lot of complaints concerning him but they were unable to get anything on him and had to dismiss him merely as a matter of ethics.

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Mr. Cullison further stated that he does not have any information where Preston is at the present time although he has heard a rumor, source unknown, to the effect that he was in Florida, at which

place he allegedly instituted divorce proceedings against his wife. Whether or not a divorce has been granted there or in Columbus, Ohio, is unknown to him.

In reference to his family history, Mr. Cullison stated that Preston was born in Warsaw, Ohio, and that he has several relatives by that name living there at the present time. He also stated that he has an uncle, William Magruger, living in West Carlisle, Ohio, and that his father, Albert Preston, who is a retired high school teacher, is living in Delaware, Ohio. His mother is deceased. He also stated that it is very improbable that his father would know of his whereabouts because they did not get along together, and that in the event his father did know of his whereabouts, he would not hesitate to disclose same to Agents as he bears a good reputation in that community.

Mr. Cullison also stated that he does not know if Preston belonged to any clubs either in or out of Columbus and the only occupation he knows of that Preston pursued before entering the Prohibition Department was that of an insurance man. He also advised that they had no other records in their department concerning Preston. An attempt was also made to locate his application blank but without success, it being possible that he was not required to fill one out and was merely appointed on the strength of his prior experience with the Prohibition Department, by Mr. Matthews, under whom he formerly worked and who was also in charge of the State Liquor Department at the time of his employment. Mr. Matthews is now deceased and was succeeded by Mr. A. Humphrey, the present Chief Inspector.

Mr. Cullison also gave Agent a photograph of Preston, taken in 1934, at which time he gave his address as 1100 Oakwood Ave., Columbus, Ohio. He requested that same be returned after it has served its purpose. An appropriate receipt for same was signed by Agent Cimperman. This is transmitted to your office herewith.

Mr. Cullison described Preston as follws:

Age	41
Height	5'9"- 10"
Weight	190 - 200 lbs.
Hair	Black
Peculierities	Is a very bad speller although is capable of writing a very intelligent letter.

It has been ascertained on previous investigations that all the records for the Prohibition Department have been destroyed several years ago.

Mr. Alfred Humphrey, Chief Inspector, State of Ohio Liquor Control Department, was also interviewed and he stated that he knew Preston as an Inspector for the Prohibition Department, for which department he also worked as an Inspector, and that even at that time he continuously heard rumors of the unethical tactics employed by Preston in the discharge of his duties, but as to how far he had gone beyond his authority he was never able to ascertain. He also stated that he heard these rumors when working as an Inspector of the Liquor Control Department, and several of the liquor dealers, after Prohibition, made complaints to him concerning Preston but he was unable to get anything on him, as he was very clever and shrewd and covered everything up. He also stated that immediately upon his appointment as Chief Inspector, succeeding Mr. Matthews, in April, 1934, his first official act was to discharge Preston for his unethical tactics and for the betterment of the department.

Mr. Humphrey also stated that he heard from Mr. Cullison that Preston was last heard of about a year ago as being in Florida, where he allegedly was going to divorce his wife. He was also questioned further but he was unable to give any additional information then already obtained from Mr. Cullison, with the exception of stating that Preston has an uncle by the name of Gamble, who is a clothing salesman in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

An examination was also made of the records of the Court of Domestic Relations, Clerk's Office, Court House, Columbus, Ohio, but they had no record of a divorce action being filed by either Preston or his wife in Franklin County, Columbus, Ohio.

At the Ohio State Bureau of Motor Vehicles, 275 S. 4th St., Columbus, Ohio, it was ascertained from the records that a 1933 Oldsmobile Sedan, Motor No. F-811322, Ohio license (1934) 2-682, was registered to E. W. Preston, 1104 Oakwood Ave., Columbus, Ohio, for the year 1934. There were no other registrations under that name for that year (1934).

This same car was again registered to E. W. Preston, 1106 Oakwood Ave., Columbus, Ohio, for the year 1935 and bore 1935 Ohio license plates #8 WP. On February 16, 1935, this car was sold to the Weidner Motor Sales Co., Loudenville, Ohio, and from whom he purchased a new Oldsmobile Sedan, Motor No. F-407748. The old plates (1935) 8 WP were transferred to this new car but same were later reported stolen and new 1935 plates VC 397 were issued. The 1935 Application Registration Blank for this car described same as a 1935 Oldsmobile Sedan, Motor No. F-407748, Serial No. B-105750, bearing 1935 Ohio license VC 397, and registered to E. W. Preston, 1106 Oakwood Ave., Columbus, Ohio, on April 17, 1935. This car was

purchased new from the above company in Steubenville, Ohio, on January 15, 1935, and the title of title #58049 is on record at the County Clerk's office, Columbus, Ohio. There also appeared a notation on this registration Blank that the certificate of registration was mailed to Preston in care of the Anthony Wayne Hotel, Akron, Ohio, on April 19, 1935. There is no record that this car was ever transferred nor is there a 1936 registration for this car in the State of Ohio.

The files also disclosed a 1935 registration of a 1931 Plymouth Coupe, Motor No. 251678, 1935 Ohio license H 833 B, to Wayne Preston, 90 S. Balch St., Akron, Ohio. This car was again registered by this same party for 1936, bearing 1936 plates B 630 H, with the address as 59 S. Cooledge St., Akron, Ohio.

In 1936, a W. E. Preston, Pearl Street, Mariette, Ohio, registered a 1927 Essex Sedan, Motor No. 696039, 1936 Ohio license H 315 V. Another W. E. Preston, 2524 8th Street, N.W., Canton, Ohio, registered for 1936 a 1928 Ford Coupe, Motor No. F42464, 1936 license H 700 U, and a 1935 Lafayette Coupe, Motor #LF-21671, the latter of which was also registered by him in 1935.

The July, 1935, Columbus Ohio Telephone Directory discloses that Anne I. Preston, apparently the wife of Wayne Preston, is still residing at 1100 Oakwood Ave., telephone Garfield 4625. This was verified at the U. S. Post Office.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

Special Delivery

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

November 17, 1936.

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

Dear Sir: RE: BERKID

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated October 10, 1936 (87-160) suggesting the possibility of calling Clara and Edward McGraw before the Grand Jury for the purpose of securing their statements to the effect that Alvin Karpis never visited their house, under oath in order to lay the basis for subsequent perjury charges in the event the United States Attorney elected to prosecute the McGraws.

Please be advised that Clara and Edward McGraw are considered at this time as defendants in the harboring situation at Toledo, and evidence as to their activities is to be presented to the Grand Jury; therefore, under the circumstances Clara and Edward McGraw will not be called before the Grand Jury.

Very truly yours,

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

November 17, 1936.

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

RE: BARKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated November 13, 1936 (7-576) requesting that the Bureau should be immediately furnished with all information concerning Wayne Preston, who is thought to be the fugitive in connection with the robbery of the mail truck at Warren, Ohio, on April 25, 1935.

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Please be advised that [redacted] at Toledo, Ohio, furnished the original information to the effect that Lucian C. Fleming, former state prohibition officer, told him that Wayne Preston was involved in the robbery of the mail truck at Warren, Ohio, in company with Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, and as a result, Preston is presently in Cuba on the "lam." The substance of the information furnished by [redacted] is contained in the letter from the Cleveland Bureau field division to the Cincinnati Bureau field division dated November 11, 1936.

As indicated in the last mentioned letter we are endeavoring to secure photographs of Wayne Preston for the purpose of having him identified by witnesses.

[redacted] is also endeavoring to obtain more specific information with reference to Wayne Preston, and it is possible that he can obtain considerable data with reference to this individual inasmuch as Mildred Muhlman, who, it is to be noted, formerly lived with Preston [redacted]

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The Bureau will be kept advised of all developments as to Wayne Preston.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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454 New York Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota
November 16, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir: B R N K I D

Reference is being made to letter from the Cleveland Division dated November 14, 1936, relative to the securing of certified copies of certain indictments and bench warrants to be used in connection with the harboring trial as to certain individuals who harbored the Barker-Karpis gang in the northern district of Ohio.

Through Mr. George Heisey, Assistant United States Attorney in St. Paul, certified copies of the following indictments and bench warrants were secured and are being forwarded herewith:

Indictment returned by the U. S. Grand Jury, St. Paul, on May 4, 1934, charging Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. "Doc" Barker, John J. McLaughlin, and others, with conspiracy to kidnap and transport in interstate commerce and hold for $200,000 ransom Edward George Bremer, on or about January 17, 1934;

Bench warrant dated May 7, 1934, issued against Alvin Karpis, with non est return thereon dated May 7, 1934;

Bench warrant dated May 4, 1934, issued for Arthur R. "Doc" Barker, with no non est return thereon;

Bench warrant dated May 4, 1936, issued for Roy Gray and Izzie, bearing no non est return thereon;

Indictment returned by the United States Grand Jury, St. Paul, on January 22, 1935, charging that

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between December 1, 1933 and May 1, 1934, Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. "Doc" Barker, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, and others, conspired to kidnap and transport Edward George Bremer from St. Paul, Minnesota to Bensenville, Illinois, and hold him for $200,000 ransom in violation of an Act of Congress approved June 22, 1932, Chap. 241, 47 Stat., 326; U.S.C. 408a.

Bench warrants issued on above indictment as follows:

Bench warrant dated January 22, 1935 issued for Alvin Karpis, containing non est return dated January 23, 1935;

Alias bench warrant dated January 24, 1935, issued for Alvin Karpis, containing notation thereon that warrant was served on May 6, 1936;

Bench warrant dated January 22, 1935, issued for Harry Campbell, with notation appearing thereon that warrant was served on Harry Campbell on May 12, 1936;

Indictment returned by the United States Grand Jury, St. Paul, on January 22, 1935, against Arthur R. "Doc" Barker, Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, and others, charging them with kidnaping and transporting Edward George Bremer from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Bensenville, Illinois, on or about January 17, 1934 in violation of an Act of Congress approved June 22, 1932, Chap. 241, 47 Stat., 326; U.S.C. 408a.

It should be noted that the bench warrant dated May 4, 1934 for Roy Gray and bench warrant issued same date for Izzie are not in the records of the Clerk of the U. S. District Court, St. Paul, but are supposed to be in the possession of the United States Marshal for the District of Minnesota for service. Agent E. H. Williams of this office was advised by William H. Eckley, Deputy Clerk, that the warrant for Roy Gray is in the possession of Deputy U. S. Marshal Elmer Kennedy but that he is out of the city at the present time and will not return for several days. The warrant for Izzie is supposed to be in the possession of the State Warden at Joliet, Illinois. In the event that it is

desired to obtain copies of the original bench warrants in either case, this office should be advised so that the same may be obtained from Mr. Kennedy upon his return to St. Paul and proper steps taken to obtain the warrant in the possession of the State Warden, Joliet, Illinois.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

1130 Enquirer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

November 19, 1936.

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

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of October 27, 1936, enclosing a summary of the information contained in the Bureau's files as to the identity of the perpetrators of the St. Valentine's Day Massacre, Chicago, Illinois, February 14, 1929, and also Bureau letter of November 5, 1936, enclosing a summary of the information contained in the Bureau's files regarding the murder of Police Officer Miles Cunningham, at Chicago, Illinois, on September 22, 1933.

On November 18, 1936, at Chicago, Illinois, Police Commissioner Allman was contacted at his office and he was furnished with copies of the two indicated memoranda and at this time he briefly observed the contents of both memoranda but indicated that he, himself was not sufficiently familiar with the details of either offense to cover same in intelligent conversation with us, but indicated that possibly he would have his officer Lieutenant Otto Erlanson, in charge of the Homicide Squad at Chicago, and who is in charge of and conducting investigation as to the Valentine Massacre incident, contact me later in the day.

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In conversation with Commissioner Allman, it was indicated that Joe Anderson of the Kansas State Police had contacted them by letter and Lt. Erlanson had subsequently contacted Anderson at Topeka, Kansas, inasmuch as Anderson indicated he had certain information pertaining to the above incidents. Commissioner Allman was not familiar with the information which Erlanson had obtained.

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On the evening of November 18, 1936, Lt. Erlanson contacted me and from my conversation with him apparently the Post Office Inspectors and Joe Anderson of the Kansas State Police have been in touch with and interviewed Jess Doyle at the prison where he is incarcerated and from what information I could learn, without displaying too much interest in the activities of Anderson, it is

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apparent that Doyle has furnished them with information to the effect that Byron Bolton was involved in the shooting of officer Miles Cunningham. At least, they have referred to a supposed incident wherein Bolton, who was using his machine gun, shot the mounting out of a ring on the ring finger of Arthur H. "Doc" Barker, during the time they were shooting at officer Cunningham. They also have the supposed incident wherein Byron Bolton and "Doc" Barker supposedly took Willie Harrison out on the evening of a certain day and killed him, by reason of the fact that Willie Harrison had become drunk at Chicago and was talking about the trip he had made to Florida.

It was apparent from the conversation with Lieutenant Erlanson that they had little information other than the above, as a result of their conversation with Anderson and undoubtedly his information is based upon interviews they have had with Jess Doyle. It is noted in letter of the Omaha Office that as of November 16, 1936, it was indicated that the Post Office Inspectors were active in efforts to secure parole for Jess Doyle, in order that he in return might furnish them with information which would clear up a mail messenger hold-up.

Commissioner Allman was very profuse in his thanks to us for the information which we had furnished and in my conversation with Lt. Erlanson, I indicated to him the location of the various persons mentioned, namely that "Doc" Barker was serving a life sentence in Alcatraz, as was also Volney Davis, Alvin Karpis, and Harry Sawyer, and that Elmer Farmer was serving a twenty year sentence at Alcatraz.

It was also indicated to Lt. Erlanson that as to Bob Conroy alias Bob Carey alias "Gimpy", there have been reports to the effect that Conroy and his wife had been killed in an apartment in New York City in 1933, which they probably could identify by suitable inquiry of the New York Police.

