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DIRECTOR

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United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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July 12, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. MacFarland telephoned from Cleveland to advise that Bert and Ted Angus had entered pleas of guilty to the charges preferred against them growing out of the harboring of Karpis and Campbell, and had each been sentenced to two years and ten months imprisonment and a fine of \$500.00 each.

Edith Barry entered a plea of guilty to similar charges and was sentenced to two years imprisonment and a fine of \$500.00.

Ed and Clara McGraw, who had entered pleas of guilty, withdrew them. There is no indication as to when their cases will be disposed of, nor when the case involving Frank Greenwald will be disposed of.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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FILE NO. 7-37

REPORT MADE AT <b>KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-13-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7-2-3-37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>A. E. FARLAND</b>
TITLE <b>GEORGE TIMINEY with aliases DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE HARBORING OF FUGITIVES NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Preston Leroy Paden, register #12184, Kansas State Industrial Reformatory, in signed statement advised that he and Volney Davis went to the home of Hugh Larimer, a Topeka, Kansas, attorney, shortly after Davis was indicted in connection with instant case and that Larimer was cognizant of the identity of Davis at that time. Paden stated that Larimer at that time asked him whether or not Davis made the actual snatch in instant case. Paden also stated that Larimer assisted him in concealing a 1934 panel Chevrolet truck, the property of Volney Davis, and that Larimer later sold that truck and appropriated the proceeds of the sale to his own use. Statement obtained from Edna Murray, mother of Preston Leroy Paden, verified the information furnished by Paden. Hugh Clifford Larimer is a practicing attorney at Topeka, Kansas, and is not identical with former Bureau Agent Hugh Larimer.

**REFERENCE:**

Bureau letter dated 6-14-37.  
Letter from the Kansas City office to the Bureau dated 1-19-37.

**DETAILS:**

Preston Leroy Paden was interviewed at the Kansas State

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Dwight Brantley</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>7-1571-14502 JUL 16 1937</b>
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Industrial Reformatory at Hutchinson, Kansas, and he submitted the following signed statement:

"Hutchinson, Kansas  
July 3, 1937

"Statement of Preston Leroy Paden, Register #12184, Kansas State Industrial Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, made to Special Agents A. E. Farland and S. B. Landrum, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, on this date, relative to the activities of one Hugh Larimer, an Attorney of Topeka, Kansas.

"I am 20 years of age, single, and am serving a life sentence for murder. I was convicted in Rice County, Kansas, in September, 1936.

"I am the son of Mrs. Edna Murray, who is now serving a sentence for highway robbery in the Missouri State Prison for Women at Jefferson City, Missouri. While an inmate of the Missouri State Prison she escaped and while at liberty met up with Volney Davis, whom she had known many years, and lived with him up until the time she and Davis were apprehended in February, 1935. Volney Davis is now serving a life sentence in Alcatraz Federal Prison for his connection with the Bremer Kidnaping Case. My mother was returned to the Missouri State Prison after her apprehension.

"Prior to my conviction on the murder charge I am now serving and prior to the conviction of Volney Davis for his complicity in the Bremer case I was closely connected with Volney Davis, Jess Doyle and John Langon. I accompanied them on several jobs which they pulled, including the robbery of the Drexel State Bank, Drexel, Missouri, in December, 1934, and the robbery of the O. K. Blankenship and his brother in North Kansas City, Missouri, in January, 1935.

"We got \$2500 in the Drexel Bank job and the money was divided four ways. The Oldsmobile Eight Sedan, black color, used in this robbery was stolen in Kansas City, Missouri, by Volney Davis and myself. We stole that car at 39th and Main Street, and after the robbery we kept it in a private garage across the street from the Blackstone

Apartments, 39th and Broadway, Kansas City, Mo. Several days after the robbery Davis, Doyle, Langon and myself wrecked this car south of Kansas City while we were in route to the State of Oklahoma. Davis said that he knew of a small town in Oklahoma where the Police Department kept their machine gun in the firestation, and Davis was going down there and set fire to the town and then steal the machine gun. After the wreck we stopped some people on the road and took a 1934 Ford V-8 Coach away from them. This car was the property of a mail carrier. That car was later abandoned near Fort Scott, Kansas, by Volney Davis. However we used that car when we robbed the Blankenship brothers, in January, 1935.

"Volney Davis had heard that the Blankenship brothers were very wealthy and had \$30,000 in cash in their home. He planned to rob them with the assistance of Doyle, Langon and myself. The night before they were robbed Doyle and Langon unsuccessfully attempted to get in the Blankenship home. Early the next morning Davis, Doyle and Langon and myself went to the Blankenship home and we able to gain entry when Davis flashed a tin badge on them and told them that he was a state highway officer. After getting in the house Volney Davis flashed a gun and made all of the occupants of the house to lay down on the floor. When he did that he said he was going to shake the house down. One of the old men said that he had never been treated that way before by officers, and said that he had \$2500 under a mattress and that if we touched it he would cause us some trouble. We got that \$2500 and \$100 off of one of the old men. Subsequent to that robbery we returned to Kansas City, Missouri.

"While Volney Davis and my mother, Edna Murray, were in the state of Ohio in 1934 Davis bought a 1934 Chevrolet Panel Sedan, which he used to move to the State of Montana in. In Montana he went in business with Cory Bales at Wheeler, Montana. They operated a night club at that place. I went to Wheeler, Montana, in that Panel Sedan, with Volney Davis. Davis picked me up in Cardin, Oklahoma. My mother went to Montana in a 1934 Ford Sedan and in en route from Ohio to Montana she picked up the wife of Cory Bales at Aurora, Illinois. As near as I can recall we remained in Montana about two months. Davis and my mother were

having trouble between themselves so my mother and myself returned to Kansas City, Missouri, by bus. Upon our arrival we went to the home of my aunt, Doris Stanley, who was living with Jess Doyle, in the Blackstone Apartments, 39th and Broadway. John Langon and Francis Taylor also lived at the Blackstone Apartments.

"I remained in Kansas City only a few days and then went to the home of my grandmother in Cardin, Oklahoma, and stayed there about two months. When I returned to Kansas City Volney Davis was there and he and my mother were residing at an apartment house in the 4500 block on South Troost Street. When Volney Davis returned to Kansas City, Mo., from Wheeler, Montana, he made the trip in the Ford that my mother drove to Montana, and he left the 1934 Panel Chevrolet Truck in Montana with Corey Bales. After arriving in Kansas City Davis traded the Ford for a Pontiac Sedan, which was taken from his possession at the time of his arrest.

"In February, 1935, Volney Davis sent me to Montana to see whether or not Corey Bales was running his place all right. Earl Stuchlik went to Montana with me on this occasion and he was thinking of taking the Montana night club over. While I was in Montana I saw a newspaper article which stated that Jess Doyle had been arrested and had escaped from two Federal Agents. After seeing that article I decided to return to Kansas City, and Earl Stuchlik and myself drove the 1934 Panel Chevrolet Truck and a 1933 Chevrolet Coupe back to Topeka, Kansas. En route to Kansas City we learned from newspaper articles that Doris Stanley, Jess Doyle, Volney Davis and my mother had been arrested and that Volney had escaped. We decided to go to Topeka, Kansas, to confer with Hugh Larimer, an Attorney whom I had known for some time.

"I have been acquainted with Hugh Larimer since early childhood, and he had done some legal work for members of my family.

"Before going to see Hugh Larimer Earl Stuchlik stored the 1934 Panel Chevrolet Truck that belonged to Volney Davis in a private garage, under the name of J. E. Hanson. I do

not recall the address of the garage where this truck was stored. Thereafter Stuchlik and myself met Hugh Larimer in his office in the First National Bldg., in Topeka. We told him that we had Volney Davis' truck which we had brought back from Montana and that we wanted to leave the papers to it in his office. We also told him that we wanted him to represent Doyle, Doris Stanley, and my mother. He was also asked to defend my uncle and aunt, Harry and Sybil Stanley. He did not represent Doyle, Doris Stanley or my mother, but he did represent Harry and Sybil Stanley. At the time I left the title papers to the above mentioned Chevrolet Truck with Larimer I told him that I was leaving the papers with him because I did not want them on me should I be arrested. When Earl Stuchlik and myself left Topeka on this occasion we went to Kansas City and took Hugh Larimer with us for the purpose of trying to see my relatives who were being held in jail in Kansas City, Mo., and Kansas City, Kansas. When we arrived in Kansas City, Mo., we registered in the Missouri Hotel. Larimer was unable to see Mother and Jess Doyle, but he did see Doris Stanley, who was in jail in Kansas City, Mo. Doris Stanley had smuggled some money and jewelry into the jail with her and she sent \$450 and one diamond ring to me by Hugh Larimer. Hugh Larimer knew all along that my apprehension was desired by the Federal authorities.

"Thereafter we decided to go to Fort Scott, Kansas, where Harry and Sybil Stanley were being held in jail, but Hugh Larimer would not ride to Fort Scott in the car with us because he said we were hot. He went down on the train and we met him at a hotel there.

"From Fort Scott we returned to Kansas City, Missouri, and Earl Stuchlik was arrested in my car, a 1933 Chevrolet Coupe. I then went to the home of my grandmother at Cardin, Oklahoma, where I stayed about two weeks.

"Thereafter I went to Topeka, Kansas, to see Hugh Larimer to get him to obtain my car from the Sheriff at Kansas City, Missouri. I told him that I wanted him to sell my car and the Panel Truck that belonged to Volney Davis. He told me that in order to protect himself it would be necessary for me to sign the papers to my car over to him, and write him a letter, as though he was not in Topeka, Kansas, when I was at his office. I signed the papers to my car over to him,

signing the latter as J. E. Hanson. He agreed to sell these cars for me for \$25.00 each.

"When Doris Stanley was taken to Topeka to get Jess Doyle's money at the U. S. Marshal's Office she saw Hugh Larimer and he gave her \$100 to give to me. He said that money was for the sale of my car. He also told her that he had not yet sold the truck but that when he did he would send me the money. I have since learned that he realized \$300 from the sale of my car and had gyped me out of \$200. Thereafter Doris Stanley and I moved to McPherson, Kansas, and I called Hugh Larimer several times by telephone and asked him whether or not he had sold the truck and each time he told me that he had not sold it, so I went to Topeka to see him. I arrived at Topeka late one night and met Larimer at his office and he told me that he still had the truck, but that I could not get it because the man who owned the garage was at the show. The next morning he told me that he had sold the truck and did not intend to give me the money for it, because he said that he thought Earl Stuchlik owed him the money. I told him at that time that the truck belonged to Volney Davis, and that Davis and Alvin Karpis had driven me to Topeka, and that if he did not give me the money for the truck I was going back and tell Davis and Davis would come up and kill him. (As a matter of fact neither Davis or Karpis were in Topeka with me.) Larimer said that he was going to call the police and I told him that he was not going to call the police but that I was. I then called Doris Stanley at McPherson and told her that Larimer was not going to give me the money, and she said she was coming to Topeka immediately. She did come to Topeka and after talking to Larimer she told him that she was going to call Mr. Farland of the Department of Justice. Larimer then suggested that we all go to Leavenworth and see Earl and see if Earl did not think that he (Earl) owed him that much money. We went to Leavenworth and Larimer failed to meet us, and Doris tried to contact Mr. Farland by telephone but could not get in touch with him. We did nothing further to get the money for that truck from Larimer.

"After Volney Davis had been indicted in St. Paul, Minn., for his connection with the Bremer Kidnaping, I went to the home of Hugh Larimer, in Topeka, Kansas, with Volney Davis. Volney Davis said that he wanted to see Larimer because Larimer had sent for him, and another reason for the trip

to Topeka was that Davis wanted to case the Helzberg Jewelry Store. Upon arriving at the house of Hugh Larimer we went inside and was introduced to Mrs. Larimer. Volney Davis was introduced to Mrs. Larimer as Curly. While in the Larimer home Hugh Larimer said that he had seen a newspaper article to the effect that Davis had been indicted in the Bremer case and he asked me whether or not Volney Davis was the one who pulled the actual snatch, and I told him that he was. Davis was not in the room when Larimer asked me this question. While we were in the Larimer home on this occasion Larimer suggested a method to Davis by which the night depository of the First National Bank in Topeka could be robbed, and said that he wanted 10% of the take. I was to take part in the robbery. We never had an opportunity to pull this robbery and the robbery of the Helzberg Jewelry store because Volney Davis was arrested shortly thereafter.

"In connection with the 1934 Panel Chevrolet Truck I wish to add that when Earl Stuchlik stored that car in the private garage in Topeka we locked that garage and Earl kept one key and I kept one. When Larimer got that car out of the garage he took same without my permission and broke the lock on the garage door. He told me that he broke the lock off of the door to get in the garage.

"In the early part of 1934, to be the best of my recollection, an attempt was made to extort \$10,000 from [REDACTED] Francis Taylor, now serving a sentence in the Federal Prison for Women at Alderson, W. Va., [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] This extortion plot was engineered by Hugh Larimer. John Langon and Earl Stuchlik told me about Larimer's connection with this plot, and I have heard Larimer and Stuchlik discuss the plot in the Missouri Hotel in Kansas City, Mo. At that time Larimer said that the reason they were unable to get the money from the old man was because Francis Taylor was hot and could not appear in court.

"I have read the foregoing statement and the same is true

and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

"Witness: A. E. Farland (Signed) Preston Paden

S. B. Landrum

Special Agents  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Kansas City, Mo."

It will be noted that Paden has previously furnished information concerning those facts mentioned in his signed statement to Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons, as reflected in the reference letter from the Kansas City office to the Bureau dated 1-19-37. It is further noted that the facts reflected in the signed statement submitted by Paden are not in every detail exactly the same to those furnished to Special Agent Fitzsimons. Those discrepancies appearing were called to the attention of Paden and he advised that the information appearing in his signed statement is true and correct to the best of his knowledge.

The reporting Agent called at the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, for the purpose of interviewing Edna Murray, an inmate of that institution and the mother of Preston Leroy Paden. At the time Edna Murray was interviewed she was slightly indisposed and was unable to make a written statement, but on 3-11-37 she advised the reporting Agent by letter that she had written a statement and requested Agent call at the State Prison and secure same. The statement, which appears in the handwriting of Edna Murray, is quoted as follows:

"In the month of July, year of 1934, one Volney Davis traded in a 1931 Buick sedan which was in the name of 'J. E. Hanson' on a 1934 Panel Chevrolet truck. This transaction was made in Cleveland, Ohio.

"To the best of my knowledge Davis paid cash for the balance.

"Around the first part of August 1934 we drove to Glasgow, Montana, Davis driving the Panel truck and I, Edna Murray, drove the Ford sedan which we had purchased in Toledo, Ohio.



"Davis drove through Oklahoma and picked up my son one Preston Paden bringing him to Glasgow, Montana.

"There Davis started building of a night club near Wheeler, Montana. Later being known as the Hollywood Inn.

"Shortly after building had begun one Corey Bales, Davis and my son Preston Paden had an argument. I took Preston Paden back to Oklahoma.

"In a few days I returned to Montana alone. In a few days Davis and I drove the Ford sedan back to Kansas City, Missouri. We sold the Ford sedan to a used car dealer and bought one Pontiac eight sedan. Under the name of 'Grace R. Hasen.'

"We stayed in Kansas City one week then we returned to Wheeler, Montana.

"When we arrived there Corey Bales who was in charge of the Hollywood Inn informed us that G men had been there inquiring about Davis and I.

"We immediately left for Kansas City, Missouri. Leaving the Panel truck in Corey Bales' care. In the month of November, 1934, Davis and I sent one Harry Stanley and his wife to Wheeler, Montana to help Corey Bales with the management of the Hollywood Inn. Davis had invested \$6000.00 in the Hollywood Inn.

"Stanley and wife stayed at the Hollywood Inn about one month.

"They came back to Pittsburg, Kansas. There Davis and I visited them. There Stanley told us Bales had said that he would run the Hollywood Inn to suit himself as Davis was hot and could not return there.

"In a few weeks Davis sent my son Preston Paden to Glasgow. Paden drove his own Chevrolet coupe. Paden taking one Earl Stuchlik with him for company. Before Paden left Davis gave him the title to the Panel truck (which Davis had kept). Davis told Paden to tell Bales that he, Davis, wanted Bales to sell the Hollywood Inn. As Davis had put the Hollywood Inn in Corey Bales and Preston Paden's names. Paden told Bales what Davis had instructed him to tell him.

"Bales told Paden that the place was in his, Bales, name and there was nothing Davis could do about it.

"Davis told Paden before he left for Montana if Bales got smart with him, to bring the truck back with him or sell it which ever he cared to do. As Davis had given him the truck.

"Paden drove the truck back. Stuchlik drove Paden's coupe back.

"Before they reached Kansas City Davis and I had been arrested.

"While I was in jail at St. Paul, Minn. my son Preston Paden visited me. He told me that when Stuchlik was arrested in Kansas City he, Stuchlik, was driving his, Paden's, Chevrolet coupe. The police tried to confiscate the car and that he Paden had paid one Hugh Laimer to get his car from the Kansas City Police.

"He Paden also told me that he Paden had the Panel Chevrolet truck stored in a garage in Topeka, Kansas and that one Hugh Laimer who is an attorney was going to sell the truck for him. Hugh Laimer sold Paden's Chevrolet coupe. Paden only received one hundred dollar out of the sale of the car. Laimer telling Paden he would pay him Paden the balance later and to my knowledge one hundred dollars was all that Paden received.

"In March year 36 my son Preston Paden visited me at State Penitentiary. He Paden told me Hugh Laimer had sold the truck for \$450.00 and that he Paden went to Laimer to collect the money and Laimer told him Paden that he had nothing coming. That he Laimer would not give Paden any part of the money and there was not a thing he could do about it."

It is to be noted that this statement does not bear any signature of Edna Murray at the end thereof. b7c b7d

At Topeka, Kansas, Special Agent B. P. Cruise interviewed

[redacted] advised that there are three Hugh Larimers listed therein who reside at Topeka, one of whom was formerly an Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The other two are father and son, who apparently reside in

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Topeka, Kansas. [REDACTED] advised Agent Cruise that the former Bureau Agent is not related to the father and son who reside in Topeka and that the last inquiry as to the former Bureau Agent was made in 1932 which reflected that he had been transferred to the Portland office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Agent Cruise further ascertained that Hugh Clifford Larimer, an attorney at Topeka, Kansas, with an office in the National Bank of Topeka Building, is listed [REDACTED]

The address of Hugh Clifford Larimer in Topeka, Kansas, is 2145 Maryland Street. Agent Cruise consulted Martindale's Lawyer Directory which reflected that Hugh Clifford Larimer was born in 1900 and was admitted to the Kansas Bar in 1926. He is presently a member of the law firm of Larimer and Linge. Hugh Dillon Larimer, a retired contractor, 109 Woodland Street, Topeka, Kansas, is the father of Hugh Clifford Larimer, according to [REDACTED]. The records of that concern indicate that Hugh Dillon Larimer is prompt in meeting his obligations. Concerning Hugh Larimer, who was formerly a Special Agent of the Bureau [REDACTED] a newspaper clipping indicating that the said Hugh Larimer worked on the Leavenworth Prison break in August, 1932, and had been transferred to Portland, Oregon.

Agent Cruise also interviewed Miss Doris Kendle, Chief Clerk in the U. S. Attorney's office at Topeka, Kansas, who advised that she was acquainted with the former Agent, Hugh Larimer, who is no relation to the two Hugh Larimers now residing in Topeka, Kansas. When Miss Kendle last heard of former Agent Hugh Larimer, he held an investigative position with some private company, which Miss Kendle thinks was an oil company with offices in Oklahoma City.

An effort was made to interview Doris Stanley, alias Doris O'Connor, alias Doris Stuchlik, who is a sister of Edna Murray and an aunt of Preston Leroy Paden, who was last reported in Lyons, Kansas, where she was the proprietress of a tourist camp. It was ascertained that she had left Lyons, Kansas, for a vacation and the Sheriff at Lyons advised that he understood she would return in the next two or three weeks, at which time she will be interviewed for further information concerning the activities of attorney Hugh Clifford Larimer, Topeka, Kansas.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

KANSAS CITY FIELD OFFICE will ascertain when Doris Stanley returns to Lyons, Kansas, and will interview her concerning the activities of Hugh Clifford Larimer, mentioned in this report.

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7-576 - 14502 August 3, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

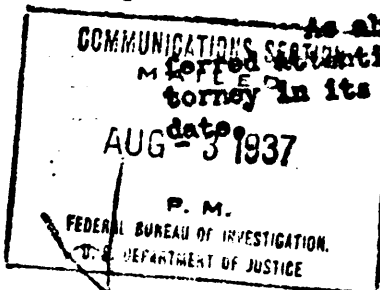
Re: BREXID

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent A. E. Farland dated at Kansas City, July 13, 1937, in connection with certain statements concerning attorney Hugh Larimer made by Preston Leroy Paden. The Bureau desires that the outstanding investigation in this matter receive prompt and vigorous attention in order that all of the facts may be obtained for submission to the United States Attorney for his decision as to possible prosecution against Larimer for harboring Volney Davis prior to the running of the statute of limitations. In this connection Davis was indicted at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 22, 1935, in connection with the kidnapping of Edward George Bremer.

It is believed that Earl Stuchlik's location should be ascertained and that he should be interviewed for any information he may have regarding this matter.

It is noted that Paden states he visited Hugh Larimer with Volney Davis following Davis' indictment at St. Paul, and that while in the Larimer home the latter made the statement that he had seen a newspaper article to the effect that Davis had been indicted in the Bremer case. It should be definitely ascertained whether there are any other witnesses who can testify to any contacts Larimer had with Davis following his indictment, and as to any knowledge on Larimer's part that he knew Davis was under indictment and wanted by the Government at the time of these contacts.

As above outlined, this investigation should receive prompt attention so that it may be presented to the United States Attorney in its entirety for his decision as to prosecution at an early date.



Very truly yours,

  
John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc Cincinnati.

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August 25, 1937

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

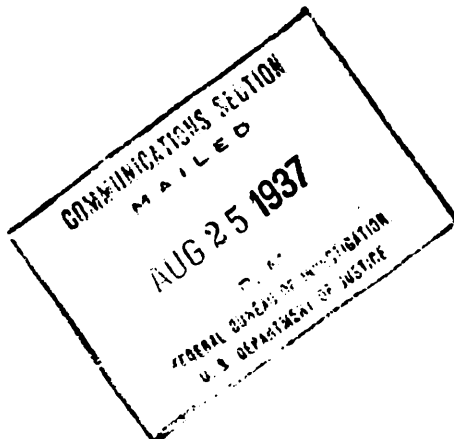
Reference is made to Bureau letter of August 3, 1937, in which reference was made to the report of Special Agent A. D. Farland, dated at Kansas City, July 13, 1937, in connection with certain statements concerning Attorney Hugh Larimer made by Preston Leroy Faden.

To date the file does not indicate that this matter has been given appropriate attention, and it is desired that the same be placed in line for immediate investigative attention and the Bureau advised of the results.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
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Mr. Quinn .....  
Mr. Nease .....  
Miss Gandy .....



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

EAT:DM

W.H.J.

Time - 10:10 A. M. July 14, 1937.


MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case

SAC Chapmon Fletcher telephoned me from the Little Rock office requesting authorization for Agents Madala and Suttler to handle a couple of leads in Kilgore and Dallas, Texas, in connection with the above entitled investigation. Mr. Fletcher estimated that it would require two days to complete the investigation of these leads. Authorization was granted for Agents Madala and Suttler to conduct this investigation.

I urged SAC Fletcher to expedite this investigation as much as possible as it has been outstanding for some time.

Respectfully,

  
E. A. TAMM.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

1130 Enquirer Building  
Cincinnati, Ohio

July 13, 1937.

HDH:MGR  
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TO ALL FIELD OFFICES:

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

In connection with the above entitled case, a number of offices have, in the past, been requested to conduct investigation in an effort to locate one GEORGE G. RORKE for questioning relative to machine guns purchased by him for shipment to Ireland.

George G. Rorke was located and interviewed recently at Boston, Massachusetts, and consequently no further efforts should be made to locate this individual.

Very truly yours,

*H. D. Harris*

H. D. HARRIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Bureau ✓

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
P. O. Box 1881  
Seattle, Washington  
July 12, 1937

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a letter received by me dated July 2, 1937 from Mrs. Edna Murray, who is presently incarcerated in the Missouri State Penitentiary. Edna Murray's letter refers to her failure to collect witness fees from the Government after testifying before a Federal Grand Jury at Cleveland, Ohio in connection with the harboring cases at that place.

Edna Murray transmitted to me the letter she received from Hazel Kuntz, Deputy United States Marshal, Cleveland, Ohio, advising her that the Government did not pay witness fees to prisoners. A copy of this letter is likewise transmitted herewith to the Bureau.

As a matter of information for the Bureau, when Edna Murray appeared at St. Paul, Minnesota as a witness in connection with the trials had at that place in the Bremer and Hamm Kidnaping cases, Mr. George Sullivan, United States Attorney, secured witness fees for Edna Murray, but of course she was not permitted traveling or per diem expenses, but she was allowed the usual daily witness fee for the time that she was held in custody in St. Paul as a witness. In view of the whole-hearted cooperation extended to the Bureau by Edna Murray, and also in view of the smallness of the amount involved, I recommend that if it is not inconsistent with the policies of the Bureau that this matter be called to the attention of the Department, in order that Edna Murray can be duly compensated.

A copy of Edna Murray's letter and the letter addressed to Edna Murray by the Deputy United States Marshal are being furnished to each of the Kansas City and Cleveland offices.

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Very truly yours,

R. C. SURAN  
Special Agent in Charge

RCS:KB  
Encls.  
cc-Cleveland, Kansas City

*see Cleveland  
attest of 7/14/37  
7/14/37*

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C O P Y

MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY  
Jefferson City, Missouri

July 2nd, 1937

Mr. Raymond Suran,  
Agent in Charge, Dept. of Justice  
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Mr. Suran:

I am enclosing herewith a letter from U. S. Deputy  
Marshall of Cleveland, Ohio, relative to my fees, Contents to be  
noted by you.

I am somewhat disappointed in the Governments attitude  
in this matter and I can not understand why I have to go through so  
much trouble, in order to secure said fees; since I have been fair  
with the Government and thus far, they have been so with me.

When I made the trip to Jacksonville, Florida in the  
Myrtle Eaton Harboring Case, I spent \$12.00 of my own funds to look  
presentable as a witness. I have likewise never been reimbursed for  
this expense.

Will you please secure fees due me in the above case and  
the refund of item in the Florida Case as I am ill and in need of funds.

Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Mrs. Edna Murray.

7-576-14505

C O P Y

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

UNITED STATES MARSHAL  
Northern District  
of Ohio.

Cleveland, Ohio  
June 30, 1937

Mrs. Edna Murray,  
% Missouri State Penitentiary,  
Jefferson City, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 23, 1937 in which you inquire regarding witness fees. This is to inform you that the government does not pay witness fees to prisoners, and therefore no witness fee can be paid you.

Very truly yours,

FOR THE UNITED STATES MARSHAL,

HAZEL KUNTZ

Deputy

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

July 14, 1937.

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Seattle Field Division, dated June 16, 1937, with which was transmitted a letter from Edna Murray, Jefferson City, Missouri, dated June 9, 1937, addressed to Mr. Raymond Suran, stating that she had not received a fee for appearing before the Grand Jury at Toledo, Ohio. The letter from the Seattle Office requested that inquiry be made in an effort to obtain a fee for Edna Murray, if she is in fact entitled to such fee.

In compliance with this letter, Special Agent H. B. Dill contacted Assistant United States Attorney Jerome Curtiss in his office in the Federal Building. Mr. Curtiss stated that he knew of no reason why Edna Murray should not receive her fee for having testified before the Federal Grand Jury at Toledo, Ohio, in May 1937.

United States Deputy Marshal Earl McGraw was contacted with reference to this matter and he stated that there was some question as to whether or not Edna Murray should receive the fee, in view of the fact that she was a prisoner. He stated, however, that after considering the matter, it was concluded that Edna Murray was entitled to the fee, in view of the fact that she was a prisoner of the State of Missouri and not a Federal prisoner.

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Mr. McGraw stated that on July 12, 1937, a check for \$12.00 was sent by the Marshal's Office at Cleveland, Ohio, to Edna Murray at Jefferson City, Missouri. A check of the records of the United States Marshal's Office at Cleveland, Ohio, indicated that a check for \$12.00, dated July 12, 1937,

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# THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

to

Official Indicated below by check mark

## MEMORANDUM

*Do you have any information on this?  
What is your recommendation?*

Solicitor General Reed  
Assistant to the Attorney General Keenan  
Assistant Attorney General Jackson  
Assistant Attorney General Morris  
Assistant Attorney General Whitaker  
Assistant Attorney General McFarland  
Assistant Attorney General McMahon  
Assistant Solicitor General Bell  
Mr. Hoover, Dir., Fed. Bu. of Investigation  
Mr. Bennett, Director of Prisons  
Mr. Martin, Director of War Risk Bureau  
Mr. Lawrence, Taxes and Penalties  
The Administrative Assistant  
Mr. Holtzoff, Special Assistant  
Mr. Morse, Survey of Release Procedures  
Board of Parole  
Mr. Lyons, Pardon Attorney  
Mr. McClure, General Agent  
Mr. Donaldson, Chief Clerk  
Chief, Division of Records  
Mr. Sornborger, Appointment Clerk  
Mr. Carusi  
Mr. Dean  
Mr. Gates  
Mr. Houston  
Miss O'Brien  
Miss Lamke  
Mr. Willard

*Alvin Karpis*

Mr. Nathan  
Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E.A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Foxworth  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Joseph  
Mr. Lester  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Nease  
Mr. Tamm  
Miss Gandy

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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7 570 14507  
July 14, 1937.MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CARUSI

I am returning herewith the suggested letter and other documents prepared by the Pardon Attorney for the signature of the Attorney General to the President pertaining to the case of Anthony Labrizetta and George Sargent.

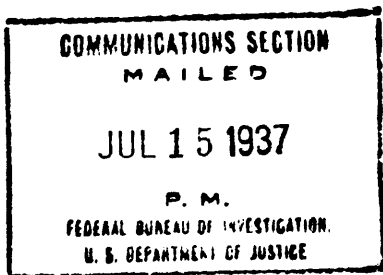
Since this matter involved a postal robbery at Warren, Ohio, it was not the subject of any investigation conducted by this Bureau, and consequently, I do not feel that I should express any opinion or recommendation concerning the action to be taken upon the recommendation for executive clemency. I might state, however, that collateral investigation conducted by the Bureau for the purpose of causing the location and apprehension of the members of the Barker-Karpis Gang indicated that the Post Office Inspectors had secured the conviction of the wrong men in connection with this case. I repeat, however, that the Bureau did not conduct any investigation into the facts surrounding this robbery, and consequently, I do not consider it desirable for me to make any comment concerning the propriety of executive clemency.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #863963

(no copies of enclosures retained for Bureau files.)



re: Anthony Labrizetta and Geo. Sargent

Mr. Carusi says: "Do you have any information  
on this? What is your recommendation? C."

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(from Pardon Atty. to Mr. Carusi)  
re: Anthony Labrizetta and Geo. Sargent  
The stay of Mandate on these men expires July  
6, but a motion was to be made for an exten-  
sion. In any event they have been confined for  
about a year. If my recommendation is fol-  
lowed, it would be only just that it should  
be done as soon as may be I believe they are  
not guilty. DML (Pardon Atty)

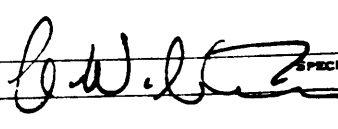
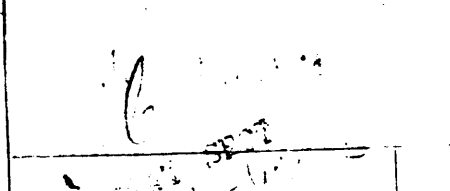


# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-36

REPORT MADE AT <b>Oklahoma City, Okla.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7/15/37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/10/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. V. Murphy</b>
TITLE <b>GEORGE TIMINEY with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>Kidnaping Obstruction of Justice Harboring of Fugitives National Firearms Act</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <div style="text-align: center;">Okla. City Police Department has three 1921 model Thompson machine guns, Nos. 1808, 6750 and 11865, which were purchased from Joe Miller, Tulsa, Okla., Agent for Federal Laboratories, Inc.</div> <div style="text-align: center;">P.</div> <div style="text-align: center;">REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent F. I. Welch, Seattle, Washington, 6/30/37.</div>			
DETAILS:  <div style="text-align: center;">At Oklahoma City.</div> <p>Captain of Detectives Charles Ryan, Oklahoma City Police Department, was interviewed and stated the Oklahoma City Police Department has three Thompson machine guns. They were checked and found to be Nos. 1808, 6750 and 11865, all model 1921.</p> <p>Captain Charles Kunz, now in charge of the Bureau of Records, Oklahoma City Police Department, advised that these machine guns were purchased from Joseph T. Miller, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Agent for the Federal Laboratories, Inc.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">PENDING.</div>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <div style="text-align: center;">               SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE           </div>		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES  <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em;"> <b>7 1576 14508 JUL 19 1937</b> </div>	
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. 7-4- BBT

REPORT MADE AT Newark, New Jersey	DATE WHEN MADE 7-15-37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/10, 17, 24/37 6/5, 6, 28/37	REPORT MADE BY J. L. Brennan
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.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Personal service of subpoenas made on Harry Heller at Atlantic City, N. J. on 5-10-37 and Samuel E. Morley at Northfield, N. J. 5-22-37. On May 15, 1937 Bureau requested farther investigation re handwriting of Duke Randall be discontinued. On 5-17-37 Bureau advised that handwriting specimens submitted by Newark Office on 5-10-37 concluded to be those of Duke Randall.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- R U C -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. A. Murphy, 5-11-37, Newark, N. J. Bureau teletype 5-15-37.</p> <p>DETAILS: On May 15, 1937 the Bureau instructed this office to discontinue all further investigation relative to obtaining additional specimens of the handwriting of Duke Randall. Therefore, the undeveloped lead set out for this office in reference report of Special Agent J. A. Murphy is being disregarded. The Bureau further instructed the Newark Division to personally contact the various individuals upon whom residential service of subpoena was made in instant case, for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not they had received notice of such subpoena, and if not to have these individuals contacted personally.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. L. Brennan</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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Pursuant to request received from the Bureau this office communicated with U. S. Marshal at Trenton, New Jersey who immediately made personal service of subpoena on Harry Heller at Atlantic City, New Jersey on May 10, 1937. The Newark Field Division further communicated with Chief Deputy U. S. Marshal Snowden, Trenton, New Jersey, and requested him to endeavor to make personal service upon Samuel E. Morley of Atlantic City, New Jersey, in connection with the subpoena issued for his appearance in instant case.

Special Agent C. I. Lord was also instructed to assist the marshal in endeavoring to effect personal service upon Samuel E. Morley, and on May 22, 1937, Deputy Marshal Stanley Seaman accompanied by Special Agent C. I. Lord of this office made personal service upon Samuel E. Morley at Northfield, New Jersey in connection with the above case. This subpoena was handed personally to Mr. Morley by Deputy Seaman and Mr. Morley was also given a check to cover his expenses to Florida.

On May 17, 1937 the Bureau advised the Newark Office that the alleged handwriting specimens of Duke Randall which were forwarded by the Newark Office and received by the Bureau on May 10, 1937 had been concluded by the handwriting experts of the Bureau to be the handwriting of Duke Randall.

Inasmuch as there is no further investigation to be conducted in this division, this case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

1448 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio

July 16, 1937

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed herewith six copies of a communication dated July 15, 1937, addressed to the writer by Mr. John C. Cochrane, Attorney-at-Law, formerly attorney for Bert Angus, who was recently sentenced in the Brekid Harboring case in this district, wherein it will be noted that Bert Angus alleges that Special Agent E.J. Wynn made certain statements to him reflecting upon the professional reputation of his Attorney, Mr. John C. Cochrane.

The word of the crooked gambler, Bert Angus, who time and again has lied to agents of this Bureau concerning his affiliation with the Karpis mob, seems to me to be not worthy of acceptance. However, since the letter indicates that the alleged statements were made in the "presence of others", it is believed that a statement should be secured from Special Agent E.J. Wynn and other agents who were present at the time of the interview by Special Agent E.J. Wynn with Bert Angus.

Copies of this letter, with the enclosure, are being forwarded to the Little Rock, Arkansas, Atlanta, Georgia, and Cincinnati, Ohio, field divisions so that Special Agents D.P. Sullivan, John Madala and J.S. Johnson can prepare appropriate memorandums in the premises.

Special Agent T.M. McDade of the Bureau also witnessed the statement of Bert Angus and he likewise should be requested to submit an appropriate memorandum.

A memorandum will be secured from Special Agent J.F. Durkin, Jr., of this division in the premises.

It is believed that Special Agents A. Dickstein and W.J. Devereux, whose whereabouts are unknown to the writer, should also be requested to submit their observations in the premises.

There is no doubt in the writer's mind but that this is a deliberate attempt to embarrass Special Agent E.J. Wynn because of the loyal, forceful and effective manner in which he handled the harboring investigation at Toledo, Ohio

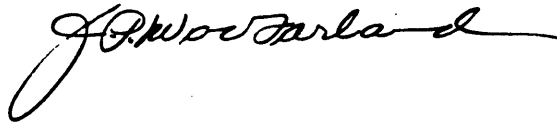
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The Bureau's advice is respectfully solicited as to its desire in the matter of an immediate interview with Mr. Cochrane.

Very truly yours,



J.P. MacFARLAND,  
Special Agent in Charge

JPM/lrl

Enclosures (6)

cc - Special Agent E.J. Wynn, c/o Inspector H.H. Clegg  
Inspector E.J. Connelley, New York  
Little Rock  
Atlanta  
Cincinnati

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LAW OFFICES  
FARBER & COCHRANE  
838 to 844 Spitzer Building,  
Toledo, Ohio

J. EUGENE FARBER  
JOHN C. COCHRANE  
Harold S. Green,  
L.A. Schrader

July 15th,  
1937

Mr. J.P. MacFarland,  
Special Agent in Charge of F.B.I.,  
1448 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. MacFarland:-

I am writing you at the suggestion of my friend, Mr. Jerry Openlander, Assistant U.S. Attorney in charge of the Toledo office, who advises me that you are in charge of the operators of the FBI in this district.

I have heard in a round-about way on two or three occasions that operators of the FBI in connection with the harboring investigation recently conducted in and about Toledo, have made unfounded and unwarranted statements involving my professional integrity. In investigating these innuendoes I had occasion to interview Mr. Bert Angus at the County Jail yesterday afternoon. You will recall that Mr. Bert Angus is one of the defendants indicted recently by the Federal Grand Jury as an accessory after the fact in the Bremer kidnapping and also for harboring the participants in that crime. Incidentally, Mr. Bert Angus has recently pleaded guilty and is now waiting transmittal to federal penitentiary under sentence pronounced by Federal Judge Jones at Cleveland, last Monday.

Mr. Bert Angus, a former client of mine, stated that when he was arrested Sunday, May 23rd, 1937, he was immediately taken to the Federal Building in Toledo, Ohio, where he was questioned by one of your operators, namely, Mr. Wynn. That Mr. Wynn, in the presence of others, demanded to know whether or not Mr. Bert Angus was going to plead guilty to the indictment and stated, according to Mr. Bert Angus, that if he didn't he had better "get in touch with his cheap crooked lawyer, John Cochrane, and see if he (John Cochrane) couldn't arrange to bribe some witnesses as he (John Cochrane) had done for him in his (Bert Angus') bank robbery charge in Indiana".

The matter that Mr. Wynn allegedly referred to was my representation of Mr. Bert Angus while he was under indictment charged with robbing a Kendallville bank back in April of 1931. I was one of three attorneys in the case and was only involved in the case for a matter of eight days. During my participation in the case I produced conclusive evidence demonstrating Bert Angus' innocence and, incidentally, that one of the State's

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witnesses had deliberately perjured himself. As a result of the matters and things I developed in my investigation of the case, the prosecutor of Noble County and the Assistant to the Indiana Attorney General's office recommended to the court that the indictment against Mr. Angus be nolle, which was done and at that time, in open court and privately, I was highly commended by the Judge, prosecutor and the Assistant from the Indiana Attorney General's office for the manner in which I had handled the case. In fact, the Judge publicly told my client that it was a shame that he had spent so much time in jail waiting trial and, as a matter of fact, if he had retained me at the outset he no doubt would have been free long before the time this was accomplished. These facts are public records and are easily demonstrated from those records and from matters and things which I have retained in my file.

I have never had any personal contact with any of the operators of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. However, from the newspaper accounts of the activities of this Bureau I have gained the rather definite impression that your operators were trained men who kept their counsel until properly advised of the matters and things about which they spoke and that when they did speak it was advisedly and authoratively.

If as a matter of fact your Mr. Wynn actually made this statement attributed to him by Mr. Bert Angus, he did so either ignorantly or deliberately and maliciously, knowing that his statement was totally and entirely false.

My professional reputation being questioned in the manner in which I have above set forth causes me to feel that I am entitled under the circumstances to a statement from your Mr. Wynn, denying Mr. Angus' charge, or, in the event the statement was made, his immediate retraction and apology.

Mr. Angus states that he is perfectly willing to give me an affidavit as to the foregoing facts, and if necessary, to face Mr. Wynn with his charges.

I hope that you will agree with me that I cannot idly sit by and permit this matter to go unquestioned and anticipating the favor of an early reply, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

/s/ John C. Cochrane,

John C. Cochrane.

JCC:ES

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

EAT:MC

July 26, 1937.

Time: 11:00 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

With reference to the attached letter from the Cleveland Office, dated July 16, 1937, which forwarded a letter of complaint from Attorney John C. Cochrane, regarding a purported statement made by Special Agent E. J. Wynn during the interview of Bert Angus in Toledo, I called Special Agent Ross at Cleveland advising him the Bureau has been furnished with signed statements by Agent Wynn and others denying Wynn ever made such statement.

~~Pursuant to your instructions~~, I instructed Mr. Ross to contact Cochrane and tell him that immediately upon receipt of his complaint the Director had checked into the matter and ascertained the claimant Angus is absolutely without foundation, and as a matter of fact no such statement has been made by any one of this Bureau at any time.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

Enclosure

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,

Kansas City, Missouri

July 17, 1937

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

On July 17th, 1937, I received a letter from C. B. Hockensmith, Assistant Manager of the Hotel Virginia, Marshall, Missouri, in which he writes as follows:

"Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find a letter which was returned to the hotel.

As this letter was marked "Return to Sender" and not recognizing the writing I took the privilege to open it to ascertain the sender. I thought that I might be able to return it to the proper owners. However after reading this letter I thought it best to send it direct to your department.

To the best of my knowledge this is no address in this town as quoted in the letter.

It is possible if you test this for prints that you will discover mine on the extreme corners of the letter.

If at any future time I can be of any assistance to you concerning this I will be glad to assist. I haven't at the time of writing this letter recalled anyone of the physical description described, in case I do I will be glad to let you know. No one knows that I am sending this letter on or that it was ever returned.

Sincerely yours,

C. B. Hockensmith  
Asst. Mgr."

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*Handwritten signatures and initials:*  
J. Edgar Hoover  
Clegg  
Glavin  
Ladd  
Nichols  
Tracy  
Harbo  
Mohr  
Tele. Rm.  
Holloman  
Gandy

The letter he enclosed is written in longhand on three pages of stationery of the Gay-Teague Hotel, Montgomery, Alabama, and is not dated. The letter in question is addressed to J. E. Day, Burlington Junction, Missouri, on an envelope of the New Virginia Hotel, Marshall, Missouri, no return address, bearing a Dallas, Texas postmark July 9th, 1937, 12:30 P. M., and on which there is an air mail stamp. The letter in question is furnished the Bureau in cellophane and is as follows:

"Thursday

Dear Sam -

Have wondered where you were - I am so sick mentally & physically I can hardly sit here & write. They got Harry today one week ago - He's in for it sure - He's in Alabama - Ray too - But Harry is taking the rap - I don't know very much - no communication, very brief outline - Ray (or Roy) should be out soon - I can't help Harry one bit - He doesn't want me too - I am nearly crazy - I will need some personal financial help, to carry on - Just a few dollars each mo, will save a few things maybe - I will let you hear more later" Am over home - Will have to work as soon as Im over the shock - Mama & I alone & frantic - I think Roy is safe soon - God pity Harry. He's taking it "standing up" tho like a man - He's worried about me - & my health I have to carry on - The home place car & Diamond if in my power - Harrys Mother refused to help him in the least - Keep in close touch with me - I dont know what I may have to do - The car may have to be brought back from Alabama - Their clothes are in Bham too. G. Men got Harry "C" & will keep on & on - trying to fasten something on him - he knows what he is in for - so do I it will be a session - Please let me hear all about yourself & what you are doing - I am very ill right now. Love

Sis -

2431 - Myers St -"

It is to be noted that there is an address on the last page of the letter, 2431 Myers Street, no city mentioned, but in view of the fact that the letter is mailed at Dallas, it is presumed that the Myers address is in Dallas, Texas.

No requests for any investigation are set out.

It is to be noted on the last page, there is the statement  
"G. Men got Harry "C" & will keep on & on - trying to fasten something  
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Very truly yours,

*Dwight Brantley*  
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

Enc.  
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*Quit.* // Cleveland  
Dallas

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# CLAY-LEAGUE HOTEL

W.G. MOFFAT, MGR.

MONTGOMERY, ALA.

Will let you hear more  
later" am over home - Will  
have to work as soon as I'm  
over the shock - Mamma & I  
alone & Francis - I think Ray  
is safe soon - God pity Harry.  
He's taking it "standing up."  
tho like a man - He's worried  
about me - & my health  
I have to carry on - The home  
place car & Diamond if in  
my power - Harry's Mother  
refused to help him in the  
least - Keep in close touch  
with me - I don't know what  
I may have to do - The car  
may have to be brought

from Alabama -

# CLAY-LEAGUE HOTEL

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**HAGUE  
HOTEL**  
W.G. MOFFAT, Mgr.

MONTGOMERY, ALA.

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Love  
Sis -

2431 - Myers St -



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ONLY MODERN FIREPROOF HOTEL IN MARSHALL  
MARSHALL, MISSOURI

Mr. J. C. Day

RETURN TO WRITER  
BEASON, 100 N. B. ST. ST. LOUIS, MO.  
Mo.

LMC:GAJ

7-576 - 14511 August 3, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

Re: BUNKIE

For your general information there is enclosed a copy of a letter received by the Bureau from the Kansas City office dated July 17, 1937, in which is incorporated a letter addressed to an individual as "Dear Sam", which apparently has reference to some individual who has recently been taken into custody by Bureau Agents in Alabama.

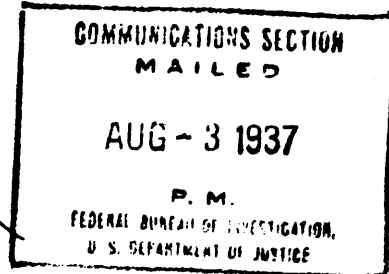
Due to the vague information contained in this letter it does not appear to require any action unless Sam can be identified with some case pending in your district.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #A-14587.

cc Cincinnati  
Kansas City



Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

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July 17, 1937

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to harboring indictments returned at Toledo, Ohio, as to the various subjects, some of whom have already pleaded guilty to the charges concerned.

At this time I believe consideration should be given to the desirability of discontinuing the search for Benson Groves, with aliases. Unless advised to the contrary, the Cleveland Office will suspend any further inquiry as to Benson Groves and also have any other offices in which leads are pending as to him also suspend their efforts as to this. Inasmuch as the United States Attorney has indicated that he will not include him in the harboring indictments it is believed that the location of Benson Groves is entirely a matter for the Post Office Inspectors and I believe our continued efforts on him when we have no interest in his location will serve to bolster up the ineffectual efforts of the Post Office Inspectors on this case. Of course, they are not appreciative of any efforts we might make to assist them in this, and I believe the problem should be left to them. As is known, he is indicted in the Garrettsville, Ohio, mail train robbery of November 7, 1935, a Post Office case.

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With reference to the inquiry we have been making as to the location of Milton Lett, it is to be noted that the United States Attorney at Toledo, Ohio, declined to include him in the harboring indictments as to the harboring of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell. Milton Lett would be of particular value to us if he had been available and would have furnished us with the details of the associations of the fugitives with the parties around the Harvard Club, Cleveland, Ohio. It is to be noted that

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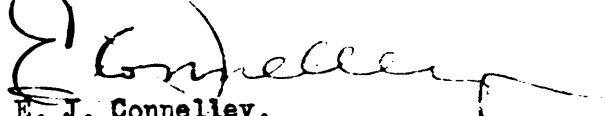


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Hebebrand and Gorman have already pleaded guilty and it is believed that we have sufficient evidence available to convict Amersbach when he is apprehended. Therefore, it is not believed that any useful purpose will be served by a long lengthy effort to cause the location of Milton Lett, it being doubtful if we could hold him on any charge. The Post Office Inspectors, of course, are still looking for this individual, judging from their efforts which have crossed our efforts to locate him and I believe this should be left to them and that we should suspend our effort as to Milton Lett.

Unless advised to the contrary, the Cleveland Office will make arrangements to suspend the work as to Milton Lett and the leads pending elsewhere as to him.

Very truly yours,

  
E. J. Connelley,  
Inspector.

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July 26, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

RE: GEORGE TIMINEX;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,  
with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1232, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
VICTIM - KIDNAPING;  
HARBORING FUGITIVES;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

In the course of the investigation which is now in progress at Hot Springs, Arkansas concerning the above entitled matter information has been received which indicates that Milton Lett was with Karpis, Campbell and Fred Hunter at least during part of their stay there.

As the apprehension of Lett undoubtedly will aid materially in this investigation, the offices receiving copies of this letter are requested to immediately review their files concerning Lett with a view of initiating investigation in the immediate future to effect Lett's apprehension.

It is desired that this matter receive preferred and vigorous attention so that Lett's apprehension may be effected at an early date.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Mr. E. J. Connelley  
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July 26, 1937.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
607 U. S. Court House,  
Foley Square,  
New York, New York.

RE: GEORGE TIMMNEY;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,  
with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1232, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
VICTIM - KIDNAPING;  
HARBORING FUGITIVES;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your communication dated July 17, 1937, relative to the discontinuing of investigation to locate Benson Groves and Milton Lett.

The Bureau is in accord with your suggestion that further investigation to locate Benson Groves should be discontinued and the Cleveland Office is hereby requested to advise the offices where there are outstanding leads to locate Groves in the premises.

With reference to the status of Milton Lett, information has been received which indicates that Lett was with Karpis and Campbell at least during part of their stay at Hot Springs, Arkansas. In view of this fact the Bureau believes that continued efforts should be made to locate Lett in connection with the investigation that is in progress at Hot Springs, and the interested offices are being requested in a separate communication to review their files and institute a vigorous investigation to effect Lett's apprehension.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: GEORGE TIMINEX;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1232; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM;  
Kidnaping; Obstruction of Justice;  
Harboring of Fugitive;  
National Firearms Act.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau desires that your office submit complete information concerning subject Anthony Amerbach, in order that an identification order can be issued.

In this connection, the Bureau desires that Amerbach's criminal record be completed. The following information should be obtained concerning each arrest: name of the arresting agency; name under which subject was arrested; number assigned to him; date; charge; and disposition. If he was incarcerated in an institution, the following information should be determined: name under which he was incarcerated; date he was received; crime; sentence; and date and manner of his release.

A complete list of the relatives of Amerbach, whose addresses have been checked within the past three months, should be furnished the Bureau.

This information should be furnished the Bureau within the next ten days. ENCL. F

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Post Office Box 1469  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
July 16, 1937

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Please forward to the Little Rock Field Division copies of reports which have not previously been designated for this Field Division, which contain the results of investigation conducted at the Manning-Marine Motor Company at Youngstown, Ohio, relative to the purchase of automobiles from that concern by members of the Barker-Karpis gang during the year 1935, including the comprehensive investigation which was conducted at the Manning-Marine Motor Company by Special Agent E. J. Dodd.

I would also like to have copies of reports which have not previously been designated for the Little Rock Field Division, which cover the various interviews had with Clayton Hall.

Very truly yours,

CHAPMAN FLETCHER  
Special Agent in Charge

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July 21, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

RE: GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,  
with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232;  
et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM;  
KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;  
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL  
FIREARMS ACT.

For the information of the file, Fred ~~H~~anter, on April 7, 1937, was sentenced to serve twenty-five years in connection with the mail robbery at ~~G~~arrettsville, Ohio, and is presently serving a sentence at Alcatraz Prison, California. John Brock is presently incarcerated in the Cuyahoga County Jail, Cleveland, Ohio, where he is being held pending the disposition of the harboring cases at Cleveland and Toledo. He has pleaded guilty to charges of mail robbery in connection with the Garrettsville case, but has not yet been sentenced. Brock is totally blind in one eye and has only 7% vision in the other eye, and it is reported that he is fast losing this vision.

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July 9, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. Tamm

Re: Request of United States Attorney Freed that  
Agent Madala proceed to Miami for interviews  
with Wynona Burdette and Dolores Delaney.

The matter of Agent Madala proceeding to Miami, Florida, to interview Wynona Burdette and Dolores Delaney was first called to the attention of the Bureau on May 28, 1937 through a telephone call to the Director by Mr. McMahon, as is recorded in the Director's memorandum to you of that date. Mr. McMahon at that time stated that Mr. Freed said Agent Madala has a good deal of influence with Wynona Burdette and suggested that Madala might proceed to Miami by plane and have a talk with her. Mr. McMahon was advised during this conversation that arrangements would be made for Madala to proceed to Miami as soon as possible.

You later called Agent McKee at Cleveland on the same date concerning the action of Mr. Freed in calling the Department and demanding that Madala be sent down to Miami to interview Wynona Burdette without consulting with the Bureau. During this conversation Agent McKee stated that he does not know how Freed came to pick out Madala to handle this situation in the manner in which he did other than that he probably found Madala's name on some of the reports. It was suggested that possibly Madala may have been "cutting some corners" in picking out this trip, but Agent McKee stated that he does not think so for the reason that Madala was already under subpoena to proceed to Miami in connection with the Adams case. In compliance with previous arrangements, Madala proceeded by plane to Miami on the morning of May 29, 1937 and apparently interviewed Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette, although the file does not disclose the results of said interviews.

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On May 31, Mr. Parrish communicated with you with reference to the removal of Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette from Florida to Toledo, Ohio, and he inquired as to whether the Bureau would authorize Agent Ladala, assuming that he was still in Florida, to proceed back to Toledo with the two girls in the same airplane and talk to them en route. This suggestion was not authorized and apparently Ladala returned to Toledo in another plane.

The above comprises practically all of the information in the file concerning this matter.

Respectfully,

*L. M. Chipman*  
L. M. Chipman

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

EAT:CJ

July 19, 1937.

Time -  
2:30 P. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

RE: BREKID

While talking to Mr. McGuire of the Department on another matter he advised that he received the memorandum on the Adams-Randall situation in Florida relative to the violation of the National Firearms Act but wants to go over it thoroughly with Mr. Keenan before he sends a memorandum to the Bureau on same.

Respectfully,

*E. A. Tamm*  
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BREKID EDWARD AND CLARA MCGRAW ENTERED PLEA OF GUILTY ON  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT Cleveland, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE 7/17/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/12-14/37	REPORT MADE BY CLYDE E. SMITH CES/LRL
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases-FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232; ANTHONY J. DIERSBACH, with aliases-FUGITIVE; et al; Edward George Bremer-Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Theodore Angus, Bert Angus, Edith Barry, Clara McGraw and Edward McGraw entered pleas of guilty on July 12, 1937, before Judge Paul Jones, U.S. District Court at Cleveland, Ohio, and were sentenced as follows: Theodore Angus 2 years 10 months, \$500.00 fine; Bert Angus 2 years 10 months, \$500.00 fine; Edward McGraw 2 years, \$500.00 fine; Clara McGraw 2 years, \$500.00 fine. Edith Barry 2 years, \$500.00 fine. Disposition sheet attached and parole reports are being submitted.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> AT CLEVELAND, OHIO</p> <p>On July 12, 1937, defendants Edward McGraw, Clara McGraw, Bert Angus, Ted Angus and Edith Barry withdrew their pleas of not guilty and entered pleas of guilty as charged in the indictment before the Honorable Paul Jones, Judge of the U.S. District Court at Cleveland, Ohio, and were sentenced as follows: Theodore Angus 2 years, 10 months and \$500.00 fine, sentences on the second and third counts to run concurrently, but the sentence received on the first count. Bert Angus 2 years, 10 months and \$500.00 fine, sentences on the second and third counts to run concurrently, but the sentence received on the first count. Edward McGraw 2 years and \$500.00 fine, sentences and fine on the second and third counts to run concurrently with sentence and fine on the first count. Clara McGraw 2 years and \$500.00 fine, sentences and fine on the second and third counts to run concurrently with sentence and fine on the first count. Edith Barry 2 years and \$500.00 fine, sentences and fine on the second and third counts to run concurrently with sentence and fine on the first count.</p>			
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Chief Deputy Marshal John J. Wein at Cleveland, Ohio, advised agent that Theodore and Bert Angus and Edward McGraw were to be confined in Leavenworth, Kansas. However, he was unable to advise at the present time as to the institution in which Clara McGraw and Edith Barry would be incarcerated inasmuch as instructions would have to be obtained from the Attorney General before they were committed.

AT TOLEDO, OHIO

Special Agent W.P. Ellwood checked docket #7960 in the office of the Clerk of the United States District Court at Toledo and it was noted that all the above sentences had been entered in the Clerk's docket and certified copies and orders of sentences delivered to the United States Marshal and commitments for the above named defendants were also issued to the U.S. Marshal on July 12, 1937. Docket #7960 likewise revealed that on June 30, 1937, the sentences of John Xorman and Arthur Xebebrand were entered in the docket and commitment papers issued to the U.S. Marshal for the above named individuals on the same date.

Disposition sheet is attached and parole reports are being submitted to the Bureau.

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# UNITED STATES DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT: Cleveland, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE: 7/17/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 7/16/37	REPORT MADE BY: CLYDE E. SMITH JES/MLL
NAME OF CONVICT: EDITH BARRY, alias Edith Decker, alias Edith Probst		<b>PAROLE REPORT</b>	
TITLE OF CASE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases-FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232; ANTHONY J. MATERSBACH, with aliases; FUGITIVE; et al; Edward George Bremer-Victim			
		VIOLATION: KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT	
<p>On January 17, 1934, members of the notorious Barker-Karpis gang, including Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. "Doc" Barker, Fred Barker, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis and William Weaver, at St. Paul, Minnesota, kidnaped Edward George Bremer, a wealthy banker, and transported him in interstate commerce to Bensenville, Illinois, where he was held pending ransom negotiations and finally released on February 7, 1934, after the payment of \$200,000.00. Following the release of Edward George Bremer various members of the Barker-Karpis gang proceeded to Toledo, Ohio, and during their stay there frequented the house of prostitution operated by Edith Barry, and later in January of 1935, after the escape of Karpis and Campbell from a trap at Atlantic City, New Jersey, proceeded to Toledo, Ohio, where they, Karpis and Campbell, eventually found haven in the house of prostitution operated by Edith Barry.</p> <p>On June 10, 1937, a Federal Grand Jury at Toledo, Ohio, indicted Edith Barry and others on three counts, the said indictment charging Edith Barry and the other named defendants as accessories after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, conspiring as accessories after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer and conspiracy to harbor Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, knowing these individuals to be fugitives from justice, wanted by the Government for the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer. On July 12, 1937, in the U.S. District Court of Cleveland, Ohio, before Federal Judge Paul Jones, Edith Barry entered a plea of guilty to the entire</p>			
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indictment and was sentenced on the same day by Judge Jones to serve two years in a United States penitentiary to be designated by the Attorney General and fined \$500.00.

#### AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES

For the past fifteen years Edith Barry has been operating a notorious house of prostitution at 524 Southard Street in Toledo, Ohio. Her resort has catered to persons maintaining high positions in both the political and social life of Toledo, as well as such individuals as Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and other members of the Karpis-Barker mob. During the time she has operated this house of prostitution numerous young women have resided in her home, where at the Barry woman's direction they have engaged in a life of prostitution and were required to pay convict Barry a large percentage of their illicit earnings. Following the escape of Karpis and Campbell from Atlantic City, New Jersey, in January of 1935, when they shot their way out of a police trap at the Darnore Hotel, they were furnished a haven of refuge in the Barry woman's house of prostitution, and were also furnished with food and drinks during the period they remained in her home. There are no mitigating circumstances in this case.

#### PERSONAL HISTORY

Edith Barry is a United States citizen, having been born at Port Huron, Michigan, on May 8, 1889, and is presently 48 years of age, and a widow. She has no children. She has a mother, Rose Decker, residing at Sacramento, California, and one brother, George Decker, residing at Palo Alto, California. Edith Barry was well-known in Toledo and was the operator of an exclusive house of prostitution which she maintained at her home, 524 Southard Street. In so far as is known Edith Barry has no criminal record.

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NAME OF CONDUCT: EDWARD MCGRAW, alias Ed McGraw, alias Eddie McGraw, alias Edward Patrick McGraw		PAROLE REPORT	
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individuals to be fugitives from justice and wanted by the U.S. Government for the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer.

On July 12, 1937, Edward McGraw entered a plea of guilty to the entire indictment in the U.S. District Court at Cleveland, Ohio, before the Honorable Paul Jones, Judge, and was sentenced by Judge Jones on July 12, 1937, to serve two years in the U.S. Federal penitentiary to be designated by the Attorney General and fined \$500.00.

#### AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES

Edward McGraw in collusion with his wife, Clara McGraw, defendant in instant case, arranged the meeting between Harry Campbell and Gertrude Billeter, which resulted in their marriage. Edward McGraw for the purpose of assisting Harry Campbell in marrying Gertrude Billeter, who did not know Campbell's true identity, secured the services of one Jack Livingston to pose as Gertrude Billeter's uncle in order that the provisions of the State law requiring five days to lapse between the securing of the marriage license and the ceremony, might be circumvented.

There are no mitigating circumstances in this case.

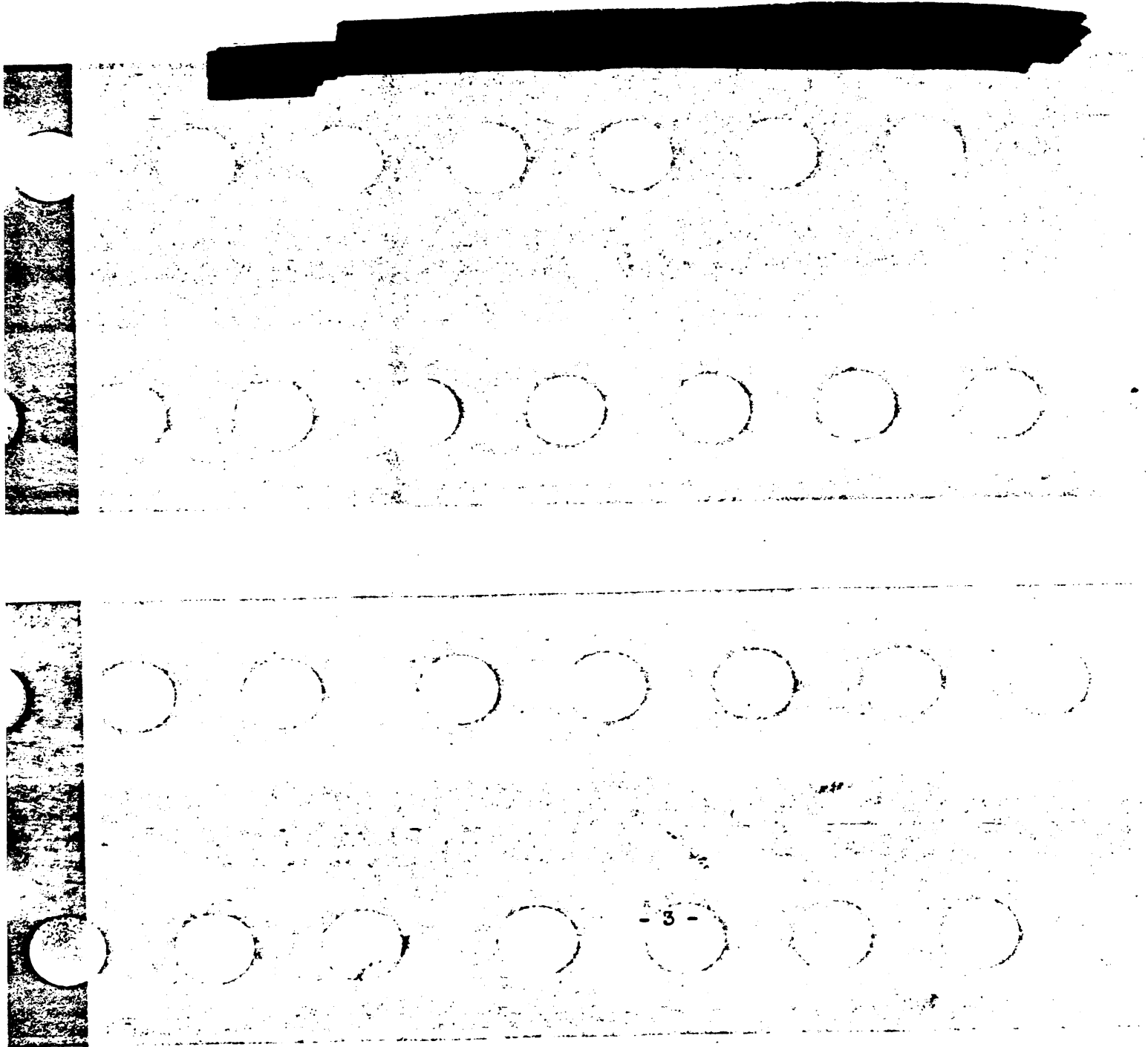
#### PERSONAL HISTORY

Edward McGraw is 51 years of age and a citizen of the United States, having been born in Worcester, Massachusetts in 1886. Approximately 33 or 34 years ago he moved to the city of Toledo and in 1919 married Clara McGraw and has resided with her ever since and at the time of his conviction was residing with her at 2011 1/2 Adams Street, Toledo, Ohio. He is of the white race and has no children. He has a sister, Mrs. Eleanor Davis, residing at the Dunscomb Hotel, Toledo, Ohio, and one brother, Thomas McGraw, the manager of a clothing store in Dayton, Ohio.

The following is the criminal record of Edward McGraw, as contained in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under FBI #110771:

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REPORT MADE AT: Cleveland, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE: 7/17/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 7/16/37	REPORT MADE BY: CLYDE E. SMITH, CES/LML
NAME OF CONVICT: BERT ANGUS		<b>PAROLE REPORT</b>	
TITLE OF CASE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases- FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232; ANTHONY J. AMERSBACH, with aliases-FUGITIVE; et al; Edward George Bremer-Victim		VIOLATION: KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT	
<p>On January 17, 1934, members of the notorious Barker-Karpis gang, including Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. "Doc" Barker, Fred Barker, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis and William Weaver, at St. Paul, Minnesota, kidnaped Edward George Bremer, a wealthy banker, and transported him in interstate commerce to Bensenville, Illinois, where he was held pending ransom negotiations and finally released on February 7, 1934, after the payment of \$200,000.00. Following the release of Edward George Bremer various members of the Barker-Karpis gang proceeded to Toledo, Ohio, where they frequented the cabaret known as the Casino Club, which was operated by Bert Angus and his brother, Theodore Angus, who is also a defendant in instant case. During the month of August 1934 Bert Angus assisted Arthur R. "Doc" Barker in purchasing a 1934 Chevrolet sedan from the Robison Chevrolet, Incorporated, of Toledo, Ohio, and also in July of 1934 assisted William Weaver in purchasing a Chevrolet sedan in the city of Toledo.</p> <p>On July 10, 1937, a Federal Grand Jury at Toledo, Ohio, returned an indictment containing three counts against Bert Angus and others, the indictments charging Bert Angus and the other named defendants as accessories after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, conspiring as accessories after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, and conspiracy to harbor Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, knowing these individuals to be fugitives from justice and wanted by the Government for the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer. On July 12, 1937, in the U.S. District Court at Cleveland, Ohio, Bert Angus entered a plea of guilty to the entire indictment before Federal Judge Paul Jones and was sentenced by Judge Jones</p>			
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on July 12, 1937, to serve two years and ten months in a U.S. penitentiary designated by the Attorney General and pay a fine of \$500.00.

#### AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES

Bert Angus, who at one time was a bootlegging partner of William Harrison, a minor member of the Barker-Karpis mob, in Calumet City, Illinois, and his brother, Theodore Angus, operated since approximately 1931 a notorious night club situated on the outskirts of Toledo, known as the Casino Club, the Club being the rendezvous to a certain extent of the criminal element at Toledo. During January 1935 Karpis and Campbell shot their way out of a trap at Atlantic City, New Jersey, and proceeded directly to the Casino Club, where convict Bert Angus was contacted by them and he, being aware of their true identity and also aware of the fact that they were fugitives from justice and wanted by the U.S. Government, failed to call either the local law enforcement agencies or the Federal Bureau of Investigation in order to cause their apprehension.

There are no mitigating circumstances in this case.

#### PERSONAL HISTORY

Bert Angus is 45 years of age and a citizen of the United States, having been born at Fenton, Michigan, on October 7, 1892. Approximately four years ago he married Madeline Holst, having been divorced from his first wife. He is white and has three children: Irene, Bert and Joseph Angus, all of whom reside with his wife Madeline at 2020 Monroe Avenue, Toledo, Ohio.

The following is the criminal record of Bert Angus, as contained in the records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

[REDACTED]

Bert Angus also admits having been arrested by the Toledo, Ohio, Police Department in 1925 on a charge of bootlegging and fined \$100.00 and costs. Convict Angus also admits an arrest for bootlegging in 1929 by the Toledo, Ohio, Police Department, on which charge he was released.

# UNITED STATES DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT: Cleveland, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE: 7/17/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 7/16/37	REPORT MADE BY: CLYDE E. SMITH CES/LAL
NAME OF CONVICT: THEODORE CHARLES KARPIS, alias Theodore Angus, alias John J. Dumas, alias Ted Angus		<b>PAROLE REPORT</b>	
TITLE OF CASE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases-FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232; ANTHONY J. MASSEACH, with aliases- FUGITIVE; et al; Edward George Bremer-Victim			
		VIOLATION: KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT	
<p>On January 17, 1934, members of the notorious Barker-Karpis gang, including Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. "Doc" Barker, Fred Barker, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis and William Weaver, kidnaped at St. Paul, Minnesota, Edward George Bremer, a wealthy banker, and transported him in interstate commerce to Bensenville, Illinois, where he was held pending ransom negotiations and finally released him on February 7, 1934, after the payment of \$200,000.00. Following the release of Edward George Bremer various members of the Barker-Karpis gang, including all the above named principals, proceeded to Toledo, Ohio, where they frequented the Casino Club, which was operated by Theodore Angus, in company with his brother, Bert Angus. During the time members of the mob remained in Toledo, Ohio, Theodore Angus furnished his speedboat, known as the "Hay Bag", to Arthur R. "Doc" Barker for Barker's transportation and amusement, and during October of 1934 Theodore Angus at the instance and request of Harry Campbell and with the assistance of Ruth Evelyn Wells, paramour of Theodore Angus, made a payment to Dr. Fred M. Douglas for medical services performed upon Wynona Burdette, the paramour of Harry Campbell. Theodore Angus, during the summer of 1934, in collusion with his brother, Bert Angus, provided storage space for the furniture and belongings of Harry Campbell.</p> <p>On July 10, 1937, a Federal Grand Jury at Toledo, Ohio, returned an indictment containing three counts against Theodore Angus and others, the indictments charging Theodore Angus and the</p>			
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other named defendants as accessories after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, conspiring as accessories after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, and conspiracy to harbor Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, knowing these individuals to be fugitives from justice and wanted by the Government for the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer. On July 12, 1937, in the U.S. District Court at Cleveland, Ohio, Theodore Angus entered a plea of guilty to the entire indictment before Federal Judge Paul Jones and was sentenced by Judge Jones on July 12, 1937, to serve two years and ten months in a U.S. penitentiary designated by the Attorney General and pay a fine of \$500.00.

#### AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES

Theodore Angus came to Toledo, Ohio, several years ago from the State of Michigan and since his residence in the City of Toledo, has been engaged with his brother, Bert Angus, in the operation of roadhouses and gambling establishments in Toledo and Point Place, Ohio. He is a well known figure in the underworld of Toledo, Ohio. Theodore Angus has for several years lived in the state of adultery with Ruth Wells and it was through her at Theodore Angus' insistence that it was made possible for Harry Campbell to secure medical services for his paramour, Wynona Burdette, at a hospital in Toledo, Ohio, without danger of that fact becoming known. There are no mitigating circumstances in this case.

#### PERSONAL HISTORY

Theodore Angus is 49 years of age, a United States citizen, having been born at Fenton, Michigan, on March 17, 1888, is single and has no children. He has a sister, Millie Angus, residing at Lansing, Michigan, and a sister, Althere Angus, residing at Fenton, Michigan, as well as a brother, Bert Angus, who is a defendant in instant case.

The following is the criminal record of Theodore Angus, as contained in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under FBI #226312: p3

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The following record is unsupported by fingerprints:

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REPORT MADE AT: Cleveland, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE: 7/17/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 7/16/37	REPORT MADE BY: CLYDE E. SMITH CES/ML
NAME OF CONVICT: CLARA MCGRAW		<b>PAROLE REPORT</b>	
TITLE OF CASE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases- FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232; ANTHONY J. AMERSBACH, with aliases-FUGITIVE; et al; Edward George Bremer-Victim		VIOLATION: KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT	
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On July 12, 1937, the U.S. District Court at Cleveland, Ohio, before Honorable Paul Jones, Judge, Clara McGraw entered a plea of guilty to the entire indictment and was sentenced on July 12, 1937, to serve two years in U.S. Federal penitentiary to be designated by the Attorney General and fined \$500.00.

#### AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES

Clara McGraw in company with her husband Edward McGraw operated a rooming house at 2011 1/2 Adams Street, Toledo, Ohio, the rooms of which were on occasion used as a place of assignation of various individuals. Clara McGraw for the purpose of concealing the identity of Harry Campbell, notorious criminal, the partner of Alvin Karpis, introduced him to Gertrude Billeter as Bob Brown, a road contractor, and her cousin, which meeting ultimately led to the marriage of Campbell and Gertrude Billeter, the girl being unaware of Campbell's true identity.

There are no mitigating circumstances in this case.

#### PERSONAL HISTORY

Clara McGraw is 42 years of age, a citizen of the United States, having been born at Toledo, Ohio, January 18, 1895, and is married to Edward McGraw, a defendant in instant case. She has resided with Edward McGraw in Toledo, Ohio, since 1919, when she married him. She is of the white race and has no children. Clara McGraw has no known criminal record.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1130 Enquirer Building  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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July 21, 1937.

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

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the letter from the Cleveland Office with enclosure dated July 16, 1937, involving a complaint made by Attorney John C. Cochrane of Toledo, Ohio, I am attaching copies of a memorandum furnished by Special Agent Joseph S. Johnson in the premises, to the Bureau, Cleveland Office, and Inspector Connelley.

Very truly yours,

*H. D. Harris*  
H. D. HARRIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Cleveland  
Inspector Connelley.

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Cincinnati, Ohio  
July 21, 1937.

MEMORANDUM:

Re: BREKID

In connection with a complaint made by Attorney John C. Cochrane of Toledo, Ohio, to the effect that Special Agent E. J. Wynn cast reflections on the former's reputation, etc., the under-signed can only state that he overheard no such remarks as detailed in letter from the Cleveland Office with enclosure dated July 16, 1937.

As a matter of fact, the time of the under-signed Agent at Toledo was devoted almost wholly to Ted Angus.

Very truly yours,

*Joseph S. Johnson*  
JOSEPH S. JOHNSON,  
Special Agent.

7-576-14525

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Baughman \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Dawsey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Foxworth \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Joseph \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Kleinkauf \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Lester \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Schilder \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

## Record of Telephone Call or Visitor.

July 22 1937.

Time 10:24  
Name Allen Dibble of U.P. tele.

Referred to \_\_\_\_\_

## Details:

Inquired if there was anything to the report that the body of Dr. Joseph Moran had been found near Toledo. Upon advice from Mr. Tamm he was advised this report was unfounded. cek

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501 Henley Building  
Atlanta, Georgia  
July 21, 1937

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated July 16, 1937, addressed to the Bureau, in which you inform that it is necessary that Special Agent John L. Madala prepare an appropriate memorandum in connection with certain statements of Bert Angus.

At the present time Agent Madala is on special assignment in the Little Rock Division. I have transmitted the information you forwarded to this Division for his attention and have instructed him to promptly prepare the memorandum and forward the same to your Division.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,  
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Bureau  
Little Rock

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Department of Justice  
Washington

July 20, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER, DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Re: GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,  
with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232; et  
al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim; KID-  
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OF FUGITIVES. NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

On July 3 you called attention to the fact  
that voucher in the sum of \$259.23, covering expenses  
incurred in transporting Edna Murray from Jefferson  
City, Missouri to St. Paul, Minnesota, on July 6,  
1936, had not been paid. Upon inquiring at the General  
Accounting Office, we find that this voucher was certi-  
fied for payment in full and sent to the United States  
Marshal at St. Paul, Minnesota on July 2, for payment.

Joseph B. Keenan,  
The Assistant to the Attorney General.

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July 29, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: GEORGE TIMINEX;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,  
with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1232, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
VICTIM - KIDNAPING -  
HARBORING FUGITIVES -  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE -  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

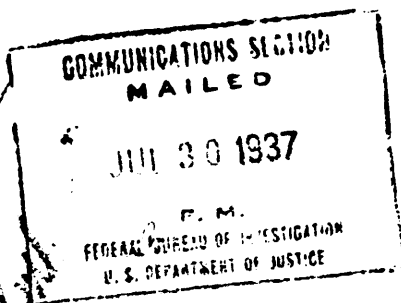
Reference is made to your communication dated June 18, 1937, enclosing copies of a letter addressed to you by the Warden of the Missouri State Penitentiary, dated June 16, 1937, with reference to the Warden's inability to obtain payment of a voucher in the amount of \$258.23 incurred in transporting Edna Murray from Jefferson City, Missouri to St. Paul, Minnesota on July 6, 1936, as a Government witness in the trial of Alvin Karpis for the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer.

Please be advised that this matter was called to the attention of the Department, and on July 20, 1937, the Bureau received a memorandum from Mr. Joseph B. Keenan, The Assistant to the Attorney General, which advised that this voucher was certified for payment in full and sent to the United States Marshal at St. Paul, Minnesota on July 2, 1937 for payment.

It is suggested that you may desire to advise the Warden of the action taken by the Bureau and of the reply received from the Department.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



July 6, 1937

LMC:RD

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: BREKID -  
Entering of Statistics in  
Kidnaping Book

The question has arisen as to whether the directed verdicts of acquittal, recently granted Joe Adams and Duke Randall with reference to the harboring charges at Miami, Florida should be entered as statistics in the kidnaping book.

It is the writer's opinion that these acquittals should not be shown as kidnaping statistics in so far as this book is concerned for the reason that the harboring statute is in no way related to the Federal kidnaping statute. It is the writer's understanding that the purpose of this book is to give the Bureau a clear picture of our kidnaping prosecutions, and that being the case it would appear that to enter acquittals on harboring charges in this book would not fulfill its purpose. To include harboring statistics in this book would bring up the question as to whether statistics pertaining to any other collateral issues during the trial of a kidnaping case should be entered such as statistics on prosecution for obstruction of justice, the intimidation of witnesses, perjury or any other collateral issue which might arise during the course of a trial of a kidnaping case.

I believe that the statistics referred to herein should apply strictly to kidnaping indictments or indictments based upon the kidnaping statute such as indictments charging accessory after the fact of kidnaping, examples of which were recently returned at Toledo, Ohio in the Brekid case. The Toledo cases can be distinguished from the Joe Adams case in that the indictment actually charged the subjects with being accessories after the fact of kidnaping, and the statistics relating thereto should be included in this book.

I do believe, however, that the results of the harboring cases in kidnaping investigations and also in any other collateral investigation and prosecution with reference to kidnaping cases should be included

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in the narrative. The subjects of these cases can also be shown on the statistical page preceding the narrative with a proper notation at the bottom of the page, indicating through an asterisk, that that particular individual was prosecuted for harboring, perjury or whatever the prosecution might have been and that the statistics therefor are not being recorded in the fore part of the book.