It was also indicated that Ray Nugent, referred to was the same as "Crane-Neck" Nugent, and as to whom the St. Louis Police might have information, he being a character from that vicinity. It was also indicated to them that Jimmie McCrussen (phonetic spelling of last name) was reported to be thirty-six to thirty-eight years of age, wears glasses, is a good dresser and that he, together with Jimmie Morand, alias "Jimmie, the Swede", were supposed to be local characters from the Northside of Chicago.

It was also indicated to them that apparently Jimmie Morand was one and the same as their #93511, Chicago Police Department, arrest of October 6, 1924; that the last information indicated as to Jimmie Morand was that he was probably hanging out in the vicinity of Berwyn, Illinois.

The officers indicated particular interest in Morand and undoubtedly will make effort to pick him up and in keeping with my previous observations above that they have little in the way of any other information available at this time other than what has been furnished to them by us and the memoranda previously above referred to, they indicated that practically the only thing they have to cover at this time will be the location of Morand, who is out, and that the balance of the possibilities resolve themselves with what, if anything, could be obtained from Byron Bolton in Milan Prison, to substantiate or elaborate upon his previous statements.

No further action will be taken as to this matter and should the Chicago Police Department again contact the Chicago Office as to this, the information they request will be communicated to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Chicago
Omaha

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 7-25

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
DETROIT, MICHIGAN	11/19/36	10/7,30/36	CHARLES A. HOLTZ

TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, FUGITIVE - I.O. #1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.

CHARACTER OF CASE
KIDNAPING;
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Upon advice from Cleveland Field Division received October 7, 1936, the Detroit Field Division is discontinuing to contact members of crews of the Pittsburgh Steamship Company's boats at Sault Ste Marie, Michigan.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent Charles H. Olson, Detroit, Michigan, dated 9/23/36.

DETAILS: On October 7, 1936, a long distance telephone call was received by the writer at the office of the Detroit Field Division from Special Agent Earl J. Wynn of the Cleveland Field Division. Mr. Wynn advised that arrangements had been made through the Pittsburgh Steamship Company at Cleveland, Ohio, whereby the employees of that company who had been around the Casino Club at Cleveland, Ohio, in the year 1934 could be contacted at Toledo, Ohio, and that it, accordingly, would not be necessary for the Detroit Field Division to continue its efforts to contact these parties at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: Harold H. Rennert SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

November 18, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

As requested in your letter of November 14, 1936, I am enclosing herewith fifty copies of the photograph of Benson Groves, together with the original.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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Cleveland, Ohio	11/17/36	11/2 to 14/36	A. P. KITCHIN APK/EJB

CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

TITLE (CHANGED)
GEORGE TIPTON; THEODORE ANGUS, aliases Ted Angus, John J. Burns; BERT ANGUS; JOSEPH ROSCOE, alias Joe Roscoe; LUCIAN C. FLEMING, alias Ludy Fleming; alias L. C. Reynolds; REE HOLST; MADELINE ANGUS; RUTH WELLS, aliases ~~SYNOPSIS OF FACTS~~ Ruth Angus, Mrs. John J. Burns; THELMA HOLST; COLIN KUNRO, alias Colin Monroe, alias "Coolie";
FRANK P. GREENWALD, alias Greenie;
JAMES J. WILSON, aliases: Jimmie Wilson, James Jackson, James Ryan, "Dr" Jim Wilson, E. J. Powell, Thomas Barrowman;
CHARLES JOSEPH FITZGERALD, aliases: Charles Morgan, J. C. Hammond, W. M. Funk, Slim Williams, Frank West, Charles Logan, Charles Lowe, Philip Fitzgerald, W. M. Frank, J. C. Hammond, W. D. Fitzgerald, J. C. Adams, Daniel Mathias Logan, Charles Jordan, W. E. Fitzgerald, Chi Slim, Big Charley, Big Ben, Big Fitz, Long Charley, Old Charlie, William Funk, C. J. Murphy, Charles Joseph Murphy, J. C. Foster, James Charles Foster, Judge Fitzgerald, G. M. Wilson;
OLIVER A. BERG, aliases: Ollie Berg, "Izzy", Mr. Jones, Oliver Bennet, Otto Margo;
WILLIAM WEAVER, aliases: P. O'Donnell, Phoenix Donald, R. A. Nelson, T. J. Nelson, P. J. Nelson, Bill Scott, W. C. Weaver, Charles W. Lucas, Charles E. Bolling, Bill Weaver, Felix Donald, P. O. Donald, Phoenix O'Donald, W. G. Weaver, P. O. Scott, J. A. Orhood, Bill Thornton, Phoenix Donal, Lapland Willie, George E. Weaver, G. H. Weaver, Wm. Thornton, Buck Beaver, Claire Lucas, Felix Donal, Clair Lucas, Heavy, W. A. Weaver, W. Lucas, Clarence Eaton, Clarence Lucas, J. W. Osborne;

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VOLNEY DAVIS, aliases: Curley Davis, Cotton Davis, E. V. Davis, J. H. Lockwood, S. E. Lockwood, C. E. Moore, Jimmie, Curley Moore, Everett Davis, Curley Hansen, J. E. Hansen, Curley Hanson, George Lawrence Harper, George LaFrance, Roy Green;

DOLORES DELANEY, aliases: Mrs. S. A. Green, Louise Graham, L. O. Wood, A. B. Graham, Mrs. E. M. Waggoner, Mrs. H. G. Wagner, Mrs. E. A. Caulley, Dolores Wagner, Mrs. E. N. Wagner;

WILLIAM J. HARRISON, aliases: Willie Harrison, J. B. Bolton, W. J. Ryan, Elmer Howe, (deceased);

DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, aliases: "Doc" Moran, Joseph B. Moran, Joseph C. Moran, J. Hammond, FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1232;

RUSSELL GIBSON, aliases: Rusty Gibson, R. Gray, Bradford, Evans, Roy Gray, Roy Gray Evans, Andrew Allen, Slim Evans, Slim Gray, (deceased);

FRED BAKER, aliases: F. G. Ward, Ted Murphy, J. Darrows, R. E. Davis, J. E. Blackburn, T. C. Blackburn, A. S. Hunter, J. Earl Patterson, J. Stanley Smith, Fred E. Gordon, Bradford, Earl J. Patterson, F. C. Blackburn, F. B. Lang, Shorty, A. G. Bradford, (deceased);

ALVIN KARPIS, aliases: Albin Francis Karpavicz, A. Carter, Raymond Handley, George Haller, Alvin Korpis, A. Korpis, Earl Peel, Alvin Kapis, George Dunn, R. E. Hamilton, Ray Hunter, Ray Karpis, E. L. Burns, R. L. Burns, J. J. Burns, William Lohman, William B. Lohman, R. E. Nelson, Earl Lyman Burns, Merion Bradford, Marion Bradford, H. J. Milgreth, H. G. Milgreth, Howard Milgreth, E. L. Burnes, Ray Hall, Dan Murphy, "Chi" Karpis, Raymond Hadley, Albin Karpis, "James", Charles M. Bronson, Leroy Morrison, E. M. Wagner, H. G. Wagner, H. G. Waggoner, Elmer Wagner, E. N. Wagner, Edward H. Wagner, L. O. Woods, A. S. Green, S. A. Green, Ray Green, E. N. Green, Charles A. Richards, W. B. Lohman, "Slim", Raymond Alvin Karpis, Ray Carson, T. N. Nelson, R. J. Burns, Ray Hadley, R. S. Carson, Hayes, Elray N. Beaudry, C. W. Brand, W. H. Lohman, William C. Lohman, N. O. Bell, Doc Day, Doc, Ed Woods, Frank Guthrie, Ray Miller, Ed King, E. F. Collins, Edw. O'Hara, Frank A. Gleason, E. Collins, Sonny Miller, O. Ames, Chas. Miller, H. L. Burns, F. M. Dawson, R. G. Hayes, Jr.;

HARRY CAMPBELL, aliases: Dave Campbell, T. C. Blackburn, George L. Martin, George Nelson, John Walcott, George Walcott, George Winfield, George Swanson, Buff Sutton, Charles Miller, Bob Miller, Buffalo, Dave, G. L. Summers, G. F. Summers, G. Summers, T. E. Blackburn, C. C. Cameron, G. C. Cameron, Geo. F. Summers, R. E. Nelson, Bob Brown, Clarence Charles Miller, Carl Atkins;

EDWARD FRANCIS McGRAW; CLARA McGRAW; MILTON LETT, aliases: J. M. Lett, J. M. Letz, Thomas J. Shaw, Carl Baker;

JOHN BROCK, aliases: John Brack, J. D. Adams, J. C. Creighton, Harold Johnson, T. F. Evans;

SAM COKER, aliases: Robert Pratt, Tommy Pratt, Tommy Coleman, Ralph Pool, Ralph Nelson;

JOSEPH H. ADAMS, aliases: Joe H. Adams, Joe Adams;

HENDRY RANDALL, aliases: Henry Randall, Duke Randall, Henry Stern;

ARTHUR R. BARKER, aliases: "Doc" Barker, Claude Dale, Bob Barker, E. L. Murray, J. H. Murray, A. S. Hunter, Dock Barker, Claude Barker, Arthur Barker, F. X. Gordon, H. J. Harvey, James, Ray Gordon, Joe, Shorty, Henry, Dock Borker, H. J. Morley;

JOHN F. GORMAN, aliases: Sharkey Gorman, Sharkey, Smokey Sharkey.

FRED JOHN HUNTER, aliases: Fred John Henderson, Fred Harris, Fred King, H. J. King, Harold King, Edward O'Hara.

BENSON GROVES, aliases: Benson E. Groves, George Wilson, "Soup", Burns Garby, B. G. Grayson, Benson Graves, Benjamin Grayson, B. J. Greyson, Burns Corby, "Soup" Groves, Benson R. Groves, Benjamin G. Grayson, Ben Grayson.

ANTHONY J. AMERSBACH, alias Tony Amersbach;

ARTHUR W. HEBEBRAND, alias Art Heberbrand, Art Hebebrand.

EDWARD GEORGE BEETER - VICTIM.

Synopsis of Facts:

Voluntary sworn statements submitted by Sally Jackson and Florence Jasany, sisters, who formerly operated Twilight Tavern, showing association of Tony Amersbach, Sharkey Gorman and Art Hebebrand with Karpis and Campbell at this tavern during period from 2/25/35 to 10/1/35. Milton Lett, Fred Hunter, and Sam Coker also frequented this tavern with Karpis and Campbell. Other information as to Butch Meusel and gambler by name of Dan, associated with Karpis and Campbell at tavern. Benson Groves was allegedly in Cleveland at the Harvard Club in July 1936, at which time he inquired of Toots Talbot as to whereabouts of "Tip" O'Neill. Groves also allegedly seen by Sally Jackson in Cleveland about this same time. Silver Grill has had telephone number PRospect 9433 during 1934, 1935, and 1936. Property at this location listed in name of Julia Patton, wife of James "Shimmy" Patton. No identification made of signature, "E. Bronson" appearing on postal receipts. No record on Wayne Preston at Cleveland Police Department.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 10/20/36; letters from Chicago office dated 11/6 and 7/36; Bureau letter dated 11/9/36.

DETAILS: The title of this report is being changed to include the correct name of COLIN MUNRO, as it has been established through criminal and correspondence records of this individual, that his correct name is as spelled above.

The names of Arthur W. Hebebrand and Anthony J. Amersbach are also being added to the title of this case, inasmuch as definite information has been obtained in the form of sworn statements from Sally Jackson and Florence Jasary, definitely implicating these two individuals in the harboring of Karpis and Campbell at Cleveland, Ohio, during 1935. Also the additional aliases Benson R. Groves, Benjamin G. Grayson, and Ben Grayson, are being added for BENSON GROVES as established from criminal record received from the Bureau. The additional alias of L. C. Reynolds is also being added for subject LUCIAN C. FLEMING.

On the afternoon of November 2, 1936, Special Agent S. K. McKee received a telephone call at the Cleveland office from Sally Jackson in which she asked that she be "picked up" on the following morning as she wanted to talk with us and as she felt she would be better off if we picked her up at the cocktail bar at 7403 Denison Avenue where she is now working and living. It is to be stated that Sally Jackson is the elder of the three sisters, who formerly operated the Twilight Tavern at 6698 Pearl Road where subjects in this case hung out prior to their apprehension.

On the morning of November 3, 1936, Special Agent S. K. McKee and the writer went to the cocktail bar at 7403 Denison Avenue, where Sally Jackson was located. She voluntarily accompanied Agents to the Cleveland office where she was interviewed. She informed that she desired to tell what she knew about Alvin Karpis and persons associated with him, for the reason that there was somebody she had to protect. She went on to relate that her sister, Pauline, had been keeping company with Tony Amersbach for about two years; that Tony had another girl named Margaret Hanson, with whom he has been living in an apartment near 81st and Detroit Streets for several years; that she realizes Tony can never mean anything except trouble for Pauline, and for that reason she, Sally, desired to tell what she knows, with the hope that the affair between her sister and Tony will be broken up. She requested that the photographs which were shown to her during previous interview be shown to her again, and when this was done, she identified the pictures of Milton Lett, Tony Amersbach, Art Hebebrand, Sharkey Gorman, Sam Coker, John Brock, Benson Groves, Fred Hunter, Alvin Karpis, and Harry Campbell as persons who had frequented the Twilight Tavern from about February 22, 1935 until some time in September 1935, together with Karpis and Campbell, and who were responsible for their being there. Miss Jackson requested that she not be pressed for complete details of her knowledge at this time for the reason that she desired to think the matter over further, also to discuss same with her younger sister, Florence Jasany. She stated that she would come to the Cleveland office on the morning of November 5, 1936, with her sister Florence, at which time she would furnish the complete details concerning the harboring of Karpis and Campbell by the persons whom she has identified, and would see to it that her sister did likewise. She said that she would not expect her sister, Pauline, to tell what she knew, as she is still in love with Tony Amersbach, but that both she and Florence would try to prevail upon Pauline to break off with Amersbach and tell the entire story to Agents of the Bureau.