I am withholding entering the directed verdicts in the Adams case as kidnaping statistics in this book pending your advice in this matter. Of course, this only applies to the kidnaping book and does not affect the situation so far as the reporting of the statistics to the Chief Clerk is concerned.

Respectfully,

L. M. Chipman

July 15, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

*X*  
The Executive Conference considered the question of whether individuals prosecuted upon charges of harboring in connection with kidnaping cases should be included in the kidnaping statistics which are maintained. The Conference was of the unanimous opinion that such statistics should be included in the kidnaping statistics.

If you approve this recommendation, these figures will be included.

Those in attendance were Messrs. Nathan, Tolson, Clegg, Quinn and Tamm.

Respectfully,  
For the Conference,

CLYDE TOLSON,  
Chairman.

T. D. QUINN,  
Secretary.

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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,  
Kansas City, Missouri  
July 22, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California.

RE: BREKID *Edward G. Bremer*

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to a letter from this office dated June 15th, 1937, and report of Special Agent S. B. Landrum, Kansas City, Missouri, dated June 19th, 1937, requesting your office to conduct investigation at Long Beach, California for the purpose of determining whether or not Milton Lett is residing there with one Lyn Jordan.

Joe Baum, Sheriff, Sedgwick County, Wichita, Kansas, has informed this office that Lyn Jordan's sister at Wichita, Kansas received a letter on July 21st, 1937, which letter bore the return address of A. M. Williams, 3519 Cedar Avenue, Lynwood, California. The Sheriff is of the opinion that A. M. Williams is an alias for Lyn Jordan. Therefore, it is requested that your office conduct investigation at 3519 Cedar Avenue, Lynwood, California for the purpose of determining if A. M. Williams is Lyn Jordan, and if so, he should be questioned concerning the present whereabouts of Milton Lett.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-7

REPORT MADE AT Peoria, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE 7-23-37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7-12-37	REPORT MADE BY L. W. BRYAN DEB
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE; I.O. #1232, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Kenneth R. Perry acquainted with Clifford Collins at Kansas State Reformatory, and photograph of "Babe" identified as that of Marvin Sullivan, former inmate of Reformatory. Perry claims he has never heard of Milton Lett.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of Special Agent S. B. Landrum, Kansas City, Mo., dated 6-1-37; report of Special Agent L. W. Bryan, Peoria, Illinois, dated 7-10-37.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> A letter dated July 6, 1937, was received from Kenneth R. Perry, now using the name Richard K. Perry, stating that his present address is Washburn, Illinois, where he is employed by the Illinois Commercial Telephone Company.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>AT WASHBURN, ILLINOIS.</u></p> <p>Kenneth R. Perry was interviewed, at which time he stated that he has been using the name Richard K. Perry since his release from the Kansas State Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas. When questioned about Clifford Collins, he said that while in the Reformatory he occupied quarters near to him, and for that reason became quite friendly with him. He said that Collins thought himself quite a "big shot" and boasted of knowing all the criminal element around Wichita, Kansas. Perry said he could not remember any of the names ever mentioned by Collins, as he had never had a lengthy or detailed conversation with him at any time. Perry said that about six months ago he wrote to Collins, at Wichita, Kansas, but he has not had a reply.</p>			
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COPIES OF THIS REPORT 3 Bureau 2 Cincinnati 2 Kansas City (Enc.) 2 Peoria <b>COPIES DESTROYED</b> <b>MAR 25 1965</b>		<p style="text-align: center;">DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; text-align: center;">7-1576-14532</p> <p style="text-align: right;">JUL 26 1937</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JUL 26 A.M.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ONE b STAT. SEC. 1 PH-10003</p>	

When asked whether he ever heard Collins speak about Milton Lett or any of the aliases of Lett, Perry said that he was certain he had never heard mention of him, and he, himself, did not know Lett and had never heard of him in any manner. Perry explained that he had only been in Kansas on one occasion, and that was for about three months during the latter part of 1932, immediately prior to the time he was arrested for a robbery at Paola, Kansas, and that he had not been in Wichita, Kansas, and knew no person who lived there other than Clifford Collins.

Perry was asked if he knew of anyone named "Babe" who had been in the Reformatory at the same time, and he said he did not recall anyone with that nickname. However, when shown the photograph of "Babe", referred to in reference report of Special Agent S. B. Landrum, he immediately identified it as being that of Marvin Sullivan. Perry said that Sullivan had not lived in the same quarters at the Reformatory, but he became rather friendly with him as a result of working in the Reformatory barber shop. Perry said Sullivan had a badly diseased face, and he gave him treatments in the barber shop. Perry said that he had never corresponded with Sullivan, and did not know he was released from the Reformatory.

Perry said that he and Sullivan had exchanged photographs while in the Reformatory, and had also exchanged photographs with Collins, but the Reformatory numbers were not on the photographs. Perry said he did not know how Sullivan got a photograph with the Reformatory numbers on it, except that if you knew someone who worked in the office you could get anything you wanted.

Perry said that he would be glad to assist in obtaining information about Milton Lett from Clifford Collins, but he felt that since Collins had not replied to his letter, and since he had never known Milton Lett, he felt that Collins would immediately suspect that there was some ulterior purpose in making an inquiry of him.

Perry said that his future address may be obtained from his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Perry, Versailles, Illinois, or by discreetly contacting his immediate employer, R. T. Reyburn, Division Engineer, Illinois Commercial Telephone Company, Kewanee, Illinois.

The photograph of Kenneth R. Perry and that of "Babe", received with the report of Special Agent S. B. Landrum are being returned with copies of this report to the Kansas City Office.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**

2401 Sterick Building,  
Memphis, Tennessee,  
July 23, 1937.

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,  
with aliases, I. O. 1232 - FUGITIVE; ANTHONY J.  
AMERSBACH, with aliases - FUGITIVE et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM; KIDNAPING; HARBOR-  
ING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL  
FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Attention is invited to the report of Special  
Agent R. E. Peterson dated at Memphis, Tennessee, July 22,  
1937, the last two paragraphs of which reflect that Greta Swan-  
son, alias Greta Gilstrap, is presently located at "227 $\frac{1}{2}$  Madison  
Avenue" in Memphis, Tennessee.

This is to advise that this number is incorrect  
and should have been 277 $\frac{1}{2}$  Madison Avenue as is reflected in the  
synopsis of the report.

Very truly yours,

*T. N. Stapleton*

T. N. STAPLETON  
Special Agent in Charge

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK CITY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7/26/37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/16-19/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>H. C. LESLIE</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O.#1232 - FUG., ANTHONY J. AMERSBACH, with aliases - FUG., et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>New York City directories and telephone directories reflect only one name Amersbach in Greater New York, which is Dr. Joseph C. Amersbach. Superintendent of 105 East 53rd Street, N. Y. C. advised Dr. Amersbach has a brother who visited the doctor about six months ago. Dr. Amersbach presently residing Blind Brook Road, Westport, Conn.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p>			
<p><b>REFERENCE:</b></p> <p>Report of Special Agent H. A. Loughran, Detroit, Michigan, dated <u>7/9/37</u>.</p>			
<p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p>The writer consulted the New York City Directories for the name AMERSBACH. There was found only one name AMERSBACH, Dr. JOSEPH CORNELIUS AMERSBACH, 105 East 53rd Street, New York City.</p> <p>Mr. G. <sup>X</sup>ANDREWS, superintendent of 105 East 53rd Street, New York City, which is a large apartment house, was contacted with a view of determining whether Dr. AMERSBACH has</p>			
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 a brother, ANTHONY AMERSBACH, who visits him. Mr. ANDREWS advised that he recalls Dr. AMERSBACH has a brother who has visited him during the past two years on one or two occasions. The last visit that Dr. AMERSBACH'S brother made to him, as he recalls, was about six months ago. Mr. ANDREWS described this man, to the best of his recollection, as follows:

Age	35
Height	5'8" - 9"
Weight	160-165 lbs.
Complexion	Light (Smooth shaven)

It is to be noted that the description furnished by Mr. ANDREWS does not compare very favorably with the description of ANTHONY AMERSBACH, fugitive in this case. Mr. ANDREWS advised that Dr. AMERSBACH is married and has several children and resides at 277 Park Avenue, New York City. He further advised that he would keep a sharp lookout for Dr. AMERSBACH'S brother and in the event this man visits the doctor he will communicate with the New York Division.

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 Mr. H. W. MANZER, renting agent, 277 Park Avenue, New York City, which is a very large apartment house, was interviewed and advised that Dr. AMERSBACH rented an apartment at this address in October 1934 and left September 30, 1936; that he went to Blind Brook Road, Westport, Connecticut. He stated that Dr. AMERSBACH is a cancer and skin specialist and has a very good reputation and that he is married and has three small children, ages 3 to 9 years. Mr. MANZER stated that he does not believe Dr. AMERSBACH has a brother. Mr. MANZER questioned the doorman and the elevator operators at the apartment house and they advised that Dr. AMERSBACH was not known to have a brother but that he has a sister who resides in Denver, Colorado, and that the doctor is supposed to have come from somewhere in the state of Colorado. Mr. MANZER stated that he considers Dr. AMERSBACH a very high class man and he feels that the doctor could be approached for any information concerning any members of his family. This, however, will not be done unless such a request is received from the Division of origin. Mr. MANZER described Dr. AMERSBACH as follows:

Age	40 to 45 years
Height	5'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	175 lbs.
Build	Well built
Hair	Black, mixed with gray
Eyes	Large, bulgy
Nationality	German extraction.

At the Medical Journal office, 33 West 42nd Street, New York City, the records reflect that Dr. AMERSBACH was graduated from the St. Louis University, St. Louis, Mo. in 1927; that he is assistant dermatologist at the Post Graduate Hospital, New York. It is suggested that photograph, if one is available, be furnished to the New York and Hartford Divisions.

For the information of the Hartford and St. Louis Divisions, the reference report reflects that there is a warrant presently outstanding for ANTHONY AMERSBACH in the Cleveland district and that ANTHONY AMERSBACH has a brother PHILIP AMERSBACH, alias Joseph Amersbach, alias Joseph Phillips, alias Ed Summers, who is serving a life sentence at the State House of Correction and Branch Prison, Marquette, Michigan. The reference report also reflects that information was received that PHILIP AMERSBACH has a brother Dr. GEORGE AMERSBACH who is located in Rochester, N. Y. or in New York City. There is no record of a Dr. GEORGE AMERSBACH in the medical directory in New York, the only Dr. AMERSBACH in New York City being Dr. JOSEPH C. AMERSBACH.

ANTHONY AMERSBACH is described as follows:

Age	40
Height	5'7" or 8"
Weight	190 lbs.
Build	Heavy
Hair	White - black streak down middle
Eyes	Brown, piercing
Dress	Neat dresser

It is to be noted that the description furnished by Dr. Joseph C. Amersbach by Mr. MANZER compares very favorably with the description of subject ANTHONY AMERSBACH.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

HARTFORD FIELD DIVISION at Westport, Conn. will make discreet investigation at the Post Office and in the neighborhood of the residence of Dr. JOSEPH CORNELIUS AMERSBACH, Blind Brook Road, Westport, Conn., to determine whether ANTHONY AMERSBACH may be contacting his brother, Dr. JOSEPH CORNELIUS AMERSBACH.

St. LOUIS FIELD DIVISION at St. Louis, Mo., will check the records at the St. Louis University and obtain all information concerning Dr. JOSEPH CORNELIUS AMERSBACH, who was graduated from the college in 1927, particularly the name of his father, place of residence, etc., and in the event Dr. CORNELIUS AMERSBACH resided with his parents in St. Louis at the time he was attending college, the St. Louis Division will conduct further investigation to definitely determine whether or not he had a brother ANTHONY AMERSBACH as it is not known definitely that ANTHONY AMERSBACH is a brother of Dr. JOSEPH CORNELIUS AMERSBACH.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

July 26, 1937

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter from Inspector E. J. Connelley to the Bureau dated at New York City July 17, 1937, containing suggestions to the effect that the Bureau cease investigation seeking the whereabouts of Milton Lett and Benson Groves, said letter advising the Cleveland office to suspend investigation unless advised to the contrary.

Inasmuch as several offices of the Bureau at the present time are conducting active investigation seeking the whereabouts of both of these individuals, the advice of the Bureau is respectfully requested at an early date as to the feasibility of continuing investigation seeking to locate Groves and Lett, in order that all offices of the Bureau, in the event it is not desired to look for these individuals further, may be notified in the premises.

Very truly yours,

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

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United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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July 27, 1937.

Time: 11:20 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

I called SAC Brantley at Kansas City and inquired of him if there is not some way in which we can make an arrangement to have Edna Murray removed and questioned to locate the body of Earl Christman, since the Bureau has been sending out letters for about a year with this end in mind and as yet no action has been taken.

Mr. Brantley stated that Casteel has told him he will be back about the first of August and will be able to handle this matter then. Mr. Brantley said he will give this matter vigorous attention, in order to clear it up.

Mr. Brantley stated that the trial at West Plains, Missouri, was good, the Bureau Agents having made good witnesses, and he has submitted a letter to the Bureau in this regard.

I asked him if he thought the County Attorney at West Plains might be capable of convicting Alvin Karpis of murder, and he stated he believes so, if the Bureau conducts the investigation.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

July 26, 1937

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: <sup>o</sup>BREKID

Please be advised that the United States Attorney's office, Cleveland, Ohio, has advised that Frank P. Greenwald has notified the office of the U. S. Attorney of his intention to enter a plea of guilty to the indictment charging him with harboring Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell and as being an accessory after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer.

It is the information of this office as received from the office of the U. S. Attorney that Frank P. Greenwald will be brought to Cleveland, Ohio, on or about August 1, 1937, at which time it is expected that Federal Judge John Paul Jones will be available to accept the plea and pass sentence.

The Bureau will be kept advised as to developments and immediately notified at the time the plea is entered and sentence is passed.

Very truly yours,

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

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1448 Standard Building  
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Special Agent in Charge  
Detroit, Michigan

Re: Brekid

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent H. A. Loughran dated at Detroit, Michigan, July 9, 1937, reflecting that Phillip Amersbach, a brother of the fugitive, Anthony J. Amersbach, is presently confined in the state penitentiary at Marquette, Michigan.

It is requested that you endeavor to make arrangements with the officials of the penitentiary at Marquette, Michigan to appropriately cover all incoming and outgoing correspondence of Phillip Amersbach in the hope of obtaining some lead as to the whereabouts of the fugitive from such correspondence.

It is also requested that you thoroughly review all of the penitentiary files on Phillip Amersbach, including, if possible, any files of the parole board, inasmuch as it is felt that persons who may in the past have been interested in a possible parole for Phillip Amersbach are also acquainted and friendly with the fugitive, Anthony J. Amersbach. Along this line it is requested that you also conduct appropriate investigation at the office of the cashier or the warden of the penitentiary for the purpose of determining whether or not the prisoner, Phillip Amersbach, is receiving or has received in the past any sums of money to be deposited to his credit from outside sources, it being felt in this regard that possibly the fugitive may from time to time send money to the prisoner.

Very truly yours,

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*NATHAN*

*Dr. J. May 11/6*

936 Raymond-Commerce Building  
Newark New Jersey

July 27, 1937

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: GEORGE TIMINEX  
DR. JOSE H. P. MORAN with aliases-FUGITIVE,  
I.O. #1232, et al.  
Edward George Bremer - Victim.  
KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING  
OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

Dear Sir:

In connection with your memorandum to all Field  
Offices dated December 12, 1935 please be advised that the  
stop notice placed at the Motor Vehicles Bureau, Trenton,  
New Jersey on a Plymouth Sedan, motor #PJ322772 and serial  
#261957 is still outstanding in this district.

We would appreciate being advised as to whether  
or not you wish the above mentioned stop notice continued.

Very truly yours,

W. S. DEVEREAUX  
Special Agent in Charge

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936 Raymond-Commerce Building  
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Special Agent in Charge  
Chicago, Illinois

Re: GEORGE TIMINEX  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases-FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1232, et al.  
Edward George Bremer - Victim.  
KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING  
OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

Dear Sir:

In connection with your letter dated June 15, 1936 addressed to the Cincinnati Office with a copy to each Field Office, please be advised that the stop notice placed at the Motor Vehicles Bureau, Trenton, New Jersey, on a Ford V8 Sedan, 1935 Model, motor #2011337 is still outstanding in this district.

Your advice is requested as to whether or not you desire the above mentioned stop notice continued.

Very truly yours,

W. S. DEVEREAUX  
Special Agent in Charge

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EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

KRM:EAM

Washington, D. C.

July 26, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

RE: BREKID.

Mr. James J. Waters of the Criminal Division called me this morning at 9:45 A. M. and stated that his office is now in receipt of a petition filed by Bart A. Riley before the District Court of Florida on behalf of Adams and Randall.

I have obtained a copy of the petition which reads as follows:

"NOW COME the above Defendants and respectfully show unto the Court that the United States Government has books, records, papers and effects of Joseph H. Adams, and personal belongings of Henry Randall, and the said Defendants ask the Court to enter an order for the return thereof to the Defendants, through Bart A. Riley, their attorney, and in said order to except the automatic gun or rifle, but to include therein one certain revolver and holster, the property of M. H. Rolfe, a deputy sheriff, which said holster and gun were in the possession of Henry Randall at the time of his arrest, he, the said Henry Randall at that time being a licensed, armed guard in the employ of M. H. Rolfe.

Dated at Miami, Florida, this 1st day of July, A.D., 1937.

(S) BART A. FILEY  
Attorney for Defendants."

After receiving this call, I held a conversation with Messrs. Waters and Charles Carr in the office of Mr. Waters. I told them both that the Bureau desires that Bart Riley make more definite and certain his request for

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the return of certain books, records, papers and effects of Adams and Randall. Waters told me that a request would therefore be made of Riley to make more definite and certain this demand for the return of certain effects.

I have no personal recollection of a revolver having been obtained by Agents from Randall, at the time of his apprehension. I will look into this matter, however, and communicate with the Miami office to determine definitely whether we have such a gun in our possession.

Respectfully,

KRM.

K. R. McIntire.

*I would find that  
we did take a .45 Colt  
auto pistol #C-112311  
from Randall (Rep 17 J.H.  
Hanson Jan. 2-20-35-P 47)  
which was turned over to the  
U.S.A. in Miami as evidence  
am. sending a wire to Miami  
to find out if the gun is still  
with the U.S.A. there. KRM*

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
IN AND FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF  
FLORIDA. MIAMI DIVISION.

No. -M-Criminal.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

-vs-

JOSEPH H. ADAMS, alias JOE ADAMS,  
alias JOE H. ADAMS, and HENDRY  
RANDALL, alias HENRY RANDALL,  
alias DUKE RANDALL, alias HENRY  
OSTERN,

Defendants.

ARGUMENT OF J. MARK WILCOX IN SUPPORT  
OF MOTION TO EXCLUDE STATEMENTS MADE  
BY DEFENDANTS TO GOVERNMENT AGENTS.

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*Herbert B. Phillips, U.S.A.*

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
IN AND FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF  
FLORIDA. MIAMI DIVISION.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )

-vs- )

JOSEPH H. ADAMS, alias JOE ADAMS, ) No. -M-Criminal  
alias JOE H. ADAMS, and HENDRY )  
RANDALL, alias HENRY RANDALL, )  
alias DUKE RANDALL, alias HENRY )  
STERN, )

Defendants. )

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ARGUMENT OF J. MARK WILCOX  
IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO EXCLUDE STATEMENTS  
MADE BY DEFENDANTS TO GOVERNMENT AGENTS.

MR. WILCOX: If Your Honor please, at the outset, I  
want to remind the Court that it has been some twelve years  
since I have been identified with any case of any sort - -

THE COURT: Well, forget you are a Congressman now,  
and be a lawyer.

MR. WILCOX: As I recall the rule of evidence that  
obtains not only in this Court, but in all courts of this  
country, the constitutional guarantee against a man being  
forced to appear as a witness against himself is one of the  
most jealously guarded of all personal liberty and freedom.  
No man, as I recall the rule, can be forced to give testi-  
mony against himself, and no incriminating or alleged in-  
criminating statement may be used against him unless that

statement was given freely and voluntarily, without the hope of reward or the fear of punishment.

Now, in this matter, if the Court please, there is, of course, unfortunately, as in practically all matters of this sort, a very sharp conflict between the testimony of the man alleged to have signed the statement and those alleged to have procured the statement. Naturally and necessarily, those who procured the statement are very much interested in having it to appear to the Court that nothing improper was done, that no improper practices were engaged in, that all that was done was done in the most courteous manner and under most polite conditions, and that the defendant just voluntarily made a statement which the government now proposes to use against him, and that he did it after having been warned that it was going to be used against him.

Now, I would like to call the Court's attention to the fact that there are many ways of coercing a defendant besides what we commonly refer to as maltreatment. A defendant may be coerced not alone by beating him, not alone by pointing guns at him, not alone by threats of punishment, and not alone by holding out directly the hope of reward; but the very conditions and the very circumstances under which a statement is taken may of themselves constitute coercion.

Now, I would like to call the Court's attention to the fact that in this case, although the testimony is in sharp conflict on the point, insofar as the statement of Adams is concerned, the defendant testifies that that statement was procured from him only after four days of intensive grilling at the hands of representatives of the great Government of the United States. He had been questioned constantly and continuously during the daylight hours for some three or four days; his wife was in a delicate condition; his father-in-law was urging him not to be stubborn, but to remember the welfare of his family, and since this thing was only a routine matter to go ahead and dispose of the statement. Not two witnesses - - the defendant and his father-in-law -- three witnesses, and his attorney, at that time all testified positively that the direct statement was made that "If you sign this statement, it is only a matter of clearing therecord".

Mr. Knight testified that this agent in charge said that "We will dispose of this matter in a very few minutes and Adams would be released from the case, except that Adams is bull-headed, stubborn, and he won't sign anything, and we prepared a little statement here that is perfectly innocuous, perfectly harmless, and he won't sign it". And Knight said, "Put him on the phone and let me talk to him

and he will sign it". And Knight told him over the telephone, "These men have assured me that there is nothing in this statement that can hurt you or incriminate you; they have assured me that there is no prosecution contemplated; they have assured me that you are not going to be arrested or prosecuted or further molested. Go ahead and sign the statement and quit your stubbornness and get the matter over".

Now, this continued; but I want to call the Court's attention to a very significant fact. It was stated during the progress of this case that this warrant had been issued on the 25th of January - -

MR. RILEY: The warrant for Adams was issued on the 21st.

MR. WILCOX: I will withdraw the statement, Your Honor. Regardless of the date of the issuance of the warrant, this very significant fact is in this case. These men had questioned Mr. Adams for at least three and possibly four days. Now, whether there was any promise or not, I want the Court to bear this in mind. He had not been actually arrested. He signed this statement after four days of questioning, and immediately upon laying down the pen, he was told that he was under arrest. The United States Commissioner was waiting in his office by previous appointment, waiting until they could get this man hooked

with a statement, before he would be brought in to be arraigned before the United States Commissioner, and yet it would appear to the Court from the government's testimony that all of this was a perfectly free and voluntary act upon the part of the defendant and that he was making it freely and voluntarily and was warned that it was about to be used against him.

Now, if the Court please, if there was nothing "rotten in Denmark", if there was nothing suspicious about the execution of this statement, then why in the name of common sense hadn't he already been brought before the Commissioner and arraigned during the four days that he had been in their custody? The answer to that is quite obvious. They knew that if he was arraigned they couldn't get his signature on that statement. They got his signature on the statement because they had not previously put him under arrest, and he testifies, his father-in-law testifies, and his attorney testifies that there was a definite and positive assurance at that time that there would be no prosecution if the statement was signed. Now, of course, Your Honor, I know that the courts by force of circumstance have had to rule that an agent of the government cannot bind the government. An agent of the great Government of the United States cannot make a deal that is binding on the government. But you and I know, Your Honor, that there

is a higher law than that. You and I know that the law of common, ordinary decency requires that when a statement has been made, that it be lived up to by honest and honorable men. Why wasn't this man arrested until the moment that he laid down the pen from having signed this statement if he wasn't being entrapped into making that statement?

Now, I am frank to admit to the Court that I have examined this statement - - what purports to be a copy of it, and, if it is authentic, there isn't a word in the world in it that is inconsistent with every theory of innocence of this defendant, and yet it is obnoxious; it is contrary to the very fundamentals of this government, that a man should be forced to give any testimony in a case against himself unless it be procured under circumstances where there cannot be the slightest suspicion of irregularity. And I say to the Court that with this sharp conflict in the testimony I do not believe that it can be said by the Court, nor by anyone else, that it has been established beyond reasonable doubt that this statement was procured under circumstances free of suspicion.

And then, I want to call the Court's attention to the statement that I made at the outset, that coercion need not necessarily be in the form of maltreatment. I can well imagine, Your Honor, - - I have never had the un-

fortunate circumstance to happen to me - - but I can well imagine how I would feel. If the greatly publicized Federal Bureau of Information - -

MR. CARR: He doesn't even know the name of the Bureau.

THE COURT: Maybe you are like the old negro once said when Judge Spear asked him if he had anything to say why the sentence of the Court shouldn't be imposed, and he said, "Yes, Your Honor, Judge, you don't know what a burden it has been to me since I have been 'kotch'ed." Maybe you haven't been "kotch'ed" yet.

MR. WILCOX: That's it; they say we all belong to two classes, the caught and uncaught. I have been fortunate up to the present time to be in the second class, but the great G-men, - whatever its name is; I confess there are so many bureaus, departments and divisions of this government that I can't even keep up with the correct names of them, but whatever it is, it is the greatly publicized G-man department, and I can well imagine how I would feel - -

THE COURT: I can keep up with the real names, but I can't keep up with the initials.

MR. WILCOX: That's it; the alphabetical arrangement. I would, if some of these highly publicized moving picture heroes who are constantly held up to the public, through

their free use of their shooting irons, should come into my  
office, take me off to a hotel room, and question me for  
hours, I can well imagine that I would be greatly excited,  
and I would be greatly unnerved. Here was the man who was  
being questioned by these men; he had been questioned for  
four days; the sanctity of his home had been invaded; his  
private living quarters had been searched without warrant  
of authority; his personal belongings had been gummed over  
and pawed over; the records of his business had been taken  
from him, without permission, and without legal authority  
had been seized, and as I understand, without even a receipt  
being given for them. His family was in a physical condition  
to require his constant attention. He was being hounded, and  
pounded with questions, and believing that a statement had  
been prepared that contained nothing beyond a mere recital  
of facts, and believing that it was merely a routine mat-  
ter, and relying upon what he believed to be an agreement  
that the signing of that document guaranteed him immunity,  
he signed it without even reading it. Now it is offered,  
contrary to the Constitution and the guaranties contained  
in the Bill of Rights, as an attempt to force him to testi-  
fy against himself.

Now, insofar as the statement of Duke Randall is con-  
cerned, I want to call the Court's attention to the fact  
that this courteous treatment, this polite negotiation



between these gentlemen, required that in their anxiety for the welfare of Mr. Randall they had to chain him to a bed. They did it, not to intimidate him, it is true; not to scare him; not to make him feel he was being subjected to duress; but they did it because they loved him, because they wanted to protect him against himself.

Now, I want the Court to remember that, and to remember that the agent testified that he did it for Mr. Randall's own protection. Why? Because Mr. Randall was in such a condition of excitement, fear, and nervousness, that they were afraid he was about to destroy himself; they were afraid he was going to jump out of the window; and his nervous, mental and physical condition was such that it was necessary to chain him to a bed to protect him from himself. I ask the Court in all fairness, in all honesty, in all sincerity, is a man in that condition in such shape that he can make a statement that could be used in a court? I ask the Court if this man came onto this witness stand this morning to testify, either in his own case or in somebody else's case, and it was apparent to this Court that the man's nervous and mental condition was such that the Court had to order him to be chained to that chair to keep him from destroying himself, would this Court permit him to testify as a witness, even against somebody else?

And yet, that's the government's contention, that at the very time that they had him in this room to extract politely and courteously and considerately the statement to be used against him, that his condition was such they feared he would jump out of a ten-story window and destroy himself on the pavement below; yet, we are told that here is a statement of a man in full possession of his faculties, given freely and voluntarily. Finally, of course, he fell so much in love with these gentlemen that he became like a yard-dog - - I believe that is the expression Mr. Carr, used - - and they couldn't even run him off; and on one occasion, when it was rumored that an airplane was coming over, and most of the Department had to go out to see about the airplane, to protect this man, they again chained him, and that time, to make sure that he didn't hurt himself they left two guards over him with machine-guns - - to make sure that he didn't hurt himself. I say, Your Honor, that that is coercion; that is duress of a more subtle form than if he had been hit over the head with a blackjack, or kicked in the ribs, or cursed and abused, when the very circumstances - -

THE COURT: They don't use a blackjack any more; the scientific method is to beat them with a rubber hose.

MR. WILCOX: Yes, sir. I am not acquainted with those methods, Your Honor, but I submit that there is a mental tor-

ture that far exceeds any physical torture to which the human system may be subjected; and I submit that the very circumstances surrounding this case, the very circumstances surrounding the procurement of this statement were such as to show that this man was in no physical, mental, or nervous condition to know what he was doing, and he was in no condition to give testimony either against himself or against anyone else.

I submit, Your Honor, that while inference and innuendo by cleverly wording some of the statements in this document, innuendo might be drawn from them to be used against these men, and casual readings of the statements have not disclosed them to me, but evidently it is intended to place that inference and that innuendo upon these statements; otherwise there would not be such a strenuous effort made to put them into evidence, and for that reason I am sure that the Court - - I knew the Court when he was a district attorney himself, and I had an opportunity to observe his method of conducting his trials, and I want to say to the Court that I am sure that the Court will give this same consideration that he gave in those days to the production of his own testimony, and I am confident that when the rule is laid down on these two statements, as to whether or not these men were in condition at the moment to make these statements, whether they were in condition to know

the full purport of the statements that were being made when they were not even in condition to read them themselves and had to have them read to them, that when the Court applies the rule that these statements must have been made freely and voluntarily and with full knowledge of the facts, and that a prosecution was likely, and that these statements would in that event be used against them, and that the statements were made, <sup>only</sup> not/under those conditions, but without the fear of punishment or the hope of reward, and when the Court applies to it the same rule and the same regulation as to the qualification of a witness's competency to testify, not only for himself, but for or against his fellow man, that the Court will find that these circumstances do not measure up to that high standard set by the law, and therefore, that these statements are not admissible in evidence.

(Immediately following the above statement Mr. Carr responded, and in which response numerous citations were read to the Court relative to the subject matter under discussion.)

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OFFICE AND HOME ADDRESS DOCTOR JOSEPH O. AMERSBACH. IN EVENT HAS NO  
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*Edward J. Brennan*

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United States Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 1469  
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July 26, 1937

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

I am attaching hereto memoranda submitted by Special Agents John L. Madala and D. P. Sullivan as requested in a letter from the Cleveland Field Division to the Bureau dated July 16, 1937.

These memoranda have reference to the remarks which Special Agent E. J. Wynn is alleged to have made reflecting on the integrity and professional ethics of Attorney John C. Cochrane.

Very truly yours,

*Chapman Fletcher*  
CHAPMON FLETCHER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Little Rock, Arkansas

July 26, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR SAC CHAPMAN FLETCHER:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to letter to the Bureau from the Cleveland Field Division dated July 16, 1937, a copy of which was forwarded to this office, relative to certain allegations made by Mr. John C. Cochrane, Attorney at Law, Toledo, Ohio, against Special Agent E. J. Wynn of the Cleveland Field Division.

Please be advised that the writer assisted in the arrest of Bert Angus at Toledo, Ohio, on May 23, 1937. He was immediately brought to the office of the United States Attorney in Toledo, where other Agents were on duty under the supervision and direction of Inspector E. J. Connelley. The writer recalls that Special Agent D. P. Sullivan was assigned to interrogate Bert Angus relative to his participation in the harboring of Alvin Karpis and other members of the Barker-Karpis gang in Toledo, Ohio, during the year of 1934.

During the time that Bert Angus was being detained in the office of the United States Attorney at Toledo, the writer was in and out of the office where Angus was being questioned, and at no time did the writer observe Agent Wynn talk with Angus, nor did the writer at any time or place hear the name of Cochrane mentioned.

During the course of the investigation at Toledo, Ohio, in connection with the Brekid case, to which matter the writer was exclusively assigned from August, 1935, to November, 1935, numerous persons, including the wife of Bert Angus, Madeline Angus, have told the writer that Bert Angus is of hoodlum character and has operated illegally for the past ten years. The writer knows from his experience in the Brekid case that Bert Angus has from time to time repeatedly lied to Agents when interviewed by them relative to certain phases of the investigation at Toledo, Ohio.

Respectfully submitted,

*John L. Madala*

JOHN L. MADALA, Special Agent.

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MEMORANDUM FOR SAC CHAPMAN FLETCHER:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to the letter from the Cleveland Field Division to the Bureau, dated July 16, 1937, bearing on the letter of Attorney John C. Cochrane dated July 15, 1937, which contains certain alleged remarks which Special Agent E. J. Wynn is suppose to have made to Bert Angus reflecting on the professional integrity of Mr. Cochrane.

You are advised that on Saturday, May 23, 1937, Bert Angus was arrested at Toledo, Ohio, by Special Agents H. B. Dill, A. Dickstein, W. J. Devereaux, John L. Madala and the writer on the charge that he aided and harbored Alvin Karpis at Toledo, Ohio, during the year of 1934. Angus was brought to the United States Attorney's office at Toledo, Ohio, for questioning. I was assigned the specific duty of interviewing Bert Angus and thereafter did interview him for several hours on the night of May 23 and again during the day and night of May 24, 1937. Throughout this period Bert Angus denied that he or his brother, Theodore Angus, actively harbored Alvin Karpis and other members of the Barker-Karpis gang at Toledo, Ohio, during the summer of 1934.

Various agents who were assigned to the interviewing and guarding of the other prisoners, who were then in custody at the United States Attorney's office, were in and out of the room where the writer was interviewing Bert Angus, and different agents casually questioned Bert Angus in the absence of the writer from the room where Angus was kept. The writer recalls that Special Agent E. J. Wynn was one of the several agents in the room with Bert Angus at different times, and Agent Wynn did question Bert Angus for a short while on probably more than one occasion in the writer's presence. I can not recall that Agent Wynn, at any time, made any disparaging remarks reflecting on the integrity and professional ethics of Mr. Cochrane. In fact, the writer can truthfully say that the name of Cochrane was

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not at all familiar to him when he read the letter from the Cleveland Field Division.

The writer can state that Bert Angus was interviewed early in the year of 1936 by Inspector E. J. Connelley and his statements indicate that he is a persistent liar. While the writer was interviewing Bert Angus at the United States Attorney's office after his arrest, he continued to lie concerning his known association with members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

The Bureau's investigation at Toledo, Ohio, disclosed that Bert and Ted Angus were for some years the intermediaries between the criminal element which these men harbored and the corrupt law enforcement officials in that city. It is probable, therefore, that the statements of Bert Angus were made for the purpose of discrediting the Bureau because the Bureau was one of the very few law enforcement agencies which Bert and Ted Angus had been unable to "reach".

Respectfully submitted,

*D. P. Sullivan*

D. P. SULLIVAN,  
Special Agent

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Inspector E. J. Connelley  
Cleveland  
Cincinnati

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

July 28, 1937

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: Attention: Identification Unit

Re: BREKID

Reference is made to the letter to the Director dated at Cleveland, Ohio, October 8th, 1936, requesting a stop notice to be placed against the fingerprints of BENSON GROVES with aliases: B. J. Grayson, and George Wilson, FBI #10577. &

The Bureau by letter dated July 26, 1937, to Inspector E. J. Connelley has instructed that all investigation by this Bureau seeking the whereabouts of Benson Groves be discontinued. Therefore, the stop notice placed against his prints, requesting the Cleveland office to be advised in the event of his apprehension, is no longer desired, and it is specifically requested that such stop notice be withdrawn from the files of the Bureau.

It is, of course, pointed out that this request should in no way affect a wanted notice or stop order placed by any other law enforcement agency.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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E. J. Connelley - Inspector  
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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

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Special Agent in Charge  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Sir: Re: BREKID

Reference is made to the undeveloped lead  
contained for your office in the report of Special  
Agent H. C. Leslie dated at New York City on July 26,  
1937, requesting investigation at the St. Louis University  
with reference to Dr. Joseph Cornelius Amerbach.

Please be advised that you may disregard  
this particular lead inasmuch as it is definitely known  
that the Dr. Joseph Cornelius Amerbach mentioned therein  
is, in fact, a brother of Anthony J. Amerbach. Full  
facts with reference to the family of the fugitive have  
been developed, and, as stated, you may disregard the  
lead.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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July 27, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

GEORGE TIMINEX; DR. JOSEPH P. MOORE  
was - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;  
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL  
FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly forward, at your earliest convenience,  
copy of photograph of BENSON GROVES for assistance of this office  
in covering leads presently outstanding in this District.

Very truly yours,

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J. D. REYNOLDS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Chapman Fletcher  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
500 Rector Building  
Little Rock, Arkansas

CLEVELAND OHIO  
July 28, 1937

BREKID OUTBOARD MOTOR FOUND HUNTERS HOME LEAVITTSBURG OHIO DESCRIBED PAGES  
THIRTY SEVEN AND FORTY FIVE REPORT EJ WYNN CLEVELAND OHIO MAY FIVE NINETEEN  
THIRTY SIX OF WHICH YOU HAVE COPY

MAC FARLAND

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Cincinnati  
Chicago

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7-576-14553

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

July 23, 1937

Special Agent in Charge  
Detroit, Michigan

Re: BREKID

*Edward G. Bremer*

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of Inspector E. J. Connelley dated at New York City April 19th, 1937, to this office, with a carbon copy indicated for your office, wherein a request was contained for a review of the file by the Chicago, Detroit and Cleveland offices for the purpose of determining the nature of any property belonging to Dolores Delaney being held by the Bureau, in order that Dolores Delaney might be appropriately advised in the premises pursuant to a letter of request along this line directed by her to Inspector E. J. Connelley.

Please be advised that a review of the files in this case at the Cleveland office reflects, as set out in the report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan, September 27, 1934, that Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney in September 1934 on the occasion of the arrest of Dolores Delaney by the Cleveland, Ohio, Police Department, were residing at 3973 West 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio; that these premises were rented by Karpis under the alias of H. G. Milgresh from Arthur W. Hebebrand, who was recently sentenced at Cleveland, Ohio, for his participation in having harbored Karpis and Campbell; that the Cleveland police first entered the premises at 3973 West 140th Street and were in possession of the premises for an appreciable length of time prior to the arrival of agents of the Bureau; that a detailed inventory was made by agents of the Bureau of the personal property in the house and as set out on page 22 of the above-referred to report "none of the articles listed in this inventory were taken into custody by agents, but were allowed to remain at this address".

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The referred to report of Special Agent D. E. Hall does set out a list of certain papers and evidence which were seized by agents of the Bureau. However, it is noted that all of this evidence was of little, if any, intrinsic value and was not

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in the nature of personal belongings, but was merely such material as would aid investigation seeking the whereabouts of the fugitive members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

With reference to the statement made by Dolores Delaney that Special Agent W. B. Matney exhibited to her at Milan, Michigan, certain articles taken from the premises at 3973 West 140th Street, reference should be made to the report of that agent dated at Detroit, Michigan, February 9th, 1935, and it will be there noted that the articles exhibited to her were those articles of little or no intrinsic value mentioned above seized by agents of the Bureau on the occasion of their search of the house in September 1934 and can in no way be described as clothing or furniture. Incidentally, these particular articles are now contained in the files of this case in the Cleveland office.

With particular reference to the personal belongings and the furniture left at the premises at 3973 West 140th Street at the time Dolores Delaney was arrested and Alvin Karpis fled, please be advised that Special Agent E. J. Wynn in connection with investigation in this case at Cleveland, Ohio, particularly in interviews with Mrs. O. W. Blackman, who lives next door to this particular house, has determined that the premises were rented furnished following the raid by Arthur W. Hebebrand and that as far as is known the furniture which was left behind by Karpis and Dolores Delaney is still in the house. With reference to the clothing which was left behind, Mrs. O. W. Blackman has advised from time to time that she understood that Arthur W. Hebebrand distributed a great deal of this clothing among friends and relatives.

As the file indicates, Alvin Karpis definitely abandoned these premises and never made any claim whatsoever for the furniture or personal belongings left behind, and Dolores Delaney was released by the Cleveland police to agents of the Bureau, removed to Chicago, Illinois, where after considerable interrogation she was released, only to again join Alvin Karpis and remain with him until she was arrested in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on or about January 22, 1935, and it appears that at no time prior to her present request has she manifested any interest in the furniture and personal belongings.

Pursuant to the request contained in the letter of reference of Inspector E. J. Connelley, it is requested that, after you have

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Reviewed your files in this matter and received appropriate advice from the Chicago office in the premises. Appropriately interview Dolores Delaney at Milan, Michigan, and fully advise her, of course, bearing in mind the suggestion of Inspector E. J. Connelley that the Bureau is powerless to interfere in any controversy she may have with Arthur W. Hebebrand concerning the abandoned property at the premises, 3973 West 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Bureau  
Cincinnati  
Chicago  
Inspector E. J. Connelley  
(New York City)

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

1300 Biscayne Building  
Miami, Florida  
July 27, 1937

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Confirming my telegraphic communication of July 26, 1937, please be advised that in response to your telegram of that date it was ascertained by Special Agent S. K. McKee, of this division, that .45 calibre Colt automatic pistol, serial number C-112311, is presently in the custody of Chief Deputy United States Marshal Louis Sevier at Miami, Florida.

The situation with respect to this gun is that after it had been recovered from Duke Randall by Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, it was delivered to former Assistant United States Attorney W. Sanders Gramling at Miami, Florida, for possible future use as evidence, and at approximately the time this delivery was made Mr. Gramling turned this gun over to the then Chief Deputy United States Marshal, Frank Edwards, along with other similar evidence, for safe keeping, and same was placed in a vault located in the office of the United States Marshal at Miami.

It was learned from Mr. Sevier that no receipt was given for this gun, or for the other related property, and that he is merely holding it as a favor to the United States Attorney's office.

Mr. Sevier was advised that he should not relinquish custody of this property to anyone without prior authority, and was told that it would be appreciated if he would inform this office in the event any person endeavored to obtain custody of any of this property.

Very truly yours,

R. L. Shivers  
R. L. Shivers  
Special Agent in Charge.

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United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.**

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July 21, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Reference is made to the letter from the Cleveland Office to the Bureau dated July 16, 1937 in the BREKID case, inclosing copies of letters dated July 15, 1937 to Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland, Cleveland, from Mr. John C. Cochrane, Attorney, Toledo, Ohio, wherein Mr. Cochrane made certain allegations to the effect that the writer in talking to Bert Angus made certain statements reflecting upon the professional integrity of Mr. John C. Cochrane.

The writer was present at Toledo, Ohio on the occasion of the taking into custody of various defendants in that city charged with harboring Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, remaining in the office of the United States Attorney with Inspector E. J. Connelley while other Agents actually effected the arrest of the various subjects in Toledo, Ohio. After the arrest of the various subjects, they were brought to the Federal Building and in the suite of offices occupied by the United States Attorney they were segregated, each subject being assigned to a particular room. The writer was specifically assigned to fully interrogate Theodore Angus, while Special Agent D. P. Sullivan was, as the writer recalls, specifically assigned to interrogate Bert Angus.

Inasmuch as I was fully acquainted with all the facts as they applied to the harboring situation in Toledo, Ohio, I did on occasions during the time the various persons were held in the offices of the United States Attorney interrogate them briefly. Along this line I recall talking to Bert Angus very briefly on several occasions, but did not obtain from him anything of value. Although I am not positive, I am under the impression at the present time that Special Agent D. P. Sullivan was in the room with Bert Angus on the several occasions that I talked with the latter.

With specific reference to the quotation contained in paragraph three, page one of the above referred to letter of Mr. John C. Cochrane, I desire to state that I made no such statement to Bert

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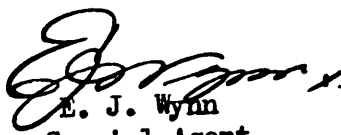
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Angus as quoted, nor any statement in any way reflecting upon the professional integrity of Mr. John C. Cochrane. I am not acquainted with Mr. John C. Cochrane either personally or officially and know nothing as to his professional reputation in Toledo, Ohio.

Respectfully,

  
E. J. Wynn  
Special Agent



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

July 29, 1937

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

re - BREKID

The Cleveland office received today from the Bureau the criminal record of Anthony J. Amersbach with aliases, FBI No. 84230. ✓ Q

As you know, this individual is under indictment in the Northern District of Ohio charged with the harboring of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell and also as an accessory after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer.

It is noted that there is no wanted notice appearing on his criminal record as furnished by the Bureau, and it is, therefore, respectfully requested that the Identification Unit place a wanted notice against his fingerprints, so that the Cleveland office will be immediately advised in the event of his apprehension by any law enforcement agency in the future.

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Please be advised that this office was under the impression that an appropriate wanted notice was on file against the prints of the above-named individual inasmuch as he has been consistently carried as a "fugitive" in reports in this case beginning with the report of Special Agent S. K. McKee dated at Cleveland, Ohio, May 27, 1937.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland  
J. P. MacFarland,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Inspector E. J. Connelley  
Chicago  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

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July 21, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Reference is made to the letter from the Cleveland office dated July 16, 1937, forwarding therewith a letter of complaint from John C. Cochran, an attorney, regarding a purported statement made by Special Agent E. J. Wynn during the interview of Bert Angus in Toledo.

I was present during almost all of the questioning of this subject and at no time while I was in the room was he questioned by Special Agent Wynn. Most of the questioning was conducted by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan and me. It is quite possible, however, that at some time when I was not present Special Agent Wynn did ask Angus some questions. The name of John Cochran was never mentioned in my presence and I had never heard this name until after reading the letter of reference.

Respectfully,

*T. M. McDade*  
T. M. McDade.

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*Edw. J. Brennan*  
*7/21/37*

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Cleveland, Ohio  
July 22, 1937

H D HARRIS  
FBI US DEPT OF JUSTICE  
1130 Enquirer Building  
Cincinnati, Ohio

BREKID CRIMINAL RECORD ANTHONY AMERSBACH INDICATES RECEIVED

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

July 29, 1937.

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter to the Bureau dated July 16, 1937, enclosing copies of a letter dated July 15, 1937, received from Mr. John C. Cochrane, Attorney-at-law, Toledo, Ohio, which latter letter complained of statements allegedly made by Special Agent E. J. Wynn, which alleged statements supposedly reflected upon the professional reputation of Attorney Cochrane.

Please be advised that, in accordance with telephonic instructions received from Mr. E. A. Tamm of the Bureau on July 26, 1937, Special Agent (A) R. T. Ross personally contacted Attorney Cochrane at his office in Toledo on July 28, 1937, and advised Mr. Cochrane that neither Special Agent Wynn nor any other agent of this Bureau made any such statement, at any time, as was alleged by Mr. Cochrane, and that the allegations are absolutely without foundation.

Agent Ross advises me that Mr. Cochrane did not appear antagonistic toward the Bureau and the only significant remark which Mr. Cochrane made was to the effect that he did not feel that such a matter should go unchallenged, and he, therefore, wrote the letter above referred to.

Very truly yours,

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

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 314,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
July 30, 1937.

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

A large number of the lists of ransom bills paid in the above entitled case are presently being maintained in the bulky matter file of the Birmingham Field Division.

I would appreciate the Bureau's advising what disposition should be made of the above matter.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Clegg*

J. E. CLEGG,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREMER

Reference is made to your letter dated July 30, 1937, in which you requested advice concerning the disposition to be made of ransom lists in the Bremer kidnapping case.

You are hereby authorized to destroy these lists.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Coffey  
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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July 28, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: Brekid

Dear Sir:

The Bureau is desirous of obtaining as early as possible the original ransom letters in this case, for permanent retention in the Bureau.

Please take the necessary steps in an effort to obtain this material and advise the Bureau in the premise.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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

July 31, 1937

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In connection with the possible issuance of an identification order for the apprehension of Anthony J. Amersbach, consideration has been given to the possibilities that Amersbach will learn of the fact that we know he is wanted at Moundsville, West Va. to complete an unexpired sentence there, if we include this information in the identification order.

While this might cause him to further conceal himself from possible apprehension, still I do not believe we could exclude this from the identification order as it might be construed to the effect that we had missed in the Identification Division the identification of this party as being one and the same individual, and it would undoubtedly have to be included in any criminal record we set out as to him.

At the time the identification order is issued as to Amersbach this should receive serious consideration.

Very truly yours,

*E. J. Connelley*  
E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Inspector

cc Cleveland  
Cincinnati  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO** L.A. FILE NO. 7-42 GMH

REPORT MADE AT <b>LOS ANGELES, CALIF.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7/29/37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/23/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. N. PRANKE</b>
TITLE <b>GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**FRANK VAUGHN**, 6523 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California, advises he does not know **MILTON LETT**, nor could he identify photograph.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent C. J. ENDRES, Kansas City, dated March 25, 1937;

report of Special Agent R. N. PRANKE, Los Angeles, dated July 27, 1937.

**DETAILS:**

**AT HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA**

At 6523 Miles Avenue, the writer and Special Agent A. D. HORN interviewed **FRANK VAUGHN**, who advised that he has been living at the present address approximately two weeks with his wife and two children; that prior to that he had resided at 1723 Ceritos Avenue, Long Beach, California; that he has been in California approximately one year, having come from Chicago, Illinois, where he had been living at Grant and Dodge Streets in Evanston.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. H. Hanson</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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VAUGHN advised that he did not know anyone named MILTON or JIMMIE LETT and when shown miscellaneous photographs, including those of MR. and MRS. MILTON LETT, he was unable to make any identification. He stated that he formerly was in the liquor racket and knew a lot of people in Coffeyville, Kansas, and South Coffeyville, Oklahoma.

VAUGHN went on to state that he had been previously interrogated approximately half a dozen times by Agents of the Chicago Division and elsewhere inasmuch as he had known KARPIS and that "mob", and also mentioned that he was questioned concerning the Kansas City massacre; at the time he was interviewed by the Agents, he stated, he gave them all information he could.

In view of this, Agents did not further interrogate VAUGHN inasmuch as it is being assumed that the results of his interviews are set out in previous reports, copies of which the Los Angeles division does not have.

VAUGHN also mentioned that he knew many of the "hoodlums" while he was operating his drug store at 1512 Main Street, Joplin, Missouri.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

L. A. FILE NO. 7-42

REPORT MADE AT Los Angeles, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE 7/27/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/21, 25 7/1, 2, 9/37	REPORT MADE BY R. N. FRANKE EM
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY, 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 FUGI- TIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>Mr. and Mrs. LEN JORDAN reside at 526 Orange Avenue, Apartment 15, Long Beach, California, with his sister, Miss Bertie Jordan. Manager of apartments watching Jordan's premises for Milton Lett. Len Jordan subsequently interviewed advising he knows MILTON LETT but does not know of his whereabouts and that he will notify the Los Angeles field division if he obtains any information. No such address as 1332 Cerritos Street, Long Beach, where FRANK VAUGHN is supposed to live. Vaughn probably living 6523 Miles Ave., Huntington Park, California.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p><b>REFERENCES:</b></p> <p>Letter from Kansas City to Los Angeles 6-15-37. Report of Special Agent E. G. O'Brien, Los Angeles, dated 3-11-37; Report of Special Agent C. J. Endres, Kansas City, dated 4-25-37; Report of Special Agent S. B. Landrum, Kansas City, dated 6-19-37.</p>			
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DETAILS:

AT LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

In response to reference letter, the writer and Special Agent V. I. Parry drove by 526 Orange Avenue and noted that this address is occupied by the Paradise Court, which is a group of one-story houses attached together with a court in the center, these buildings being in the shape of a horseshoe. The Long Beach Telephone Directory disclosed that the phone number for the Paradise Court is Long Beach 618192, which is listed to ALICE W. JONES, Apartment 1, 526 Orange Avenue.

Agents examined the 1936 Long Beach City Directory, which did not contain the names LEN, LYNN or BERTIE JORDAN nor the name of MILTON LETT, with aliases. Neither did the street directory disclose the name Jordan or Lett living at 526 Orange Avenue.

WALTER LENZ, Captain of Detectives, Long Beach Police Department, was interviewed by Agents regarding the occupants of 526 Orange Avenue but he was unable to furnish any information of value. He did not know Jordan and he could not identify the photograph of Lett.

At the Record Division, Long Beach Police Department, Agents were advised that they had no record for anyone named Len, Lynn or Bertie Jordan.

HARRY LEAMING, mail carrier #14, and Mr. F. B. MATTESON, Superintendent of Mails, were interviewed by Agents and Mr. Leaming advised that in Apartment 15, 526 Orange Avenue, there is residing a Mr. and Mrs. Len Jordan and a woman named Bertie Jordan; that he has not delivered mail there for anyone else; that these people have been living there for approximately six months or so and that he has never seen Mr. Jordan but has seen Mrs. Jordan on several occasions but did not think he would recognize her if he saw her again. Mr. Leaming and Mr. Matteson were shown the photograph of Milton Lett, Akron, Ohio, #26337, but they stated they had never seen him. Leaming also advised that Alice W. Jones is the owner of these apartments but that the managers are Mr. and Mrs. L. Patterson residing in apartment 14, which is right next to the Jordan apartment, and he advised that he believed they could be trusted and bore a good reputation, to his knowledge.

Mr. and Mrs. L. PATTERSON, Apartment 14, 526 Orange Ave., who are the managers for the Paradise Court, were interviewed by Agents. They advised that they have been managers for the past two months and that Mrs. Jones has been the owner of these premises for approximately the same time. They obtained their record book which showed that on January 29, 1937, Mr. and Mrs. Len Jordan and Miss Bertie Jordan rented Apartment 15 for \$25.00 a month. They further advised that Bertie Jordan is a sister of Mr. Jordan but that they understand that her husband is in the Soldiers Hospital at Sawtelle, California, but that he has been trying to get

transferred to Oklahoma; that Mrs. Jordan works as a waitress at the Thrifty Drugstore, Fourth and Pine Streets, Long Beach; that Mr. Jordan has been working for some oil company as a well-driller at La Brea, California, or vicinity. They further advised that for the past month or so a red-faced man approximately 30 to 40 years and approximately 5'7" tall, with red hair, has been visiting the Jordans with another woman whom they were unable to give any description of. They also advised that they haven't noticed any foreign automobiles being around the premises except an Oklahoma license which was around several weeks ago but they didn't know where the occupants visited. The Pattersons further advised that about the middle of May, 1937, a long distance call was received at their telephone, which is in the apartment of Mrs. Jones, from Wichita, Kansas, and that when the telephone bill came due they found this call charged to their account; that, upon checking the telephone records, they discovered that Mr. Jordan had okayed the call and that upon questioning him regarding it he stated he did but that the call was not for him and he did not see why he should pay it, which amount was \$3.20, but that he finally did.

The Pattersons stated that as far as they know the Jordans seemed to be very nice people except that they had fights every now and then and that Mr. Jordan curses quite a bit. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson were shown the photograph of Milton Lett and they stated that it somewhat resembled the redheaded man a little but were not sure. They stated that they had not seen anyone else around the court resembling Lett. They were given a photograph of Lett and were instructed to notice any visitors or occupants of automobiles who will visit the Jordan family and they promised to immediately notify the Los Angeles field division if they obtain any information at all. They also advised that Mrs. Jones is an elderly woman and did not believe it advisable to let her know any of the facts inasmuch as she might say something. It may be stated that the Pattersons were very cooperative and from their apartment can see anyone entering the apartment of the Jordans from the front; however, they advised that there is a door in the rear also which the Jordans very seldom use. They also advised that the only occupants living in apartment 15 were Mr. and Mrs. Jordan and his sister Bertie. The Pattersons also advised that Mr. Jordan recently had an automobile accident in Long Beach and, believing that possibly someone may have been riding with Jordan at the time of this accident, Agents interviewed Mr. Crawford, Accident Division, Los Angeles Police Department, who advised that at 7:50 P. M., June 15, 1936, Len Jordan, 526 Orange Avenue, hit a man while driving past 334 East Broadway, Long Beach; that Jordan was driving a coupe bearing 1937 California license 2Y-3779 and that the operator's license is 45049.

The Division of Registration advised that the above license is listed to Len Jordan, 526 Orange Avenue, Long Beach, for a 1935 Ford Coupe, motor #1579401.

A letter dated June 25, 1937, was written to the Postmaster at Long Beach, California, requesting that he place a thirty-day mail cover on all first class, special delivery and registered mail received by Mr. and Mrs. Jordan and other occupants of apartment 15. Up to the present time a tracing has been received which shows that an air mail letter was addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Len Jordan, which was postmarked at Farnsworth, Texas, July 2, 1937, bearing the return address "Mrs. J. E. Green, Box #42, Farnsworth, Texas". Another tracing shows an air mail letter addressed to Miss Bertie Jordan, postmarked Wichita, Kansas, July 1, bearing the return address "Mrs. C. W. Traup (writing not plain), 1815 South Broadway, Wichita". Four other tracings were also received, they being addressed to Bertie Jordan, all postmarked at Wichita, Kansas, two of which bear the return address, 343 North Topeka Avenue, Wichita, Kansas. The other tracing is one addressed to Mr. L. Jordan, bearing the return address "Dr. Albert Hiller, Long Beach, California". These tracings, which have been received so far, are being retained in the Los Angeles division file and it is being left to the discretion of the office of origin to decide whether they desire to conduct an investigation regarding any of the writers.

Mr. C. W. Dunkin, Business Manager, Associated Telephone Company, 550 Elm Avenue, advised the writer that on April 19, 1937, a telephone call was made to Long Beach 618192 from Wichita, Kansas, the caller being Paul Moore and the call was made from Wichita Falls 40069. Mr. Dunkin stated that "G.M.A.C. Corporation" is also written on the slip. No lead is being set out to conduct any investigation regarding Moore, it being left to the office of origin to decide whether or not an investigation should be conducted.

On the evening of June 28, Mrs. Patterson telephoned the Los Angeles Field division stating that a woman had been visiting the Jordans and that she somewhat resembled the woman in the photograph that Agent Pranke had previously shown her (The writer had previously shown her and her husband a photograph of Mrs. Milton Lett). She also advised that some man driving California license 8V-4394 had visited the Jordans.

In response to the above telephone call, the writer interviewed Mrs. Patterson, who stated that some bald-headed fellow was driving the car with the California license but that he did not resemble Lett. She further advised that she and her husband had again seen the red-headed man and are now positive that he is not identical with Milton Lett, as the red-headed man has too prominent a nose. She advised that a woman had visited the Jordans on one occasion but that she did not know who she was. The writer exhibited to her the photograph of Mrs. Lett and she stated it somewhat resembled the woman but she could not state positively. Mrs. Patterson stated they had no additional information and that no one resembling subject has been visiting the Jordans.

The Division of Motor Registration advised that 1937 California license #8V-4394 is listed to William J. Sorbett, 1754 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach, for a 1934 Chevrolet Coupe.

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson had not seen anyone resembling Milton Lett around their premises and, in view of this fact, it was deemed advisable to personally interview the Jordans prior to the holiday of July 4th, believing that probably Lett might contact the Jordans over the weekend.

On July 2, 1937, the writer visited apartment 15 and there found Bertie Jordan to be home alone. She advised the writer that her folks were living in Coffeyville, Oklahoma; that her home is in Wichita, Kansas; that she has been living with her brother, Len Jordan, since July, 1936; that neither she nor Mr. and Mrs. Jordan had had any visitors from the middle west recently; that they are the only ones residing in apartment 15; that she personally knows most of her brother Len's friends in Long Beach. She denied knowing Mr. or Mrs. Milton Lett and when shown their photographs failed to identify them. She specifically stated that neither Mr. nor Mrs. Lett have ever visited the Jordans as long as she has been with them and that she has never heard Len talk about the Letts. She was advised that the Bureau was anxious to ascertain his whereabouts and she stated that should she obtain any information at all she would immediately get in touch with the Los Angeles field division and at this time she was given the telephone and file number of the Los Angeles field division.

LEN JORDAN was interviewed by the writer the same evening along, who advised that he has been in Long Beach since December 7, 1935; that the last time he saw Milton Lett was approximately four months prior to that time and that he has not seen nor heard from Lett since then. Jordan stated that during the Fall of 1935 he was living at 343 North Topeka Street, Wichita, Kansas, with several of his sisters and at that time Milton was living with his married sister named MRS. ORA COLLINS in Wichita and that about that time Mr. Collins and his wife, JANE, had a fight; that he believes Jane was living on South St. Francis Street at the time Lett was living with them. Jordan further advised that he has no idea as to where Lett may be but stated that he and Lett are very good chums, having known each other since childhood, and that he feels positive that if Lett knew of his whereabouts in Long Beach that he certainly would contact him.

Jordan went on to say that Milton always had big ideas to do great things in the criminal line of work but that he did not have enough guts to carry them out. He stated that on several occasions back in Kansas Lett would ask him to go with him on minor larceny jobs but that he always refused to go and stated that he does not know whether or not Lett committed them himself.



Jordan advised that should Lett be apprehended that he would not give anyone the time of day because he is of the type who will not cooperate in any way. Jordan advised that Milton Lett's father is dead; that his mother resides in Wann, Oklahoma, and that she is a wonderful woman; that Milton has about three married sisters, one who lives in South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, whose name he does not recall; that he also has two or three smaller brothers living with their mother at Wann; that Milton's brother Bud was killed accidentally several years ago; that Milton has a sister whose first name is LELLIA, who is supposed to be living in Santa Monica or Santa Maria. Jordan stated that he formerly went with Lellia but that some time in 1935 she married some man from either Newton, Topeka or Valley Center in Sedgwick County, Kansas; that Lellia's husband was formerly in the refining business in Wichita. Jordan stated that some time ago he received a letter from his sister, Mrs. Ralph (Onie) Ellison, 343 North Topeka, Wichita, Kansas, at which time Onie advised that Lellia and her husband and children were living somewhere in California, and Jordan stated that his recollection was that it was either in Santa Monica or Santa Maria.

Jordan stated that he would have his wife make a thorough search of their home in an effort to find this letter to ascertain her married name, which he did not know, and address and that if they were not able to find it he would again write to his sister, Onie, and ask for the same and that upon receipt of it he will furnish the information to the writer. He also stated that he would, upon receipt of her address, visit them and casually inquire as to the whereabouts of Milton Lett and that if he obtained any information he would immediately advise the Los Angeles field division. Jordan further stated that when he last saw Milton Milton was driving a 1934 Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, black color, and that he believed it had Oklahoma license plates on it. He also stated that Milton used to play the guitar while he, Jordan, would play the banjo but that they never played in any orchestra or band.

Jordan was questioned as to who Milton Lett's close friends were and he stated that a fellow named ~~SONNY CROSBY~~ was a very close friend of Milton; that Crosby is from Timberhill, Oklahoma, and is about 35 years old, 5'8" and is rather husky; that Crosby got arrested at South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, about 1934, for having trouble with a girl. He further advised that another very close friend is ~~DICK SPRECKER~~ of Coffeyville, Kansas. It is noted in the reference report, dated 6-18-37, that Sprecker has previously been interviewed by the Bureau. Jordan also stated that Milton Lett has a cousin named ~~CLIFF COLLINS~~ in Wichita, Kansas, who is believed to be working at the Innis Workhouse or else working in a furniture store; that Cliff also has a brother, who is Milton's cousin, who is believed to be in the Hutchinson, Kansas, Reformatory, he being sentenced there in 1935 for highway robbery; that Cliff Collins' father and mother rented a rooming house in Valley Center, Kansas.

Jordan also advised that Milton at one time went with a girl named CORKIE CLEMENT, who was originally from Topeka but that he does not know her present whereabouts. Jordan stated that his brother, EVERETT JORDAN, has a cattle ranch at South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, and that his mother is living with Everett. Jordan stated that Everett also knows Milton but that he doubts very much if he would cooperate with anyone, as he is of the type that will not give any information to anyone. Jordan also advised that he has several snapshots on which Milton Lett appears but that when he left the Middle West he gave all of his pictures to his mother and told her to keep them for him. Jordan stated that should the occasion arise that the writer would wish to obtain copies of these snapshots he would correspond with his mother and endeavor to have her locate some of these snapshots for him. He stated that most of them would have been taken some years ago and, for that reason, the writer did not request him to obtain same at this time, it being left to the office of origin to decide whether they wished to obtain copies. Jordan was shown the Cleveland, Ohio, photograph of Milton Lett and stated that there is a very good picture of Milton, as he looks exactly as he appears in that photograph.

When Jordan was shown the photograph of Mrs. Milton Lett he stated that she looks somewhat familiar to him but he could not place her but believed he had seen her at the Gessen and Diners Dance-hall, which is located about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles southeast of Coffeyville. Jordan stated that as far as he knew Milton was single when he last saw him. Jordan also advised that the photograph of BENSON GROVES No. 38605 looked familiar to him and stated that he believed he had seen that person around Coffeyville, Kansas, years ago.

Jordan stated that his sister Bertie is of the type that will not disclose any information to anyone; that he knows that Bertie has seen Milton Lett on several occasions at their apartment at 343 North Topeka, Wichita, Kansas. Just before the writer left Jordan's home Bertie came home and Jordan asked her if she did not recall Lett and she insisted that she did not know anyone named Lett nor did she recall of him visiting them in Kansas.

Mr. Jordan was advised by the writer that knowledge of Lett's whereabouts was desired. Jordan then inquired of the type of crime Lett had committed and the writer advised him that it was in connection with one of the major kidnaping cases. The impression was given Mr. Jordan that process was issued for Lett's arrest and that if he did not cooperate he, Jordan, might be later embarrassed. Jordan stated that he would cooperate with the Government in any way to ascertain the whereabouts of Lett and that if Lett visits him at his apartment that he will immediately get in touch with the Los Angeles field division, whose telephone number was left with him, and that he would request an appointment

with Agents on some nearby street and that at that time arrangements could be made as to how Milton Lett could be apprehended. Jordan requested, however, that he did not wish Lett to be taken in his apartment nor did he want it known to anyone that he had furnished the information, should Lett be caught. Jordan further advised that he wished any information he gave the writer to be kept in confidence and he was advised that it would be.

Agent subsequently interviewed Mr. Patterson, at which time he was advised that the writer had personally interviewed the Jordans and that they were cooperative. Patterson stated that he thought that they would be, as they seemed to be nice people. He further stated that both he and his wife would keep a strict surveillance on Jordan's apartment at all times and should anyone there resemble Lett he would immediately notify the Los Angeles field division.

With reference to the lead set out in reference report dated March 25, 1937, the writer drove along Cerritos Street, Long Beach, and ascertained that there is no such number as 1332, the numbers skipping from 1100 to 1399. Agent also inquired at 332 Cerritos but was advised FRANK VAUGHN did not reside there. There is also no such number as 1331 or the first three figures of the number.

The writer then interviewed F. B. Matteson, Superintendent of Mails, who advised that he would inquire from his mail carriers whether they know of any Frank Vaughn residing in Long Beach and a letter dated July 8 was received, advising that a Frank Vaughn resides at 1723 Cerritos Avenue but that an order had just been received requesting that his mail be forwarded to 6523 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California.

No leads are being set out for other offices as the result of the information obtained, as it will be left to the office of origin to determine just what specific investigation should be made, this for the reason that the Los Angeles field division does not have copies of all reports in instant case and does not know whether some of the investigation which would be requested may already have been covered; however, copies of this report are being furnished to the Cleveland, St. Paul, Oklahoma City and Kansas City field divisions for their information and assistance should subsequent investigation be required.

A review of the instant file by the writer subsequent to the report of Special Agent F. E. Wright, Los Angeles, dated September 9, 1936, which RUC'd instant case, shows that the only other outstanding leads pending in the Los Angeles field division is to check at Mojave, and Long Beach, California, regarding Lett.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION at Long Beach will keep in touch with Len Jordan, Apartment 15, 526 Orange Avenue, to ascertain the present whereabouts of Milton Lett's married sister, whose first name is LELLIA and who is believed to be living in Santa Monica or Santa Maria, California. Upon receipt of her name and address, appropriate investigation should be conducted to ascertain whether Lett may be visiting or contacting his sister. At Long Beach will report the results of the mail cover which has been placed on all mail being received by Mr. and Mrs. Len and Bertie Jordan.

At Huntington Park, California, will interview Frank Vaughn, 6523 Miles Avenue, for any information he may have as to the whereabouts of Milton Lett, as mentioned in reference report dated Mar. 25, 1937.

At Mojave, California, as mentioned in reference report dated March 11, 1937, will interview PEGGY MIZE and her husband for any information she may have regarding the whereabouts of Milton Lett, it being remembered that a letter was written to them by Sig Lett, R. R. #2, Wann, Oklahoma, in February, 1937.

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Los Angeles, California  
July 29, 1937

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Special Agent in Charge,  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Re: BREKID

Edmond G. Bremer

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated July 22, 1937, in reference to ascertaining whether or not MILTON LETT is residing with one LYN JORDAN.

This is to advise that LYN JORDAN was located and interviewed by this office, and advised that he has not seen MILTON LETT for several years and does not know his present whereabouts. He advised, however, that LETT has a married sister, name and address unknown, who is supposed to be living somewhere in the vicinity of Los Angeles, California, and that he would endeavor to obtain her name and advise the Los Angeles division.

There is a possibility that one A.M. WILLIAMS, living at 3519 Cedar Avenue, Lynwood, California, may be the sister of LETT, and for that reason an appropriate 30-day mail cover has been placed. A discreet investigation will be made to ascertain the identity of WILLIAMS.

The results of the interview with MR. JORDAN have been set out in a report which is in the process of being typed and copies will be forwarded to your office shortly.

Very truly yours,

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J. H. HANSON,

Special Agent in Charge.

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700 West Virginia Building  
Huntington, West Virginia.  
July 30, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

GEORGE TIMNEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN  
was - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;  
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL  
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter of the Cleveland Division  
to all Field Offices, dated July 28, 1937, advising that investi-  
gation seeking the whereabouts of BENSON GROVES should be dis-  
continued.

Since all of the leads in the above entitled case, in  
this District, are for the purpose of locating Groves, this case  
is being considered Referred Upon Completion to the Office of  
Origin.

Very truly yours,

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J. D. REYNOLDS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to: OMAHA 0711

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SAC OMAHA.

PHONE. BREKID. THIS OFFICE HAS NO INFORMATION INDICATING THAT CHARLES

\*ADAMS ALIAS CHARLES P. GLOUSE MAY BE WANTED BY BUREAU. SUGGEST CONTACTING  
BUREAU DIRECT TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER ADAMS WANTED AT PRESENT BY THIS BUREAU  
OR WHETHER INFORMATION SHOULD BE FURNISHED TO INSPECTOR.

FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING ADAMS SEE SUMMARY REPORT D. L. NICHOLSON  
ST. PAUL DATED AUGUST SIXTEEN NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR, PAGE FIFTY ONE.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

1448 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio

July 28, 1937

TO ALL FIELD OFFICES:

Re: BREKID

Reference is made to the circular letter to all field offices dated at Cleveland, Ohio, November 20, 1936, relative to BENSON GROVES, with aliases: George Wilson, "Soup", Burns, Corby, B.G. Grayson, Benjamin Grayson, B.J. Greyson, Benson Graves, Burns, Corby, "Soup" Groves, Benson R. Groves, Benjamin G. Grayson, Ben Grayson and Benson E. Groves, who was involved with Alvin Harpiss, Harry Campbell and Fred Hunter in the holdup of a mail train at Garrettsville, Ohio, on November 7, 1935.

This circular is the authority for all field offices to discontinue investigation seeking the whereabouts of the above-named individual, and in the future no investigation of any nature should be conducted by this Bureau seeking to locate him, pursuant to instructions contained in Bureau letter dated July 26, 1937, to Inspector E.J. Connelley.

Very truly yours,

*J. P. MacFarland*

J.P. MacFARLAND,  
Special Agent in Charge

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July 30, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Huntington, W. Va.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter dated July 27, 1937, requesting  
a photograph of BENSON GROVES for assistance in covering leads in  
your Field Division.

The Bureau has advised that no further investigation  
should be made with a view to locating Benson Groves and the  
Cleveland Office is instructing all Field offices to discontinue  
further efforts to locate this individual.

Very truly yours,

H. D. HARRIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CHARGE AUTO THEFT, SENTENCE ONE TO FIFTEEN YEARS. WAS TRANSFERRED  
TO OS REFORMATORY MANSFIELD, OHIO, JULY NINETEENTH SAME YEAR.  
DATE OF RELEASE UNAVAILABLE OSP AND PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT  
AS ALL RECORDS ARE AT MANSFIELD. AMERSBACH READMITTED OSP DECEMBER  
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SAC CINCINNATI

PHONE. BREKID. THIS OFFICE IN RECEIPT OF INFORMATION CONCERNING CHARLES

ADAMS ALIAS CHARLES P. CLOUSE IDENTIFICATION BEING MADE FROM P.O. CIRCULAR.

ADVISE IF WANTED BY BUREAU OR SHOULD INFORMATION BE FURNISHED P O INSPECTOR

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July 28, 1937.

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On numerous occasions, while the Government was presenting its case in chief, Wilcox would rise and whisper in audible terms to Wiley, who was doing the cross-examining. The table for defense counsel was located very near the jury box and the comments made by Wilcox were clearly audible to the jury. This became so embarrassing to the Government, that Mr. Carr was compelled to complain to the court that the language used by Wilcox should be in subdued tones out of hearing of the jury so that the position of the Government would not be unduly prejudiced.

During the course of the Government's presentation of its case, a collateral inquiry was instituted to inquire into the admissibility of statements obtained by Special Agents from Joseph Adams and Duke Randall. At the conclusion of these hearings, Mr. Wilcox argued in behalf of the suppression of the statements. During the course of his argument, Wilcox used the following derogatory statements with reference to the Bureau:

".....but the great G-Men, - whatever its name is; I confess there are so many bureaus, departments and divisions of this Government that I can't even keep up with the correct names of them, but whatever it is, it is the greatly publicized G-Men Department and I can well imagine how I would feel - --."

At this moment, the court interrupted by saying:

"I can keep up with the real names but I can't keep up with the initials."

To this, Mr. Wilcox replied:

"That's it; the alphabetical arrangement. I would, if some of these highly publicized moving picture heroes who are constantly held up to the public, through their free use of their shooting irons, should come into my office, take me off to a hotel room, and question me for hours, I could well imagine that I would be greatly excited, and I would be greatly unnerved."

The only other active participation of Wilcox in the trial of Joe Adams was his argument for the suppressing and the striking of all of the Government's exhibits, which argument occurred upon the closing of the Government's case. His argument in this instance was moderate and unimpassioned. He argued for the suppression of every exhibit which the Government had introduced. Each motion with reference to each exhibit was overruled.

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I particularly noted that immediately after Judge Ackerman had ordered the Directed Verdict and had left the bench he sent word through his Bailiff to Wilcox requesting that Wilcox see him, Judge Ackerman, in Chambers immediately. I personally overheard this conversation. Special Agent in Charge, B. F. Fitzsimons, who was in Miami for this trial, advised me that immediately after the Directed Verdict, he went to the Chambers of Judge Holland to extend his greetings. It will be remembered that Judge Holland was formerly the United States Attorney in Jacksonville, Florida. Fitzsimons told me that the office girl, by mistake, ushered him into Judge Ackerman's Chambers instead of Judge Holland's Chambers and that he observed in Judge Ackerman's Chambers, Congressman Wilcox.

The United States Marshal at Miami, Florida, also told me after the Directed Verdict had been ordered that on the day preceding, Congressman Wilcox and Judge Ackerman had lunched together.

It will be recalled that Wilcox advised Agent Loehl that he has been a personal friend of Mr. T. R. Knight, the father-in-law of Joe Adams for approximately thirty years. Attention is now directed to the fact that just preceding the investigation conducted by Agents in Miami, Florida, in January, 1935, Knight was indicted by a State Grand Jury at Miami on the charge of conspiring with the Director of Public Safety and other officials of the Police Department to permit the operation of crime in Miami by restricting the police officers from working in certain sections of the city. It is understood, however, that these indictments came to naught.

Knight is considered an all-round politician and a fixer having an unsavory reputation. He is quite wealthy and has been interested in various rackets in Miami in the past few years. He is now interested in the Biscayne Kennel Club. It is reported that he was formerly quite influential in City and State politics and was unusually close to the former Sheriff and Chief of Police. Knight was at one time slated to become Postmaster in Miami, but lost this appointment due to his bad reputation. It is reported that Knight made a considerable sum of money in real estate. He is well regarded financially. Knight, together with his brother, John, owns the Venetian Building, a large office building on Flagler Street. Bob Knight is also interested in the Biscayne Bank, which is now defunct. He is the owner of the El Comodoro Hotel, which is known as the "Racketeer Hotel."

Respectfully,

K. R. McIntire.



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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On numerous occasions, while the Government was presenting its case in chief, Wilcox would rise and whisper in audible terms to Riley, who was doing the cross-examining. The table for defense counsel was located very near the jury box and the comments made by Wilcox were clearly audible to the jury. This became so embarrassing to the Government, that Mr. Carr was compelled to complain to the court that the language used by Wilcox should be in subdued tones out of hearing of the jury so that the position of the Government would not be unduly prejudiced.

During the course of the Government's presentation of its case, a collateral inquiry was instituted to inquire into the admissibility of statements obtained by Special Agents from Joseph Adams and Duke Randall. At the conclusion of these hearings, Mr. Wilcox argued in behalf of the suppression of the statements. During the course of his argument, Wilcox used the following derogatory statements with reference to the Bureau:

".....but the great G-Men, - whatever its name is; I confess there are so many bureaus, departments and divisions of this Government that I can't even keep up with the correct names of them, but whatever it is, it is the greatly publicized G-Men Department and I can well imagine how I would feel - --."

At this moment, the court interrupted by saying:

"I can keep up with the real names but I can't keep up with the initials."

To this, Mr. Wilcox replied:

"That's it; the alphabetical arrangement. I would, if some of these highly publicized moving picture heroes who are constantly held up to the public, through their free use of their shooting irons, should come into my office, take me off to a hotel room, and question me for hours, I could well imagine that I would be greatly excited, and I would be greatly unnerved."

The only other active participation of Wilcox in the trial of Joe Adams was his argument for the suppressing and the striking of all of the Government's exhibits, which argument occurred upon the closing of the Government's case. His argument in this instance was moderate and unimpassioned. He argued for the suppression of every exhibit which the Government had introduced. Each motion with reference to each exhibit was overruled.

July 28, 1937.

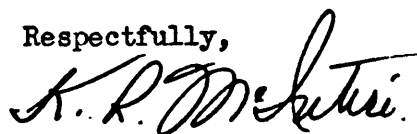
I particularly noted that immediately after Judge Ackerman had ordered the Directed Verdict and had left the bench he sent word through his Bailiff to Wilcox requesting that Wilcox see him, Judge Ackerman, in Chambers immediately. I personally overheard this conversation. Special Agent in Charge, B. F. Fitzsimons, who was in Miami for this trial, advised me that immediately after the Directed Verdict, he went to the Chambers of Judge Holland to extend his greetings. It will be remembered that Judge Holland was formerly the United States Attorney in Jacksonville, Florida. Fitzsimons told me that the office girl, by mistake, ushered him into Judge Ackerman's Chambers instead of Judge Holland's Chambers and that he observed in Judge Ackerman's Chambers, Congressman Wilcox.

The United States Marshal at Miami, Florida, also told me after the Directed Verdict had been ordered that on the day preceding, Congressman Wilcox and Judge Ackerman had lunched together.

It will be recalled that Wilcox advised Agent Loebl that he has been a personal friend of Mr. T. R. Knight, the father-in-law of Joe Adams for approximately thirty years. Attention is now directed to the fact that just preceding the investigation conducted by Agents in Miami, Florida, in January, 1935, Knight was indicted by a State Grand Jury at Miami on the charge of conspiring with the Director of Public Safety and other officials of the Police Department to permit the operation of crime in Miami by restricting the police officers from working in certain sections of the city. It is understood, however, that these indictments came to naught.

Knight is considered an all-round politician and a fixer having an unsavory reputation. He is quite wealthy and has been interested in various rackets in Miami in the past few years. He is now interested in the Biscayne Kennel Club. It is reported that he was formerly quite influential in City and State politics and was unusually close to the former Sheriff and Chief of Police. Knight was at one time slated to become Postmaster in Miami, but lost this appointment due to his bad reputation. It is reported that Knight made a considerable sum of money in real estate. He is well regarded financially. Knight, together with his brother, John, owns the Venetian Building, a large office building on Flagler Street. Bob Knight is also interested in the Biscayne Bank, which is now defunct. He is the owner of the El Comodoro Hotel, which is known as the "Racketeer Hotel."

Respectfully,



K. R. McIntire.

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

August 1, 1937

Special Agent in Charge  
Newark, New Jersey

Re: GEORGE TIMINEX  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases  
-- FUGITIVE  
I. O. #1232, et al.  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;  
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL  
FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter of your office dated July 27, 1937 relative to a memorandum issued by this office to all Field Offices, dated December 12, 1935, wherein a stop notice is requested to be placed at the Motor Vehicles Bureaus on a Plymouth Sedan, motor #PJ322772 and serial #2619857, and which is still outstanding in your district.

Please be advised that it is the desire of this office to continue such stop notice until advised to the contrary.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland  
Special Agent in Charge

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

August 1, 1937

Special Agent in Charge  
New York City, New York

Re: BREKID *Edmond G. Bremer*

Dear Sir:

*R*  
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*W*  
Post Office Inspector S. Hettrick, Cleveland, Ohio, advised Special Agent E. J. Wynn that he has a confidential informant whose identity he does not presently desire to disclose, who is acquainted with Anthony J. Amersbach, who, as you have been previously advised, is a fugitive in the Northern District of Ohio on an indictment returned against him in said district on June 10, 1937, charging him with having harbored Karpis and Campbell and also with being an accessory after the fact in the kidnaping of George Bremer. Post Office Inspector Hettrick advised that his informant stated that Amersbach is presently in New York City associating with one Betty Hoffman, alias Fisher, who was arrested in New York City about 1930 with a man who was an escapee from the State Penitentiary in Joliet, Illinois, and that this particular arrest in New York City caused considerable publicity and that the said Betty Hoffman, alias Fisher, is well known to the New York City police where photographs of her are on file as a result of the well-publicized arrest in 1930.

According to Post Office Inspector Hettrick, Betty Hoffman, in the course of the past few years, has made trips from New York City to Cleveland, Ohio, to visit Anthony Amersbach and it is reported that Amersbach is much interested in this woman.

Enclosed herewith is a photograph of Anthony Amersbach taken in 1921 which is reported, however, to be a very poor likeness of him at the present time. The most recent description of Amersbach, obtained as a result of an interview had with him by agents of the Bureau at Cleveland, Ohio, is as follows:

Name	ANTHONY J. AMERSBACH
Age	40 years (born 5/6/96)
Height	5' 2"
Weight	190 lbs.
Hair	White, except for dark streak down center
Eyes	Brown, piercing

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Build Heavy  
Residence 7124 Clark Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio  
Occupation Gambling house employee

It is requested that you conduct immediate investigation seeking to establish the identity of Betty Hoffman and her present location in New York City, bearing in mind she is well known to New York City police and determine whether or not Amersbach is in touch with her and, if so, bring about his apprehension. It should be born in mind by the New York Office that Amersbach is reported to carry firearms and that he at one time, in Cleveland, Ohio, in connection with a hold-up in which several others were involved, shot two Cleveland (Ohio) police officers.

It is requested by the Cleveland Office that the New York Office return the original photograph of Amersbach, which is being enclosed, and that at least twelve copies of this photograph be made and forwarded to the Cleveland Office.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland  
Special Agent in Charge

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-11 CJG

REPORT MADE AT <b>Buffalo, New York</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8/2/37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/31/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>Jerome Doyle</b>
TITLE <b>GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>Records of Owens Dyneto Corp., Syracuse, N. Y. indicate outboard motor, 35 h.p., Elta Motor, Serial #890, Generator #3902, shipped to Outboard Motor Corp., Milwaukee, Wisconsin.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Letter from Little Rock, Ark. Field Division dated July 12, 1937.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> At SYRACUSE, NEW YORK</p> <p>Joseph Brilla, Service Manager, Owens Dyneto Corp., 1920 Park Avenue, advised that no definite records were kept by the above company for shipments of outboard motors in view of the fact that practically all motors were shipped directly to the Outboard Motor Corporation, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. A few miscellaneous others had been shipped to the Seaway Equipment Co., 45 Vanderbilt Avenue, New York City. It was stated by Mr. Brilla that Elta Motor, Serial #890, Generator #3902 was manufactured about seven years ago and that none of its type have been made since 1930.</p> <p><b>UNDEVELOPED LEADS:</b></p> <p>The MILWAUKEE FIELD DIVISION at the offices of the Outboard Motor Corp. will learn to whom that firm shipped above outboard motor and will set out necessary leads to trace motor to its present possessor.</p> <p>For the information of the Milwaukee office, it has been ascertained by the Little Rock office that this motor is presently in</p>			
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the possession of Former Chief of Police Joseph Wakelin of Hot Springs, Arkansas, and was possibly given to him by Alvin Karpis.

In the event the Milwaukee Office does not find any record of instant motor at Milwaukee, the New York Office should then be requested to make appropriate inquiry at the office of the Seaway Equipment Company.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 22, 1937.

REPORT OF TELEPHONE CALLS

Time: 1:05 A.M.

Mr. F. H. Dixon, 772 Fairmont St., called and asked to speak with the Director. Upon being told that the Director's office was closed at this hour he asked if he could make an appointment to see the Director personally during the day. He was informed that it would be necessary for him to call during the regular office hours to make such an appointment. He stated that he would do so. 9:10 A.M. The files reflect that Mr. Dixon wrote to the Bureau on November 3, 1936 asking what the qualifications were for a Special Agents position. He has no law or college training and was advised that there were no vacancies at that time. waj.

Time: 2:20 A.M.

A party called and stated that he believes the New York Hotel to be a nest of White Slavery under the protection of the local police and should be investigated by the Bureau. He refused to give his name or any further information.

Time: 2:25 A.M.

The Associated Press called and stated that they have a report from Toledo that a body found on a road near there in September, 1934, has been exhumed and identified by Federal authorities as Dr. Joseph Moran, the finger-tip and face surgeon for Karpis, Dillinger, and others. According to the report that they had the Director would announce it officially later. The party calling desired to know if we had any information available on this subject. He was advised that we were not authorized to give out any information and it was suggested that he call back during the day and speak with one of the proper officials.

9:00 A.M. Mr. Tamm advises that this body was exhumed several months ago, and it was definitely determined as not being the body of Dr. Moran. waj.

Respectfully,

/s/ George W. Hall

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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
August 3, 1937

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated July 28, 1937, regarding property which Dolores Delaney, who is confined in the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, claimed was being held by the Bureau.

By reference to the letter from the St. Paul Office to the Bureau dated May 6, 1937, it will be noted that Dolores Delaney was interviewed on May 4, 1937, by Special Agent in Charge C. W. Stein, at which time she was fully advised regarding the property in question.

Very truly yours,

Jay C. Newman  
Special Agent in Charge

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903 Pacific Commerce Building  
437 South Hill Street  
Los Angeles, California  
July 29, 1937

Postmaster,  
Lynwood, California

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation which is being conducted by this Bureau, will you kindly place a 30-day cover on all special delivery, first-class, and registered mail addressed to -

A. M. WILLIAMS,  
3516 Cedar Avenue,  
Lynwood, California

and any other occupants of that residence, forwarding tracings to this office for the attention of file 7-42.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I remain

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Re: BREXID

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

August 3, 1937

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

In answer to Bureau letter dated July 20, 1937, (7-576),  
the following information with reference to Anthony Joseph Amersbach  
is being submitted for the use of the Bureau in the preparation of an  
Identification Order:

Name: ANTHONY JOSEPH AMERSBACH, aliases: Anthony Joseph  
Amersbach, Tony Amersbach, George Young, Tom Gordon

Description as obtained by recent personal observation  
and interviews by Bureau agents:

Age - 40 yrs. (born March 6, 1896)  
Height - 5' 8"  
Weight - 190 lbs.  
Hair - white except for dark streak down center  
Eyes - brown, piercing  
Build - heavy  
Occupation - gambling house employee

Criminal record: FBI #84230 as supplemented by recent verification by  
the Cleveland office is as follows:

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The letter from the Pittsburgh Office to the Cleveland Office dated March 17, 1937, reflects that at the time Amersbach was released by the West Virginia prison authorities to be returned to the Ohio State Penitentiary as an escape, it was with the understanding that a proper detainer was to be placed at the Ohio State Penitentiary to insure the return of Amersbach to the West Virginia institution upon his release from the Ohio State Penitentiary, but that, however, through some oversight the detainer was not placed, and Amersbach, as a result, was never returned to Moundsville, West Virginia. Reference to this letter also indicates that the West Virginia authorities at the present time desire the return of Amersbach and that he was published as a fugitive in the September 1st, 1934, issue of the Bureau fugitive bulletin.

As pointed out by Inspector E. J. Connelley in his letter to the Bureau, dated at New York City July 1st, 1937, there are reasons to

believe that Amersbach is not acquainted with the fact that the Bureau knows of his fugitive status from West Virginia, but if this information appears on an Identification Order it may cause him to exercise extreme caution to avoid apprehension. As suggested by Inspector E. J. Connelley to omit this information from the Identification Order may be construed to mean that the Identification Division missed an identification. The feasibility of including this information with reference to the fugitive status of Amersbach on an Identification Order is being left to the discretion of the Bureau.

RELATIVES: Father - Andrew Amersbach, 7124 Clark Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Mother - Deceased.

Brothers - Harry Amersbach, 7124 Clark Avenue,  
Cleveland, Ohio.  
Phillip Amersbach, State House of  
Correction and Branch Prison, Mar-  
quette, Michigan, where he is serving  
a life sentence.  
Dr. Joseph C. Amersbach, office  
address: 105 East 53rd Street, New  
York City. Residence: Blind Brook  
Road, Westport, Connecticut.

Sisters - Beatrice Amersbach, 7124 Clark Avenue,  
Cleveland, Ohio.  
Mrs. Joseph C. (Anna) Wagner, 1346  
East 94th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.  
Mrs. John B. (Bertha) Morgan, 12576  
Lake Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio.

OFFENSE: Indicted Northern Judicial District of Ohio, Toledo,  
Ohio, June 10, 1937, in three counts as follows:

- 1 - Violation of Title 18, Section 551, U. S. C., in that  
Amersbach was an accessory after the fact to the kidnaping  
of Edward George Bremer.
- 2 - Violation of Title 18, Section 88, U. S. C., in connection  
with Title 18, Sections 408-c and 551, U. S. C., in that  
Amersbach conspired with others as an accessory after the  
fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer.



3 - Violation of Title 18, Section 88, U. S. C., in connection with Title 18, Section 246, U. S. C., in that Amersbach conspired with others to harbor and conceal Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell knowing them to be fugitives from justice in connection with the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer.

A photograph of Amersbach taken December 24, 1931, at the Ohio State Penitentiary was forwarded to the Bureau by letter from the Cleveland Office dated November 27, 1936. This photograph is said to be a very poor likeness of the fugitive, and it is the opinion of agents of the Cleveland Office who have recently observed Amersbach that it will be very difficult to effect an identification of him from this photograph. However, it is the best available and investigation recently conducted by the Cleveland Office has failed to locate a better one.

There are no handwriting specimens of Anthony Amersbach available in this office. However, it is believed that he undoubtedly signed fingerprint cards reflecting previous arrests, and it is, therefore, requested that the Bureau ascertain from the prints on the file with the Bureau under FBI #84320 whether or not he signed the cards in ink.

Very truly yours,

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

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Cincinnati  
E. J. Connelley (New York)

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August 12, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Re: GEORGE TIMINNY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE; I. O. 1232; ANTHONY JOSEPH AMERSBACH, with  
aliases - FUGITIVE; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -  
Victim; KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING  
OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Reference is made to Cleveland letter to the Bureau dated August 3,  
1937, transmitting data for the use of the Bureau in the preparation of an  
Identification Order on Fugitive Anthony Joseph Amersbach.

You are advised that the criminal record of fugitive Amersbach as  
reflected in reference letter is incomplete, and must be completed prior to  
the issuance of an Identification Order.

Item 1 records the receipt of Amersbach at the State Penitentiary,  
Columbus, Ohio. There is, however, no prior arrest recorded.  
You should obtain the complete record of the prior arrest,  
including the name under which arrested, number assigned on arrest,  
date of arrest, charge and disposition.

These comments are equally applicable to Items 2 and 3.

Item 4 records an arrest in Cleveland, Ohio, but fails to  
indicate the name of the department making the arrest, the name  
under which subject was arrested, number assigned, date of  
arrest, and date of release, all of which should be obtained if  
available; if not, appropriate notation should be made.

Item 5 records an arrest by the Cleveland, Ohio, police depart-  
ment March 15, 1918 for violation of auto law, but the name  
under which arrest was made and the number assigned are not given.

The Bureau desires that you obtain the above information at the  
earliest possible moment, and that it be transmitted to the Bureau

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in order that the Identification Order may be issued.

It is also noted that the relatives and the address of each is recorded in reference letter, and it is desired that you advise if this information has been checked within the last three months. If not, the appropriate check should be made, and the Bureau advised prior to the issuance of the Identification Order.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

LMC:GAJ

7-576

August 4, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated October 22, 1936, relative to the prosecution of Alvin Karpis on a charge of murder at West Plains, Missouri.

The Bureau desires to be advised as to whether, in your opinion, there is sufficient evidence available to convict Karpis of this murder, and also as to whether the prosecuting attorney is capable of obtaining a conviction in the event sufficient evidence is available.

The Bureau further desires to be informed as to whether during the recent trial at Willow Springs for the murder of Doctor Davis, the prosecuting attorney gave any indication of contemplating prosecuting Karpis for murder. In this connection your attention is directed to your letter dated February 19, 1937, in which it was stated that Mr. Roberts indicated that he did not wish to begin prosecution against Karpis until the case against Robert Keryon had been disposed of. You should also inform the Bureau as to what action, in your opinion, should be taken to insure the successful prosecution of Karpis on the murder charges, in the event the prosecuting attorney has indicated an intention of bringing this case to trial.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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August 3, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

With reference to the indictment recently returned against Sam Coker which charged him with being an accessory after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer and conspiracy to harbor, it is desired that an appropriate investigation be made to determine whether a detainer has been filed against Coker at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary where he is presently incarcerated and the Bureau be informed promptly in the premises.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. E. A. Tamm .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Dewey .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
Mr. Fox .....  
Mr. Glavin .....  
Mr. Ladd .....  
Mr. Nichols .....  
Mr. Rosen .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Mr. Carson .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
Mr. Gurnea .....  
Mr. Hendon .....  
Mr. Jones .....  
Mr. Lester .....  
Mr. Quinn .....  
Mr. Nease .....  
Miss Gandy .....

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

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Special Agent in Charge  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

The U. S. Attorney at Toledo, Ohio, in a communication dated August 3, 1937, advised this office that he had on July 1st, 1937, forwarded to the Warden of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, a copy of the indictment returned against Sam Coker, McAlester, Oklahoma, #14023 at Toledo, Ohio, on June 10th, 1937, charging him with having harbored Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell at Toledo, Ohio. It appears that the Warden at McAlester, Oklahoma, has never formally acknowledged receipt of the indictment and enclosed letter requesting that a detainer be placed against Sam Coker.

It is respectfully requested that you ascertain at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, whether an appropriate detainer is on file against Sam Coker, #14023.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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7-576-14583

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

August 4, 1937

Mr. George J. Matowits  
Chief of Police  
Cleveland, Ohio

re: Brekid

Dear Chief Matowits:

On June 10th, 1937, at Toledo, Ohio, in the United States District Court an indictment was returned against Anthony Joseph Amersbach, charging him with a violation of Title 18, Section 551, U. S. Code, in that he was an accessory after the fact to kidnaping and also with a violation of Title 18, Section 88, U. S. C., in connection with Title 18, Section 246, U. S. C., in that he conspired with others to harbor and conceal federal fugitives from justice: namely, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, who were wanted for the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 17th, 1934.

Federal process is presently outstanding for Amersbach under the aforementioned indictment and his apprehension is desired by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

ANTHONY JOSEPH AMERSBACH, aliases: Anthony Joseph Amersbach, Tony Amersbach and George Young, was sentenced to the Ohio State Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio from Cleveland, Ohio, in December 1921 on a charge of entering an uninhabited dwelling under sentence of five to fifteen years. In connection with the crime committed at Cleveland, Ohio, as you will recall, one of the police officers of your department was badly wounded.

The best available description of Amersbach at the present time is as follows:

Age - 40 yrs. born 3/6/97  
Height - 5' 8"  
Weight - 190 lbs.

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Hair - white except for dark streak  
down center  
Eyes - brown, piercing  
Build - heavy  
Occupation - until about 5/10/37 employed as a  
gambler at the Harvard Club situated  
in Newburgh Heights, Cuyahoga County,  
Ohio

Relatives in  
Cleveland: brother:

Harry Amerbach, 7124 Clark Avenue

sisters:

Beatrice Amerbach, 7124 Clark Ave.  
Mrs. Joseph G. (Anna) Wagner,  
1346 East 94th Street  
Mrs. John B. (Bertha) Morgan,  
12576 Lake Avenue

The FBI will greatly appreciate your bringing to the  
attention of the officers of the Cleveland Police Department  
the fact that Amerbach is being sought by the Federal Bureau  
of Investigation.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland,  
Special Agent in Charge.

EJW:h

cc: Bureau  
Cincinnati  
Chicago



**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

629 First National Bank Building,  
Omaha, Nebraska  
August 2, 1937.

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

RE: BREKID 7 8 ✓

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to my telephone call to the Bureau on July 30, 1937, requesting that this office be informed as to whether CHARLES P. CLOUSE was still wanted by the Bureau in connection with the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer at St. Paul.

Inquiry was based on information furnished by Thomas J. Dunn, 815 Commercial Street, Council Bluffs, Iowa, who called at the Omaha Field Office on July 30th and advised that for the past year or two he had noticed in the Post Office Building at Omaha, Nebraska, a wanted notice on CHARLES P. CLOUSE, wanted for bank robbery and that he was positive he had come in contact with this individual on several occasions. He stated that CLOUSE had been working for the past year or so in the Omaha vicinity, employed by the Loose-Wiles Biscuit Company and the Iten Biscuit Company, also, by the Nebraska Power Company.

Mr. Dunn further advised he had observed this individual, whom he identified as CLOUSE, playing cards at Ben Kennedy's place, a card room in Omaha, Nebraska.

No record of a wanted notice of Identification Order on this individual could be located at the Omaha Office and I accompanied Mr. Dunn to the Post Office Building and there observed a Post-Office Circular for the apprehension of CHARLES P. CLOUSE, wanted for mail robbery and not bank robbery. The circular offered a reward of \$2,000.00.

This information was furnished the Cincinnati Office to determine if CLOUSE was still wanted and inquiry was also directed to the Bureau. Upon receipt of the information from the Bureau, through telephone call placed by Mr. Cornelius that CLOUSE was not wanted by the Bureau, in accord with instructions this information was furnished Post Office Inspector in Charge V. C. Batie, at Omaha, Nebraska. 11/5/37 28

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It is noted that Mr. Dunn made his identification, not only from the photograph appearing on the circular, but also from description noted thereon, which indicates a scar just back of the left index finger, and which Mr. Dunn stated he had observed, and that this single item had made him positive in his identification, along with his general resemblance to the photograph of the wanted individual.

Very truly yours,

*H. B. Fletcher*  
H. B. FLETCHER,  
Special Agent in Charge

HBH/TMH

cc Cincinnati

7-4

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

August 4, 1937

Honorable G. P. Openlander  
Assistant U. S. Attorney  
Toledo, Ohio

re: Brekid

Dear Mr. Openlander:

Receipt is acknowledged of  
your letter dated August 3, 1937, addressed to  
Special Agent E. J. Wynn of this office, contain-  
ing information with reference to the placing of  
a detainer by you against SAM/COKER at the Okla-  
homa State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma.

Thanking you for your courtesy  
in so promptly furnishing this information, I am

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland,  
Special Agent in Charge.

RJW:h

cc - Bureau

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-2

REPORT MADE AT <b>Memphis, Tennessee</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8-4-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7-23 &amp; 24-37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>M. W. MEEKINS</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>TMH</b></span>
TITLE <b>GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE; I.O. #1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Unable to locate Horance Lett, at Nashville, Tenn. through check Telephone and City Directories, postal authorities, [REDACTED] police records or individual call upon all "Letts" residing at Nashville located through check City Directory. <span style="float: right;">b7d</span></p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p>			
<p>REFERENCE: Report Special Agent John R. Welles, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 12-31-36.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: A check of the current Nashville, Tennessee telephone directory failed to disclose any listings under the surname of "Lett". A check of the current City Directory, likewise fails to list a Horance, John or Milton Lett; however, the following listing were noted to be all the listings of the surname "Lett", (white):</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">J. Howard (Eunice W.) Lett, Office Manager, Burroughs Adding Machine Company, Residence - 1017 Burchwood Avenue.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Earl (Naomi) Lett, driver, 1804 7th Avenue, N.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">William (Cynthia) Lett, 1804 7th Avenue, N.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>M. M. Stapleton</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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Catherine Lett, widow of George, 1808 7th Avenue, N.

[REDACTED] was interviewed and after a check of his records he informed that he had no record of Horance, Horace, John, or Milton Lett. The same results were forthcoming regarding criminal records from Jack Monroe, Police Department, Nashville, Tennessee. It is to be noted in regards to the check through [REDACTED] that their records are checked daily with lists of "new comers" from reports furnished to them by the Tennessee Electric Power Co., the Nashville Gas Company and the Nashville City Water Works Department. b7c b7d

In view of the above negative information regarding Horance or Horace Lett, all the parties listed under the name of "Lett" as found in the City Directory as hereinbefore set out, were interviewed with the exception of Earl Lett which resulted in the following general information, summarized by William Lett, 1804 7th Avenue, North:

That he moved to Nashville about 40 years ago and has three sons: Earl, Howard, and George, the last two being deceased; that Earl Lett resides with him and has lived in Nashville all his life; that he has no relatives residing in the State of Oklahoma and that Milton Lett, together with all his reported kinsmen are unknown to him. Mr. William Lett informed that he did not know J. Howard Lett, Manager, Burroughs Adding Machine Co.

J. Howard Lett, Manager, Burroughs Adding Machine Company, Medical Arts Building, Nashville, Tennessee was interviewed and he informed he has been with the Burroughs Adding Machine Company, for the past eight years and formerly resided at Evansville, Indiana prior to moving to Nashville, about three years ago; that he does not know Milton, Horance, or Horace Lett or others of interest to this investigation.

Superintendent of Mails William S. McKinstry, U. S. Post Office, Nashville, Tennessee was interviewed and he informed that all postal delivery records were based on current issues of the telephone and city directories and that they had no mail delivery records for Horance or Horace Lett; however, Mr. McKinstry circularized all carriers by letter for information concerning Horance or Horace Lett and thereafter Agent was advised by telephone that such had been with negative results.

- P E N D I N G -

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

1300 Biscayne Building  
Miami, Florida  
August 2, 1937

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

I have today received the following letter from Bart A. Riley, dated July 31, 1937, at Miami, Florida:

Agent-in-Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Biscayne Building,  
Miami, Florida

Dear Sir: RE: United States v. Joseph H. Adams  
and Hendry (Duke) Randall.

I enclose herewith copy of Petition and Notice which is self-explanatory.

I have sent a copy of this Petition and Notice to the Attorney General of the United States, and to Mr. Hooks, the Assistant District Attorney in this jurisdiction. The original of the above notice has been filed in court.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Bart A. Riley.

The petition referred to in the above quoted letter is being transmitted herewith to the Bureau. As only one copy of the petition was forwarded to this office I have not retained a copy in the files here. Therefore, it is requested that the Bureau return the petition when it has served its purpose. You will note it is returnable in the United States District Court, Miami, on the 17th of August, 1937, before Honorable John W. Holland, United States District Judge.

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Very truly yours,

R. L. Shivers  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cc: Cincinnati.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA, IN AND FOR THE  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA.

No. 4608-M)  
4609-M)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, :

v. :

NOTICE OF HEARING

JOSEPH H. ADAMS and HENDRY  
RANDALL, :

Defendants. :

TO:

Hon. Homer S. Cummings, Attorney General of the United States;

Hon. Herbert S. Phillips, District Attorney for the Southern  
District of Florida;

Agent-in-Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Miami,  
Florida;

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I have filed in the  
above entitled cause, a Petition for the return of certain property  
as described in the Petition hereto annexed, and made a part hereof;  
that I will call up said Petition for hearing before the Honorable  
John W. Holland at Miami, Florida, on the 17th day of August, A.D.  
1937, at ten o'clock A.M.

DATED at Miami, Florida, this 31st day of July, A.D. 1937.

*Paul A. Rolfe*  
Attorney for Petitioners, Joseph H.  
Adams, Hendry Randall, E. H. Rolfe,  
and El Comodoro Hotel.

STATE OF FLORIDA )  
COUNTY OF DADA ) ss:

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Lucile Kliehmann, who, being first duly sworn, upon oath deposes and says that she is employed in the law office of Bart. A. Riley, attorney for the petitioners, in the above styled cause; that on the 31st day of July, A.D. 1937, at five o'clock P.M. she did mail to Hon. Homer S. Cummings, Attorney General of the United States, to Hon. Herbert S. Phillips, District Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, and to the Agent-in-Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Miami, Florida, a true and complete copy of the within Notice of Hearing, and the Petition attached thereto, enclosed in envelopes bearing the requisite amount of United States postage, and addressed respectively as follows:

Hon. Homer S. Cummings, Attorney General,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.  
Attention of Charles H. Carr, Esq.

Hon. Herbert S. Phillips, District Attorney,  
Federal Building,  
Miami, Florida  
Attention of Hon. Lloyd C. Hooks, Assistant U.S. Attorney,

Agent-in-Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Miami, Florida

by depositing said envelopes, properly sealed, stamped and addressed as aforesaid, in the United States Post Office at Miami, Florida.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
A.D. 1937.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA, IN AND FOR THE  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA.

No. 4608-M)  
4609-M)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, :

v. :

JOSEPH H. ADAMS and HENDRY RANDALL, :

Defendants. :

P E T I T I O N

NOW COME Joseph H. Adams and Hendry Randall, M. H. Rolfe, and the El Comodoro Hotel, a Florida corporation, by their attorney, Bart. A. Riley, and respectfully show to the Court that within the last ten days they submitted to the office of the United States District Attorney a petition, requesting that the Court enter an order requiring the United States Government to return to Joseph H. Adams certain books, records and effects of the said Joseph H. Adams, and certain personal belongings of Hendry Randall, excluding a certain automatic gun or rifle, but to include therein one certain revolver and holster, the property of M. H. Rolfe, a deputy sheriff, which was in the possession of Hendry Randall at the time of his arrest.

That the original of said Petition was forwarded to Washington by the Assistant District Attorney in Miami, to the office of the Attorney General, and the office of the Attorney General, so Petitioners are informed and believe, instructed the Assistant Attorney General to request the attorney for said petitioners to amend the Petition and specifically list the property, the return of which is sought.

These Petitioners represent that the Government, through its officials, has full know-

United States Gov-  
ledge of the books,

papers, records and effects which it, without process of law, took from the El Comodoro Hotel, at Miami, Dade County, Florida, in the month of January, 1935, and from the possession of Hendry (Duke) Randall during the same month. That the United States Government, at the time of the seizure of said books, papers, records, documents and personal effects, did not give to the said Adams, nor to the El Comodoro Hotel, nor to the said Randall, any receipt, which, under the law, they would have given had due and legal process been used for the seizure of such property.

That these Petitioners do not recall all the property so seized and taken by the Government Agents, but know that they took certain registration cards, which are described in a receipt hereto attached and marked "Exhibit A", and certain Guest Arrival and Departure Records described in the letter hereto attached and marked "Exhibit B", all of which papers and records are referred to in copies of correspondence hereto attached, marked Exhibits "C", "D", "E", "F", "G" and "H".

That these Petitioners request the return of the property described herein, as well as the return of one certain revolver and holster, which said revolver and holster were in the possession of Hendry Randall at the time of his arrest, as the same is the property of one M. H. Rolfe, and counsel who signs this Petition is representing Mr. M. H. Rolfe, who was a former Deputy Sheriff of Dade County, Florida.

And Petitioners further request that on a day and at a time to be fixed by the Court, the Attorney General of the United States, or one of his assistants familiar with the above entitled case, and the Honorable Herbert S. Phillips, United States District Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, through his Assistant, Elmer C. Cooke, be directed to bring into court all the

books, papers, records and effects described in this Petition specifically, and to then and there report to the court what other personal books, papers, records and effects the said United States Government has in its possession, of the property of Joseph H. Adams, Hendry Randall, or of the El Comodoro Hotel, of which Joseph H. Adams now is, and during the month of January, 1935, was, manager, and that if said Order to Show Cause discloses that the United States Government has in its care, custody and control any other books, papers, records or effects of the parties named, that it be ordered to return the same to the parties named, through their counsel, Bart. A. Riley.

That upon a hearing herein, the Court will direct the return of all books, papers, records, documents and effects listed in this Petition, as well as any other property disclosed at the hearing to belong to these Defendants, or to the El Comodoro Hotel, except one Browning automatic machine gun, which is not the property of any of the parties making this Petition.

Bart A. Riley  
Attorney for Petitioners, Joseph H. Adams, Hendry Randall, W. H. Rolfe, and El Comodoro Hotel.

STATE OF FLORIDA )  
                          ) ss :  
COUNTY OF DADE )

T. H. Knight, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is President of the corporation owning the El Comodoro Hotel, in the City of Miami, Florida; that Joseph H. Adams was the manager of said Hotel in 1935, and is still such manager; that the books, records and papers referred to in the above and foregoing petition are in the possession of the El Comodoro Hotel, and

are true, except as to those matters stated to be upon information  
and belief, and as to all such matters, affiant verily believes  
them to be true.

J. R. Knight

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of July,  
A.D. 1937.

Leo Gelsman  
Notary Public  
State of Florida at Large

My commission expires:

9/23/41

Exhibit "A"

Miami, Florida, January 12, 1937.

IN RE: UNITED STATES v. Joseph M. Adams et al.

Receipt is hereby acknowledged by the undersigned, this day, from Assistant United States Attorney, Lloyd C. Hooks, certain original registration cards of the ElComodoro Hotel for the period during the Fall of 1934 and January of 1935, said cards being numbered as follows:

2215	2884	3667	3826	4368
2405	2897	3726	3829	4393
2498	2901	3727	3898	5763
2499	2957	3752	3953	
2730	3402	3794	3954	
2841	3403	3803	3972	
2864	3533	3806	3977	
2881	3553	3807	4065	

said cards being turned over to the undersigned with the express understanding that the same will be returned to the custody of the said Assistant United States Attorney just as soon as the undersigned has had sufficient opportunity to examine same for the purposes required.

Bart A. Riley, of counsel for  
defense.

Received from Mr. Riley this 23rd day of Jan. 1937,  
all of above described registration cards.

Lloyd C. Hooks, (signed)  
Assistant U. S. Attorney.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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MIAMI, FLORIDA

Exhibit "B"

OFS:MT

Saint Paul,  
January 11, 1937.

Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Gentlemen:

Re: United States vs. Sawyer, McDonald, et al

Shortly before the trial of Sawyer and McDonald certain books and records of the ElComodoro Hotel were furnished by your department. Some of these books and records were used in evidence at the trial of the above-named defendants. Others were retained in my office.

On January 8, 1937, Mr. Bart. A. Riley, attorney at law, Seybold Building, Miami, Florida, wrote us as follows:

"During Sawyer's trial in St. Paul, you had Mr. Joseph H. Adams, my client, identify certain guest cards, registration cards, departure books, and other records of the Hotel ElComodoro. In regard to these records, I enclose herewith copies of letters I have addressed to Mr. Carr in Washington and to Mr. Nathan in Jacksonville, and I am desirous of having these books and records available for my inspection in the Federal Court here before January 25, and if you have them in St. Paul, will you please cooperate with me, and obtain permission from the proper departmental head, to see that the papers, books and records are sent down here immediately?"

Possibly the books and records to which Mr. Riley refers are the different records which were received in evidence at the trial. These, of course, I have no jurisdiction or control over at the present time, since the same were transmitted from the District Court to the Circuit Court of Appeals at Saint Louis, which court is now considering the appeals of these two defendants.

In any event, I am forwarding to you under separate cover:

Guest Arrival and Departure Record of January 1, 1935, up to and including June 12, 1935; also

Arrival and Departure Record from May 15, 1934, up to and including December 31, 1934; also

Bell Boy Call Sheets for many dates during the latter part of the year 1934 and the first part of the year 1935.

I am advising Mr. Bart A. Riley that these records have been sent to your office. Please acknowledge receipt of the same?

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Very truly,

JOHN J. SULLIVAN  
State Attorney



Exhibit "C"

In reply refer to  
GPS:MT

Department of Justice  
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY  
District of Minnesota

Saint Paul,  
January 11, 1937.

Mr. Bart.A. Riley,  
Attorney at Law,  
Suite 1025-1038 Seybold Building,  
Miami, Florida.

Dear Mr. Riley:

Re: United States v. Sawyer, McDonald, et al.

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 5, 1937, wherein you request that I cause to be transmitted to the Clerk of the Federal Court at Miami, Florida, certain books and records of the ElCamodoro Hotel.

I am enclosing herein a copy of a letter this day sent to the Bureau of Investigation, Jacksonville, Florida. You will observe from a reading of that letter that the books and records which your client, Mr. Adams, identified are under the control of the court and are at the present time at Saint Louis, Missouri, where the Circuit Court of Appeals is considering the appeals of the above-named defendants and of course at this time I would be unable to get a transmittal of these records to the Clerk of Court at Miami. The arrival and departure records have, however, been sent to the Bureau of Investigation, at Jacksonville, Florida. I have done this for the reason that such books and records were in the first instance delivered by that office to me.

I note what you say in the last paragraph of your letter, and it would be very agreeable to me to enjoy some of that beautiful weather. But the weather up here is, as usual, most disagreeable at this time of the year. With kindest personal regards, I am

Very yours,

F. Sullivan (Signed)  
F. SULLIVAN  
United States Attorney

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Exhibit "D"

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

CYC:mt

January 9, 1937

Bart. A. Riley, Esq.,  
Attorney at Law,  
Seybold Building,  
Miami, Florida.

Re: United States v. Joseph H. Adams  
and Henry Randall - Nos. 4808 and  
4809-M Criminal

Dear Mr. Riley:

Your letter of January 5, 1937, relating to the  
above entitled case is acknowledged.

The writer has contacted the Federal Bureau of  
Investigation and instructions have been given to forward  
at once the records of the ElComodoro Hotel referred to in  
your letter to the Agent in Charge at Miami, Florida.

It is suggested that you contact the Agent in  
Charge and the United States Attorney at such time that you  
desire to examine the documents.

Very truly yours,

Charles H. Carr (Signed)

CHARLES H. CARR,  
Special Attorney.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



Exhibit "E"

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

REN:MFS

January 7, 1937.

Mr. Bart A. Riley,  
Seybold Building,  
Miami, Florida.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 5, 1937, with enclosures, relative to certain records of the El Comodoro Hotel, which were used at St. Paul, Minnesota, at the trial of certain defendants in connection with the Bremer Kidnaping case. It appears that these records are presently now in St. Paul and I am communicating with the St. Paul Field Division of this Bureau in order that these records may be returned to this district as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan (Signed)

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
JAN 10 1937  
FLORIDA

EXHIBIT "F"

January 5, 1937

Honorable Charles E. Carr  
Special Assistant to the Attorney General  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: In re: U. S. vs Joseph H. Adams and Henry Randall,  
Nos. 4607 and 4609-M Cr.

I inclose herewith letter which I have addressed to R. B. Nathan, Special Agent, Jacksonville, Florida, which is self-explanatory. The books and records referred to in that letter belong to the ElComodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida, and I have heretofore been given permission to examine them, but since I was given that permission, the records have been absent from the State of Florida due to the fact that when Mr. Joseph H. Adams testified for the Government in St. Paul, Minnesota, the Government had the records and papers up there for his identification.

I am sending you a copy of the aforesaid letter so that, in the event the books and records are not in Jacksonville, I therefore ask you to have the books and records sent down here from whatever place they may now be filed. Perhaps Mr. Sullivan still has them out in St. Paul.

I am also sending you a copy of this letter, as well as the R. B. Nathan letter, to Mr. Sullivan.

Yours very truly,

BART. A. RILEY

BAR:p

BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

EXHIBIT "C"

January 5, 1937

Honorable George F. Sullivan  
U. S. Attorney  
St. Paul, Minnesota

In re: U. S. v. Sawyer, et al.

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

During Sawyer's trial in St. Paul, you had Mr. Joseph H. Adams, my client, identify certain guest cards, registration cards, departure books, and other records of the Hotel El Comodoro. In regard to these records, I inclose herewith copies of letters I have addressed to Mr. Carr in Washington and to Mr. Nathan in Jacksonville, and I am desirous of having these books and records available for my inspection in the Federal Court here before January 25, and if you have them in St. Paul, will you please cooperate with me, and obtain permission from the proper department head, to see that the papers, books and records are sent down here immediately?

If you are not engaged in any big trials, I would suggest that this is the time of the year to come to Miami. The weather is wonderful, thermometer at about 70, sun shining bright, horse racing at Tropical Park, and everything conducive to a happy life is obtainable.

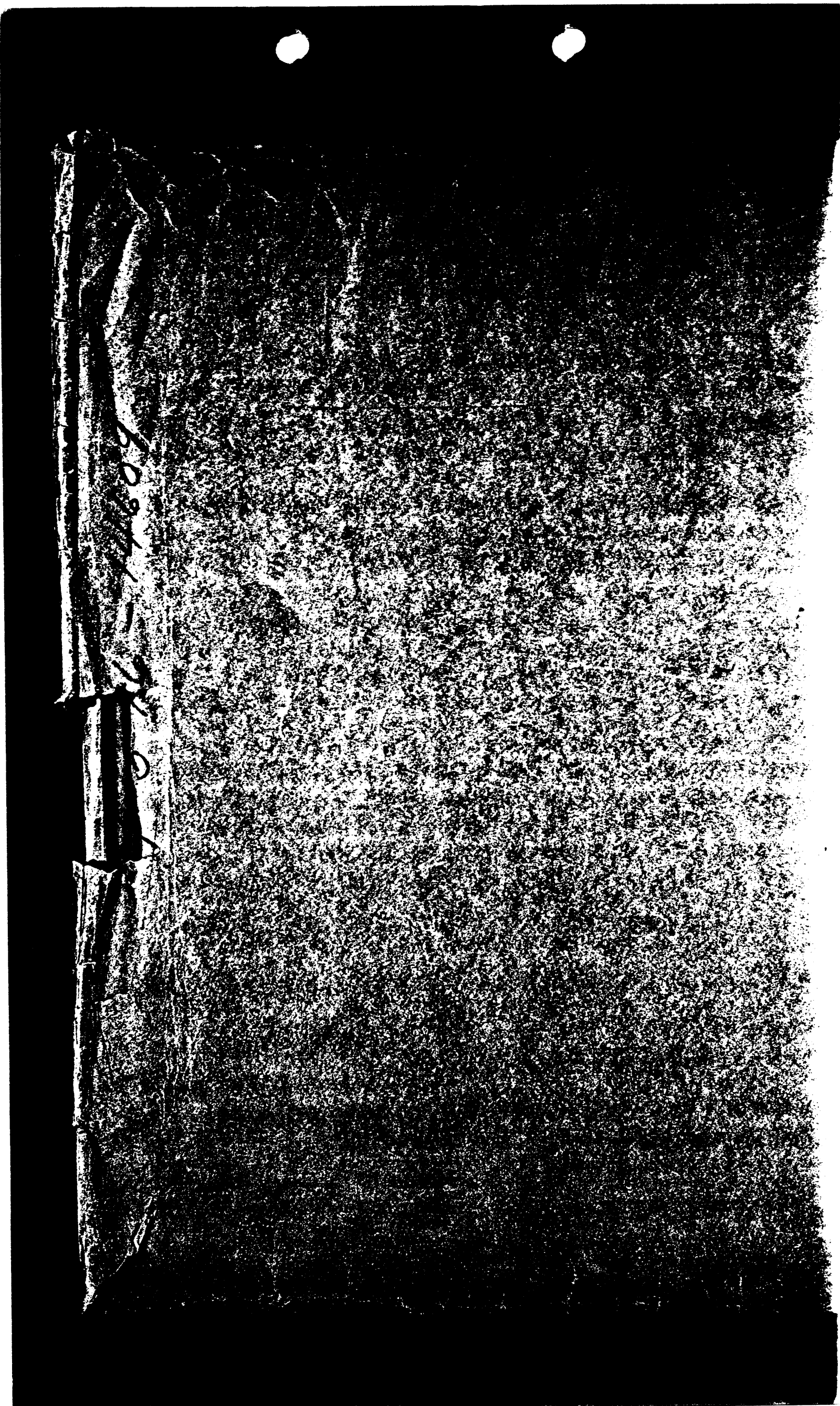
Sincerely yours,

BART. A. RILEY

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Buick  
Oldsmobile

UNGAR BUICK COMPANY  
1201-1211 N. E. SECOND AVENUE  
Phone 28111  
MIAMI, FLORIDA

Nº 4356

Date Dec. 22, 1934

Sold to Leroy Morrison

1201 N. E. 2nd Ave.  
Miami, Fla.

Salesman Bishop

QUANTITY		PRICE	TOTAL
1	Model 1935-48 Buick Coupe (New 5 wheels)	\$ 1080.00	
	Motor No. 42949155		
	Serial No. 2783525		
	Key No. 5284		
	License	16.50	
		\$ 1096.50	

Paid as follows:

Cash on delivery \$ 1,096.50

Your Buick is guaranteed with the  
Electrical Equipment Company, 42 N.W. 4th St.  
for Guarantee.



PHONE 28111



UNGAR BUICK COMPANY

MILLER V. BISHOP

1201 N. E. SECOND AVENUE  
MIAMI, FLORIDA

"EXHIBIT "H"

January 5, 1937

Honorable R. B. Nathan, Special Agent,  
Federal Building  
Jacksonville, Florida

In Re: U. S. vs Joseph H. Adams and  
Henry Randall,  
Nos. 4608 and 4609-M Cr.

Dear Sir:

At the time of the investigation of the Karpis matter in Miami, Florida, agents of your Department took from the Hotel El Comodoro certain papers, books, records, cards, etc. etc. covering the period from August, 1935, and including January, 1936.

I understand that these documents were later transmitted to St. Paul, when my client, Joseph H. Adams, appeared as a Government witness in the trial of James McDonald. I am anxious to have the documents sent to Miami, Florida, to the District Attorney's office, so that I may inspect the same. I have to argue some Motions in the Adams case on January 25, and I am very anxious that these documents reach here a number of days prior to that date in order to give me time to examine the records.

I have written to Mr. Carr at Washington, and I am sending him a copy of this letter, and I enclose to you a copy of my letter to Mr. Carr.

I would appreciate your cooperation in this matter very much.

Yours very truly,

BART A. RILEY

BAR:p

KRM:EAM

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August 12, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Miami, Florida.

RE: BREXID.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 2, 1937, to which was attached a Notice of Hearing and a Petition.

In compliance with your request, the said papers are returned to you herewith. There is also attached hereto a copy of the memorandum which the Bureau prepared and directed to Brian McMahon with reference to the return of the personal property of Joseph H. Adams and Henry Duke Randall.

Please be further advised that the Bureau is in receipt of a memorandum for Brian McMahon dated August 9, 1937, requesting any advice which the Bureau might desire to furnish with reference to the possible prosecution of Joseph H. Adams and Henry Duke Randall under the National Firearms Act. The Bureau has advised Brian McMahon it will defer to his judgment with reference to any further prosecution in this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure.

AIR MAIL

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
MAILED

AUG 12 1937

P. M.  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Nathan	_____
Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Laughman	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Coffey	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Foxworth	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Joseph	_____
Mr. Lester	_____
Mr. Quinn	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Hendon	_____
Mr. Jones	_____
Mr. Mumford	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Hendon	_____
Mr. Jones	_____
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Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____

POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

August 4, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

*Edmond G. Bremer*

Reference is made to letter of Inspector E. J. Connelley, April 19, 1937 at New York City to the Cleveland office, and letter from the Cleveland office to your office dated July 28, 1937, for the purpose of determining the nature of any property belonging to Dolores Delaney being held by the Bureau.

Please be advised that in addition to the information furnished by the Cleveland office relative to the personal property and furniture left at the premises at 3973 West 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, the report of Special Agent James L. Felen, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania dated February 19, 1935 reveals that following the apprehension of Dolores Delaney at Atlantic City, New Jersey her personal effects as well as the clothing found at Atlantic City were turned over to her under date of February 11, 1935 and a receipt was obtained therefor and placed in the Philadelphia office files.

It should be noted that Dolores Delaney was not taken into custody by the Cleveland Police Department in September 1934, nor was she released by the Cleveland Police to Agents of this Bureau for removal to Chicago, Illinois for questioning. Accordingly the Chicago office has never been in possession of any of her personal property.

Very truly yours,  
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S. M. LADD

7-576-14589

AJW:JMS

Special Agent in Charge

CC Bureau;  
Cincinnati;  
Cleveland;  
Inspector Connelley,  
New York City;

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Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

August 4, 1937

Special Agent in Charge  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Re: BREXID

*Edward G. Brennan*

Dear Sir:

This Office is in receipt of a letter from the Newark Office dated July 27, 1937, requesting to be advised whether the stop against 1935 Ford V8 Sedan, Motor No. 2044337, should be continued.

In this connection, attention is directed to a letter from this Office dated June 15, 1936, suggesting that stops be placed against the above-described automobile and also a 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor No. PJ322772.

As your Office is the Office of Origin in this case it is suggested that you advise all interested Offices whether stop notices against these cars should be continued.

Very truly yours

AMJ:LJM  
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D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

cc Bureau  
Newark

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7-576-14596
SECTION
U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

August 4, 1937

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter of this office dated August 3, 1937, page four, paragraph two, line one, where mention is made that a photograph of Amersbach was taken December 24, 1931 at the Ohio State Penitentiary and forwarded to the Bureau by letter from the Cleveland Office dated November 27, 1936.

Please be advised that the correct date on which Amersbach had his photograph taken at the Ohio State Penitentiary was on December 24, 1921 and not 1931 as stated in the letter. It is requested that appropriate correction be made on reference letter.

Very truly yours,

*J. P. MacFarland*  
J. P. MacFarland

Special Agent in Charge

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cc-Chicago  
Cincinnati  
E. J. Connelley (New York)

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AUG 6 1937
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

EAT:MC

August 4, 1937.

Time: 3:17 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: BREMER CASE

Mr. Brantley at Kansas City called me advising that Colonel Casteel had brought Edna Murray into town with a matron today and they are out with some Agents now trying to locate the cabin where Earl Christman was treated before he died. Mr. Brantley said he had talked to Edna Murray and she is quite positive she will be able to locate the cabin. She advised that this individual is buried on the same farm as the cabin is located on.

Respectfully,

*EAT*  
E. A. TAMM. *AKB*

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

MJC:EL  
7-120

August 6, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREXID.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find the original  
and twelve copies of the picture of Anthony J. Amersbach,  
as requested in your letter of August 1, 1937. Three  
copies of this picture are being maintained in the New  
York Division file.

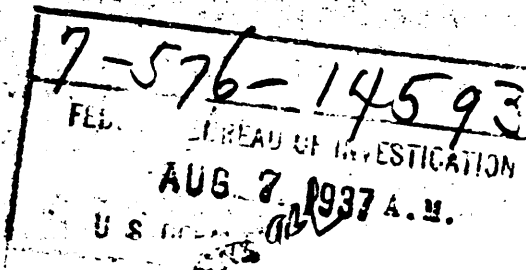
Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1130 Enquirer Building  
Cincinnati, Ohio

HDH:MGR  
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August 5, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: "BREKID."

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of August 4, 1937, in the above entitled matter, inquiring as to whether stop notices should be maintained against 1935 Ford V-8 two door Sedan, Motor #2044337 and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor PJ 322772 Serial #2619857.

The Ford automobile mentioned above was registered in Kansas during 1935 in the name of J. M. Lett, 113 E. 8th St., Coffeyville, Kansas.

The Plymouth automobile above described was registered in Ohio during 1935, in the name of Carl Baker, who is identical with Milton Lett. Neither of the above cars has been recovered.

The Bureau has recently instructed that continued efforts should be made to locate Milton Lett in connection with harboring investigations presently being conducted. There is no process outstanding for Lett in this case, but it is understood his apprehension is wanted by the Post Office Inspectors in connection with the Garrettsville, Ohio, mail robbery.

All offices covering Bureaus of Motor Vehicles are, therefore, requested to make a re-check to ascertain if either of these cars is registered at the present time and if no registration is found, appropriate stop notices should be placed against these cars.

Very truly yours,

CC Bureau  
All Field Offices.

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H. D. HARRIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
1448 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio

August 6, 1937

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Referring to Bureau communication dated August 3, 1937, bearing file #7-576, this is to advise that under date of August 4, 1937, this office directed a communication to the Oklahoma City field division, requesting that that division ascertain at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, whether an appropriate detainer had been placed against Sam Coker in accordance with the request of the United States Attorney at Toledo, Ohio.

The Oklahoma City field division is respectfully requested to expedite the transmission of the information desired by the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

*J.P. MacFarland*

J.P. MacFARLAND,  
Special Agent in Charge

JPM/lrl  
cc - Oklahoma City

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO. 7-37

REPORT MADE AT <b>KANSAS CITY.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8-6-1937</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8-4-1937</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>S. B. LANDRUM</b> <span style="float: right;">ebc</span>
TITLE <b>GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232, ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BRIMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <p style="text-align: center;">NO PREVIOUS RECORD AS LISTED S. P. I.</p> <p>Sheriff Claude Dowdy, Dodge City, exhibited Thompson Sub-Machine Gun #7799, and advised that same was purchased before he took office, and he did not know the name of the vendor. Dodge City Policeman A. F. Long exhibited Thompson Sub-Machine Gun #6999, and City Treasurer E. C. Hathaway advised that same was purchased from J. W. Harris Sporting Goods Company, Salina, Kansas. Hathaway also advised that Dodge City SO purchased a gun from the company at the same time.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent F. L. Welch, Seattle, Washington, dated 6-30-37.</p> <p>DETAILS:   <p style="text-align: center;">At Dodge City, Kansas.</p> <p>Sheriff Claude Dowdy advised Agent that his office had one Thompson sub-machine gun that was purchased before he took office, and that he did not know the name of the concern from whom that gun was purchased. He exhibited the gun to Agent and it was noted that it bore number 7799. The Dodge City SO has only one Thompson sub-machine gun.</p> </p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Dwight Grantley</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <span>7 1576 14596</span> <span>AUG 9 1937</span> </div> <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">AUG 9 - A.M.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- C/SL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- 1003</p> </div>	
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At Police headquarters, Officer A. F. Long exhibited a Thompson sub-machine gun to Agent which bore number 6999. He was unable to advise from whom the gun was purchased; however, he telephonically contacted City Treasurer E. C. Hathway, who stated that the gun was purchased from the J. W. Harris Sporting Goods Company, Salina, Kansas. At Agent's request, Mr. Long ascertained from E. C. Hathway that the Dodge City Sheriff's Office purchased a similar gun from the same company at the time the Police Department purchased instant gun. The Dodge City Police Department has only one machine gun.

P E N D I N G



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

EAT:MC

August 6, 1937.

Time: 2:36 P. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

*EAT*  
RE: BREMER CASE

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\* With reference to the mutilation and destruction of the original ransom money recovered in Havana, Cuba, by Special Agents McKee and Brown, I called SAC Brown at Denver and inquired as to whether he at any time had discussed the taking of this money out of circulation with any Departmental attorney, particularly Mr. Barlow.

Mr. Brown advised he did not at any time discuss this matter with any Departmental attorney.

Respectfully,

*EAT*  
E. A. TAMM.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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August 7, 1937

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SAC-MIAMI

BREKID. REFER YOUR LETTER AUGUST SECOND RE PETITION FOR RETURN TO  
ADAMS AND RANDALL OF CERTAIN PROPERTY. REFER REPORT J. H. HANSON  
JACKSONVILLE FEBRUARY TWENTY NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE PAGE FORTYFIVE  
AND ADVISE WHETHER FOLLOWING ITEMS NOW IN YOUR OFFICE OR DELIVERED  
TO YOUR OFFICE TO USA, CLERK OF COURT, OR USM. ITEMS THREE, FOUR,  
FIVE, TEN, TWELVE, THIRTEEN. ASCERTAIN IF THERE IS ANY OTHER PROPERTY  
NOW IN POSSESSION USA, USM, OR CLERK OF COURT OBTAINED BY AGENTS FROM  
ADAMS AND RANDALL. ADVISE LOCATION OF GOLF BAG TAKEN FROM ADAMS.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

EAT:MC

August 3, 1937.

TIME: 6:35 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: BREMER CASE

With regard to the Department's inquiry concerning the destruction of about \$13,000 of the original ransom money, located at Havana, Cuba, during January and February 1935 by Special Agents McKee and Brown, I called SAC Shivers at Miami and asked him to check as to whether these Agents at any time discussed the disposition of the money with Mr. Barlow, who was representing the Criminal Division of the Department in the matter at that time.

Mr. Shivers said he would check this matter and call the Bureau tomorrow.

Time: 10:50 A.M. 8/4/37

Pursuant to my request, Mr. Shivers called me and advised that he had talked to Agent McKee and former SAC Alt and learned that at no time had they discussed the disposition of the money with Mr. Barlow.

Respectfully,

*E. A. Tamm*  
E. A. TAMM.

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

August 9, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

For the information of the Little Rock office, it is suggested that copies of the various types of indictments returned at Toledo, Ohio in the recent harboring and accessories after the fact cases be furnished to the Little Rock office.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY  
Inspector

cc Bureau ✓  
Cincinnati  
Little Rock

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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P. O. BOX # 1525,  
PITTSBURGH, PA.

August 9, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA.

re <sup>2</sup> BKKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is had to letter dated at the Cincinnati Division, August 8, 1937, addressed to the Bureau Office at Chicago, Illinois, suggesting that all offices covering Bureaus of Motor Vehicles check the records of the said Bureaus so as to ascertain if 1935 Ford V-8 two door Sedan, Motor #2044337, and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor PJ-322772, were registered.

Please be advised that on June 28, 1936, George F. Parrish, Registrar of Motor Vehicles, State Road Commission, Charleston, West Virginia, was informed that the two said motor vehicles had been previously registered during the year 1935 in the State of Kansas by J. M. Lett, 135 West 8th Street, Coffeyville, Kansas. Mr. Parrish was requested to make an examination of his records for the purpose of ascertaining if the two motor vehicles herein described were registered within the State of West Virginia subsequent to 1935. Mr. Parrish was further requested that should either of the two automobiles come to the attention of his office, or should J. M. Lett apply for either a title, driver's permit, or West Virginia registration plates, he should notify this office immediately.

On June 28, 1936, this office was advised by the State Road Commission of West Virginia that it had no record concerning either automobile and that a stop notice had been placed against both.

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In view of the contents of the letter from the Cincinnati Office to the Chicago Office, herein mentioned, you may desire to again communicate with the State Road Commission at Charleston, West Virginia, in this matter.

Very truly yours,

R. J. UNTREKER.  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc St. Paul  
Chicago  
Cleveland  
Cincinnati  
Bureau

1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
AUGUST 6, 1937

Mr. A. L. Witherspoon,  
Postal Inspector,  
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

This will confirm the oral request made  
by Special Agent S. B. Landrum on August  
2, 1937, for a thirty day mail cover on  
all first class mail delivered to 127  
South Washington Street, Wichita, Kansas,  
the residence occupied by Doyle and Ethel  
Hollingsworth. It is further requested  
that when tracings are made they immediately  
be forwarded to the Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation, 1616  
Federal Reserve Bank Building, Kansas City,  
Missouri.

I wish to thank you for your cooperation  
in this and other matters of mutual  
interest.

Very truly yours,

WRIGHT BRANTLEY,  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Bureau

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RE: B R E K I D

7-576-1462

Wright  
Brantley

1448 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio

August 9, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above captioned case, please be advised that Anthony Joseph Amersbach, a former employee of the Harvard Club, is presently a fugitive. An indictment was returned against him at Toledo, Ohio, on June 10, 1937, charging him with having harbored Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell and further charging him as an accessory after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer.

Arthur Hebebrand and John F. "Sharkey" Gorman are presently confined in the United States Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, having entered a plea of guilty at Cleveland, Ohio, to the above referred to indictment of June 10, 1937. The fugitive Anthony Joseph Amersbach was closely allied at the Harvard Club, a notorious gambling rendezvous, located in Newburgh Heights, a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio, as were Arthur Hebebrand and John F. "Sharkey" Gorman. Amersbach disappeared from Cleveland, Ohio, about the middle of May 1937, and it is reported that he embezzled between \$15,000 and \$40,000 of the Harvard Club's money and at the present time Shimmy Patton, who is Arthur Hebebrand's partner in the operation of the Club, is seeking to locate Amersbach. It is known that Amersbach was more or less considered Hebebrand's "man" at the Harvard Club and that he acted at times as personal bodyguard for Hebebrand and there is a possibility that even though he had embezzled money from the Harvard Club, he is still on a friendly basis with Hebebrand and Gorman, while at the same time at odds with Shimmy Patton.

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With the above idea in mind, it is respectfully requested that you arrange with the officials of the penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, to appropriately cover all correspondence of Arthur W. Hebebrand and John F. "Sharkey" Gorman for the purpose of obtaining some lead as to the present whereabouts of Amersbach. It is also requested that you furnish the penitentiary officials with the enclosed photograph of Amersbach, which has on its reverse side a complete description, and request the penitentiary officials to be on the lookout for any visitors of Hebebrand or Gorman in the hope



of picking up Amersbach in the event he visits these men at the penitentiary.

The Cleveland office further requests that you obtain and forward at least three penitentiary photographs of Hebebrand and Gorman.

Very truly yours,

J.P. MacFARLAND,  
Special Agent in Charge

LJW/lrl

Enclosure (1)

cc - Bureau ✓  
Cincinnati  
Chicago

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1300 Fiscaiyne Building  
Miami, Florida

August 10, 1937

Mr. Herbert S. Phillips  
United States Attorney  
Tampa, Florida

Att: Mr. Geo. P. Roney, Jr.  
Asst. U. S. Attorney

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of August 6, 1937, in which you advise that you are endeavoring to make final disposition of personal property of Joe Adams, with aliases; Duke Randall, with aliases; and M. H. Rolfe, which was being held by various governmental agencies for use as evidence in the trials of Adams and Randall in Miami during June, 1937.

Pursuant to your request we are advising you herein concerning the present location of the property in question. The United States Marshal's office here is in possession of the following property:

- 1 dark leather golf bag. This apparently is the property of Joe Adams and is mentioned on page 67 of the report of Special Agent J. M. Hanson, Jacksonville, Florida, dated February 20, 1936.
- 1 .45 calibre Colt automatic pistol, Government model, #0112311; 2 loaded clips for same and 1 light tan leather shoulder holster for same. This arm is mentioned on page 113 of Agent Hanson's report. This gun is apparently the property of M. H. Rolfe.
- 1 wooden box which Randall had constructed for Browning automatic rifle referred to hereinafter; also 1 loaded clip for same. These items are mentioned on page 76 of the report of Agent Hanson.
- 1 Browning automatic rifle "US" Calibre .30, model 1918, manufactured by the Winchester Firearms Company, serial number obliterated but after processing found to be 211349. This gun was obtained from M. H. Rolfe and is located in our office here. It is understood that Messrs. Adams, Randall and Rolfe do not desire the return of this weapon. It is mentioned several times in Agent Hanson's report but especially on page 76 thereof.

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James J. Wilson notified 8-13-37  
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U. S. Attorney  
8/10/37

Our records show that thirty five original registration cards of the Barker-Karpis gang at the El Comodoro Hotel, from September 29, 1934 to January 13, 1935, were in June, 1937 introduced in evidence at Miami, in the trial of this case. The records also show that these thirty five registration cards were turned over to your office on January 12, 1937, and were receipted for by Assistant United States Attorney Lloyd C. Hooks. These registration cards are referred to in Agent Hanson's report beginning on page 100.

There are transmitted herewith bellboy call sheets of the El Comodoro Hotel for many dates during the latter part of 1934 and the first part of 1935. Our records also show that guest arrival and departure records of the El Comodoro Hotel from May 15 to December 31, 1934 and guest arrival and departure records of the El Comodoro Hotel from January 1st to June 30th, 1935 were introduced as evidence in the trial of this case in Miami in June, 1937. We have a receipt dated January 12, 1937, signed by Assistant United States Attorney Lloyd C. Hooks, acknowledging the receipt of these records.

The following papers and property found in Duke Randall's room at the Tamiami Hotel in Miami on January 21, 1935, are being forwarded herewith:

wedding announcement of Joe Adams, postmarked Oklawaha, Florida, June 29, 1934;

statement of El Comodoro Hotel dated December 10, 1934, in the amount of \$122.33;

letter to Duke Randall from Pat Browning, auditor of the El Comodoro Hotel, dated and postmarked December 26, 1934;

Occupational license certificate #11229, issued to Duke Randall, to act as an armed guard;

Card dated December 1, 1934 showing Duke Randall commissioned as Deputy of Police in Miami, Shores Village;

Card dated January 9, 1935, showing Henry Randall as a special police officer of the City of Miami;

Special police officer's badge, Miami, Florida, "Armored Truck".

Very truly yours,

R. L. SHIVERS  
Special Agent in Charge

CC: Bureau  
encls.

629 First National Bank Building,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

August 9, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREXID.

Reference is made to letter from the Cincinnati Office, dated August 5th, 1937, addressed to the Special Agent in Charge, Chicago, Illinois, with a copy to all offices, requesting that the stop notice placed against 1935 Ford V-8 two door Sedan, Motor Number 204437, and against 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor Number PT 352772, be checked and maintained.

For your information, the stop notice on the Ford automobile described above was placed with the Motor Vehicle Division, Des Moines, Iowa, by letter dated June 18th, 1936, and the stop order was placed against the Plymouth Sedan described, by letter dated December 14th, 1935, addressed to the Motor Vehicle Department, Des Moines, Iowa.

It is presumed that you will now request an appropriate check for the registration of these automobiles and for the maintenance of the stop notices placed by this office.

Very truly yours,

E. B. FLETCHER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Bureau  
Cincinnati  
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7-576-1460-  
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700 West Virginia Building  
Huntington, West Virginia  
August 10, 1937

Mr. C. J. Powell  
Registrar of Motor Vehicles  
State Road Commission  
Charleston, West Virginia

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to a letter from our Pittsburgh Office dated June 28, 1937, requesting a search of your records in connection with 1935 Ford V-8 two door Sedan, Motor #2044337 and a 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor PJ-322772, Serial 261997, and also requesting that the Pittsburgh Division be notified should J. M. Lett apply for either title or driver's permit in West Virginia.

Reference is further made to your answer to this request indicating there was no record on either automobile and that a stop notice had been placed against both.

Inasmuch as this Bureau is still interested in locating these two cars and W. J. Lett, would you be kind enough to search your records for 1937 to ascertain whether or not either car has been registered in the State of West Virginia and whether or not J. M. Lett has made application for either registration plates or a driver's permit. In the event that your records do not disclose any information in instant matter, it is requested that the stop notice placed on these cars and on Lett's application be continued until further notice.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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J. D. REYNOLDS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Cincinnati  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

404 New York Building  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
August 10, 1937

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

*July 4* AIR MAIL -  
ATTENTION -  
TECHNICAL LABORATORY

Dear Sir:

BREKID

I am enclosing an envelope postmarked Anoka, Minnesota, July 28, 1937, addressed to Mr. Edward Bremer, St. Paul, Minnesota, and enclosures received in this envelope, which are a plain piece of tablet paper and two pieces apparently of wallpaper. Mr. Bremer turned these over to this office for whatever disposition we desire. He could not give any explanation as to who had sent them or as to any clue at Anoka, Minnesota.

The Bureau will note there are initials in the inside of the envelope, which appear to be "S.E.G."(?).

It is requested that the Technical Laboratory examine the handwriting to determine whether same can be identified from the extortion files and that the envelope and enclosures be retained for future reference.

Very truly yours,

*E. P. Guinane*  
E. P. GUINANE  
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 18566

Laboratory Report

Case: BREKID

Number: 7-576-14607

Specimens: 7-576-14607 Q14 Sheet of blue lined tablet paper.  
" Q15 Three pieces of what appear to be wall paper.  
" Q16 Envelope postmarked Anoka, Minn. Jul 28, 1937 6 PM.

Examination requested by: St. Paul

Date received: 8-13-37 ft 9 am

Examination requested: Document - FPT

Result of examination:

Examination by: APPEL

AIR MAIL

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Chicago  
Cleveland.

<sup>plain</sup>  
A sheet of cheap pencil paper, designated as Q14, is torn from a tablet and measures approx 8.53" x 5.3" x .0050" and has a slit 1". It is ruled with 19 B.G. lines on face, starting 1.23" from top (.26" from bottom.) & spaced avg dist of .39" apart. Reverse side 22 B.G. lines. Starting .05" from top & .27" from bottom. Spaced avg dist .39" apart. The paper contains no ~~writing~~ water-mark & is cut along left edge of face. WT. 1.600

Two pieces of wallpaper, designated as Q15, are cut from larger sheets. The one piece contains a <sup>glazed</sup> tile design, apparently for use in bathroom or kitchen. It measures approx .0044" thick. The other piece contains a floral design and overlaps another piece of wallpaper ~~contains~~ with a floral design in the form of a wreath by approx. 1.7". The back of this wallpaper appears as tho it had been glued to a wall.

An envelope, Q16, plain white, line finish is addressed in handwriting in ink. Meas. approx 5.48" x 3.5" x .0044". On the flap, on the inside, are the initials 'S.C.G.' in ink. WT 2.728. No watermark.

No identification in ~~affortation~~ letter file.  
One latent fingerprint

Photographs of envelope.



FROM  
SINGLE FINGERPRINT SECTION

DATE 8-20- 1937

TO: <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Nathan	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Potter
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Schilder	<input type="checkbox"/> Miss Pyles
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Coffey	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Syphers
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Renneberger	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Upton
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Singman	<input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Withers
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Burgess	<input type="checkbox"/> Assembly
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. H. M. Clegg	<input type="checkbox"/> Card Index
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Fallon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Clerk
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Feehan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Files Section
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Gould	<input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. M. C. Hoover	<input type="checkbox"/> Messenger
<input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. P. H. Kidd	<input type="checkbox"/> Posting Section
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. J. Kleinkauf	<input type="checkbox"/> Recording Section
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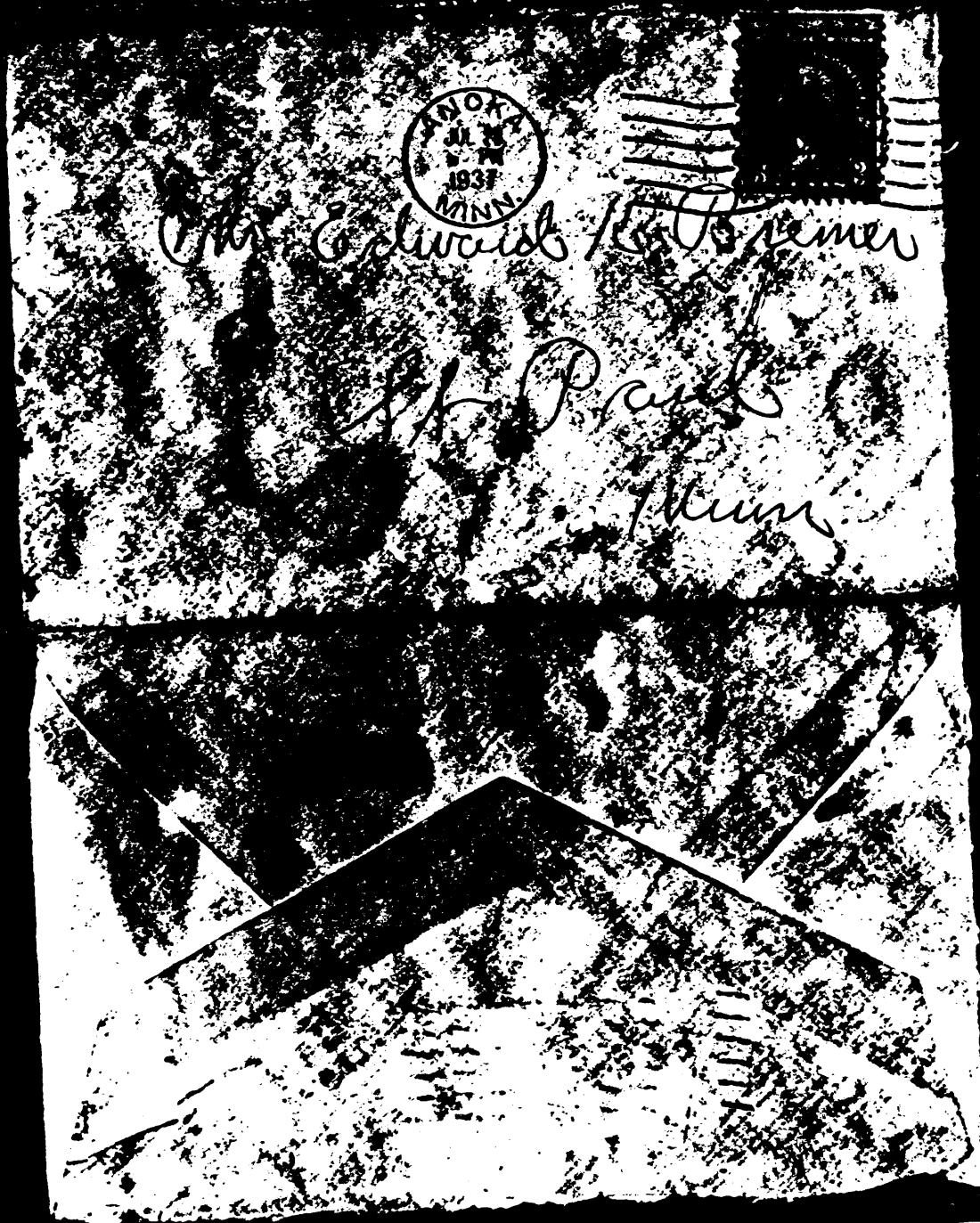
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Please file.

*G. J. Engert*

See Me \_\_\_\_\_  
Please Handle \_\_\_\_\_  
Make Index Cards \_\_\_\_\_

G. J. ENGERT



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Mr. Edward H. Bremer

St. Paul

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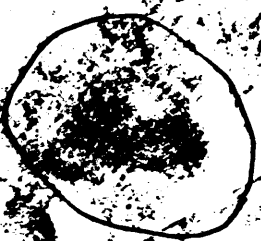
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Mr. E. P. Guinane,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
404 New York Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of August 10, 1937, transmitting one sheet of blue lined tablet paper, three pieces of what appears to be wall paper and one envelope postmarked "Anoka, Minn. Jul 28, 1937 6 PM" in connection with the above-entitled case.

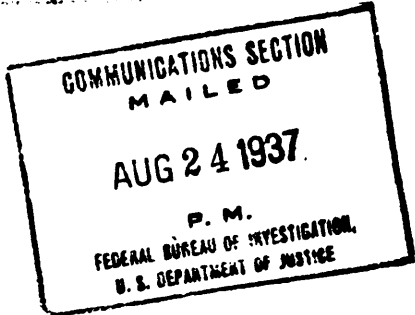
The material submitted has been examined and one latent fingerprint has been found on the outside of the envelope. This latent fingerprint is of value for comparison purposes but does not present sufficient characteristic detail to permit classification and search through the single fingerprint file of the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

AIR MAIL.

CC: Cincinnati  
Chicago  
Cleveland.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

Case: BREKID

Number: 7-576-14607

Specimens: 7-576-14607 Q14 Sheet of blue lined tablet paper.  
" Q15 Three pieces of what appear to be wall paper.  
" Q16 Envelope postmarked Anoka, Minn. Jul 28, 1937 6 PM.

Examination requested by: St. Paul

Date received: 8-13-37 ft 9 am ( 8-18-37 9:00 A.M. chp)

Examination requested: Document-Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Appel  
Syphers

*Incoming letter dated  
8-16-37.*

AIR MAIL

*8-18-37 - Identiscope negative taken*

*8-20-37 - Received photos.*

*1 latent on outside of envelope.*

*Recd  
8-22-37  
J. H. G. 4/9*

From: Laboratory

Date 8/17 1937

___ Mr. Nathan	___ Mr. McClintock
___ Mr. Appel	___ Mr. Miller
___ Mr. Baughman	___ Mr. Parsons
___ Mr. Beach	___ Mr. Pfafman
___ Mr. Blackburn	___ Mr. Pickering
___ Mr. Burgess	___ Mr. Renneberger
___ Mr. H. M. Clegg	___ Mr. Schilder
___ Mr. Clark	___ Mr. Q. Tamm
___ Mr. Conrad	___ Chief Clerk
___ Mr. Dingle	___ Files
___ Mr. Donaldson	___ Laboratory
___ Mr. Engert	___ Stenographer
___ Mr. Lovett	___ Messenger
___ Mr. Major	___ Mail Room
___ Mr. McCarthy	___ Mr. _____

S.F.P.S.

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1 - Iodine print

1 - Identoscope plate

PDH/a

See Me \_\_\_\_\_  
Please Handle \_\_\_\_\_  
Bring File \_\_\_\_\_

E. P. COFFEY

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

LMC:CJ

July 29, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

RE: ERRONEOUS CONVICTION OF  
GEORGE SARGENT AND ANTHONY  
LABRIZZETTA FOR THE WARREN,  
OHIO MAIL TRUCK ROBBERY

On April 24, 1935, a mail truck at Warren, Ohio was robbed by three men who obtained loot consisting of \$72,000 in currency and bonds. Two days after the robbery George Sargent and Anthony Labrizzetta were arrested at Warren in connection with this robbery. They were indicted on this charge during the spring of 1935 and were later convicted by a jury. Judge West, who presided at the trial, held some doubt in his mind as to their guilt and granted a motion for a new trial. The second trial took place during the early part of 1936 which again resulted in a conviction as to both individuals. They were each sentenced to serve a term of twenty-five years in a United States Penitentiary. The case has been pending on an appeal to the Circuit Court since the two convictions and the subjects have been incarcerated in the Cuyahoga County Jail at Cleveland, Ohio, awaiting the outcome of their appeals.

During the Bureau's investigation to apprehend various members of the Barker-Karpis gang at Cleveland, Toledo and vicinity and the subsequent investigation concerning the harboring cases there, information seeped through from time to time that Sargent and Labrizzetta were not guilty of the robbery of the Warren mail truck, but that the actual perpetrators were members of the Barker-Karpis mob. Following the convictions of Sargent and Labrizzetta Post Office Inspectors apprehended John Brock who was wanted in connection with the Garrettsville mail robbery, which occurred at Garrettsville, Ohio on November 7, 1935. Brock apparently gave an accurate statement regarding the Garrettsville mail robbery and in addition thereto furnished the Post Office Inspectors with a considerable amount of information with respect to the Warren, Ohio mail truck robbery. A statement which Brock made to the Post Office Inspectors confidentially found its way into the hands of Special Agents of the Bureau and in this statement Brock stated, in substance, that during the latter part of February or the first part of March, 1935, Fred Hunter met him in Tulsa, Oklahoma and suggested

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that Brock might make some money. Arrangements were then made for Brock to meet Hunter at the Loraine Hotel in Toledo, Ohio soon thereafter. Hunter furnished Brock with the money to proceed to Toledo and upon his arrival there Brock stated that he held numerous conferences with Hunter, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell. During this sojourn in Toledo, Hunter and Brock proceeded to the depot in Warren, Ohio where they watched the Erie train come in, it arriving at 3:00 in the afternoon. Hunter showed Brock the mail truck, whereupon they discussed holding up this mail truck. Hunter thereafter took Brock to the edge of the town in Warren and showed him a shed where they could secrete themselves after the proposed robbery. This shed is allegedly located in the southeast part of Warren, consists of old sheet metal, and is about twenty blocks from the Erie depot.

According to Brock, Hunter had information to the effect that a pay roll was received on the above mentioned train in Warren, Ohio twice monthly on the afternoon train, which pay roll was for the steel mills in Warren. He informed Brock that he was obtaining this information from someone who had either been removed or who had previously been employed by the Post Office at Warren, Ohio. This individual was considered the "boss" and "fixer" around Warren. At the time this survey was being made by Brock and Hunter, Brock asked why Hunter did not take the money at the Post Office, to which Hunter stated that the "man", meaning the "fixer", did not want it done that way but wanted it "taken" at the depot.

Two days later a conference was held by Karpis, Brock and Hunter, at which time a further discussion was had concerning the hold-up of the Warren mail truck. The exact time of the various conversations had by Brock with Karpis and Hunter concerning this robbery is not known but it appears that these discussions took place during the month of March, 1935. According to Brock, he returned to Oklahoma before the robbery took place, which, as previously stated, was on April 24, 1935.

Brock further stated that either during June or July of 1935 Fred Hunter appeared in Tulsa and advised him that the "boys" held up the mail truck in April of 1935; that they made seventy some thousand dollars out of the job, but that they had to give up 25%, 10% going to the man who was formerly employed at or had been removed from the

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Post Office, known as the "fixer", 10% going to Hunter and 5% going to the party who had kept the "boys" in money before they "pulled" the job.

From information disclosed in the Bremer case with regard to the Garrettsville robbery it would appear very likely that the person furnishing money to the "boys" was Joe Roscoe.

Hunter also told Brock that the "boys", meaning Karpis and Campbell, went to New York and got a third man to help them on the Warren mail truck holdup; that they had drawn a "rank", meaning they had been seen or tipped off in the depot, and drove away letting the robbery go for the time; that they then decided to head the truck off before it arrived at the Post Office, which was done. Hunter informed Brock that the "boys" cut in front of the mail truck, thus stopping it, and that Campbell and the man from New York ran back to the mail truck, one on each side, and then took the truck to the shed, which has been mentioned hereinbefore. Hunter advised Brock that the men had the mail messenger in the mail truck but that he got out on them. Brock asked Hunter whether the authorities had not identified two of the men on this job, to which Hunter replied that the authorities had so identified two individuals but that these said individuals were not "in" on the job. Brock and Hunter then discussed the possibility of people being identified on "bum raps", whereupon Hunter stated something to the effect that "he was a smart S— O— B— and it would do him good".

Brock has further informed that during November 1935 he discussed with Campbell and Karpis the conviction of the two "boys", meaning Sargent and Labrizzetta, at which time Brock asked Karpis and Campbell if the two "boys" who "fell on that rack" were really on that job, and Karpis and Campbell informed him that these men were not "in" on the said mail truck robbery.

The Postal Inspectors would not permit Special Agents to interview Brock concerning Karpis and Campbell and the Agents have intimated that it is their feeling they were not permitted to interview Brock in view of the fact that they might obtain information indicating that Sargent and Labrizzetta were unjustly convicted, as the result of efforts on the part of Post Office Inspectors.

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On August 16, 1936 Special Agent J. L. Madala interviewed Clayton Hall at Youngstown, Ohio. It will be remembered that Hall has heretofore admitted harboring Alvin Karpis at Youngstown, Ohio and Hot Springs, Arkansas. Hall stated during this interview that sometime during the latter part of January or the early part of February, 1935, Fred Hunter came to his house at 134 Ridgewood Street, Youngstown, Ohio in company with a young man whom he introduced as Ray Miller, since identified as Alvin Karpis. Hall stated that Hunter introduced Miller as a gambler; that he led him to believe they had "clipped" some "sucker" for several thousand dollars and that this individual was out looking for them and they wanted a place to "cool off". Hall admitted that he fed and sheltered them for a period of possibly two or three weeks at that time and associated with them at various intervals thereafter. He professed to know absolutely nothing of the Garrettsville robbery nor would he admit knowledge of the Warren mail truck robbery. However, he did state that Karpis at one time indicated to him that George Sargent and "another fellow" were serving a "bum rap". Hall advised that Karpis seemed pleased about Sargent's incarceration, stating that he should be in jail as he is nothing more than a "stool pidgeon". In explanation Hall advised that Karpis believed Sargent put "Doc" Barker on the "spot" for the reason that "Doc" Barker had taken Sargent's girl away from him. In this connection George Sargent was an Italian racketeer from Toledo, Ohio. He was formerly the companion of Mildred Kuhlman who was a call girl for the house of prostitution operated by Edith Barry in Toledo, Ohio. During the summer of 1934 "Doc" Barker and several other members of the Barker-Karpis gang frequented the bawdy house of Edith Barry and it was through this means that "Doc" Barker became acquainted with Mildred Kuhlman. Mildred Kuhlman alleged that her life had been threatened by George Sargent, as the result of which "Doc" Barker encouraged her to go to Chicago with him. Thereafter Mildred Kuhlman abandoned Sargent for Barker, which resulted in the "bad blood" between these two individuals.