The following investigation was conducted on November 2, 1936 by Special Agent S. K. McKee and the writer:

George A. "Toots" Talbot, 1385 Manor Park Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio, was interviewed and the photograph of Benson Groves was shown to him for identification purposes. He advised that he did not know the name of this man, but that he had seen him on two occasions at the Harvard Club. He stated that during the past summer, probably during July, Groves came to the club on two occasions to see "Tip" O'Neill and did see him. He said that on the first visit Groves inquired of him for O'Neill and when he found that he was not in he waited for him upon invitation. Talbot said that he had never seen Groves except as noted above, and that O'Neill was the only person who talked with him at the club. He was unable to furnish any other information as to this individual. Talbot was told that we desired to locate Groves, and was told that he was "hot." He was requested to communicate with the Cleveland office by telephone in the event Groves again put in an appearance at the club, and he indicated that he would do so, although it is to be stated that not too much confidence is to be placed in Talbot's promise in view of his connection with the Harvard Club.

Mrs. E. J. Wagner, manager of the Gordon Square Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, was contacted and the photograph of Groves was shown to her, but she could not identify it as the likeness of any person who has stopped at the hotel in the past.

While at the Gordon Square Hotel arrangements were made with Mrs. Earl Brazzil to have her husband come to the Cleveland office for interview regarding Benson Groves.

Bert Budd, caretaker of the apartment building at 11835 Lake Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio, was interviewed in the presence of his wife and brother, Charles Budd, who also reside in the building. The photograph of Benson Groves was displayed to these persons, but none of them could recognize it as the likeness of anyone they had seen. "Tip" O'Neill resides with Marie Flynn in this building and is known to the persons interviewed. It was the statement of the Budd brothers that they had never known O'Neill to have any visitors. They were requested to maintain a watch for Groves and to advise the Cleveland office in the event he put in an appearance at the O'Neill apartment, and they both said they would be glad to do so. In response to an inquiry they both stated that they had not received any prior inquiries as to Groves.

Earl R. "Stubby" Brazzil, dealer at the Harvard Club, was reinterviewed at the Cleveland office by Special Agent S. K. McKee and the writer on November 4, 1936, for possible information as to

Benson Groves. He readily identified the photograph of Groves as a man he had seen in Toledo, Ohio, on numerous occasions prior to coming to Cleveland two years ago. He said he saw him around the Jovial Club and at a bootlegging joint on the one hundred block of St. Clair Street. He advised that he has seen him frequently in the company of both Joe Roscoe and Tip O'Neill, but cannot recall any other persons he has been with. Brazzil was positive that he had never seen Groves either in Cleveland or at the Harvard Club, and that he had not seen him during the past two years or so. It is to be stated that Brazzil is apparently open and above board in his answers to questions, and states that he will communicate with this office if he comes in contact with Groves.

During further general conversation with Brazzil concerning the Harvard Club and the various persons employed there, he advised that he has not talked with any of the employees since last interviewed in this office for the reason that he has not thought it wise to be asking too many questions around the place. He stated, however, that within the past ten days he was at the cocktail bar on Denison Avenue, which is owned by Tony Amersbach and operated by Sally and Pauline Jackson, and had a few drinks with Tony and Sharkey Gorman. He stated that Tony keeps company with Pauline Jackson and also lives with a girl named Margaret. He said he was with a young girl from Newburgh Heights at the time and only stayed for a few drinks; that while in the company of Tony and Sharkey they did not talk concerning this investigation or the fugitives concerned in it.

Brazzil mentioned that he might be going to Toledo in the near future and said that if he ran into any information on Benson Groves he would communicate with this office immediately. It is to be stated that Brazzil believes the Harvard Club will have to cease operations as a result of the recent defeat of Sheriff Sultzman, and he said that if he loses his job he will go to Toledo, Ohio, where he can be reached through a sister-in-law, Mrs. Harry Doctor, 305 Stanley Court, Toledo, Ohio.

On October 30, 1936, Special Agent A. P. Kitchin contacted Chris Brown (Chris Botoff) at his residence, 7314 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, at which time Brown was found to be recuperating from an extended drunk. He stated that he has been drunk ever since the day after he was last interviewed at the Cleveland office and, therefore, has not been back to work at the Harvard Club. He was shown the photograph of Benson Groves but he could make no identification, however, it is thought advisable to again contact Brown at a later date, and when he is sober, as he was in no condition at the time of this interview to identify anyone.

In connection with the recent contacts with Sally Jackson and the arrangements made with her that she and her sister would come to this office on the morning of November 5, 1936, to furnish information in this case, it is to be stated that Florence Jasany telephoned on the morning of November 5, 1936, and advised that Sally was not feeling well and would not come to the office at the designated time. Telephonic communication was had with Sally Jackson later in the day and an appointment was made for the morning of November 6, 1936.

On the morning of November 6, 1936, Agents S. K. McKee and the writer talked with both Sally Jackson and Florence Jasany at the Cleveland office and at this time they both agreed to furnish all information in their possession as to the presence of Karpis, and others, at the Twilight Tavern and with respect to the persons responsible for their being there. They did not desire to proceed with this matter at the time of the interview for the reason that Florence had to go to work at two P. M., also because Sally wanted to move her furniture and personal effects out of the premises at 7403 Denison Avenue, where she is in business with Tony Amersbach. Definite arrangements were made, however, at the request of the two sisters, that they would appear at this office on the morning of Monday, November 9, 1936, and make complete statements in this case.

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In accordance with information obtained from [redacted] of Toledo, Ohio, relative to Wayne Preston, on November 5, 1936, Special Agent L. A. Ducommun ascertained from the Identification Bureau, Cleveland Police Department, that there is no record of a Wayne Preston. A thorough search of the files by Special Agent Ducommun failed to reflect any name similar to this, with the following exceptions: Thomas Preston, 1226 Hall Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio; James J. Preston, 4112 Resenoir Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio; Wallace V. Preston, 4116 East Robert Preston, Chicago, Illinois; 39th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

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A search of the 1933-34 and 1934-35 and 1935-36 city directories failed to list any Wayne Preston.

[redacted] was interviewed and he stated that his records failed to reflect any record of a Wayne Preston.

Inquiry was also made at the Warrensville Workhouse, but no record was found of Wayne Preston as having ever been incarcerated in that institution.

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Due to the fact that subsequent information has been obtained from [redacted] at Toledo, Ohio, relative to the fact that Wayne Preston was allegedly a state prohibition agent for the state of Ohio a separate letter is being directed to the Cincinnati office requesting discreet inquiry at the state prohibition bureau in an effort to establish the true identity of Wayne Preston, and also obtain any information in the possession of that bureau, as to his present whereabouts.

On November 7, 1936, Mr. Koch, who resides at 3874 West 33rd Street, Cleveland, Ohio, telephonically communicated with this office, at which time he informed Special Agent G. C. Callen that he had obtained information relative to the location of Milton Lett, and informed Agent Callan that Lett was allegedly driving a 1935 Ford sedan bearing Ohio license #BD 810, and that this automobile had been seen parked in front of 4601 Harvard Avenue.

Subsequent telephonic communication with Mr. Koch by Special Agent A. P. Kitchin disclosed the fact that he had obtained this information from Mr. O'Connell, who also resides at 3874 West 33rd Street. He stated that Mr. O'Connell had advised him that he had seen the individual whose photograph had been previously shown to him by Agents of this Bureau, and he recognized the individual as being Milton Lett. He stated that Lett was driving the above-mentioned automobile and parked it in front of 4601 Harvard Avenue and went into this building. Mr. Koch stated that he would endeavor to obtain more information relative to this matter, at which time he would immediately advise this office.

At the local office of the Ohio Bureau of Auto Registrations, Special Agent Clyde E. Smith, determined that the above-mentioned license was issued to Abraham Zychick, 3405 East 139th Street, Cleveland, for 1929 Chevrolet coach. A search of the city directory disclosed that Abraham Zychick, peddler, and wife, Sophie, reside at 3405 E. 139th Street, apartment #2. This individual is not listed in the telephone directory.

On November 14, 1936, Mr. Koch called at this office, at which time he informed the writer that he had further questioned O'Connell relative to the above information and had ascertained that at the time this information was obtained from O'Connell, he, O'Connell, was slightly intoxicated. He stated that on November 13, 1936, he, Koch, went to 4601 Harvard Avenue, at which time he observed an individual getting into a 1935 Ford V8 coach bearing license number BD 910, and that this individual closely resembled the photograph of Milton Lett. Mr. Koch stated that he checked the license number and

ascertained that this license was issued to Cletus W. Phillips, 13201 Union Avenue, apartment 7, and that further inquiry in that neighborhood relative to Phillips was made by him, at which time it was ascertained that Phillips is presently residing at 4900 East 110th Street, Cleveland Heights, and that Phillips rents his apartment from one Bruno Skoropa, who also resides at this same address. Mr. Koch informed this Agent that although he did not get a good view of the individual driving the above-mentioned automobile he will endeavor to make further inquiry, at which time he will advise this office the results thereof.

With reference to the request set out in letter from the Chicago Bureau Field Division dated November 7, 1936, relative to an alleged Associated Press dispatch from St. Paul relating to a purported confession made by Jesse Doyle concerning the Fairbury, Nebraska and Third Northwestern Bank of Minnesota bank robberies, around March 31, 1935, Agent checked all Cleveland newspapers on file at the public library for a period from March 15, 1935 to April 15, 1935, but these papers failed to reflect any such article having appeared in the city of Cleveland.

On November 14, 1936, Agent ascertained from Mr. Arthur Bostwick of the Associated Press, Cleveland, Ohio, that should any information be desired relative to any Associated Press dispatch emanating from the city of St. Paul, Minnesota, that inquiry could be made of the Associated Press office in that city, and they could probably ascertain from their files whether or not any such dispatch was forwarded for publication in Cleveland. He stated that in the event their files do not reflect this, that information could be obtained as to the letter of the trunk line used and the number of the communication, and that if such information is made available to the Cleveland office his files could be readily searched. He explained this by stating that the Associated Press at St. Paul has three-lettered trunk lines, namely, A, B, and K, and that all communications are dispatched to Chicago, Illinois, over one of these trunk lines and each communication given an arbitrary number. He stated that in the event no trunk line letter is on file at St. Paul, at the the Associated Press, that the Chicago office of the Associated Press would disclose this. The St. Paul Bureau field division is being requested to conduct the above suggested investigation at the offices of the Associated Press, such request being made by letter.

With reference to the request set out in the letter from the Chicago Bureau Field Division on November 6, 1936, the following investigation was conducted by this Agent:

A search of the files of the County Surveyor's office, disclosed that the address 2801 Detroit Avenue, on which property the Silver Grill is operated, is listed in the name of Julia Patton for the years 1934, 1935, and 1936, and that such an address appears on the county maps as being sub-lot #391 on map three of Subdivision B. & L. A further check of the maps mentioned above affirmed this information.

From Miss Mabel Hiller in the office of Mr. Rudolph Christman, 704 Ohio Bell Telephone Building, it was ascertained that telephone number Main 6282 was listed to the Commercial Traffic Company, room 322, Huron-Ninth Building, and that this telephone number had been listed to this firm for several years prior to 1934. She also stated that Main 0069 was at the present time listed to the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company and was a leased line direct to Akron, Ohio. She informed this Agent that it would be impossible to determine whether or not this number was assigned to the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company for previous years, without a lengthy search through the files. She stated, however, that it is the general custom of larger corporations to maintain the same private line listed for all years, beginning at the first year they lease any direct line.

A search of the 1934, 1935 and 1936 telephone directories in the office of Miss Hiller disclosed that telephone number of the Silver Grill, 2801 Detroit Avenue, has been Prospect 9433 for the years above-mentioned.

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[redacted] informed this Agent that he has a very meager file relative to the Commercial Traffic Company. He stated that his files reflect [redacted] and that the present location of this company is in room 322 Huron-Ninth Building; that William Aichele is president of this concern, and that the last address they have for this individual is 1314 Park Row, Lakewood, Ohio. [redacted] stated that he had no information relative to the type of business conducted by the Commercial Traffic Company.

Mr. Sherman Watts, financial manager, Cleveland Better Business Bureau, was interviewed by Agent and he stated that his office has no file relative to the Commercial Traffic Company, and that he has no personal information concerning this business. He referred Agent to [redacted]

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[redacted] was contacted telephonically by Special Agent Clyde E. Smith, at which time he advised Agent Smith that his files reflect that the Commercial Traffic Company, located at 322 Huron-Ninth Building, Cleveland, has been in operation since May of 1933, with a capital stock of $1,500. He stated that William Aichele, president; Alex D. Whiteside, treasurer; and Harry P. Connor, secretary, were all of the officers listed for this company. When questioned as to the type of business conducted by this company, he stated that it was his understanding that the Commercial Traffic Company handles transportation of merchandise for companies not having a traffic department or traffic manager; that they also handle re-routing of merchandise shipped into Cleveland for various trucking concerns. [redacted] informed Agent Smith that he had no information relative to the character or reputation of any of the above-mentioned officers.

Relative to the statement of Lillian Marea in which she makes mention of the fact that Sharkey Gorman called at the Edith Barry house in the spring of 1935, in a green Graham Paige coupe, and the fact that it was thought that this automobile might possibly have been the automobile of Tony Amersbach, it is noted that in the interview with Tony Amersbach, as is recited in report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, Cleveland, Ohio, October 6, 1936, Amersbach informed that he at one time possessed a Graham Paige sedan. In the interview with Florence Jasany by this Agent and Special Agent E. J. Lynn, on November 11, 1936, Florence Jasany was questioned relative to the type automobile owned by Tony Amersbach, and she stated that she has no knowledge of Amersbach having owned a green Paige coupe, but that she did know that during 1935 Amersbach did possess a large Paige sedan, but she could not recall the color of this automobile. Further inquiries will be made in this regard.