Information has been obtained indicating that Karpis and Campbell at one time proceeded to Akron, Ohio armed with machine guns in an endeavor to locate Sargent for the purpose of killing him in connection with rumors to the effect that Sargent was trying to put them on the "spot".

In view of the fact that information was being received from

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time to time that the conviction of Sargent and Labrizzetta amounted to a miscarriage of justice, Alvin Karpis was interviewed at the Ramsey County Jail at St. Paul, at which time he advised that he knew definitely these two persons were not guilty of this offense; that, however, he would not furnish any information which might result in their release, for the reason that Sargent had endeavored in every possible way to ascertain his and "Doc" Barker's location and that the only reason he did not turn them in was either because he did not know their whereabouts or was afraid to do so.

On May 8, 1936 Mr. E. B. Freed, the United States Attorney at Cleveland, Ohio, addressed a letter to the Criminal Division of the Department in which he expressed a sincere concern over the conviction of Sargent and Labrizzetta. He closed his letter with the following paragraph:

"Please understand that I have no desire to interfere where I have no right, nor do I have any desire to unduly burden you, but my great desire for the proper administration of justice, and the performance of duty in respect of the Warren conviction, prompts me to write."

As a matter of information Detective Harry K. Manson of Toledo, Ohio, who has always been considered particularly reliable by Agents working in that vicinity, has advised that he learned through a reliable source United States Attorney E. B. Freed of Cleveland, Ohio and Attorney Marc Wolpaw were alleged to have received \$5,000 and \$2,000 respectively for their efforts to reduce the bond of George Sargent, a notorious gangster who was then being held at the County Jail in Cleveland charged with mail robbery. According to Manson, it is alleged that a Postal Inspector who was "planted" in the cell with Sargent had learned of the facts and the transaction, consequently, fell through. It is further alleged that it was the intention in the plan to reduce the bond so that Sargent could escape to Mexico. The Bureau has no information to substantiate the above allegation.

Recent newspaper articles indicate that on July 17, 1937 the Attorney General forwarded to the President a confidential

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report pertaining to the convictions of Sargent and Labrizzetta for the Warren mail truck robbery and that on July 21, 1937, the President granted these two individuals unconditional pardons in connection with their convictions and sentences for the robbery of the Warren, Ohio mail truck.

Respectfully,

  
E. A. Tamm.

BRIEN MCMAHON  
Assistant Attorney General

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Department of Justice  
Washington

August 9, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER  
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Re: United States v. Joseph H. Adams and  
Henry Randall

In confirmation of the telephone conversation of this morning between Mr. McIntire of the Bureau and Mr. Waters of the Criminal Division, you are advised that a copy of a letter dated July 30, 1937, addressed to Assistant United States Attorney Lloyd C. Hooks by Bart A. Riley, counsel for the defendants in the above case, has been received. Attached to Mr. Riley's communication was a copy of a Notice of Hearing to be held August 17, 1937, at Miami, Florida, on a petition by the defendants for the return of property allegedly obtained from Adams and Randall at the time of their arrest. The petition states in part: "to return to Joseph H. Adams certain books, records and effects of the said Joseph H. Adams, and certain personal belongings of Hendry Randall, excluding a certain automatic gun or rifle, but to include therein one certain revolver and holster, the property of M. H. Rolfe, a deputy sheriff, which was in the possession of Hendry Randall at the time of his arrest."

This Division was advised by Mr. McIntire that the revolver and holster referred to are now in the possession of the United States Marshal at Miami.

A review of the evidence available for prosecution in the outstanding indictments under the Firearms Act reveals that there is no possibility of a conviction of Adams, while it appears that a case might be made out against Randall. The Criminal Division, however, is reluctant to recommend prosecution against Randall because in so far as a violation of the Firearms Act is concerned he was merely carrying out the orders of Adams and it is believed public reaction to a conviction of Randall, who has already spent some time in jail, with a dismissal of the indictment against Adams, would not be favorable. Furthermore, it is quite obvious that Adams was the principal instigator of the Firearms Act violation.

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In view of the foregoing, I should appreciate receiving any comment you may desire to offer relative to the dismissal of the remaining indictments.

No comment should  
be made.

Brien McMahon  
Assistant Attorney General.

August 12, 1937.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL  
BRIEN McMAHON

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The Bureau is in receipt of a Petition filed by Bart A. Riley, Attorney for Joseph M. Adams, Hendry Randall and M. H. Wolfe, before the United States District Court at Miami, Florida, calling for the return to the Petitioners of certain property allegedly taken from them by Special Agents of this Bureau. It is further noted that this matter will come on for hearing at Miami, Florida, on August 17, 1937.

Please be advised that an examination of the files of the Bureau disclosed that exclusive of books, records and personal effects of Randall and Adams which are now in the custody of the Clerk of the United States District Court at Miami, Florida, the Bureau is now in the possession of the following items which are attached hereto for appropriate return to Adams and Randall at the time of the hearing August 17, 1937:

- (1) One post card postmarked Fort Pierce, Florida, directed to Mr. Duke Randall and signed "Joe," card postmarked November 7, 1934.
- (2) One letter dated June 29, 1934 directed to "Dear Friend Duke" and signed "Joe."
- (3) One letter postmarked Sumter, South Carolina, directed to Mr. Duke Randall, Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey, signed "Most sincerely yours, Joe M. Adams" - letter dated October 3, 1934.
- (4) One letter sent in Air Mail enclosure, directed to Mr. Duke Randall, signed "Very sincerely yours, Joe" - letter dated September 25, 1934.
- (5) One letter dated August 13, 1934 directed to "Dear Friend Duke" and signed "As ever, Joe."
- (6) COMMUNIST LETTER on the stationery of the Biscoyne Kennel Club, Inc., directed to "Dear Friend Duke" and signed "As ever your friend, Joe."

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Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Mr. Carson	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Gurnea	.....
Mr. Hendon	.....
Mr. Jones	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Nease	.....
Mr. Gandy	.....

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- (7) Business card of the Unger Buick Company (card found in Randall's room at the Tamiami Hotel, Miami, Florida, January 21, 1935.)
- (8) One postal telegram directed to Duke Randall at the Jacksonville Airport on December 31, 1934 stating "Use own judgment the quickest way - Joe" - (this item was found in Duke Randall's room at the Tamiami Hotel on January 21, 1935 and was introduced for identification as Government's Exhibit #31, during the recent trial of Joe Adams and Duke Randall).
- (9) One 1935 Florida automobile registration card issued to Duke Randall, El Comodoro Hotel on a Ford Coupe, engine #18-1037480 (this was found in Randall's room at the Tamiami Hotel January 21, 1935).
- (10) Receipt of Unger Buick Company showing the sale to Leroy Morrison, on December 25, 1934, of a Model '35-48 Buick Coupe, price \$1,080.00 (this receipt was also found in Randall's room January 21, 1935).

You are further advised that there is now in the possession of the United States Marshal at Miami, Florida, a .45 calibre Colt automatic pistol serial number C-112311 together with a shoulder holster. The revolver and holster were likewise taken from Randall's room on January 21, 1935 and are allegedly the property of M. H. Rolfe of the Rolfe Armored Service.

The Miami Field Division of this Bureau is now in possession of the following additional items which were taken from Duke Randall at his hotel room in the Tamiami Hotel, Miami, Florida, January 21, 1935:

- (1) Statement of the El Comodoro Hotel dated December 10, 1934 addressed to Duke Randall indicating that there was due the Hotel \$122.35 for room and cafe service for the period from November 11, 1934 to December 10, 1934.
- (2) One letter dated December 26, 1934 written by Pat Browning, Auditor of the El Comodoro Hotel, addressed to Duke Randall, dunning him for a bill of \$137.89 which was reported to be past due.



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General Brien McMahon.

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- (3) One special police officer's card, issued by the City of Miami, Department of Public Safety, on January 9, 1935 to Henry Randall, employed by the Rolfe Armored Truck Service, Inc., which card authorized Randall to carry a gun for a period of ninety days. This card is #1448.
- (4) One Deputy Police Commissioned card dated December 1, 1934, issued to Duke Randall by the Clerk of Miami Shores Village.
- (5) Occupational license tax certificate issued by the State Racing Commission, for the State of Florida, #11229, certifying that Duke Randall of the El Comodoro Hotel had paid a fee of \$10.25 and was authorized to work as an armed guard at the Mutual Windows in the State of Florida.
- (6) One special police officer's badge for an armored truck driver also marked "Miami, Florida."

You are further advised that a golf bag taken from the possession of Joe Adams during the course of this investigation in January, 1935, and which contained the Browning automatic rifle delivered by William Harrison to Joe Adams, is now in the possession of the United States Marshal at Miami, Florida.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure.

Photostatic copies enclosures retained  
in Bureau file.

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	FOREIGN
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE CABLE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED CABLE
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT CABLE LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK END CABLE LETTER
SHIP RADIOGRAM	RADIOGRAM

# Postal Telegraph

THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

Commercial  
Cables



Am. America  
Cables

Mackay

Radio

RECEIVER'S NUMBER
CHECK
TIME FILED
STANDARD TIME

JE3 6=MIAMI FLO DEC 31 1934 1239P

are hereby agreed to

Form 2

DUKE RANDALL

JACKSONVILLE AIRPORT=PAV:

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For identification  
Bureau of Investigation, Wash.

=USE OWN JUDGMENT THE QUICKEST WAY=JOE, 1258P

1935-FLORIDA AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION CARD-1935

Owner Duke Randall P1 Tag No. 38656

Street Address 51 Comodoro Hotel City Miami County DECE State FLORIDA

Date 1/14/35 Make of Car Ford Type Coupe Weight 2 - 3

Engine No. 18-1087480 Capacity 5 Date Acquired 1934 Year Made 1934

Model 40 Serial No. --- 34 Tag No. 202978

Use Pri No. Wheels --- lbs. @ --- per cwt. \$ ---

Amt. Sent with Appn. \$ 10.00 Pas. @ --- each. \$ ---

Additional Paid --- Back Tax ---

MAIL PLATE TO: ES 800VE

Address --- Motor Vehicle Commissioner --- Tallahassee --- Florida ---

W. H. Becken, Tax Collector

2x11 44c.  
3-7  
1-6th.



Mr Duke Randall  
San Juan Hotel, Hotel Grant  
Orlando, Florida  
Newark N.J.



PHONE 28111



UNGAR BUICK COMPANY

MILLER V. BISHOP

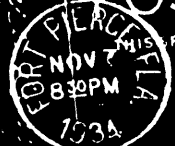
1201 N. E. SECOND AVENUE  
MIAMI, FLORIDA

2x11 44c.  
3-7  
1-6th.

THIS SPACE FOR WRITING MESSAGE

Dear Mr. Duke and Mrs. Randall,  
I hope you are well and happy.  
I am well and hope you are the same.  
I am writing you a few lines to let you know  
I am thinking of you and hope you are all  
well and happy.  
I am writing you a few lines to let you know  
I am thinking of you and hope you are all  
well and happy.  
I am writing you a few lines to let you know  
I am thinking of you and hope you are all  
well and happy.

POST OFFICE



MR DUKE RANDALL

EL COMODO

MIAMI

FLA



"FLORIDA ALL THE YEAR"

# San Juan Hotel

250 ROOMS  
250 BATHS

Orlando, Florida  
June 27-30

Dear Friend Luke's

we saw out in the country on a very beautiful lake with a good home and a good boat and the Black Bass are simply fine. I hit the boat about 4:30 am and fish until 9 am and you took about a breakfast car like a horse and start out again at 10 pm and fish until 8:30. say it is simply great. Now we will leave for a little town called Etowah Tenn. Sunday tomorrow and will be there for two days or two weeks then we will go back to Miami.

"The City Beautiful"



"FLORIDA ALL THE YEAR"

# San Juan Hotel

250 ROOMS  
250 BATHS

Orlando, Florida

Since we had a great wedding  
it was very pretty and we  
never said the like of things  
we never had anything more  
beautiful since if time had  
of been good we would get a  
house and let our friends  
did give us ever thing and I  
do appreciate it so.

We was married in there apt  
and they sure did fix it up  
we only had about 100 people  
by the way Charlie and his  
wife was there she played  
the fiddle as she is very famous  
down here, the were leaving the  
next day for Culver Gro-

"The City Beautiful"



"FLORIDA ALL THE YEAR"

# San Juan Hotel

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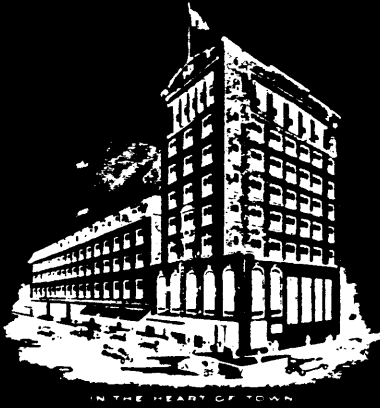
Orlando, Florida

oh boy he was dressed up like  
a million bucks. I know you  
will get a kick out of that  
will duke I did get a very sweet  
girl with lots of good and home  
sense, and I am sure we will  
get along all ok at least I  
hope so.

Mr. Jackson is quite a man  
in Miami and he seems to be  
very fond of me. he has put  
me in my Co. and it sounds  
me and the Co. as you see  
he is not such a bad egg.

We might take a trip this  
early fall and come up that  
way and see a few shows in  
New York.

"The City Beautiful"



"FLORIDA ALL THE YEAR"

# San Juan Hotel

250 ROOMS  
250 BATHS

Orlando, Florida

Harris my old Radio boy found  
I wish that him here on  
this like he would for get me  
about a radio.

Duke we both enjoyed of the  
wine from you and Edgy we  
prize that very much and we  
will always keep it and will  
also remember it was from our  
two very best friends and that  
is from both of us.

If you have time let me  
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days 919 Penn. Ave. Etawah  
Tenn.

With very kind regards  
to you both, I am  
As ever "The City Beautiful"  
Joe





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250 BATHS

T. R. KNIGHT, PROPRIETOR

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Claremont  
A EUROPEAN

830 Pm  
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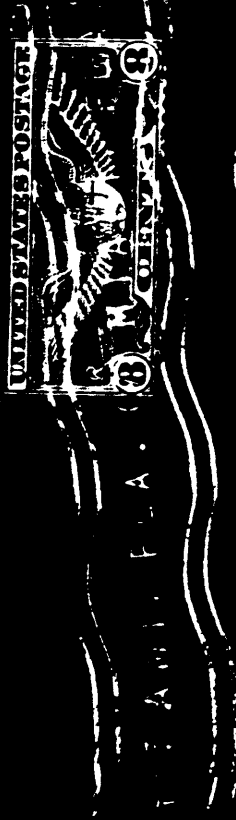
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As ever

Joe Adams

BISCAYNE KENNEL CLUB, INC.  
714 Florida National Bank Bldg.  
MIAMI, FLORIDA



*Mr. Luke Randle*  
*State Court*  
*Newark N.J.*

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Very sincerely yours,

JA/EA



BISCAYNE KENNEL CLUB, INC.  
224 VENETIAN ARCADE BUILDING  
NORTH MIAMI  
MIAMI, FLORIDA

August 15-34

Dear Friend Lulu

Your letter received and glad to hear from you and you must pardon me for not answering sooner, but my vacation must have been longer than expected and my wife has been so bad sick for about three weeks and has no chance to write or any thing else, however she is a little better today but she will not be in at least another week.

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By the way Mike if any of the mob is coming down it will be a great place for them and I might help them from time to time.

See the cut at the Hotel see if he can  
give you some money. I can write as I  
am anxious to find the place and am  
in a position to give good rates.

If you are down to London see Paul  
Hartman. He is the judge and see there  
and see if he can't give you a job he  
works for me all the winter - time  
too. I am anxious for you to get  
on.

If you go down to Atlantic City, see  
Eddie Hassman, George Christie George  
~~the~~ Hasbach, now Hasbach  
is my cousin. I am sure he can't do you  
any good there, but Hassman can see  
Christie and the work for me and  
will do any thing they can for me.

I am sure I will be up that way if  
for as long as I will try and get some  
of the good horsemen and trainers  
to stop at the Hotel.

It will be the latter part of the Oct I  
will then come to New York.



BISCAYNE KENNEL CLUB, INC.

224 VENETIAN ARCADE BUILDING

TELEPHONE 2-6028

MIAMI, FLORIDA

Duke I will take care of you this winter -  
so you have that off your mind, and  
if I drive up there this fall you can  
drive back with us.

Duke what is the Radio station up that  
way, I would like to get on the air up there  
this fall if it did not run into so much  
money. If I was on ten men three or four  
times a week it might help.

Things are slow down here just now but  
it is nice cool golf and a nice beach  
will add time. Let me hear from you  
and please not take as long to answer -  
this time. Give my regards to Gregg  
and tell him we have no Radio down here  
with kindness regards Sam

Bob

Joe

BISCAYNE KENNEL CLUB, INC.

714 FLORIDA NATIONAL BANK BUILDING

MIAMI, FLORIDA

Dear Friend Luke!

There goes my delay in  
answering your letter but I have been  
too on the go there damn fools down here  
are trying to close all day but they can't  
ever do it but they will get my piece  
with it however we those things makes you  
get out and spend money.

Well Luke how would you like to  
come down on my self I want to married  
Thursday some 21 and you know  
how we you could be there some how  
a fine little girl and he super place  
near high here.

We will take a short trip to  
the Mts of Penn and return here in  
three weeks for we will be with you  
from this to time as I am always  
glad to hear from you and I am looking  
forward to what you will say.

and I will have a job for you - and I  
the "Radio Kid".

If I did not have so much to do here  
on this track matter - I would drive up  
your way but I am sure I can't unless  
something turns that way in a  
little time.

Will Duke please let me hear from  
you and please don't look my not writing  
you before now, for I never run across a  
man that I like any better than I remember  
me to the "Radio Kid" and tell him I will  
write him when I return with my  
kindness regards, Sam.

As ever your friend,  
Sam.

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DUKE RANDALL

JACKSONVILLE AIRPORT=PAV

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For information

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County <u>Dade</u> City <u>Miami</u>		FLORIDA
Date <u>1/14/35</u> Make of Car <u>Ford</u> Type <u>Coupe</u>		
Engine No. <u>18-1037480</u> Pass Capacity <u>5</u> Weight <u>2 - 3</u>		
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*San Juan Hotel*  
Orlando, Florida



*Mr. Duke*

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*Mr. Duke*

THIS FACE FOR ADDRESS  
 I would like to see you  
 in a minute, no matter  
 how late, and I hope  
 to see you in the city  
 of course -  
 Love  
 M. Duke



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*Mr. Duke*

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"FLORIDA ALL THE YEAR"

# San Juan Hotel

250 ROOMS  
250 BATHS

Orlando, Florida  
June 27-30

Dear Friend Luke's

we are out in the  
country on a very beautiful  
lake with a good home and  
a good Boat and the Duck  
Ponds are simply fine. I hit  
the boat about 4:30 am and  
fish until 9 am and gave  
back about a breakfast eat  
like a home and start out again  
at 10:45 pm and fish until 8:30  
day it is simply great. Now we  
will live for a little time  
called Etowah River. Sunday  
tomorrow and will be there  
for two days or two weeks then  
we will go back to Miami.

"The City Beautiful"



"FLORIDA ALL THE YEAR"

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Like we had a great wedding  
it was very pretty and you  
never saw the like of things  
we received ever thing was  
beautiful I guess if time had  
of been good we would get a  
house and lot. our friends  
did give us ever thing and I  
do appreciate it so.

We was married in there apt  
and they sure did fix it up  
we only had about 100 people  
by the way Charlie and his  
wife was there she played  
the fiddle as she is very famous  
down here. The were leaving the  
next day for Culver Ind -

"The City Beautiful"





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oh boy he was scared up like  
a million bucks. I know you  
will get a kick out of that  
will Duke I did get a very sweet  
girl with lots of good old home  
sense, and I am sure we will  
get along all ok at least I  
hope so.

Mr. Jackson is quite a man  
in Miami and he seems to be  
very fond of me he has put  
beast in my Co. and it sold  
me and the Co. so you see  
he is not such a bad egg.

We might take a trip this  
early fall and come up that  
way and see a few shows in  
New York "The City Beautiful"



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How is my old Radio boy friend  
I wish that him here on  
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H. H.

BISCAYNE KENNEL CLUB, INC.  
224 VENETIAN ARCADE BUILDING  
TELEPHONE 2-6125  
MIAMI, FLORIDA

August 13-34

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much kindness and love.

BISCAYNE KENNEL CLUB, INC.

714 FLORIDA NATIONAL BANK BUILDING  
MIAMI, FLORIDA

Dear Friend Luke!

Please pardon my delay in  
answering your letters, but I have been  
been on the go these damn fools down here  
are trying to close all dog tracks here  
now I don't think they will get any place  
with it however all those things makes you  
get out and spend money.

Well Luke but I will give you some  
love down on my self I will be married  
Thursday June 31 and I will have you come  
here so you can be there. I will have  
a fine little girl and he paper stand  
very high here.

We will take a short trip to  
the Mts of Tenn and return here in  
three weeks. Love ever I will write you  
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man that I like any more. Please remember  
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kindness regards. Love,

As ever, your friend,

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

EAT:MC

August 8, 1937.

Time: -

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: BREMER CASE

With reference to the situation at Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio, in this case, I called SAC Shivers at Miami advising him that the Bureau has some material to be made available to the State authorities and believes that Special Agent S. K. McKee is the man best fitted to go to the people concerned and discuss the matter with them. Mr. Shivers was informed of your desire that McKee come to the Bureau for the purpose of going over the files and preparing a memorandum of the material, subsequently going to Cleveland and Toledo, which would require about five or six days.

Mr. Shivers stated that Agent McKee can leave tonight by plane or train for this purpose, and he was advised that train would be suitable.

Respectfully,

*EAT*  
E. A. TAMM.

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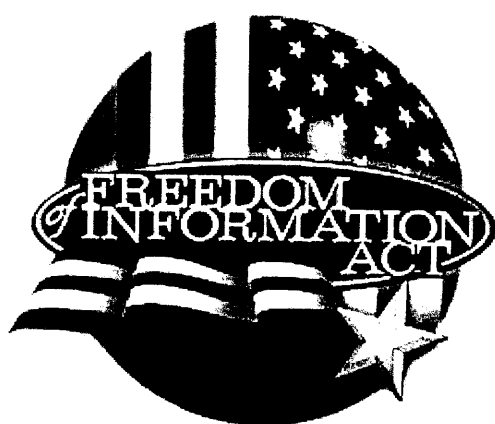
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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. 3:00 P.M.  
Aug. 17, 1937

✓ CHAPMON FLETCHER  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
500 RECTOR BLDG.  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

✓ BREKID REFERENCE YOUR LETTER AUGUST TENTH INSTANT SUGGEST EXPEDITE DESCRIPTION AND PHOTOGRAPH IF AVAILABLE OF MRS WILLIAM CLARK ALIAS DOROTHY CATHEY FOR ASSISTANCE INVESTIGATION HERE.

JHR:GH  
7-33  
cc-Bureau ✓  
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SAC INDIANAPOLIS

PHONE. BECKED MARGARET HANSON APPEARED AT CLEVELAND OFFICE  
TODAY FOLLOWING CONTACT WITH FAMILY YESTERDAY. SHE HAS ADVISED  
THAT SHE AND AMERSBACH ARRIVED INDIANAPOLIS ABOUT MONDAY MAY  
TENTH OR AT LEAST FIRST PART OF THAT WEEK THAT HE SENT HER TO  
MOVIE BELIEVED TO BE ON ILLINOIS STREET WHILE HE PURCHASED USED  
OLDSMOBILE OR STUDEBAKER COACH BLACK IN COLOR AND OBTAINED INDIANA  
LICENSES FOR SAME. SHE CANNOT FURNISH NAME USED BY AMERSBACH.  
REQUEST IMMEDIATE CHECK OF LICENSE OR TITLE APPLICATIONS FOR WEEK  
BEGINNING MAY TENTH IN EFFORT TO LOCATE INSTANT TRANSACTION AND  
IDENTIFY LICENSE NUMBER. AMERSBACH WOULD HAVE PAID CASH FOR CAR.  
HANSON WOMAN ALSO STATES THAT SHE AND AMERSBACH LEFT INDIANAPOLIS  
AFTER PURCHASING CAR AND SPENT ONE OR TWO NIGHTS AT TOURIST HOME  
DESCRIBED AS LIGHT COLORED STUCCO HOUSE ON LEFT SIDE OF ROAD AS ONE  
ENTERS BLOOMINGTON INDIANA COMING FROM INDIANAPOLIS. REQUEST  
INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE TOURIST HOME IN QUESTION IN EFFORT TO  
ASCERTAIN IF RECORD MADE OF LICENSE NUMBER OF AMERSBACH CAR OR MAKE  
OF CAR. HANSON WOMAN IS THIRTY THREE YEARS DARK BROWN HAIR FIVE  
FEET FOUR INCHES ONE HUNDRED FORTY POUNDS. AMERSBACH IS AGE FORTY  
HEIGHT FIVE FEET EIGHT WEIGHT ONE NINETY POUNDS HAIR WHITE PIERCING  
BROWN EYES. HANSON WOMAN FEELS POSITIVE LAST THREE DIGITS OF

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LICENSE WERE ONE ONE NINE AND THOUGHT FIRST TWO DIGITS WERE FIVE  
FOUR. SUGGEST SEARCH OF LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR VARIATIONS  
OF FIRST TWO DIGITS.

STAPLTON

END

cc Bureau ✓  
cc Cincinnati  
cc Louisville

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

August 19, 1937

Special Agent in Charge  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Re: BREXID

*Edward G. Bremer*

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Dear Sir:

With reference to the teletype from this office to the Indianapolis office on this date requesting information with reference to Indiana automobile license 54119, please be advised that Margaret Moczadlo Hanson, a paramour of Anthony J. Amersbach who is a fugitive in this case, having been indicted at Toledo, Ohio on June 10, 1937 charged with conspiracy to harbor members of the Barker-Karpis gang and as an accessory after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, advised that she left Cleveland, Ohio with the fugitive on May 7, 1937 and proceeded by bus to Chicago and thence to Indianapolis where they arrived on or about May 10, 1937, at which time Amersbach purchased a used automobile which she recalled as being about a 1929 model black Oldsmobile or Studebaker coach with Indiana license 54119. She advised that she had no information with reference to the name under which this car was purchased, but believes that it was purchased from a used car dealer somewhere near the main part of the business district of the city, and that she is rather sure that Amersbach secured an Indiana driver's license.

She stated that after purchasing this car they drove to Bloomington, Indiana where they stayed at a tourist home, the same being a large light colored stucco, possibly yellow, house on the left of the road as one enters Bloomington, Indiana from Indianapolis; that they remained at this house either one or two nights and then proceeded to the vicinity of St. Helens, Kentucky, a suburb of Louisville, where they remained for several days in a tourist cabin, the name of which she thought was the Beachgrove Tourist Camp, said cabins being of brick construction; and that they also stayed for a while in a tourist cabin on the Dixie Highway between Louisville and West Point, Kentucky, the name of the tourist camp being possibly Dixie Tavern. She stated that while they were living in these tourist cabins they occasionally visited Louisville, Kentucky and that she recalled that on one or more occasions they drank at a bar on the street back of the Henry Clay Hotel.

The Hanson woman further advised that she left Amerbach at the railroad depot at Louisville, Kentucky about May 26, 1937 and arrived at her home in Cleveland on May 27, and that Amerbach promised to get in touch with her for the purpose of having her rejoin him, but upon his failure to communicate with her she went to Louisville, Kentucky in the latter part of June, 1937 and registered at the Henry Clay Hotel under the name of Grace Brown, her room being on the eighth floor, possibly \$13 or \$15; that she had hopes of locating Amerbach in Louisville by spotting his car on the street, but that she failed to locate him and returned home.

Your telegram in answer to the teletype referred to above indicates that Indiana license 54119 was issued to Robert Page, 364 West 14th Street, Indianapolis on a Pontiac sedan, thus indicating that the Hanson woman is mistaken in the license plates issued to the fugitive for the used Oldsmobile or Studebaker. It is requested that you immediately conduct further investigation at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and check all variations of the license number 54119, inasmuch as it is possible that she has some of the digits in the wrong place. It is further requested that if possible you check the registration of all used Oldsmobile and Studebaker coaches for the period May 10 to 15, inclusive, in an effort to identify the particular car purchased by the fugitive, and that in the event this car is identified that you immediately notify this office, as it may be desirable to issue a general broadcast in an effort to apprehend Amerbach who is considered an important Bureau fugitive.

In checking the records at the Automobile Bureau it may be well to bear in mind that Amerbach undoubtedly paid cash for the car and also that he indicated himself as a resident of a state other than Indiana in order to get around the Indiana requirement for the exhibition of a poll tax receipt for residents of the state before being issued automobile license plates. A check of the description of purchasers of any suspected cars may be made by comparing with drivers' licenses issued to those particular individuals. In the event the license number of the car thought to be driven by fugitive cannot be ascertained by the above requested check at the Automobile License Bureau, immediate investigation should be made at the tourist home described above on the outskirts of Bloomington, Indiana for the purpose of determining the license number of the car from any tourist register records available.

The Louisville office is requested to immediately conduct an investigation at the Henry Clay Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky, for the purpose of locating the registration of the Hanson woman

under the name of Grace Brown, determining whether fugitive was with her at the time she was registered there and all information with reference to her stay which may be of assistance in locating the fugitive. Along this line it is suggested that all telephone records as well as telegraph records of the hotel be located and if any are traced to this woman, appropriate investigation should be conducted in connection therewith.

It is also requested that the Louisville office conduct an appropriate investigation at the tourist cabins mentioned above for the purpose of determining whether the fugitive is presently residing there, and also checking the registers of these tourist cabins for the purpose of obtaining the license number of the car being driven by the fugitive, and if this license number is obtained, notifying the Cleveland office immediately.

Anthony J. Amersbach is described as follows:

Name:	Anthony Joseph Amersbach, with aliases: Anthony Joseph Amersbach, Tony Amersbach, George Young, Tom Gordon
Age:	40, born 3/6/96
Height:	5' 8"
Weight:	190
Hair:	White except for dark streak down center
Eyes:	Brown, piercing
Build:	Heavy
Occupation:	Gambling house employee
FPC:	17 - 9 R 00 19 (Published in 1 5 01 7 Sept. 1, 1934 Fugitive Bulletin, page 4, under name of Tom Gordon)
Photograph:	Enclosed herewith for the Louisville and Indianapolis offices. Taken in 1921 and is a very poor likeness of fugitive at the present time.

The information contained in the September 1, 1934 Fugitive Bulletin identifying Amersbach as identical with Gordon is to be kept confidential.

Description of Margaret Koczadlo Hanson is as follows:



Age:	33
Height:	5' 4"
Weight:	140
Hair:	Dark brown, wearing short curly bob
Features:	Round
Photograph:	Will be forwarded to the Louisville and Indianapolis offices

For the information of the Indianapolis and Louisville offices, Amersbach is considered a dangerous fugitive and is reported to carry a revolver at all times. In 1921 in Cleveland he, with others, engaged in a gun battle with police officers. Therefore, extreme caution should be taken in endeavoring to take this man into custody.

Due to the fact that Amersbach is considered an outstanding fugitive, immediate investigation is requested.

Very truly yours,

T. H. STAPLETON  
Special Agent in Charge

RJW:rh  
cc Bureau  
cc Inspector E. J. Connelley, New York  
2 cc's Louisville (1 enc.)  
cc Cincinnati  
cc Chicago

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK CITY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8/21/37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/14/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>H. C. LESLIE</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS w.as.; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN w.as. I.O. #1232 - FUG. - ANTHONY J. AMERSBACH w.as.- FUG. et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Records at the Motor Vehicle Bureau, New York City, do not reflect registration of J. M. Lett for 1935 Ford V-8, Motor No. 2044337, or Milton Lett alias Carl Baker for 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor PJ 322772. Stop order placed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter from Cincinnati Division to Chicago Division, August 5, 1937. Letter from Cleveland Division to New York City, August 1, 1937.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">The writer called at the Motor Vehicle Bureau, 80 Centre Street, New York City, and caused a check to be made of the 1937 records for registration of J. M. LETT for 1935 Ford V-8, two-door sedan, motor #2044337, and MILTON LETT alias CARL BAKER, for 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor PJ-322772, serial #2619857, and was advised that there was no record of the above named individuals.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">The records at the Motor Vehicle Bureau are filed by name and motor and serial number and not by motor and serial number only. Therefore, it is impossible to check the registration of these cars unless they are registered by the above named individuals.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. Whitley</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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A stop order has been placed requesting that the New York Division be advised in the event J. M. LETT, MILTON LETT or CARL BAKER registers the aforementioned cars.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

The New York Division will conduct investigation as requested in reference letter dated August 1, 1937.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio.**

FILE NO. **7-22 Mc**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Birmingham, Ala.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8/20/37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/11/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. L. Moore</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. #1232- FUGITIVE; ANTHONY J. AMERSBACH, with aliases - FUGITIVE; et al., EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Records of Alabama State Motor Vehicle Bureau, Montgomery, Ala., failed to reflect registration of 1935 Ford V-8 two door Sedan, motor #2044337, and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, motor #PJ322772. Stop notices placed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">R. U. C.</p> </div>			
REFERENCE: <b>Letter from Cincinnati Division dated 8/5/37.</b>			
DETAILS: <b>AT MONTGOMERY, ALA.:</b>			
<p>A check of the records of the Alabama State Motor Vehicle Bureau failed to reflect registrations for 1935 Ford V-8 two door Sedan, motor #2044337 and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, motor #PJ322772, serial #2619857. In accordance with the request contained in the letter of reference, stop notices were placed against these two cars.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. E. Clegg</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

EAT:MC

August 12, 1937.

Time: 10:20 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: BREMER CASE

SAC Fletcher at Little Rock telephoned me advising it has been learned that Mrs. Philip Davis, a witness in instant case, who rented the 124 Club Street property to Karpis and Goldstein in 1935 and 1936, is now at Monroe, Louisiana, and will be there until August 14th, at which time she will then depart for Washington. He advised he had talked to Mr. Connelley yesterday and it had been decided in view of the importance of this matter that one of the Agents at Little Rock should proceed to Monroe, Louisiana, and interview her. Mr. Fletcher advised if the Bureau authorizes this action, Agent Madala will proceed to Monroe for this purpose.

Mr. Fletcher was advised the Bureau would approve this action.

Mr. Fletcher then stated the office at Hot Springs, Arkansas, has been practically discontinued and he will release Suttler and Snow about the middle of next week. He stated in his conversation with Mr. Connelley, the latter desires a summary report prepared and it is expected that it will take Agents Madala and Suttler about 10 days to prepare same. During this conversation, Mr. Connelley told Mr. Fletcher not to interview Grace, and although he does not know his plans now, Mr. Connelley will probably come down to interview her at the conclusion of the preparation of the summary report.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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ONE CASE

Don't forget we want to  
get Madala back at and  
early date under some  
major SAC.  
HJ

Auto to Keweenaw  
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 7-5

REPORT MADE AT <b>DENVER, COLORADO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8-19-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8-13, 18-37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. D. BROWN</b> <span style="float: right;">RO</span>
TITLE <b>GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 100px;">1935 model Ford V-8 Two Door Sedan, Motor #2044337, and 1935 model Plymouth Sedan, Motor #PJ 322772, Serial #2619857, not registered in states of Colo. and Wyo., during years, 1936 and 1937. Stop notices again placed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter from the Cincinnati Division dated August 5, 1937.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>On December 18, 1935, "stop notices" were placed with the Motor Vehicle Division of the Secretary of State at Denver, Colorado, and Cheyenne, Wyoming, against registration of a 1935 model Ford V-8 Two Door Sedan, Motor #2044337, and a 1935 model Plymouth Sedan, Motor #PJ 322772, Serial #2619857. Upon receipt of reference letter from the office of origin, the Honorable Lester C. Hunt, Secretary of State, Cheyenne, Wyoming, and Mr. Joseph J. Marsh, Chief, Colorado State Highway Courtesy Patrol, Denver, Colorado, were again requested to search their records for the years 1936 and 1937 to determine if the two above-named automobiles had possible been registered since the placing of the stop notices. Replies were received from both gentlemen advising that their records were again searched and that no record could be obtained indicating an attempt to register either of these machines. They advised that stop notices previously forwarded are still in force and the Denver Division will be immediately notified should attempt be made to register either of these cars.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE DIVISION OF ORIGIN</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. D. Brown</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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August 21, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

RE: GEORGE TIMINEX; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,  
with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232;  
et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
Kidnaping; Obstruction of Justice;  
Harboring of Fugitives; National Fire-  
arms Act.

Dear Sir:

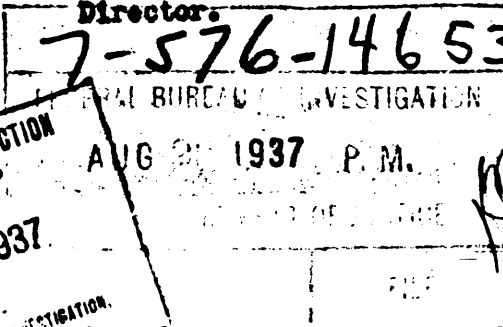
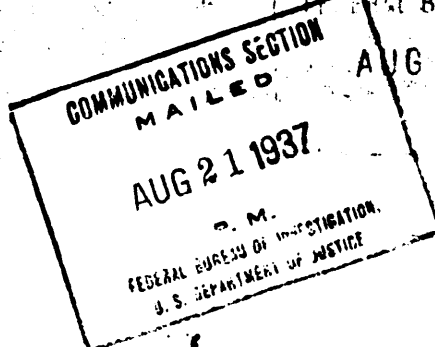
Reference is made to Bureau letter dated July 3, 1937  
and to your letter to the Bureau dated July 6, 1937, which had  
reference to the prosecution of Harry Goldstein for the illegal  
sale of a .45 calibre Colt automatic pistol which was found  
in the possession of Alvin Karpis.

To date the files do not indicate that this matter has  
been covered and it is desired that the same be done immediately.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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629 First National Bank Building,  
Omaha, Nebraska.  
August 19, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID.

Reference is made to your letter dated August 8th, 1937, addressed to Special Agent in Charge, Chicago, Illinois, with a copy to all offices, which pertains to the maintenance of a stop notice against 1935 Ford V-8, two door Sedan, Motor Number 8044337, and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor Number PJ 322772.

In accord with your request, a re-check has been made by letter addressed to the Motor Vehicle Division of the State of Nebraska, to determine whether these automobiles had been registered up to the present time, and if not to ascertain whether the stop notices are still being maintained against these automobiles. In a letter dated August 16th, 1937, this office was advised that a search of their records failed to disclose any registration for the above described automobiles, and that the stop cards previously placed will be still maintained against the registration of these cars.

Very truly yours,

H. B. MARCHER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Bureau

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Edward D. Higgins

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STATE OF NEBRASKA



404 New York Building  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
August 20, 1937

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Special Agent in Charge  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sirs:

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BREKID

Reference is made to your letter of August 13, 1937, to the Cleveland Office requesting definite information relative to the particular indictments to which defendants in this case entered pleas.

I am enclosing herewith for your information, copies of a letter dated June 2, 1937, of the United States Attorney at St. Paul directed to E. P. Openlander, Assistant United States Attorney, Toledo, Ohio, which letter was prepared by Assistant United States Attorney George A. Heisey, who handled the prosecution of this case in this district and who is fully familiar with this case. This letter sets out in detail, information concerning the indictments returned in this case and the pleas which were entered by the various defendants as well as the disposition of the indictments.

It is suggested that a copy of the letter be furnished to the United States Attorney in your district for his information and that it be suggested to him that he communicate with the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota requesting certified copies of the necessary indictments so that the certifications will be available prior to the trial of your case.

Very truly yours,

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Encls.  
CC Bureau  
Cleveland

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Special Agent in Charge

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W L LISTERMAN  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U-S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1105 MILLS TOWER  
SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA

BREKID DESCRIPTION OF MRS WILLIAM CLARK ALIAS DOROTHY TWENTY FIVE TO THIRTY YEARS  
FIVE FEET SEVEN INCHES VERY SLENDER BUILD NATURAL BLONDE WAVY HAIR BLUE EYES FAIR  
COMPLEXION ATTRACTIVE FACE PHOTOGRAPH NOT AVAILABLE

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AUG 24 1937

U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE  
ONE

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

August 21, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Buffalo, New York.

Re: BRKID

Dear Sir:

Anthony J. Amersbach was indicted at Toledo, Ohio, on June 10, 1937, charged with harboring members of the Barker-Karpis gang and as an accessory after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer and is presently a fugitive.

Recently one Estell Mizell of Cleveland, Ohio, who was formerly very friendly with the fugitive, advised that she was of the opinion that Amersbach is presently in Saratoga Springs, New York, inasmuch as this place was a former haunt of his, he being interested in the horse races and gambling there.

Amersbach is described as follows:

Name

Anthony Joseph Amersbach,  
with aliases: Anthony  
Joseph Amersbach, Tony  
Amersbach, George Young,  
Tom Gordon

Age

40, born 3/6/96

Height

5' 8"

Weight

190 lbs.

Hair

White except for dark streak  
down center

Eyes

Brown piercing

Build

Heavy

Occupation

Gambling house employee

F.P.C.

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1934 Fugitive Bulletin, page 4,  
under name of Tom Gordon)

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8/21/37

## Photograph

Enclosed herewith for the Buffalo Office. Taken in 1921 and is a very poor likeness of fugitive at the present time.

The information contained in the September 1, 1934, Fugitive Bulletin, identifying Amersbach as identical with Gordon, is to be kept confidential.

Recent information indicates that Amersbach was driving a 1928 or 1929 Black Studebaker or Oldsmobile Coach, with Indiana license plates, which were reported to be 54119. However, investigation has established that these particular Indiana plates were not issued to the fugitive. It may be that the particular license plates he has on the car contain some of the numbers 54119.

Amersbach is considered to be a dangerous individual and is reported to carry a revolver on his person at all times. In 1921, at Cleveland, Ohio, he engaged in a gun battle with local police officers, in which two policemen were badly wounded.

It is requested that you immediately conduct investigation at Saratoga Springs, New York, in an effort to locate Amersbach. Inasmuch as he was connected with the Harvard Club, a notorious gambling house located near Cleveland, Ohio, for some years, there is a strong likelihood that he will be frequenting any gambling houses in Saratoga Springs or vicinity.

It is the information of the Cleveland Office that the racing season at Saratoga Springs will close in about a week. Therefore, you are requested to give this investigation early attention.

Very truly yours,

T. W. STAPLETON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Bureau  
Cincinnati  
Chicago

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-36

REPORT MADE AT <b>Okla. City, Okla.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8/21/37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/5, 11, 14/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. E. Hopton</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232; ANTHONY J. AMERSBACH, with aliases, FUGITIVE; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <p>Acquaintances of Lett and wife at Coffeyville, Kans. and vicinity state their whereabouts unknown to them. It was indicated A. V. Ferris, McPherson, Kans., could possibly ascertain daughter's whereabouts through Eva Hooper, Springfield, Mo., if he would. John White, South Coffeyville, Okla., stated Hazel Anderson, Chanute, Kans., remarked she saw Lett about six months ago. Bert Zigenfuss, South Coffeyville, Okla., states he received information Lett sent a letter to someone at Wann, Okla. from Arkansas City, Kans. Bill Lett, Nowata, Okla., advises Eddie Lett told him their cousin, Milt Lett, was in Bartlesville, Okla. about six months ago.</p>			
REFERENCE:  Report of Special Agent W. E. Hopton, Oklahoma City, 4/5/37.			
DETAILS:  <p>Hugh Owen, Sheriff, Nowata, Oklahoma, advised that he has been unable to secure any information as to the present whereabouts of Milt Lett. Agent, in company with Sheriff Owen, interviewed the following persons:</p> <p>Fred Thornton, South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, advised that no information has come to him indicating the location of Lett</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>W. E. Hopton</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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It was Thornton's opinion that Lett's location is no doubt known to his mother at Wann, Oklahoma, and that the whereabouts of Lucille Ferris, wife of Lett, is no doubt known to her mother, Constance Ferris. Thornton stated that he had heard Lett had formerly been coming into South Coffeyville, but has received no word that he has been in that vicinity of late.

**At Coffeyville, Kansas.**

Mrs. Esther Twilley, former address 1401 S. Elm Street, present address 1311 Spruce Street, advised that she has not received any information of any nature whatsoever since she was last contacted by an Agent relative to Lett's whereabouts. Mrs. Twilley remarked that she feels quite certain Mrs. Constance Ferris definitely knows where her daughter is located, but will not cooperate.

F. B. Hanlon, attorney-at-law, 130 $\frac{1}{2}$  West 8th Street, a former acquaintance of the Ferris family, stated that it is his opinion Constance Ferris, as well as Mrs. Eva Hooper at Springfield, Missouri, knows where Lucille Ferris is presently located. In this connection he stated that A. V. Ferris, father of Lucille and a brother of Mrs. Eva Hooper, could, in his estimation, secure the address of Lucille Ferris from Mrs. Hooper, if he would do so; that from his knowledge of A. V. Ferris he knows that he is an irresponsible person, and would not put forth any effort to lend assistance, but may possibly do so if specifically requested. Hanlon advised also that he had recently heard that the young brother of Lucille Ferris is not living at Coffeyville, with his mother, Constance Ferris, and suggested that possibly the brother might know the present location of his sister, Lucille. Hanlon advised that he will attempt to ascertain the present location of this brother, in order that he may be interviewed. He stated that Constance Ferris is presently working in the W.P.A. sewing room at Coffeyville, and that the last information he had she was still living at the residence of Bessie Haggard, 605 W. 10th Street.

Previous investigation has reflected that the wife of George Tobler, 305 Ellis Street, telephone 2052, was foreman at the W.P.A. sewing room. It is doubtful whether Constance Ferris would take her into her confidence because of the fact that George Tobler is a former Deputy Sheriff, but it is possible that she may have some suggestion as to a way or means of securing information concerning Lucille Ferris from Mrs. Constance Ferris. The thirty day cover on the mail of Mrs. Constance Ferris, 605 W. 10th Street, placed on April 5, 1937, was unproductive. In this connection, it is very possible that Constance Ferris is corresponding with her daughter and receiving her mail at some other place. This should be borne in mind when an interview is had with the foreman of the W.P.A. sewing room.

Sheriff Owen conversed with Helen Cutler, Iron Mountain Hotel, who is known to be well acquainted with underworld characters in Coffeyville and vicinity. Miss Cutler advised Sheriff Owen that she had received no information whatsoever relative to Milt Lett.

John White, a partner of Sandy Hill in the Southern Club, at South Coffeyville, stated that Milt Lett is well known to him, and that in his opinion he has not been frequenting South Coffeyville for quite some time. White remarked that a short time ago he had been advised by Hazel Anderson and her sister at Chanute, Kansas that she had seen Milt Lett at Chanute about six months ago.

When the writer was assigned to the Kansas City Division about one and one-half years ago, the husband of either Hazel Anderson or her sister, who comes from a good family at Chanute, was interviewed by this Agent, and he stated that he would cooperate in every way. Results of this interview and investigation are contained in a report by the writer in the Kansas City file.

Bert Zigenfuss, who resides several miles south of South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, on the main highway to Nowata, Oklahoma, advised that he had recently received information through a

relative of his, who in turn had been told by a local mail carrier that Milt Lett had written a letter to someone in Wann, Oklahoma from Arkansas City, Kansas. Zigenfuss stated that he would check into this information to determine the source of same.

Bill Lett, Nowata, Oklahoma, a cousin of Milt Lett, advised that he had been told by Eddie "Doc" Lett, who resides at Bartlesville, and is well known to local police officers there, that Milt Lett had been working temporarily at a music store at Bartlesville about five or six months ago. Bill Lett expressed a desire to cooperate, and stated that he would make additional inquiries in an effort to locate his cousin.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

**THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION**

At Chanute, Kansas, will interview Hazel Anderson and her sister relative to the whereabouts of Lett, and when and where they last saw him. Their address can be secured from either the husband of Hazel Anderson or her sister, who was interviewed by the writer about one and one-half years ago, the results of which are contained in a report in the Kansas City file.

At McPherson, Kansas, will prevail upon A. V. Harris to ascertain the location of Lucille Ferris from his sister, Mrs. Eva Hooper, at Springfield, Missouri.

**THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION**

At Coffeyville, Kansas, will again contact F. B. Hanlon, to determine whether he has received any additional



information, particularly as to the location of the brother of Lucille Ferris.

At Coffeyville, Kansas, will interview Mrs. Bessie Haggard, 604 W. 10th Street, to determine if she can possibly ascertain from Mrs. Constance Ferris the present location of Lucille Ferris, the wife of Milton Lett. It is suggested that an attempt be made to interview Mrs. Haggard when Constance Ferris is not there, as investigation has reflected that Mrs. Ferris resides with Mrs. Haggard at the above address.

At Coffeyville, Kansas, will interview the foreman of the W.P.A. sewing room to determine whether she can offer any suggestions as to a means of locating Lucille Ferris. Also ascertain from her whether Mrs. Constance Ferris receives any mail at the W.P.A. offices.

In company with Sheriff Hugh Owen, Nowata, Oklahoma, will ascertain from Bert Zigenfuss, who resides south of South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, on the main highway to Nowata, whether he has secured any information as to the identity of the person to whom Lett wrote a letter at Wann, Oklahoma, as well as the source of this information.

At Bartlesville, Oklahoma, will interview Eddie "Doc" Lett, who is supposed to be known to local officers, for whatever information he may have concerning his cousin, Milton Lett.

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Mr. Egan

FBI CLEVELAND 8-23-37 4-45 PM EST MC  
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PHONE BREKID FRANK P GREENWALD ON PLEA OF GUILTY AT  
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FBI INDIANAPOLIS 8-23-37 4-55 PM CST LW

DIRECTOR, SAC CLEVELAND, SAC LOUISVILLE

PHONE. BREKID. ANTHONY J. AMERSBACH DEFINITELY IDENTIFIED USING NAME  
JACK GORDON FREQUENTING RATHSKELLER INDIANAPOLIS UNTIL APPROXIMATELY  
THREE WEEKS AGO. ON LAST APPEARANCE THERE WAS WITH TWO OTHER MEN,  
NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS NOT YET OBTAINED, ONE SUPPOSED TO BE KNOWN AS A  
FIXER OR JOKINGLY REFERRED TO AS QUOTE THE COUNTY SHERIFF UNQUOTE IN  
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TO OPERATE A WELL KNOWN GAMBLING PLACE SOUTH OF LOUISVILLE WHICH  
IS EQUIPPED WITH ROULETE. FUGITIVE ALSO FREQUENTED COCKTAIL BAR,  
TWENTY SECOND AND MERIDIAN STREETS, INDIANAPOLIS, WHERE WAITRESS  
LOLA RASNAKE IS EMPLOYED AND WHO IS INFATUATED WITH HIM. HE TELEPHONES  
HER FREQUENTLY FROM LOUISVILLE HAVING TELEPHONED HER AT ELEVEN PM  
EIGHTEENTH INSTANT AND ONE AM TWENTY FIRST INSTANT FROM LOUISVILLE  
TO TALBOT THREE FIVE SIX FIVE INDIANAPOLIS. LOLA NOT YET INTERVIEWED.  
THESE TELEPHONE CALLS WERE PREPAID AND LOUISVILLE OFFICE REQUESTED  
ENDEAVOR TO CHECK SAID CALLS IN EFFORT TO LOCATE FUGITIVE.  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

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Time - 10:05 A. M.

August 23, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: BREKID

SAC Stapleton telephoned me from the Cleveland office with reference to the above entitled investigation, stating that a few days ago Agent Dowd was talking to an informant there, who told Agent Dowd she thought Amersbach was going to the races at Saratoga; that she was going to leave there and go to Atlantic City and back to Saratoga and try to pick up something. The informant told Agent Dowd that before she goes, she will talk to Mrs. (R) Hebebrand, with whom she is well acquainted. Agent Dowd received a long distance telephone call from this informant last night, from Atlantic City, in which she stated she had talked to Mrs. Hebebrand, who stated that she had recently heard from Amersbach from Silver Springs, New York, which is on a route from Cleveland to Saratoga Springs, about forty miles out of Buffalo.

SAC Stapleton said there is a possibility Amersbach might be at Silver Springs, New York, and inquired concerning the advisability of Agent McKee and possibly another Agent from the Cleveland Office proceeding to Silver Springs, New York.

I told SAC Stapleton to have Agent McKee proceed to the Buffalo office and get an Agent or two from that office; that he should advise SAC Warnes at Buffalo that he is coming over so that he may have a man or two available, for this purpose.

I advised SAC Stapleton that the Bureau should be kept promptly advised of all developments in connection with the above.

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Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

August 23, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in the letter of Inspector E. J. Connelley dated at New York City, August 9, 1936, to this office, there is enclosed a copy of the indictment returned at Toledo, Ohio, on June 10, 1937, charging certain named persons with harboring members of the Barker-Karpis gang and as accessories after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer.

Very truly yours,

T. M. STAPLETON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

EAT:MC

August 23, 1937.

Time: 3:00 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR *File*

RE: BREMER CASE

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Special Agent E. J. Wynn at Cleveland telephoned me, furnishing some additional information concerning Tony Amersbach. It appears when he left Cleveland about three weeks ago, he proceeded to Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville. While in Indianapolis he purchased an automobile and later traded it in on another car. The Indiana license number for this car is 58119. Mr. Wynn stated the Indianapolis Office has ascertained that a letter for Amersbach under the alias of Joseph Braun was left at a house there where he had been residing several days ago. The Indianapolis Office also received information to the effect Tony Amersbach recently purchased a gambling house in southern Indiana. No broadcast was made of the license number pending receipt of information as to the reliability of the report that Amersbach purchased the gambling house, and in view of the Indiana police situation, together with the fact there are numerous gambling houses in southern Indiana, any one of which he might have purchased. Mr. Wynn mentioned the Indianapolis Office is maintaining a plant on the house at which the letter was left for Joseph Braun.

*Adm. Mr. Wynn  
Ind. Police  
Aug 23*

I told Mr. Wynn it is not desirable to broadcast the license number of the car, inasmuch as we should await the outcome of the lead which Agent McKee is tracing at Silver Springs, New York, as covered in my previous memorandum. Mr. Wynn inquired whether he should send any of his men to southern Indiana looking for Amersbach, and I told him that any such investigation could be handled by the Indianapolis office and the special squad working on the Brady Gang in that vicinity, until the lead at Silver Springs, New York, has been checked. I told him he could call the Indianapolis Office and advise them to search for the Indiana license #58119 however.

At this time Mr. Wynn asked if his office is authorized to pay the woman who furnished information as to the location of Amersbach at Silver Springs \$100 should her information prove to be of value, and authority was granted.

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*E. A. TAMM.*  
E. A. TAMM.

7-576-14663

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

August 23, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of August 19, 1937, in which certain investigation was requested in the Indianapolis and Louisville districts concerning Anthony J. Amersbach, fugitive herein.

There are transmitted herewith to the Indianapolis and Louisville Offices two snapshot photographs of Margaret Moezadlo Hanson for use in the investigation which has been requested.

Very truly yours,

T. N. STAPLETON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

August 23, 1937.

Honorable Gerald P. Openlander,  
Assistant United States Attorney,  
Toledo, Ohio.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 17, 1937, enclosing a copy of the indictment returned at Toledo, Ohio, on June 10, 1937, charging various individuals with harboring and accessories after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, and a copy of the original warrant issued for Anthony J. Amersbach.

I wish to thank you for your courtesy in furnishing these documents.

Very truly yours,

T. H. STAPLETON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

August 23, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
New York City.

Re: REXID

Dear Sir:

With further reference to the information furnished you by letter dated August 1, 1937, concerning the reported association of Anthony J. Amersbach with Betty Hoffman, alias Fisher, in New York City, you are advised that Post Office Inspector Hettrick, Cleveland, Ohio, stated that his informant contacted him again very recently and furnished him with information to the effect that it was definite that Amersbach is associating with this woman in New York City.

Inasmuch as Amersbach is considered an important Bureau fugitive, you are requested to give the investigation at New York City early attention.

Very truly yours,

T. N. STAPLETON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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FBI INDIANAPOLIS

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SAC CLEVELAND  
SAC LOUISVILLE

PHONE. BREKID. RE ANTHONY J. AMERSBACH, FUGITIVE. AMERSBACH HAS  
BEEN IDENTIFIED AS MAN USING NAME OF JOSEPH BRAUN WHO ON MAY TWELFTH,  
NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN, PURCHASED NINETEEN THIRTY ONE OLDSMOBILE  
COACH, BLACK BODY, BEARING CURRENT INDIANA TAGS FIVE EIGHT ONE ONE  
NINE. ON JUNE SEVENTEENTH, NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN AMERSBACH PURCHASED  
NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE PONTIAC COACH, MOTOR SIX FOUR NOUGHT EIGHT FIVE  
SIX, POLY CHROMATIC GREEN BODY, STEWART WARNER RADIO, HOT WATER HEATER,  
TRICO FAN LEFT UPPER CORNER OF WINDSHIELD, TWO NEW YALE TIRES ON  
REAR WHEELS, NO TRUNK, ONE TAIL LIGHT, NO OTHER EXTRAS, AND TRANSFERRED  
TAGS FIVE EIGHT ONE ONE NINE TO THIS PONTIAC. OLDSMOBILE MENTIONED WAS  
SOLD INDIANAPOLIS AUGUST SECOND, THIS YEAR POSSIBLY BY GARAGE MECHANIC  
TO WHOM AMERSBACH GAVE SAME. AMERSBACH WITH PONTIAC LAST SEEN IN  
INDIANAPOLIS ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO. IS ALSO SAID TO HAVE RECENTLY  
PURCHASED GAMBLING HOUSE LOCATED SOMEWHERE NEAR LOUISVILLE. ACTIVE  
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TION. NO BROADCAST ON PONTIAC HAS BEEN REQUESTED AS YET.

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cc Bureau

Inspector E.J. Connelley, New York  
Cincinnati

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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BRIEN MCMAHON  
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

Department of Justice

Washington

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August 23, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER,  
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Re: United States v. Joseph H. Adams and  
Henry Duke Randall

With reference to your memorandum of August 11, 1937,  
you are advised that authority has been granted the United  
States Attorney at Tampa, Florida, to dismiss the remaining  
indictments charging a violation of the National Firearms Act  
on the part of Adams and Randall, for the reasons stated in  
the memorandum from this Division dated August 9, 1937.

*Brien McMahon*  
BRIEN MCMAHON,  
Assistant Attorney General.

*So advise Miami.*  
*✓ Miami advised by me*  
*on 8-26-37.*  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

EAT:MC

August 24, 1937.

Time: 9:50 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: BREMER CASE

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I called Mr. Reinecke at Indianapolis and inquired as to whether it will be all right for the Bureau to issue a release concerning the apprehension of Tony Amersbach, and he said this would be all right. I told him he would be notified as soon as the release has been made in Washington in order that he can prepare one there.

Mr. Reinecke said Amersbach is suffering from arthritis and has asked for a doctor. He wondered whether we should turn him over to the United States Marshal now, and I told him to wait until he has been advised that the release has been given out at Washington.

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Mr. Stapleton called me from Cleveland and inquired as to when a release is to be made on Amersbach, and he was advised that as soon as a release has been made at Washington, he would be advised. He said he had an appointment to see Chief of Detectives Sweeney, of the Cleveland Police Department who has been most cooperative in this case, and wanted to know when the release would be made.

Mr. Ward of my office subsequently called the above offices and advised they could release their statements to the press, inasmuch as the Bureau release had been given out.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm  
E. A. TAMM. *J. R. O'D.*

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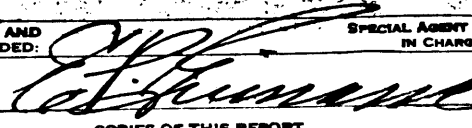
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI**

FILE NO. **7-30**

REPORT MADE AT <b>St. Paul, Minn.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8-23-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8-23-37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>E. N. NOTESTEEN IM</b>
TITLE <b>GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: "Stop" orders maintained at the Minnesota State Automobile Registration Bureau on the Ford and Plymouth automobiles previously registered in Kansas and Ohio in 1935 in the names of J.M.Lett and Carl Baker.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Cincinnati Office form letter dated 8/5/37.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA</p> <p>Request was made on August 23, 1937, for a continuance of the "Stop" orders placed with the Minnesota State Automobile Registration Bureau against 1935 Ford V8 Tudor Sedan, Motor #2,044,337 and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor #PJ 322,772, serial #2,619,857. These cars were registered in 1935 as follows: Ford in Kansas under name of J. M. Lett and Plymouth in Ohio in name of Carl Baker, who, it is understood, is identical with Milton Lett.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PENDING.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: 		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

August 24, 1937

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Confirming the teletype message from the Cleveland office to the Bureau dated August 23, 1937, you are hereby advised that Frank P. Greenwald who was indicted at Toledo, Ohio on June 10, 1937 charged with harboring Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell and as an accessory after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, entered a plea of guilty in the United States District Court at Toledo, Ohio on August 23, 1937, at which time he was sentenced to serve fifteen months in a Federal penitentiary.

With reference to Sam Coker who was also named in the above mentioned indictment, the United States Attorney, E. B. Freed, advised Special Agent E. J. Wynn today that he has been in touch with Coker's attorneys who desire to have Coker enter a plea of guilty to the indictment. Mr. Freed stated it was his intention to arrange to have Coker brought from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, to Toledo, Ohio at the September 1937 term of court, where it is expected Coker will enter a plea of guilty and have sentence imposed upon him.

Very truly yours,

*T. N. Stapleton*

T. N. STAPLETON  
Special Agent in Charge

*This should be in a report*  
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cc - Inspector E. J. Connelley, New York  
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Cincinnati  
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August 28, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

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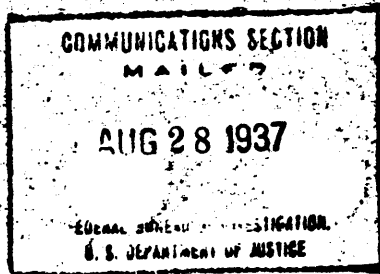
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your communication dated August 24, 1937, in which you give information concerning the indictment of Frank P. Greenwald, and also his sentence.

This information should have been forwarded to the Bureau in report form and it is desired that you immediately prepare an investigative report setting out the information contained in this letter and forward the same to the Bureau at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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August 24, 1937.

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R. Whitley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
607 U. S. Court House, Foley Square,  
New York City.

BREKID ANTHONY J. AMERSEACH NOW IN CUSTODY DISCONTINUE  
INVESTIGATION NEW YORK CITY

STAPLETON

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-63

REPORT MADE AT Washington, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 8/18/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/5/37	REPORT MADE BY P. WYLY PW:GS:AM
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.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Information concerning Thompson sub-machine guns registered in the State of Oklahoma, in conformity with the National Firearms Act, obtained from Internal Revenue Bureau, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated December 28, 1936 (7-576).</p> <p>DETAILS: At Washington, D. C.</p> <p>The Bureau requested in reference letter that information be secured from the records of the Internal Revenue Bureau, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., concerning Oklahoma registrants of Thompson sub-machine guns which have been registered in conformity with the provisions of the National Firearms Act.</p> <p>Mr. Clarence E. Sipes of the Oleomargarine and Firearms Sub-Section, Internal Revenue Bureau, Treasury Department, exhibited to Agent the records of all Thompson sub-machine guns registered in the State of Oklahoma, and the information appearing on the records is set forth as follows:</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Henry H. Kelly</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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On March 29, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #12818, was registered by B. H. Shelby, Chief of Police, Anadarko, Okla., said gun having been purchased from the Federal Laboratories, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa., March 7, 1935.

On September 17, 1934, a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #2428, was registered by L. W. Turner, Chief of Police, Bartlesville, Okla., said gun having been acquired in 1922 and was manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On October 1, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #7519, was registered by A. A. Randall, Chief of Police, Bristow, Okla., said gun having been acquired on February 17, 1934 and was manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On September 17, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 21AC, serial #422, was registered by S. W. Stroup, Chief of Police, Cushing, Okla., said gun having been acquired on August 14, 1933 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On September 21, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #7775, was registered by Jack Ary, Chief of Police, Drumright, Okla., said gun having been acquired in August 1933 from the Federal Laboratories, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa.

On October 16, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #8527, was registered by D. Moncrief, Jr., Chief of Police, Lawton, Okla., said gun having been acquired in September 1933, manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On September 24, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #8158, was registered by W. W. Dobson, Mayor of Miami, Okla., for use by the City Police Department. The said gun was acquired on November 25, 1933 and was manufactured by the Auto-Ordnance Corporation, New York City.

On September 22, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #1808, was registered by the Oklahoma City Police Department, said gun having been acquired September 23, 1933 and sold by the Federal Laboratories, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa.

On September 24, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #6081, was registered by Newton Burns, Detective, Oklahoma City Police Department, the said gun having been acquired in July 1931 and was manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On September 22, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #6750, was registered by the Oklahoma City Police Department, said gun having been acquired February 10, 1933 and was sold by the Federal Laboratories, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa.

On September 22, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #11865, was registered by the Oklahoma City Police Department, said gun having been acquired in February 1933 and was sold by the Federal Laboratories, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa.

On September 22, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #8219, was registered by John McGibany, Chief of Police, Okmulgee, Okla., said gun having been acquired in 1928 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On October 1, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #3388, was registered by Joe E. McFadden, Chief of Police, Ponca City, Okla., said gun having been acquired in August 1933 and manufactured by the Auto-Ordnance Corp., New York City.

On March 13, 1935 a Thompson sub-machine gun, serial #6970, was registered by Chief of Police J. O. Edwards, Sapulpa, Okla., said gun having been acquired on August 8, 1933 and was manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On September 21, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #5477, was registered by F. A. Budd, Chief of Police, Shawnee, Okla., said gun having been acquired on August 20, 1933 and manufactured by the Federal Laboratories, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa.

On September 20, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #3282, was registered by D. W. Perkins, Chief of Police, Tahlequah, Okla., said gun having been acquired in August 1933 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On September 27, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #3185, was registered by Chas. F. Carr, Chief of Police, Tulsa, Okla., said gun having been acquired on February 20, 1934, and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On September 27, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #3887, was registered by Chas. F. Carr, Chief of Police Tulsa, Okla., said gun having been acquired March 3, 1934, and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On September 27, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #7076, was registered by Chas. F. Carr, Chief of Police, Tulsa, Okla., said gun having been acquired on July 24, 1928 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On October 6, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model U.S.N. 1928, serial #3003, was registered by Elmer Finley, Sheriff of Caddo County, Anadarko, Okla., said gun having been acquired December 30, 1933 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On October 25, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #2086, was registered by Walter Clark, Sheriff of Coal County, Coalgate, Okla., said gun having been acquired in 1933 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On October 18, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #7816, was registered by Willis C. Strange, Sheriff, Sapulpa, Okla., said gun having been acquired on August 7, 1933 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On April 3, 1935 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #13640, was registered by R. L. Boyd, Sheriff of Ellis County, Arnett, Okla., said gun having been acquired on April 1, 1935, from the Federal Laboratories, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa.

On September 21, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model U.S.N. 1928, serial #7541, was registered by W. Everett Prentiss, Sheriff of Major County, Fairview, Okla., said gun having been acquired on June 27, 1933. A notation appeared on the card that the gun is now in the possession of the Auto-Ordnance Corporation, New York, since the customer refused to pay for the gun.

On September 21, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #2586, was registered by Stanley Rogers, Sheriff of Oklahoma County, Oklahoma City, Okla., said gun having been acquired in 1928 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Company, Hartford, Conn.

On September 21, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #2691, was registered by Stanley Rogers, Sheriff of Oklahoma County, Oklahoma City, Okla., said gun having been acquired in 1928 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On December 10, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #5724, was registered by D. Waters, Sheriff of Ottawa County, Miami, Okla., said gun having been acquired in 1933 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On December 10, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #7120, was registered by D. Waters, Sheriff of Ottawa County, Miami, Okla., said gun having been acquired in 1933 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On October 18, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1929, serial #2929, was registered by E. R. Ferguson, Under Sheriff, Pawnee, County, Pawnee, Okla., said gun having been acquired in 1933 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On September 22, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #5668, was registered by M. J. Bradley, Sheriff of Payne County, Stillwater, Okla., said gun having been acquired on September 15, 1933, and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Company, Hartford, Conn.

On October 22, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #5526, was registered by G. R. Lackey, Sheriff of Pittsburgh County, McAlester, Okla., said gun having been acquired in June 1933 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On October 8, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #5321, was registered by W.A. Roberts, Sheriff of Pottawattomie County, Tecumseh, Okla., said gun having been acquired on August 18, 1933 and manufactured by the Federal Laboratories, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa.

On September 27, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #3137, was registered by Glenn E. Larkin, Deputy Sheriff of Tulsa County, Tulsa, Okla., said gun having been acquired on Sept. 1, 1933 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On September 22, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #4702, was registered by James W. Masters, Washington County Sheriff, Bartlesville, Okla., said gun having been acquired in 1926 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On October 4, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model U.S.N. 1928, serial #6173, was registered by E. D. Walker, Sheriff of Washita County, Cordell, Okla., said gun having been acquired on October 13, 1933, and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On September 15, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #2116, was registered by John H. Burnett, Special Agent of the C.R.I. & P. Railway, El Reno, Okla., said gun having been acquired in 1922 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On September 24, 1934, a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #7985, was registered by Bill Byrd, Sheriff of Sequoyah County, Sallisaw, Okla., said gun having been acquired in November 1933 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On September 14, 1934, a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1927, serial #5223, was registered by C. E. Daniels, Managing Director, Oklahoma City Branch, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Oklahoma City, Okla., said gun having been acquired on July 9, 1928, and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On September 14, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1927, serial #5280, was registered by C. E. Daniels, Managing Director, Oklahoma City Branch, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Oklahoma City, Okla., said gun having been acquired July 9, 1928 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On September 22, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model AC21, serial #7419, was registered by H. V. Foster, Union National Bank, Bartlesville, Okla., said gun having been acquired on December 13, 1933 and manufactured by the Federal Laboratories, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa.

On September 20, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 28AC, serial 8800, was registered by O.P. Ray, Superintendent, State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, said gun having been acquired on July 31, 1933 and manufactured by the Federal Laboratories, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa.

On September 20, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 28AC, serial #6947, was registered by O.P. Ray, Superintendent, State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, Oklahoma City, Okla., said gun having been acquired July 31, 1933 and manufactured by the Federal Laboratories, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa.

On September 27, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #7207, was registered by C. G. Maxwell, Sheriff of Atoka County, Atoka, Okla., said gun having been acquired in 1933 and manufactured by the Federal Laboratories, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa.

On September 20, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 28AC, serial #6773, was registered by Jas. T. Miller, Agent of the Auto-Ordnance Corp., New York City, Miller giving his address as 205 Philcade Building, Tulsa, Okla., and stating that he acquired the gun on December 13, 1932.

On October 17, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, serial #3276, was registered by Joe Neal, Ada, Okla., said gun having been acquired on August 28, 1933 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On October 30, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #8075, was registered by S. E. Brown, Warden, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla., said gun having been acquired on July 10, 1933 and manufactured by the Auto-Ordnance Corporation, New York City. On the same date Mr. Brown also registered a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #8454, and stated said gun was acquired on September 25, 1931, and manufactured by the Auto-Ordnance Corp., New York City. On the same date Mr. Brown registered a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #8776, stating the gun was acquired July 10, 1933 and manufactured by the Auto-Ordnance Corp., New York City. On the same date Mr. Brown registered a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #9044, which gun was acquired on July 10, 1933 and manufactured by the Auto-Ordnance Corp., New York City. On the same date Mr. Brown registered a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #10243, and advised the gun was acquired on Sept. 25, 1931 and manufactured by the Auto-Ordnance Corp., New York City. On the same date Mr. Brown registered a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #10417, and advised said gun was acquired September 25, 1931 and manufactured by the Auto-Ordnance Corp., New York City.

On October 31, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #11491, was registered by H. C. Fowler, 1st Lieutenant, Provost Marshal, Ft. Sill, Okla., said gun having been acquired March 21, 1933 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On October 31, 1934, a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #11782, was registered by H. C. Fowler, said gun having been acquired March 21, 1933 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On January 5, 1935 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #3867, was registered by Jeff Thurston, Wilburton, Okla., said gun having been acquired on July 27, 1927 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On September 20, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #4208, was registered by J. W. Townsend of the Federal Armoured Truck Co., who gave his address as Tulsa Hotel, Tulsa, Okla., and stated said gun was acquired in 1933 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On September 17, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model U.S.N. 1928, serial #7279, was registered by C. F. Urschel of the Slick Urschel Oil Co., Oklahoma City, Okla., said gun having been acquired September 8, 1933 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On February 5, 1936 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #5368, was registered by Henry Vaughn, Poteau, Okla., said gun having been acquired in May or June of 1933 and is now in possession of Robert M. Vorce, Special Agent, K.C.S. Railroad, Heavener, Okla., and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On September 20, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 28AC, serial #6670, was registered by O. P. Ray, Superintendent of the State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, Oklahoma City, Okla., said gun having been acquired July 31, 1933 and manufactured by the Federal Laboratories, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
**Washington, D. C.**  
August 24, 1937.

Time - 10:40 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: Anthony ~~Amersbach~~ *[Signature]*

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In accordance with your instructions, I telephoned Mr. Reinecke at the Indianapolis Office and Mr. Stapleton at the Cleveland Office and authorized them to make a release to the press of the facts concerning the apprehension of the above named subject.

Respectfully,

*[Signature]*

C. D. WARD.

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August 24, 1937  
3:00 PM

T. N. Stapleton  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Dept. of Justice  
1130 Enquirer Building  
Cleveland, Ohio.

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BREKID FUGITIVE WARRANT ISSUED AND AMERSBACH TAKEN IN CUSTODY BY MARSHAL  
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Indianapolis, Indiana  
August 24, 1937  
12:30 A.M.

O. C. Dewey  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
775 Starks Building  
Louisville, Kentucky

BREXID. ANTHONY J. AMERSBACH IN CUSTODY INDIANAPOLIS.

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1130 Enquirer Building  
Cincinnati, Ohio

August 24, 1937

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREKID *Edmond & Brannen*

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to the letter from your office dated August 16, 1937 requesting that this office ascertain the date of the arrest of subject Amersbach and the name of the arresting law enforcement agency that arrested him around February 24, 1919.

Please be advised that Special Agent J. A. Cisperman contacted John Davis of the Identification Bureau of the Columbus, Ohio Police Department and ascertained from their records that subject as Anthony Amersbach, Columbus Police Department #4221, was arrested b7c

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Mr. S. M. Current, Superintendent, Bertillon Department, Ohio State Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio, was also contacted by Agent Cisperman in reference to the criminal record of Amersbach. His records disclosed several arrests around 1917 in Cleveland, Ohio, which he states are also supported by fingerprints. His record of the arrests of Amersbach is as follows:-

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Criminal record of Tony Amersbach #50360:

Aliases: Anthony Amerbach, Anthony Joseph Amerbach, Anthony  
Amersbach, Anthony Amersbach, Anthony J. Amerback,  
Tony Feder, John Brennan, Thomas Gordon

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Very truly yours,

H. D. HARRIS,  
Special Agent In Charge.

CC Bureau ✓

Cleveland Ohio  
August 24 1937

J L Fallon  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U S Department of Justice  
1300 Liberty Trust Bldg  
Philadelphia Pa

BREKID ANTHONY AMERSBACH IN CUSTODY DISCONTINUE INVESTIGATION YOUR DISTRICT

STAPLETON

Same wire to  
J C Newman  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U S Department of Justice  
911 Federal Bldg  
Detroit Michigan

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Cincinnati  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

August 24, 1937

Special Agent in Charge  
All Field Divisions

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Anthony Joseph Amersbach, with aliases, who was indicted at Toledo, Ohio, in the United States District Court, June 10, 1937, charged with harboring Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, and as accessory after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, was apprehended at Indianapolis, Indiana, August 24, 1937 by agents of the Bureau. Any pending investigation in your district seeking his whereabouts may be discontinued.

The correct title of this case for report purposes will be:

Alvin Karpis, with aliases; Dr. Joseph P. Moran, with aliases, I. O. 1232; et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim.

Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives; Obstruction of Justice; National Firearms Act

Cincinnati is the office of origin. The Cleveland and Chicago offices are to receive a copy of all reports and communications.

Very truly yours,

*T. N. Stapleton*

T. N. Stapleton  
Special Agent in Charge

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August 24, 1937

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

Transmitted herewith are copies of a proposed  
press release concerning the apprehension of one Anthony  
Amersbach, by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of  
Investigation, at Indianapolis, Indiana, on August 23,  
1937.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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MEMORANDUM

On June 10, 1937, an indictment was returned in the United States District Court at Toledo, Ohio, charging Anthony Amersbach in three counts with accessory after the fact of kidnaping, and of harboring various members of the Barker-Karpis gang who were under indictment in St. Paul, Minnesota, for the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, a wealthy St. Paul banker, on January 17, 1934.

This indictment included Bert Angus, Ted Angus, Edward McGraw and his wife Clara McGraw, Edith Barry, Frank P. Greenwald, John (Sharkey) Gorman, Arthur Hebebrand, and Sam Yoker.

The various members of the Barker-Karpis gang proceeded to Toledo, Ohio, in the early spring of 1934, following the payment of the \$200,000 ransom money demanded by the kidnapers of Mr. Bremer, and his subsequent release. Their entrance in Toledo and vicinity was arranged for by William Weaver, who was a former associate of Bert Angus in the Saloon business in Calumet City, Illinois. During the gang's stay in Toledo, they found refuge in the Casino Club, operated by Bert and Ted Angus.

In May, 1934, Alvin Karpis and his paramour, Dolores Delaney, moved to Cleveland, Ohio. They were soon joined by Fred Parker, Paula Harmon, Harry Campbell, Wynona Burdette, and other members of the mob. While at Cleveland, they frequented the Harvard Club, operated by Arthur W. Hebebrand.

Anthony Amersbach was employed at the Harvard Club, and became involved with this gang during his association there. He has been a fugitive since the return of the indictment, and has been the subject of a nation-wide search by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to effect his apprehension.

Amersbach was apprehended at 11:15 P.M., Monday, August 23, 1937, at Indianapolis, Indiana, by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and he will be returned to Cleveland, Ohio, to answer harboring charges pending against him there.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

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August 20, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

Reference is made to my previous memorandum dated June 3, 1937, in connection with the receipt of a fingerprint card from the Police Department, Topeka, Kansas, reporting the arrest on May 22, 1937 of one Albert Warren Grooms, charged with petty larceny and destruction of property, indicating disposition of thirty days on the first charge and ten days on the second charge.

Please be advised that there was received on August 18, 1937 a fingerprint card from the Police Department, Topeka, Kansas, for the same individual indicating that he was arrested for burglary and larceny on two counts and was sentenced to the State Industrial Reformatory, Kansas.

The following notation also appears on this card:  
"Latent fingerprints identified as right index, middle and ring fingers of Albert Grooms, from burglary at the Masonic Temple".  
"Nephew of Alvin Karpis". It is noted from previous correspondence in connection with this individual that he is very desirous of emulating the activities of his uncle, Alvin Karpis.

For your information, the Bureau however has not received any latent fingerprints in connection with the latent fingerprint identification. The fingerprints of this individual have also been entered in the Single Fingerprint File as #K-15011.

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Coffey	✓
Mr. Dawsey	✓
Mr. Foxworth	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Hottel	✓
Mr. McIntire	✓
Mr. Lester	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Pennington	✓
Mr. Quinn	✓
Mr. Schilder	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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Respectfully, 7-576-14681

L. C. Schilder,

NATHAN  
TOLSON  
ASST. DIR.  
LESTER  
TAMM  
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R.F.P.

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August 26, 1937

ABL:MK

Special Agent in Charge,  
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

Reference is made to your letter dated April 29, 1937, which contained information relative to the story told by Alvin Karpis and furnished by Warden Johnston of Alcatraz Prison.

To date, the file does not indicate that Warden Johnston has been appropriately interviewed relative to this matter, and it is desired that the same be done immediately.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Mr. Nathan .....  
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Mr. Baughman .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
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August 26, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

Information has been received to the effect  
that subject ANTHONY J. AMERSBACH, with alias,  
FUGITIVE, Index No. 7551, was located at  
Indianapolis, Ind. on August 23, 1937.

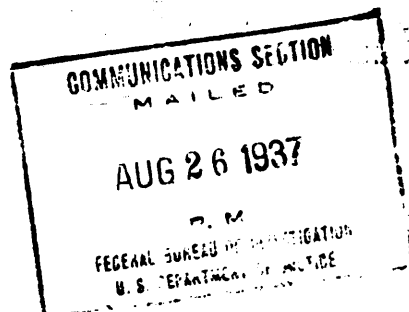
Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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*[Handwritten signature]*

Louisville, Kentucky  
August 23, 1937

TO ALL SPECIAL AGENTS  
LOUISVILLE FIELD DIVISION

Re: BREKID;  
ANTHONY J. AMERSBACH, with aliases Tom Gordon,  
Joseph Braun, JACK GORDON.

Information has recently been developed that this Fugitive is in or near the vicinity of Louisville, Kentucky, driving a 1935 Pontiac Coach, green in color, Motor No. 6408856 and bearing 1937 Indiana license tags #58119. This Fugitive is allegedly contemplating the purchase of a gambling house near Louisville, Kentucky.

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This Fugitive's description is as follows:

Age:	40 yrs.
Height:	5' 8"
Weight:	190 lbs.
Eyes:	Brown, piercing.
Build:	Heavy
Hair:	White, EXCEPT FOR DARK STREAK RUNNING DOWN THE CENTER.

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Information has further been developed recently that AMERSBACH is hobnobbing with the County Sheriff "in the County immediately South of Louisville" and with "another man supposed to be operating a well known gambling place South of Louisville, which is equipped with roulette."

This Fugitive is the last one in the Bremer case and is extremely dangerous, having shot and killed officers in the past, and is known to carry a pistol at all times, and Agents making inquiry should be extremely careful in warning other cooperators relative to this man. It is requested that all Agents be on the lookout for the afore-described Fugitive and automobile, and until further instructed no radio messages should be given local police relative to the description of this man or the automobile, however, it is deemed advisable to disclose this information to well known cooperators of the Louisville Police Department for their cooperation in the apprehension of this Fugitive.

Very truly yours,

ASR:jde

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O. C. DEWEY  
Special Agent in Charge

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI.

**FILE NO. 7-27**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Salt Lake City, Utah.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8-23-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8-12-37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>VAL C. ZIMMER - G.J.</b>
TITLE <b>GEORGE TIMINEX; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>Stop notices pending Motor Vehicle Bureaus Utah and Nevada for Ford V8 Sedan, Motor # 2044337 and Plymouth Sedan, Motor # PJ 322772.</b>			
REFERENCE: <b>Letter from Cincinnati Division 8-5-37.</b>			
DETAILS: <b>AT SALT LAKE CITY.</b> <b>Stop notices have been placed with the Motor Vehicle Bureaus for Utah and Nevada, against Ford V8 two door Sedan, 1935 model, motor # 2044337, and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor # PJ 322772, Serial #2619857.</b>			
<b>PENDING.</b>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Val C. Zimmer</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>7-576-14685</b> <b>AUG 27 1937</b>	
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-6

REPORT MADE AT <b>El Paso, Texas.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8-23-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7-22-37 8-23-37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. H. Colvin, S.A.C.</b> ndb
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, w.a.; FUGITIVE I.O. 1232 et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPPING, HARBORING OF FUG- ITIVES, OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIRE ARMS ACT.</b>	
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Mail Tracing on W. L. Ferguson &amp; wife, Hobbs, N. M. discontinued, tracings forwarded Cincinnati Office. Stop Orders placed in New Mexico for Ford Sedan motor 2044337 and Plymouth Sedan motor PJ 322772.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RUC.</p> <p><b>Reference:</b> Report G. H. Franklin, El Paso, Texas, 7-22-37. Letter from Cincinnati Office to Chicago Office 8-5-37.</p> <p><b>Details:</b> Mail cover on Mr. &amp; Mrs. W. L. Ferguson, Hobbs, N. M. maintained since July 17, 1937, has been discontinued. The tracings received with a view to the location of Mrs. William Clark alias "Dorothy", are attached to Cincinnati copies of this report.</p> <p>A stop order has been filed with the Division of Motor Vehicles at Santa Fe, New Mexico for Ford sedan motor 2044337 and Plymouth sedan motor PJ 322772.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>RH Colvin</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
506 Fletcher Trust Building  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
August 26, 1937

JJM:MJR  
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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a fingerprint card of  
Mrs. Margaret Eva Braun who allegedly married Anthony Joseph Amers-  
bach under the name of James Joseph Braun in Detroit, Michigan,  
on June 6, 1926. Margaret Eva Braun is an entertainer and as such  
is known under the name of Eva Markland. Her maiden name was  
Margaret Eva Thompson. She voluntarily permitted her fingerprints  
to be taken by the Indianapolis Office on August 25, 1937.

It is requested that this fingerprint card be  
searched through the criminal file and if any record is found,  
the same should be forwarded to the Cincinnati and Cleveland  
Offices.

If no record is found, it is requested that  
this fingerprint card be placed in the personal identification  
file of the Bureau.

PERSONAL IDENT.

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cc Cincinnati  
Cleveland

Inspector E. J. Connelley, New York.  
Chicago

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Very truly yours,

Herold H. Reinecke

Herold H. Reinecke  
Special Agent in Charge

7-576-14687

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AUG 31 1937

September 1, 1937.

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7-576-14687

Special Agent in Charge,  
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,  
Identification Order 1232, et al.;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
Kidnaping. Harboring of Fugitives.  
Obstruction of Justice.  
National Firearms Act.

Dear Sir:

Referring to fingerprints forwarded by you,  
please be advised that an examination of the fingerprint  
records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation fails to  
disclose any data concerning the following:

MRS. MARGARET EVA REAUM

Please be advised that the fingerprints sub-  
mitted by you are being filed in the Bureau's Civil Identi-  
fication Section for personal identification purposes.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC-Bureau Field Division,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.  
CC-Bureau Field Division,  
Cleveland, 1937.  
CC-Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Bureau Field Division,  
New York, New York.  
CC-Bureau Field Division,  
Chicago, Illinois.

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

CWS:MM  
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Post Office Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
August 25th, 1937

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of August 21st, 1937 (Bureau file 7-576) instructing me to interview the Chief of Police regarding prosecution of Harry Goldstein, Tulsa, for illegal sale of .45 calibre Colt automatic pistol to Alvin Karpis.

Please be advised that I was unable to proceed to Tulsa as I had planned, due to the continuing inspection of this office. I expect to proceed to Tulsa sometime next week, at which time I shall conduct the necessary investigation.

Very truly yours,

*C. W. Stein*  
C. W. STEIN,  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio.

FILE NO. 7-7

REPORT MADE AT <b>Peoria, Illinois</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8-26-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8-13-37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>G. A. STEVENS (A)</b> <span style="float: right;">CD</span>
TITLE <b>GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: 1935 Ford V-8, motor #2044337 and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, motor #PJ322772, serial #2619857 not registered in the State of Illinois, and stop notices have been placed so that in the event either or both are registered in the future the Peoria Field Division will be notified.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter to Chicago Field Division, dated August 5, 1937, from the Cincinnati Field Division.</p> <p>DETAILS: Mr. Floyd Phillips, Automobile Files, office of Secretary of State, Capitol Building, Springfield, Illinois, searched the files and stated there was no record that 1935 Ford V-8, motor #2044337 or 1935 Plymouth Sedan, motor #PJ322772, serial #2619857 had been registered in the State of Illinois at any time. A stop notice was placed so that should either of these cars be licensed in Illinois, the Peoria Field Division will be notified.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P E N D I N G -</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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601 Richmond Trust Building,  
Richmond, Virginia.

August 26, 1937.

W  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Re: "BREKID"

*Edward G. Bremer*

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated August 5, 1937, directed to the Special Agent in Charge, Chicago, Illinois, copy of which was designated for this division, relative to placing a stop notice in the Division of Motor Vehicles, Richmond, Virginia, against 1935 Model Ford V8, Two Door Sedan, Motor #2044337, and against 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor #PJ 322772, Serial #2619857.

This office has been advised by John Q. Rhodes, Jr., Director, Division of Motor Vehicles, Commonwealth of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia, that the above described vehicles have not been registered in the State of Virginia and appropriate stop notice has been placed in the files of the Division of Motor Vehicles so that if at a later date these automobiles should be registered, this office will be notified accordingly.

In view of the fact that there are no other leads outstanding within the territory of this office, this case is being considered referred upon completion to the division of origin.

Very truly yours,

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R. E. JOSEPH,

Special Agent in Charge.

7-576-14690

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-15

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REPORT MADE AT <b>New Orleans, Louisiana</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8-23-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8-18, 19&amp;20-37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. H. POLKINHORN</b>
TITLE <b>GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O.#1232; ET AL. Edward George Bremer - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Suspicious persons at 2865 Grand Route St. John, New Orleans, Louisiana, thought connected with Milton Lett. Investigation proved otherwise.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley, Kansas City, Mo., dated 8-20-37, under title "1937 Kansas License 5-1631 Plymouth Coach, Motor PJ182699; Owner, Corinne Russell, Coffeyville, Kansas)."</p> <p>DETAILS: This report is predicated upon information received from Detectives Arthur Carroll and Albert Heintz of the Third Precinct, New Orleans Police Department, to the effect that there was a sedan bearing Kansas tags 5-1631 parked in front of 2865 Grand Route St. John, and that the persons in this car acted in a very suspicious manner.</p> <p>In order to cooperate with the Police Department, this office wired the Kansas City Office inquiring as to the identity of the owner of the car, and received the reply that this car was the property of one Corinne Russell of 612 West 11th Street, Coffeyville, Kansas, and that the car was a 1935 Plymouth Coach, Motor #PJ182699, and that Corinne Russell was well known to the Chief of Police of Coffeyville, Kansas, who stated that she is a sister of "Red" Russell who plays in western movies; also that she had previously been married to Dick Scoville, a jockey.</p> <p>In view of the fact that Milt Lett's wife, Lucille Ferris Lett, is from Coffeyville, Kansas, an investigation was launched by this office to determine if there was any connection between Lucille Lett and the persons residing at 2865 Grand Route St. John.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. A. Smith, Jr.</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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A check was made at Post Office Station G, which handles mail delivered in this neighborhood; H. J. Medley, postman, was discreetly contacted, and stated that one Elizabeth Patterson was at this time living at 2865 Grand Route St. John, and that there was another woman living with her whom he did not know. He stated that these women occupied the apartment by themselves; that they had lived in this apartment for the past nine or ten days.

A. P. Vidacovich, Clerk to the Superintendent of the Post Office, checked back lists at the main office and found that one Margaret Patterson, formerly of 1438 Verna Street, was listed as living at 2865 Grand Route St. John.

Eugene Nolan, Sr., 1438 Verna Street, was discreetly contacted, and stated that Margaret Patterson, whom he knew as Pat, boarded at his home with one Corinne Russell, and that Corinne Russell had a Plymouth sedan with Kansas tags. He stated that Corinne's husband was formerly a jockey, but that he did not know his name, and that these two women were rather fast, and that he thought they hustled. Nolan stated that they worked for some gambling joint in the French Quarter of New Orleans, he thought, but that he would inquire of his son, Eugene Nolan, Jr., and would notify this office as to the exact location at which these women worked.

Eugene Nolan, Jr. called the writer by telephone and stated that Margaret Patterson had formerly been a dealer in the Klondike game at the Chez Paree; and that Corinne Russell had been a Klondike dealer at the Starlight Inn. Both of the above mentioned places are cabarets and gambling houses.

Special Agent R. L. Flanders with the writer watched the address 2865 Grand Route St. John on several occasions, and saw several men enter this address, but nothing more. Special Agent Flanders with writer went to 2865 Grand Route St. John and interviewed Corinne Russell discreetly, and she stated that she had been working at the Starlight Inn as a Klondike dealer, and at the present time she was not doing anything, but that she had several friends who called on her at her address, and that her roommate, Pat Patterson, had formerly been at the Chez Paree as a Klondike dealer, but at the present time was not employed. Pat Patterson came into the room during the interview, and she stated that she had worked in several gambling establishments around town as a Klondike dealer, but that presently she was unemployed, and that she had several men callers who called at this address quite frequently to see her.

Several photographs were displayed to Corinne Russell, among which was a picture of Lucille Lett. Miss Russell failed to identify any of these photographs.

P E N D I N G

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

August 24, 1937

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Confirming my telephone conversation with Mr. Tamm on August 23, 1937 this will advise that Special Agent S. K. McKee departed Cleveland, Ohio at 12:30 P.M. August 23 for Buffalo, New York to conduct appropriate investigation at Silver Lake, New York looking towards the apprehension of Anthony Amersbach, a subject in the above entitled matter, based upon information received by long distance telephone from Estelle Mizell at Atlantic City, New Jersey. This informant advised Special Agent E. J. Dowd that she had interviewed Mrs. Art Hebebrand just before leaving Cleveland for Atlantic City, at which time Mrs. Hebebrand stated that she had recently received a letter from subject Amersbach postmarked at Silver Lake, near Silver Springs, New York.

Mr. Tamm authorized Agent McKee to proceed to Buffalo in view of the fact that he has previously interviewed subject Amersbach and can recognize him on sight.

After information was received from Indianapolis on August 24 that subject Amersbach had been located in Indianapolis, the Buffalo office was requested to notify agent McKee to return to Cleveland.

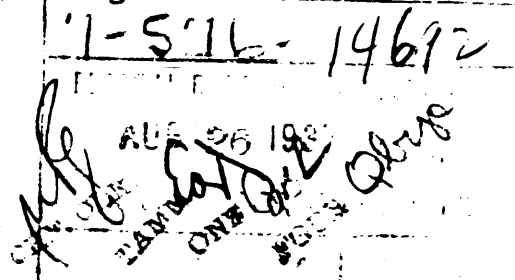
Very truly yours,

*T. N. Stapleton*

T. N. STAPLETON  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Buffalo  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

EAT:MC

August 27, 1937.

Time: 4:50 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR *File*

RE: BREMER CASE

With reference to the memorandum prepared by Special Agent S. K. McKee and furnished to the Bureau, concerning the harboring at Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio, in connection with this case, which data is to be furnished to the local authorities there personally by Mr. McKee, Mr. McKee called me from Cleveland, having returned there from Buffalo last Tuesday, and inquired as to what action the Bureau has taken with regard to the memorandum. He stated he particularly wanted to know inasmuch as SAC Shivers at Miami has wired him to know when he will return to Miami.

I told Mr. McKee that the Bureau had summarized the memorandum and would send him copies in the very near future. With regard to his returning to Miami, he was advised that Mr. Shivers would be advised concerning this matter when next telephonically contacted.

~~Respectfully,~~

*EAT*  
E. A. TAMM.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-12

REPORT MADE AT Butte, Montana	DATE WHEN MADE 8/23/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/21/37	REPORT MADE BY H. E. Andersen
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases; I. O. 1232 - FUGITIVE; ANTHONY J. AMERBACH, with aliases - FUGITIVE, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives; Obstruction of Justice; National Firearms Act
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>*Ford Sedan, Motor No. 2044337, and            *Plymouth Sedan, Motor PJ-322772,            not registered in Idaho or Montana.            Stop cards placed.</p> <p>RUC</p> </div>			
Reference: Letter from Cincinnati Office to Chicago Office, August 5, 1937.			
Details:  Through correspondence with the Motor Vehicle Divisions of Idaho and Montana, it has been learned that neither Ford Sedan, Motor No. 2044337, nor Plymouth Sedan, Motor PJ-322772, Serial No. 2619857, is registered in either State. Stop cards have been placed.			
REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  H. E. Andersen		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio**

FILE NO. **7-33**

REPORT MADE AT <b>San Francisco, Calif.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8-25-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/4/19/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. H. Rice - FD</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; ANTHONY J. AMERSBACH, with aliases - FUGITIVE; ET AL; Edward George Bremer - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:      Warden at Alcatraz Federal Penitentiary advises ALVIN KARPIS, inmate, has never furnished information relative to criminal activities, nor showed such indication. No information developed that MILTON LETT is in contact with the Rose family, 7337 Weld Street, Oakland, California.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p>			
<p>REFERENCES:      Letter from the San Francisco Office to the Bureau dated April 29, 1937; Report of Special Agent J. H. Rice, San Francisco, California, dated July 3, 1937; Letter from the Bureau (7-576) to Mr. E. J. Connelley, New York City, dated July 26, 1937.</p>			
<p>DETAILS:      <u>AT ALCATRAZ ISLAND, CALIFORNIA:</u></p> <p>Through a diplomatic inquiry of Mr. J. A. JOHNSTON, Warden, Alcatraz Federal Penitentiary, it was ascertained that ALVIN KARPIS, inmate, has never furnished any information to authorities of that institution relative to criminal activities, nor has he shown any desire or indication that such information might be forthcoming. Mr. JOHNSTON stated if KARPIS is ever</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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inclined to furnish any information, he will advise the San Francisco Office.

AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA:

Mrs. ARTHUR WATERSON, 7333 Weld Street and Mr. CLAUDE DANNER, Postman, Elmhurst Station, 8915 East 14th Street, have not secured any information that would direct any suspicion towards GEORGE and VERA ROSE who reside at 7337 Weld Street, indicating MILTON LETT or any individual resembling LETT is in contact with the ROSE family through calling at their residence or by correspondence.

Postman DANNER and Mrs. WATERSON will advise the San Francisco Office if they secure any information in the future along these lines.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION: will cover leads set out in the letters from the Cincinnati Office dated August 5, 1937, and Little Rock Office dated August 13, 1937.

PENDING

907 American Industrial Bldg.  
Hartford, Connecticut

JLD:feb  
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August 27, 1937

Special Agent in Charge  
Cincinnati, Ohio

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your circular letter of August 5, 1937, stop notices have been placed in the Bureau of Motor Vehicles covering the States of Rhode Island and Connecticut and your Office will be notified should any information be received concerning the cars or individuals mentioned in reference letter.

Since Anthony Joseph Amersbach has been taken into custody, the lead designated for this Office in report of Special Agent H. S. Leslie dated at New York City, 7/26/37, will be disregarded.

Very truly yours,

J. E. DALTON  
Special Agent in Charge

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Chicago

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7-576-14696  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

775 Starks Building  
Louisville, Kentucky

**SPECIAL  
DELIVERY**

August 28,  
1937

Special Agent in Charge  
Indianapolis, Indiana

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you that on Sunday, August 29, 1937, Mr. Fred Spadie, accompanied by another man, will call upon you at your office for permission to talk to ANTHONY J. AMERSBACH.

Mr. Spadie is the business partner of AMERSBACH in Louisville and desires to see him for the purpose of either buying him out or making some other arrangements in order to secure full title and interest to their road-house in this district.

Mr. Spadie has cooperated to the fullest extent with Agents of this Division and would be willing to impart any information he may have to you, should you desire same.

If possible, it is respectfully requested that you make some arrangements with the County Jailer in order that Spadie may interview AMERSBACH. I am sure Mr. Spadie would not object to having an Agent, if you so desire, sit in on the interview.

Very truly yours,

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O. C. DENEY  
Special Agent in Charge.

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1308 Masonic Temple Building  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
August 26, 1937

Special Agent in Charge  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Special Agent F. A. Fletcher has advised that he was approached by Officer Weeks of the Monroe, Louisiana Police Department, who states that Mrs. Phillip David who has been referred to in communications from your office dated June 10 and July 31, 1937, and who was recently interviewed by Special Agent John L. Madala, received some telephone calls from a Greek in Hot Springs, Arkansas since her marriage to David, that Mr. David told Weeks about a week before August 1, 1937 that his wife was then in Hot Springs.

Officer Weeks further informed that he had made inquiries about Mrs. David when she first came to Monroe through a brother-in-law of his who lives in Hot Springs, and received information that Mrs. David lived with a Greek up there for some time following her husband's death. Weeks could not recall the Greek's name, but said he would try to find it out.

It further appears that Mr. David has informed Officer Weeks of interviews with Mrs. David by Agents of this Bureau.

The foregoing is submitted to you as a matter of information.

Very truly yours,

J. A. Smith, Jr.  
Special Agent in Charge

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August 28, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of August 10, 1937,  
transmitting certain of the original exhibits, i.e. ransom letters  
and envelopes, in the above-entitled matter.

As a matter of record it is noted that the following  
original letters in the case were not forwarded:

Original letter to Walter W. Magee beginning,  
"Dear Walter - I'm sorry to have called on you."

Envelope in which above was received addressed,  
"Mr. Walter W. Magee".

Original letter beginning, "Dearest Patz. Please  
don't worry".

Envelope in which above was received addressed,  
"Mrs. Edward G. Bremer".

Original letter to Dr. Hippert beginning, "Dear  
Doctor; I am inclosing herewith two letters".

Envelope in which above was inclosed addressed,  
"Dr. H. T. Hippert, Lory Building, St. Paul,  
Minnesota."

Envelope containing typewritten address, "Dr. H. T.  
Hippert. Personal. Please deliver at once."

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Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Baughman  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Dawsey  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Foxworth  
Mr. Glavin  
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Envelope in which note to Charles McGee or Adolph Bremer beginning "YOUR LAST CHANCE", was received, addressed, "Walter McGee and Adolph Bremer".

Original note to Charles McGee or payoff man (John B. Brakeham) beginning, "We now cancel previous instructions".

Envelope in which above was received addressed, "Mr. John B. Brakeham".

Original letter beginning, "My dearest Pats and Hertz".

Envelope in which above was received addressed, "To Ed Bremer's Wife".

Original letter beginning, "My dear Father. I have seen the newspaper".

Envelope in which above was received addressed, "Adolph Bremer, Personal".

Original letter beginning, "My Dear Father Deere; I am calling on you".

Envelope in which above was received addressed, "Reverend John Deere, Prior Lake, Minnesota".

Original letter beginning, "My Dear Lil, as my old standby".

Original envelope in which above was received addressed, "Miss Lillian L. Dickman, 1085 Cortland Street, St. Paul, Minnesota".

Envelope in which note beginning "Chas. McGee or Honest Adolph" was received, addressed, "Walter McGee or Adolph Bremer".

Envelope in which note beginning "Adolph Bremer. We are now dealing with you" was received, addressed, "To Adolph Bremer".

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

2401 Sterick Building,  
Memphis, Tennessee,  
August 26, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to a letter dated at Glens Falls, New York, August 12, 1937, addressed to your Field Division relative to the disposition of Federal Reserve note on the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota, bearing serial number 104426165-A, being held by the First National Bank, Glens Falls, New York.

In that connection, kindly be informed that the matter has been called to the attention of Special Agent E. W. Meekins, now assigned to the Memphis Field Division, and he has informed that it is his present recollection that the First National Bank of Glens Falls advised the Buffalo Field Division about October 6, 1934, that they had received the above Federal Reserve note in question and had found it to be part of the ransom money in either the Bremer or Lindbergh kidnapping cases. It is Special Agent Meekins' recollection that either he or Special Agent Dorcherty, formerly assigned to the Buffalo Office, submitted a report covering investigations at Glens Falls relative to the above matter about October 10, 1934, in either the Bremer kidnapping case or the Kanno matter. It is Agent Meekins' further recollection that about the time in question extensive investigations were being made by the Buffalo Field Division in the Bremer and related cases relative to information that Alvin Karpis had been at Lake George, New York, about that time, and that later "Pretty Boy" Floyd was reported to have spent considerable time in and around Buffalo, New York.

It is most likely that full particulars relative to the above Federal Reserve note will be found in the Bremer matter in reports from your office dated about October 15, 1934. Agent Meekins advises he recalls an interview relative to an official matter with bank officials of Glens Falls, but is presently unable to recall the details thereof.

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Very truly yours,

cc. Bureau  
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New York

W. A. ROBER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Form No. 1  
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FILE NO. 7-7

REPORT MADE AT <b>Peoria, Illinois</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8-30-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8-17-37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>F. W. NICOL</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>DEB</b></span>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE I.O. 1232; ANTHONY J. AMERSBACH, with aliases - FUGITIVE; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> No record of Kate Means at the Illinois State Penitentiary for Women, Dwight, Illinois.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- R U C -</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of Special Agent H. A. Loughran, Detroit, Michigan, dated 7-9-37.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> <u>AT DWIGHT, ILLINOIS.</u></p> <p>Mrs. Stewart, Assistant Superintendent, Illinois State Penitentiary for Women, caused a thorough search to be made of all records of this institution, without finding any information at all concerning a prisoner named Kate Means. The name of Kate Means was unfamiliar to Mrs. Stewart, and she made inquiry among employees of the Penitentiary, without finding anyone who recalled a Kate Means.</p> <p>Mrs. Stewart explained that this institution is comparatively new, having only been in existence since 1929. Prior thereto, women prisoners were sent to the Illinois State Penitentiary, at Joliet, and this institution received women prisoners up until 1933. Since 1933, all women felons in the State of Illinois are sent to Dwight, the Reformatory being converted into a penitentiary at this time.</p> <p>There is no other women's penal institution in Dwight, Illinois.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.</p>			
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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

August 20, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Reference is made to Fugitive Index #7551, Bureau File #7-576, submitted by Unit One in the case of Anthony J. Amersbach, #FBI-84230. There are transmitted herewith two copies of an abstract of the criminal record of this person as disclosed by the files of the Identification Division.

The information listed below appears on the fingerprint card received on January 12, 1922, from the State Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio:

Color	White
Age	25 (1921)
Height	5' 7 1/2"
Weight	138
Hair	Dark chestnut
Eyes	Dark chestnut
Complexion	Dark

A bulletin received from the above mentioned institution on September 10, 1923, shows subject's build to be medium and indicates that the tip of his right 3rd finger is injured.

The fingerprint card received on August 5, 1919, from the State Reformatory, Mansfield, Ohio, shows subject's height to be 5' 7 3/8" and his weight to be 143 pounds. This fingerprint card also contains the following: Remarks: II. Small scar end "A" anterior; Complexion: Medium.

It is noted that the signature of this individual appears on each of the fingerprint cards mentioned above. His fingerprint classification is as follows:

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There are transmitted herewith two copies of a photograph of this person, taken at the State Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio, in connection with his incarceration in that institution on December 24, 1921. This is the only photograph of this subject available in the files of the Identification Division.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder.

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POST OFFICE BOX 812,  
CHICAGO, ILL. 60612.

August 30, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

In re: BREKID

As a result of the request contained in your letter to the Chicago division dated August 13, 1937, appropriate inquiry was made at the offices of the Chicago Daily Tribune, the Chicago Herald and Examiner and the Chicago Times. There are enclosed herewith one photostatic copy each of three articles which appeared in the Chicago Herald and Examiner about Alvin Karpis, as suggested in your letter. One is dated December 6, 1934, entitled "A Mother's Plea To Alvin Karpis, Nation's Public Enemy No. 1, 'Surrender For Me'". The second article is dated October 20, 1935, and has the heading "Picked Squad To Take No Chances With 'No. 1 Enemy'", and the third article is dated December 1, 1935, with the heading "Public Fails To Aid Agents In Hunt For 3 Snatchers". It may be observed that all of the before mentioned articles contain a photograph of Karpis and the last mentioned article refers to him as "Public Enemy No. 1", along with William Mahan and Thomas Robinson as Public Enemies Nos. 2 and 3.

It is suggested that one of these articles may be the one referred to in your letter. The originals of the above mentioned clippings were obtained from Mr. Paul Capan, Reference Department, Room 419, Chicago Herald and Examiner offices, Hearst Building, Chicago. It should also be observed that the original newspapers containing these articles are available only at the office of Mr. R. S. Henshaw, Room 502, 187 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, at a cost of one cent per day for each day that has elapsed since the article was published. If the original newspaper containing any of the before mentioned articles is desired, this office should be advised.

A photostatic copy of each of the articles is forwarded herewith to the Bureau and Cincinnati division for completion of their files.

Very truly yours,

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D. E. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# PICKED SQUAD TO TAKE NO CHANCES WITH 'NO. 1 ENEMY'

Fernekes Believed  
to Have Joined  
His Gang.

## FLED PRISON

Recent Bank Raid  
Laid to Alvin's  
Outfit.

A special squad of "G" men, bearing the drastic order, "Shoot to kill," is hot on the trail today of Alvin Karpis, America's Public Enemy No. 1, and the end of the career of the man considered the most dangerous criminal now at large is expected at any hour.

As in the cases of John Dillinger, "Pretty Boy" Floyd and others, the officers will take no chances on Karpis beating another rap, breaking out of another jail or wriggling a release from another sentimental parole board. They will be judge, jury and executioners on the spot, it is indicated.

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## PUBLIC FAILS TO AID AGENTS IN HUNT FOR 3 'SNATCHERS'

Owners of Ransom  
Money Slow to Aid  
U. S. Operatives

### FREE SPENDING

Karpis, Robinson  
and Mahan Still  
at Large

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Leaving a broad trail of "marked money" as they travel across the United States, America's three most famous fugitive criminals today are mocking the herded efficiency of police and federal agents.

"Public Enemies Nos. 1 and 2 and 3," each a dangerous desperado, have proved themselves able to outwit the authorities—although, all are subnormal thugs.

With more than \$150,000 to spend, William Mahan (whose real name is William Dainard), Thomas Robinson, Jr., and Alvin Karpis are apparently moving in complete freedom—despite the fact that the serial numbers of their money have been broadcast.

### ALL ARE 'FREE MEN'

The federal "G" men, boasting a "100 per cent successful" record





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ALVIN KARPIS.

"Worse than Dillinger."

another and all have jail breaks and records of officers in their records.

Karpis, a tall, thin man, and Fernekes, who is about 5 feet tall, are believed the sinister "Mutt and Jeff" robber team who led four others in a spectacular raid on the University State Bank last month, shooting a policeman, a woman and three bystanders.

Whether Campbell is still with Karpis is not certain, for authorities sought to use Campbell's weakness for women to put the gang on the spot and with Dillinger's betrayal by a woman fresh in his mind, Karpis may have cut loose from Campbell, the petticoat chaser.

### THREAT BY KARPIS.

Officers trailed Campbell for days, hoping he would lead them to Karpis.

Karpis, who the authorities say has had a hand in twelve murders, is the only living criminal to have taunted J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the "G" men, with a death threat. A letter to Hoover at the Department of Justice, Washington, said: "Lay off or I'll kill you. Karpis."

The letter was suspected first of being a hoax, but not only was the

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Robinson, disguised as a woman, is declared to have visited New York night clubs, attracting some attention by his free spending of large sums of money. A youth of only 23, 6 feet tall, with girlish gray eyes and feminine mannerisms, his disguise makes him harder to recognize.

### AIDED BRUNO RIEDEL.

But the money he is spending is marked money, police believe it should have led to his arrest long ago.

Mrs. Frances A. Robinson, wife of the kidnaper, will recently acquired with her father-in-law, Thomas A. Robinson Sr., of a charge of aiding in the kidnaping of Mrs. Sten.

A classic example of the value of "marked money" in capturing kidnapers is the Lindbergh case. The public's co-operation was volunteered and every bank compared large numbers of old certificates with the Lindbergh ransom list. When Bruno Richard Hauptmann passed one of the bills at a filling station, the attendant, believing it might be a counterfeit, and wrote the license number of it. The bank clerk recognized it as a ransom bill, and the license number led to Hauptmann's arrest.

In the Bremer and Robinson cases bills of an easily identifiable kind were not used.

### BILLS BORE INITIALS.

In the Weyerhaeuser case, however, Mahan and his confederates accepted ransom bills that the "citizens' posse" should easily recognize. A widespread effort was made to do so.

All of the Weyerhaeuser ransom bills were of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, and bore the initials L and A, one preceding and the other following the certificate's number. No large bills were in the ransom, however, as it was paid in \$5, \$10 and \$20 certificates.

No explanation is given by "G" men, other than what is explained above, for their failure to capture "Public Enemies 2 and 3." Reports of the fugitives' whereabouts are frequent, and "G" men with machine guns and rifles rush to reputed hideaways. Recently Dainard, alias Mahan, was reported in Lower California. Pictures of Mahan were identified as those of a man who had been there "prospecting," and carrying a closely guarded knapsack, supposed to contain the remainder of the \$300,000 Weyerhaeuser ransom.

But, although the "citizens' posse" had given the tip and helped to attempt to locate him, the fugitive

The authorities know this, and so watch closely every "stooped" man, and yet Karpis has passed unchallenged through police cordons in New York, Chicago and other big cities to attend sporting events. He is even suspected of having mingled with society folk at the Saratoga race meet.

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**"MIDGET" TERNEKES,**  
Quick on the trigger.

most of the money gambling.

The Lansing penitentiary freed him on parole and he went back to the Middle West underworld, which had known him for years.

Karpis, only 36 when freed from jail, began his career in Chicago's West Side, the son of a janitor. From small beginnings he made his way steadily into the upper brackets of western bad men—his baby-blue eyes with their menacing glare helping him work his way up. His desperadoes as Frank Nash and Ernie Miller were afraid of him, and took him into their gangs. He helped, "G" men say, plan the famous Kansas City massacre, in which three law enforcement officers were slain.

#### SWITCH TO KIDNAPING.

He helped Dillinger rise by leading his men in robberies of "thief-proof" banks, and, when Dillinger began to slide because he was "too hot," Karpis lined up with Fred Barker, and shared with Kate ("Ma") Barker the distinction of being the brains of the Barker mob. They stuck to bank robberies for many months; then, suddenly, they switched to kidnaping.

When the authorities rounded up the Barker gang after the Bremer kidnaping, Arthur ("Doc") Barker and others were convicted. "Ma" Barker and Fred Barker fled to Florida, where they were killed by police. Karpis alone managed to escape—and stay at liberty.

When Karpis, who had been at the Florida hangout with Camp-

## and Mahan Still at Large

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Leaving a broad trail of "marked money" as they travel across the United States, America's three most famous fugitive criminals today are mocking the herded efficiency of police and federal agents.

"Public Enemies Nos. 1 and 2 and 3," each a dangerous desperado, have proved themselves able to outwit the authorities—although, all are subnormal thugs.

With more than \$150,000 to spend, William Mahan (whose real name is William Dainard), Thomas Robinson, Jr., and Alvin Karpis are apparently moving in complete freedom—despite the fact that the serial numbers of their money have been broadcast.

#### ALL ARE "FREE MEN."

The federal "G" men, boasting a "100 per cent successful" record



**ALVIN KARPIS.**

#### "Hound" in 3-month chase.

In solving big kidnaping cases, are trying to find explanations for the fact that the three fugitives are able to elude their most elaborate nets.

Heavily financed, the masterminds of the Bremer, Weverhaeuser and Stoll kidnapings are to all intents and purposes free men today, going where they please, without restriction.

But while they embarrass the "G-men," these "Public Enemies" are also mocking the general public—for thousands and thousands of citizens have been enlisted in a nation-wide "posse," without result.

You may have a ransom bill in your wallet right this minute—which, if turned in to the local "G" men, would lead to a fugitive's arrest and win you a substantial cash reward.

#### FEW BILLS TURNED IN.

Take, for instance, the case of Robinson. He received \$50,000

**JEENS!**

**ALSO**

## GANG, IS DELICATE

Former's Weakness for Women  
Perils Mob; Traced Through  
'Petticoats' in Atlantic City

that of Karpis but his fingerprints were found on the paper.

What led to the deft no one knows, for criminals don't ordinarily go out of their way to send letters to Federal men who are on their trail. But the brilliant Karpis may have mailed the letter in one city to throw suspicion away from the city in which he intended to make his hideout.

### SCORNS BODYGUARD.

Hoover, scorning Karpis' threat, appears without a bodyguard at public functions. He believes Karpis is "too yellow" to shoot him even behind his back.

Karpis, who is 5 feet 11 inches tall—a veritable "human skeleton"—walks with a pronounced stoop, to disguise his height, and tries to hide his face by keeping his chin buried in his coat collar. The authorities know this, and so watch closely every "stooped" man, and yet Karpis has passed unchallenged through police cordons in New York, Chicago and other big cities to attend sporting events. He is even suspected of having mingled with society folk at the Saratoga race meet.

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Trail Leads  
Across the  
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TIPS FAIL

Agents Out to Keep  
Perfect Record  
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ransom for releasing Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll after she was kidnaped at Louisville, Ky., in October, 1934. The serial numbers of this money were sent to every bank in the United States and to thousands of filling-stations, stores, railroad stations and hotels.

Yet despite pleas by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the "G" men, that every citizen handling money keep a careful watch for ransom bills, few have been reported. Enough are discovered by the "G" men from time to time to show that ransom money is being spent. But a lack of activity by the "public posse" leaves Robinson safe from pursuit.

The same is true of Mahan, who engineered the \$200,000 kidnaping of little George Weyerhaeuser at Tacoma, Wash., in May, 1933. His confederates were arrested, but Mahan, with \$100,000 to spend as he pleased, remained free. As in the Robinson case, the serial numbers of the bills were widely circulated and the "citizens' posse" asked to help. But the bills keep cropping up at the federal reserve banks without any clues as to their origin.

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# A MOTHER'S PLEA

To Alvin Karpis, Nation's  
Public Enemy No. 1

## 'SURRENDER—FOR ME!'

Government agents continued their relentless search for Public Enemy Alvin Karpis last night, ready to shoot him down. But terrified by the shoot-to-kill orders issued since two government agents and Karpis' comrade, "Baby Face" Nelson, died in a death battle, Karpis' mother, Mrs. John Karpavicz of 2842 N. Francisco av., broadcast this appeal for him to surrender:

TO ALVIN KARPIS.

My Dearest Son:

You are playing a game you cannot win. The government men have sworn to track you, and they shoot to kill.

You must give yourself up. Don't make it necessary for them to kill you. There is a way out of this, no matter what you have done.

I have been guaranteed that you will get a square deal—if you will surrender. It is the only way to save yourself from being shot down by government guns.

To show this letter is from me, I am giving The Herald and Examiner an old picture of you, taken when you were 14. You will recognize it. No one else could have it. It is a token from me to you.

You can get in touch with me through the city editor of The Herald and Examiner. You need have no fear in sending messages through the paper. They will reach me and no one else, and arrangements will be made for you to surrender.

It isn't much I'm asking of you. Please, my son, do this for me.

With all my love,

YOUR MOTHER.



ALVIN KARPIS—The picture his mother gave as a token.

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Who is  
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mate tax-  
payer?  
Mostly  
the con-  
sumer.  
Does the  
payer  
get the  
credit for  
lending?



Richard W. Child.

Oh, no.  
The government gets the  
raise for lending.  
How much has been loaned?  
Oh, about SEVEN THOU-  
SAND MILLION DOLLARS  
enough to fight a big war.  
Was it needed?  
Much of it was needed to re-  
lieve distress and to make  
money circulate.  
It was a NECESSITY of  
emergency.  
It gave some debtors who  
owed a hundred-cent dollar a  
chance to borrow a 60-cent  
dollar to pay 100-cent debts.

**W**HO loaned the money?  
The RFC was one  
agency. Half of the money  
loaned has been paid back.  
Some — NOT MUCH — will  
EVER come back. Why?  
The security was no good.  
What about the farm credit  
administration with nearly  
three billion loaned?  
Was that necessary? Yes.  
Every one has known for sev-  
eral years that over-valued  
land and over-production  
meant ultimate relief.  
Will the money come back?  
**LET'S SEE UNCLE SAM  
COLLECT IT!**  
What about the Home Own-  
ers' Loan Corporation? It has  
given a two thousand million-  
dollar credit through its agen-  
cies.  
Will the money come back?  
**LET US WAIT AND SEE  
ANY POLITICAL PARTY  
WITH LOVE OF LIFE  
SUGGEST SQUEEZING  
COLLECTION BY AN  
AGENCY OUT OF THE  
HUNDREDS OF THOU-**

liquidating construction jobs.  
There is not even a pretense  
behind the scenes in Washing-  
ton that the Treasury will ever  
see repayment of much of this  
money, especially where com-  
munities receiving it have po-  
litical power.

**NO ONE CAN COM-  
PLAIN THAT IN EMER-  
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**THE PEOPLE WILL  
GIVE RELIEF FOR HU-  
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CURE PANIC AND TO  
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**THE PEOPLE GIVE IT,  
NOT THE GOVERNMENT,  
AND THE AMERICAN  
PEOPLE—THE TAXPAY-  
ERS—DESERVE THE  
THANKS.**

**WHAT IS DANGEROUS  
IS TO DECEIVE OUR-  
SELVES AS TO OUR NA-  
TIONAL ASSETS.**

Credit for money advanced  
to a borrower LOOKS like an  
asset.

**IT IS NO ASSET IF IT IS  
NOT COLLECTIBLE UN-  
DER A POLITICAL SYS-  
TEM.**

**I**N other words, it is doubt-  
ful whether an investment  
banking house, no matter how  
good its reputation, could use  
the kind of promises to pay  
held by Uncle Sam and induce  
you and your neighbors to in-  
vest your savings in those  
promises at par.

**IN THE END, UNCLE  
SAM—WHOSE CREDIT IS  
STILL BETTER THAN  
FOREIGN NATIONS  
THINK—WILL HAVE TO  
WIPE OFF SOME OF HIS  
BOOK CREDITS.**

**IN THE END, HE WILL  
HAVE TO SAY, "IT WAS  
LARGELY EMERGENCY  
RELIEF PROVIDED BY  
THE PEOPLE AND NOT  
BY POLITICAL PARTIES.  
THAT IS WHAT IT WAS!  
COMMON SENSE AND  
TRUTH KNEW IT ALL  
THE TIME!"**

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

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

August 31, 1937

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Reference is made to memorandum of August 26, 1937, as to the information being considered for possible delivery to the local authorities at Toledo, Ohio, as concerning various persons as to whom information was developed during our search of the members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

As to this I believe it would be preferable to set up briefly that in the investigation looking to the apprehension of the members of the Barker-Karpis gang, certain information, as will be hereinafter indicated, was disclosed as to the activities of certain persons, officially connected and otherwise, which may be of assistance to them in such investigation as is further necessary by them, if they consider the facts to warrant such action.

We might also indicate to them that recently there was prosecuted in Toledo, Ohio, the various persons recently indicted charged with being accessories after the fact to the Bremer kidnaping and the harboring of Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis, and that incidental to such investigation the matters hereinafter furnished to them were disclosed; that possibly the condition indicated by the information furnished made it possible whereby Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis and various other members of the gang were able to obtain aid and assistance in Toledo, Ohio, which made very difficult their location and apprehension. The conditions existing indicate a possibility of connivance of certain of these individuals with people in official capacity, however, we are leaving this for consideration with reference to the following situations and facts as presented.

I would suggest that thereafter there be set up by witnesses the statements as made to us by these persons in detail, without any reference to what we believe this portrays other than possibly to identify certain persons therein mentioned as has been indicated by our investigation.

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Memorandum for the Director

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Except in very rare instances, I do not believe we should furnish information which has been furnished to us in confidence by certain individuals and where it is necessary due to its great importance to furnish such information, it is believed that we can then indicate that this was furnished by a confidential informant whom we are not at liberty to disclose at any time.

There were several police officers who furnished such information confidentially as a basis of leads to run out other information which might prove of value to us in our inquiry and to disclose this at this time it is believed that the local authorities might readily determine from the information furnished who the individual was and provided nothing was done by the City Administration as to the information we furnish this might lead to some embarrassment to these officers and subsequent action by those in authority as against them.

This information will have to be worked up from the file and it is believed that Agent Wynn could do this and in doing so, it is believed it would be preferable to set out the information as to each witness separately in order that, if necessary, any we do not desire to furnish could be readily eliminated.

As to the information set out concerning the Cleveland situation, I do not believe this is sufficient to give it the added importance of a formal delivery of same to the local authorities. It might only be interpreted as a definite indication of the limited amount of information we really had as to the Cleveland situation, particularly as concerned the possible corruption of the local police officers.

Very respectfully,

*E. J. Connelley*  
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Inspector

MEMORANDUM

AUGUST 26 1937

Telephones Garfield 4780 and Garfield 9241 are listed to Ardell Quinn of 1916 East 84th Street in Cleveland, Ohio. On August 17, 1936 at 7:48 P.M., an outgoing telephone call was made to Fairmount 6296, at which time Ardell Quinn informed the person on this telephone to watch out because "the big shot down town" was watching him very closely. The man to whom this call was made said he would inform him. This telephone is listed to Emmet J. Potts of 2114 Lamberton Road, Cleveland.

At 8:50 A.M., on August 19, 1936, a telephone call was made by Ardell Quinn to Main 1234 in an effort to reach Sergeant Harr at the 11th precinct. Later on the same morning, Ardell called Sergeant Fike at the 7th precinct, identified herself as his cousin, expressed regret that she was not home last night and invited Sergeant Fike to come out and bring Dolly Bishop with him. Fike indicated that Dolly Bishop was unable to come, but that he, Fike, would come out tomorrow.

On September 9, 1936, Ardell Quinn called Captain Aufmuth, Main 1234, identified herself as his cousin, and asked if Captain Aufmuth could come over. Captain Aufmuth said he would be over that night.

On September 11, 1936 at 6:40 P.M., Ardell received a telephone call from a man who told her to lay low and lay off for a while, since "they are getting tough down town". The calling person advised that Savage from down town was there that day and mentioned Ardell's name, although the man said he told Savage to stay away from Ardell's place. The calling party stated that "MacFarland and all the big guys are out" and that they were getting busy on Cornell Street; that Ardell should lay low for the rest of the week.

A similar call was received by Ardell at 8:04 P.M., on September 11, 1936, at which time Ardell was again advised that the squad from down town had been raising hell in that precinct. Ardell inquired about whom she should call or inquire about it, and the other party said that Harrell of the 11th precinct would know more about it than anybody else, and Ardell indicated that she knew Harrell fairly well. The calling party indicated that he, too, would contact Harrell and see what he could find out.

At 8:10 P.M., on September 11, 1936, Ardell tried to reach Sergeant Harrell at the 11th precinct and made other calls to this place, at 9:25 A.M., on September 12 and 3:10 P.M., on the same day, without success. At 9:50 A.M., on September 13, 1936, however, Ardell talked to Sergeant Harrell, identified herself as his cousin, and made an appointment



to see him at Ardell's house at 3:30 P.M., Harrell indicating that he would be there at the appointed time.

On September 26, 1936 at 1:10 P.M., Ardell called Sergeant Fife of the 11th Precinct, identified herself as his cousin, and Fife stated that he would come over at 2:30 to see her.

On September 26, 1936 at 3:15 P.M., a man called the police exchange and asked for Inspector Carey, was referred to the lieutenant's office and spoke to a man who identified himself as Inspector Carey. The party calling stated that he was at Carey's cousin's house and was endeavoring to locate one of the girls who went to the beauty parlor and had not returned. The name of this girl was Gypsy Currier, and it is to be noted that in a previous call at 1:10 P.M., to Sergeant Fife, Ardell had attempted to tell him about a girl friend who had gone to a beauty parlor the previous day, but Fife broke in and told Ardell that he would come over and talk to her. The person calling Inspector Carey asked him to check in the women's place and if this girl was there to call him at Garfield 9241. At 3:30 P.M., an incoming telephone call on telephone Garfield 9241 advised the person answering the telephone that there were only two women in the women's place; one being a colored girl and the other a girl being held on a traffic charge.

At the time of her arrest on the night of September 26, 1936, Ardell Quinn was searched and there were found address books containing the following names:

W. Carey,  
11210 Clifton Boulevard,  
Lakewood 2917W.

James Hughes, Jr.,  
1420 West 101st Street,  
Woodbine 1306.

Emmet Potts,  
2114 Lamberton Road,  
Shaker Heights,  
Fairmount 6296.

Eugene Aufmuth,  
12431 Osceola Avenue,  
Glenville 8242.

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see ME

MEMORANDUM

August 26, 1937

Investigation conducted by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation during the past several years in connection with the operations of the Barker-Karpis gang has disclosed that certain officers of the Toledo, Ohio, Police Department have been intimately associated with persons known to harbor wanted criminals, and strong indications have been developed that certain of these officers have been collecting graft from various persons engaged in illegal activities. The following information, set forth in resume form, is prepared only to serve as the basis for the conducting of appropriate inquiry into these matters by persons having an official interest therein, and is not intended to constitute complete evidence concerning the activities outlined.

George Timiney of the Toledo, Ohio, Police Department for several years prior to May of 1935, was very friendly with Theodore and Bert Angus, who operated a night club known as the Casino, located on Summit Street in Point Place, Ohio, a suburb of Toledo. The Angus brothers in Federal Court at Cleveland, Ohio, on July 12, 1937, were sentenced to serve two years and ten months imprisonment and fined \$500.00 each for having harbored members of the Barker-Karpis gang who were the kidnapers of Edward George Bremer of St. Paul, Minnesota. Members of this gang frequented the Casino, particularly in the Spring and Summer of 1934, while they were fugitives. It was because of their friendship with the Angus brothers and other Toledo underworld characters that these fugitives were able to avoid apprehension for a considerable period of time.

From various sources information was received that Theodore Angus was a vice graft collector for Mayor Thatcher of Toledo, and that all protection money for the operation of houses of prostitution was collected by Theodore Angus, who at that time was aligned with the Licavoli gang in Toledo. Information from reliable sources at Toledo disclosed that Captain George Timiney was very friendly with the Angus brothers during this period of time, and undoubtedly received from them a portion of the protection money which was collected.

An official of the Toledo Police Department has advised that it was common knowledge that Theodore Angus was a graft collector and vice boss in Toledo, and that he was an intimate friend of Captain George Timiney, and further, that the Angus brothers collected graft from underworld circles for a period of six or seven years while George Timiney was head of the vice and hoodlum squad of the Toledo Police Department.

A detective of the Toledo Police Department has advised that he was satisfied beyond all doubt that George Timiney was collecting money for protection afforded people engaged in illegal activities. Another member

of the Toledo Police Department who served on the vice squad in 1931 advised that Theodore Angus came into power and exercised a great deal of control over rackets subsequent to the time that George Timiney was appointed as head of the vice squad. This officer alleges that George Timiney and Theodore Angus used Maxine Belmont for the collection of protection money from the madames of houses of prostitution, and that Maxine Belmont turned the money over to Theodore Angus who paid it to Timiney, who in turn made the proper payoff to other officials. It was alleged that these payoffs extended to newspaper reporters who covered the city hall, and that proprietors of gambling houses paid graft money directly to Theodore Angus. It is further alleged that when George Timiney was sued by Deane Allen, Theodore Angus appeared as a character witness for Timiney. Information of a similar nature was received from several other police officers and detectives of the Toledo Police Department who appeared to be personally familiar with this situation. Information concerning the intimacy of Captain Timiney with Theodore Angus may be obtained from the former paramours of both of these men.

Allegations were made that Captain Timiney was intimately associated with Detective Art Langendorf in the collection of graft.

A former paramour of Captain Timiney claimed that during the time he lived with her, he turned over to her his monthly salary check of \$182.00, but that this check represented a very small portion of his income, and that during the regime of Mayor Clotz, Timiney was active in the collection of graft, which was split with Charles J. Matthews, then Director of Public Welfare. This paramour claimed that during this period, she had often searched Timiney's clothes when he would come home drunk, and had found small rolls of bills scattered in various pockets of his clothing and that she had found on other occasions rolls of money hidden in his room. This person claimed that on some occasions, money totaling as much as \$1,600 would be in Timiney's possession. From this source, it was ascertained that during the Clotz administration, protection money which Timiney was alleged to have collected was supposed to amount to between five and six thousand dollars a year, of which Timiney and Matthews took about 95% of the money, leaving about 5% for "poor old Clotz". During this period of time, it is alleged that Captain Timiney was very friendly with other hoodlums, and that he was a very heavy drinker; that he would stay in his house dressed in his bath robe for days at a time refusing to answer the telephone regardless of the identity of the person calling.

In February of 1934, when Captain Timiney was at the Casino Club with Bert and Theodore Angus, Timiney, evidently at the suggestion of the Angus Brothers, sent officers of the hoodlum squad to the Algeo Hotel to arrest Willie Harrison, the officers bringing Harrison to the Casino Club where the Angus brothers denied knowing him, when as a matter of fact they were both well acquainted with him. The arrest of Harrison on this occasion was perpetrated as a joke, and was ultimately revealed to Harrison as such. William J. Harrison, the individual referred to, was a "front man" for the Barker-Karpis gang, and arranged for and rented apartments and other outside contacts for them. At the time of his arrest by members of the hoodlum squad, as set out above, he was being sought by the Hammond, Indiana, Police Department for assault and battery with intent to commit rape, in connection with which charge he had defaulted on a \$5000.00 bond.

An employee of the Casino Club during 1933 and 1934 related that on a number of occasions he had recognized madames of houses of prostitution calling at the Casino Club with money in sealed envelopes for Theodore Angus; that on an average of from fifteen to twenty such madames called at the Casino Club each week, generally coming in taxicabs, and that Captain George Timiney of the Toledo Police Department visited the Casino Club on an average of two or three times a week.

An officer, at one time attached to the hoodlum squad of the Toledo Police Department, advised that it was the practice of the hoodlum squad in their tour of duty to visit the Casino Club about 12:30 A.M., when customers from other night clubs in town which had closed at midnight came to the Casino. It is to be noted in this regard that the Casino did not close at midnight, although the license under which it operated evidently required such closing, and that from various sources, it has been stated that officers of the hoodlum squad under Captain Timiney and accompanied by him often called at the Casino Club during the early morning hours. Such calls occurred as often as three or four times a week, with calls once or twice a day during the week. Similar information concerning the intimacy of Captain Timiney and Theodore Angus was received from several other police officers several of whom were assigned at one time or another to the hoodlum squad. It also appears that members of the hoodlum squad knew that Willie Harrison was wanted in connection with some charge in the State of Indiana at or shortly subsequent to the time of the facetious arrest made of him.

An officer, a former member of the vice squad, advised that members of the vice squad were instructed by Captain Timiney not to enter houses of prostitution, but to confine their activities to prostitutes soliciting on the streets, and that while a member of the vice squad, he heard remarks to the effect that George Timiney and Theodore Angus collected graft from houses of prostitution.

Another officer, formerly assigned to the vice squad, advised that instructions were issued to the vice squad to confine their activities to street walkers. It is further alleged by this officer that on one occasion in the Fall of one year when Captain Timiney was taken off of the vice squad, Theodore Angus immediately went to Florida and remained there until Timiney was again placed in charge of the vice squad. This information was corroborated by another detective of the police department.

A police officer of the Toledo Police Department advised that several years ago, before a person could engage in any racket in Toledo, he had to get the approval of Bert and Theodore Angus, and that it was commonly known that George Timiney was an "in" for Theodore Angus in the police department. This officer also stated that the average police officer at that time was convinced that Captain Timiney was crooked. Statements of a similar nature were received from other officers.

One Toledo Police Officer advised that he had heard rumors to the effect that Captain Timiney actually owned an interest in the Casino Club. This officer, at one time assigned to the vice squad, stated that members of the squad were ordered to keep out of houses of prostitution except upon the receipt of a "basket" complaint, which term described a written complaint placed in the basket assigned to the vice squad, and that these complaints were usually received shortly after the 15th of the month, it being alleged that the collection date of money to be paid by the operators of houses of prostitution was on the 15th of each month. Other officers at once time assigned to the vice squad furnished similar information concerning instructions issued to the vice squad to only arrest street walkers. One officer advised that when a member of the vice squad protested against the orders keeping members of the vice squad away from houses of prostitution, Timiney informed that the officers should take care of the street walkers, and that he, Timiney, would care for the houses.

A house of prostitution was opened in 1929 at 912 Cherry Street in Toledo, and was not disturbed by the police until late in the year of 1932.

During this three-year period, the operator of this house gave Christmas presents to officers of the vice squad. In October of 1932, "Firetop" Sulkin, a Licavoli gangster, demanded \$100.00 a month from the operator of this house for protection. The operator consulted another madam, who, in turn, suggested that Theodore Angus at the Casino Club be contacted, whereupon the first madam contacted Angus and was instructed by him to pay \$100.00 per month. The operator of this house refused to make this payment, and thereafter raids were led by Mike Rowan of the Police Department, there being three raids in one week, as a result of which this house of prostitution was forced to close.

Maude Noble, now deceased, who formerly operated a house of prostitution at 50 Wabash Street, has related that about 1932 at which time she operated a house at 202 Erie Street, word reached her that it would be necessary to see Theodore Angus and make arrangements for the privilege of operating unmolested by the police, whereupon she went to the Casino and was advised by Theodore Angus that it would be necessary for her to get into the "ring" at a cost of \$100.00 per month, payable in advance, and that the money was to be brought to the Casino in a sealed envelope; that in a few days after this she went to the Casino and left \$50.00 in an envelope with the bartender for Theodore Angus and during this same month made two additional trips to the Casino making \$25.00 payments on each occasion; that she only paid for this one month's protection, and immediately after the month was up, the vice squad made it so miserable for her by raiding her house that it was necessary for her to close up; that about July, 1935, when she was again opened, the vice squad "laid" on her place and that she was advised by Julius Davis who formerly operated the Davis-Hopkins Jewelry Company at 514 Adams Street, that the reason for the action of the vice squad was due to her failure to pay off; that he was the collector and that small houses were obliged to pay \$50.00 a month while the larger houses were assessed \$100.00 and up; that during that month she paid Davis \$50.00; that the following month she protested that she was not able to pay \$50.00 per month, and he told her that he would endeavor to get the price cut down to \$25.00, but that he never said anything more to her about paying protection month; that during the month she paid Davis the \$50.00 the vice squad never visited her house, but when she failed to pay the \$25.00 the following month, the vice squad came into the house and looked it over several times, and advised her that if a man had been found in the house, she would have been "pinched"; that after the vice squad started running through her house, she asked Davis the reason for it and he told her that he would talk to them and see if they would lay off.

Information was received but not checked that Fay Clarke, who operated a house of prostitution at 112 and 114 Nebraska Avenue, had informed various persons that she had to pay Theodore Angus \$100.00 a month for

protection, which she did until about 1932, during which time she was not raided. It is alleged that Charles Marea of 2100 Smead Avenue, who was manufacturing beer during the prohibition era, paid protection money to Theodore Angus, the payoff being in the amount of \$100.00 a month, which amount was later raised to \$500.00 a month.

Former entertainers and employees of the Casino Club can testify that George Timiney visited the Casino on several occasions, particularly in 1934, and that other members of the hoodlum squad frequently visited the Casino during this period. It has been alleged that it was customary for members of the hoodlum squad including Captain George Timiney to visit the Casino where they would order drinks; that Timiney visited the Casino more often than the other men on the squad, frequently coming to the Casino socially; that on several occasions he became intoxicated and remained at the Casino until five or six o'clock in the morning, during which time he was exceedingly friendly with the Angus brothers and would hold long conferences with them.

It is to be noted that information from various sources indicated that Captain Timiney and various members of the hoodlum squad were present at the Casino in 1934 on various occasions when liquor was being served after midnight in violation of the liquor license issued to the Casino.

Joseph Roscoe, a Toledo hoodlum whose record is on file in the Toledo Police Department under the name of Joseph Vedo, No. 6653 and who is presently serving a sentence in a United States Penitentiary for his participation with Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, members of the Barker-Karpis gang, in a mail robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, claimed that Captain George Timiney and Art Langendorf of the Police Department were very good friends of his and often went fishing with him. Information from other sources indicated that Langendorf and Timiney were very friendly with Joseph Roscoe, who had a financial interest in the Jovial Club, a gambling house at 631 St. Clair Street, and also operated the 42nd Street Cafe. Langendorf and Timiney were seen at Lakewide, Ohio, with Joseph Roscoe in his speed boat on several occasions, and during the same period, Timiney and Langendorf frequented the Middle Island bar in company with the Angus brothers. It is alleged that Captain Timiney visited Joseph Roscoe at his home on several occasions, and that Captain Timiney and Langendorf were frequent visitors at the 42nd Street Cafe, operated by Roscoe, where they visited with Roscoe.

Edith Barry operated a call house of prostitution at 524 Southard in Toledo, and is now serving a sentence in a United States Penitentiary

Charles J. Fitzgerald, an old-time bank robber now serving a life sentence in Alcatraz, informed Bureau Agents that he was well acquainted with Detective Art Langendorf of the Toledo Police Department.

Edith Barry, heretofore mentioned as the operator of a call house of prostitution at 524 Southard, is also described by other persons engaged in illegal activities as being a strong influence in police department circles of Toledo. Information was received to the effect that on two separate occasions police officers on the beat in which her house was located attempted to gain entrance to the house for the purpose of conducting an investigation to locate fugitives; that Edith Barry strenuously objected to a police officer entering her house, and got in touch with someone at the police department who had both of the police officers transferred from that beat. It is alleged that on another occasion a police officer entered Edith Barry's house of prostitution looking for a man, and that the Barry woman and the officer had a terrific verbal battle during which the police officer told the Barry woman that he was "all cop" and didn't give a damn if she was "King" over Mayor Clotz; that Edith Barry contacted Captain Fruchi of the police department, and was not thereafter bothered by this officer.

Charles O. Long, deceased, a confidence man of long experience, has advised that in 1933 confidence men working in Toledo arranged their "fixes" through Sam Hessler; that 10% of all swindles, which were called "scores", was paid for "fixes"; that it was understood at that time that Sergeant Bill Culver collected for Captain George Timiney; that in the Fall of 1931, he "steered" Hjalmer Nelson, a road contractor, from Muskegon, Michigan, into Toledo, Ohio, and swindled him out of \$70,000, and that between \$10,000 and \$15,000 of this amount went to Hessler for "fixing".

It is alleged that a member of the police department was removed from the vice squad and placed in uniform because he was too friendly and cooperative with Federal Agents.

A series of telephone calls was made over the telephone of Edith Barry, telephone Adams 4612, on March 15, 1936, to the police department and to other sources in an effort to reach Ford of the Detective Bureau, Edith Barry evidently endeavoring to ascertain the reason for or significance of the accelerated activity of police officers evidently investigating houses of prostitution. During this series of telephone conversations, reference was made to the fact that Moss and Holley, evidently police officers, called at her house and told her that Toledo was a closed town, and that while these officers were in her house, Nick Tracey was in the front room. Edith Barry told the person with whom she discussed this situation that she had cooperated with the police department by closing up for three or four days whenever they requested her to do so, and that she would now like some assurance. The person with whom she talked stated that he would get in touch with "Ray" and speak to him.



Telephone No. Main 5142 at Toledo is listed to the Amusement Games and Novelty Company, operated by Joe and Ben Fretti.

On August 20, 1936, at 5:01 P.M., a person called Joe Fretti advising that he had in his possession a regular police order issued to the officers concerning the pickup of vending machines. The person calling Fretti indicated that his number was 1836 and it is to be noted that Sergeant Clint Knudel resides at 1836 Fernwood Avenue in Toledo.

On September 9, 1936, a telephone call was received by Joe Fretti at which time Fretti stated that Sergeant Knudel and Lucas were going to see the Chief that afternoon in an effort to persuade him not to bother the machines which were in saloons, regardless of whether they were within 400 feet of the schools or not.

On September 15, 1936 at 3:55 P.M., Ben Fretti received a call from a person who stated that his name was "Tripp" and who made an appointment to meet Ben Fretti in exactly four minutes on the corner of Monroe and Ontario Streets. Following this conversation, Ben Fretti was observed engaged in a short conversation with two uniformed police officers at Monroe and Erie Streets in an old sedan bearing 1936 Ohio license No. 3844-C. This license is issued to William J. Tripp, 3844 Burton Street, Toledo, Ohio.

On August 28, 1936 at 10:50 A.M., Joe Fretti received a telephone call from one Carl Cooper, who talked to him about slot machines.

On September 8, 1936 at 11:27 A.M., Joe Fretti talked by telephone with a man who gave his name as Al Shearer, at which time Joe Fretti stated that Lucas had called that morning to tell him that the police were going to tighten up on pin ball machines, and that Lucas would give Joe Fretti a list of all machines which were located, evidently, within 400 feet of schools. When asked whether the police were grabbing the machines, Fretti said they were not; to allow the machines to operate as usual and that Joe Fretti would let Shearer know after he talked to Lucas.

On September 9, 1936 at 3:45 P.M., Shearer called Joe Fretti about motorcycle policemen calling on places where machines were operating, and Joe Fretti stated that he had gotten all of this information in advance, having a list of the places evidently to be raided. Joe Fretti indicated that he would notify the person calling when he would have to take the machines out.

On September 8, 1936 at 12:03 P.M., Lucas called one Fike and told him that he had "checked a few more spots for him", at which time Fike told Lucas that he had a package for him which he might pick up on his way home.

In a telephone conversation on September 9, 1936 at 12:15 P.M., one Fetzner talked to Joe Fretti, at which time Joe Fretti stated that Judge Merlin told one Cohen that if they fought the case, evidently relating to vending machines, Judge Merlin was going to render a not guilty verdict.

On September 9, 1936, one Cooper called Joe Fretti, at which time Joe Fretti stated that he had been over that morning to see Lucas and had the matter taken care of.

On September 18, 1936 at 11:15 A.M., one Mickey called on the telephone, at which time the incoming caller stated that an officer was accompanying inspectors to play the horse machines. The person at the Amusement Games and Novelty Company instructed the calling party to get the name of the police officer who was going around with the inspectors and that he would send Joe over to look after it. The person calling indicated that the name of the police officer was probably Wilson. During a subsequent conversation Joe Fretti, while talking with the receiver of his telephone down, stated: "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?"

On August 27, 1936 at 11:27 P.M., Ben Fretti stated in a telephone conversation with a man named Dick that if Dick would obtain the names of the patrolmen who were making inquiries about vending machines, he, Ben Fretti, would make certain that these police officers did not bother the calling party any longer.

On August 27, 1936 at 12:13 P.M., Guy Shearer called Ben Fretti and invited his attention to an advertisement in last night's paper concerning pin ball machines.

On August 18, 1936 at 4:15 P.M., a person called Joe Fretti and advised that the calling person was opening the Weatherly Cafe Thursday night and expected a big crowd, and wanted Joe Fretti to make arrangements whereby the calling party would not have to close at 2:30. A subsequent call indicated that Fretti could not handle this matter.

Telephone Adams 1556 was listed in the name of Maxine Belmont at 2105 Warren Street in Toledo, Ohio. At 1:15 P.M., on July 17, 1936, a telephone call on the telephone indicated that Holderman and another man entered the house and informed the operator that he would be back every hour for the rest of the day, tomorrow and Sunday.

Telephone calls on this telephone made references to "our boys" with statements inferring that these persons were police officers friendly with the operators of houses of prostitution. No definite statements, however, were made in this regard.

An outgoing telephone call on this telephone to Main 0596 at 2:44 P.M., on July 23, 1936, consisted of a discussion concerning the placing of \$5.00 in a sealed envelope to be given to a person named Maskier.

On July 29, 1936 at 2:35 A.M., a telephone call was observed in which one Maude indicated that two officers had been in the house that night and warned the persons not to allow more than two girls and three men at the house at any one time because "things were hot".

In a telephone call on August 3, 1936 at 12:09 A.M., one Rosie stated that the "captain" said he could have made it (evidently a raid) on Saturday night, but they gave him a break. A statement was made that one Schwartz was friendly with Rosie.

A telephone call was made on August 23, 1936 at 4:29 P.M., in which was contained a statement that Gilley and his partner were in the place the night before and Maxine had talked to them for an hour and a half.

Maxine, on September<sup>2</sup>/1936 in a telephone call to Adams 4530, advised that she was cooking a fish that Art Langendorf had given to her.

In a telephone call at 5:16 P.M., on September 3, 1936, a woman named Jennie told Maxine that Judge Ramey was up between eleven and eleven-thirty A.M., yesterday.

In the same call, Jennie stated that Fritz had been up to see the big boss and had seen Cookie and Gilley in connection with the raid they were planning on Kitty Diamond to be made after, evidently, a raid on another unnamed person's house.

At 7:09 P.M., on September 5, 1936, a telephone call made to Longdale 2787, listed to Harry K. Manson, indicated that Maxine, "Mrs. Thomas", desired Manson to call at 2105 Warren, and Manson indicated that he would stop in about two o'clock in the afternoon.

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
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Mr. Nichols  
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Copy to Mr. Tamm

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

September 1, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Sir:

Re: Brekid

*Edward B. Bremer*

Reference is made to your letter of August 28, 1937, containing information to the effect that Mrs. Margaret Eva Braun appeared at the Indianapolis office and made the allegation that she married Anthony Joseph Amersbach at Detroit, Michigan on June 6, 1926.

Please be advised that the criminal record of Anthony Joseph Amersbach reflects that he was received at the West Virginia State Penitentiary, Moundsville, West Virginia, as TOM GORDON, #13360, on November 10, 1923, under sentence of twenty-five years for armed robbery and remained in the penitentiary until August 24, 1926, when he was granted a stay of sentence for return to the Ohio State Penitentiary as an escape, being transferred to the latter institution on August 24, 1926.

You will note that the claims made by Mrs. Margaret Eva Braun are inconsistent with the established criminal record of subject Amersbach.

Very truly yours,

T. W. STAPLETON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Inspector E. J. Connelley

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1300 Biscayne Building  
Miami, Florida

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September 1, 1937

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

This will confirm a telegram sent to the Bureau today concerning the disposition of the indictments outstanding against Joseph H. Adams and Henry "Duke" Randall, in Miami, Florida.

A nolle prosequi was entered to all the indictments outstanding against these two individuals in the United States District Court at Miami, August 27, 1937.

The cases against all the defendants have now been disposed of with the exception of Cassius MacDonald. Two indictments are still outstanding against him in this district.

I am transmitting herewith copies of orders issued by the United States District Judge at Miami, directing that certain property in possession of the United States Attorney and the United States Marshal be returned to the defendants Randall and Adams.

Very truly yours,

*R. L. Shivers*  
R. L. SHIVERS  
Special Agent in Charge

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CC: Cincinnati  
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA, IN AND FOR THE  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA.

No. 1608-M )  
1609-M )

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Plaintiff,

v.

JOSEPH H. ADAMS and HENDRY  
RANDALL  
Defendants.

O R D E R

THIS CAUSE came on to be heard this day; came also the  
Plaintiff by Damon G. Yerkes, Esquire, Assistant United States  
Attorney, and the Defendants, by their attorney, Bart A. Riley, Esquire,  
and the Court being duly advised in the premises,

IT IS ORDERED that the following described property be re-  
turned to the Defendants, through their attorney, Bart. A. Riley, and  
that receipt be taken therefor:

1. One post card postmarked Port Pierce, Florida,  
directed to Mr. Duke Randall and signed "Joe",  
card postmarked November 7, 1934.
2. One letter dated June 29, 1934, directed to "Dear  
Friend Duke" and signed "Joe".
3. One letter postmarked Sumter, South Carolina, directed  
to Mr. Duke Randall, Grant Hotel, Broad Street, Newark,  
New Jersey, signed "Most sincerely yours, Joe H. Adams"-  
letter dated October 3, 1934.
4. One letter sent in Air Mail enclosure, directed to Mr.  
Duke Randall, signed "Very sincerely yours, Joe" -  
letter dated September 25, 1934.
5. One letter dated August 13, 1934, directed to "Dear  
Friend Duke" and signed "As ever, Joe".
6. One undated letter on the stationery of the Biscayne  
Kennel Club, Inc., directed to "Dear Friend Duke"  
and signed "As ever your friend, Joe".
7. Business card of the Ungar Buick Company (card found  
in Randall's Room at the Taniari Hotel, Miami, Florida,  
January 21, 1934.)

8. One postal telegram directed to Duke Randall at the Jacksonville Airport on December 31, 1934 stating "Use own judgment the quickest way - Joe" - (this item was found in Duke Randall's room at the Tamiami Hotel on Jan. 21, 1935 and was introduced for identification as Government's Exhibit #31, during the recent trial of Joe Adams and Duke Randall.
9. One 1935 Florida automobile registration card issued to Duke Randall, El Comodoro Hotel on a Ford Coupe, Engine #18-1037480 (this was found in Randall's room at the Tamiami Hotel January 21, 1935).
10. Receipt of Ungar Buick Company showing the sale to Leroy Morrison, on December 22, 1934, of a Model 35-48 Buick Coupe, price \$1,080.00 (this receipt was also found in Randall's room January 21, 1935).
11. One .45 calibre Colt automatic pistol, Serial Number C-112311, together with shoulder holster.
12. Certain original registration cards of the El Comodoro hotel for the period during the fall of 1934 and January 1935, numbered as follows:
 

2213	2881	3533	3803	3954
2105	2884	3555	3806	3972
2198	2097	3667	3807	3977
2199	2901	3726	3826	4063
2730	2957	3727	3829	4388
2861	3102	3792	3898	4393
2866	3103	3794	3953	5763
13. Guest arrival and Departure Record of the El Comodoro Hotel, from January 1, 1935, up to and including June 12, 1935; and Guest Arrival and Departure Record from May 15, 1934, up to and including December 31, 1934.
14. One golf bag.

DONE AND ORDERED at Miami, Florida, this 27th day of  
August, A.D. 1937.

/s/ John W. Holland  
U.S. JUDGE

Note: Following receipt on copy furnished U.S. Attorney's office:  
"Rec'd items listed under No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, & 13  
from U.S. Atty & Clerk Aug 27/37.

Bart A. Riley

(copy)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED  
STATES, IN AND FOR THE SOUTHERN DIS-  
TRICT OF FLORIDA.

No. 4608-M Cr.  
4609-M Cr.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, |

vs. |

Joseph H. Adams and  
Hendry Randall, |

Defendants. |

O R D E R

THIS CAUSE came on to be heard this day; came also the  
plaintiff by Damon Yerkes, Esq., Assistant United States Attorney,  
and the Defendants by their attorney, Bart A. Riley, Esq., and the  
Court being duly advised in the premises,

IT IS ORDERED that the property described in the schedule  
hereto attached be returned to the Defendants, through their attorney,  
Bart A. Riley, and that receipt be taken therefor.

DONE AND ORDERED at Miami, Florida, this 18th day of August,  
1937.

/s/ John W. Holland  
U. S. JUDGE.

S C H E D U L E

RECEIVED FROM office of United States District Attorney,

Miami, Florida, the following articles:-

- 108 Bell Boy Call Sheets, El Comodoro Hotel
- 1 Special Miami Officer's card to Henry Randall
- 1 Special Miami Shores Officer's card to Hendry Randall
- 1 State License, Duke Randall, Racing Commission
- 1 Letter to Duke Randall from El Comodoro Hotel
- 1 Bill to Duke Randall from El Comodoro Hotel
- 1 Envelope wedding announcement.

/s/ Bart A. Riley

ABL:GAJ

7-576-14711 September 11, 1937.

RECORDED

Special Agent in Charge,  
Miami, Florida.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

Reference is made to your letter to the Bureau dated September 1, 1937, in which you advised of the disposition of the indictments outstanding against Joseph H. Adams and Henry "Duke" Randall, in Miami, Florida.

The Bureau desires that information of this sort be forwarded to the Bureau in report form.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,  
Assistant Director.

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Crowl .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
Mr. Foxworth .....  
Mr. Glavin .....  
Mr. Harbo .....  
Mr. Hendon .....  
Mr. Lester .....  
Mr. McIntire .....  
Mr. Naughton .....  
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File No. 7-37

Report made at	Date Made	Period	Report made by
Kansas City	8/31/37	8/2-15 & 29/37	L. H. Richmond

Title

GEORGE TIMINEY with aliases;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - Kidnaping; Obstruction of  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; ET AL; Justice; Harboring of  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim. Fugitives; National Firearms  
Act

Synopsys: Kansas City Office file reviewed looking toward apprehension of Milton Lett; leads set out.  
Arrangements made with Mae Goodwin to maintain surveillance at Doyle Hollingsworth residence.  
Neighbor of Clifford Collins maintaining surveillance Collins residence.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent S. B. Landrum, Kansas City, 6/19/37; Bureau letter, 7/26/37; letter from Cincinnati Office to Chicago, 8/5/37.

DETAILS:

In accordance with Bureau letter dated July 26, 1937, a review of the file in the Kansas City Office in this case was made looking toward the location and apprehension of Milton Lett. It is noted that there is no outstanding process for the arrest of Lett but his apprehension is desired in this case inasmuch as it is felt he can materially aid in this investigation.

In reviewing the file in this office an effort has been made to eliminate numerous unreliable informants and other individuals, contact with whom is felt no longer to be of benefit to this investigation. It is believed that to include information concerning these individuals in this report would only serve to cause confusion.

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In the investigation of this case the Bureau has designated the Oklahoma City Office to cover all leads at Coffeyville, Kansas. This arrangement was made because of the number of contacts had by Lett in Coffeyville, Kansas as well as South Coffeyville, Oklahoma and it was deemed advisable for one field division to handle all of the investigation at that point because of the close proximity of the two cities.

Milton Lett prior to the latter part of 1935 made his principal residence with his mother, Maggie Lett at Wann, Oklahoma at which place Harry Campbell and other Oklahoma and Kansas outlaws were harbored during the period of their depredations in that part of the country. It is known that Lett has in the past associated extensively with underworld characters at Coffeyville, Kansas, South Coffeyville, Oklahoma and Wichita, Kansas. It has been further reported that Lett was employed in a gambling establishment at Cleveland, Ohio, known as the Harvard Club from April, 1935 to September, 1935. Lett, on October 25, 1935, purchased the automobile which was used by Karpis, Campbell, and others, in a mail robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, which robbery was perpetrated on November 7, 1935. On the day of the robbery, however, Lett voluntarily surrendered himself to authorities at Coffeyville, Kansas, thus establishing a definite alibi for himself as to actual participation in that robbery.

On February 21, 1936, the Oklahoma City Office received information that Milton Lett had left the home of Constance Ferris at Coffeyville, Kansas on that date with Lucille Ferris, the daughter of Constance, for the purpose of marrying Lucille at Wichita, Kansas. Immediate investigation at Wichita failed to disclose the marriage but it was subsequently learned that Lett had married Lucille at Oswego, Kansas on February 21, 1936. Since her marriage, Lucille is not believed to have returned to the home of her mother nor has the investigation disclosed that she has ever contacted her father, Mr. A. V. Ferris, who has been an automobile salesman at McPherson, and Wichita, Kansas since February 21, 1936.

The following are the descriptions of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Lett:

Name	Milton Lett with aliases: Milt Lett, J. M. Lett, J. R. Lotz, J. M. Lotz, Thomas J. Shaw, Carl Baker, Mary Forth, George Benton, G. R. Benton, "George", "The Kid", and "Willie".
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Age	21 years (1935)
Height	5 ft 7 in
Weight	143 pounds
Hair	Dark Brown
Eyes	Blue
Color	White
Complexion	Medium
F. P. C.	9 U 00 16 1 U 00 11
Residence	Wann, Oklahoma
Occupation	Makes pretense of being gambler
Relatives:	

Maggie Lett, mother, Rural Route No. 2, Wann, Oklahoma  
 Charles Lett, brother, Wann, Oklahoma  
 Clifford Collins, nephew, 150 Lulu Street, Wichita, Kansas  
 Lola Mize, sister, in California  
 Jane Lett Collins, sister, 150 Lulu Street, Wichita, Kansas  
 Ethel Lett Forth, sister, 1401 W. 35th Street, Wichita, Kansas  
 Fred Collins, nephew, 410 S. 2nd St., Ponca City, Okla.  
 Tony Collins, nephew, 1401 W. 35th St., Wichita, Kansas  
 Hazel Anderson, niece, 21 S. Allen St., Chanute, Kansas  
 Thelma Fritz, brother-in-law, 21 S. Allen St., Chanute, Ks.  
 Raymond Mize, brother-in-law, in California  
 Ora Collins, brother-in-law, deceased, Wichita, Kansas  
 Roy Collins, brother-in-law, Tyro, Kansas  
 Lucille Ferris Lett, address unknown

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Name	Mrs. Milton/Lett nee Lucille Ferris
Age	17 years (1936)
Height	5 ft 4 in
Weight	120 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Light Brown, parted in middle, with a grown-out permanent wave
Peculiarities	Broad nose
Clothing	Usually wears a green suit with white blouse; brown overcoat with cape collar and narrow bank of brown fur on cape. On little finger of left hand wears a small silver signet ring and on ring finger same hand wears opal ring surrounded by pearls

Relatives:

A. V. Ferris, father, Wichita, Kansas  
Mrs. Constance Ferris, mother, Coffeyville, Kansas  
Eva Hooper, aunt, 836 S. National Blvd., Springfield, Mo.  
Andrew Ferris, grandfather, Meadville, Mo.  
Bernice Elliston, aunt, same address  
Mrs. John (Hazel) Hopper, aunt, 419 N. 7th, K. C., Ks.  
Addie Murrain, aunt, (husband Ben), Carrollton, Mo.  
Ruth Drake Collins (closest friend) 602 Sycamore St.,  
Coffeyville, Kansas  
Clarence Ferris, uncle (wife Irma), Wheeling, Mo.  
Vern Ferris, 419 Seventh St., K. C., Kansas  
Oren Ferris, uncle, Gale St., Chillicothe, Mo.  
Andrew Ferris, grandfather resides with Clarence at  
Wheeling, Mo.