On November 9, 1936 a laboratory report was received by this office from the Bureau, wherein it was stated that no identification had been effected of the signature, "E. Bronson" appearing on the photostatic copies of the reverse side of five C.O.D. package receipts dated July 11, 1934. This report also states that these signatures were also compared with the name, "Chas. Bronson" appearing on the application for duplicate transfer of title, but that no conclusion was reached.

Due to the fact that Sally Jackson and Florence Jasany did not appear at the Cleveland office on Monday, November 9, 1936, this Agent contacted Sally Jackson telephonically at which time she advised that she would call at this office on Wednesday, November 11, 1936, at which time she would bring her sister, Florence, and that they both would give detailed statements relative to the fact that Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis and others frequented the Twilight Tavern during the time she operated same.

On November 11, 1936, Florence Jasany and Sally Jackson called at this office, at which time they were interviewed by Special Agent E. J. Wynn and the writer. Both Sally Jackson and Florence Jasany gave the following voluntary, sworn statements, the original of which are being retained in the files of the Cleveland bureau field division:

"Cleveland, Ohio,
"November 11, 1936.

"I, SALLY JACKSON, make the following free and voluntary statement to A. Paul Kitchin and E. J. Wynn, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice:

"In 1935 my sisters, Pauline and Florence Jasany, and myself were operating the Twilight Tavern located at 6698 Pearl Road, Cleveland, Ohio.

"On or about February 24, 1935, I went to the hospital for an operation. I recall that it was on or about February 24th, because my birthday is on George Washington's birthday, February 22nd, and it was just a few days after my birthday that I went to the hospital. I was confined in the hospital for about three weeks, being released about the middle of March 1935. While I was in the hospital I was visited by my sisters, Pauline and Florence, who told me about some men who were visiting the Twilight Tavern and who were spending quite a good deal of money, and they referred to these men as Slim and Fred.

"After being released from the hospital I returned to the Twilight Tavern where we three sisters lived, and a day or so after I returned I met the men who were called Slim and Fred. From a large number of photographs I have selected the photograph which I am told is that of Alvin Karpis, and I identify it as the man known to me as Slim. I have also selected the photograph of a man I am told is that of Fred Hunter, and I positively identify this photograph as being that of the man referred to as Fred.

"On the occasion my first meeting them they were accompanied by another man, but I do not know his identity, and I never saw him again. These three men, that is Slim, Fred and the unknown man, remained in the sleeping quarters at the Twilight Tavern over night and left about noon the next day. They had revolvers in their coat pockets and Slim asked me where he could put his hardware, meaning his guns.

"I have known Tony Amersbach for about four years and he was a customer at the Twilight Tavern as were several of the gamblers from the Harvard Club. After Slim, Fred and the third man left, perhaps the day thereafter, Tony came into the Twilight Tavern and referred to Slim and Fred and told me that he had given me a good break by steering such good customers to our tavern. I do not know whether it was at this particular time, or at a subsequent time that Tony Amersbach told me that Slim and Fred were big time gamblers, but I do know that he did tell me this. I had no reason to doubt his word about this and I do know that Slim and Fred had plenty of money on their persons at all times.

"It was in the latter part of March, or the first part of April 1935, that Slim and Fred again visited the Twilight Tavern, arriving there about seven or eight P. M. At this time they were accompanied by a man whom they called George. I had previously heard about George from my sister, Pauline, but I had never met him. George, on this occasion, was very drunk. These three men remained until about two or three A. M. and I know they had revolvers on their persons at this time because I saw them. From a large number of photographs shown to me I have selected the photograph of a man I am told is Harry Campbell, and I positively identify this photograph as being that of the individual referred to as George.

"Thereafter, in the course of the next month, Alvin Karpis, Fred Hunter and Harry Campbell, who as I have said, were known to me respectively as Slim, Fred and George, visited the Twilight Tavern on several occasions and it may be that they remained over night on several occasions, but I am not particularly clear as to this.

"Some time in the latter part of April 1935, I recall that one morning between 3 A. M. and 4 A. M., Art Hebebrand, whom I have known for several years as the operator of the Harvard Club, at which place I have visited and gambled, came to the Twilight Tavern accompanied by Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, a gambler from the Harvard Club known as Dan, and a fifth man, whom I had never seen before, and have never seen since. I had just closed the Twilight Tavern and was in my room preparing to retire when I saw a car drive into the driveway, and I went down to open the door, and Pauline, my sister, came downstairs with me. I was hesitant about opening the door, and I called and asked who was there. A man's voice responded, 'Art', and not being sure just who it was, I pulled the shade and saw Art Hebebrand, and I admitted the men. Art Hebebrand immediately went into the dining room with Alvin Karpis and ordered a quart of Scotch, and told me

to leave the Scotch on the table. He then told me to pull all the shades in the dining room, to lock the front door, and not to let anyone in. George, the gambler Dan, and the unknown man stood at the bar while Art Hebebrand and Alvin Karpis sat in the dining room drinking the Scotch and talking privately. On this occasion Art Hebebrand gave me instructions not to disturb the conversation he was having with Alvin Karpis. These two men remained in conversation for an hour or more and came out of the dining room and Art Hebebrand gave me a $20 bill in payment for the bottle of Scotch and then immediately the five men left in the large automobile in which they had arrived at the tavern.

"I can place the date of this particular incident, recalling that it was just about three weeks before a big chicken fry, which we had at the Twilight Tavern on May 19, 1935. Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell came to this chicken fry arriving at the tavern together. Shortly after they arrived, at about possibly eleven P. M., Tony Amersbach, accompanied by a gambler from the Harvard Club known to me by the name of Butch, came to the tavern and ate, and as I recall they sat at their own table while eating. Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell exchanged setups of drinks with Tony and the gambler called Butch, that is, Karpis and Campbell would buy Tony and Butch a drink and have it sent to their table, and Tony and Butch would return the favor. This kept up all evening.

"About three A. M. Art Hebebrand and his girl friend, Ruth, came to the tavern, and by this time Alvin Karpis had become so drunk he passed out and was upstairs in bed. All of the individuals, that is Harry Campbell, Tony Amersbach, the gambler Butch, Art Hebebrand and the latter's girl friend, Ruth, got together in a big party. As I recall, Ruth's last name is Spangler. All of these persons were having a great time and they called me over to their table on several occasions and insisted that I take a drink. Art Hebebrand and Ruth left about eight A. M.

"I recall that when Karpis became so drunk it was apparent he was going to pass out, I helped him upstairs and he went to bed. He had two pistols on him and he insisted that I put them away. He also had a wallet stuffed with bills and I would say that he had several thousand dollars. I might say that both Karpis and Campbell carried large sums of money, and they had packages of $50 bills with the bank wrapper around them, and they flashed their money very openly.

"When Art Hebebrand and Ruth left, Art said he would take care of the bill for the whole party and told me to come to the Harvard Club and collect it, but I told Art that I would not do that and Tony, who was present at that time, pulled out a large roll of bills and paid Art's bill. I recall that Art Hebebrand's bill was $49.00. Immediately after Art Hebebrand and Ruth left, Tony Amersbach and Harry Campbell went upstairs and went to sleep in the room where Alvin Karpis was sleeping. After they had been asleep for several hours I went up and knocked on the door and looked in and all three were in the room in conversation. Shortly afterwards Tony Amersbach came down and told me he had to get over to the Harvard Club to work, so I cooked his breakfast and he left right away. I drove Tony to the Harvard Club to work.

"As I have stated, Tony Amersbach, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell slept in the same room upstairs and I saw them there in conversation. When Tony came down to get his breakfast he pretended not to know who Karpis and Campbell were and asked me how they came there. If I recall correctly he said, 'How did you get acquainted with those fellows?' I was surprised because my sisters Florence and Pauline told me that Tony Amersbach had made arrangements for these men before they ever came to the tavern. This statement of Tony Amersbach, in view of this, and also in view of the fact that he had told me previously that these men were big time gamblers, struck me as being peculiar, especially since at this particular time he said that the men looked like big time bootleggers. I told Tony Amersbach at that time that he brought the men to the tavern and I asked him what he meant by denying that he knew them. He told me that I must be mistaken.

"Butch the gambler, who was there the night before at the chicken fry, and did not stay over night, and I think he took the automobile in which he and Tony had arrived at the tavern, to go home in.

"Shortly after Tony Amersbach left, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell came downstairs and I cooked their breakfast for them. I recall that Campbell asked me for Art Hebebrand's bill, stating that he would pay it, and I told him that it was already taken care of, and he seemed somewhat surprised. Campbell paid the bill for himself and Karpis. I remembered that Karpis' bill was $32.00, but I cannot recall the amount of Campbell's bill. I recall that Tony Amersbach's bill was $28.00, which he paid in the morning before he left for work.

"After Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis had breakfast they left, but returned to the tavern late in the late afternoon and

I recall that they insisted on having steaks for supper, and I went out with Campbell and bought some steaks and came back and my sister, Florence, cooked the steaks for them. For some reason Karpis became peeved and went upstairs and went to bed and did not come down to eat. Butch, the gambler, arrived at the Twilight Tavern and he asked for the boys. However, Karpis would not come downstairs, whereupon Butch remained and ate Karpis' steak and then Butch left. The next day Karpis and Campbell left and as I recall in about a week they returned and they had with them a fellow they called Willie. From a large number of photographs I have selected the photograph of a man I am told is Milton Lett, and I positively identify this photograph as being the man called Willie. They sat around and drank and then left. Thereafter, Milton Lett visited the Twilight Tavern with Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell on two or three occasions, more particularly with Harry Campbell, as I recall that on several occasions Milton Lett and Harry Campbell came to the Twilight Tavern and sat around and drank for several hours at a time.

"I have known Sharkey Gorman for about four years, having seen him at the Harvard Club where he was employed. I have selected a photograph of Sharkey Gorman from a large number of photographs exhibited to me.

"One day, some time in July 1935, as best I can recall, Sharkey Gorman came to the Twilight Tavern. I presume someone drove him there because I did not see a car parked around the place. He came in and asked for Slim and George. Karpis and Campbell had been at the Twilight Tavern earlier that day and seemed to be nervous about the time because they kept looking at the clock and wanted to know whether it was right. When Sharkey Gorman arrived, as I have stated, I told him that Slim and George had been there but had left, and I told him that they would be back later as they told me to tell that to Sharkey Gorman when he came to the tavern. Sharkey Gorman loafed around the tavern and kept looking out toward the road and finally I noticed a high-powered car drive by and Sharkey went out, got into this car and was driven away. I do not know whose car this was, or who was in the car.

"I recall that on one occasion Sharkey Gorman and Alvin Karpis came to the Twilight Tavern and sat around and drank liquor and talked for quite some time. I did not hear what they said because they seemed to be talking privately. This is the only time that I saw Sharkey Gorman with Karpis at the Twilight Tavern.

"I recall that Sharkey Gorman, on at least three or four occasions during the summer of 1935, would come to the Twilight Tavern and apparently loaf around, but would always watch the road, and on these occasions I would notice him leave the tavern and get into an automobile which pulled by the tavern at a high rate of speed and stopped down the road. I recall that one time he came there, but the big car did not come down the road so I called a cab for him to go back to the Harvard Club. On this occasion he seemed to be disappointed and asked me if the boys, meaning Karpis and Campbell, had been there, and I told him that they had not.

"Sharkey Gorman was not a regular customer and it appeared that when he came to the tavern he always had the purpose in mind of meeting Karpis and Campbell, because he would always ask me if Slim and George had been around.

"Some time during the month of July 1935, Karpis and Campbell and Fred Hunter came to the Twilight Tavern in a Ford coupe which they parked in my garage. Karpis became drunk on this occasion and went to sleep and before going to sleep he gave me his guns, wallet and the keys to his car to take care of. I went out and looked in the rumble seat of the car and I saw several guns in this compartment, including a machine gun.

"I cannot recall all the occasions on which these individuals visited the Twilight Tavern, but I do recall that in September 1935, Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter came to the place in two automobiles and as I recall they were Ford cars. They had a man with them they called Tommy. I recall that this man Tommy had gold teeth and talked in a rather hoarse voice. Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell said that he was an old time friend of theirs. From a large group of photographs I have selected one which I am told is that of Sam Coker, which is marked on the front with numbers 14023, and I positively identify this photograph as being the man referred to as Tommy. These men were talking about going to the Max Baer-Joe Louis fight in New York City, and told me that they had chartered a plane to make the trip. I recall that about a week later these men, that is Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Fred Hunter and Sam Coker, came back to the Twilight Tavern together and I think they were driving two Ford automobiles. They went into great detail telling me about their trip to New York and mentioned that they had been to Jack Dempsey's restaurant and that Sam Coker won a Ford sedan from Alvin Karpis on the outcome of the fight. On this occasion they arrived in the morning and remained around all day and did not leave until about ten o'clock that night. They left once in the afternoon and came back in the evening. I recall that on this occasion Harry Campbell and my sister, Pauline, went out in the orchard and picked a basket of pears.

"When the men left on this occasion they told me that they would be gone for three or four months as they were going to California. I recall that on August 25, 1935, we had a clam bake at the Twilight Tavern and as was my custom before we held such affairs, I went to the Harvard Club in order to sell tickets. As I went into the Harvard Club, to my left in the barber shop, I noticed Alvin Karpis, Campbell, and Fred Hunter standing and talking. I did not make any sign of recognition to them at the club. I later found Art Hebebrand in the club and sold him a number of tickets to the clam bake.

"Harry Campbell told me on one occasion that he visited the Twilight Tavern that he worked at the Harvard Club as a dice switcher, that is, when dice got hot for a customer he would inject himself into the game and palm the hot dice and throw some cold dice into the game. He said this was a nerve-racking business and that he made as much as $300 or $500 a night doing it, and that there was danger in it as he had to be backed up by someone so that if anyone saw the switch and started trouble the customer could be persuaded to calm down.

"On or about October 2, 1936, I was questioned at the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the Standard Building, Cleveland, Ohio, together with my sisters Pauline and Florence. Afterwards we went to 7403 Denison Avenue where Pauline and I run a tavern. Tony Amersbach has an interest in this tavern.