The first information appearing in the files of the Kansas City Office concerning Milton Lett is in the report of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom dated 12/29/35 at Kansas City, which report indicates that telephonic information was received from the Oklahoma City Office that Lett was associated with one Ted Thornton in the operation of a night club at Nevada, Missouri and that Lett might be the post office through which the then Fugitive Subjects of this case maintained contact. Mail covers and other appropriate investigation was conducted at Nevada, Missouri at that time without result.

Under date of January 28, 1936, a letter was addressed to the Kansas City Office by Inspector E. J. Connelley advising that the apprehension of Lett was desired and that Lett had previously been considered as a confidential informant of the Oklahoma City Office. This letter advised that Mrs. Esther Trilloy of Coffeyville, Kansas is the mother-in-law of Ted Thornton as well as Earl Morris, Morris being associated with Thornton in the operation of the night club at Nevada, which is known as the State Line Tavern located on the Nevada, Missouri-Fort Scott, Kansas, Highway. Following the receipt of this information, investigation was conducted at the State Line Tavern and Thornton was interviewed as reflected in the report of Special Agent W. E. Hopton, dated 3/26/36 at Kansas City. Thornton acknowledged his acquaintance with Lett stating that the same had developed through gambling activities of Lett and Thornton at Coffeyville, Kansas. Thornton advised that

Lett often stopped by to see him and at that time promised to cooperate with Bureau Agents in locating Lett. Thornton has frequently been contacted since that time and has failed to furnish any worthwhile information. At the present time Thornton is not actively engaged in the operation of the State Line Tavern, although he still retains one-half interest in the building. Thornton is now located in the vicinity of South Coffeyville, Oklahoma. His wife, Edna Thornton, recently secured a divorce from him and is at the present time reported to be attending a business college at Topeka, Kansas. She may be using the name of Edna Twilley.

Inasmuch as Thornton was first contacted by Bureau Agents shortly after Lett's apprehension was desired by this Bureau it is believed that Lett has since that time been in touch with Thornton through some source because of their prior close association. It is not considered therefore that Thornton can be relied upon.

The report of Special Agent W. A. Winter, dated 5/11/37 at Kansas City, Missouri, reflects that Earl Morris was residing at that time at the Twilley home in Coffeyville, Kansas and when Agent Winter called at the Twilley home to ascertain the address of Mrs. Morris in an effort to interview her as suggested in a lead in the report of Special Agent A. P. Kitchin, dated 3/22/37 at Cleveland, requesting an attempt be made to establish Mrs. Edith Morris as an informant, he was unable to interview her because of the presence of her husband. The Oklahoma City Office is being requested to contact Mrs. Morris for the above mentioned purpose.

Vern Griffith who now operates the State Line Tavern on the Nevada, Missouri-Fort Scott, Kansas Highway, is acquainted with Ted Thornton and Earl Morris and has promised to cooperate with Bureau Agents in endeavoring to ascertain from Thornton and Morris information concerning the whereabouts of Lett. When Griffith was last interviewed by an Agent, he stated it was his belief that Thornton knew of Lett's location and if he so desired he could furnish this information to Bureau Agents. Griffith further advised that if Earl Morris were to come to Nevada he might be able to secure the information from him. It is noted that Thornton has recently advised an Agent of the Oklahoma City Office that Griffith had mistaken Lett for someone else. In this connection it is noted that when Griffith was first contacted he believed there was a reward outstanding for Tom Hill. Thornton's statement

might be true and Griffith might have mistaken Lett and Tom Hill, not being personally acquainted with either. When Griffith is next contacted it should be definitely ascertained if he has made this mistake. Griffith has furnished information that one Owon, who is employed at a gambling table in the State Line Tavern was formerly a gambler at Coffeyville, Kansas. If this information is correct it is probable that Owen is acquainted with Lett. Griffith when last interviewed stated he would endeavor to ascertain from Owon whether he knew Lett or his present whereabouts.

The relatives of Lucille Lett, located in the district covered by the Kansas City Division, do not appear to have been adequately covered in the past and efforts will be made to cover this angle. Mrs. Eva Hooper, an aunt of Lucille, has been contacted on various occasions and has displayed an antagonistic attitude toward Bureau Agents and law-enforcement officers. Her reason for maintaining this attitude is because officers came to her place when she was residing in Lawrence, Kansas and caused her considerable embarrassment by searching her place in an effort to locate Lett. It is believed that the officers referred to by Mrs. Hooper were Post Office Inspectors and Kansas State Highway Patrolmen. Mrs. Hooper advised Special Agent E. A. Snow at St. Joseph, Missouri, as set out in his report dated 11/7/36 at Kansas City, that Milton Lett and Lucille had visited with her on the porch of her home for a short while and that is the only time she has ever seen Milton Lett. In view of the fact that when Milton Lett and Lucille were married, Mrs. Hooper lived in Lawrence, Kansas, it is believed that the Letts must have obtained her address in St. Joseph, Missouri, from some other source than Mrs. Hooper. It is possible that Lucille may have been in touch with her mother or other relatives to secure the St. Joseph address of Mrs. Hooper. Mrs. Hooper now resides at 836 South National Boulevard, Springfield, Missouri. She has been interviewed on one occasion since residing there and still maintains her antagonistic attitude. However, investigation will be conducted at Springfield, in an effort to establish contacts with persons acquainted with Mrs. Hooper in an effort to secure possible information from that source.

Other relatives of Lucille Lett located in the Kansas City Division and some of whom have not been contacted are Mrs. John (Hazel) Hopper, aunt, 419 N. 7th, Kansas City, Kansas; Mrs. Ben (Addie) Hurray, aunt, Carrollton, Missouri; Vern Ferris, uncle, 419 N. 7th Street, Kansas City, Kansas; Oren Ferris, uncle, Gale St., Chillicothe, Missouri.

The relatives of Milton Lett, other than the Collins family residing at Wichita, which will be handled separately, are Hazel Anderson, niece, 21 S. Allen St., Chanute, Kansas; Thelma Fritz, niece, 21 S. Allen Street, Chanute, Kansas; Roy Collins, brother-in-law, Tyro, Kansas.

Reports in this office reflect that Milton Lett has a brother, Alvin Lett, who in 1930 was reported as residing at 310 Quindell, Kansas City, Kansas and in 1931 reported to have resided at Route 3, Loreda, Kansas. Investigation at Loreda, failed to locate Alvin Lett and no information was obtained as to where he might have gone from that point. In view of the fact that all possibilities were exhausted at Loreda, it is deemed advisable to conduct appropriate investigation at Kansas City, Kansas to locate Alvin Lett.

Roy Doyle Hollingsworth, 427 South Washington, Wichita, Kansas has been contacted on many occasions and has voluntarily furnished information to Agents of this Bureau. However, his reliability is doubted. Mrs. Hollingsworth has also been interviewed on many occasions and has stated she believed she could secure information. The principal source of the information expected of the Hollingsworths is through Vivian Mantooth, who is Doyle Hollingsworth's sister. When investigation was first instituted looking towards the apprehension of Lett, Vivian was residing with the Hollingsworths and Milton Lett, prior to his marriage to Lucille Ferris, was keeping company with Vivian. Vivian was later used as an informant by the Post Office Inspectors and was furnished with an automobile by that organization for a short period of time for the purpose of locating Milton Lett. It is believed that she was unable to furnish the Post Office Inspectors with any information of value and it is doubted whether she would have furnished information had she been able to do so. Sometime ago Vivian moved from the Hollingsworth home to 150 Lulu Street, Wichita, Kansas, which is the home of Mrs. Ora Collins. Mrs. Ora Collins is Milton Lett's sister and Mrs. Collins has a son, Clifford Collins, who also lives there. Vivian has been living with Clifford as man and wife at this place.

The report of Special Agent S. B. Landrum dated 6/1/37 at Kansas City, reflects that based upon information that Milton Lett was supposed to be at the home of Ora Collins, this place was raided by Agent Landrum and Officers of the Wichita Police Department on 5/19/37. At the time of the raid the persons there were Mrs. Ora (Jane) Collins, Clifford Collins, Vivian Mantooth and the children of Ora Collins. A search of the premises failed to reveal the presence of Milton Lett and those there advised they had not seen Lett since January, 1936. Clifford Collins is on parole from

the Kansas Reformatory, which parole will expire in January, 1938. It is noted at this point that Ora Collins had been separated from his wife, Jane, until very recently. He died however, during August, 1937, and his funeral was attended by Special Agent Landrum and Detective Ezra O'Connor of the Wichita Police Department, but nothing of value to this investigation materialized.

Mail covers have been periodically maintained on the mail of Clifford Collins, Mrs. Ora Collins, and Vivian Mantooth; and Mrs. Doyle Hollingsworth has promised to furnish any information she may obtain from the Collins family. Mrs. Hollingsworth and Vivian Mantooth have been good friends for a number of years. Another son of Ora Collins is named Tony Collins, who resides at 1401 West 35th Street, Wichita, Kansas. This place is located outside of the City limits of Wichita and Special Agent Landrum has made arrangements with W. H. Haun, a former Sheriff of Barber County, to maintain a surveillance on the Tony Collins residence. Mr. Haun is a close neighbor of Tony Collins.

Dick Sprecher who is employed at the Wichita Wholesale Furniture Company in Wichita, Kansas, and who is acquainted with Milton Lett, has stated that he last saw Lett with Tony Collins during the spring or summer of 1936. Sprecher believes Clifford Collins and Tony Collins to be unreliable. Sprecher told his brother-in-law, Lisle Doughmann, who is a deputy sheriff in Sedgewick County, Kansas that Milton Lett was with Lem Jordan at Long Beach, California. This angle, however, has been checked by the Los Angeles Office and was found to be incorrect. However, the reports of this office do not indicate the source of Sprecher's information as to Lett's whereabouts and efforts will be made through Lisle Doughmann to ascertain Sprecher's source of information concerning Lett.

Investigation by the Kansas City Office at Joplin has proved of no particular value. Investigation was instituted at this place especially in view of the fact that prior to the last 3 or 4 months, Joplin, Missouri had been wide open as far as gambling activities were concerned. The principal contact of Bureau Agents in this particular matter is George Kahler, Missouri State Highway Patrolman, who resides at 2315 Main Street, Joplin. Kahler has resided at Joplin during his lifetime and is acquainted with most of the underworld characters at that place.

Reports have been received from various sources to the effect that Lett has been in the vicinity of Russell, Kansas and it is noted that there are extensive oil interests being developed near Russell at the present time. In this connection an informant of the Oklahoma City Office advised that one Jim Harp at Russell, Kansas might be able to furnish information concerning Lett's location. Clarence Lang, Chief of Police of Coffeyville, Kansas has stated that Lett may be in contact with Les McCabe at Russell, Kansas. He suggested that Frank Jonsen of the National Supply Company, Russell, Kansas would be a good informant inasmuch as he is acquainted with McCabe and possibly knows Lett.

Betty McCartney, a bootlegger near Chase, Kansas who can be located through Deputy Sheriff F. B. Janison or Deputy Sheriff Holloway at Lyons, Kansas, identified the photograph of Lett as the individual who had frequented her beer joint. She stated that an individual resembling Lett was supposed to be an oil field worker and drove an oil field truck out of Russell. As a result of this information Special Agent S. B. Landrum contacted various concerns at Russell and several persons interviewed advised that the photograph of Lett looked familiar but could furnish no definite information. Agent Landrum's report indicates that Lett might be working on a casing crew inasmuch as that type of work is not steady but pays well when work is available. This type of work also does not necessitate long periods of work in one particular locality. It is further believed that Orval Donnelley, a bootlegger at Russell, might be able to develop information concerning Lett. He can be contacted through R. S. Williams of Russell.

Superintendent Charles Gilbrith, of the American Petroleum Company of Russell, should be able to furnish the names of the casing crew foremen operating in and around Russell and it is believed that interview with these foremen might indicate employment at that place by Lett.

The lead set out in the report of Special Agent A. Paul Kitchin, 5/22/37 at Cleveland, requesting investigation at the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, concerning Hubert Moody alias Hubert Lusk will not be carried out inasmuch as Lusk is confined to the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing and could not have been writing to Maggie Lett at Wann, Oklahoma.

from P. O. Box 7, Leavenworth, which is the mailing address of the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. Lusk desires to bargain for his release from the Kansas State Penitentiary in return for furnishing information as to Lott's whereabouts.

The letter of reference from the Cincinnati Office requests all offices to make a re-check to ascertain if 1935 Ford V-8 two-door Sedan, Motor 2044337 and 1935 Plymouth Sedan Motor PJ322772, serial 2619857 are registered at the present time with State automobile registration Bureaus. Letters have been forwarded to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles at Jefferson City, Missouri and Topeka, Kansas, requesting this information.

The following investigation was made by Special Agent S. B. Landrum:

At Wichita, Kansas.

On August 2, 1937, Detective Ezra O'Connor of the Wichita Police Department, contacted Agent and advised that through Jack Goodwin, the Santa Fe Special Agent at Wichita, he had learned that Milton Lott was seen in Wichita, on July 31, 1937, at the home of Doyle Hollingsworth, 427 South Washington Street. According to O'Connor, Goodwin advised that Lott had visited Hollingsworth twice in the recent past. On one occasion Lott is alleged to have been traveling in a new blue Buick automobile, license unknown, and on the other occasion he was driving a light make of car, model unknown.

The reporting Agent is personally acquainted with Jack Goodwin, and he was immediately contacted. Goodwin stated that the information furnished by O'Connor was correct and that he had learned that Milton Lott was in town through Mae Goodwin, a distant relative of his, who is personally acquainted with Lott. Jack Goodwin said that Mae Goodwin told him she saw Milton Lott on Washington Street, walking in the direction of the Hollingsworth home at 427 South Washington, on July 31, 1937, and that she thereafter went to the Hollingsworth home and Mrs. Doyle (Ethel) Hollingsworth verified the fact that Milton Lott had been in Wichita. Mae Goodwin is alleged to have said that Lott did not stay in any one place because he was "hot", and that when he left Wichita on 7/31/37 he went to Oklahoma, but was expected back in Wichita on the following weekend. Mae Goodwin is alleged to have further stated that at the time she saw Lott, there was



a light make of car parked in front of the Hollingsworth home with several sets of license tags on it. She said the tags were on the car, one in front of the other, and appeared to be about an inch thick. Mae Goodwin said she is positive she saw Lett because she is personally acquainted with him, having met Lett through Snipe Thornton (Lewis Ray Thornton) to whom she was married at one time. Jack Goodwin was of the opinion that it would be inadvisable for Agent to contact Mae Goodwin, but he said he would see her and arrange for her to maintain a surveillance of the Hollingsworth home in view of the fact that she resides across the street from that place.

Subsequent contacts with Jack Goodwin produced no information of value other than that he stated that Mae Goodwin was maintaining a surveillance of the Hollingsworth home and would immediately advise him should Lett appear at that place. Goodwin will thereafter contact this Agent, or if Agent is not available, Detective O'Connor of the Police Department.

On August 2, 1937, Detective O'Connor and Agent cruised by the Hollingsworth residence at 427 South Washington, and the home of Lett's sister, Mrs. Jane Collins, 150 Lulu, but no strange automobiles were observed at either place. Detective O'Connor contacted William Thompson, an old peddler, who resides about two doors west of Doyle Hollingsworth on South Washington, and arranged with Thompson to maintain a surveillance over the Hollingsworth home and advise him should he see Milton Lett at that place. A photograph of Lett was exhibited to Thompson, and he stated it was his opinion he had seen an individual resembling that photograph at Hollingsworth's place several times recently.

Agent and O'Connor examined the Wichita City Directory for the purpose of determining the identity of the persons living in the neighborhood of 427 South Washington. It was ascertained that several negro families reside across the street from that address and it was O'Connor's opinion that it would be inadvisable to contact anyone else in that neighborhood.

It should be noted that Doyle Hollingsworth has in the past on numerous occasions expressed a desire to assist the Bureau in effecting the apprehension of Milton Lett, and if the above information is correct he has been and still is in contact with Lett.

To offset the possibility that Lett is receiving mail at the Hollingsworth home a 30 day mail cover was placed on the mail addressed to that address on 8/2/37.

Through Jack Goodwin it was ascertained that Lewis Ray (Snipe)/Thornton is residing in Iola, Kansas, or he is in the Fort Scott, Kansas, jail on a liquor charge. Goodwin stated that Thornton is well acquainted with Lett and in all probability would harbor him should Lett seek protection. In the event Thornton resides at Iola, the appropriate investigation will be made at that place for the purpose of determining whether Milton Lett is with him. If Thornton is in jail at Fort Scott, he will be interviewed for information concerning Lett. A photograph of Thornton was obtained from Detective O'Connor and is being retained in the Kansas City Office file.

It is noted that in the spring of 1936, Bureau Agents conducted a raid on the home of Nettie Lair, near Anderson, Missouri, based upon information that Lett was at that place. Lett was not present but Lewis Thornton (alias "Big Snipe") was taken into custody. He was turned over to Iola, Kansas authorities on some local charge there. With him at that time was Dorothy Rush Thornton, wife of Howard Thornton, Lewis Thornton's brother. Attempts have been made to locate her for questioning since that date but have been unsuccessful. She was last reported to have been in Wichita with Lewis Thornton and planning to divorce Howard. She can, no doubt, be located through Lewis Thornton. She may be using the name of Dorothy Rush.

Charles J. Coe, who is employed by the Egstrom Lumber Company, was interviewed and he advised that he is not acquainted with Milton Lett, and when the photograph of Lett was exhibited to him he said he had never seen Lett. Mr. Coe said that his wife corresponds with Peggy Mize, Lett's sister, who is married to Mrs. Coe's brother (Raymond Mize) but that Milton Lett's name has never been mentioned in that correspondence by Mrs. Mize. Mr. Coe said he would gladly transmit any information he might receive concerning Milton Lett to the Kansas City Office.

At McPherson, Kansas.

Inquiry was made at the Hinson Chevrolet Company for A. V. Ferris, the father of Lucille Ferris Lett, and it was ascertained that Mr. Ferris is now employed as used car manager by the Yingling Chevrolet Company, Wichita, Kansas. The photograph of Milton Lett was exhibited to Clark Colburn, an employee, who advised that he had never seen such an individual with Mr. Ferris, while the latter worked for the Hinson Chevrolet Company. Mr. Colburn said he never heard Ferris mention the name of Lett or his daughter, Lucille.

At Wichita, Kansas.

On August 14, 1937, Doyle Hollingsworth left word with Captain Leroy Bowery of the Wichita Detective Bureau, for this Agent to contact him as soon as possible. Immediately upon the receipt of that message this Agent went to the home of Doyle Hollingsworth and he stated it was his opinion that Clifford Collins, 150 Lulu, was expecting Milton Lett in Wichita, Kansas, on that date. Hollingsworth stated that his sister, Vivian Mantooth, has been residing with him for the past three weeks, and that Clifford Collins had been over to his place a number of times and that he formed the opinion that he was expecting Lett in town because of Collins' unusual actions. Hollingsworth further advised that Collins had recently purchased a 1937 Tudor blue V-8 Ford Coach, and that the car bears Kansas license 2-23149. He also advised that Collins frequents the Peacock Inn and the Kaliko Kat, two night clubs just outside the south corporate limits of Wichita on Highway #81.

During this interview Agent inquired of Hollingsworth whether he had seen Lett recently and he stated that he had not, and had no idea where Lett is living or what he might be doing.

On the night of August 14, 1937, Agent and Frisco Special Agent Bill Walters conducted surveillances at both the Peacock Inn and the Kaliko Kat and failed to see Clifford Collins or Milton Lett at either place. Walters is a former deputy sheriff from Enid, Oklahoma, and his assistance was sought on this occasion when it was found that all of the Wichita Detectives are well known at both of the above mentioned night clubs. While at those night clubs all automobiles at both places were observed but the car alleged to belong to Clifford Collins was not found.

Prior to going to those night clubs the numbers appearing on the license on Clifford Collins' car were given to Lieutenant "Tex" Ingram of the Wichita Police Department, who furnished same to all officers on duty with the request that they notify headquarters should they see same parked in the vicinity of a night club. No report was received on that automobile, and it was observed that said car was not parked at the house at 150 Lulu Street on August 15, 1937.

About midnight August 14, 1937, Tommie Boothe, 18 years of age was arrested for creating a disturbance on the streets. Questioning disclosed that Boothe resided at 144 Lulu, next door to Clifford Collins. Lieutenant McCormick contacted Agent and suggested that Boothe be questioned concerning his knowledge of Clifford Collins' activities and stated that Boothe would be

released. Agent questioned Boothe who advised that he know very little about Collins other than that Collins seemed to associate with very few people and seemed to have an inflated opinion of himself. Boothe said he would be more than glad to cooperate with Agent in any way possible. The photograph of Milton Lett was exhibited to him and after closely examining it he said he had seen Lett someplace but he could not recall where. Boothe said he would maintain a surveillance of the Collins home at 150 Lulu, and immediately advise this Agent should Lett appear at that place. Boothe stated further that he was well acquainted with the Collins children, all of whom played with his little brother and sister, and he would endeavor to secure information from them concerning Lett. Agent's address and telephone number were left with Tommie Boothe.

On Saturday, August 14, 1937, Detective O'Connor observed a 1929 Model A Ford Coupe parked in front of 427 South Washington, that subsequently proved to be the property of Lloyd Woodring. O'Connor contacted Roy Woodring, who is a friend of his, and ascertained that Lloyd Woodring, (his brother) resides at 427 South Washington. Roy Woodring stated that Agent and O'Connor could contact Lloyd Woodring without fear of being betrayed, so Lloyd Woodring was interviewed. He stated he had never seen an individual resembling the photograph of Milton Lett at the Hollingsworth home; however, he had heard that Lett is wanted by the Government. Woodring said he had heard Doyle Hollingsworth state he wished Lett would be apprehended because he did not want him (Lett) associating with his sister, Vivian Mantooth. Woodring assured Agent and O'Connor that he would notify O'Connor should he see Lett at 427 South Washington.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE KANSAS CITY FIELD OFFICE at Wichita Kansas will continue efforts to determine the whereabouts of Milton Lett; will maintain appropriate contact with Jack Goodwin, Santa Fe Special Agent, and his informant, Mae Goodwin, in accordance with information contained in this report; will maintain contact with Tommie Boothe, 144 Lulu Street, for developments at the home of Mrs. Jane Collins and Clifford Collins.

Will maintain contact with Mr. A. V. Ferris father of Mrs. Milton Lett, who is now employed as an automobile salesman in that City.

Will frequently contact Mr. W. H. Haun, a neighbor of Tony Collins concerning the appearance of any suspicious individuals at Tony Collins' residence, 1401 West 35th Street. A cover should again be placed on the mail of Tony Collins. Will attempt to obtain from Lisle Doughmann, Deputy Sheriff, Sedgwick County, Kansas, the source of the information from which Sprecher learned that Lett was supposed to be residing at Long Beach, California. Will also attempt to learn from Sprecher through Doughmann any other information Sprecher might have in his possession. Will again place covers of 30-days duration on the mail of Clifford Collins, 150 Lulu Street, Mrs. Jane Collins and Vivian Mantooth, same address.

At Iola, Kansas will conduct appropriate investigation for the purpose of determining whether Lewis Ray (Snipe) Thornton resides at that place. In the event he does, a neighborhood investigation should be conducted for the purpose of ascertaining whether Lett is residing with Thornton or has been seen at his residence recently. In the event Thornton has a business at Iola, the same type of investigation should be conducted in the neighborhood of his business. If it is ascertained that Thornton is in jail at Fort Scott, Kansas, appropriate steps should be taken to interview him at that place for information concerning Lett's whereabouts.

In conducting the above investigation inquiry should be made concerning the location of Dorothy Rush Thornton and appropriate leads set out to interview her concerning the location of Milton Lett.

There is a possibility that both of those individuals may be on the Rush farm near Iola, Kansas.

At Topeka, Kansas, will endeavor to locate Mrs. Edna Thornton who might be using the name of Edna Twilley and who is reported as attending a business college in that city. She should be interviewed concerning her knowledge of Lett and an attempt should be made to secure any information she might have concerning his present location. It should be borne in mind that Mrs. Edna Thornton is the divorced wife of Ted Thornton with whom Lett was engaged in gambling activities in the past.

At Nevada, Missouri, Vern Griffith, who now operates the State Line Tavern on the Nevada, Missouri-Fort Scott, Kansas Highway, should be interviewed concerning any information he might have developed since last contacted concerning the whereabouts of Lett. It will be recalled that he believed Ted

Thornton might be able to furnish this information and thought possibly that Earl Morris would furnish information to Griffith in the event Morris should visit Griffith's establishment. It should also be determined whether Griffith has confused Lett with someone else. Griffith should also be questioned concerning any information he might have obtained from an individual named Owen who has been employed at a gambling table in the State Line Tavern. Owen is reported to have been previously engaged in gambling activities in Coffeyville, Kansas.

Bud and Petie Sellars who have in the past been connected with the State Line Tavern, should also be interviewed. If not still employed, their address can no doubt be obtained from Vern Griffith.

At Springfield, Missouri will attempt to establish informants residing near 836 South National Boulevard, where Mrs. Eva Hooper resides. It is noted that Mr. and Mrs. Milton Lett visited Mrs. Hooper when she resided in St. Joseph, Missouri and Mrs. Hooper has maintained an antagonistic and hostile attitude toward Bureau Agents and has declined to furnish information. In view of this fact it is deemed advisable to learn the names of individuals visiting Mrs. Hooper because of the possibility that Lett or his wife might contact her.

At Chillicothe, Missouri will locate and interview Oren Ferris, who resides on Gale Street, uncle of Mrs. Milton Lett and interview him concerning any information he might have as to the location of Mr. or Mrs. Lett. If deemed advisable by the investigating Agent, cover should be placed on the mail of Oren Ferris.

At Carrollton, Missouri will interview Mrs. Ben (Addie) Murrain, aunt of Mrs. Milton Lett, along the lines suggested in the previous lead.

At Kansas City, Kansas will interview Mrs. John (Hazel) Hopper, aunt of Mrs. Lett, and Vern Ferris, uncle, at 419 North 7th Street, along the lines suggested in the previous lead.

Will attempt to locate Alvin Lett, brother of Milton Lett who in 1930 was reported as residing at 310 Quindell (possibly Quindaro). In the event Alvin Lett is located, appropriate investigation should be made to determine whether Milton Lett has recently been in contact with him before Alvin Lett is openly interviewed.

At Chanute, Kansas will again interview Miss Hazel Anderson and Mrs. Thelma Fritz who are nieces of Milton Lett at 21 South Allen Street for any information they might have concerning the whereabouts of Milton Lett.

At Tyro, Kansas will attempt to locate Roy Collins, brother-in-law of Milton Lett and obtain any information he might have concerning the location of Milton Lett.

At Joplin, Missouri will interview Mr. George Kahler, Missouri State Highway Patrolman, 315 Main Street, for any information he may have been able to obtain concerning Milton Lett.

At Russell, Kansas will interview Jim Harp, a gambler who is reported as possibly being able to furnish information concerning Milton Lett.

Will locate and interview Frank Jensen of the National Supply Company and endeavor to have him secure information concerning Milton Lett from Les McCabe. If Les McCabe is found to be reliable, direct contact may be had with him. The Chief of Police at Coffeyville, Kansas has advised that Les McCabe may be in contact with Milton Lett.

Will locate and interview R. S. Williams who is reported to be able to put an Agent in contact with Orval Donnelley, bootlegger at Russell. Donnelley is believed to be able to develop information concerning Lett.

Will interview Charles Gilbrith, Superintendent of the American Petroleum Company and obtain from him the names of the casing crew foremen operating in and around Russell. Upon obtaining the list of the foremen, they should be interviewed to determine if Lett has been employed on any of these crews working in that vicinity.

At Lyons, Kansas will through Deputy Sheriff F. B. Jamison or Deputy Sheriff Holloway, again contact Betty McCartney, a bootlegger near Chase, Kansas and question Betty concerning any visits at her saloon by the man she believes to be Milton Lett.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD OFFICE at Coffeyville,  
Kansas will interview Mrs. Earl (Edith) Morris who is re-  
ported to be residing at the home of Mrs. Esther Twilley  
and attempt to develop her as an informant as set forth  
in the report of Special Agent A. Paul Kitchin, dated  
3/22/37 at Cleveland.

P E N D I N G



1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

August 31, 1937

Mr. George J. Matowitz  
Chief of Police  
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: BREKID

*Edward G. Bremer*

Dear Chief Matowitz:

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By letter dated August 4, 1937, you were advised that Anthony Joseph Amersbach with aliases was charged with a federal violation and that his apprehension was desired by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Amersbach was apprehended at Indianapolis, Indiana, on August 24, 1937.

Therefore, you may disregard the information contained in our letter dated August 4, 1937.

The FBI and the writer greatly appreciate the cooperation of the Cleveland Police Department in seeking to bring about the apprehension of Amersbach.

Very truly yours,

T. W. Stapleton,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc: Bureau  
Cincinnati  
Chicago

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

August 30, 1937

Honorable Emerich B. Freed,  
United States Attorney,  
Federal Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Freed:

I am furnishing you herewith, in duplicate, the  
known criminal record of Anthony Joseph Amerbach:

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ENCLOSURE

In connection with the arrest of Amersbach by the Cleveland, Ohio, Police Department on October 18, 1921, please be advised that in endeavoring to evade arrest Amersbach shot and wounded Patrolman Seborn Benson and Patrolman Heanner of the Cleveland, Ohio, Police Department.

You will note from the above criminal record that Amersbach

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the penitentiary officials at Moundsville, West  
Virginia, have indicated their desire to have Amersbach returned  
to that institution.

Very truly yours,

T. H. Stapleton,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Bureau  
Cincinnati  
*Chicago*

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

KRM:CJ  
7-576

August 31, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

RE: BREKID

During my absence from this office, Mr. Rosen has received two telephonic calls from Mr. J. J. Waters of the Criminal Division. In the first call, Mr. Waters advised that since the Government will undertake no prosecution of either Adams or Randall under the National Firearms Act, the Browning automatic rifle which is presently in the possession of the United States Marshal at Miami, Florida, will be of no further value in so far as the Criminal Division of the Department is concerned. He said that the Bureau could, therefore, make such disposition of the rifle as it saw fit.

In keeping with your instructions a memorandum has been prepared for Mr. McMahon requesting advice as to whether the Bureau can, under the National Firearms Act, confiscate the Browning automatic rifle. A letter has been directed to the Miami office with copies to Chicago, St. Paul, Cincinnati and Cleveland, advising that the Criminal Division has authorized the dismissal of the remaining firearms indictments against Adams and Randall.

In another call, Mr. Waters advised Mr. Rosen that all outstanding indictments against Adams and Randall will be dismissed by the Criminal Division.

Respectfully,

K. R. McIntire, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

SEP 3 1937 P.M.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati

Cleveland FILE NO. 7-1

REPORT MADE AT Cleveland	DATE WHEN MADE 8/26/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/27 to 8/24/37, inc	REPORT MADE BY E. J. Wynn EJW:h
TITLE <b>CHANGED:</b> <b>ALVIN KARPIS, aliases:</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>	
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>Alvin Francis Karpavicz, A. Carter, Raymond Handley, George Haller, Alvin Karpis, A. Karpis, 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, Alvin Karpis, "James", Charles M. Bronson, Leroy Morrison, E. M. Wagner, E. 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. A. 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.</p> <p><b>DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, aliases:</b> "Doc" Moran, Joseph B. Moran, Joseph C. Moran, J. O. Hammond, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232;</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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ANTHONY JOSEPH AMERSBACH, aliases:

Anthony Joseph Amerbach, Anthony J. Amerbach,  
Tony Amersbach, Tony Amerbach, George Young,  
Tom Gordon, Jack Gordon, John Brennan, Tony  
Feder, Joseph Braun, FUGITIVE

SAM COKER, aliases:

Robert Pratt, Tommy Pratt, Tommy Coleman,  
Ralph Pool, Ralph Nelson;

FRANK PETER GREENWALD, aliases:

Frank P. Greenwald, Greenie;

COLIN MUNRO, aliases:

Colin Monroe, "Coolie";

JOSEPH H. ADAMS, aliases:

Joe H. Adams, Joe Adams;

HENDRY RANDALL, aliases:

Henry Randall, Duke Randall, Henry Stern;

EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim

SYNOPSIS:

Frank Peter Greenwald in the U. S. District  
Court, Toledo, Ohio, August 23, 1937, on plea  
of guilty sentenced to serve 15 months in a  
federal penitentiary. Parole report and dis-  
position sheet submitted. Margaret Mocsadla  
Hanson, paramour of Fugitive Amersbach, advised  
he purchased a used automobile at Indianapolis,  
Indiana, on or about May 10, 1937, bearing Indi-  
ana license plates No. 54119. Criminal record  
in full of Amersbach set out together with list  
of relatives. Negative information concerning  
his whereabouts obtained in interviews with his  
sister, Beatrice Amersbach, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred  
Mussel and James "Shimmy" Patton and also at the  
Ohio State Reformatory, Mansfield, Ohio, and The  
Ohio Bell Telephone Company at Cleveland. Unable  
to locate the hideout of Fugitive Amersbach in  
the vicinity of North Eaton, Ohio. Information  
obtained indicating Amersbach in New York City  
associating with one Betty Hoffman alias Fisher;  
also visiting Saratoga Springs and Silver Lake,  
New York. Investigation at the latter place con-  
ducted with negative results.

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REFERENCES:

Letter from the Cincinnati office to Cleveland dated July 12, 1937;  
Report of Special Agent S. K. McKee dated at Cleveland, Ohio, on June 3, 1937

DETAILS:

The title of this case was last changed by the report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan dated at Cleveland, Ohio, on June 4, 1937. The title is now being changed to indicate the name Anthony Joseph Amersbach as the correct name for this individual and to add the following aliases: Anthony Joseph Amerbach, Anthony J. Amerback, Tony Ammersbach, Tom Gordon, Jack Gordon, John Brennan, Tony Feder and Joseph Braun. The title is further being changed for the purpose of eliminating the following named individuals, all of whom have been sentenced in connection with this case: EDITH PROBST, aliases: Edith Barry, Edith Decker; THEODORE ANGUS, aliases: Ted Angus, John J. Burns; BERT ANGUS; EDWARD FRANCIS MCGRAW; CLARA MCGRAW; JOHN F. GORMAN; ARTHUR W. HEBESBRAND. The title is also being changed to eliminate the name of the following individuals against whom no prosecution has been instituted: MILTON LETT, aliases: J. M. Lett, J. M. Letz, Thomas J. Shaw, Carl Baker; and BENSON GROVES, aliases: Benson H. Groves, George Wilson, "Soup", Burns Corby, B. G. Grayson, Benson Graves, Benjamin Grayson, B. J. Grayson, Burns Corby, "Soup" Groves, Benson R. Groves, Benjamin G. Grayson, Ben Grayson.

Subject Frank Peter Greenwald at Toledo, Ohio, on August 23, 1937, entered a plea of guilty to the indictment charging harboring and accessory after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer before Federal Judge Frank L. Kloeb, at which time he was sentenced to serve fifteen months in a federal penitentiary. A parole report and disposition sheet reflecting this arrest are being submitted.

On July 27, 1937, agent contacted Beatrice Amersbach, 7124 Clark Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, who advised that she had not received any information concerning the location of Anthony Amersbach and that she doubted if she would ever hear from him. She advised that fugitive Amersbach has the following relatives:



**Father:** Andrew Amersbach, 7124 Clark Avenue,  
Cleveland, Ohio

**Brothers:** Harry Amersbach, 7124 Clark Avenue,  
Cleveland, Ohio  
Philip Amersbach, State House of Cor-  
rection and Branch Prison,  
Marquette, Michigan, where  
he is serving a life sentence;  
Dr. Joseph C. Amersbach; office: 105 East  
53rd Street, New York City; residence:  
Blind Brook Road, Westport, Connecticut

**Sisters:** Beatrice Amersbach, 7124 Clark Avenue,  
Cleveland, Ohio;  
Mrs. Joseph C. (Anna), Wagner, 1346 East  
94th Street, Cleveland, Ohio;  
Mrs. John B. (Bertha), Morgan, 1257 1/2 Lake  
Ave., Lakewood, Ohio.

The New York City office on request checked the address of Dr. Joseph C. Amersbach and the local addresses of the relatives in Cleveland were checked by agent and the Detroit office checked the incarceration of Philip Amersbach.

Agent on July 27, 1937, contacted Mrs. Anna Moczadlo, 7019 Worley Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, mother of Margaret Moczadlo Hanson, the latter being the girl friend of the fugitive Amersbach, with whom he departed from Cleveland, Ohio, about May 15, 1937. Mrs. Anna Moczadlo stated that she had heard no further information from her daughter other than that set out in the report of reference and again stated that she would cooperate with the Bureau and immediately notify the Cleveland office in the event she heard from her daughter.

On August 13, 1937, Special Agents S. K. McKee and E. J. Wynn again re-interviewed Mrs. Anna Moczadlo, at which time she was told in a very vigorous manner that it was the opinion of agents she was in touch with her daughter and had information concerning the whereabouts of fugitive Amersbach. During the course of this interview it was made very plain to her that the Bureau expected her to cooperate and that agents were not satisfied with her story that she did not know of the whereabouts of her daughter, Margaret.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mussel, 3282 West 126th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, were interviewed by Special Agents S. K. McKee and E. J. Wynn. It is to be recalled that Fred Mussel is a very close friend of the fugitive Amersbach and that Mrs. Fred Mussel is a very close friend of Margaret Moczadlo Hanson. They both stated that they hadn't received any recent information as to the whereabouts of the fugitive Amersbach and the Hanson woman and that, as a matter of fact, they had not heard from them since they left Cleveland. They further stated that they had no pictures of Amersbach or Margaret Hanson.

On August 19, 1937, Margaret Moczadlo Hanson called at the Cleveland office where she was interviewed by Special Agents S. K. McKee and E. J. Wynn. She stated that she voluntarily came to the office in order to induce agents to refrain from contacting her mother and relatives inasmuch as agents' contacts with her mother had worried the latter considerably. She stated that she left Cleveland, Ohio, with Amersbach on or about May 7, 1937, and proceeded with him by bus to Chicago, Illinois, stopping off, however, one night at a tourist home in New London, Ohio; that they did not remain in Chicago more than a few hours and while there she made a long distance call to her mother, which information is related in the report of reference; that they proceeded by bus from Chicago, Illinois, to Indianapolis, Indiana, where they arrived on or about May 10, 1937; that upon their arrival in Indianapolis she went to a movie in the downtown section and later that day met Amersbach, at which time he had a second-hand automobile which she recalled as being about a 1929 model, black in color, a coach, and either an Oldsmobile or Studebaker, with Indiana license number 54119; that she was under the impression that he purchased this car from a used car dealer somewhere near the business district of Indianapolis; that she had no information concerning the name which he used in making the purchase of this car and that she felt that he, undoubtedly, obtained an Indiana driver's license.

Continuing, Margaret Hanson stated that she proceeded with Amersbach in the above-described automobile from Indianapolis, Indiana, to Bloomington, Illinois, where they remained for one night in a large, light-colored studebaker tourist home on the left of the road as one enters Bloomington, Illinois from Indianapolis; that they then proceeded to the vicinity of St. Helen's Kentucky, a suburb of Louisville, where they remained for several days in a tourist cabin which she thought was named The Beach Grove Tourist Camp, the cabins there being of brick construction; that they also

remained for some days in a cabin on the Dixie highway near Louisville and that she recalled this tavern was named the Dixie Tavern; that at none of these places were they required to register; that she did not know the last name being used by Amersbach and that she customarily addressed him as Tony and he called her Grace; that while living in the vicinity of St. Helen's in the aforementioned tourist camps they occasionally visited Louisville, Kentucky, and she recalled specifically that on or more occasions they drank beer in a tavern on the street back of the Henry Clay Hotel.

Margaret Hanson further stated that on or about May 26, 1937, she decided to go home to Cleveland, Ohio, for the purpose of being present at the birthday party of her young son who is living with her mother, and, accordingly, on or about May 26, 1937, Amersbach drove her to the railroad depot in Louisville, Kentucky, where she boarded a train and arrived at the home of her mother, Mrs. Anna Mocaadlo, 7019 Worley Avenue, on May 27, 1937; that she purchased a newspaper at Cincinnati, Ohio, on this trip and there read for the first time that Amersbach was a Fugitive from Justice and had been indicted in the Northern District of Ohio charged with harboring Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell; that she remained at the home of her mother from May 27, 1937, until the latter part of June 1937 when she left Cleveland and proceeded to Louisville, Kentucky and registered in at the Henry Clay Hotel under the name of Grace Brown and was assigned a room on the 8th floor, same being either 813 or 815; that she made this trip for the specific purpose of locating Amersbach who when she left him in Louisville on May 26th promised to get in touch with her but failed to do so; that she had no definite way of getting in touch with Amersbach in Louisville other than by possibly spotting his automobile on the street and that after she remained in Louisville for some three or four days and had been unsuccessful in locating his car on the street, she returned home where she continuously remained until the date of her appearance in the Cleveland office on August 19, 1937. She stated that on the occasion of the interview with her mother by Special Agents S. K. McKee and E. J. Wynn on August 18, 1937, she was hiding in an upstairs room and overheard the conversation; that although she knew that Amersbach had served a term in the penitentiary, she did not realize his desperate character until she overheard the conversation the referred to agents had with her mother.

The above-mentioned information secured from Margaret Hanson concerning the automobile being driven by Fugitive Amersbach and her association with him in Louisville, Kentucky, was secured only after a very lengthy, vigorous and insistent interview. She endeavored in every way to impress agents that she had no information which would be of value in causing the apprehension of Amersbach, and it was only after interviewing her for some four or five hours that she finally gave the information with reference to the automobile purchased by Amersbach in Indianapolis bearing plates which she thought were numbered 54119. In this connection she stated that although she was positive the last three digits were 119, she was not sure about the first two digits, but that to the best of her recollection the first two were 54.

The Indianapolis office was immediately notified by teletype and letter on August 19, 1937, of the information dealing with the automobile allegedly purchased by the Fugitive Amersbach in Indianapolis and requested to check Indiana license No. 54119 and all variations of that number, if necessary, in order to locate the particular automobile.

The Louisville office by letter sent on August 19, 1937, was requested to check the registration of Margaret Hanson as Grace Brown at the Henry Clay Hotel in Louisville and also to conduct appropriate investigation at the tourist cabins in the vicinity of St. Helen's, where Fugitive Amersbach and Margaret Hanson resided, as indicated above.

The Indianapolis office on August 24, 1937, advised that Amersbach had been taken into custody by agents of the Bureau at Indianapolis. All offices with pending investigations seeking the apprehension of Tony Amersbach were immediately advised to discontinue investigation by the Cleveland office.

On August 24, 1937, Special Agent E. J. Wynn contacted the United States Attorney at Cleveland, E. B. Freed, and advised him of the apprehension of Amersbach, at which time Mr. Freed requested that Amersbach be held under a \$20,000 bond and that efforts be made to effect his removal to Toledo, Ohio, forthwith. Accordingly, Special Agent E. J. Wynn contacted Assistant U. S. Attorney Paul Manton by long distance and requested him to cause certified copies of the indictment and bench warrant to be forwarded to the U. S. Attorney at Indianapolis. Special Agent in Charge H. H. Reinecke of the Indianapolis office was contacted by long distance telephone and advised of the specific charges

in the indictment against Amersbach as well as with information as to the \$20,000 bond requested and the desire to have Amersbach removed to Toledo, Ohio, forthwith.

On August 11, 1937, Estelle Mizell, 3455 West 127th St., Cleveland, a former entertainer at the Hanna Grill in Cleveland, was interviewed by Special Agents E. J. Dowd and E. J. Wynn, at which time she advised she was acquainted with Arthur W. Hebebrand and the latter's wife, Alice Hebebrand, as well as with the fugitive Amersbach; that Amersbach made a practice of visiting Saratoga Springs, New York, for the racetrack meet every August and that undoubtedly he would again visit the track there this year; that she intended making a trip east and contemplated visiting Saratoga Springs and in the event she contacted Amersbach would relay the information to agents.

The Buffalo office was advised of the information furnished by her and requested to conduct appropriate investigation in the vicinity of Saratoga Springs, New York, seeking to locate Anthony Amersbach.

About 4 a.m. on August 23, 1937, Estelle Mizell called Special Agent E. J. Dowd from Atlantic City, New Jersey, and advised that before she departed from Cleveland she made several unsuccessful attempts to contact Mrs. Alice Hebebrand; that she learned, however, in a discreet manner that Alice Hebebrand received information that Amersbach resided at Silver Lake, New York.

The following is submitted by Special Agent S. K. McKee:

As a result of the information received by Special Agent E. J. Dowd via long distance telephone on the early morning of August 23, 1937, from Confidential Informant Estelle Mizell to the effect that Anthony J. Amersbach might possibly be located in the vicinity of Silver Lake, New York, Special Agent S. K. McKee, who is acquainted with Amersbach, proceeded to Buffalo, New York, upon authority of Mr. E. A. Tamm of the Bureau for the purpose of making a survey in the vicinity of Silver Lake in an effort to apprehend this fugitive.

Accompanied by Special Agent G. A. Hardison of the Buffalo office a survey was made at Silver Springs, New York and Silver Lake, New York, but no information whatsoever was obtained indicating that Amersbach or the 1935 Pontiac sedan, green in color, bearing 1937 Indiana licenses #58-119, had been seen in the vicinity.

There is no Post Office located at Silver Lake, and this place is a small lake about three miles in length which is almost completely surrounded by privately-owned cottages. The railroad station of Silver Lake serves the Silver Lake Assembly, an Episcopal church vacation spot, located on the lake proper. The town of Silver Springs is located some two or three miles from the lake and is slightly over one thousand in population. It is served by a Post Office but inquiry there revealed that Amersbach was unknown. There are no tourist cabins in the section. Observation was made at all cottages surrounding Silver Lake and inquiries were made at stores in the vicinity and of numerous persons, but all with negative results. Advice as to the apprehension of Amersbach at Indianapolis, Indiana, was received on the afternoon of August 24, 1937, and instant investigation was terminated.

On August 5, 1937, agent through Mr. Rudolph Christman, Commercial Manager for The Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Cleveland, ascertained that there were no outgoing long distance telephone calls from telephone number Diamond 3077, which is located at the home of Mrs. Anna Moczedlo, 7019 Worley Avenue, nor from the phone of the Amersbach residence located at 7124 Clark Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

On August 9, 1937, a thirty-day mail cover was placed thru Post Office Inspector Sylvester Hettrick, on all mail going to 7019 Worley Avenue and 7124 Clark Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. Following the apprehension of Amersbach at Indianapolis Post Office Inspector Hettrick was requested to discontinue the mail cover.

Prior to the apprehension of Amersbach agent at the Ohio State Reformatory, Mansfield, Ohio, checked all records with reference to the incarceration of Amersbach but found nothing of value from the standpoint of leads as to his present location.

Post Office Inspector Sylvester Hettrick on July 31, 1937, advised Special Agent E. J. Wynn that he had a confidential informant who stated that Amersbach was in New York City associating with one Betty Hoffman alias Fisher, who was well known to the police department. The New York office by letter on August 1, 1937, was advised of this information, but in view of the apprehension of Amersbach was advised by telegram to discontinue investigation.

On August 18, 1937, Special Agents S. K. McKee and E. J. Wynn contacted James "Shimmy" Patton of the Harvard Club in an effort to obtain some information as to the activities of members of the Harvard Club in locating Amersbach. Patton would give no

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On August 20, 1937, Special Agents S. K. McKee and E. J. Wynn endeavored to locate the former hideout of Anthony Amersbach allegedly located in the vicinity of North Eaton, Ohio, as related in the letter of reference, but after an extensive search were unable to locate it.



On August 24, 1937, U. S. Attorney E. B. Freed at Cleveland, Ohio, advised Special Agent E. J. Wynn that he has been in contact with attorneys representing SAM COKER and that after some negotiations with them it was agreed that Sam Coker would plead guilty to the indictment outstanding against him in this case. In this connection U. S. Attorney E. B. Freed stated that he was immediately taking steps for the purpose of having SAM COKER appear at the September 1937 term of court at Toledo, Ohio, for the purpose of entering a plea of guilty and having sentence imposed upon him.

Inasmuch as leads for the New York, Louisville and Buffalo offices were set out in letter form previous to the rendition of this report, they are only being furnished with one copy of this report in order to eliminate the necessity of a re-run.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The INDIANAPOLIS OFFICE at Indianapolis, Indiana, will report the apprehension of subject Amersbach and his removal to the Northern District of Ohio.

The CLEVELAND OFFICE at Cleveland, Ohio, will discuss with U. S. Attorney E. B. Freed the status of Colin Munro, particularly the disposition to be made of the warrants outstanding against him in the Northern District of Ohio, it being recalled that warrants were secured from retired Federal Judge Killitts, Toledo, Ohio, at the time warrants were also secured for the other subjects of this case who were later indicted at Toledo, Ohio, on June 10, 1937. It is to be borne in mind that Colin Munro due to the fact he is a Canadian citizen and was at the time the Grand Jury was considering this case located in Canada, where he was immune from extradition, was not indicted, and U. S. Attorney E. B. Freed has indicated that he would not authorize prosecution against Munro. It is to be further recalled that following the return of the indictment at Toledo warrants were secured for Colin Munro as a material witness. This matter should be fully discussed with U. S. Attorney E. B. Freed, and if he is of the opinion that the warrants should be dismissed, he should be requested to take the proper procedure to bring this about.

Will report prosecutive action against Amersbach and Sam Coker.

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# UNITED STATES DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 2

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati

Cleveland FILE NO. 7-1

REPORT MADE AT: Cleveland	DATE WHEN MADE: 8/26/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 7/27 to 8/24/37	REPORT MADE BY: Earl J. Wynn
NAME OF CONVICT: FRANK PETER GREENWALD alias Greenie		PAROLE REPORT	
TITLE OF CASE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I. O. #1232 - FUGITIVE; ANTHONY J. CAMERBACH with aliases - FUGITIVE; ET AL; Edward George Bremer - Victim		VIOLATION: KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT	
<p>On January 17, 1934, members of the notorious Barker-Karpis gang, including Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. "Doc" Barker, Fred Barker, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis and William Weaver, at St. Paul, Minnesota, kidnaped Edward George Bremer, a wealthy banker; transported him in interstate commerce to Bensenville, Illinois, where he was held pending ransom negotiations and was finally released on February 7, 1934, after \$200,000 was paid to members of the Barker-Karpis gang for his release.</p> <p>Following the release of Edward George Bremer various members of the Barker-Karpis gang proceeded to Toledo, Ohio, where they lived until the fall of that year.</p> <p>Frank Peter Greenwald operated the Private Cab Company in Toledo, Ohio, and in this connection on various occasions drove members of the Barker-Karpis gang to and from the Casino Club located on the outskirts of Toledo, Ohio, a place used by members of the gang as a rendezvous. January 22, 1935, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, both of whom were being sought by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for their participation in the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer and for whom federal warrants were outstanding, escaped from the police at Atlantic City, New Jersey, after a gun battle. In their flight from Atlantic</p>			
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City they kidnaped a doctor; stole his automobile and proceeded to the vicinity of LaSalle, Michigan, where through a third party they contacted Frank Peter Greenwald, who drove from Toledo, Ohio, to the vicinity of LaSalle, Michigan, and drove them in one of his private cabs to the Casino Club on the outskirts of Toledo. Thereafter Greenwald visited Karpis and Campbell at the home of Edith Barry, who operated a call house of prostitution in Toledo and at whose home Karpis and Campbell hid for a period of about ten days, following their arrival in Toledo in January 1935.

A Federal Grand Jury at Toledo, Ohio, on June 10, 1937, returned an indictment in three counts against Frank Peter Greenwald together with others charging Greenwald and the other named defendants as accessories after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer; conspiring as accessories after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer; and conspiracy to harbor Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, knowing these individuals to be fugitives from justice and wanted by the Government for the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer.

On August 23, 1937, in the U. S. District Court at Toledo, Ohio, before Federal Judge Frank L. Kloebe Frank Peter Greenwald entered a plea of guilty to the entire indictment and was on that date sentenced to serve fifteen months in a United States Federal Penitentiary.

#### AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES

As indicated, at the time Greenwald drove Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell from the vicinity of LaSalle, Michigan, to the vicinity of Toledo, Ohio, on or about January 22, 1935, they had just eluded a police trap at Atlantic City, New Jersey, after engaging in a vicious gun battle with the Atlantic City, New Jersey, police, following which they kidnaped a doctor and held him captive for some hours, following which they released him and stole his automobile. Greenwald immediately thereafter visited Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell at the home of Edith Barry, a notorious prostitute in Toledo, Ohio, knowing full well they were being vigorously sought by the Department of Justice for the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer; although possessed of the knowledge as to their location and their desperate character, he did not at any time notify any law enforcement agency.

PERSONAL HISTORY

Frank Peter Greenwald is forty-five years of age, having been born on May 8, 1892. He is an American citizen, married, and has two daughters, ages 17 and 24 years. He has not lived with his wife for a number of years. He was engaged in the operation of the Private Cab Company in Toledo, Ohio, for many years, this taxicab company catering to the business of prostitutes and underworld characters in the city. For the past several years Greenwald while separated from his wife resided with one Anna Smith in the relation of man and wife.

The criminal records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reflect no previous criminal record for Greenwald.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-1

REPORT MADE AT Seattle, Washington	DATE WHEN MADE 8/30/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/17/37	REPORT MADE BY R. C. Suran
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
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>1935 Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, Motor #2044337, and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor #PJ-322772, being sought by the Bureau in its efforts to locate Milton Lett not registered in the State of Washington. Stop notices continued.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- HUC -</p> <p>REFERENCE:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Letter from the Cincinnati Field Division dated August 5, 1937.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>The reference letter requested that it be determined whether 1935 Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, Motor #2044337 and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor #PJ-322772 were registered in the State of Washington. The first mentioned car is the car that was registered in the State of Kansas during the year 1935 in the name of J. M. Lett, and the second car is the one which was registered by Milton Lett, under the name of Carl Baker, in the State of Ohio in the year 1935. Both of these cars are being sought inasmuch as the location of Milton Lett is still desired by the Bureau.</p> <p>On August 17, 1937, Special Agent W. H. Hoffman ascertained at the Department of Licenses, Motor Vehicle Division, Olympia, Washington, that neither of the above-described cars are presently registered in the State of Washington. Special Agent Hoffman further ascertained that the stop notices which were placed against these automobiles by the Portland Field Division are still in the files and in effect.</p>			
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Inasmuch as the prior stop notices were placed by letter from the Portland Field Division, requesting that the Portland Field Division be advised if an attempt were made to register the above described automobiles, Special Agent Hoffman made the appropriate arrangements that the Seattle Field Division would be notified instead of the Portland Field Division, in the event that information was obtained concerning the cars in question.

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September 2, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL McMAHON.

Reference is made to your memorandum of August 23, 1937, and to the telephonic conversations between Mr. J. J. Waters of your Division and Mr. A. Rosen of this Bureau, pertaining to the dismissal of the indictments against Joseph M. Adams and Henry Duke Randall and the disposition to be made of the Browning automatic rifle which was taken from the possession of Joe Adams by Special Agents during January, 1935, and which is now in the possession of the United States Marshal at Miami, Florida.

I desire to be advised as to whether it is possible for the Bureau, under the National Firearms Act, to obtain the said Browning automatic rifle and retain same in its possession.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Naughton .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
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September 2, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Miami, Florida.

**RE: BREKID**

Dear Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of a memorandum dated August 23, 1937, from the Criminal Division of the Department, advising that authority has been granted the United States Attorney at Tampa, Florida to dismiss the remaining indictments against Adams and Randall charging violation of the National Firearms Act.

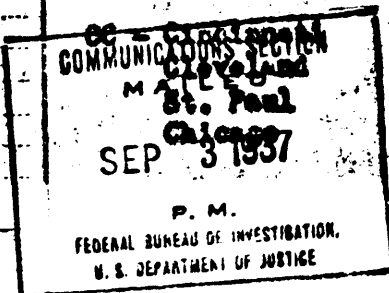
For the information of the Miami office the Bureau has directed a memorandum to the Criminal Division requesting advice as to whether the Browning automatic rifle, now in the possession of the United States Marshal at Miami, Florida, can be appropriately confiscated by the Bureau under the present National Firearms Act.

When advice has been received the Miami office will be instructed as to the disposition to be made of this gun.

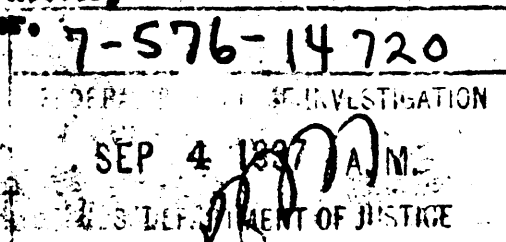
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**KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL  
PIRKAMP'S ACT.**

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ANTHONY AMERSBACH; DR. JOSEPH P.  
MURAN, with aliases, Fugitive,  
I. O. 1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE  
BREMER, Victim.

On June 10, 1937, an indictment was returned in the United States District Court at Toledo, Ohio, charging Anthony Amersbach in three counts with accessory after the fact of kidnaping, and of harboring various members of the Barker-Karpis gang who were under indictment in St. Paul, Minnesota, for the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, a wealthy St. Paul banker, on January 17, 1934.

This indictment included Bert Angus, Ted Angus, Edward McGraw and his wife Clara McGraw, Edith Barry, Frank P. Greenwald, John (Sharkey) Gorman, Arthur Hebebrand, and Sam Coker.

The various members of the Barker-Karpis gang proceeded to Toledo, Ohio, in the early spring of 1934, following the payment of the \$200,000.00 ransom money demanded by the kidnapers of Mr. Bremer, and his subsequent release. Their entrance in Toledo and vicinity was arranged for by William Weaver, who was a former associate of Bert Angus in the saloon business in Calumet City, Illinois. During the gang's stay in Toledo, they found refuge in the Casino Club, operated by Bert and Ted Angus.

In May, 1934, Alvin Karpis and his paramour, Dolores Delaney, moved to Cleveland, Ohio. They were soon joined by Fred Barker, Paula Harmon, Harry Campbell, Wynona Burdette, and other members of the mob. While at Cleveland, they frequented the Harvard Club, operated by Arthur W. Hebebrand.

Anthony Amersbach was employed at the Harvard Club, and became involved with this gang during his association there. He has been a fugitive since the return of the indictment, and has been the subject of a nationwide search by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, to effect his apprehension.

Amersbach was apprehended at 11:15 P.M., Monday, August 23, 1937, at Indianapolis, Indiana, by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and he will be returned to Cleveland, Ohio, to answer harboring charges pending against him there.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT <b>MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9-3-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8-19, 20, 24, 25, 30, 31-1937</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>WILLIAM T. MORTON</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; Dr. Joseph P. MORAN with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; ANTHONY J. CAMERSEACH, with aliases - FUGITIVE; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Jewel Greta Gilstrap and Gertrude Theresa Nichols presently located in Memphis, Tennessee. Pauline Hargrove located and interviewed at Memphis, Tennessee. Furnishes little pertinent information. 1935 Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, Motor # 2044337 and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor # PJ-3227722, Serial # 2619857, not registered with State of Tennessee during current license year; stop notices placed as to each car. Memphis relatives of J. W. Mullins, a probable witness, unable to advise of his location. Sources of information indicating Mullins probable whereabouts obtained.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p>			
<p>REFERENCE: Letter from the Little Rock Office dated August 13, 1937 Letter from Cincinnati Office to Chicago Office, dated August 5, 1937, with copies to all Field Offices.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: <u>AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE</u></p> <p>Accompanied by Special Agent Louis De Nette, agent contacted Jewel Greta Gilstrap who is residing presently at 277 1/2 Madison Avenue and she advised that recently she was riding with Mrs. Flor Edmonston, mother of Pauline Hargrove and at that time she observed that Mrs. Edmonston posted a letter to Pauline Hargrove under the name of Mary Louise Arnold at some address in Atlanta Georgia. She explained that she was unable to secure the exact address of Pauline Hargrove in Atlanta. She expressed the belief that Pauline could be located in Atlanta, Georgia, by making inquiry at the Henry Grady Hotel and calling for her</p>			
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<i>A. S. Peterson</i>		<b>7-1576-114721</b> SEP 7 1937	
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there by the name of "Pauline"; also, in this connection, that she has a prostitute girl friend there by the name of "Bee-bee" who has a husband by the name of "Bradley". She advised against agents contacting Mrs. Edmonston, inasmuch as it appears that she is shielding her daughter and if much inquiry is made, she will communicate with her daughter to go elsewhere for fear of being located.

A letter setting out this information was directed to the Little Rock Field Division on August 13, 1937, making the suggestion that the Little Rock Office determine whether the Atlanta Office be requested to locate Pauline Hargrove, based upon this information, or that the agents specially assigned on this case undertake that.

Gertrude Nichols, alias "Jackie" who now resides at 321 Morrow Street, Memphis, Tennessee, was contacted over telephone # 8-5369 and through this means it was ascertained that she is presently residing in Memphis and has no intentions of leaving. Telephonic contact with her will be continued. She advised that she knew nothing of the whereabouts of Pauline Hargrove and believed she would be unable to find any such information. However, she promised to make an effort to do so and to notify the Memphis Office should she be successful.

Acting upon information furnished by Greta Gilstrap, on August 31, 1937, reporting agent and Special Agent C. O. Pickard proceeded to the William Len Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee, where Pauline Hargrove was then registered, and brought her to the Memphis Office for questioning. It might be stated that Pauline Hargrove indicated a willingness to furnish any information she had pertinent to this investigation; however, during the time she was questioned, she continually explained her lack of information due to the fact that she was not a confidant of Grace Goldstein, during her stay in Hot Springs in 1936, and that she was busily engaged in the activities of her profession.

Such information as she did furnish was reduced in writing in the form of a signed statement, which is quoted below:

Memphis, Tennessee.  
August 31, 1937

I, Pauline Hargrove, do make this statement freely and voluntarily to Wm. T. Morton and C. O. Pickard, whom I know to be Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. I hereby state that I have been offered no rewards, promises, nor have I been threatened or mistreated to get me to give this statement. I do give it of my own desire to tell what I know about all the facts in this statement.

I am 28 years old, born in Roswell, New Mexico, August 4, 1909. I am not married. I first went to Hot Springs, Arkansas, about January 28, 1936. I went there from Memphis, Tennessee, and I went to practice prostitution. I went there with

a girl named Ann Lyle who had worked for Grace Goldstein in Hot Springs, Arkansas. When Anne Lyle and myself reached Hot Springs, Arkansas, we went directly to Grace Goldstein's house. Grace Goldstein then had a house known as the Hatterie Hotel. This was a house of prostitution. I didn't know Grace Goldstein before this, but we went to Grace's because Anne knew her and had worked for her.

I stayed at Grace Goldstein's place in the Hatterie Hotel in Hot Springs, Arkansas from about January 28, 1936, until the close of the racing season of 1936 which I think was about the first of April 1936. I remember that my mother came over from Memphis, Tennessee, on a Sunday morning following the day the races closed and carried me to Memphis, Tennessee.

While I stayed at Grace's place, I paid her nothing to work there except I paid her my room rent and for meals, which was \$12.00 a week. This is absolutely all I had to do or pay to work at this place. During this time Grace didn't stay there hardly at all and I didn't see her very much. She came around every now and then and just checked up. The place was run mostly by her housekeeper, a white woman named Mary and I can't recall her last name. At that time Greta Gilstrap, Dorothy Williams, a girl named Jean, I think from Texarkana and a girl named Pat from Texarkana were living there. All these girls were working there except Dorothy Williams who was sick and didn't work. During that time several girls were in and out; they would just stay a couple of days and move. One of these girls was a girl named Mae from New Orleans, and Betty something from St. Louis, Mo. A girl named Connie whom I have identified from a photograph shown to me by Mr. Morton as being Connie Morris, came to Grace's just one time that I was there.

I have just said that Grace Goldstein did not stay at the Hatterie Hotel; what I mean to say is that Grace Goldstein did sleep there but she was up and out all the time. She was then driving a Buick Greenish blue coupe. I do not know anything about Grace Goldstein's business, where she went, who she went with or any other place that she was staying. All I did was to answer call dates at the various hotels and some few dates at the Hatterie Hotel. During that time I may have seen some of the Hot Springs Police Officers in the city, but I did not see any of them at Grace's place, nor did I meet any of them. All I know about Connie Morris is that while I was at Grace's place she came over there for two days and went over to see a doctor, for what reason I don't know, but I have a feeling that it was because of venereal disease. I don't know who Connie's friends were or where she was staying.

The first that I knew about the raid made near Hot Springs is in the spring of 1936 for Alvin Karpis was that I read about it in the newspapers after the raid. At that time I was staying at the Hatterie Hotel. I do not know anything about this and I saw nothing out or the way going on at the Hatterie Hotel and I did not hear any talk about the raid. I do know that about the time of this raid, I can't recall the exact time, that Grace Goldstein came in

bruised up and said that her car had been turned over. That is all I know about that and I don't know where Grace had been. I left soon after this.

While I was at the Hatterie Grace Goldstein had a great big dog they called 'Shine'. Grace had this dog when I came there and it was supposed to be her's. She kept it there at the house.

After I left Grace, as I have just said, I did not go back to work with Grace and I have since had no contacts with her. I did go back to Hot Springs, Arkansas, this year, that is 1937, about ten days before the race season started. I left when the season was over. During that time I stayed at the Eddie Hotel and I had no contact whatsoever with Grace Goldstein. I do not know of any arrangements that prostitutes had to make with any of the Hot Springs Police, but I do know that while I was working at Grace Goldstein's during 1936 we never did get arrested, but while I was in Hot Springs during 1937 I got arrested several times by the police for what they called 'loitering' and I put up a cash bond and forfeited it. One time during 1937 I went to see Mayor McLaughlin with the woman who ran the Eddie Hotel, I can't recall her name, and asked him why I was being arrested. She wanted that her hotel not get a bad name. All that came out of this is that he said that she was not responsible for the guests in her hotel. It was silly to go to his office in the first place and nothing was accomplished, and no agreement was proposed or reached.

I have read the above statement typed on this and one other page and do sign my name to it knowing that it is mine and after I read it in full and am fully aware of what is in it.

/s/ PAULINE HARGROVE

Witnessed

William T. Morton  
Special Agent

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Memphis, Tennessee.

C. C. Pickard,  
Special Agent "

The original of this signed statement is being forwarded to the Little Rock Office.

In addition to the above information contained in Pauline Hargrove's statement, it is to be stated that she was thoroughly questioned relative to any contact the Hot Springs Police Officers had with Grace Goldstein, to the knowledge of Pauline Hargrove, and she advised repeatedly that she, at no time, saw any of the police officials at the Hatterie Hotel, nor did she know of any connections that Grace Goldstein had with them.

Photographs of Fred Hunter, Alvin Karpis were displayed to her and she advised that she was unable to identify these pictures as being those of men she saw frequenting the Hatterie Hotel, or as being associates of Grace Goldstein. She also informed that she had never seen the individuals in the

pictures before except she had seen pictures of Karpis in the newspapers at times she could not recall. She also stated that Dorothy Wilson, mentioned in her statement above, is identical with Dorothy Cathey, who has previously been mentioned in statements obtained from other habitués of Grace Goldstein's house of prostitution.

It will be noted that Pauline Hargrove stated she first went to Hot Springs, Arkansas, in 1936, with one Anne Lyle, the latter being a prostitute who formerly worked for Grace Goldstein. She was questioned very closely regarding this, in view of the possibility of violation of the White Slave Traffic Act, but she advised that she had previously decided to go to Hot Springs, Arkansas, to practice prostitution during the racing season, and it so happened that she and Anne Lyle went for the same purpose, and it was through no inducement on the part of Anne Lyle or Grace Goldstein.

She advised that Anne Lyle is presently located somewhere in Memphis, Tennessee, and it is her belief that she can furnish very little information, since she remained at Grace Goldstein's only a few days.

With respect to Anne Lyle, this agent contacted Greta Gilstrap and the latter advised that she doubted seriously whether Anne Lyle could furnish any information, since Anne Lyle never was employed at Grace Goldstein's except possibly two or three days during 1936, and that if she ever previously worked for Grace Goldstein, it was not during 1935. An effort is being made to ascertain the present location of Anne Lyle and if the Little Rock Office deems it advisable, she will be interviewed.

Pauline Hargrove was advised that she is at all times to keep this office advised of her address, in order that she can be contacted at a later date as a witness, if necessary. She willingly agreed to this and advised that she will make arrangements with her mother, whereby the latter will furnish the Memphis Office at all times her present location, should she depart from Memphis. She was advised to furnish this office with that information either telephonically or by letter.

Pauline Hargrove was fingerprinted and photographed in the Memphis Office and her fingerprints are being forwarded to the Bureau.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent M. W. Meeking at Nashville, Tennessee, on August 24, 1937. Mrs. Pearl Kirkpatrick, file clerk, Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau, State of Tennessee, Nashville, Tennessee, was interviewed and after a check of her records, she informed that 1935 Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, Motor # 2044337 and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor # PJ-322772, Serial # 2619857 were not registered within the State of Tennessee during the current license year. Accordingly, stop-alarm cards were placed whereby the Memphis Field Division will be advised of any registrations of either car in the future. It is known from past investigations through this Motor Registration Bureau that records of registrations are maintained first by motor numbers and secondly by license numbers, no cross index by names of registrants being maintained.

The following investigation was conducted by reporting agent.

During the course of investigation in connection with this case made at Hot Springs, Arkansas, it has been learned that during the time Karpis was supposed to be associated with Grace Goldstein there, a Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mullins were then occupying a rear apartment at 125 Palm Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, which overlooked the side of Grace Goldstein's house. Mrs. Mullins was particularly interested in the various activities of the persons who lived at 123 Palm Street, the house of Grace Goldstein, and she and a Mrs. Armenia frequently talked of the negligence or corruption of the Hot Springs police Department in failing to take adequate steps to abate the nuisance existing next door. Mrs. Mullins had two young sons and was very much disturbed at the sights she and her young sons were forced to put up with in the house operated by Grace Goldstein.

Inasmuch as it is believed, in view of the above situation, that Mr. and Mrs. Mullins could afford pertinent information regarding the harboring of Karpis and his companions by Grace Goldstein and the connection therewith of the Hot Springs, Arkansas, Police Officials, investigation has been directed towards locating Mr. and Mrs. Mullins in order that they might be appropriately interviewed.

It has been ascertained that from Hot Springs, Arkansas, Mr. and Mrs. Mullins moved to 205 Edwards Street, Shreveport, Louisiana. The New Orleans Office has ascertained, through investigation made at Shreveport, Louisiana, that Mr. J. W. Mullins formerly resided there and was employed by a Mr. Chester A. Porta at room 207 Majestic Theater Building, the latter being a publisher for the Historical Records Association of Louisiana. Mullins left his employment there June, 1937, after passing a number of "hot" checks on the Association. Investigation established that Mullins has left Shreveport, Louisiana, and his whereabouts is unknown.

Before departing from Shreveport, Mullins purchased a 1936 Ford four-door Sedan, Motor # 2,985,145, from the Wray-Dickerson Motor Company, on the instalment plan which was financed through the Universal Credit Company at Shreveport. At the present time, payments are over due on this automobile. It was also established that Mullins has passed two bogus checks on the Sinclair Filling Station, operated by a Mr. J. D. Boyd of Bossier City, Louisiana. There is presently outstanding a warrant for the arrest of Mullins, issued in the Bossier Parish, Louisiana, charging him with forgery.

It was also ascertained that Mullins has a son and daughters residing at Memphis, Tennessee: Mr. John Mullins, Jr., truck driver for the Sinclair Refining Company, Mrs. Eda Davis and Mrs. Morris Berger. These parties, who reside on the Bristol Highway approximately one-half mile north of the intersection of the Bristol Highway and U. S. Highway 72, were interviewed by reporting agent at length and they denied that they had any information as to the whereabouts of Mullins, Sr., and explained that after his second marriage, they ceased having anything to do with him and he never visits them. They seemed to be informed of his difficulty in Louisiana, however,

and advised that due to the misconduct of Mullins, Sr., in passing bad checks on the Sinclair Oil and Refining Company, his son, J. W. Mullins, Jr., has been very much embarrassed.

They informed that Mullins' present wife was a Mrs. Clark who formerly resided at Blytheville, Arkansas, and that by her former marriage she had one small child. They admitted that Mullins, Sr., visited them in Memphis approximately six months ago and departed, saying he was going to Fort Worth, Texas. They had no information as to how he was making his livelihood or with whom he was presently employed.

J. W. Mullins, Jr., furnished the information that he was anxious to locate his father because his father had obtained from some Sinclair Filling Station a courtesy card, giving his, Mullins Jr., name as a reference; that Mullins, Sr., was going about over the country buying gasoline on credit on this card, and failing to pay for it. He informed that his employer was pressing him, Mullins, Jr., for the location of his father, for this reason. He has information that the purchases of gasoline on this courtesy card indicated that his father has been travelling around St. Louis, and Dallas, Texas. He also informed that they have one other sister, Mrs. Opal Marie Davis, who resides on Lafayette Street, Jackson, Tennessee, and he explained that he knows this sister doesn't know the whereabouts of Mullins, Sr., because she, too, is at outs with her father because of his second marriage.

Mr. George West, of the Sinclair Oil and Refining Company, Memphis, Tennessee, advised agent that he is aware of the fact that his company is attempting to locate J. W. Mullins, Sr., and in this connection he has information that about a month ago, Mullins, Sr., wired his son, J. W. Mullins, Jr., Memphis, Tennessee, by Western Union. Mr. West advised that he, personally, saw the telegram and it is his knowledge that Mullins, Sr., was requesting his son to telegraph him some money in St. Louis, c/o Western Union. Mr. West stated it is his belief, but not positive information, that Mullins, Jr., did not comply with this request. He requested that the Bureau contact the Credit Department of the Sinclair Oil and Refining Company at Fort Worth, Texas, and request their assistance in locating Mullins, by furnishing his itinerary as reflected by his purchases of gasoline on the Sinclair courtesy card. He advised that if he secures any information pertinent to this investigation, he will notify the Memphis Office immediately.

#### U N D E V E L O P E D      L E A D S

THE DALLAS OFFICE at Fort Worth, Texas, will contact the Credit Department of the Sinclair Oil and Refining Company for their assistance in locating J. W. Mullins, Sr.



THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE at Shreveport, Louisiana, will continue contacting the Universal Credit Company there with the view of locating Mullins with respect to his making payments on his automobile.

THE MEMPHIS FIELD DIVISION at Memphis, Tennessee, with the assistance of Greta Gilstrap and Mrs. Ann Jackson, matron, Memphis Police Department, will endeavor to secure the location of Anna Lyle, in order that she may be questioned.

P E N D I N G

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO.

7-33

REPORT MADE AT <b>San Francisco, Cal.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9/1/37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/4, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. H. Rice--IST</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases. DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232. ANTHONY J. AMERSBACH, with aliases - FUGITIVE. Et Al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING HARBORING OF FUGITIVES OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>"Stop" notices placed with California Motor Vehicle Division against 1935 Ford V8 Tudor Sedan, motor #2044337, and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, motor #PJ322772, serial #2619857. No record of MILTON LEIT, with known aliases, applying for chauffeur's license, or automobile operator's permit since 1935. 1934 Ford Coupe, motor #18-560546, registered June, 1937 by one THOMAS J. SHAW, Glendale, California. DOROTHY CATHEY located at San Jose, California. Signed statement obtained in which she identified the photographs of KARPIS, HUNTER, CAMPBELL, and COKER as associates of GRACE GOLDSTEIN, and named these parties as frequent visitors at the Hatterie Hotel, Hot Springs, Arkansas. Claims she did not know their identity until after the Woodcock raid. Recalls that Officers of the Hot Springs Police Department frequented the Hatterie Hotel, but states she does not know them personally.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>R.U.C.</b></p> </div>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>7-1576-114722</b>	
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REFERENCE:

Letters from the Cincinnati Office dated 8/5/37, and Little Rock Office, dated 8/13/37.  
Report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, Little Rock, dated 8/10/37.  
Report of Special Agent J. H. Rice, San Francisco, California, dated 8/25/37.

DETAILS:

The records of the California Motor Vehicle Division, at Sacramento, California, failed to reflect a record for 1935 Ford V8 Tudor Sedan, motor #2044337, and 1935 model Plymouth Sedan, motor #PJ322772, serial #2619857, and "stop" notices have been placed against these automobiles.

There is no record of MILTON LETT, under his true name or known aliases, as having made application since 1935 for a California chauffeur's or automobile operator's permit.

The records do reflect on June 26, 1937 a 1934 Ford Coupe, motor #18-560546, under 1937 California license #9C1059, was registered by THOMAS J. SHAW, 410 Glendale Avenue, Glendale, California. The legal owner of instant automobile is reflected as the Universal Finance Company, 605 West Olympic Street, Los Angeles. There is no record of an operator's permit having been issued to this individual, and the Los Angeles Office is requested to determine whether this party may be identical with MILTON LETT, who has used the alias of THOMAS J. SHAW.

At San Jose, California

DOROTHY CATHEY, known also as MRS. WILLIAM CLARK, was located on 8/24/37 through the General Delivery Section of the Post Office, by Special Agent LOUIS D. WINE, and the reporting Agent.

DOROTHY CATHEY was questioned at length, and specifically along the lines set out in reference letter from the Little Rock Office, dated August 13, 1937. The following signed statement was obtained, the original of which is being transmitted with copies of this report to the Little Rock Office:

Post Office Building,  
San Jose, California

August 24, 1937.

"I, Dorothy Cathey, desire to make the following voluntarily statement Louis D. Wine and Julius H. Rice, known to me as Special Agents Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice. No threats or promises have been made me.

"I was born July 28, 1912, at Hamilton, Texas, and lived with my mother, Mrs. John Cathey for many years. My mother still resides there and knows my address. I married William Clark in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1935, and was divorced from him sometime ago. My occupation is that of hostess and entertainer.

"During the first part of July 1935 I was living in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and had a room at a private residence on South Spring Street, the number of which I do not recall. I do not remember the name of the Landlady. I was ill at the time and under the care of Dr. Stough, a rectal specialist at Hot Springs, Arkansas. I met Jewel Greta Gilstrap in 1933 at Texarkana, Texas, at 210 1/2 Texas Avenue, at the Tulsa Rooms. Greta was then working at the Majestic Cafe at that time.

"While at Hot Springs, Arkansas, in July 1935, I made the acquaintance of Grace Goldstein, who operated the Hatterie Hotel, 233 1/2 Central Avenue, Hot Springs. One evening during July, Grace

introduced me to two men named 'Harold' and 'Ed'. I have been shown a photograph of Alvin Karpis, which I positively identify as the man known to me as 'Ed'. I have also been shown a photograph of Fred Hunter, and I identify this photograph as that of a man known to me as 'Harold'. I have initialed each of these photographs. They were well dressed and I thought they were business men from town. They came into Grace's room and were interested in an infant that Grace had been taking care of.

"On or about July 28th, this date being my birthday, I recall making a visit to Kilgore, Texas, where my aunt, Mrs. R. C. Moore, then resided. I stayed there several days and returned to Hot Springs, Arkansas, and upon my return there, made my residence at the Hatterie Hotel. I was still ill under the doctor's care and not working. I didn't work the whole time I was in Hot Springs, Arkansas, from about July 1, 1935, to July 5, 1936, when I went to my mother's in Hamilton, Texas.