"Several weeks before this, in the tavern on Denison Avenue, Tony Amersbach told me that he had been questioned about the Karpis gang and that undoubtedly I would be questioned. He also told me that a lot of boys at the Harvard Club were questioned. He told me that if I were questioned at the Standard Building I would be shown a large number of photographs, including those of Karpis and Campbell, and that I was not to identify any photographs except those of himself and Art Hebebrand, or some of the local boys at the Harvard Club, whose photographs I might see. He told me I could be sentenced to the penitentiary for five years for harboring criminals. He told me to make no admissions, but to tell the Federal Agents that the Twilight Tavern was a public place and that Karpis and Campbell might have been in there, but I paid no particular attention to the customers inasmuch as it was a public place. When he questioned us after we were talked to at the Standard Building he asked me if I had been shown a large number of photographs and I told him I had and he asked me if I had made any identifications and I told him that I had not, except that I had identified the photograph of Art Hebebrand. At this time he again cautioned me about making any admissions and told me to deny that I had ever seen any of these men.

"Just about a week ago at the tavern on Denison Avenue, Tony Amersbach and Sharkey Gorman came in the place and they again questioned me, wanting to know if I had been questioned again by the Federal Agents. Sharkey at this time told me not to let the Federal Agents "burn me up", telling me that was the way they worked, and if they figured I was hot tempered they would get me mad in order to get me to say something.

"As I have stated, Karpis, Campbell, Fred Hunter, and Sam Coker, after their return to Cleveland from New York, visited the Twilight Tavern for one whole day and then left, stating they would be gone for three or four months. I never saw them any more after this time, nor did I ever see Milton Lett again.

"On May 1, 1936, I had to go to the hospital for an operation and while in the hospital I was visited by my sisters, Florence and Pauline, and they brought the newspapers with the pictures of Alvin Karpis and Campbell, and it was at this time that I learned for the first time the true identity of the men who visited the tavern, who were known to me as Slim and George.

"Several times during the past few weeks Tony Amersbach has made reference to my having been questioned by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. About two days following the time I was first questioned I was at a party at the Airport Tavern with Tony Amersbach, Ruth Spangler, Pauline, my sister, and several other people, and several times on this occasion Tony Amersbach made reference to my having been questioned and told me not to say anything and to make no admissions. On one occasion while he was talking with me he became quite abusive in his language and we had an argument and he told me that some morning he would take me for a ride and not bring me back.

"On one occasion, Milton Lett, known to me as Willie, spent the night with Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell at the Twilight Tavern. I do not remember the exact date of this occasion, but I know they all stayed in the same room.

"I make this statement for the purpose of telling all I know with respect to this matter and give it freely and voluntarily.

/s/ SALLY JACKSON

WITNESSES:

A. Paul Kitchin E. J. Wynn
Special Agents, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Cleveland, Ohio.

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 11th day of November, 1936. (SEAL)

Alice Helen Hughes, Notary Public,
My commission expires 12/12/38."

"I, FLORENCE JASANY, 1432 Castle Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, make the following statement to E. J. Wynn and A. F. Kitchin, Special Agents, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, freely and voluntarily:

"I am 19 years of age and reside with my parents at the above address.

"From August 15, 1934, until December 23, 1935, I was working at the Twilight Tavern intermittently and from on or about February 22, 1935, until December 23, 1935, I was working continuously at this tavern. This tavern was located at 6698 Pearl Road and was owned by my sister, Sally Jackson. During the period that I worked at this tavern Pauline Jasany, another sister of mine, was also employed at this tavern.

"I have known Tony Amersbach for approximately two years and from the beginning of the time that my sister opened the Twilight Tavern, Tony Amersbach was a regular customer at this place.

"On or about February 24, 1935, my sister, Sally Jackson, went to the hospital, leaving Pauline Jasany and me at the Twilight Tavern to operate same. A few days after my sister Sally went to the hospital, Tony Amersbach and Sharkey Gorman, whom I had known for several months, came to the Twilight Tavern, at which time Tony Amersbach told me that he was expecting some friends of his to come to the Twilight Tavern and that upon their arrival, I should accept these men and take care of them as they were friends of his.

"On the evening of this same day, Alvin Karpis, Fred Hunter, and an unknown man came to the Twilight Tavern. From a number of photographs exhibited to me, I have picked out the photographs of Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter as being the men known to me as Slim and Freddie respectively, and as the same men that came to the Twilight Tavern with the unknown party as stated above.

"Very shortly after the arrival of Slim and Freddie and the unknown man at the Twilight Tavern, Tony Amersbach arrived at the tavern alone. He asked me at this time whether the 'boys', meaning Slim and Freddie, were at the tavern and after I told him that they were, he went into the dining room and seated himself at the table, which was at that time occupied by Slim, Freddie and the unknown man. He talked to these men for about a half an hour and then left the Twilight Tavern alone. After the departure of Tony Amersbach, Slim, Freddie and this unknown man left the Twilight Tavern.

"A day or two later, Freddie and Slim returned to the Twilight Tavern about 9 P. M. and asked me to prepare dinner for them; they stated that they wanted a special kind of salad, whereupon Slim and Freddie left the Twilight Tavern and returned shortly with the necessary vegetables. Shortly after Slim and Freddie returned to the tavern with the vegetables, Tony Amersbach arrived at the tavern. Tony Amersbach, Slim and Freddie had dinner together on this occasion at the tavern and conversed together for approximately one hour and then Tony left the tavern alone. Shortly after his departure, Slim and Freddie left the tavern.

"The next time I saw either Slim or Freddie was the day after my sister Sally returned from the hospital, at which time Slim, Freddie and another unknown man came to the tavern. On this occasion they remained over night and left the following day about noon. This occasion was around the middle of March 1935.

"The latter part of March or the first of April, I returned to the tavern about 11 o'clock at night and found at the tavern Alvin Karpis, Fred Hunter and Harry Campbell, who was later known to me as Georgie. From several photographs shown to me, I have selected the photograph which I identify positively as being the man known to me as Georgie and have been told that this is a photograph of Harry Campbell. On this occasion, these three men remained at the tavern until about 2 or 3 o'clock the following morning, at which time they left.

"Around this time, Tony Amersbach, in referring to Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and Fred Hunter being at the Twilight Tavern, told me that these men were 'big shot gamblers.'

"Between this time and May 19, 1935, Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter came to the Twilight Tavern on several occasions, and on May 19th they remained over night.

"On May 19, 1935, we had a chicken fry at the Twilight Tavern and on this night Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell came to the tavern some time before 11 o'clock and about 11 or 11:30 o'clock Tony Amersbach and a gambler known to me by the name of Butch arrived at the tavern. During this particular night, I was working entirely in the dining room and waited on the tables occupied by both Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, and Tony Amersbach and Butch. During the first part of this night, Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis would buy a drink and have it delivered to the table of Tony Amersbach and Butch and in turn Tony Amersbach and Butch would buy a drink and have it served at the table of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell. This trading of favors happened several times in the forepart of this evening. About 2:30 or 3 o'clock in the morning, Alvin Karpis had become quite intoxicated and had gone upstairs and

gone to bed. At this time Harry Campbell seated himself at the table then occupied by Tony Amersbach and Butch. Shortly after Alvin Karpis went upstairs to go to bed, Art Hebebrand, whom I knew on sight and had known for approximately six months, arrived at the tavern with his girl friend, Ruth Spangler. Art Hebebrand and Ruth Spangler obtained a table alone but shortly thereafter, they joined Tony Amersbach, Harry Campbell and Butch at Tony's table.

"About 8 or 8:30 on the same morning, Art Hebebrand and Ruth Spangler left the Twilight Tavern and shortly thereafter Tony Amersbach and Harry Campbell went upstairs and went to bed in the same room that was at that time occupied by Alvin Karpis. About 10:30 or 11 on this same morning, I recall seeing Tony Amersbach come downstairs and inquire about his breakfast. I also recall Tony left the Twilight Tavern shortly thereafter.

"About a half an hour after Tony had left the Twilight Tavern, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell came downstairs and came into the kitchen where I was at that time helping my sister, Sally. After Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell had their breakfast, I saw them give my sister Pauline $10.00 as a tip for her services on the previous night. Shortly after this, I heard Harry Campbell inquire of my sister Sally what the bill for the party on the previous night amounted to as he wanted to pay the bill of Art Hebebrand. I heard my sister Sally tell Harry Campbell that Art Hebebrand's bill had been paid, whereupon Harry Campbell remarked that he was sorry about this as he wanted to pay Art Hebebrand's bill. He then asked concerning the bill of Alvin Karpis and himself and he paid both of these bills at this time. I recall that the bill of Alvin Karpis was $32.00 but I do not recall the amount of Harry Campbell's bill.

"Shortly after this, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell left the Twilight Tavern. Both of these men returned about 8 o'clock the same evening and remained at the tavern and drank until about 11 or 12 on this same night. They remarked about wanting some steak for dinner, whereupon my sister Sally and Harry Campbell went out and bought four steaks. When they returned with these steaks, Alvin Karpis was upstairs and refused to come down and eat. Shortly after this, Butch, whom I have mentioned heretofore, came to the tavern and asked for 'the boys', meaning Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell. At this time Butch was told that Alvin Karpis was upstairs and had refused to come down, whereupon Butch seated himself at the table and ate the steak that was intended for Alvin Karpis. Both Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis remained at the Twilight Tavern over night and around noon the following day left the tavern.

"Three or four days later, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell returned to the Twilight Tavern, at which time they brought with them Milton Lett, who was introduced to me as Willie. From several photographs exhibited to me, I have selected the picture of an individual known to me as Willie and have been told that this is a photograph of Milton Lett. Appearing on this photograph is 'Akron, Ohio, 26337 10-20-35.' These men remained at the tavern for several hours but did not stay over night on this occasion.

"On three or four occasions after this, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Milton Lett and Fred Hunter came to the tavern but I do not recall the exact occasions. After about the third or fourth time after the chicken fry, Alvin Karpis did not come to the tavern for several weeks.

"Along the latter part of July, Alvin Karpis returned to the Twilight Tavern. On this occasion Fred Hunter and Harry Campbell came to the tavern and told us that they had a surprise for us and a few minutes later, Alvin Karpis walked into the tavern. A few days after this, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell came to the Twilight Tavern and waited around for about an hour. During this time they appeared nervous and continuously looked at the clock. About 10:30 on this morning, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell left the Twilight Tavern and stated that should Sharkey Gorman come to the tavern, he should be told that they would return later in the afternoon. A short time after Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell left the tavern, Sharkey Gorman came to the Twilight Tavern and asked if 'the boys' were there. He waited around the tavern for about an hour and after a big automobile passed the tavern, Sharkey Gorman went out to the curb and this automobile turned around and picked up Sharkey Gorman. I do not know who was in this automobile or the kind of car it was.

"Around the latter part of July, Fred Hunter, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell again came to the Twilight Tavern, at which time they remained over night. On this night Alvin Karpis became quite intoxicated early in the evening and went upstairs and went to bed.

"Although I can not recall any specific dates, I do know that Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and Fred Hunter, and sometimes accompanies by Willie, came to the tavern thereafter off and on.

"Around the middle of September 1935, Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter and Sam Coker, who was introduced to me as Tommy, came to the Twilight Tavern, at which time they said they were going to New York to attend the Max Baer and Joe Louis prize fight. From several photographs exhibited to me, I have positively

identified the photograph of an individual known to me as Tommy, and have been told that this is a photograph of Sam Coker. On this photograph appear the numerals 14023. On this occasion, I think they were driving two automobiles. I heard one of these men say at this time that they had chartered an airplane to take this trip to New York in.

"About a week or ten days later, Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter and Sam Coker returned to the Twilight Tavern and on this occasion, they were driving two automobiles. At this time Sam Coker, who was known to me as Tommy, stated that he had won a new automobile from Alvin Karpis as a result of a bet on the prize fight.

"About 7 o'clock on this afternoon, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Fred Hunter and Sam Coker left the Twilight Tavern, after they had said good-bye to my sisters and me, stating that they would not return for several months as they were going to California. About an hour later, all four of these men returned to the Twilight Tavern, at which time Harry Campbell and my sister Pauline went into our orchard and gathered a basket of pears. They remained at the tavern until about 10:30 on this evening. Since they left the Twilight Tavern on this occasion, I have not seen either of these individuals.

"On May 1, 1936, my sister Sally was in Deaconess Hospital and on this date the Cleveland newspapers carried the photographs of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell and an article that stated that Alvin Karpis had been captured in New Orleans, La. My sister Pauline and I went to the hospital and showed these pictures to my sister Sally and it was at this time that I first learned the identity of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell.

"During the time that Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Fred Hunter and the rest of this gang were frequenting the Twilight Tavern, on numerous occasions, I saw pistols on the persons of Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and Fred Hunter. I saw these individuals give their pistols to my sister Sally, handing them across the bar, stating, 'Sally, put the hardware away.'

"I know, having learned from my sister Sally, that Fred Hunter worked at the Harvard Club, and on one occasion was told by Harry Campbell that Milton Lett was also employed at that club. I have never visited the Harvard Club except on one occasion and at that time I did not see any of the members of this gang.

"On or about October 2nd, I was interviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the Standard Building, Cleveland, Ohio, and on the day following this interview, I was at 7403 Denison Agenue. At this place I had conversation with Tony Amersbach and he inquired as to what I had told the Agents when I was interviewed and he told me at this time that I should not identify any photographs except the boys at the club. Shortly

after this, I was at the Clinton Club in the presence of Tony Amersbach, at which time he told me that if I did admit anything to the Government men 'that I would only be putting myself in the bag.'

"On Friday, November 6, 1936, I was again at the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and when I returned to 7403 Denison Avenue, Tony Amersbach again asked me what I had told and why I had been at the above office; he again told me that I should not identify any of the photographs or admit anything relative to this investigation. My sister Pauline was present during the above conversation.

"I make this statement freely and voluntarily for the purpose of giving all information in my possession in reference to this matter.

/s/ FLORENCE JASANY

WITNESSES:

A. P. Kitchin
L. J. Wynn,
Special Agents,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

(SEAL)

STATE OF OHIO)
) ss.
COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA)

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence by Florence Jasany, this 11th day of November 1936.

Alice Helen Hughes
Notary Public
My commission expires 12/12/38."

In addition to the above statements Sally Jackson informed Agents that she had previously identified the photograph of Benson Groves, in the presence of S. K. McKee, and A. P. Kitchin, due to the fact that she had some information that she desired to give these Agents relative to the fact that Benson Groves, during the summer of 1936, was allegedly seen by her in Cleveland. She stated, however, that she had never seen this individual at the Twilight Tavern to her knowledge.

Sally Jackson stated that she had obtained information from a woman friend, whose name she refused to divulge, that a man by the name of Pat, whom she identified as Benson Groves, was associated with a man by the name of Pete and that these two individuals frequented a beer tavern in the vicinity of 82nd Street and Hough Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. She stated that this woman friend had informed her that on one occasion she observed Pete and Pat in an argument over the division of approximately $4,500, at which time Pat had made the remark that he would do bodily harm to Pete in the event a division could not be made. She stated that on this same date she was with this woman friend in the vicinity of 105th Street and Euclid Avenue, at which time this woman told her she was to meet Pete and Pat to deliver a message to them; that she later observed a new Ford roadster drive up to the curb, at which time this woman friend talked to both Pete and Pat; that she observed Pat and she is reasonably sure that this individual is identical with Benson Groves.

Sally Jackson again observed the photograph of Benson Groves, at which time she stated this photograph greatly resembled the individual known to her as Pat, but she had not seen this individual since approximately July 1936. She was further questioned relative to this matter, but she stated that she would rather not divulge any further information for fear of embarrassing this particular woman friend. However, it was thought advisable that Sally Jackson be reinterviewed in this regard at a later date.

Sally Jackson stated that on May 19, 1935, when the chicken fry at the Twilight Tavern was in progress, Victor Gajdos of 3455 West 52nd Street, and his three piece orchestra, were entertaining at the tavern and that she is reasonably certain that the members of this orchestra would be able to identify the photographs of Alvin Karpis and other individuals in attendance at this chicken fry, including Art Hebebrand and Tony Amersbach. She stated with reference to this fact that both Karpis and Hebebrand paid large amounts for request numbers played by this orchestra on this occasion. She also stated

that on two or three occasions when Alvin Karpis was present at the Twilight Tavern a pianist by the name of Howard was entertaining at the tavern, and that on one occasion she recalls that Alvin Karpis specifically requested her to go to the home of Howard and bring him to the Twilight Tavern to entertain him on this evening. She stated in this connection that the favorite song of Alvin Karpis was the Missouri Waltz, and that Harry Campbell often requested his favorite number, the Wabash Blues.

After the interview with Sally Jackson, and while Agents were en route to 7403 Denison Avenue, Sally Jackson pointed out a place on Ridgefield Avenue, which she stated was the residence of Waldy, or Walter, last name unknown, who delivered ice to the Twilight Tavern and who is personally acquainted with the pianist by the name of Howard. She stated she has no doubt but that this information could be obtained from Waldy. She also stated that Waldy was also well known at Pete's Wayside Inn on Ridge Road, and that if she was mistaken relative to the residence of Waldy, that same could be obtained from the manager of Pete's Wayside Inn.

With reference to the above-mentioned chicken fry, on May 19, 1935, Sally Jackson stated that six or seven men became intoxicated on this occasion and this necessitated their remaining at the Twilight Tavern over night. She stated that a man by the name of Jack, last name unknown, whose mother operates a restaurant at 65th Street and Clark Avenue, remained at the tavern this night; also Tony Zaponi, who operates a spaghetti joint at 87th and Lorain Avenue; a man by the name of George Rumple, who lives on 81st Street off Lorain Avenue, and who is an electrician by trade and who frequents the Harvard Club, also remained at this tavern over night in an intoxicated condition.

Sally Jackson also stated that her brothers, John Jasany, who was the bartender on this occasion, and Andy Jasany, who helped in the kitchen, are both employed by the Gair-Cleveland Cartons, Inc. and will probably remember Karpis and Campbell and also other individuals at the tavern on this occasion, including Hebebrand and Tony Amersbach, sufficiently to identify their photographs.

Agents were further advised by Sally Jackson, that at one time, shortly after she returned from the hospital in March 1935, she was informed by her sister Pauline that she, Pauline, Tony Amersbach, Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis had gone to the Lindy Tavern operated by their sister, Marie ~~Tomasy~~ at Berea; that Pauline informed her that Tony Amersbach had given her $20, stating that she should purchase drinks for Karpis and Campbell as they had spent a good deel of money

at the Twilight Tavern. Sally stated she could not recall whether or not Karpis and Campbell were alleged to have gone in the same automobile with Pauline and Tony or whether they drove their own automobile to Berea. Sally stated that her sister Marie also frequented the Twilight Tavern during occasions when Karpis and Campbell were present, and that she would probably recall them sufficiently to identify their photographs.

Sally Jackson also stated that on one occasion shortly after she came home from the hospital in March 1935, Officer Louis Kilmer of the Parma Heights Police, came to the Twilight Tavern, at which time Karpis and Campbell were present; that Kilmer had numerous drinks with Karpis and Campbell and Alvin Karpis on this occasion gave Kilmer about ten LaPalina cigars; that on the following day she, Sally, had occasion to drive into Parma Heights, and Officer Kilmer gave her a ticket for speeding; that she returned to the Twilight Tavern and told Karpis of this incident. She stated that at this time Karpis was quite drunk and he made some remark relative to the fact that he would dispose of this officer, whereupon Harry Campbell, who was sober on this occasion, told Karpis to "Shut up or you will talk too much." She also stated that on the morning after the chicken fry, and on May 20, 1935, Louis Kilmer again came to the Twilight Tavern, at which time Karpis and Campbell were eating their breakfast; that at this time Kilmer greeted both Karpis and Campbell. She stated that Kilmer then proceeded to lecture her relative to allowing the Twilight Tavern to remain open all night, whereupon she took exception to his statement and engaged in a short argument with him and as a result he left, whereupon Karpis complimented her on her spunk and told her that she was the kind of a woman he liked. She also stated that Kilmer was at the tavern on other occasions but she could not recall the specific dates.

Sally stated that Helene Kachmere, who resides at 1588 Lakewood Avenue, frequented assisted her at the Twilight Tavern during 1935 on occasions when she had special dinners; that she specifically recalls that Helene was assisting her on the night of May 19, 1935 at the above mentioned chicken fry. She stated that this girl waited on the tables in the dining room and had occasion to see everyone in this dining room. She stated that she recalls that when Helene left around 8 A. M. on May 20, 1935, she remarked to Tony that she had to drive Helene to her home, whereupon Tony gave Helene a $5 bill and told her to take a cab. She is of the opinion that Tony Amersbach had previously given this girl a large tip of either $5 or $10.

Sally Jackson stated that she was moving from 7403 Denison Avenue, and that her new address would be 6511 Laverne Avenue.

She stated that she had previously identified the photograph of John Brock as being a frequenter of the Twilight Tavern, however, reconsideration of this fact brought her to the conclusion that she could not positively identify this photograph but will state he may have been at the tavern, but she does not definitely recall him. It is to be recalled in this regard that in the statements furnished by John Brock he claimed to have been at the Twilight Tavern on only one occasion and then for a short time.

Sally Jackson promised Agents that she would endeavor to ascertain the identity of the gambler by the name of Dan, and also the unknown individual who accompanied Karpis, Campbell, Art Hebebrand and Dan on the occasion mentioned in her statement, and would notify this office at the earliest possible date.

It is thought advisable that Sally Jackson be reinterviewed at the address above given for further details relative to the identity of this individual, and also for such other information as she may be able to furnish relative to the whereabouts of Benson Groves.

Careful consideration should be given to the fact that any outward interviews with the individuals mentioned in her statement, or her relatives, at this time might let it become known that these girls had given statements, and that all investigation conducted in an effort to corroborate their statements should be conducted in a very discreet manner.

Agent telephonically communicated with the Sports Editor of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, at which time it was ascertained that the Louis-Baer fight was staged in New York City on September 24, 1935.

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ADDENDUM Subsequent to the completion of this report the statement of Lillian Marea was checked and with reference to the statement contained in the letter from the Chicago Bureau Field Division dated November 6, 1936, it is noted that reference is inadvertently made to a Graham Paige coupe. The statement of Lillian Marea states that upon the arrival of Sharkey Gorman at the house of Edith Barry on the night in question, he was driving a green Graham Paige sedan.

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November 19, 1936.

R. B. Nathan
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
412 U. S. Court House and P. O.
Jacksonville, Florida.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 812
Chicago, Illinois
November 20, 1936

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: BRFKID

Dear Sir:

On November 18, 1936, Attorney Leo Kline, who represented Clara Gibson, the widow of Russell Gibson, during the investigation of the above-entitled matter, called at this Division relative to the possibility of entering suit against the insurance company on two $500.00 life insurance policies held by Gibson. It was his desire to ascertain whether he would be able to make any showing in indicating that the death of Gibson was accidental under the accidental clause in the insurance policies.

Attorney Kline was interviewed by Inspector E. J. Connelley and the writer and was informed with respect to the nature of the charges pending against Gibson at the time of his death and as to the fact that Gibson was killed while attempting to assault Government Officers with a dangerous weapon. Attorney Kline indicated that in view of that information he did not believe that it would be possible for him to enter any such suit.

Mr. Kline was also advised that before any testimony could be furnished by an Agent of this Bureau with respect to the apprehension of Gibson it would be necessary that a Court Order be obtained requesting that the specific information desired be furnished by the Attorney General. He then indicated that he did not believe he would enter any suit but that in the event he changed his mind he would communicate with this Office on a later occasion.

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Very truly yours,

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D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. McDermott

FROM : W. L. Bailey

DATE: 7-3-75

SUBJECT: EDWARD GEORGE BREMER
(BUFILE 7-576)

During a survey conducted of all file material in the Filing Unit to establish a data base for the proposed File Automated Control System (FACS), an extensive number of enclosures behind file which bore no serial number were detected. Most of this material is very old and some may possibly be destroyed when time permits a review of these enclosures by the appropriate substantive desk supervisors. However, the immediate objective is to record this material in the data base now being prepared. A serial number is necessary to provide a means of entry and recall of such enclosures in the proposed automated file request system. Attached is one of these enclosure behind file envelopes which should be assigned the same serial number that is given to this cover memorandum to be placed on record in above-captioned case. It is to be noted this form is for internal use only within the Records Section and is to be filed without further routing after being placed on record and the enclosure detached. When the enclosure is detached for appropriate filing, this action should be clearly noted under the word "Enclosure."

RECOMMENDATION:

That this cover memorandum be placed on record as a not recorded "green" serial in above-captioned case in order to assign a serial number to the attached enclosure as indicated above.

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U. S. Department of Justice
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Detroit, Michigan
November 20, 1936

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith, in duplicate, copies of letters written by Wynona Burdette under date of November 12, 1936, to her mother and to Mr. and Mrs. Karpis. Copies of these letters are also being transmitted to the field divisions listed below.

Photostatic copies of the original letters were received at the Detroit Field Division through Mr. John J. Ryan, Superintendent of the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan.

Very truly yours,

Herold H. Reinecke

Herold H. Reinecke
Special Agent in Charge

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Dear Mr. & Mrs. Karpis,

I have been waiting to write you until I heard the parole boards decision. They were here two weeks ago but as yet I haven't heard anything about it. I'm pretty sure I know what it will be but then, of course, accidents do happen - so who knows - I won't write to Clara until the papers come in and then she can let you know what happens, If it weren't for Little Ray I wouldn't care so much what happened - naturally I would want to get out any way - but I know I wouldn't care near so badly.

How is everyone? I do hope you are okay and things are going alright. How is Alvin? Does he still seem to be cheerful? I know how hard it is for him but I believe he can take it in the right way.

How is Little Ray getting along now? Does he seem to be growing very fast? Clara sent me his measurements and I was certainly surprised - I knew he was pretty big now but I didn't realize he was quite as large as he is.

How is Emily and Betty Jane? Say "Hello" to them for me.

My subscription for the St. Paul paper will be up next month and I don't believe I shall take it any more. It isn't a very good paper and I rather think I would enjoy a Chicago paper more. I've been thinking of getting the Herald & Examiner. Don't you think that the best Chicago paper?

I haven't heard from my brother yet this month and I can't figure out why. He most always writes me the first part of each month.

It's getting pretty cold up here now but we haven't had any snow as yet. I really don't know of anything more to write about so I shall say goodbye for now.

Send my love to Alvin and give Ray a big hug and kiss for me.

Love

Dolores

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Dearest Mother:

What is wrong? In the last letter you sent me you said you hadn't heard from me in six weeks and I've written to you once every month and you know that's all can do. The last letter you sent me was dated Sept. 29 - and you know that's been way over a month ago. Why haven't you written since? Have you been sick or what? I do wish you would write soon.

You also said in your letter that you had received those crochet patterns and sent them with your letter. I didn't get them. Did you copy the directions on a plain sheet of paper as I said to - or just send them as they were? Let me know.

Well, the parole boards been here and gone although I haven't heard the decision yet. Don't get any high hopes about it tho' 'cause I don't expect a thing from it and no matter what it is I can take it.

Say, Mother, would you please send me that picture of myself that I sent you - the one with the hat on is the one I mean. I have a very special reason for asking for it, honey, please send it, won't you? You will have the other one and it's really the best of the two. And, honey, when Babe lived on Edmund street we took some pictures out in her back yard. I've asked her about them and she never mentioned them. I was wondering if you had them and if you did if you would send me a couple. Babe and Jean and I were in some of them and they are the one's I would like to have if I could. And listen, you bunch of sweetness, you, are you ever going to send me a picture of yourself. You know you've promised and promised me one. You know I've got two years left in here and I'd kind of like to have your picture here to look at every once in awhile. It would make me feel mighty fine. How about it, darling, pretty please?