"On or about Thanksgiving Day, Grace introduced me at the Hatterie Hotel, to 'George', whose photograph I have positively identified Harry Campbell, and about the same time Grace introduced me to 'Tommy' whose photograph I positively identify as Sam Coker. I have initialed each of these two photographs also.

"The other girls who were working for Grace Goldstein at the Hatterie Hotel were Della May Jefferies, known as 'Ginger', Jewel Greta Gilstrap, known as 'Greta', Gertrude Theresa Nichols, known as 'Jackie' and Mary Williams. The negro maid at this place was known to me only as 'Lillian'. I also remember Connie Morris who was working there as well.

"Grace Goldstein was the girl friend of Alvin Karpis, while Connie Morris was Fred Hunter's girl friend. I saw these two men frequently in and out of the hotel. These four would go away on trips from time to time, and Grace would leave the house

in charge of Mary Williams. I did not know where they went on these trips as they did not confide in me at any time. I do recall they mentioned a 'cabin' on a lake which was four or five miles away. Grace took Greta and myself in her Green Colored Coupe, the make of which is unknown to me. We went to Gillem Landing on Lake Hamilton. Greta and I put on our bathing suits and went in swimming alone. Grace left in the automobile. While we were in swimming Alvin Karpis and Grace approached in a boat with an outboard motor and took us for a ride around the lake. We did not stop any place but returned in about ten or fifteen minutes leaving us at Gillem Landing. Grace and Alvin left in the boat and a short time afterward, about one half to one hour, Grace returned driving the automobile alone, picked us up and drove us back to town. I do not know where Alvin Karpis was living or where Grace left him.

"Alvin Karpis carried a gun on his belt, and I saw a bulge in his coat where he carried it. He never drew this gun in my presence but I knew he was armed. I saw Karpis around the Hatterie Hotel more than I saw Hunter, as Connie occupied most of Hunter's time. I only saw Harry Campbell on the one occasion that I have previously mentioned at Thanksgiving time. Sam Coker was in and out of the Hatterie Hotel from Thanksgiving time up until about the time he was caught by the law. Campbell and Coker did not have any steady girls at the hotel.

"These men were always well supplied with money. As I recall Alvin Karpis drove a black V-8 Ford Coupe. None of these cars were ever pointed out to me and I never rode in any of their cars. These men whom I have mentioned in this statement, never made any dates with me, but on some occasions they used to eat and drink at the Hatterie Hotel when I was present.

"During my stay at Hot Springs, I was under the Doctor's care continuously and Greta gave me some money and I received a little money from my mother. I was separated from my husband, William Clark, who sent me funds from time to time. He was an oil driller at Kilgore, Texas, at that time. I do not know his present whereabouts.

"I have been asked specifically as to the location of any places where Alvin Karpis or any of his associates may have stopped at Hot Springs, or vicinity, and I can honestly state neither Karpis, his associates nor anyone else took me into their confidence as to the locations of these places, all of which are unknown to me. Grace and Connie never discussed with me any of their activities or trips with Karpis, Hunter or any of their associates.

"One one occasion Greta had an out-of-town Sunday paper. Ginger told one of the girls in the Hatterie Hotel that a photograph of Alvin Karpis in this paper looked like 'Ed'. I saw the paper in the hotel and the girls commented that it looked very much like him. Karpis always wore rimless gold spectacles which changed his looks quite a bit, and after looking at this picture I told some of the girls, I did not believe 'Ed' was Alvin Karpis. I stayed to myself most of the time as I was ill. I recall that some officers from the Hot Springs Police Department came up to the Hatterie Hotel from time to time on business. I do not recall any of these officers having any dates with the girls or knew any of these officers to be there when Karpis or his associates were visiting there. I do not know the names of any of these officers and do not know the Chief of Police of the Hot Springs Police Department.

"I never visited the cottage occupied by Karpis and Hunter at Dyer's Landing on Lake Hamilton at any time, and have no information as to the place of residence of Karpis or his associates on any occasion. I do remember now a detective by the name of 'Dutch' Akers, came to the Hatterie on different occasions, and talked to Mary Williams, the housekeeper. I never met him, but heard him called 'Dutch' Akers.

"Grace and Connie were very secretive and did not tell me or any of the other girls to my knowledge, about their activities and trips with Karpis and Hunter or what connections they might have. After

the Woodcock raid, I knew there was something wrong as the Federal officers whose names I do not know, would come up and talk to Grace in her room and not in my presence. I do not know whether these men were Department of Justice Special Agents, Grace did not confide in me. After this raid I believed that Grace's associate was Alvin Karpis, and Connie's friend was Hunter, but I did not know the identity of these men at the time of their visits to the Hatterlie Hotel, Hot Springs, Arkansas. If it is necessary for me to testify in court under oath I will tell the entire truth, which I have done in this statement. This statement consists of three pages which I have read and initialed.

(Signed) DOROTHY CATHEY."

"WITNESSES:

LOUIS D. WINE  
J. H. RICE  
Special Agents, Federal Bur. of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
1105 Mills Tower Building,  
San Francisco, California."

DOROTHY CATHEY claims she did not prostitute herself during the time mentioned in her statement, as she was receiving medical attention from Dr. STOUGH at Hot Springs, and that she was not dependent upon prostitution during this time for her livelihood. She stated that if she was subpoenaed to testify in Court, she would tell the truth, but would be unable to furnish any further information other than related in her statement.

The photograph of MILTON LETT was exhibited to DOROTHY CATHEY, and she was unable to identify this photograph as resembling anyone known to her, or resembling any of the visitors while she lived at the Hatterlie Hotel.

DOROTHY CATHEY, under the name of DOROTHY CLARK, is now residing at 157 South 3rd Street, San Jose, and for the past



two months has been employed as a hostess at the El Camino Club, in San Jose. She has promised to advise this office should she leave San Jose in the near future, and assured that she always could be reached by mail, care of her mother, Mrs. JOHN CATHEY, Hamilton, Texas.

A copy of the fingerprints of DOROTHY CATHEY was obtained, and is being furnished herewith to the Little Rock Office, for the information of the file.

DOROTHY CATHEY is described as follows:

Age	25 years.
Height	5'9".
Weight	110 lbs.
Hair	Blonde, wavy.
Eyes	Gray.
Complexion	Fair.
Build	Slender.
Scars and marks	None.

For the information of the Los Angeles Office, MILTON LETT is described as follows:

Name	MILTON LETT
Aliases	CARL BAKER, THOMAS J. SHAW, J. M. LETZ.
Residence	Wann, Oklahoma.
Age	21 (1935).
Height	5'7".
Weight	143 lbs.
Hair	Dark brown.
Eyes	Blue.
Color	White.
Complexion	Medium.
Occupation	Pretends to be gambler.
Fingerprint	
Classification	9 U 00 16 1 U 00 11

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION, at Glendale, California, will determine whether or not THOMAS J. SHAW, reported to be residing at 410 Glendale Avenue, is identical with MILTON LETT.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

EAT:DM

September 4, 1937.

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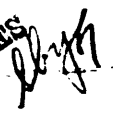


Re: Harboring Cases - Toledo  
and Cleveland.

I telephoned Mr. Devereaux at the Cleveland Division, in connection with the above matter, advising him the Director has changed his idea of approach and it will not be necessary for Agent McKee to stay there any longer.

Mr. Devereaux advised that Agent McKee would leave for Miami tonight.

  
E. A. TAMM.

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400 U. S. Court House  
Buffalo, New York

September 4, 1937

Special Agent in Charge  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Re: Brekid

Dear Sir:

On August 23 and 24, 1937 Special Agent S. K. McKee was in the Buffalo Field Division on special assignment conducting investigation looking toward the apprehension of subject Anthony ~~Amersbach~~. Special Agent McKee was assisted by agents of this office during this investigation which was discontinued when it was learned that Amersbach had been apprehended at Indianapolis, Indiana.

It was understood from Agent McKee that he is to submit a report covering the investigation at the Buffalo Field Division and since there is no other investigation to be conducted in this district this case is being considered referred upon completion to office of origin.

Very truly yours,

J. W. WARNES  
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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400 U. S. Court House  
Buffalo, New York

September 3, 1937

Special Agent in Charge  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Re: BREXID

Dear Sir:

Recently this office received a letter from Mr. J. A. Koch, Assistant Cashier of the First National Bank, Glens Falls, N.Y. advising the bank has been holding since October 1934 a Federal Reserve note on the Federal Reserve Bank, Minneapolis, Minn. #104426165A in accordance with instructions of Special Agent M. W. Meekins. The bank asked whether permission would be granted to dispose of this bill in the usual manner in a shipment to the Federal Reserve Bank, New York City.

This office is now in receipt of a letter dated August 26, 1937 from the Memphis Field Division advising that information with reference to the above described note could probably be obtained from the file relating to the above captioned case. From an examination of the Buffalo file it was observed a report was submitted by Special Agent G. V. Doherty, October 18, 1934, at Buffalo, N.Y. This note is referred to in Agent Doherty's report just mentioned.

Kindly advise whether the First National Bank of Glens Falls, N.Y. should be requested to retain the above note or whether it can be disposed of.

Very truly yours,

J. W. WARNES  
Special Agent in Charge

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7-576-14725

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

EAT:MC

September 4, 1937.

Time: 10:00 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

RE: HARBORING AT TOLEDO AND CLEVELAND, OHIO

With reference to the furnishing of information to the local authorities at Toledo and Cleveland, Ohio, concerning the harboring at Toledo and Cleveland of members of the Karpis gang, I called Mr. Connelley at New York and advised him the Bureau cannot quite understand what he has in mind from his memorandum of August 31st.

Mr. Connelley advised he believes the information which the Bureau should furnish to the local authorities should be confined to what we actually have rather than what we believe, setting out each statement as having been made by a certain individual.

I told him the Bureau has such a memorandum composed of about sixty pages, but when this is done, the name of the person making the statement is disclosed and many of the police officers furnishing information are still active in the police department. It is not known what action the Chief of Police might take if these officers had furnished information during the course of investigation and had not gone to their Chief. It was pointed out to Mr. Connelley that if we can give sufficient information upon which to predicate an investigation, we must disclose the source of our information. I also told him we are not furnishing this information to the authorities as a closed case, but merely as incidental information collected during our investigation which may form the basis for administrative inquiries by them.

Mr. Connelley informed he believes no action will be taken by the authorities after we furnish our information, since the authorities have at this time a lengthy report submitted by the Alcohol Tax Unit a few years ago, based on information they had obtained and no action was ever taken then by the local authorities.

I told him that if the Bureau is positive that such information was furnished and no action ever taken with regard thereto, then we would be justified in not furnishing information to the local authorities.

Mr. Connelley stated he would confer with Agent Wynn to ascertain what, if any, action was taken.

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Time: 11:07 A.M.

Mr. Connelley called with reference to the above matter, advising he had talked to Agents Wynn and Smith who are presently at Trenton on another investigation, and Agent Smith had obtained a copy of the report furnished by the Alcohol Tax Unit from Colonel C. E. Whitney, about June or July 1936, and undoubtedly quoted it in his report of about that date. As Agent Smith recalls, the report deals in generalities, although it does mention prostitution and gambling, but Agent Smith does not recall whether the report mentions crookedness on the part of individual officers. As Agent Smith recalls, there was information in the report upon which an investigation could be made, if the authorities desired to make same, but as far as he was able to learn, no inquiry was ever made.

I told him the Bureau would check its files to locate such a report. In answer to my question as to whether he would concur in the opinion that if the Alcohol Tax Unit submitted to the local authorities a report which indicated irregularities and no action was taken, then we are justified in not furnishing the information we have, Mr. Connelley said he would so concur.

*EW*  
E. A. TAMM.

*Just advised.*

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

EAT:MC

September 7, 1937.

Time: 4:50 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

RE: HARBORING CASES AT TOLEDO AND  
CLEVELAND, OHIO.  
BREMER CASE

I called Mr. Shivers at Miami and asked if Agent S. K. McKee had as yet returned. Upon being advised that Mr. McKee had returned Monday night, I told Mr. Shivers that it will not be necessary to use Mr. McKee again on instant matter and that he can be permanently assigned to work at Miami.

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E. A. TAMM

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1130 Enquirer Building  
Cincinnati, Ohio

HDM:MGR  
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September 8, 1937.

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

Re: "BREKID."

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Buffalo Office under date of September 3, 1937, in the above entitled case, referring to Federal Reserve Note, Serial IO4426165A and indicating that this Federal Reserve note was mentioned in a report of Special Agent G. V. Doherty dated at Buffalo 10-18-34.

The Cincinnati Office was not the office of origin in this case during 1934 and a review of the file at this office fails to reflect a copy of the report in question. Inasmuch as, however, there appears to be no prosecution remaining which might require the use of the Federal Reserve note in question, it is suggested that the Buffalo Office should inform the First National Bank of Glens Falls, N.Y., that this bill need no longer be retained.

It is suggested that the Bureau advise the Buffalo office in the premises.

Very truly yours,

*H. D. Harris*  
H. D. HARRIS,

RECORDED Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Buffalo

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RECORDED

7-576-14728 September 22, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREXID

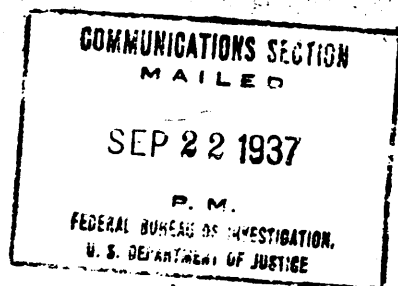
Reference is made to your letter dated September 8, 1937.

In view of the facts set forth in your letter, it is suggested that the Buffalo office should inform the First National Bank of Glens Falls, New York, that the Federal Reserve note, serial ID4,426,165A need no longer be retained.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,  
Assistant Director.

cc Buffalo



CWS:MM  
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Post Office Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
September 7th, 1937

*See*  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio

RE: BREKID *Edward G. Bremer*

Dear Sir:

Please advise me whether you desire stop notices to be  
still maintained against the following cars:

1935 Standard Ford Coupe, Model 40,  
Motor No. 18-429014;

Ford Tudor Sedan,  
Motor No. 2044337a

1935 Plymouth 4-door Sedan,  
Motor No. 322772,  
Serial No. 2619857.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN,  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

cc Bureau

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO.

FILE NO. 7-82

REPORT MADE AT <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9/7/37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/25/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. B. SMITH RBS:MG</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232; et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Description furnished of individual losing large sums of money at rotation pool, Bensinger Pool Room, Chicago, Illinois. Informant EVERETT E. CHESIRE selected identification order of DR. MORAN as closely resembling this party, who was subsequently found to be one EDWARD JOHNSON, employed as bridge tender, city of Chicago.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.</p> <p>On August 25, 1937, MR. EVERETT E. CHESIRE called at the Chicago office. MR. CHESIRE stated that he is presently employed in the Advertising Department of the Public Service Leader, a local publication with offices at 33 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois, and that he has been employed periodically during the last fifteen years by the Chicago Herald and Examiner and is presently living at the Berkshire Hotel, 15 East Ohio Street, Chicago, Illinois.</p> <p>MR. CHESIRE stated that he is in the habit of playing pool and billiards quite regularly with friends of his at noon and that they usually play at the Bensinger Pool Room, located on the fourth floor at Adams Street and Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois; that during the week preceding the day of his appearance at the Chicago office an individual had been playing rotation pool every day; that he always played with the same individual who was known to CHESIRE'S friends as a pool hall hustler who had been operating in Chicago for at least the past fifteen years; that these two men were betting \$10.00 a game;</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>D. M. Ladd</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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that the man noticed by CHESIRE had been losing consistently and that it was rumored around the pool hall that he had lost as high as \$700.00 during that week. CHESIRE stated that this man had a large roll of bills on him, but was dressed in a very sloppy manner and did not appear to be an individual who would normally have any such amount of money. CHESIRE said that during the week in which he had observed this man he had worn the same blue shirt and dirty white trousers every day. CHESIRE said further that he was certain he had seen this individual's picture somewhere recently as being wanted by the police. He said that he had a girl friend employed in the old Post Office Building; that he frequently waited for her in the lobby of that building and spent his time looking at the wanted notices posted on the bulletin board at that location; that after observing this fellow he had made a point to check these notices over again but had found no pictures bearing any similarity. CHESIRE said that he simply desired to bring this information to the attention of the Bureau.

CHESIRE furnished the following description of this individual, as gained from his observation:

Age	35-40
Height	5' 9"
Weight	175-180
Build	Husky
Hair	Light brown
Complexion	Fair; tanned
Beard	Smooth shaven
Eyes	Unnoticed
Nationality	American
Speech	Speaks with a slight drawl; might be from Texas or Oklahoma
Dress	Poorly dressed
Peculiarities	Flashes large roll of bills; drinks coffee continuously; light hacking cough; very nervous.

CHESIRE stated that during the time he had watched this individual he had always rented the adjoining table to the one on which they were playing and while the other man was shooting this individual would practice at the adjoining table. He stated that he very seldom spoke, but he had heard him called by the nickname of PAT on one or two occasions.

Agent showed I.R. CHESIRE his personal file of identification orders and then checked over the office file of identification

orders with him and on each occasion MR. CHESIRE selected Identification Order No. 1232 of DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN as being the picture resembling the individual in question most closely. It will be noted that the description appearing on that Identification Order checks very closely with that furnished by MR. CHESIRE before he examined the identification order.

Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, MR. CHESIRE and reporting Agent proceeded to BENSINGER'S pool room to observe the man in question and it was found that this individual was not DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN. It should be noted here that the man bore a very close resemblance to the photograph of subject MORAN contained in the Chicago office file, with the exception of his eyes which were a dark blue. This man likewise had what appeared from a distance of ten feet to be a four or five inch scar on the left forearm, inside, running from just below the elbow.

Information as obtained from MR. CHESIRE was turned over to Sergeant JOHN BOLAND of the Confidence Detail, Chicago Detective Bureau and this man was subsequently taken into custody by them and fingerprinted. It was ascertained that this man is one EDWARD JOHNSON employed as a bridge tender by the city of Chicago, living at 738 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois; that he has been so employed for the last six or seven years; that his wife recently left him and that he is spending his money as fast as he can get rid of it; that he has lost approximately \$400.00 playing pool at Bensinger's Pool Room. JOHNSON had no previous record with the Chicago Police Department.

The description furnished by MR. CHESIRE and set out above is accurate for EDWARD JOHNSON in all details, with the addition that he is 38 years of age and has dark blue eyes.

PENDING

J. EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
September 7, 1937.

EAT:RP

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

For record purposes, I desire to advise that on Saturday, September 4, 1937, I talked with Mr. Connelley by telephone concerning his letter of August 31, 1937, concerning the disclosure of information to the local authorities in Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio, concerning the alleged irregularities on the part of police officers of those cities, as disclosed by the Bureau's investigation into the ~~Cleveland and Toledo~~ harboring cases. Mr. Connelley pointed out that the Alcohol Tax Unit had acquired similar information and evidence through the use of telephone taps about two or three years ago, which information was turned over to the local authorities who failed to take any action whatsoever on the information furnished. Upon the basis of this information it was concluded that there would be no purpose served by the Bureau turning over its information to the local authorities, it being noted that the disclosure of this information would necessarily result in the disclosure of certain confidential sources of information which were utilized by the Bureau, including members of the ~~Toledo~~ Police Department.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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**KIDNAPING;  
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.**

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. 1432; ANTHONY J.  
AMERBEACH, with aliases, Fugitive;  
ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.

On January 17, 1934, members of the notorious Barker-Karpis Gang at St. Paul, Minnesota, kidnaped Edward George Bremer, a wealthy banker, and transported him in interstate commerce to Bensenville, Illinois, where he was held pending ransom negotiations and was finally released on February 7, 1934, after \$200,000.00 was paid to members of this gang for his release.

Following the release of Edward George Bremer, various members of the Barker-Karpis Gang proceeded to Toledo, Ohio, where they lived until the fall of 1934.

Frank Peter Greenwald operated the Private Cab Company in Toledo, Ohio, and in this connection on various occasions drove members of the Barker-Karpis Gang to and from the Casino Club located on the outskirts of Toledo, Ohio, a place used by members of the gang as a rendezvous. On January 22, 1935, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, both of whom were being sought by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, for their participation in the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer and for whom Federal warrants were outstanding, escaped from the police at Atlantic City, New Jersey, after a gun battle. In their flight from Atlantic City they kidnaped a doctor, stole his automobile and proceeded to the vicinity of La Salle, Michigan, where through a third party they contacted Frank Peter Greenwald, who drove from Toledo, Ohio, to the vicinity of La Salle, Michigan, and brought them in one of his private cabs to the Casino Club on the outskirts of Toledo. Thereafter Greenwald visited Karpis and Campbell at the home of Edith Barry, who operated a call house of prostitution in Toledo, and at whose home Karpis and Campbell hid for a period of about ten days, following their arrival in Toledo in January, 1935.

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Kidnaping;  
Harboring of Fugitives;  
Obstruction of Justice;  
National Firearms Act.

On August 23, 1937, in United States District Court at Toledo, Ohio, Frank Peter Greenwald entered a plea of guilty to the indictment charging him as an accessory after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer; in conspiring as an accessory after the fact to the kidnaping and conspiracy to harbor Karpis and Campbell, knowing these individuals to be fugitives from justice and wanted by the Government for this kidnaping, at which time Greenwald was sentenced to serve fifteen months in a United States Federal penitentiary.

Bureau File No. 7-576

700 West Virginia Building  
Huntington, West Virginia  
September 9, 1937

Special Agent in Charge  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.C. 1232;  
et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives;  
Obstruction of Justice; National Firearms Act.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter from the Cleveland Division to the Special Agent in Charge of All Field Divisions, dated August 24, 1937, which reflects the arrest of Anthony Joseph Amersbach at Indianapolis, Indiana, August 24, 1937 by Bureau Agents.

Prior to the arrest of this individual inquiry had been made by Special Agent Schroder of this Division at the West Virginia State Penitentiary at Moundsville, where Amersbach had been incarcerated as Tom Gordon and information had been received at that time that Tom Gordon had been reflected in their files as TONY AMERSBACH alias Tom Gordon, and had been released by the Governor of West Virginia to complete a sentence at the Ohio State Penitentiary, which sentence had been imposed December 24, 1921.

Special Agent Schroder has advised that Mr. S.B. Ayers, Identification Officer at the West Virginia State Penitentiary has made inquiry of him as to whether or not Amersbach will be tried in Federal Court or returned to West Virginia State Penitentiary to serve out his sentence which was suspended in order to turn him over to Ohio authorities. Inasmuch as Mr. Ayers has been very cooperative with this Office, it is requested that you advise what disposition of Subject Amersbach is to be made so that we may advise Mr. Ayers of the same.

Very truly yours,

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J. D. REYNOLDS, 7-576-1473  
Special Agent in Charge

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CC: Bureau  
Cleveland  
Chicago

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**  
1300 Biscayne Building  
Miami, Florida

SKM:rd

September 7, 1937

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

PERSONAL and CONFIDENTIAL

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith for return to Mr. E. A. Tamm, copies of three memoranda relative to police corruption in Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio, which Mr. Tamm recently loaned to Special Agent S. K. McKee, for use in the preparation of additional memoranda as to police corruption in the abovementioned cities.

Very truly yours,

*R. L. Shivers*  
R. L. SHIVERS  
Special Agent in Charge

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Cincinnati, Ohio

September 9, 1937

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Re: BREXID

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your letter dated September 7, 1937 inquiring as to whether stop notices should still be maintained against three automobiles involved in this case.

With respect to the 1933 Standard Ford Coupe, model 40, motor #18-429014, your attention is called to circular letter from the Cleveland Field Office to all offices under date of September 12, 1936, which directed that all stops on this car should be removed.

With respect to the other two cars mentioned in your letter, your attention is called to letter from this office to the Chicago Office under date of August 5, 1937, copies of which were furnished to all offices. This letter requests that a recheck be made on both of these cars with all Bureaus of Motor Vehicles and that appropriate stop notices be placed against the cars.

Very truly yours,

H. D. HARRIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Bureau  
Chicago  
Cleveland

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H.H. Reinecke,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
506 Fletcher Trust Bldg.,  
Indianapolis, Indiana

September 10, 1937

BREID. USA CLEVELAND WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL TOMORROW MORNING  
FOR ADVICE CONCERNING CURRENCY FOUND SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX.

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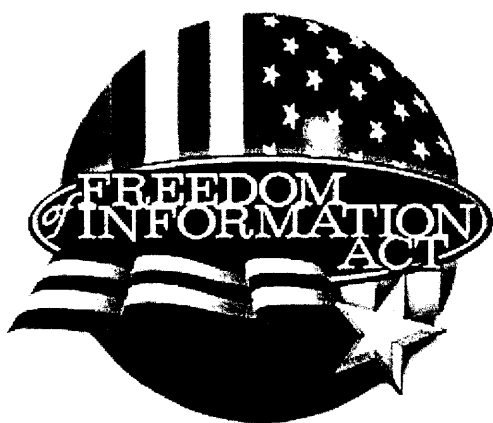
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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
AND  
PRIVACY ACTS**

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

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1300 Biscayne Building

Miami, Florida

September 10, 1937.

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that Assistant United States Attorney Lloyd C. Hooks, at Miami, Florida, advised on September 9, 1937, that he was directing a letter to the Attorney General requesting authority to nolle the two outstanding indictments against Cassius McDonald in connection with the harboring of Alvin Karpis.

The numbers of the two indictments which are still outstanding as to McDonald in the United States District Court, Miami, Florida, are 4608 and 4659.

Very truly yours,

*R. L. Shivers*  
R. L. Shivers  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1300 Biscayne Building  
Miami, Florida  
September 10, 1937

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Damon G. Yerkes, Assistant United States Attorney at Jacksonville, Florida, addressed a communication to this office September 8, 1937, advising that if I will furnish him the serial number on the automatic rifle involved in this case which is being held at this office he will draw up a libel to be filed in Miami for the purpose of confiscating the rifle and turning same over to the Bureau.

Please advise me if this procedure is considered desirable.

In this connection, please refer to the Bureau's letter of September 2, 1937, (7-576), addressed to this office, in which it was stated that the question of confiscating the rifle has been referred to the Criminal Division of the Department.

Very truly yours,

*R. L. Shivers*  
R. L. Shivers  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc: Cincinnati.

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September 24, 1937

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Miami, Florida.

Re: BREKID

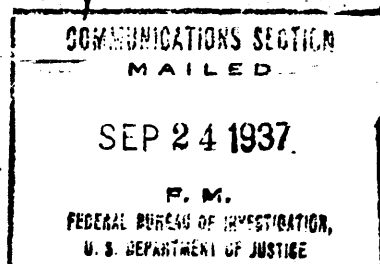
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated September 10, 1937, concerning the drawing up of a libel to be filed in Miami for the purpose of confiscating the automatic rifle and turning the same over to the Bureau.

You are hereby authorized to follow this procedure in this matter.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,  
Assistant Director.



*John*  
*DP*

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

L.A.

FILE NO. 7-42

REPORT MADE AT <b>LOS ANGELES</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9-7-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8-4,5,6-37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. N. PRANKE AB</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases. DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232; ANTHONY J. AMERSBACH, with aliases - FUGITIVE; ET AL. Edward George Bremer - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <div style="text-align: center; padding: 10px;"> <b>ALBERT M. WILLIAMS, 3519 Cedar Avenue, Lynwood, California, not identical with MILTON LETT or LEN JORDAN. WILLIAMS interviewed and advises he does not know LETT.</b> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p>			
REFERENCE:  <p>Letter from Kansas City to Los Angeles, 7-22-37;  Letter from Los Angeles to Kansas City, 7-29-37;  Report of Special Agent R. N. Pranke, Los Angeles, 7-27-37.</p>			
DETAILS <u>AT LYNNWOOD, CALIFORNIA:</u>  <p>Agent interviewed E. C. HALVERSON, Postmaster, and HANS A. NELSON, Assistant, who advised that MRS. WARREN SNELL lives at 3519 Cedar Avenue, but that they have a smaller home in the back where the WILLIAMS family resides. They were unable to furnish any information concerning the WILLIAMS family.</p> <p>The writer returned to the Post Office in about two hours to interview the mail carrier, at which time HALVERSON and NELSON stated that MR. and</p>			
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MRS. WILLIAMS had been in the Post Office during Agent's absence, and had obtained several money orders.

JOE ETHRIDGE, clerk, stated that MR. WILLIAMS remarked that he was from Coffeyville, Kansas, where the famous DALTON BROTHERS lived. The above three individuals all advised that WILLIAMS was approximately sixty years old, and his wife about forty-five, and when shown photographs of MR. and MRS. MILTON LETT, all three definitely stated that MR. and MRS. WILLIAMS did not resemble the photographs in any way.

MR. HALVERSON showed Agent the money order applications and it was noted that Application No. 170839 was made payable to PEARL BROOKS, 1414 Willow, Coffeyville, Kansas, for 75¢, and was sent by MRS. MARY WILLIAMS. Application No. 170840 was made payable to F. M. DOWNEY, 1111 West 11th, Coffeyville, Kansas, and was sent by A. M. WILLIAMS, in the amount of \$10.26.

MR. HALVERSON also showed Agent a letter which they found in their outgoing mail, addressed to MRS. ANNIE BARRY, 302 East 9th, Coffeyville, Kansas, and which is believed to have been mailed by either MR. or MRS. WILLIAMS.

WILLARD WARRICK, mail carrier, advised that MR. and MRS. A. M. WILLIAMS reside in the rear house at 3519 Cedar Avenue; that he has never seen MR. WILLIAMS, and that MRS. WILLIAMS does not look like the photograph of MRS. LETT.

The writer and Special Agent Horn interviewed MR. and MRS. WARREN SNELL, 3519 Cedar Avenue, who advised that MR. and MRS. WILLIAMS have lived in the rear house for the past several months; that they came from Coffeyville, Kansas, and that the only visitors they have had is a man named HORNBERGER. They were shown photographs of MR. and MRS. LETT and stated that no such persons have visited the WILLIAMS family at any time.

On August 6, 1937, the writer interviewed MR. and MRS. ALBERT M. WILLIAMS, who advised that they have been living at their present address since May 15, 1937, having come from Coffeyville, Kansas. MR. WILLIAMS stated he is a retired Missouri-Pacific Railroad switchman; that he does not know anyone named MILTON LETT, but advised that in Coffeyville, Kansas, there is a man named AL LETT who is superintendent of Ludawick Roofing and Tile Company. MR. WILLIAMS also advised that JAKE D. HORNBERGER, 3333 Lynwood Road, Lynwood, formerly was in the hotel business at Wichita, Kansas, and was very well acquainted there.

MR. and MRS. WILLIAMS also mentioned that they know MR. and MRS. LEN JORDAN in Long Beach, and know several of his sisters back in Wichita. They were not told that the JORDANS had been previously interviewed, and were requested to keep their interview with Agent strictly confidential, which they promised they would do. They were also given the address and telephone number of the Los Angeles Field Division and promised to immediately notify the office should they obtain any information at all regarding a MILTON LETT.

MR. and MRS. WILLIAMS were also unable to identify the photographs of MR. and MRS. LETT.

MR. HORNBERGER advised Agent that he does not know anyone named MILTON LETT, nor could he identify his photograph; however, he advised that he operated a hotel in Wichita, Kansas, from 1927 to 1931. When shown LETT'S photograph, he stated LETT resembled one of the men working at Von's Market.

At Von's Market, 11450 Long Beach Boulevard, Agent interviewed BOB TONAI, manager, fruit department, and JACK WEAVER, manager, grocery department, and both advised that the photograph of MILTON LETT does not look familiar to them, and that none of their employees resembled him.

Agent accidentally met WILLARD WARRICK, mail carrier, and he was told to advise MR. HALVERSON to discontinue the mail cover which had been placed on the WILLIAMS mail. This cancellation was later confirmed by letter.

As a result of the mail cover which was placed on the mail of MR. and MRS. A. M. WILLIAMS, a tracing was received indicating a letter was received by them from MRS. MELVIN COOLEY, 416 East 10th, Coffeyville, Kansas, and another tracing from R. D. AUY(?)EWS, 1014 So. Wd. Coffeyville, Kansas.

AT LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA:

LEN JORDAN, 526 Orange Drive, was interviewed by Agent, who advised that he and his wife were unable to find the letter which they believed contained the address of MILTON LETT'S married sister. Further, that he wrote to his sister, but has not had an answer as yet, and as soon as he does hear, he will immediately get in touch with the Los Angeles Field Division. JORDAN also advised that his sister BERTIE left Long Beach about two weeks ago, and returned to their mother's home in Oklahoma.

There are being transmitted to the Cincinnati Field Division with copies of this report, thirteen mail tracings which were received as a result of the mail cover that was placed on the mail of LEN JORDAN. Some of these tracings were previously mentioned on page 4 of reference report dated 7-27-37. Since that time, tracings also have been received indicating that BERTIE JORDAN received a letter from San Diego, California; one from South ???, Oklahoma; one from Hester Jordan, R. R. 1, Box 42, South Coffeyville, Oklahoma. These tracings are being forwarded, inasmuch as the Los Angeles Field Division file does not contain any handwriting specimens of MILTON LETT, and it is believed that the Cincinnati Field Division should compare LETT'S handwriting with the writing appearing on these mail tracings.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO.

K. C. FILE NO. 7-37

REPORT MADE AT <b>Kansas City</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9-9-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9-3/4-37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>G. A. GRILL</b> <span style="float: right;">SW</span>
TITLE <b>GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <span style="float: right;">Mrs. Addie Murrain, Carrollton, Missouri, aunt of Mrs. Milton Lett, advises she has not seen or heard from her niece for several years, and was unaware of her marriage to Lett. Furnishes new addresses for several relatives of Mrs. Lett. Oren Ferris, uncle of Mrs. Lett, believed to be presently residing in Callao, Missouri.</span></p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p>			
<p>REFERENCE: <span style="float: right;">Report of Special Agent L. H. Richmond, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 8-31-37.</span></p>			
<p>DETAILS: <span style="float: right;">At Carrollton, Missouri:</span></p> <p>Sheriff John Buzard and Missouri State Trooper C. M. Parker both advised that the photographs of Milton Lett appeared familiar, but they did not believe this party had been in Carrollton recently. Sheriff Buzard stated that Mrs. Addie Murrain, aunt of Mrs. Lett, had a very doubtful reputation in town and had been arrested by his office on several occasions for drunkenness and fighting. Trooper Parker and Sheriff Buzard advised that they would be on the watch for Lett, and would detain him on an investigation charge if found, and notify the Kansas City Field Division.</p> <p>Mrs. Addie Murrain, who lives in the rear of the Reid Sale Pavilion, advised that she has not seen her niece, Lucille Ferris, since the</p>			
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latter was attending high school, and was not aware that she had married Milton Lett, who was unknown to her. She stated that she had always been very attached to Lucille, and was sorry to hear that she had married such a person as Lett. The last she had heard of Lucille, she was living with her mother, Mrs. Constance Ferris, at Coffeyville, Kansas. Mrs. Murrain advised of the following changed addresses for relatives of Mrs. Lett, as reflected in reference report:

Andrew Ferris, grandfather, c/o Mrs. John (Hazel)  
Hopper, aunt, 419 N. 7th Street, Kansas City, Kansas.  
Bernice Elliston, aunt, Portland, Oregon (husband Elmer)  
Clarence Ferris, uncle, (wife Irma) Hale, Missouri,  
c/o Mrs. T. Newman.  
Vern Ferris, Portland, Oregon - with Bernice Elliston.

Mrs. Murrain promised her cooperation should she hear of the present whereabouts of either Mr. or Mrs. Lett, and she was advised how to contact the Kansas City Field Division in such event.

Mr. Lee Dixon, Postmaster, advised that he did not recognize the photographs of Milton Lett as being anyone he had ever seen before. He was given sufficient data to enable him to watch the mail being received by Mrs. Murrain, and advised that he would immediately contact the Kansas City Field Division should any mail appear from Lett or his wife.

At Chillicothe, Missouri:

It was ascertained through the Post Office that Oren Ferris, uncle of Mrs. Lett, had left a forwarding address on 9-20-36 of 59 Clay Street, Callae, Missouri.

For the information of the Portland and St. Louis Offices, the Bureau has recently advised that the apprehension of Milton Lett, with aliases: Milt Lett, J. M. Lett, J. R. Letz, J. M. Letz, Thomas J. Shaw, Carl Baker, Mary Forth, George Benton, G. R. Benton, "George", "The Kid", and Willie, is greatly desired inasmuch as it is felt that he can aid materially in the harboring cases now being investigated by the Bureau arising from this case.

It is noted that there is no process outstanding for Lett, but in the event he is located he should be detained and the Bureau immediately notified.

Milton Lett prior to the latter part of 1935 made his principal residence with his mother, Maggie Lett, at Wann, Oklahoma, at which place Harry Campbell and other Oklahoma and Kansas outlaws were harbored during the

period of their depredations in that part of the country. It is known that Lett has in the past associated extensively with underworld characters at Coffeyville, Kansas, South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, and Wichita, Kansas. It has been further reported that Lett was employed in a gambling establishment at Cleveland, Ohio, known as the Harvard Club from April, 1935, to September, 1935. Lett, on October 25, 1935, purchased the automobile which was used by Karpis, Campbell, and others, in a mail robbery at Carrettsville, Ohio, which robbery was perpetrated on November 7, 1935. On the day of the robbery, however, Lett voluntarily surrendered himself to authorities at Coffeyville, Kansas, thus establishing a definite alibi for himself as to actual participation in that robbery.

On February 21, 1936, the Oklahoma City Office received information that Milton Lett had left the home of Constance Ferris at Coffeyville, Kansas, on that date with Lucille Ferris, the daughter of Constance, for the purpose of marrying Lucille at Wichita, Kansas. Immediate investigation at Wichita failed to disclose the marriage but it was subsequently learned that Lett had married Lucille at Oswego, Kansas, on February 21, 1936. Since her marriage, Lucille is not believed to have returned to the home of her mother nor has the investigation disclosed that she has ever contacted her father, Mr. A. V. Ferris, who has been an automobile salesman at McPherson and Wichita, Kansas, since February 21, 1936.

The following are the descriptions of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Lett:

Name	Milton Lett, with aliases:
Age	21 yrs. (1935)
Height	5' 7"
Weight	145 lbs.
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Blue
Color	White
Complexion	Medium
F.P.C.	9 U 00 16 1 U 00 11
Residence	Wann, Oklahoma.
Occupation	Makes pretense of being gambler

Name	Mrs. Milton Lett, nee Lucille Ferris
Age	17 yrs. (1936)
Height	5' 4"
Weight	120 lbs.
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Light brown, parted in middle, with a grown-out permanent wave.

Peculiarities  
Clothing

Broad nose

Usually wears a green suit with white blouse; brown overcoat with cape collar and narrow band of brown fur on cape. On left hand, little finger, wears a small silver signet ring and on ring finger same hand wears opal ring surrounded by pearls.

One copy of a photograph of Lett is being transmitted to each the St. Louis and Portland Offices.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The ST. LOUIS FIELD DIVISION, at Callao, Missouri, will at 59 Clay Street, interview Mr. Oren Ferris, who is an uncle to Mrs. Milton Lett, for any information he might have as to the present location of Mr. and Mrs. Lett.

The PORTLAND FIELD DIVISION, at Portland, Oregon, will locate and interview Bernice Elliston, aunt of Mrs. Lett, and Vern Ferris, for any information they might have as to the present whereabouts of either Mr. or Mrs. Lett.

The KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION, at Hale, Missouri, will locate and interview Clarence Ferris, uncle to Mrs. Lett, in the same connection. This party can be reached through a Mrs. T. Newman of that town.

At Kansas City, Kansas, will complete the leads set forth in reference reports.

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Cincinnati, Ohio

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September 10, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: "BREKID."

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Huntington office dated September 9, 1937, inquiring as to whether subject Amersbach will be tried in Federal Court or returned to the West Virginia State Penitentiary.

It is noted from copy of teletype dated September 4th furnished this office that Amersbach was sentenced in the Federal Court at Toledo on September 3, 1937, to serve 30 months in a Penitentiary and fined \$1,000.00. It is suggested that it be ascertained from the United States Marshal for the Northern District of Ohio in which penitentiary Amersbach is incarcerated, in order that the Huntington office may notify the officials of the West Virginia State Penitentiary, who may wish to place a detainer against Amersbach.

Very truly yours,

H. D. HARRIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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FBI CLEVELAND SEPT 11, 1937

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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri  
September 10, 1937

RE: BREKID

Warden Robert H. Hudspeth  
United States Penitentiary  
Leavenworth, Kansas

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, it is desired that a photograph be obtained of one Bill Stephens, alias Bill Stevens. Stephens is described as being between 50 and 55 years, 6 feet 1 inch, and 190 to 200 pounds. It is believed that Stephens served a sentence in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, some years ago for violation of the liquor laws. This sentence was the result of an arrest somewhere in the State of Arkansas. It is also requested that a list of Stephens' correspondents be furnished to this office.

Your cooperation in this matter will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Transmit the following Teletype Message to: CLEVELAND

9-10-37  
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SAC CLEVELAND  
PHONE. BREKID. TWO KEYS FOUND POSSESSION ANTHONY JOSEPH  
AMERSBACH TIME HIS ARREST WERE FOR SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX LOCAL  
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TODAY CALLED THIS OFFICE LONG DISTANCE FROM TOLEDO STATING HIS  
SISTER, BEATRICE AMERSBACH, WILL ARRIVE INDIANAPOLIS NINE AM  
TOMORROW WITH WRITTEN AUTHORITY SECURE THESE KEYS. CONSULT  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

506 Fletcher Trust Building  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
September 10, 1937

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Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: BREXID

Dear Sir:

On September 9, 1937 Mr. Marvin C. Worley, an attorney at Louisville, Kentucky, called the Indianapolis office by long-distance telephone and stated that he represented a partner of Anthony Joseph Amersbach in Louisville, and that they desired to start attachment proceedings against any of the assets of Amersbach which could be found. He inquired as to whether any assets had been located in Indianapolis. I told him that I would be unable to supply this information in view of the fact that it resulted from an official investigation. I did advise him that at the time of Amersbach's arrest he had an automobile in his possession which had been turned over to a friend of Amersbach at the latter's written request.

For your information, a safety deposit box has been located in Indianapolis in which Amersbach had \$5,000 in cash. The keys to this box were found in the possession of Amersbach at the time of his arrest. The money has been checked against all possible ransom and other lists without any identifications having been made. The keys to this box will be forwarded to your office in due time.

Very truly yours,

Herold M. Reinecke,  
Special Agent in Charge

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1300 Biscayne Building  
Miami, Florida  
September 10, 1937

Mr. Herbert S. Phillips  
United States Attorney  
Tampa, Florida.

ATTENTION MR. DAMON G. YERKES  
Assistant United States Attorney  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Mr. Yerkes:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
et al.  
KIDNAPING; etc.

I am in receipt of your letter  
of September 8, 1937, offering to file a libel  
for the purpose of confiscating the automatic rifle  
which is being held at this office.

I shall communicate with you fur-  
ther in this connection within the next few days.

Very truly yours,

R. L. Shivers  
Special Agent in Charge.

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MORNING FOR HOUSTON TEXAS, PURPOSE INTERVIEWING SAM STEGAL HAYNES.  
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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-24

REPORT MADE AT: Portland, Oregon	DATE WHEN MADE: 9-9-37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 9-7-37	REPORT MADE BY: H. A. King
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232- FUGITIVE; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives; Obstruction of Justice; National Firearms Act

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Stop notices placed for 1935 Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, Motor #2044337 and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, motor number #322772, serial number 2619857, with Secretary of State, Salem, Oregon.

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## REFERENCE:

Cincinnati letter dated August 5, 1937.

## DETAILS:

Appropriate stop notices have been placed for Ford V-8 Tudor 1935 Sedan, Motor number 2044337 and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, motor number #322772, serial number 2619857, with Secretary of State, Salem, Oregon. A letter has been received from the Secretary of State verifying the placing of stop notices and advising that there is no record of a present registration of either of these automobiles.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-3

REPORT MADE AT Louisville, Kentucky	DATE WHEN MADE 9/10/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/25, 24, 25, 28, 30/37	REPORT MADE BY A. S. REEDER ASR/mhf
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 FUGI- TIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Subject Amersbach, as Jimmy Braun, purchased one-half interest in Southland Night Club, Louisville, Ky., approximately one month ago. On 8/18/37 made two phone calls from Pelican Lodge Club to Indianapolis, calling Riley 8371 and Talbot 3565. Business associate, Fred Spadie, and Thomas Meurer, County Patrolman, prior to Amersbach's apprehension accompanied him to Indianapolis, Ind., for purpose of ascertaining more of Amersbach's connections and history. Search of tourist cabins where Subject lived made with negative results. Amersbach posing as liquor salesman and advised business associates that his father was wealthy stock holder in Old Baker Whiskey Corporation and supplied him with large sums of money, of which he spent freely while in this district. Handwriting specimen obtained. Subject Amersbach apprehended at Indianapolis 8/24/37. Business associate Spadie and wife of Amersbach promise complete cooperation should services be further required.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p>REFERENCES: Letter from the Cleveland Division to the Indianapolis Division dated August 19, 1937;</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>O.C. Neely</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 7-1576-14750 SEP 15 1937	
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Teletype from the Indianapolis Division to the Louisville Division dated August 23, 1937;

Teletype from the Indianapolis Division to the Louisville Division dated August 23, 1937;

Telegram from the Indianapolis Division to the Louisville Division dated August 24, 1937;

Letter from the Cleveland Division to all field divisions dated August 24, 1937.

**DETAILS:**

At Louisville, Kentucky.

Upon receipt of the first teletype of reference the writer proceeded to the Louisville Police Department and there contacted Detective Sergeant Cecil Ezell, an officer who is thoroughly familiar with the different night clubs and gambling establishments located in the City of Louisville, as well as those in the surrounding territory of Jefferson County. This contact was made in an endeavor to ascertain whether or not Detective Ezell was familiar with any gambling establishment located in the county south of Louisville, as quoted in the first teletype of reference dated August 23, 1937, at 12:30 P.M. An endeavor was also made to ascertain from Detective Ezell whether their auto theft squad had any information relative to the automobile used by Amersbach as quoted in this teletype.

When the license number of this car was mentioned, Detective Ezell informed the writer that he too was endeavoring to locate and apprehend the driver of this car for questioning, inasmuch he had been confidentially informed by a madam of a house of prostitution, whose name is Mary Richardson, that the driver of this car had frequently appeared at her house, and inasmuch as he always carried a large roll of money his activities, in her opinion, would bear investigation, as he was not working. She advised that she had endeavored to talk to this stranger as to where he obtained his money, but that he would never definitely tell her his source of income; further that whenever he would appear at her place he would gather up all the moochers, pimps, and panders and buy them drinks, often spending as much as twenty-five to thirty dollars a night in her establishment; and that he was "well-heeled", and she, Mary Richardson, believed that this man was not obtaining his money by any

legitimate practice.

The description Detective Ezell obtained from Mary Richardson is identical with Subject's description, and she had also in her attempt to cooperate with Detective Ezell taken down the license number and description of the Pontiac automobile driven by Subject.

Late on the night of August 23, 1937, the writer, accompanied by Detective Ezell, questioned Mary Richardson and compared a description she gave with that furnished in reference teletype, it appearing that she had direct reference to Subject Amersbach.

Mary Richardson stated that Subject appeared at her home first in company with one Maynard "Frogie" Morgan, a notorious "joint" owner of this city, who formerly ran a beer saloon at the intersection of Seventh and Cedar Streets but which had recently been closed by the police because of a murder which had occurred in this place, and that Morgan subsequent to the murder harbored the alleged murderer, but due to political connections they were unable to prove anything of value against him. She continued that she knew that Morgan had an interest in a gambling establishment located on the outskirts of Louisville, Kentucky, near Bullitt County, which is the next county adjoining Louisville on the south, but that she was unable during the time of this interview to name this gambling establishment. However, she advised the writer that within two or three hours she could locate someone at the Seventh Street district who would be able to give her the name of this place; that she could obtain same from some of the loafers who hung around Morgan's old place, which has now reopened under a different management.

In accordance therewith Mary Richardson later contacted the writer and Detective Ezell at the Louisville Police Department and advised that the name of this gambling establishment owned by Morgan was known as the Pelican Lodge, which is located at the intersection of Preston Street and Valley Lane Road. The telephone number was later ascertained to be Magnolia 9565. Mary Richardson also advised that it was her knowledge that Amersbach also had another set of license plates which she believed were from the State of Tennessee, having observed these on the car on one particular occasion, but does not remember the full details of same, stating that she did notice, however, that there was a different set of license plates from the Indiana tags which she later copied down as the correct license number.

It was also ascertained from Detective Ezell that the Beech Grove Tourist



Cabins were located approximately one and one-half miles beyond West Point, Kentucky, in Herdin County south of Louisville, and that the Dixie Tourist Camp was located approximately five miles beyond St. Helens, Kentucky, a suburb of Louisville.

Detective Ezell and the writer then proceeded to the Pelican Lodge late on the night of August 23, 1937, and maintained a surveillance over the automobiles around this place with negative results, there being a small crowd there, and an inside surveillance revealed that there was no roulette wheel, but that poker and dice were played in the back of this place, it being a typical roadhouse equipped with dance floor, cafe, and saloon. Inasmuch as it was believed that Agent had the correct location of one of Amersbach's close associates, no outward investigation was made at this place. Detective Ezell advised that he would maintain an all night surveillance of this Pelican Lodge and did so until approximately 2:00 A.M., August 24, 1937, when the place was closed and all occupants left.

On August 24, 1937, this division received a telegram from the Indianapolis Division advising that Subject had been apprehended that morning at Indianapolis, Indiana.

At the Southern Bell Telephone Company Agent, accompanied by Special Agent in Charge O. C. Dewey, interviewed Mr. J. Hunter Green, district manager, who checked the telephone calls from the Pelican Lodge Club and advised that on August 18, 1937, at 11:35 P.M. a long distance call was placed from this club to Indianapolis, the call being made to Talbot 3565, and that at 11:37 P.M. another long distance telephone call was made from the same place to Indianapolis to Riley 8371. It should be noted that the Talbot exchange number was a number quoted in reference teletype from Indianapolis; therefore it was apparent and proved conclusively that Amersbach had some connection with the Pelican Lodge. This information was later telephoned to Special Agent in Charge H. H. Reinecke at the Indianapolis Division for investigation at that point.

Late on the afternoon of August 25, 1937, Mr. Thomas Meurer, County Patrolman, accompanied by Mr. Fred Spadie and John Mevin, appeared at this division and advised the writer that they had on that date received an Indianapolis paper which exhibited the photograph of Subject Amersbach in custody of the U. S. Marshal in that city, Mr. Spadie advising that he was the business associate of Amersbach here in Louisville and related that approximately one month ago, while he and John Mevin were operating the Southland Night Club at Seventh and Arcade Avenue, Amersbach

came into their establishment and advised that he was a whiskey salesman for the Old Baker Whiskey Corporation, and that he was soliciting their business. When advised that they had already purchased their stock of whiskey through other wholesalers Subject appeared very friendly and pulled out a large wad of money and invited all the hangers-on and loafers to step to the bar and have a drink. During the course of the drinking Amersbach advised that he would like to do a little gambling, and inasmuch as Spadie and Mevin had observed this large roll of money on him they decided that they would start a gambling game and endeavor to make some "easy money", but this was not done, and Subject left after spending approximately two hours in their place.

Approximately three days later Amersbach returned to the Southland Night Club, at which time Spadie was absent and only John Mevin present. Mr. Mevin at this time advised that upon Amersbach's approach he had contemplated selling his half interest in this club, due to the fact that he needed some ready money, and that profits were not coming in fast enough to meet his needs; that he "had a dejected look on his face when Amersbach came in and was looking downhearted and blue". When questioned by Amersbach as to why he was feeling that way Amersbach was told the reason, whereupon he propositioned Mevin to sell his half of the club to him. Upon being offered \$200.00 for his half interest and further Amersbach to assume half of the outstanding bills, Mevin agreed to sell his half interest to Amersbach, subject, of course, to the approval of Mr. Spadie.

Upon Mr. Spadie's return Amersbach and Mevin confronted him with their proposition, at which Spadie demanded that he know more about Amersbach before he took him into his business venture, at which time Amersbach informed him that his name was Jimmy Braun, commonly known as Jimmy, and that he was staying at the Dixie Tourist Camp operated by Mr. Graham on the Dixie Highway; that his father was a large stock holder in the Old Baker Whiskey Corporation and furnished him with sufficient funds in order to travel about the country; that he worked part time for the corporation, he himself owning a part of the stock controlled by his father.

Mr. Spadie continued that he checked up at the tourist camp and found out that Amersbach had stayed there for some time, and Mr. Graham advised him that Amersbach had always conducted himself in a businesslike manner, and that he had been accompanied there by his wife and other than a few family quarrels both Mr. and Mrs. Amersbach had conducted themselves in orderly fashion.

Mr. Spadie advised that at that time he was still undecided as to whether

or not to allow this partnership and looked up Mr. Meuer, the county patrolman, and asked him for advice on the deal and requested Meuer to check into Amersbach's reputation, but that Meuer failed to do so. This deal was left pending for another two days and finally at Mevin's insistence Spadie consented to go through with the deal and at that time insisted that a proper Bill of Sale and other papers be drawn up releasing Mevin from obligations and setting out Amersbach's consent to assume same; that he had never been able to get Amersbach to fill out the necessary papers and now states that he can readily see why same was not done. He advised that he has never felt entirely trustful of Amersbach and on one occasion caught him introducing himself to a stranger as "Jack Gordon", at which time he confronted Amersbach with this alias, Amersbach jokingly laughing it off, stating that he was merely telling this stranger a fictitious name. Spadie advised that this was not good business and flatly asked him if he was "hot" any place or was mixed up in any trouble, stating that he did not want to become involved with anyone who was wanted for any law violation. He advised Amersbach that he and his wife bore excellent reputations in their community and had tried to run decent and orderly places and therefore if he, Braun, was in any way involved in law violations he, Spadie, would buy him out.

In response to Spadie's questions Amersbach stated that he was not wanted by anyone, nor had he ever been involved in any violation of any law and again reiterated that his father was a wealthy man living in Indianapolis, and that he would be only too glad to take Spadie to Indianapolis and introduce him to his various friends in order to prove his statements; that approximately one week ago from the date of this interview, while Amersbach and Spadie were both working in the club, Amersbach approached Spadie and asked him to accompany him to Indianapolis, as he wanted to see some people up there, claiming to have a half interest in a place known to Spadie as Sandy's Place.

Mr. Spadie continued that he believed this was an excellent opportunity to find out more about his partner and asked Mr. Meuer, the county patrolman, to accompany them to Indianapolis, at which time they might find out something of the real background of Amersbach, and accordingly these three men left Louisville, Kentucky, at approximately 2:00 A.M. the first Monday night in August, estimating it to be about August 9, arriving in Indianapolis early in the morning; that the first place they visited was a barber shop, whose address he is unable to recall. From there Amersbach took them to the Nip and Sip Beer Joint and then took them to a place known only as "Sandy's Place", at which time Sandy and Amersbach held a ten minute conversation privately and confidentially. From there they went to the Washington Hotel and had something to eat at the grill.

At this place the bar tender, who is described as a Dago, seemed to be very familiar with Amersbach and knew him quite well.

From this place they then went to the residential district and rode by a large mansion which appeared to be unoccupied. Upon reaching this point Amersbach advised, "There's no use stopping in to see my father. The folks must be gone up to the lakes." As a consequence they did not stop there.

From here they went to the Rathskeller, where Amersbach met a tall, slender, dark haired girl estimated to be about nineteen or twenty years of age; that he and this girl held a lengthy conversation privately, and then all left after this conversation and went back to Louisville, Kentucky. Mr. Spadie's story has been verified by both Mr. Meuer and Mr. Mevin, and it should be here stated that Mr. Spadie bears an excellent reputation as a tavern owner by the Louisville Police Department and Jefferson County Highway Patrol; that he was formerly connected with the laundry business in Louisville and has never been arrested, nor was he ever known to associate with known criminals in this district.

Mr. Spadie has endeavored to cooperate to the fullest extent with Agents and has emphatically insisted that he knew there was something about Amersbach which did not strike him as being true and emphatically denies that he ever knew Amersbach was wanted by the police or Agents of this Bureau.

Accompanied by Mr. Spadie, the writer called at the Dixie Tourist Camp, located approximately three miles south on the Seventh Street Highway, and there interviewed Mr. J. H. Graham, owner, who advised that on the afternoon of August 23, 1937, Mrs. Amersbach had been to the cabins, staying there all day, and that he had received a telephone call from Mr. Amersbach requesting that he call Mrs. Amersbach to the phone, at which time he did so, and she had some conversation with him and immediately hurried out to the cabins, packed their grips, called a taxicab, and left in somewhat of a hurry; that he had never seen them since.

Mr. Graham continued that Amersbach has been a customer of his for approximately two months and not until he had invested in the Southland Night Club had he been a steady customer of the camp, stating that at the time Amersbach advised him that he and his wife were going to move into the camp, which was close to his business venture, and that he promptly paid his bills and at no time did he ever appear to be anything but an honest citizen. He also stated that he never noticed their having

any visitors or callers, but that Mrs. Amersbach was very friendly with both him and his wife, and their stay at the camp in no way aroused his suspicions as to their possible true identity.

A search was made of Cabin #9, which had been occupied by the Amersbachs, with negative results. The only articles left at this tourist cabin by the Amersbachs were a few cosmetics belonging to Mrs. Amersbach.

It is also to be noted that all persons interviewed in connection with this investigation have expressed great astonishment that Amersbach had formerly carried a gun, stating that while he was in this district he seldom wore a coat, usually being dressed in flannel trousers and white shirt, and that they never at any time had observed him carrying a pistol.

At the Beech Grove Tourist Camp the writer interviewed Mr. I. J. Carlyle, who confirmed information as given by the Hanson woman, stating that "Jimmy", as he was commonly known in this district, stayed with him prior to the time he moved to the Dixie Tourist Camp, and that Jimmy had offered to buy out his place of business and upon being refused offered to enter into a partnership with Mr. Carlyle, which also was refused.

Mr. Carlyle also expressed great surprise at the fact that Subject Amersbach was a fugitive, stating that he always appeared to be very friendly and there was nothing about his actions which would arouse the suspicions of anyone.

Photographs of Maynard Morgan have been obtained from the Louisville Police Department and are being retained in the Louisville file on this case.

In view of the apprehension of Subject Amersbach, as quoted in reference telegram, and no further investigation being required in this district, this case is being

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TO THE DIVISION OF ORIGIN.

Letters and packages sent to inmates must contain full name and register number.

MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY

JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

Prisoners must strictly comply with the following: They may write not to exceed two letters each week. They are not allowed to receive eatables of any kind. Newspapers and other reading matter must be received direct from the publishers, or their agents. The reward of good conduct is early release; prisoners should be encouraged to be good. All outgoing letters must be written on stationery and must not exceed one sheet of paper, and on one side of paper only. DO NOT SEND MONEY IN ANY OTHER FORM THAN BY POSTOFFICE OR EXPRESS MONEY ORDER, AND MADE PAYABLE TO SECRETARY, Missouri State Prison.

Name Mrs. Edna Murray.  
Box 900. Register No. 28973 No. letter this week  
Jefferson City, Mo. 193

Jefferson City, Missouri.  
September 12th, 1937.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

You will recall that I was a witness in the Bremer-Hamm Kidnaping Case in St. Paul, Minn., also that I broke the Hamm Case to Federal Agents, Daniel P. Sullivan and John Madella. I further appeared as a witness in the Federal Grand Jury Investigation of Karpis Harboring Case in Toledo, Ohio.

Just recently I accompanied Col. Marvin B. Casteel, Supt. of Missouri Highway Patrol to Kansas City, Missouri, there we met Agent A. E. Farland, Department of Justice, who accompanied us out to locate a hideout, used by the Barker Karpis Gang after the Fairberry, Nebraska Bank Robbery, where Earl Christinson was shot and later died. I also tried to locate his grave where he was disposed of by the gang.

Now that I am in such poor health, I am building up my file to present to the Parole Board desirous of securing a release so that I might get the proper medical care.

I have been truthful and tried to aid the U.S. Gov. in every possible way in cleaning out this gang. Will you please write a letter to the Pardon and Parole Board of Missouri, in my behalf stating of what service I have been to the Government. Mail said letter to Warden J. M. Sanders, Jefferson City, Missouri, who will present your letter to the Board.

I feel certain your letter will aid much in securing my release, thanking you and trusting I have not taken too much liberty in asking this favor of you, I am,

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Edna Murray

Letter Kansas City

Mrs. Edna Murray

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7-576-14751

October 5, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri,

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

There are being submitted, herewith, copies of a letter dated September 12, 1937, forwarded to the Bureau by Mrs. Edna Murray, an inmate of the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, in which she requests that a letter in her behalf be written to Warden J. M. Sanders in connection with a contemplated request for parole.

The Bureau desires that when an Agent is next in Jefferson City he call upon Edna Murray and advise her that Departmental regulations preclude the writing of such a letter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,  
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P. O. Box 2344,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Your attention is respectfully invited to your letter dated July 30, 1936 addressed to this office, re "ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BRETER, Victim, - Kidnaping" wherein reference is made to the receipt by the Bureau of an anonymous communication dated July 29, 1935 containing certain information with regard to WILLIAM ELLER REED and other confidence men and reporting the receipt of a similar anonymous communication dated Boston, Massachusetts July 13, 1936 containing further information concerning confidence men and referring in particular to the alleged complicity of certain members of the Boston Police Department, including JAMES R. CLAFLIN, WILLIAM J. BONNER, JOSEPH F. DECKER and ARTHUR M. TIERNAN.

A report submitted by Special Agent R. F. Gleason of this office, dated June 25, 1937, in the same case, presently entitled "GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. 10232 et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim - Kidnaping; Obstruction of Justice; Harboring of Fugitives; National Firearms Act" set out an undeveloped lead to be covered by the Boston Division directing a contact with a confidential informant, as advised in your letter of July 30, 1936. That undeveloped lead is not being covered in the form of a report, in view of the fact that Mead has since been apprehended and as the subject matter does not appear to be pertinent to the "Brekid" matter, it is being covered by this letter to you.

As to the officials referred to in the anonymous communication dated July 13, 1936, it is desired to advise that they are:

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Mr. James R. Cleflin, 82 Moss Hill Road, Jamaica Plain district of Boston who is Deputy Superintendent in charge of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation of the Boston Police Department;

Mr. Arthur M. Tiernan, 42 Leamington Road, Brighton district of Boston who is a Sergeant Detective attached to

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the same Bureau of Criminal Identification;

Mr. Joseph F. Decker, 6 St. Andrew's Road, East Boston, Mass. who is presently a patrolman assigned to Division 2 of the Boston Police Department, formerly in charge of the Hotel Squad of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation of the Boston Police Department;

Mr. William J. Bonner, 284 Bellevue Street, West Roxbury district of Boston, a detective with the rank of patrolman attached to the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Boston Police Department, and partner of Sergeant Tiernan.

In 1936 Deputy Superintendent Claflin was in charge of the Bureau of Records of the Boston Police Department but is now in charge of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Claflin has held numerous offices in the Boston Police Department and within the past two years there have been very many changes in that department.

No information has come to the attention of the Agents attached to this Division indicating that Mr. Claflin has been involved with any of these confidence men. Because of the supervisory positions held by Mr. Claflin for some years, contacts with him by Agents of this office have been more or less superficial.

As to Mr. Joseph F. Decker who was a detective of the B. C. I. in charge of the "Hotel Squad", he was transferred from the B. C. I. to Precinct 2, as a patrolman about six months ago, and the report is that this transfer was due to his alleged support of the Republican gubernatorial candidate Haigis in the last Fall's State election. Report also has it that the hotel group sought to have him reinstated and information from that source is that they still hope that his transfer back to the Hotel Squad will be placed in the near future. Mr. Decker has appeared at this office at different times and so far as can be ascertained, has always been cooperative and honest.

As previously stated, Sergeant ARTHUR M. TIERNAN and Detective WILLIAM J. BONNER work together on assignments and apparently handle a variety of the more important police cases. They appear to have rather wide authority and very frequently appear in cases in other cities without jurisdiction of the Boston Police Department, which has at times caused comment on the part of other

police departments as to their interest in such matters. They also, and particularly Sergeant Tiernan, appear prominently in newspaper articles concerning the larger and more important police cases. It is understood that in many of the cases which they have handled, Attorney Herbert F. Callahan, 43 Tremont Street, Boston, appears as counsel for the defendants. This may be only a coincidence, of course, because Attorney Callahan represents a large number of the more notorious criminals. He is the same attorney referred to in letter from this office to the Jacksonville Division under date of August 6, 1935 in the "Brekeid" matter, at which time it will be recalled, he represented William Elmer Mead.

Tiernan, it is claimed, has the largest number of informants of any detective in the local department. So far as this office is concerned, it is stated that we have no knowledge of dishonesty on the part of either of these two men but it is understood that they are not particularly co-operative and seek personal publicity, in view of which Agents avoid them whenever possible in cases.

In the event that anything further concerning this situation comes to the attention of the writer, it will be communicated to you.

Sincerely,

*E. A. Soucy*  
E. A. Soucy,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. Tolson ✓  
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Mr. Tamm ✓  
Mr. Tracy ✓  
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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

September 14, 1937

W  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

*Edward G. Bremer*

This will confirm my telephone conversation with you on this date concerning a conference which I had this morning with United States Attorney E. B. Freed at Cleveland, Ohio, relative to collecting the \$1,000 fine and court costs amounting to \$40.33 imposed upon Tony Amersbach in federal court at Toledo, Ohio, from the \$5,000 belonging to this subject and found in a safety deposit box of the Merchants National Bank in Indianapolis.

Mr. Freed instructed Assistant U. S. Attorney G. P. Openlander at Toledo, Ohio, to prepare the necessary papers in order to levy an attachment against this \$5,000 in order that the fine and court costs could be satisfied. I have since communicated with Mr. Openlander, who informed that these papers would be forwarded on this date to the United States Attorney at Indianapolis, Indiana.

An agent from this office will interview subject Amersbach on September 14, 1937, and secure a written order from him authorizing this Bureau to turn over the keys to the safety deposit box #1838, which were taken from him, to the United States Marshal or such other individual as he desires to have them.

Very truly yours,

T. E. Stapleton,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

September 13, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Huntington, West Virginia.

Re: BREKID

Edmond G. Brennan

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Cincinnati Office dated September 10, 1937, in which it is requested that information be secured as to the penitentiary in which Anthony Amersbach will be incarcerated.

Please be advised that Amersbach will serve his sentence at the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. He has not been taken to the penitentiary as yet to start serving his sentence, but will be taken there in the near future.

Very truly yours,

T. H. STAPLETON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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914 Johnston Building  
Charlotte, North Carolina

September 15, 1937

Special Agent in Charge  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

*Edward G. Bremer*

Reference is made to your letter to the Chicago Division of August 5, 1937, copies of which were sent to all Divisions, requesting that a re-check be made of all Bureau of Motor Vehicles to ascertain whether a 1935 Ford V-8 two-door Sedan, Motor number 2044337, and a 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor number PJ 322772, serial number 2619857 are registered at the present time, and that if no registration is found, appropriate stop notices be placed against these cars.

Pursuant to the above, the Motor Vehicle Bureaus of the States of North and South Carolina have been contacted and they have advised that neither of these cars is registered, and that stop notices are being maintained.

In view of the fact that no further investigation remains to be performed in this district, this case is being considered referred upon completion. It is requested that if these cars are located or their location is no longer desired, this office be advised in order that stop notices may be withdrawn.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT  
Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Cincinnati, Ohio.

FILE NO. 7-9

REPORT MADE AT Indianapolis, Indiana	DATE WHEN MADE 9-10-37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/19-28, 30, 31 9/1/37	REPORT MADE BY FRANCIS X. JAHN VLD
TITLE CHANGED: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; ANTHONY JOSEPH AMERSBACH, with aliases: Anthony Joseph Amersbach, Tony Amersbach, George Young, Tom Gordon, Joseph Braun, James Joseph Braun, "Fred", Jack Gordon, "Jimmie", James Burns, Anthony Amersbach, Tony Amersbach, Tony Amersbach, Anthony J. Amersbach, John Brennan, Tony Feder, FUGITIVE, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>By checking Indiana State automobile registration records Amersbach was identified as one Joseph Braun who purchased 1931 Oldsmobile coach in Indianapolis 5-12-37, bearing 1937 Indiana tags 58-119. On 6-17-37 Braun purchased 1935 Pontiac coach and transferred tags to this car. The Oldsmobile was sold 8-2-37 in Indianapolis. Persons having dealings with Amersbach in connection with his cars furnished information he had been seen at various taverns and beer joints in Indianapolis. At Sandy's Restaurant and Bar Amersbach was found to be infatuated with waitress Lona Rasnake. He was apprehended by Bureau agents late on the evening of 8-23-37 when he came to Sandy's to see Lona. On 8-24-37 fugitive warrant was issued and Amersbach arraigned before Commissioner. He waived hearing and was jailed in default of \$20,000 bond. Amersbach when arrested had keys to safe deposit box in Merchants National Bank, Indianapolis, in which was found \$5,000 cash. This money checked against Bremer, Robinson and Weyerhaeuser ransom lists with negative results. His wife, Margaret Braun, was located and interviewed at Indianapolis but she denied all knowledge of his criminal activities. On 9-1-37 Amersbach was removed to Toledo, Ohio, by U.S. Marshal, Indianapolis. Disposition of Marshal's arrest furnished Bureau. Stop notices previously</p>			
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placed against 1935 Ford coach, motor #2044337 and 1935 Plymouth sedan, motor #PJ-322772 still in effect in Indiana.

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Reference:

Letter from Cincinnati to Chicago with copies to all offices, dated 8-5-37; teletype message from Cleveland to Indianapolis, dated 8-19-37; letter from Cleveland to Indianapolis, 8-19-37.

Details:

The title of this case is marked "changed" and all names and aliases of Amersbach known to this office as contained in the letter of reference from the Cleveland office, names used by Amersbach in Indianapolis and names contained in his criminal record furnished by the Bureau under FBI 84230, are set out.

The teletype and letter of reference from the Cleveland office dated August 19, 1937, furnished information that Amersbach, on or about May 10, 1937, purchased about a 1929 model black Oldsmobile or Studebaker coach with Indiana license tags ending "-119".

At the offices of the Indiana State Bureau of Motor Vehicles, State House, Indianapolis, the writer first checked all drivers' licenses for the known names and aliases of Amersbach with negative results. It was then ascertained, starting with May 8, 1937, a few days before Amersbach was supposed to have purchased the car in question, the Bureau was issuing tags starting 57-752. The next tag ending in 119, namely 58-119, was checked and found to be in the name of a Joseph Braun and to have been issued on May 12, 1937, on which date Braun had purchased a car from the Gregory & Henry Motor Company, 3327 North Illinois Street, a 1931 Oldsmobile coach, motor #F-268928, serial #K-59221. The title file with respect to this car was then inspected and it was found that this car was sold on August 2, 1937, to Joseph Wilhelm, 52 South 7th Street, Beech Grove, Indiana. A \$100 lien remained due to Joseph Braun on this transaction and the instructions on the title were to the effect that the title was to be mailed to Joseph Braun at 1707 South Emerson Avenue.

With respect to tags 58-119, it was further determined that these tags were transferred on June 17, 1937, to a 1935 Pontiac coach, motor #640856, purchased from a Sherrill L. Watson, whose address was listed as 347 Trenton Avenue, Indianapolis. Braun's address in the title file referring to the Pontiac appeared to be 3160 North Illinois Street. The drivers' licenses were checked again for the name Joseph Braun and it was found that on May 13, 1937, an application was



filled out by Joseph Braun, which application described Amersbach perfectly.

The writer, accompanied by Special Agent J. J. Meehan, contacted mail carrier Horace Baker, #148, while he was serving his route in the vicinity of 3160 North Illinois Street, and he stated that the name Joseph Braunsounded familiar to him and he believed he had delivered some mail in that name to 3160 North Illinois. Baker offered to make inquiries to determine whether this person was presently residing at 3160 North Illinois but he was cautioned to do nothing at the present time, and that if his assistance were needed in the future he would be contacted again. The address itself was listed in the name of a family known as Ryon, Mr. Ryon's occupation being given as salesman.

The Arlington sub-station of the Post Office Department, which covers the address 1707 South Emerson Avenue, was next contacted and F. L. Smith, rural carrier, checked his records and advised the following persons resided there: Joseph L. Heitz, Kenneth Lake, James and Irene Redman. The carrier was of the opinion that he had that morning delivered a letter for a J. Braun. A discreet surveillance was made of 1707 South Emerson Avenue by agents and cars parked in the vicinity were subsequently checked with negative results.

The writer then returned to the 32nd Street station of the Post Office Department, which covers the address 3160 North Illinois Street, to determine if Joseph Braun had furnished a change of address to the Post Office, and at that time the mail carrier Baker advised that he had taken it upon himself to call at 3160 North Illinois Street. He talked with Mrs. Ryon and told her he had a registered letter for Joseph Braun. Mrs. Ryon told him that she was not acquainted with any such person nor had anyone by that name stayed there at any time.

At the Gregory & Henry Motor Company where the Oldsmobile was purchased, agent talked with Mr. H. W. Gregory and inspected his records. It was found that Joseph Braun appeared at this place on May 12, 1937, made a \$10 deposit on the Oldsmobile in question, which car was delivered to Braun on May 13, 1937, after the payment of an additional \$133.50 in cash. The salesman who took care of Braun, E. G. Henry, advised that Braun had come to the sales lot by himself in the morning and looked over the cars on the lot. Braun had no other car in evidence at the time he made this visit. Henry furnished a description of Braun which tallied closely with that of Amersbach. Amersbach's photograph furnished by the Cleveland office, was shown to both Henry and Gregory and they stated that it bore a close resemblance to the customer known to them as Braun. Mr. Gregory added that sometime later following the sale of the Oldsmobile, Braun had returned to the lot driving a Pontiac coach, at which time he wanted the company to buy back the Oldsmobile he had purchased, saying he had been able to make a good deal on the Pontiac and was willing to resell the Oldsmobile at a sacrifice. Braun was accompanied on this occasion by a woman who seemed to be about 35 or 40 years old, weighing 145 pounds, medium build, blonde hair, height not noted.

By inspection of the local city directory it was determined that Sherrill L. Watson, the individual who sold Braun the Pontiac, was listed as an insurance salesman, while Joseph Wilhelm, the purchaser of the Oldsmobile was merely listed "furnished rooms". The writer decided to contact Mr. Watson, who was located at his home, 547 East 19th Street. He stated that he and his brother, Howard, who was present at the time of the interview, have been managing an orchestra in Indianapolis for the past five years, and that during the latter part of May, 1937, he and his brother decided to go into business. They opened a road house tavern known as "The Cars" located on the corner of Southeastern Avenue and Emerson, Indianapolis. The tavern was to be on the order of a dine and dance place and Sherrill and his brother went into partnership with three other persons, a Mrs. Morton, a Mr. DeHart and a Mr. Brett. Sherrill and Howard were to furnish the music and the others were to furnish the food. About a week after the Cars opened a stranger, later known as Joseph Braun, came in one Sunday morning, after he had been next door to one Sam Johnson's place, which Sherrill Watson described as a "cat house". It seems that Braun went to Johnson's to drink and afterwards wanted something to eat and was directed to the Cars. He bought a chicken dinner which he seemed to enjoy very much and thereafter came almost every evening for such a dinner for about a week. The following week Braun started to come in more often and had his breakfast also at the Cars. He always had a large roll of bills in \$100 and \$50 denominations and made himself generally liked by all who came in contact with him. His address was never known to anyone at the Cars, according to Sherrill, although he did say on occasion that he had a permanent residence at a tourist camp located in the southeastern part of Indianapolis, and he stated on other occasions that he was staying at the Marott Hotel in Indianapolis and the Washington Hotel.

With respect to his identity, the stranger always said "Just call me Fred". He was known to visit also a tavern known as Sandy's, located at 22nd and Meridian in Indianapolis. He said too, that his father owned a distillery in Kentucky. On one occasion after Fred had been coming to the Cars for several weeks he asked Sherrill if he wanted to sell his Pontiac car which was parked out in front. Sherrill told him he did not think so and nothing more was said until about a week later when Fred asked Sherrill if he had thought any more about selling his car. At that time Sherrill said in an off-hand manner that he would take \$550.00 for the car. Fred offered \$500.00. Sherrill told Fred that he would talk it over with his wife and let him know if he would sell. In explanation of his desire to purchase the Pontiac, Fred remarked that he had a new 1937 Buick but that he had loaned it to a friend who took it to Chicago. He wanted a car better than the Oldsmobile coach he was driving and did not want to invest too much money in another car. After talking the matter over with his wife, Sherrill decided to sell the Pontiac to Fred and the final sale price was \$510.00. Sherrill demanded his money first, which was given him in five \$100 bills and one \$10 bill.

Sherrill stated that he took this money to the Washington and Noble Street branch of the Fletcher American Bank to make certain that it was alright, and being advised that it was, he thereafter turned over to Fred the title to the Pontiac. It was only then that Sherrill learned his name was Joseph Braun.

With respect to Braun's money, Sherrill said that while he always seemed to have plenty, he believed he went to a bank when he wanted more. He did not know the location of this bank, however, but believed his partner, Brett, would know more about this. On the whole Sherrill believed Brett would be able to furnish more information concerning Braun because Braun had been talking with Brett about buying some slot machines and having Brett run them. Brett was familiar with this racket as he had a number of marble games of his own in and around Indianapolis. Sherrill further stated that one night Braun left \$1,000 in cash with Brett and a key with the other partner, DeHart, for safe keeping while he, Braun, went on a bender. Sherrill stated he had never seen Braun with a gun either in his car or on his person. Sherrill advised that the Cars had not been a profitable venture and was closed about a month and a half ago, and that Braun was last seen three or four weeks ago, about the last of July, at which time he said he had been in Louisville. Braun had a girl with him at the time.

On the occasion of his last contact with Braun, the latter had called Sherrill at his home from the Eastgate Hotel in Indianapolis saying, "This is Fred. Come on down and have some drinks with me". When Sherrill arrived at the Eastgate Hotel he had some drinks with Braun and Braun asked to be directed to Brett's home. Sherrill, driving his own car which he had purchased since the sale of his Pontiac to Braun, drove past Brett's house with Braun following in the Pontiac. Sherrill did not stop but went on and that is the last time he had any contact with Braun.

It was determined that Brett lived in the second house from the corner on the east side of Carrollton Avenue, close to the corner of 22nd Street. The photograph of Amersbach as furnished by the Cleveland office was exhibited to Sherrill Watson and his brother, Howard, both of whom stated that they were positive it was identical with the person they knew as Joseph Braun. Howard was unable to furnish any information other than that furnished by Sherrill. A full description of Braun was secured from the Watsons which is not being set out because of a better description later being secured which will be set out in this report. A full description of the Pontiac sold to Braun was likewise obtained which is not set out.

By further questioning it was determined that Braun was also known to have visited a place near Indianapolis known as the Plantation; that he had talked about buying some life insurance and that he had said something about buying a gambling joint near Louisville. No definite information could be obtained from the Watsons, however, as to the possible location of the gambling house.

After leaving the Watsons, inquiries were made at the Washington Hotel through Mr. C. E. Ehler, the manager. Nothing was found to indicate that Amersbach, under his true name or any of his aliases had stayed at that place, nor was his photograph familiar to employees.

At the Eastgate Hotel in the absence of the manager, desk clerk C. W. Walters was contacted and he likewise could find no indication that Amersbach had stayed at that place. It was determined that the bar attached to the Eastgate Hotel is known as the Rathskeller and is leased by a Francis Lucid. The Rathskeller itself is located around the corner from the Eastgate Hotel at 14 South New Jersey Street.