I haven't heard from Bud this month as yet but suppose I will soon. Got a real sweet letter from Babe the last of last month. Did I tell you about the pictures she sent me the month before last. They were grand. They were pictures of herself, Bobby and one of Jean although the one with Jean in it is so blurred you can't make out anything but figures. I haven't heard from Jean in just ever so long. Sometimes I get so mad at her I don't know what to do. What in the world is the matter with her anyway I would like to know. She is mutty or something to go and marry that goofy Dick after the way he treated her before, and Bud says now that he stays at his sisters and Jean has a room of her own and even tho' Dick makes about $50 a week Jean is lucky if she gets $10 of it. Why she will just sit and take that kind of stuff - I'll never be able to understand. I certainly couldn't care anything for a man like that.

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Karpis' are certainly good to me - they have been doing everything possible to help me make parole but I don't think it will do any good. I don't believe I've got a suckers chance of making it. I just love

Mrs. Karpis - she's a dandy. And Clara - that's one of Alvin's sisters - is just grand. She writes me every week and her letters are always just as sweet as they can be. Emily she's another one of Alvin's sisters - writes pretty often and her little 12 yr. old daughter - Betty Jane writes me real cute letters every once in awhile.

You know I've been taking the St. Paul Dispatch for awhile. I took it for six months and the time will be up next month. I don't believe I shall take it any more - it isn't worth a darn as far as news is concerned. I believe I will start taking the Chicago Herald and Examiner if I can. I am sure I will get much more enjoyment out of it.

I heard that Dad was in Chicago but I haven't heard from him. Karpis' wrote and said he was over to see Little Ray and was pretty crazy about him. Gee - I don't see how anyone could keep from loving him - he's adorable. Honestly, Mother, have you ever seen a baby as sweet and cute as that darling of mine. I'm serious, I don't believe there ever was or ever will be another one even half as sweet.

Well, honey, I'll say goodbye 'cause I can't think of another thing to say. I'm feeling fine as usual - Behave yourself and write me real soon - and don't forget the picture of yourself.

Oodles of hugs & kisses

Your baby

Dolores

Please send the picture of me that I asked for, honey. Won't you?

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TITLE GEORGE TIMNEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; ET AL.
EDWARD GEORGE BRETH - Victim.

CHARACTER OF CASE
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Ascertained Lou Higgins presently residing apartment #24, Seney Apartments, 16th and Monroe St., Toledo. Lulu Selander, relief cook at 42nd Street Cafe, identifies photo of Benson Groves as individual known to her as Ben, a patron of that cafe. Harry Manson, Toledo Police Department, identifies photo of Benson Groves as individual known to him as Ben Sweet, an ex-convict, employed as "front door man" at 42nd Street Cafe during spring of 1936. Harry Zahrley, Manager of the Elks Club, Toledo, advises Joe Roscoe informed him that Buster Williams and Coolie Monroe were to bring in work boat Jo-Jo from Middle Island to Bay View Yacht Club, Point Place, for dry docking; that Williams would return to Middle Island for winter, and Monroe expected to leave for Leamington, Ontario, Canada, to obtain employment. Surveillance at Bay View Yacht Club developed that boat Jo-Jo brought in by Buster Williams and McCormick, who stated Monroe working on ice house at Middle Island. [redacted] furnished information concerning Wayne Preston, and will endeavor secure further information regarding him. Perrysburg, Ohio, post office has no record of L. C. Reynolds or L. C. Fleming. Investigation at Sandusky and Lorain, Ohio, failed to disclose any information concerning Coolie Monroe. Surveillance maintained at Kelley's Island, Ohio, to locate Coolie Monroe, unproductive of results.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, 11/9/36.

DETAILS: AT TOLEDO, PERRYSBURG, SANDUSKY, LORAIN, and KELLEY'S ISLAND, OHIO.

This report covers the investigative activities of Special Agents E. J. Wynn, H. B. Dill, A. J. Norstrom, A. Dickstein and J. V. Murphy.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on November 4, 1936:

In connection with efforts to locate Lou Higgins, former bartender at the Goulet Grill, Agents learned from Bert Ford, 2430 Scottwood Avenue, that Higgins had served a year's sentence at the Lucas County Workhouse at Whitehouse, Ohio. Inquiry of M. Hirsch, superintendent at that place, revealed that Higgins had made a visit to that workhouse on the preceding Sunday, and advised Hirsch that he was cited to appear in Domestic Relations Court in Toledo, Ohio, on Friday, November 7, 1936.

Inquiry at the Clerk's office, Domestic Relations Court, Toledo, revealed that Higgins now resides at the Seney Apartments, 16th and Monroe Streets, apartment 24, which, it will be noted, is the apartment of Deane Allen. Agents made several attempts to locate Higgins at that address, without success, and were also unable to locate Dean Allen for interview.

In connection with efforts to locate Benson Groves, Agents contacted Lulu Selander, 254 Marion Street, Toledo, who informed that she remembered Groves, known to her as Ben, as a steady patron of the 42nd Street Cafe all last winter. She was employed at that time as a relief cook at that place on Monday nights. She further advised that her daughter, Frances, contemplates returning to the home of Joe Roscoe in the very near future, and that both of them will make every effort to learn of the present whereabouts of Groves.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on November 4, 1936.

While on other official matters, Agents contacted Detective Harry K. Manson of the Toledo Police Department, who advised that last winter he learned that Jack Broadway had hired one Ben Sweet, a safe cracker, who was recently released from the penitentiary as a "watch dog" at the 42nd Street Cafe, and that he customarily kept watch at the front door of the cafe. Manson informed that he had been tipped off by other detectives of this fact, and had personally seen Sweet at the cafe. When shown a photograph of Benson Groves, Manson informed that this was a likeness of Sweet. He advised further that this individual had not been around the cafe since the spring of 1936, but that he believed him to be a friend of Eddie Szeman or Seaman, who is wanted by the local authorities at Marion, Ohio, for safe burglary, and for whom a wanted circular had been issued.

Detective Harry Manson also advised that the recent bombing of the Cadillac automobile of Benny Harris, proprietor of the Superior Sports Center, had arisen out of a dispute between Shimmy Patton and Benny Harris for control of the Numbers Racket in Toledo, Ohio. Manson informed that he had learned that Patton had sent Robert McGee, a colored racketeer, who resides at 2120 East 9th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, to Toledo with two white men to place numerous $150.00 bets on the numbers, and when these numbers won, Harris refused to pay off, and returned the bets to McGee and the others, with the admonition that they should leave Toledo immediately. The day following this incident, Harris' automobile was bombed in the garage at the rear of his apartment. Captain George Timiney was assigned to investigate this matter, and for this reason Manson took no further action in this matter, and he voluntarily offered this information to the Bureau for whatever assistance it may render to this investigation.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on November 4, 1936.

As will be noted, Perry Hicks advised that Harry Zahrley, manager of the Elks Club, Toledo, obtained employment for one "Bill" as a waiter at Middle Island in 1934.

In an effort to obtain Bill's true name, Agents contacted Zahrley at the offices of Broning and Zahrley, Colton Building, Toledo, Ohio. He informed that he knew of no Bill at Middle Island in 1934, but obtained employment during the 1935 season at Middle Island for Cecil Clemens, a high-school student, presently employed in the kitchen of the Elks Club in Toledo.

During the course of conversation, Zahrley mentioned that he had been at Middle Island on the Thursday preceding the interview, and he had been advised by Coolie Monroe, who was at the Island with Buster Williams, that he, Monroe, had obtained employment in Canada, and contemplated preceding to Canada after leaving the Island.

Zahrley further advised that he had talked with Joe Roscoe several days previously, and Roscoe advisedhhim that Monroe and Williams, were to definitely close the Island on the week end of November 8, 1936, and that Monroe and Williams would bring Roscoe's fishing lugger, the "Jo-Jo" to the Bay View Yacht Club, Point Place, for dry dock; Williams was then to proceed back to the Island for the remainder of the winter, while Monroe was contemplating leaving for Canada. According to Zahrley, Williams was to be taken back to the Island by Brown's boat livery at Lakeside, Ohio. Zahrley further informed that Roscoe's new yacht, Rainbow the Third, is already in dry dock at the Bay View Yacht Club.

Discreet inquiry by Agent Dickstein at the Bayview Yacht Club of Al Parish, who is now engaged in taking the boats out of the harbor for dry docking, revealed that the "Jo-Jo" has not arrived at the Yacht Club as yet, but that it is customarily brought in each year at this time.

While conducting investigation at the Bay View Yacht Club, Point Place, Ohio, Agent Dickstein made the acquaintance of James Nonnenmacher, who resides at 3728 North Erie Street, Toledo, Ohio. Nonnenmacher is 16 years of age and he informed that for the past five years he has delivered the Toledo Times, Blade and News-Bee for residents at Point Place, including the "Broadway brothers" at the Casino Club on Summit Street. He related that he had seen Captain

George Timiney and Detective Art Langendorf in the Casino Club on numerous occasions, and that he had delivered papers to the "Broadways", apparently meaning Bert and Ted Angus, three or four times daily, while they were operating the Casino Club. Agent did not advise Nonnenmacher of his official status, but he will be again contacted in the very near future for interview.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents E. J. Wynn and H. B. Dill at Toledo, Ohio, November 9, 1936:

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Cleveland, Ohio, dated November 9, 1936, wherein it is set out in the interview of Special Agents J. V. Murphy and H. B. Dill with [redacted] the [redacted] would endeavor to get the present address of Ludy Fleming, who is now residing in Cleveland, Ohio, for the purpose of furnishing Agents with this information. [redacted] on being contacted at his place of business, stated that he has not yet been able to get Ludy Fleming's address in Cleveland; that he has to be exceptionally discreet in making inquiry with reference to anything or anybody connected with this case in view of the fact that he gets most of his information from his wife and he would dislike very much to have her know or suspect that he was getting information for Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. [redacted] and that if Agents would call on him some time after that date he would no doubt be able to furnish them with Fleming's address. [redacted] will be contacted the first part of the week beginning November 15, 1936, for the purpose of getting the above discussed information.

With reference to Coolie Monroe or Colin Munro, mentioned in reference report, [redacted] stated that he has not been able to ascertain Monroe's present whereabouts or where Monroe will be in the future.

It will be noted in reference report that [redacted] stated that Ludy Fleming told him that one of the persons who participated in the robbery of the mail truck at Warren, Ohio, in the spring of 1935, was Wayne Preston, who is now in Cuba on the "lam." [redacted] on being questioned with regard to what he knows about Wayne Preston, stated he has known Preston for several years; that Preston was a former prohibition agent for the state of Ohio and was a partner of Ludy Fleming; that he does not remember the exact time that Preston was a state prohibition agent, but he thinks it was during the time Ludy Fleming was first appointed a state prohibition agent. [redacted] stated that shortly after Preston had been appointed to the position of state prohibition officer, Preston and his partner, Ludy Fleming, raided a bootlegging joint [redacted] and his partner arrested the two women and at that time Preston fell in love

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with Mildred Kuhlman, and as a result stopped the "rap"; that Mildred Kuhlman and Preston lived together from that time until shortly after the sale of beer was legalized, in 1933, at which time she left him because he did not have any money to support her. [redacted] stated that about a year ago Mildred Kuhlman received a letter from Preston in which he stated that he was going to pull a job that would net him about $50,000, and that if he was successful he would send for her. [redacted] stated that, to his knowledge, Mildred Kuhlman has not heard from Preston since that time.

[redacted] described Wayne Preston to Agents as follows:

Age	-	About 40 years
Height	-	5'10"
Weight	-	160 pounds
Hair	-	Black and wears it slicked back.

Neat, well dressed and nice looking.

[redacted] stated that he would get more information with reference to Wayne Preston from Ludy Fleming and his wife when [redacted] if he could discreetly do so and that he would furnish Agents with this information if they would call on him after his return to Toledo, Ohio, on Monday, November 16, 1936.

In conclusion [redacted] stated that while Fleming and Preston served as state prohibition officers their headquarters were at Youngstown, Ohio, and their territory covered twenty-one counties in that vicinity. He stated, however, that he was unable to state the exact time that Wayne Preston served in this capacity, or the reason for his discharge. [redacted] stated that if Preston had ever served time in the penitentiary he had no knowledge of it.

The Cincinnati office is being requested by letter to check the records of the Department of Liquor Control at Columbus, Ohio, for the purpose of ascertaining the date when Preston was employed as a state prohibition officer, his home address at that time, the names and addresses of his relatives, the reason for his discharge and any other pertinent information with reference to Preston that might be contained in the records of that department. The Cincinnati office is also being requested to obtain a picture of Preston from the above-mentioned department, if one is available, in order that same might be exhibited to witnesses of the Warren, Ohio, mail truck robbery in the spring of 1935, for possible identification.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents J. V. Murphy and [illegible]. B. Dill at Perrysburg, Ohio, on November 6 and 7, 1936:

Reference is made to letter of the Cincinnati field division dated November 4, 1936, setting out that L. C. Reynolds, an alias of Ludy Fleming, on July 8, 1936, left a forwarding address at apartment 211, 2301 Auburn Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, as RR #3, Perrysburg, Ohio.

On November 6, 1936, Mr. P. C. Sutter, clerk, Perrysburg, Ohio Post Office, was interviewed and after checking the records of rural carrier number three, stated they have no record of L. C. Reynolds. A check of the forwarding addresses failed to develop any record of L. C. Reynolds. In view of the fact that Ludy Fleming is married to (or living with) one Rene Holst the records of the Perrysburg Post Office were also checked for the name of Rene Holst. These records did not reveal her name, however, rural carrier for route number three has a record of one Oscar C. Holst, who is, no doubt, the father of Rene Holst.

Joe Madden, carrier on rural route number three, Perrysburg, Ohio, was interviewed on November 7, 1936, and he stated that he has no recollection of ever delivering any mail on his route addressed to L. C. Reynolds or L. C. Fleming, and does not know of any such person residing on rural route number three.

Regarding Oscar C. Holst, Box 86, rural route number three, Madden stated that Mr. and Mrs. Holst are elderly people and have married children, but he does not know any of the children or where they reside.

It will be noted elsewhere in this report that [redacted] stated he would get Ludy Fleming's address and would furnish this information to Agents of this Bureau after his return to Toledo, Ohio, on November 16, 1936. Therefore, [redacted] will be interviewed at a later date for the purpose of securing Fleming's Cleveland address.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents J. V. Murphy and H. B. Dill on November 6 and 7, 1936:

A review of the file in the office of the United States Attorney at Toledo, Ohio, on the closed case of U. S. vs. GEORGE ZEBRLY and COLIN MUNRO, violation of the Customs Smuggling Laws, reflects that at the time of the arrest in August 1931, Zebrly gave his address as 331 Perkins Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio, and Colin Munro gave his address as 1743 East 31st Street, Lorain, Ohio. Investigation was conducted at Sandusky and Lorain, Ohio on November 7, 1936, with the view of locating persons acquainted with Colin Munro, who might furnish information concerning his nativity and nationality.

Agents attempted to locate the address given by Zebrly at the time of his arrest in 1931, 331 Perkins Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio, but it was ascertained that this address was a vacant lot. Agents then called at the Sandusky Post Office and were informed by one of the post office clerks that there was nobody by the name of George Zebrly registered in the post office directory, nor had the post office had a record of any such person since 1934. The clerk stated that the post office records do not go back prior to 1934. The clerk further stated that he could not recall a house located at 331 Perkins Avenue; that, however, there was a man by the name of Charlie Knapp, who was operating a general store in the vicinity of 331 Perkins Avenue and he would be able to give Agents information concerning persons who have lived in that neighborhood for the past twenty or twenty-five years.

Agents checked the Sandusky City Directory for 1934 and it was ascertained that there was no house listed therein with the number 331 Perkins Avenue.

Mr. Charles Knapp, 2238 Campbell Street, on being interviewed, stated that he has been living in that neighborhood for more than twenty-five years; that he does not ever recall a house being located on the lot at 331 Perkins Avenue. On further questioning Mr. Knapp stated that the house at 333 Perkins Avenue was occupied, in 1931, by a man by the name of Bill Grieves; that Grieves was a bootlegger and he had a number of other bootleggers staying at his house all the time he lived at that address; that Grieves left town about four or five years ago and he has not heard from him since, nor does he know where Grieves went when he left Sandusky. Mr. Knapp stated that he does not know George Zebrly or Colin Munro (Coolie Monroe); that he did not know any of the men's names who lived with Bill Grieves at 333 Perkins Avenue in 1931.

Mr. Knapp was asked if he knew anybody who lived on Middle Island at the time Bill Grieves lived at 333 Perkins Avenue, and he stated that he did not, but that Grieves and the gang that stayed at his house got most of the bootleg liquor by smuggling it in through Middle Island. Mr. Knapp was asked if he knew this to be a fact, to which he answered that he did not, but that it was common knowledge at that time.

Mrs. Joseph Gatich, 1743 East 31st Street, Lorain, Ohio, was interviewed and stated that she and her husband purchased their present home, 1743 East 31st Street, in the year 1929; that they have lived in the house since that time and at no time have they had a roomer by the name of Colin Munro or Coolie Monroe and that she does not know a person by either of those names. It would appear from this investigation that Colin Munro gave a fictitious address.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. Dickstein and J. V. Murphy at Kelley's Island, Ohio, November 9 to 14, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Cleveland, Ohio, dated November 9, 1936, wherein on page eleven, is set out an interview with Mr. William Brown, in which interview he advised that persons on Middle Island could reach the mainland by proceeding to Kelley's Island, Ohio, thence to Sandusky, Ohio, via the Kelley's Island-Sandusky ferry, which would be the cheapest method of travel to the mainland. Mr. Brown further stated that little or no check is kept on persons coming to the mainland at Sandusky, Ohio, from Middle Island, in Canadian territory, via Kelley's Island, Ohio, and further that Kelley's Island is the closest point to Middle Island, and no doubt Buster Williams makes frequent visits to Kelley's Island to visit fishermen friends of his on Kelley's Island.

Pursuant to instructions of Inspector E. J. Connelley, Agents, on November 9, 1936, proceeded to Kelley's Island, Ohio, where surveillance of Middle Island was maintained from a point located on North Bay, Kelley's Island, where fishermen fishing in waters near Middle Island unload their fish and tie up their boats. It will be noted here that on a clear day Middle Island is clearly visible to a person at North Bay, Kelley's Island.

Discreet inquiries were made of fishermen at North Bay as to fishing conditions around Middle Island, and whether or not the

Island was still open. Several fishermen informed Agents that fishing was fair in the vicinity of Middle Island, and at present there were three individuals at Middle Island, namely, Buster Williams, McCormack and another individual described as five feet six inches, and this person was working on a new ice house; that the hotel on the island is closed for the season. Agents were also advised by these fishermen that the new ice house is presently being painted, and from their understanding it would be several days before the job was completed; that Buster Williams is well known to quite a number of residents of Kelley's Island, and Williams makes frequent trips to Kelley's Island. Agents at no time disclosed their identity to any persons on Kelley's Island, with the exception of Mr. F. J. Lange, Postmaster, who advised Agents that Gilbert "Mike" Reidy, a fisherman, living on Kelley's Island, is known to fish with Buster Williams about twice a week, and Reidy might be in possession of information as to persons now on Middle Island.

Mr. Lange, Postmaster, Kelley's Island, at Agents' suggestion, agreed to discreetly ascertain from "Mike" Reidy if Coolie Monroe was still on Middle Island, and what Monroe's future plans might be after completing the ice house on Middle Island, and requested that Agents contact him the following day, which will give him sufficient time to contact Reidy.

On November 11, 1936, Agents were advised by Postmaster Lange that "Mike" Reidy had informed him that Coolie Monroe was still on Middle Island working on a new ice house, and he would be on the Island several days longer; that he does not know Monroe's plans after completion of the ice house.

In view of this information, Agents maintained surveillance of arrival and departure of boats at South Bay and North Bay, Kelley's Island, in view of the possibility of Coolie Monroe's coming to Kelley's Island from Middle Island with some fisherman, and proceeding to the mainland via ferry or hired boat. This surveillance was maintained from November 9 to 14, 1936.

On November 13, 1936, Postmaster Lange advised Agents that "Mike" Reidy had informed him that Coolie Monroe indicated to him that he does not intend returning to the mainland of the United States, and he contemplates securing employment in Canada. In view of this information further surveillance at Kelley's Island, Ohio, was discontinued by Agents on November 13, 1936, and arrangements were made with Postmaster Lange, whereby he will endeavor to secure the future address of Coolie Monroe, subsequent to his departure from Middle Island, if successful, will notify the Cleveland Bureau field division by letter. The address of the Cleveland Bureau field division was furnished to Postmaster Lange.

Further efforts will be made to locate Coolie Monroe after his departure from Middle Island.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent H. B. Dill on November 13, 1936:

During a previous interview with Mr. William Brown, manager of the Worthy R. Brown and Son, Inc. (boat works), Lakeside, Ohio, he informed Agents that the people who stayed on Middle Island often used his boats to come to the mainland; that when they do use his boats they always come into Lakeside, where his boat house is located. It will also be noted in report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Cleveland, Ohio, dated November 9, 1936, that when Buster Williams and a man named McCormick came in from Middle Island to the Toledo Yacht Club, Toledo, Ohio, to put away the launch Jo-Jo for the winter, they were interviewed and they stated that Coolie Monroe was building an ice house on Middle Island and when the ice house was finished, which would probably be about November 12 or 13, 1936, Coolie would return to the mainland through Lakeside, Ohio.

Mr. Brown agreed to call Agent at Port Clinton, Ohio, in the event he got a telephone call from Middle Island or Kelley's Island to come to either of these islands for passengers. Kelley's Island is only about three miles from Middle Island and it is where the persons living on Middle Island go to use the telephone.

On November 11, 1936 Mr. Brown telephonically contacted Agent and stated that he intended to go to Middle Bass Island, Ohio on Friday, November 13, 1936; that Middle Bass Island is only a short distance from Middle Island, and if Agent cared to go with him he would stop at Middle Island on his return to Lakeside under the pretext of buying fish from Buster Williams and while there Agent could learn definitely whether or not Coolie Monroe is still on the Island. Agent agreed to meet Mr. Brown at the Worthy R. Brown and Son, Inc., Lakeside, Ohio, at 9 A. M. on the specified date.

On contacting Mr. Brown at his boat house at Lakeside on November 13, 1936, he stated that he had decided not to take the trip. He advised Agent that he had definitely ascertained that Coolie was still on Middle Island; that Monroe knew that Bureau Agents were looking for him, and for this reason it would be foolish for him to take a stranger to the Island, because Monroe would immediately suspect the truth and that would hurt his, Brown's, business. Mr. Brown stated that Coolie knew he was being sought because a number of his acquaintances had told him that the G-men were looking for him.

Mr. Brown stated that he did not know how long Coolie Monroe would stay on Middle Island; that while he, Brown was talking to one of Monroe's friends the day before this interview, he asked this friend if Monroe intended to stay on the Island all winter; that the man said, "Yes," and then quickly changed the subject, as though he did not want to talk about the matter.

Middle Island is in Canadian waters and for this reason it was decided to wait until Monroe returns to the United States before interviewing him. In view of the fact that Kelley's Island is within the boundries of the United States and is only a short distance from Middle Island, Mr. Brown was asked if Coolie Monroe ever visited Kelley's Island. He stated that Monroe, as well as Buster Williams, who was also on Middle Island, go to Kelley's Island quite often to get wine; that Middle Island was closed for the winter and Williams and Monroe could not get anything to drink there.

Mr. Brown stated that all of the supplies for Middle Island were delivered by boats belonging to the Post Fishing Company in Sandusky, Ohio; that these boats stopped at Middle Island about twice a week to get white fish caught by Williams and to deliver supplies. He stated that if Monroe comes to the United States now he would, no doubt, come into Sandusky, Ohio, on one of the Post Fishing Company boats.

Mr. Brown further stated that the manager of the Post Fishing Company is a man by the name of Wholer, whose first name he thinks is John; that Wholer could not be relied upon, and he believed that if Agent contacted him, he, Wholer, would not give Agent any information, but instead would tell Coolie Monroe about the interview. Brown stated that he had noticed some shady things pulled around the Post Fishing Company warehouse during last summer. He did not discuss the nature of these "shady deals", however.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The CLEVELAND BUREAU FIELD DIVISION at Toledo, Ohio, will continue further investigation. No leads are being set out herein, inasmuch as leads are being assigned in memorandum form.

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Post Office Box #2118
Detroit, Michigan
November 20, 1936

Superintendent
United States Detention Farm
Milan, Michigan

Dear Mr. Ryan:

Re: BREKID

This will acknowledge receipt of photostatic copies of letters dated November 12, 1936, written by Dolores Delaney, an inmate of your institution, to her mother and to Mr. and Mrs. Karpis.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Harold H. Reinecke
Special Agent in Charge

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1449 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

November 20, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir: RE: B EKID

[redacted], with aliases, who was confined in the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, from 1917 to 1920, addressed letters to the following persons in your district:

1917

Mr. Fred Hope	Friend	526 Eater St., Benwood, W. Va.,
Mr. Luke Quovey (or Groves)	Friend	Parkersburg, West Virginia.,
Mr. John Myers	Friend	620 Water St., Benwood, W. Va.,
Ida B. Groves		3110 Sacramento St., Pittsburgh, Pa.,

1919

Fred Hope	Friend	526 Water St., Benwood, W. Va.,
Charles Everett		710 Main St., Benwood, W. Va.,

1920

Charles Everett	710 Main St., Benwood, W. Va.

He received the following letters:

1917

W. E. Groves	Wheeling, West Virginia,
Ida B. Groves	Brenwood, West Virginia,
Fred Hope	Benwood, West Virginia,
Ida B. Groves	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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Fred Hope — Benwood, West Virginia,
Ida B. Groves — Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania,

1919

Charles Everett — 710 Main St., Benwood, W. Va.

The records of the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, further reflect [redacted]

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Please conduct immediate appropriate investigation to determine whether or not Benson Groves is in contact with any of the individuals mentioned above, and otherwise conduct investigation seeking his whereabouts through these individuals.

[redacted]

Very truly yours,

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J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

November 20, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Sir: RE: BUKID

The letter from the Chicago Bureau field division to this office, dated October 13, 1936, reflects that Mr. Walter Herrburg, superintendent of mail, Hammond, Indiana, advised that until about three and one-half years ago one Charles Sprout, an uncle of Mrs. Ida Fryar, a sister of Benson Groves, lived at 6256 Van Buren Avenue, Hammond, Indiana, but that he subsequently moved to Dayton, Ohio, address unknown, and the Fryars moved into Sprout's house at 6256 Van Buren Avenue, Hammond, Indiana. At that time he also advised that Charles Sprout died, presumably some time during the week of October 4, 1936, and that it was his impression that the Fryar family went to Dayton to attend the funeral.

The report of Special Agent F. J. Smith, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated October 22, 1936, reflects that investigation was conducted at Dayton, Ohio, but no record of the death of Charles Sprout, either in Dayton, or Montgomery County, Ohio, could be located.

Inasmuch as it appears that Charles Sprout was also the uncle of Benson Groves it may be of some value to ascertain his residence after he left Hammond, Indiana, and you will, therefore, conduct appropriate investigation through Mr. Herrburg, or other sources in Hammond, in an effort to secure more definite information as to the residence of Charles Sprout after he left Dayton.

If he is deceased, there is a possibility that he left an estate which may offer some leads as to the present whereabouts of Benson Groves, particularly if the latter was to receive anything from this estate.

Very truly yours,

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J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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