Francis Lucid was contacted and he was shown Amersbach's photograph. He stated that the likeness was that of a person known to him as Jack Gordon. He stated that Gordon was first seen by him about the last of March or the first of April, 1937, at which time he came to the Eastgate bar accompanied by Jack Brett. The next time Gordon came by himself and called Brett by telephone to join him. On another occasion Gordon came by himself and invited Lucid to ride out to Sandy's Tavern for some drinks, which invitation Lucid accepted. On another occasion Gordon visited the Eastgate bar with a girl introduced as Edith; he once visited the bar with a girl described as between 28 and 30 years of age, blonde, 5'6", 135 pounds. On the sixth and last occasion Jack Gordon had been seen by Lucid about the latter part of July, at which time he came to the bar with three men, one of whom was introduced as "the county sheriff of Louisville" or the chief of police of the county". This individual was said to be "the guy who can fix it for me to put in slot machines". A second man of the three accompanying Gordon was introduced as a fellow from whom Gordon had recently purchased a half interest in a gambling place located somewhere near Louisville. Lucid at that time was given a book of matches bearing the name of this gambling place, but he had since used the matches and thrown the book away. The only other information Lucid could furnish was that Gordon had stated his father owned the Old Baker distilleries.

The writer next went to the address furnished by Sherrill Watson for Jack Brett, which was found to be 2253 Carrollton Avenue. Mrs. Ethel Morton was at this address and she stated that Jack Brett and Leon DeHart were out but that they were expected back in a few hours. She was advised that agent would return later and that she should have Brett and DeHart wait at the house.

Agent then went to Sandy's Restaurant and Tavern located at 2206 North Meridian, and from an employee learned that the owners, Mr. F. S. Myers and his wife, Lucille, were away at the time, and it was not known when they would return. It was determined, however, that they might possibly be located at a place known as "Woodland Orchards" located on R.R.#16, Marion County, Indiana.

At the Woodland Orchards the writer located Mr. F. S. Myers, popularly known as "Sandy". He was shown Amersbach's photograph and readily identified it as an individual known to him as "Jimmie". He stated that over a period of the last several months Jimmie had been in his place almost every night. However, he would on occasion apparently leave Indianapolis and would be gone four or five days. About this time Sandy's wife, Mrs. Lucille Myers, made her appearance and took part in the interview. Both Mr. and Mrs. Myers stated that Jimmie was last seen about three weeks ago but that since that time he had telephoned the tavern a number of times. They were able to furnish the definite dates and times of the last two telephone calls made by Jimmie - on August 18, 1937, Jimmie had telephoned about 11:00 P.M. saying he was calling from Louisville, and about 1:00 A.M. on August 21, 1937, he had called saying he was in Louisville. These calls were made to telephone number TAlbot 3565 at Indianapolis. Mr. and Mrs. Myers advised that these calls were made to a waitress employed by them named Lona Rasnake. They stated that Jimmie and Lona seemed to be infatuated with each other and that it was their opinion that Jimmie had frequented their place only to be near Lona.

Mr. and Mrs. Myers advised that Lona had been employed by them for about a year and was a very nice girl. It was determined that Lona worked at the tavern between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 1:00 A.M., during which time Jimmie visited her. Her employers were unable to furnish Lona's exact address but agent was advised that Lona lived on the northeast corner of 32nd and Northwestern, in an apartment above a meat shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Myers had also heard Jimmie say he had recently purchased a gambling place near Louisville and when Jimmie was seen last he was accompanied by three men whom he described as "the boys". The Myers said that these three men looked like burglars, but they were unable to furnish any descriptions, although they did believe that one was said to be the sheriff of some county. Jimmie had also said that his Dad owned the Old Baker distillery in Kentucky.

Mrs. Myers was also shown Amersbach's photograph and she positively identified it as the person known to her as Jimmie. The Myers were interviewed about 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon and they were left with the impression that agent might interview Lona for further information concerning Jimmie and if she was late for work that evening they were to make nothing of the incident. They were cautioned against telling her or anyone else of agent's visit as was everyone else contacted during this investigation.

In connection with the investigation conducted thus far, a teletype message was sent to the Cleveland and Louisville offices giving the gist of the information developed. After the interview with Mr. and Mrs. Myers a second teletype was sent requesting the Louisville office to check the telephone calls made to Sandy's Restaurant from Louisville by Braun.

Jack Brett was next interviewed at his address 2253 Carrollton Avenue. He was shown Amersbach's photograph and immediately stated that he was known to him as "Fred", that "Fred" had visited a tavern in

which Brett was interested known as the Cars. Brett furnished substantially the same information as had Sherrill Watson with respect to Amersbach's activities at the Cars and the only additional information gained from Brett was that on one occasion he had taken Fred, at the latter's request, to the Merchants National Bank, at which place Fred went in for about ten minutes while Brett drove his car around the block. Brett was able to furnish in addition some information with respect to the location of the gambling house Amersbach spoke of having purchased, as follows - Brett stated on one occasion Amersbach said he intended to go to Louisville and Brett, knowing he was very fond of chicken dinners, directed him to try a Mother Soper's Place, famous for its chicken dinners, located a short distance out of Louisville. When Amersbach subsequently returned to Indianapolis he told Brett he had gone to Mother Soper's and that on the way out he had located a place equipped with a bar and gambling paraphernalia in which he had purchased an interest. Amersbach wanted Brett to go down to Louisville and handle his end of this business. Brett felt that he was not offered enough to do this (\$25 a week) so he declined. In connection with this gambling place Amersbach frequently talked about "the Chief" which Brett took to mean the Chief of Police at Louisville. Brett stated, as did Watson, that the last time Amersbach had been seen was about three weeks prior, or the latter part of July, 1937, when he had come by Brett's home in a drunken condition and in driving up to the house had damaged a fender on Brett's car. Brett came out of his house to see what the disturbance was and remonstrated with Amersbach about damaging his car. Amersbach became boisterous and Brett told him a policeman lived just across the street and if he was not quiet he would have him pulled in. Amersbach then immediately drove away and Brett claims he never knew the purpose of his visit.

Leon Albert DeHart was likewise interviewed at 2253 Carrollton Avenue and he gave substantially the same information as had Watson and Brett with respect to his acquaintance with Amersbach during the time he and the others operated the Cars. The only additional information gained from DeHart was that Amersbach had said on occasion that he was from Chicago, Pittsburgh and New York and that when last seen about three weeks prior when he had damaged Brett's car, Amersbach had said he was going to Louisville or Nashville.

Mrs. E. Morton, another partner in the Cars venture, was interviewed at 2253 Carrollton Avenue and she advised that she knew Amersbach only from his visits to the Cars and was unable to furnish any additional information of value. Both DeHart and Mrs. Morton stated positively on seeing Amersbach's photograph that he was the man known to them as Fred and Joseph Braun.

It was decided it might be unwise to interview Lona Rasnake until such time as the Louisville office had an opportunity to check the telephone calls made to her recently by Amersbach and for the further reason that it was felt the Louisville office might be able to locate

Amersbach's gambling place with the information obtained from Jack Brett. A teletype was prepared furnishing the information given by Brett so that inquiry could be immediately made by the Louisville office and while this teletype was being prepared it was decided that Mr. and Mrs. Myers, Lona's employers, should be advised that it was not agent's intention to interview Lona at that time and to further caution them that they should let nothing slip to indicate they had been questioned about "Jimmie". Agent called Sandy's Restaurant about 6:30 P.M. and talked with Mrs. Myers in the absence of her husband. Upon being advised that agent was not going to talk with Lona immediately, Mrs. Myers stated, "I think you better see her tonight". Quite an extended conversation was had with her over the telephone as to just why she felt agent should see Lona that evening but Mrs. Myers kept repeating her original remark until she finally advised that Lona was going to see Jimmie that night. She was asked whether she had said anything to Lona and she said she had not but that when Lona came to work that evening she had volunteered the information that "Jimmie's coming tonight". As Mrs. Myers was talking on a public telephone no further conversation was had with her at that time.

The writer immediately picked up Special Agent J. J. Meehan at his home and began a surveillance of Sandy's Restaurant. The writer ate dinner at this restaurant and managed to have Mrs. Myers point out Lona to him and it was determined that Jimmie was not present at the time. Agent then contacted Special Agent in Charge Herold H. Reinecke who had just recently arrived in Indianapolis from a road trip, and related to him the situation. Mr. Reinecke immediately came to Sandy's to assist in the surveillance. About 10:30 P.M. Mrs. Myers was observed to leave the restaurant and go to a nearby drug store. The writer contacted her at that place and obtained from her additional information as to Jimmie's habits on visiting the place, the usual time he came and Lona's mode of departure. After conversing with Mrs. Myers she returned alone to the restaurant and agent again took up his position of surveillance. Mrs. Myers immediately came out of the restaurant, again contacted agent and told him that Jimmie had just called to say he would arrive in half an hour. Special Agent in Charge Reinecke then summoned agents R. C. Coulter and C. A. Mahan and instructed them to contact him immediately in the vicinity of Sandy's Restaurant.

About 11:15 P.M. Special Agent in Charge Reinecke and Agents Coulter and Meehan entered the restaurant and seated themselves at a table near the door. The writer and agent Mahan were left guarding the outside. In a very few minutes Jimmie entered the restaurant and seated himself at the bar directly opposite the agents within. He was immediately taken into custody and thereafter taken to the office of the FBI. He readily admitted his identity and the fact that he had been formerly employed at the Harvard Club in Cleveland. The Bureau was immediately advised of Amersbach's apprehension by teletype. The Louisville office which was working on the same angle as the Indianapolis office, was notified by telegram. The Cleveland office was contacted by telephone and Special Agent in Charge T. N. Stapleton was advised of the apprehension.

On August 24, 1937, Special Agent E. J. Wynn called Special Agent in Charge Reinecke by telephone from Cleveland, describing the indictment which was returned June 10, 1937, in the Federal Court at Toledo, Ohio, against Anthony Joseph Amersbach and that a non est return was being made immediately at Toledo, on the capias issued. A bond of \$20,000 was recommended by the U. S. Attorney at Cleveland, returnable forthwith at Toledo. This office was also advised that Amersbach had a twenty-one year sentence yet to serve at Moundsville, West Virginia.

On August 24, 1937, Special Agent Bliss Morton made a complaint before U. S. Commissioner Fae W. Patrick, who issued a fugitive warrant based on the indictment, the substance of which was telephoned the Indianapolis office by Agent Wynn. The U. S. Marshal at Indianapolis then took custody of Amersbach who was arraigned before Commissioner Patrick, at which time he waived hearing, bond was set for \$20,000 and in lieu of bond Amersbach was placed in the Marion County jail.

At the time of Amersbach's apprehension the keys to his Pontiac car were found on his person and this car was located by the writer in the neighborhood of Sandy's Restaurant. It was brought to the garage of this office where it was examined and found to contain various articles of men and women's clothing and a money sack of the Citizens Union National Bank, Louisville, Kentucky. No guns were found in this car or on Amersbach's person. The only other articles of value found in Amersbach's car were a business card of the Hotel LaSalle, 227 West Walnut Street, Louisville, Kentucky, and a plain white card bearing the name - Michael C. Awald in pencil. No leads are being set out by this office to make inquiry at the Hotel LaSalle or to establish the identity of Awald. This is being left to the discretion of the office of origin. The money sack of the Citizens Union National Bank as is set out later in this report, was explained by Amersbach's wife as being a sack used by her to carry nickels from slot machines.

On Amersbach's person at the time he was arrested was found a total of \$61.97 in cash, a check on the Liberty National Bank and Trust Company, Louisville, Kentucky, in the amount of \$20.00 payable to cash, drawn by John J. Murphy, blank check on the Liberty National Bank and Trust Company, Louisville, two Mosler keys each numbered 1838, two slot machine keys and one Bulova wrist watch #5160968. This property, with the exception of the keys mentioned, was turned over to the U. S. Marshal who executed a proper receipt which is retained in the Indianapolis office file.

In Amersbach's car, the 1935 Pontiac bearing Indiana tags 58-119, was found a cardboard suitcase containing women's clothing. Amersbach stated that he had no idea to whom this bag belonged. However, on the evening of August 24, 1937, the writer received a telephone call from Francis Lucid, owner of the Eastgate Bar who stated that a blond had been in there making inquiries for Jack Gordon and she appeared to be very worried because he had left her the preceding evening about 10:30 P.M. and she had not seen him since. By this time, news of Amersbach's apprehension



hension had appeared in Indianapolis newspapers and Lucid showed her a clipping asking if this man could be identical with Jack. The woman immediately left the place. The writer called Mrs. Myers by telephone at Sandy's Restaurant and arrangements were made with her to report immediately if this woman should come to her place inquiring for Jimmie. The following day, however, the woman was located through a local newspaper reporter and she was interviewed at that time by Special Agent J. J. Meehan who has submitted the following report of his interview with her.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. J. Meehan at Indianapolis, Indiana, on August 25, 1937.

Charles G. McCallister, Deputy Sheriff, Marion County Jail, telephonically informed the Indianapolis Office that a person named Samuel Johnson wished to see Amersbach. Agent proceeded to the Marion County Jail and Mr. McCallister advised that Amersbach had requested him, McCallister, to get in touch with Samuel Johnson, 1816 South Emerson Avenue. Amersbach told McCallister that he wished to turn his Pontiac Coach and its contents over to Johnson. Mr. McCallister further stated that he has been personally acquainted with Samuel Johnson for several years; that Johnson at one time was a Special Deputy Sheriff, but he, McCallister, had to relieve him of his commission because he frequently became intoxicated. McCallister also said Johnson was a small time gambler but otherwise he knew nothing detrimental concerning him.

At the time agent arrived at the Marion County Jail McCallister stated that Johnson had left but would return within a few minutes. He said that he had personally gotten in touch with Johnson and asked him to come to the Jail and after advising Johnson that Amersbach wished to turn his Pontiac Coach over to him, Johnson stated that he did not know Amersbach very well and did not appear anxious to help Amersbach in any way. While waiting for Johnson to return to the Jail, Amersbach was removed from the Jail by two Deputy U. S. Marshals and taken to the Federal Building where he was arraigned before the Honorable Robert C. Baltzell, Judge of the U. S. District Court, who ordered that he be removed to Toledo, Ohio. Amersbach was then returned to the Jail. A short time later Johnson returned to the Jail with his wife. He informed agent that he knew very little concerning Amersbach. He stated he knew he was a gambler and always thought his real name was Joseph Braun. He further stated that if the Federal Bureau of Investigation had no objection he would be willing to store Amersbach's Pontiac Coach in his garage.

Mr. Johnson and agent then interviewed Amersbach and Amersbach gave to Johnson a written release directing that the Parkview Garage release his Pontiac Coach to Samuel Johnson. A copy of this release was obtained by agent and is being placed in the Indianapolis Office file.

At this time Amersbach also stated that the cardboard suitcase which was found in the back of his car should also be turned over to Johnson. Amersbach, however, denied that he knew

who owned this suitcase and insisted that it had probably been left in his car by some woman friend. Before leaving the Jail, Amersbach also requested Johnson to endeavor, if possible, to find a bondsman so that Amersbach could be released on bail, and Johnson promised him that he would do the best he could. Agent at this time asked Amersbach where he had been living in Indianapolis, but he stated that he had nothing to say and did not wish to discuss the matter further. Amersbach's automobile and its contents were then released to Samuel Johnson, who stated that he would take them to his garage at 1816 South Emerson Avenue, Indianapolis.

Later in the day a telephone call was received by the Indianapolis Office from Mr. Vern M. Boxell, City Editor of the Indianapolis Times newspaper, advising that one of his reporters had located a woman believed to be the wife of Anthony Amersbach. Mr. Boxell further stated that his reporter was now with this woman at Bittle's Cabin Court, a tourist camp located at 7608 East Washington Street. At this camp agent met the reporter from the Indianapolis Times who informed him that the woman he believed to be Amersbach's wife was in Cabin number two. This reporter then immediately left the tourist camp. Agent interviewed this woman who advised that her name was Mrs. Margaret Eva Braun and voluntarily agreed to go with agent to the Indianapolis Office for the purpose of being questioned. While she was getting ready to leave her cabin, some woman, evidently the owner of the tourist camp and who was also apparently aware of agent's identity, asked agent if he was intending to arrest Mrs. Braun. She also informed agent that she felt very sorry for Mrs. Braun and stated that Mrs. Braun did not have any money and the night previous it was necessary for her to advance Mrs. Braun some money so that she could purchase food.

At the Indianapolis Office Mrs. Braun was questioned for the purpose of obtaining all information she had concerning Amersbach. Mrs. Braun advised that she never knew her husband under the name of Amersbach but knew him only as James Joseph Braun. She advised that on Monday evening, August 23, 1937, they had just returned in their Pontiac Coach from Louisville, Kentucky, and he told her that it would be necessary for him to go in town to transact some business. He also promised her that he would return within a few hours. She stated that he left their cabin about 9:00 P. M. that evening, and when he did not show up the following morning, she became worried about him. She stated that during the following day she discussed the matter with Mrs. Bittle, the proprietress of

the tourist camp where she was staying, and Mrs. Bittle suggested that she contact hospitals and the police department as it was possible her husband may have met with an accident. Mrs. Braun further stated that on Tuesday evening, August 24, a friend of Mrs. Bittle came to the tourist camp and this friend was advised that Mrs. Braun's husband had disappeared. It further appears that this friend had a son who was a newspaper reporter for the Indianapolis Times and this friend stated that she would have her son endeavor to find Mrs. Braun's husband. Mrs. Braun continued by stating that on Wednesday, August 25, 1937, her husband's picture appeared in the Indianapolis Star, a morning newspaper. Mrs. Bittle saw it and informed her that her husband was in Jail. She stated that Mrs. Bittle also informed the newspaper reporter that Mrs. Braun's husband had been located and it was in this manner that the newspaper reporter from the Indianapolis Times discovered Mrs. Braun's whereabouts. She stated that when this reporter left her on agent's arrival, he promised that he would not publish any story concerning her discovery in his newspaper, as he did not wish to embarrass her in any manner. It might be mentioned herein that as a matter of fact the Indianapolis Times did not publish any story concerning Mrs. Braun on August 25, 1937.

Concerning Amersbach, Mrs. Braun advised that she married him at Detroit, Michigan, on June 6, 1926, at which time she believed his name to be James Joseph Braun. She advised that her name at this time was Margaret Eva Thompson. She said she first became acquainted with Amersbach, whom she referred to as Jimmie, about sometime in 1923, at which time she was entertaining as a singer in the Penthouse Cafe, which is located on top of the Park Avenue Hotel in Detroit. She stated at this time she was residing alone in a room at the Paul Revere Hotel, Detroit. After they were married, she continued to live at the Paul Revere and he visited her occasionally. She stated that he never told her what his business was except that he was a gambler, but he never informed her if he had any interest in any gambling house or just how he did make his money. She stated that he would only say he had a few spots here and there and it was necessary for him to visit these various spots continuously.

Mrs. Braun stated that it was probably at her insistence that Amersbach married her. She stated that she is still very much in love with him but that all during their married life it has been necessary for her to work in order to support herself and her son, John Thomas, who was born in January, 1928 in a hospital at Flint, Michigan. Mrs. Braun stated that in Detroit

most people knew her as Eva Markland, which name has also been given to her young son. She advised that this son is being raised by a very good friend of hers, Dolly Markland, who resides at 966 Perry Street, Detroit. Dolly Markland is married and her husband's name is John. Mrs. Braun advised that she is not in any way related to the Markland family but merely adopted their name as a stage name.

Mrs. Braun stated that ever since the child was born she has lived in Detroit and that she has been there almost continuously since the time she married Amersbach, except that in March, 1934, or thereabouts she and her husband had a family quarrel and he left her stating that he did not ever intend again to return. She advised that she expected he would return as he had done in the past and in order for him not to find her she decided to leave Detroit. She advised that she went to Mansfield, Ohio, probably during the fall of 1934 and obtained employment as a stenographer in the Inspection Office of the Westinghouse Electric Company in Mansfield. She advised that she remained in the employment of this company until about February, 1936 when she returned to the Paul Revere Hotel in Detroit.

Mrs. Braun stated that while living in Mansfield, Ohio, she resided at 87 East Fourth Street, and while working for the Westinghouse Electric Company she used the name Eva Markland, and her immediate supervisor was a Mr. Jacobs. She advised that probably in the spring of 1936 while she was working at the cigar counter of the Detrouiter Hotel and living at the Paul Revere Hotel, her husband again contacted her. She advised that this was the first time she had seen or heard of him from the time he left her about March, 1934. She advised that she has no idea where he was during this period of time.

Mrs. Braun stated that her husband has never contributed to the support of their son, and she implied although would not specifically say so that her husband doubted his paternity. She stated that this son was the cause of many of their quarrels. She also stated that from the time she first knew Amersbach until about August 1, 1937 she never saw him with more than \$300 in cash on his person, that she has never known him to use a bank book and never knew him to deposit any money in any bank. She also stated that he never mentioned to her that he had a safe deposit box and as far as she knows he has never

had one. She advised that during the time they were married her husband left her sometimes for months at a time and during these absences he never wrote to her, that as a matter of fact she never has known him to write a letter during his lifetime. She stated on various occasions he did fly from whichever city he was in and visit her for a few days in Detroit and then he would again leave by plane or train. She advised during all this time she never saw him driving an automobile although when he would visit her he occasionally would state that he had an automobile but did not care to bring it with him to Detroit. She stated that the only automobile she ever saw him drive was the Pontiac Coach previously mentioned in this report. Concerning the cities from which her husband sent her telegrams advising that he was expecting to see her shortly in Detroit, she stated that as far as she can recall these telegrams came from Gary, Indiana, Cleveland, Ohio, Cincinnati, Ohio and Louisville, Kentucky. Mrs. Braun advised that sometime the latter part of June, 1937, she received a telegram from her husband in Indianapolis, Indiana, advising that if she cared to visit him, she could locate him in the bar of the Washington Hotel, Indianapolis. She stated that for some unknown reason she was tired of living in Detroit while he was continually roaming around the country and she decided to give up her position in Detroit and stay with him if he would allow her to do so. She stated that she, therefore, resigned from her position in the Detroit Hotel and came to Indianapolis where she contacted Amersbach in the bar of the Washington Hotel, and after pleading with him for some time he stated that she could remain with him if she so desired.

She advised that when she arrived in Indianapolis it was probably around the first or second of July. She stated at this time they secured a cabin at the Bittle's Cabin Court where they remained a couple of nights. She stated that at this time her husband had the above mentioned Pontiac Coach. She advised that after leaving this tourist camp, they went to Lake Manitou, Indiana, where they stayed in a cottage for about two weeks; that they then returned to Indianapolis and again stayed at the Bittle's Cabin Court for one night; that they then proceeded to Louisville, Kentucky and stayed at the Dixie Tourist Camp, which is located about three miles south of St. Helens, just outside of Louisville on the Dixie Highway. Mrs. Braun stated that as far as she can recall, her husband purchased an interest in the Southland Nite Club, 7th Street and Arcade Road, during the latter part of July and that this place was opened for

business on a Friday night, which she believed was probably July 30, 1937. Mrs. Braun stated that after arriving in Louisville, they stayed there continuously until August 23, except on one occasion during this time they came to Indianapolis where they spent the night at the Bittle's Cabin Court, and then again returned to Louisville the following day.

Mrs. Braun confessed complete ignorance of her husband's business dealings. She stated that he always told her it was none of her business what he did and if she wanted to stay with him, she could, and if she didn't, she didn't have to. However, she stated that because she thought so much of him, she was willing to put up with his peculiar ways. She stated that she supposed he probably went out with other women. However, she said she was willing to forget these other affairs if she could occasionally be with him, as she thought that much of him. She stated that it was her impression that on August 23 prior to leaving Louisville her husband sold his interest in the Southland Nite Club. However, she was unable to advise if he had been paid in cash or to whom he had sold the interest. She also stated that after purchasing this night club, on one or two occasions her husband had as much as \$3,000 in cash in his trouser pockets. She also stated that after purchasing an interest in this club he always seemed to have more money in his pockets than she had ever previously seen him have. However, she stated that she never saw him go to a bank to deposit any of this money and she doesn't know what he did with it. Concerning the money bag of the Citizens Union National Bank, Louisville, Kentucky, which was found in Amersbach's car, Mrs. Braun advised that she used this bag to transport nickels from the night club to the Citizens Union National Bank where she obtained bills for same.

She advised that she never deposited any money in this bank.

Concerning a card with writing, "Micheal C. Awald," which was found in Amersbach's car, Mrs. Braun advised that she had never before seen the card and did not know a person by this name. She also was unable to advise why a card of the Hotel La-Salle, 221 West Walnut Street, Louisville, Kentucky, was in her husband's car, stating that she had never stayed at this hotel.

Mrs. Braun stated that she has never heard her husband speak of any of the subjects of instant case. She stated

that the only people she knew he traveled with were gamblers and she knew very few of these by name. However, she did state that her husband was acquainted with a gambler named Lefty Clark in Detroit, Michigan, and that her husband frequently went to John Ryan's gambling place and Danny Sullivan's gambling place in Detroit. She stated the only other gambler that she could recall who was associated with her husband in any way was Bill Goose in Louisville, Kentucky. However, she stated that she had been introduced to Fred Spadie, who was a partner with her husband in the Southland Nite Club. She also stated her husband knew John Murphy, a contractor in Louisville.

Mrs. Braun appeared to be very cooperative in this matter although she continued to state that she knew very little of her husband's past life and, therefore, was unable actually to furnish any real information concerning him. However, she stated that after thinking about this matter she now recalls that he on a few occasions has told her he had an interest in a saloon in or on the outskirts of Gary, Indiana, and she believes he has spent most of his time at this place during the past two or three years, but she was unable to furnish any other information concerning the location of this saloon and did not know the name of the place. At the time Amersbach was taken into custody he had three sets of keys on his person, a total of six keys. It was determined that two of these keys belonged to his Pontiac Coach and the other four keys were shown to Mrs. Braun. She picked out one set and advised that they were used to open the slot machines which were in the Southland Nite Club. However, she was unable to identify the other two keys. She stated that she believes she has seen them once before in her husband's pocket but had never asked him what they were for and could offer no information concerning them. It might be stated herein that these keys are similar to those used for safe deposit boxes.

Mrs. Braun also advised that until she went to Louisville just recently with her husband, she had never before been in any gambling house in which he was interested. As a matter of fact Indianapolis and Louisville are the only two cities where she had lived with her husband outside of Detroit. She advised she knows nothing whatsoever concerning his connections in Cleveland and that she was always under the impression that his original home had been in Indianapolis but that all his relatives were deceased. She stated that she has never seen a gun in her husband's possession and has never heard him speak of guns. She stated during the time she was married to Amersbach he never gave her more than \$20 at a time and that on various occasions he would give her a \$20 bill, but as a general rule she lived on the money she earned herself. She stated at no time did he purchase her any expensive clothing, but he did



right after they were married purchase her an expensive diamond ring, which later she was forced to sell in order to get money for herself and her son.

Mrs. Braun stated that she noticed her husband's Indiana operator's license indicated that his name was Joseph Braun and that he resided at 3160 North Illinois Street. She stated she asked him about this address and he told her it was none of her business and to forget about it. Mrs. Braun stated she had a friend, Mrs. Jennie Sherman, who resided at 31 North Arsenal Street and she intended to remain with this friend until her husband was removed to Toledo, Ohio, after which time she would in all probability return to her room at the Paul Revere Hotel in Detroit. She stated that if she goes to another address, she will notify the Indianapolis Office, the address of which was furnished to her for this purpose.

Mrs. Braun advised that she has never been arrested or been in any trouble before and she voluntarily permitted agent to fingerprint her. This fingerprint card has been forwarded to the Bureau with the request that it be searched through the criminal file and if no record be found that it be placed in the personal identification file of the Bureau.

Mrs. Braun desired that she be permitted to see her husband and agent went with her to the Marion County Jail for this purpose. Amersbach did not appear to be very much interested in her but stated to her that she should not worry too much about him; that he would in all probability make bond as soon as he was transferred to Toledo, Ohio; and that he would return to her immediately in Indianapolis, Indiana. She then asked him where he would get in touch with her, and he stated he would contact her at the Arsenal Street address. He also gave her a written order so that she could obtain \$20 of his money from the Sheriff, which money had been turned over to the Sheriff by the U. S. Marshal. Mrs. Braun was then taken back to the tourist camp where she was staying and on the return trip she advised agent after her husband did not show up at their cabin on August 24, she thoroughly searched through his clothing hoping that she might find something which would indicate to her why he had disappeared. She stated, however, that she had been able to find absolutely nothing of value, that his clothes had nothing at all in the pockets except one pair of dice. She stated that as far as she knew all the clothes he had were in his automobile and in the cabin. Upon arriving at the cabin she informed agent if he so desired, he could thoroughly search same. Agent did so but nothing of value was discovered. It was noted, however, that Amersbach had four suits of clothing in the cabin and

every suit had been purchased at Richman Brothers. Also in the pockets of one suit was a pair of dice which agent did not take, and in the pocket of another suit were several cards of the Southland Nite Club. These cards read as follows:

**\*FIRST AND LAST CHANCE**

**SOUTHLAND NITE CLUB**  
7th and Arcade - Route 31W  
The Place That's Different

Presented by **Jim and Spadie**

Two of these cards were taken by agent and are being placed in the Indianapolis Office file. Mrs. Braun stated that her husband usually signed his name Joseph Braun, but as his correct name was James Joseph Braun, most people knew him by the name of Jim or Jimmie.

Following is a description of Mrs. Braun as obtained by observation and interrogation:

Name: Margaret Eva Braun, nee Thompson  
alias Eva Markland  
alias Mrs. Anthony Amersbach  
It might be stated herein that Mrs. Braun has never used the latter alias.  
Permanent Residence: Paul Revere Hotel, Detroit, Mich.  
Temporary Residence: 31 North Arsenal Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.  
Age: 37 - Born March 26, 1900, Jasonville, Ind.  
Height: 5' 7"  
Weight: 128  
Eyes: Brown  
Hair: Naturally light brown - present time, peroxide blonde.  
Build: Slender  
Complexion: Light  
Teeth: Good, uppers protrude slightly.  
Education: three years of college  
Marks: One inch burn scar on top of right wrist.  
Marital Status: Married  
Children: One son, John Thomas Markland, age 8, now residing with Mrs. Dolly Markland, 966 Perry Street, Flint, Michigan.

Fingerprints: Forwarded to Bureau on personal  
identification card, August 26, 1937.  
Criminal Record: Requested from Bureau

It might be stated herein that during the time agent searched Mrs. Braun's cabin at Bittle's Cabin Court, it was observed that all her personal belongings were rather inexpensive. She did not possess any jewelry except that which is purchased in a ten cent store, and all of her dresses were well worn.

Before leaving, Mrs. Braun informed agent that in view of what has happened it was very probable that her husband would no longer care to see her. However, she stated that if she can ever be of any assistance to any agent, she will be only too glad to cooperate in this matter. She also stated that she never before heard of the name Amersbach and she feels absolutely sure that none of the people connected with her husband in Louisville were aware of his true identity.

Mrs. Braun also informed agent that the suitcase which had been recovered in her husband's automobile was her personal property, and at the time she saw her husband in the Jail he admitted this fact. Mrs. Braun also was advised that this suitcase had been turned over with the car to Samuel Johnson and she stated that although the articles in the suitcase were not worth much, she would probably see Mr. Johnson before leaving Indianapolis and obtain her personal belongings from him.

It will be noted in Agent Meehan's investigation that nothing appeared in the newspapers of August 25, 1937, concerning Mrs. Braun, but on August 26, 1937, an interview with her was published in the Indianapolis Times, copy of which clipping is being placed in the Indianapolis file. There is nothing in this clipping other than is related in Agent Meehan's report of his interview with her.

On August 28, 1937, Agent Meehan received a long distance telephone call from Mrs. Braun advising that for the next few days she could be located at the Southland Night Club, Louisville, Kentucky, and that later she would go to Detroit, Michigan, at which time the Indianapolis office would be advised. On the same date Mrs. Braun called again and stated that agents from the Louisville office were questioning her and would not leave her alone. She was advised to inform them that she had been questioned by the Indianapolis office.

On August 28, 1937, inquiries were made at the Merchants National Bank, Indianapolis, by the writer of Mr. J. P. Frenzel, Jr., President, and Mr. Otto N. Frenzel, Vice-President, and it was learned that the Mosler keys #1838 taken from Amersbach at the time of his arrest belonged to his safe deposit box in that institution. The Messrs. Frenzel advised that they were willing to cooperate with the Bureau in every respect but that to protect themselves legally it would not be possible to permit an agent to inspect this box until a satisfactory court order was furnished. Subsequently Mr. Edward P. Fillion, attorney for the Merchants National Bank, contacted Special Agent in Charge Reinecke and furnished him with a form of the usual power of attorney used by the bank to enable anyone to enter a safe deposit box if properly filled out by the holder of the box. The box in question, #1838, had been rented by Amersbach using the name James Burns, on May 10, 1937. Before contacting Amersbach to determine if he would execute this power of attorney to permit an inspection of his box, Assistant U. S. Attorney B. Howard Caughran was consulted to determine if he would authorize the issuance of a search warrant in the event Amersbach refused to execute the power of attorney. Mr. Caughran stated he could see no objection to the procedure and that if the U. S. Commissioner was satisfied the facts in this case justified the search warrant requested, he would have no objection. U. S. Commissioner Fae W. Patrick, before whom Amersbach had appeared, was consulted and he stated that in the event Amersbach refused to execute the power of attorney he would issue a search warrant.

Amersbach was then contacted at the County Jail and he was told that a safe deposit box at the Merchants National Bank had been located and that it was desired to inspect this box to determine what it contained. He readily agreed to execute the power of attorney which was offered for his signature stating at the time that the box merely contained \$5,000 in cash.

In a conversation had with Amersbach at this time he stated to agent that he was quite conversant with the procedure necessary in entering a safe deposit box because he and his sister had a safe deposit box under an arrangement whereby neither could get in the box unless the other was present. As Amersbach had mentioned this in a casual manner, seemingly without thinking, he was not questioned further as to the possible location of the safe deposit box in Cleveland and it is being left to the Cleveland office, which has been handling the Amersbach angle of this case, as to whether or not efforts should be made to locate the box in Cleveland.

With the power of attorney executed by Amersbach, the writer and Agent Meehan proceeded to the Merchants National Bank where, in the presence of Assistant Cashier G. F. Lichtsinn, safe deposit box #1838 was opened. Mr. Lichtsinn removed the contents of the box which consisted entirely of currency and ordinary wrappings which had obviously been used to carry the currency to the bank. The money contained in the box was first counted by Mr. Lichtsinn and found to amount to \$5,000, \$3,000 of which was in \$100 bills and the remaining \$2,000 in \$5 bills. This money was then turned over to the writer and Agent Meehan who together listed the full description of the bank notes.

Following the listing of the bills contained in Amersbach's box the money was turned over to Mr. Lichtsinn for a final count and he replaced the same in the box which was thereafter locked in the vault and agents had no further contact with it. The safe deposit keys mentioned are still in the possession of this office and will be so retained until the final disposition of the case is determined.

From the list made of the currency in Amersbach's possession a check was made with the ransom notes paid in the Bremer, Robinson and Weyerhaeuser kidnaping cases without result. No list of the ransom money paid in the Hamm kidnaping case is available at this office and if it is desired that this list be checked against the money found in Amersbach's box, the office of origin should so advise.

The list of the currency made by the writer and Agent Meehan is being retained in the Indianapolis office file.

Under date of August 28, 1937, a letter was received from the Louisville office advising that Mr. Fred Spadie, who was Amersbach's business partner in Louisville, was coming to Indianapolis for the purpose of talking with Amersbach about his interest in their road house. The Louisville office advised that Mr. Spadie had cooperated fully with agents at Louisville and it was requested that arrangements be made if possible for him to talk with Amersbach. Accordingly, Chief Deputy U. S. Marshal Julius Wichser was contacted by telephone and asked to make the necessary arrangements for Mr. Spadie to see Amersbach, and that this office would have no objection to the interview. Mr. Wichser later advised that he had taken care of the matter.

On August 30, 1937, Mrs. Braun was again in this office, at which time she requested permission to talk with her husband. She was told that this office had no objection and it is understood that she subsequently talked with him on that date.

On August 31, 1937, the U. S. Marshal advised that he would be leaving on September 1, 1937, with Amersbach for Toledo, Ohio. This information was furnished by wire to the Director and the Cleveland office. On the morning of September 1, 1937, agent talked with Deputy Marshal Miss White and she stated that Deputy Marshals Andrew Taff and James Campbell had left early on that morning with Amersbach to return him to Toledo. A disposition sheet showing the arrest by the U.S. Marshal at Indianapolis is being furnished the Bureau with copies of this report.

A copy of Amersbach's criminal record under FBI #84230  
was received and is set out in full below:

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Arrangements were made with the Indianapolis Police Department  
to photograph Amersbach and one copy of his photograph is being furnished  
to the Bureau, Cincinnati and Cleveland offices and one is being retained in  
the Indianapolis office.

Amersbach's description noted at the Police Department at the  
time these photographs were taken is as follows:

Age	40 (3-6-97, Cleveland, Ohio)
Height	5'9"
Weight	188
Build	Medium
Complexion	Fair
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Dark brown
Teeth	Several gold rims, irregular, poor
Occupation	Gambler
Scars	III cic. scar on side of neck in back

By letter dated August 5, 1937, from the Cincinnati office to the Chicago office, with copies to all offices, all offices covering Bureaus of Motor Vehicles were requested to make a re-check to ascertain if the stop notices previously placed against 1935 Ford V8 Coach, motor #2044337 and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, motor PJ-322772, serial #2619857, are still maintained. On August 31, 1937, the writer contacted Mr. Harry Billings, Indiana State Bureau of Motor Vehicles, who stated that the stops previously placed against these cars are still in force and effect and will so continue until revoked by order of this office.

It is not known in this office what investigation with respect to Anthony Joseph Amersbach and his activities has been previously conducted by the Cleveland and Louisville offices, and accordingly no leads are being set out in this report, this being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

- PENDING -

501 Healey Building,  
Atlanta, Georgia,  
September 15, 1937.

PMB:G  
7-3

Mr. Marcus McWhorter, Chief Clerk,  
Motor Vehicle Division,  
State Revenue Commission,  
State Capitol,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

It is requested that you advise this office whether or  
not 1935 Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, motor number 2044337, and 1935  
Plymouth Sedan, motor number PJ-322772, serial number 2619857,  
have been registered for the current year in the State of Georgia.

It is also requested that if they are registered at any  
time in the future that you advise this office immediately.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation in this  
matter, I am

Very truly yours,

J. W. VINCENT,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Bureau  
Cincinnati  
Cleveland

RE: BREKID

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Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Baughman  
Mr. Clegg  
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Mr. Egan  
Mr. Foxworth  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Hottel  
Mr. Lester  
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Mr. Nathan  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Schilder  
Mr. Tracy  
Miss Gandy

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DIRECTOR

PHONE. BREKID. ANTHONY J. AMERSBACH UPON PLEA OF GUILTY  
IN UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT AT TOLEDO, OHIO, ON SEPTEMBER  
THIRD BEFORE FEDERAL JUDGE KLOEB WAS SENTENCED TO SERVE THIRTY  
MONTHS IN PENITENTIARY AND FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS

STAPLETON

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FILE

*Edw. J. Bremer*

*Edw. J. Bremer*

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT		CINCINNATI, OHIO	FILE NO.	7-30	FBI
REPORT MADE AT BOSTON, MASS.	DATE WHEN MADE 9/16/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/13/37	REPORT MADE BY F. W. ALLEN		
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:  Motor vehicle registries of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont circularized re 1935 Ford sedan, motor #2044337 and 1935 Plymouth sedan, motor # P. J. 322772, serial #2619857. Photograph of George G. Rorke returned to H. S. Yaffa, 38 Chauncy Street, Boston, Mass.  - RUC -					
REFERENCE:  Report of Special Agent R. F. Gleason, Boston Division, June 25, 1937.  Letter from Cincinnati Division to Chicago Division, August 5, 1937.					
DETAILS:  In compliance with request contained in letter dated August 5, 1937 from the Cincinnati Division to the Chicago Division, copies of which were addressed to all field offices, the motor vehicle registries at Boston, Mass., Concord, N. H., Augusta, Maine and Montpelier, Vermont have been circularized for information with relation to the possible registration of 1935 Ford V8, two door sedan, motor #2044337 which was registered in Kansas during 1935 in the name of J. M. Lett, 113 East 8th Street, Coffeyville, Kansas and 1935 Plymouth sedan, motor # P. J. 322772, serial #2619857 which was registered in Ohio during 1935 in the name of Carl Baker who is identical with Milton Lett. Stop orders have been placed against these automobiles and in the event that any information is obtained concerning them in the future, this office will be notified and this case re-opened here upon the receipt of such information.  The photograph of George G. Rorke who, as per referred to report of Agent R. F. Gleason, dated June 25, 1937, was interviewed at the Salvation Army at 929 Washington Street, Boston, is being returned to Mr. H. S. Yaffa, c/o Smith-Corona Typewriter Company, 38 Chauncy Street, Boston, Mass. by registered mail, on					
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT  ③ - Bureau 2 - Cincinnati 1 - New York (info.) 2 - Boston <b>COPIES DESTROYED</b> <b>199 MAR 25 1966</b>		7 11 14 11 SEP 20 1937			

this date, in view of the fact that copies of the said photograph have been made at the Bureau and in view of the fact that the photograph has already served its purpose.

The referred to report of Special Agent Gleason contained an undeveloped lead for the Boston Division to contact a confidential informant referred to in the Bureau's letter dated July 30, 1936 (Bureau file 7-576) relating to the receipt by the Bureau at that time of an anonymous letter alleging complicity of certain members of the Boston Police Department with certain confidence men. In view of the fact that William Elmer ~~Lead~~, who was at that time believed to be in contact with one Fred Flowers, mentioned in the referred to anonymous letter, has since been apprehended, it now appears that the situation with reference to these confidence men has no particular bearing on this present case and that undeveloped lead mentioned in Agent Gleason's report is being disregarded so far as this report is concerned and the subject matter thereof is being taken up separately with the Bureau by letter.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 15, 1937

Baughman  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Crowl  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Foxworth  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Hottel  
Mr. Lester  
Mr. McIntire  
Mr. Naughton  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Schilder  
Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Tracy  
Miss Gandy

Respectfully referred to the Department of Justice.

*M. H. McElroy*  
L. H. McElroy  
Secretary to the President

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*Mr. H. McElroy*  
*Mr. Tamm*  
*Mr. Clegg*  
*Mr. Glavin*  
*Mr. Harbo*  
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*Mr. McIntire*  
*Mr. Naughton*  
*Mr. Nichols*  
*Mr. Pennington*  
*Mr. Schilder*  
*Mr. Tracy*  
*Miss Gandy*

December 30, 1937.

Honorable Marvin H. McIntyre,  
Secretary to the President,  
The White House,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. McIntyre:

I wish to acknowledge your letter transmitting certain uncomplimentary statements concerning representatives of this Bureau, transmitted to you for the attention of the President by Mrs. Cassius M. McDonald.

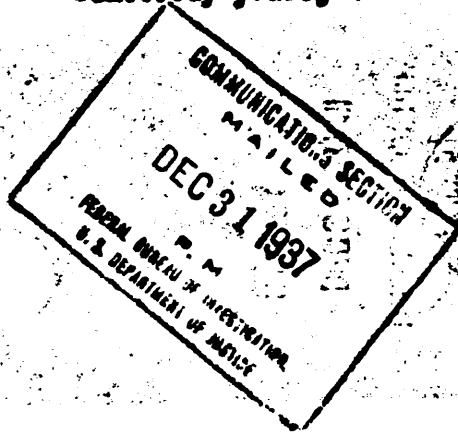
For your information I wanted to advise you that Mrs. McDonald is the wife of Cassius M. McDonald, who was one of the principal money changers in connection with the exchanging of the \$200,000 ransom obtained in the Edward George Bremer kidnaping in St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 17, 1934. Cassius M. McDonald was convicted on February 1, 1936, at St. Paul, Minnesota, and received a sentence of fifteen years for conspiracy to kidnap Mr. Edward George Bremer.

This Bureau was endeavoring to locate a typewriter, the property of Cassius M. McDonald, believed to be in the possession of Mrs. McDonald and to have been used in connection with an extortion case. I might state that no further efforts are being made to obtain this typewriter.

With assurances of my highest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. E. A. Tamm .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Crowl .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
Mr. Foxworth .....  
Mr. Glavin .....  
Mr. Harbo .....  
Mr. Hottel .....  
Mr. Lester .....  
Mr. McIntire .....  
Mr. Mumford .....  
Mr. Nichols .....  
Mr. Pennington .....  
Mr. Rosen .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Mr. E. J. Connelley .....  
Mr. Gandy .....



506 Fletcher Trust Building  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
September 23, 1937

BH:VLD  
7-9

Hon. Val Nolan,  
U. S. Attorney,  
Federal Building,  
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Re: EREKID

Attn: Mr. B. Howard Caughran,  
Assistant U. S. Attorney.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated September 21, 1937, enclosing original authorization signed by Anthony Amersbach, dated September 15, 1937, in connection with the contents of lock box #1838 at the Merchants National Bank, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Very truly yours,

Herold H. Reinecke,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Bureau

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7-576-14762  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
SEP 25 1937

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RE: GEORGE TIMINNEY

Inspector Foxworth:

The last report submitted by your office in this case is dated 5/11/37, and the investigation is now delinquent. This report contained a lead to secure certain handwriting specimens. The Bureau, by telegram dated 5/15/37, instructed that you discontinue any further investigation concerning these handwriting specimens. It does not appear that there is any further investigation to be conducted in the Newark district. You should review the file and thereafter promptly RUC the case to the office of origin.

SAC Devereaux:

Upon the recent arrival in this district of Special Agent Brennan, this Agent, upon my instructions, thoroughly reviewed instant file, and at the present time is composing a rough draft report. Report will be submitted shortly, and the proper action will be taken in accordance with your suggestions.

Inspection Report  
Newark Office  
Inspector Foxworth  
July 9, 1937

*This has been done  
off 8-17-37*

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400 U. S. Court House  
Buffalo, N.Y.

Sept. 25, 1937

Mr. J. A. Koch  
Assistant Cashier  
First National Bank  
Glens Falls, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated August 12, 1937, concerning Federal reserve note on a Federal Reserve Bank, Minneapolis, Minnesota, number 104426165A.

It will not be necessary for you to hold this note in your possession and you are free to dispose of it in any manner you see fit.

Very truly yours,

J. W. WARNES  
Special Agent in Charge

MHP:MS

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cc: Bureau  
Cincinnati

Re: BREKID.

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501 Healey Building,  
Atlanta, Georgia,  
September 24, 1937.

HEP:G  
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Mr. Marcus McWhorter, Chief Clerk,  
Motor Vehicle Division,  
State Revenue Commission,  
State Capitol,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

It is requested that you advise this office if either  
of the cars listed below have been registered for the current year  
in the State of Georgia:

1935 Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, motor #2044337.

1935 Plymouth Sedan, motor #P1-322772, serial #2619857.

It is also requested that if they are registered at any  
time in the future that you advise this office immediately.

Very truly yours,

J. W. VINCENT,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cincinnati  
Cleveland

RE: BREKID

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501 Healey Building,  
Atlanta, Georgia,  
September 24, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

RE: BREXID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of September 4, 1937, in the above entitled matter concerning the incarceration of one Dexter Sheffield, alias "Deck" Sheffield in the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, for violation of the liquor laws some four or five years ago, and requesting this division to make appropriate inquiries at that institution and if possible obtain a photograph of Sheffield.

Please be advised that A. B. Stallworth, Jr., Assistant Record Clerk of the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, after checking the records at that institution advised Special Agent H. B. Plaxico of this division that they had no record of Sheffield under his true name or alias and fitting the description furnished by your division being incarcerated at that institution.

Very truly yours,

J. W. VINCENT,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Bureau  
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Cleveland  
Charlotte

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Department of Justice  
Washington

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September 25, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR J. EDGAR HOOVER,  
DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Re: United States v. Joseph H. Adams  
and Henry Duke Randall.

In reply to your memorandum of September 2, 1937, the Criminal Division is inclined to believe that it is quite feasible and desirable that your bureau endeavor to obtain possession of the Browning automatic rifle which was taken from the possession of Joseph H. Adams by Special Agents during January, 1935.

As you are probably aware, under Section 1132(1), Title 26, U.S.C., of the National Firearms Act, the regulations concerning the transfer of such arms do not apply to the excepted agencies named therein.

According to the most recent information in the possession of the Criminal Division, this rifle is now in the possession of the United States Marshal at Miami, Florida. Although it is highly improbable that there will be any claimants to the weapon, it is suggested that your Miami office confer with the United States Attorney in that City for the purpose of taking appropriate action for the issuance of court order declaring the rifle to be the property of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Respectfully,

RECORDED  
*Brien McMahon*  
BRIEN MCMAHON,  
Assistant Attorney General.

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October 7, 1937

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Miami, Florida.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated September 24, 1937 concerning the drawing up of a libel for the purpose of confiscating the automatic rifle and turning the same over to the Bureau.

I am transmitting herewith a copy of a memorandum dated September 25, 1937 from Assistant Attorney General Brien McMahon concerning this matter which is self-explanatory.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Inclosure.



*Handwritten signatures and initials:*  
- A large, stylized signature, possibly "E. A. Tamm".  
- Several sets of initials and smaller signatures, including one that appears to be "J. E. H." and another "M. J. L."

SKW:rd  
7-24

1300 Biscayne Building  
Miami, Florida

September 27, 1937

Mr. Herbert S. Phillips  
United States Attorney  
Tampa, Florida

Att: Mr. Damon C. Yerkes,  
Asst. U. S. Attorney  
Jacksonville, Fla.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
et al.  
KIDNAPING, etc.

Dear Mr. Yerkes:

With reference to your letter of September 8, 1937, concerning the filing of a libel for the purpose of confiscating the automatic rifle which is being held at this office in the above investigation, please be advised that such action will be satisfactory.

For your information, the gun in question is a Browning Automatic Rifle which can only be identified through the label "Government Exhibit #33", dated June 8, 1937, with which it was tagged at the time it was introduced in evidence in the trial of Joseph H. Adams and "Duke" Randall at Miami. The serial numbers which originally appeared on this gun have been completely defaced and it cannot be described in any other way.

Very truly yours,

R. L. SHIVERS  
Special Agent in Charge

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September 28, 1937.

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PERSONAL

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Mr. C. W. Stein,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to Bureau letter dated August 21, 1937, calling your attention again to the prosecution of Harry Goldstein for the illegal sale of a .45 calibre Colt automatic pistol which was found in the possession of Alvin Karpis. You advised under date of August 25, 1937 that you expected to proceed to Tulsa, Oklahoma within a short time and that you would conduct the necessary investigation.

As you are aware of the Bureau's desire to have this particular phase of the investigation followed personally by you in the most expeditious manner possible, I desire that you advise the Bureau if you have had an opportunity to conduct this investigation and, in the event you have not, it is requested that you advise the Bureau when this investigation will be completed.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JEL:ERM

September 28, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREXID.

Dear Sir:

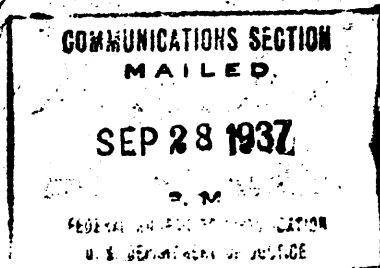
Your attention is invited to Bureau letter addressed to the Oklahoma City Office under date of July 26, 1937, a copy of which was forwarded to you, requesting that your office immediately review your file concerning Milton Lett with a view to initiating investigation in the immediate future to effect Lett's apprehension.

The Bureau desires that this investigation be followed by your office without further delay.

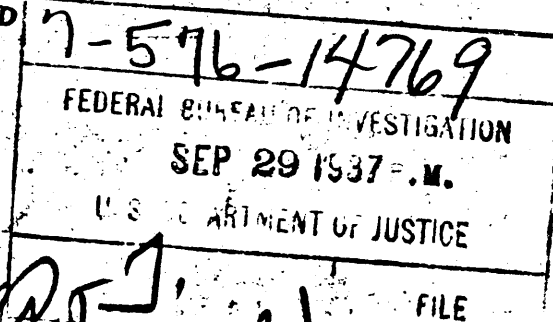
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
New York City.



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*WBT-J. J. J. J.*

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JEL:ERM

September 28, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Re: BREKID.

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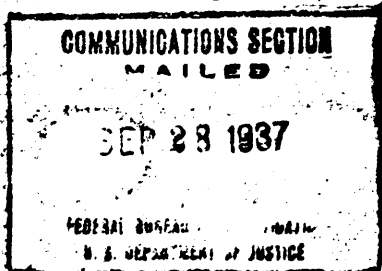
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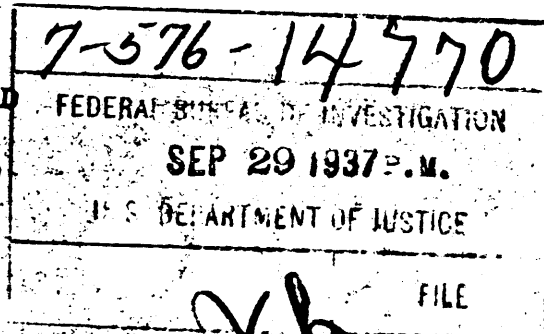
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
New York City.



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JEL:ERM

September 28, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

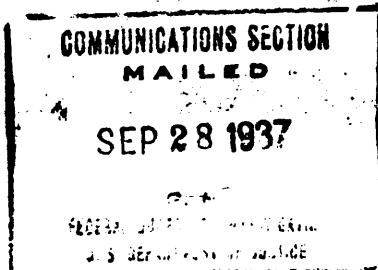
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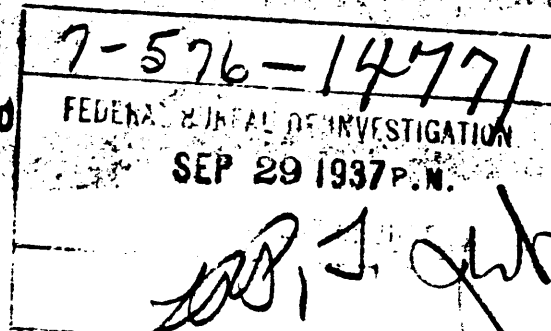
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
New York City.



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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

LEK:MM  
7-36

Post Office Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
September 27th, 1937

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

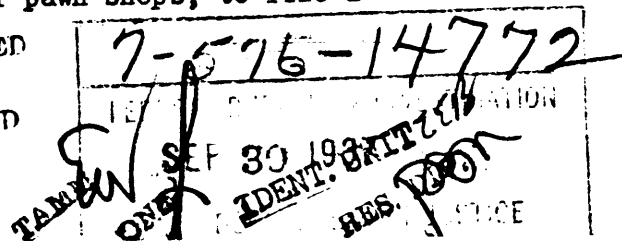
Reference is made to Bureau letters dated August 21st, 1937 and April 26th, 1937 relating to a .45 calibre Colt Automatic pistol sold by Harry Goldstein, pawn broker, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and found in the possession of Alvin Karpis at the time of his apprehension.

On September 22d, 1937 this matter was discussed with Roy Hyatt, Chief of Police, Tulsa by Agents L. E. Kingman and W. E. Hopton of this office. The matter was discussed diplomatically in order to avoid any chance for interference with the excellent cooperation now enjoyed by this office with the members of Mr. Hyatt's force and Mr. Hyatt himself. It was explained to Chief Hyatt that the gun in question had been checked and traced until it was discovered that in August, 1935 Harry Goldstein had sold it to a person whose identity could not be learned, and that due to Goldstein's failure to comply with the Tulsa city ordinance requiring the taking of fingerprints on the notice of purchase of firearms, that it was impossible to develop the identity of the person purchasing the gun.

During this discussion Chief Hyatt called in Captain George Reif with whom Special Agent Kingman had conferred after Agent Kingman discovered that the files of purchasers of firearms in possession of the Tulsa Police Department had failed to show any fingerprints of the purchaser. Captain Reif stated he recalled distinctly the conference had with Agent Kingman, which occurred about June, 1936, and that he had ordered H. Kiskadden, who had been in charge of the squad which made investigations of pawn shops, to file a

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complaint at that time against Harry Goldstein; that he, Reif, had left shortly thereafter on a vacation, and that upon his return he was again contacted by Agent Kingman relative to the complaint against Goldstein, and had taken the matter up again with Kiskadden, and in a conference with Kiskadden and other officers who were then assigned to the pawn shop detail, Kiskadden and these officers had urged that no prosecution be had against Goldstein since he was cooperative with them in furnishing information when people brought in stolen articles to his store; that they were afraid that prosecution would result in the loss of the cooperation with Goldstein.

Roy Hyatt called Harry Kiskadden, who is now assigned to the Record Room, into the conference and Kiskadden claimed he had forgotten everything about ever having been ordered by Captain Reif to file a complaint against Goldstein.

After reflecting on the situation, Roy Hyatt again conferred with Agents Kingman and Hopton and advised them that he did not believe it would be practicable to launch prosecution against Harry Goldstein under the city ordinance at this time, as the maximum fine is \$20.00 with costs, and that a conviction of Goldstein would not be productive of any information as to the identity of the purchaser of the gun, and that he was afraid Goldstein would consider that a complaint at this time was persecution rather than prosecution.

Mr. Hyatt further stated that the fact that the sale of the gun had taken place in August, 1935, during the administration prior to his, Hyatt's, as he did not take office until May, 1936, was an additional reason why he did not wish to authorize prosecution now against Goldstein. He stated further that Goldstein would have an excellent defense in the event of prosecution, due to the fact that it was common practice for the sellers of firearms to neg-

lect to take the fingerprints of the purchasers of such firearms, and that this particular ordinance had never been properly enforced, and that the files in possession of the Tulsa Police Department covering purchasers of firearms were full of sheets upon which fingerprints had not been recorded, and that no prosecution so far as he could determine, had ever been administered for such failure to provide fingerprints.

Mr. Hyatt said he believed the better course to pursue in this matter would be to call Harry Goldstein to the office of the Chief of Police, and in the presence of Bureau Agents outline to him in a very positive manner, the results of his failure to take fingerprints on selling instant gun, and the fact that Mr. Hoover, Director, was very much disappointed because the identity of the purchaser could not be determined, and that the Bureau had been occasioned considerable expense and trouble in tracing this gun, only to be stopped in their efforts by Goldstein's failure to comply with the ordinance.


It was ascertained that Harry Goldstein was out of the city of Tulsa on September 22d, 1937 on a business trip to Fort Worth, Texas and that he would return within a few days. Therefore, the conference in the office of Chief of Police Roy Hyatt with Goldstein was postponed until after the return of Mr. Hyatt from the Baltimore conference of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

As a result of this conference, Mr. Hyatt informed Agents Kingman and Hyatt that he was issuing orders to A. B. Leach, who is now in charge of the pawn shop detail, to give a course of instructions to all sellers of firearms in Tulsa in the taking of fingerprints, in order that fingerprints being recorded on the notice of purchase of firearms shall in the future be properly rolled and of sufficient detail to enable classification, as it has been noted that the fingerprints taken in the past on these notices of purchase have been very meagre, taken with

ordinary stamp pad, and in many instances, smeared or with only the tips of the fingers showing, and not of sufficient detail to enable classification. Mr. Hyatt also stated he was instructing Officer Leach to notify every vendor of firearms that in the future this ordinance was going to be rigidly enforced.

As stated in the Bureau's letter of April 26th, 1937 we can not compel the Tulsa Police Department to prosecute Goldstein and it is quite apparent that no such prosecution will be instituted. You will be advised of the nature and results of the conference had in the office of Chief of Police Roy Hyatt, with Mr. Harry Goldstein, discussing this matter in the presence of Bureau Agents.

Very truly yours,

  
C. W. STEIN,  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

CC Cincinnati

FJM:EG

October 1, 1937.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

The ransom notes designated below taken from the cases indicated, have been placed in the ransom note exhibit, contained in a cabinet in the Director's office reception room:

Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I. O. #1218, et al.;  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping,  
Bureau File #7-576

One Ransom note beginning "We are now dealing with you as you requested\*\*\*".

One ransom note beginning "The coppers jimmied the last payoff.\*\*\*".

One ransom note beginning "You are hereby declared in on a very desperate undertaking\*\*\*".

Unknown Subjects; Caleb Jones Milne, Fourth, with aliases;  
Caleb Jones Milne, Second - Victim; Kidnaping; Extortion.

7-1533-1 A. Original extortion letter composed of words clipped from newspapers beginning "Your brother he\*\*\*".

C. Envelope addressed to Frederick Milne and postmarked "Poughkeepsie, New York, December 14, 1935, 7:30 P. M.".

Hanap, Bureau File #7-77

Two ransom notes addressed to Mr. William Dunn by kidnapers of William Hamm, Junior, which are mentioned in Laboratory Report #7-77-148

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George R. Kelly, et al. - Subjects;  
Charles F. Urschel - Victim; Kidnaping.  
Bureau File #7-115

One ransom note beginning "In view of the fact  
that you have\*\*\*".

One ransom note beginning "The enclosed letter  
from Charles F. Urschel\*\*\*".

William Mahan, with aliases, et al.;  
George Weyerhaeuser - Victim; Kidnaping.  
Bureau File #7-1367.

7-1367-1 A. Original ransom letter beginning

"To whom it may concern

1. \$200,000 in cash.

2. \$100,000 in \$20.00 bills.\*\*\*".

B. Envelope in which above letter was  
mailed to J. P. Weyerhaeuser,  
420 North 4th Street, Tacoma, Washington,  
postmarked "Tacoma, Washington,  
May 24, 1935, 6 P. M.".

7-1367-248 B Original typewritten note beginning

"enclose letter from George\*\*\*".

C Original letter beginning "May 28, 1935  
I don't know where I am Mother."

D Original typewritten note beginning  
"You were informed last night by letter  
from us also one from George that you were  
to be here\*\*\*".

J Original typewritten note beginning  
"Follow directions closely leave your car  
here motor running done light on leave  
money\*\*\*".

E. P. Coffey.

September 28, 1937.

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~~PERSONAL~~

Mr. D. Brantley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sirs

Your attention is invited to Bureau letter dated August 4, 1937, again calling to your attention the suggestion made by the Bureau relative to the prosecution of Alvin Karpis on a charge of murder at West Plains, Missouri.

As you are aware of the Bureau's desire to have this matter given your personal attention, it is desired that you advise the Bureau if you have had an opportunity to conduct the necessary investigation concerning this matter. In the event you have not had an opportunity to conduct this investigation, the Bureau desires to be advised as to the approximate date on which you will conduct the necessary interviews requested by the Bureau concerning this matter.

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Bauchman .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Crowl .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
Mr. Foxworth .....  
Mr. Glavin .....  
Mr. Harbo .....  
Mr. Hottel .....  
Mr. Lester .....  
Mr. McIntire .....  
Mr. Naughton .....  
Mr. Nichols .....  
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Mr. Schilder .....  
Mr. Tamm .....

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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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*John Edgar Hoover*



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Special Agent in Charge,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

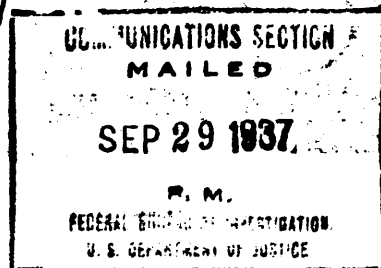
Your attention is invited to Bureau letter addressed to the Oklahoma City Office under date of July 26, 1937, a copy of which was forwarded to you, requesting that your office immediately review your file concerning Milton Lett with a view to initiating investigation in the immediate future to effect Lett's apprehension.

The Bureau desires that this investigation be followed by your office without further delay.

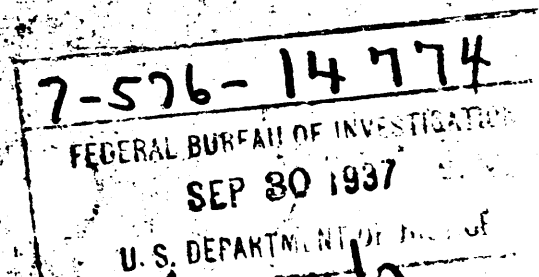
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
New York City.



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Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: BREKID.

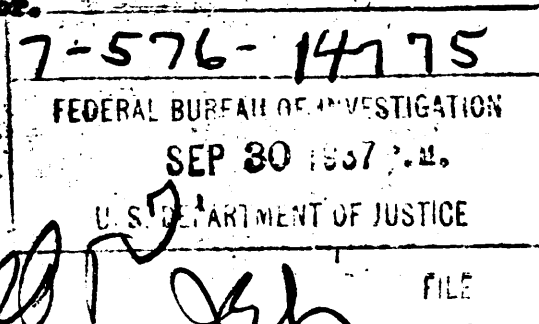
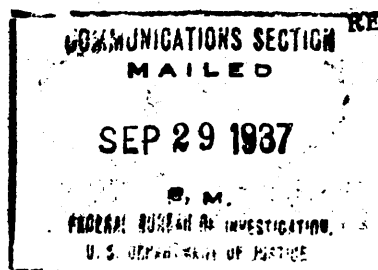
Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to Bureau letter dated August 25, 1937, again calling your attention to the report of Special Agent A. E. Farland, dated at Kansas City, July 13, 1937, in connection with certain statements made by Preston Leroy Paden concerning Attorney Hugh Larimer, and requesting that investigation be conducted immediately regarding a possible violation of the Harboring Statute by Larimer.

To date the Bureau file fails to reflect that your office has complied with these instructions. It is desired that this matter be placed in line for immediate investigative attention and that the Bureau be promptly advised.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
SEPTEMBER 29, 1937.

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Edwards & Bremer  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with request contained in your telegram dated September 28, 1937, there is transmitted herewith a descriptive photograph of Howard W. Davis, alias Jack Davis, alias Carl A. Black, United States Penitentiary Annex, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, No. 35081.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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9/30/37 - 5-24 Richmond  
Cincinnati

W.S. Branch of Cincinnati  
Dear Gentlemen:  
Tell me whether John Santoni  
the noted Robber off the west  
Have ever been caught or  
not? Please forward me  
his photo graph at once I have  
a man off his description  
spotted near we think I saw  
his photo graph in the west  
But I forgot the picture  
Have not been caught we  
think we got him near with  
out fail He is passing as a  
Colored man & got a colored  
woman for a sweet heart  
He have been her a little  
better than 6 months when  
you send me his photo if this  
is him I will notify you  
once I tel me what is the  
Reward for him Respefully

J.H. Marshall

100 words

9/30/37

524 Richmond St.

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Dear Gentlemen:

Pleas Tell me whother John Hamlaton the Noted Robber off the west Have Ever ben caught or Not. if not Pleas foward me His Poto Graph at once. I Have a man off His Discription spotted Hear we think. I Saw His Poto-Graph in the west But I for got the Fetures. if He Have not ben caugh we think wee got Him Hear with Out Fail. He is poseing as a colored man & got a colored womman for a sweat-Heart. He Have ben Her a little Better than 6 months. When you send me his poto if this is Him I will Noterfy you at once & tel me what is the Reward for Him.

Respectfully

J. W. MARSHALL (S)

JHM:PED

October 8, 1937.

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Mr. J. W. Marshall,  
524 Richmond Street,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Your letter of September 30, 1937, has been received, in which you request information concerning John Hamilton.

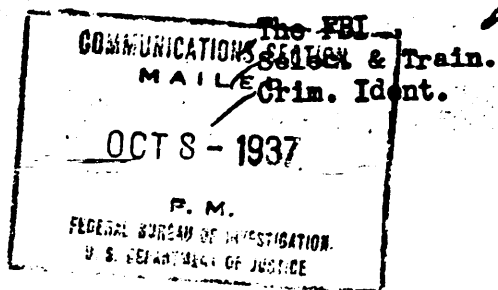
Your interest in law enforcement and your desire to assist in the capture of John Hamilton are indeed appreciated; however, I wish to advise that Hamilton was injured in a gun battle when he and other members of the gang with which he was associated fled from Little Bohemia, Minnesota, on the evening of April 23, 1934, and he died shortly thereafter.

In the belief that you may find them of some interest, I am enclosing several pamphlets which are descriptive of the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,  
Kansas City, Missouri  
October 2, 1937

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter of September 28, 1937 (Bureau File 7-576), seeking information as to whether I have had opportunity to conduct certain interviews and investigation in connection with the proposed prosecution of Alvin Karpis at West Plains, Missouri for the murder of Sheriff Kelly there several years ago.

In response to Bureau letter of August 4, 1937, concerning this subject matter, I wrote you on August 11th, outlining certain conversations and interviews I had had with officials at West Plains with respect to the prosecution of Karpis.

In the last paragraph of my letter it was stated that upon receipt of further advices from the Prosecuting Attorney, the Bureau would be further advised. To date, I have had no further word from Mr. Roberts, Prosecuting Attorney at West Plains, concerning this case, and I have today written him.

My views with respect to what will be required for the successful prosecution of this case are outlined in my letter to you of August 11th, 1937.

I wish that you would advise me whether you desire the Bureau to conduct any investigation in this case, in the event Mr. Roberts intends to prosecute Karpis for this murder.

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Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box #1525  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

October 4, 1937

Special Agent in Charge  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Re: BREXID

*Edward G. Bremer*

Dear Sir:

Upon examining the Pittsburgh Office file entitled as above--which file has been R.U.C.ed in the records of this office upon suggestion of Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd at a recent inspection--it has been found that the photographs of Carl Straka and Ralph Straka, attached to your letter of April 13, 1937, were not returned to your office as suggested.

The photographs are now being returned, attached hereto.

Very truly yours,

R. J. UNTERKINER  
Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

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September 28, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: BREKID

For your information, Mrs. Philip David, formerly Mrs. Toby Pincel, the wife of the individual who rented Alvin Karpis and Grace Goldstein their house at 124 Clubb Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, for about two months beginning in early December, 1935, related in a signed statement that Chief of Detectives Akers and City Attorney A. T. Davies brought an incinerator to 124 Clubb Street, and that Akers with the former Police Chief, Wakelin, and two unknown men brought a package to that house while Karpis resided there.

It might be stated that Mrs. David is well-acquainted with Akers and Wakelin while she is not acquainted with Mr. Davies and her identification of him as accompanying Akers to the Karpis hide-out is related from what her late husband stated.

Respectfully,

J. E. Lawler  
J. E. Lawler.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati

FILE NO. 7-15 ALT/WH

REPORT MADE AT New Orleans	DATE WHEN MADE 10-1-37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9-20, 23-37	REPORT MADE BY Wilmer L. Thompson
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. No. 1232; et al; Edward George Bremer - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: [REDACTED] advises no information available concerning J. W. Mullins' present whereabouts; [REDACTED] indicate that the St. Louis Branch of that company on 9-18-37 referred Mullins to St. Louis Division, F. B. I. as possible NMVTA subject in view of alleged connection with auto theft ring operating out of Evansville, Ind.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent William T. Morton, Memphis, 9-3-37.</p> <p>DETAILS: At Shreveport, La.</p> <p>Mr. J. D. Boyd, Manager, Sinclair Oil Company service station, Bossier City, La., informed agent on September 20, 1937 that he understood that the Wray-Dickerson Motor Company had some information concerning the present whereabouts of Mullins.</p> <p>On September 23, 1937 interview was had with [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED] allowed agent to examine his file in Mullins' case and it was noted that a report of the St. Louis Branch of the company, dated September 20, 1937, signed by RHW, branch manager, states that information received indicates that Mullins has been living in Evansville, Ind., and that he has been working for Bruce Richardson Company of New York City. It appears that he has again worked his old game of sending in fictitious orders and then cashing the commission check on same. The report also indicates that the car in Mullins' possession when last seen was a Tudor Sedan and not</p>			
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a Four Door Sedan which might mean that he has disposed of the car he purchased in Shreveport, La. The file also shows that Mullins was reported to the St. Louis Division of the Bureau [redacted] as being a possible subject in an alleged auto theft ring working out of Evansville, Ind.

[redacted] stated that he had originally contacted the St. Louis Branch because of information received from the Wray-Dickerson Motor Company to the effect that one Holmes had written them concerning instant car. Holmes was contacted [redacted] and it appeared that he was actuated by a desire to get a reward for the recovery of the Mullins car. This information is the same as that referred to by Mr. Boyd.

[redacted] stated that he would notify agent should he obtain any information concerning the whereabouts of Mullins but that he very much doubted any further payments would be received from this man.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: ST. LOUIS DIVISION: At St. Louis, Mo., will keep in touch with [redacted] for information concerning the whereabouts of J. W. Mullins.

No leads are being set out to conduct investigation at Evansville, Ind., such being left to the St. Louis Division who, no doubt, are in possession of more information than that set out in the report [redacted]

P E N D I N G

507 Federal Building  
Box 2778  
Juneau, Alaska  
September 21, 1937

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Mr. Oscar O. Olson  
Territorial Treasurer  
Juneau, Alaska

Re: BREKID *Edmond & R...*

Dear Sir:

This Office, in connection with an official investigation, respectfully requests that you have a stop notice placed in your automobile registration file in order that this Office will be notified in the event an individual named J. M. ~~LETT~~, with aliases: Milton Lett and Carl Baker, registers an automobile in the Territory of Alaska.

This Office likewise desires to be notified in the event a 1935 Ford V-8 two door Sedan, Motor #2044332 or a 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor PJ 322772, Serial #2619807, is registered in your office in the future.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this and other similar matters, I am

Very truly yours,

D. S. Hostetter  
Special Agent in Charge

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United States Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 1469,  
Little Rock, Arkansas,  
October 2, 1937.

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

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter dated September 15, 1937 at Jefferson City, Missouri, from Mrs. EDNA MURRAY, an inmate of the Missouri State Penitentiary, this letter being addressed to Special Agent Daniel P. Sullivan.

It will be noted that Mrs. MURRAY mentions that she is preparing her file to present to the Parole Board. It may be mentioned that Agent Sullivan was brought into contact with Mrs. MURRAY at the various trials held in connection with the BREKID and HANAP cases at St. Paul, Minnesota, Toledo, Ohio, and Jacksonville, Florida, in which trials Mrs. MURRAY appeared as a witness for the Government.

The enclosed letter is being transmitted to the Bureau for whatever action, if any, the Bureau desires to take in connection with the request of Mrs. MURRAY. You are advised that receipt of this letter will not be acknowledged by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan unless the Bureau deems it advisable that this be done.

Very truly yours,

*Chapmon Fletcher*  
CHAPMON FLETCHER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Cincinnati  
Cleveland  
Mr. Connelley

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# MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY

JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

Prisoners must strictly comply with the following: They may write not to exceed two letters each week. They are not allowed to receive eatables of any kind. Newspapers and other reading matter must be received direct from the publishers, or their agents. The reward of good conduct is early release; prisoners should be encouraged to be good. All outgoing letters must be written on this stationery and must not exceed one sheet of paper, and on one side of paper only. DO NOT SEND MONEY IN ANY OTHER FORM THAN BY POSTOFFICE OR EXPRESS MONEY ORDER, AND MADE PAYABLE TO SECRETARY, Missouri State Prison.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Number \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Name Mrs Edna Murray  
Box 900. Register No. 28973 No. 1 letter this week  
Hall \_\_\_\_\_ Jefferson City, Mo. \_\_\_\_\_ 193

Jefferson City, Missouri.  
September 15th, 1937.

Mr. Daniel P. Sullivan,  
Agent Department of Justice,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Now that I am in such poor health, I am building up my file to present to the Parole Board, desirous of securing a release so that I might get the proper medical care.

As you know I have been truthful and tried to aid the U. S. Government, volunteering my testimony freely in various cases; namely, Bremer-Hamm Kidnaping trials and Karpis Investigation in Toledo, Ohio.

Will you please write a letter in my behalf to the Missouri Pardon and Parole Board stating my service to the U. S. Government. Mail letter to Warden J. M. Sanders, Jefferson City, Missouri, who will present same to the Board.

Your letter will be of much benefit to me and I trust you will not think I am taking too much liberty in asking this favor. Thanking You, I am,

Very truly yours,

Mrs Edna Murray  
Mrs. Edna Murray.

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October 13, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

RE: MURKID.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your communication dated October 7, 1937, to which was attached a letter from Mrs. Edna Murray addressed to Special Agent Daniel P. Sullivan under date of September 15, 1937, requesting that a letter be forwarded in her behalf to Warden J. H. Sanders, Jefferson City, Missouri.

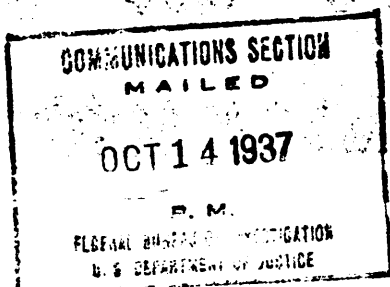
Please be advised that the Bureau does not consider it advisable to have Agent Sullivan direct a letter to Edna Murray. The Kansas City Office was recently advised of a letter which Edna Murray wrote to the Bureau requesting a similar letter and it was advised to have an Agent, when next at the penitentiary, interview Edna Murray and advise her that my position precludes my writing such a letter.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to the Kansas City Office with the request that the Agent assigned to interview Edna Murray mention the fact that Agents are not permitted to write such letters.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Kansas City  
Cincinnati  
Cleveland  
Mr. Connelley - Chicago



*[Handwritten signature]*

*[Handwritten initials]*

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

KRM:CJ

September 2, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

Upon the request of Mr. Vogel I am submitting to you herewith my knowledge of the use of technical equipment in the field.

It is my recollection that in the fall of 1935 Special Agents Brown, Madala and others under the supervision of Mr. Connelley set up a two-way radio system [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I understand that the Agents had an apartment rented a short distance therefrom and the purpose of the radio setup was to gain information as to what was transpiring [REDACTED] It is my recollection that this setup worked unusually well.

I seem to recall that some technical equipment was used during the surveillance of Mr. Karpavicz, the father of Alvin O Karpis, on Chicago's North Side. I have no recollection as to the details. I believe, however, that Agent Criss was assigned to this matter and would know the details.

It is my recollection that Agents of the New York office used a microphone which was suspended in the fireplace of Frankie Foster's apartment. I do not know whether any results were had but I do recall that the presence of the microphone was detected by the women associated with Frankie Foster. Agent W. S. Devereaux is familiar with the details of this matter.

Respectfully,

*K. R. McIntire*  
K. R. McIntire.

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FILE NO. 7-2

REPORT MADE AT Memphis, Tennessee	DATE WHEN MADE 10/4/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/1-2/37	REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM T. MORTON WTM:C
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEX 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 FUGITIVE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> "Ginger" Morgan identified clipping of newspaper article bearing on Alvin Karpis, which appeared in the Chicago Herald and Examiner on 12/1/35, as the one she displayed to Grace Goldstein at time Karpis was supposed to be consorting with her.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Letter from Little Rock Division dated 9/27/37.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE:</p> <p>On 10/2/37, Della May Jeffries, alias "Ginger" Morgan, who is now residing at the Monroe Hotel, 73 Monroe Avenue, Memphis, appeared at the Memphis office, at which time she was shown photostats of two articles bearing on Alvin Karpis which appeared in the Chicago Herald and Examiner on 10/20/35 and 12/1/35. She immediately identified the article dated 12/1/35 as being the one she referred to in her signed statement, contained in the report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated 8/10/37, which she informs she displayed to Grace Goldstein at the time the latter was supposed to be consorting with in Hot Springs, Arkansas. At this time, she placed her initials on the photostat which she identified.</p> <p>In an effort to locate "Ginger" in Memphis, it was ascertained that she no longer resides at the house of prostitution located at 275 South Third Street, and at this time the housekeeper, Ola Martin, white, appeared very much interested in "Ginger" and assisted in her location. It was noted that the Martin woman continually stated that she knew the "mob" over at Hot Springs, and that she was afraid that she was going to get in trouble and "some of that bunch in Hot Springs would beat her brains out."</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>A. S. [Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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She was brought to the Memphis office and questioned at great length, at which time she informed that she had frequently practiced prostitution in Hot Springs, Arkansas, particularly during 1935 and 1936, and that she was a close friend of Grace Goldstein. However, she at no time worked in any house operated by the latter. No information was obtained from her, and she emphatically denied that she had ever seen Karpis or any of the members of his gang in Hot Springs, but she had good reason to believe that they were there during the above mentioned years. She also advised that she had recently been in Hot Springs, and that Grace Goldstein informed the Chief of Police, Joe Wakelin, also Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers, were very worried over the Bureau's investigation of this matter.

This matter concerning Ola Martin is being included herein with the belief that the Little Rock office might deem it advisable to ascertain from the files of this case if Ola Martin is any way connected with this investigation and should again be interviewed.

On 9/20/37, Pauline Hargrove, a prospective witness in this case, called the Memphis office by long distance from Atlanta, Georgia, and advised that her present address is Pauline Hargrove, in care of Henry-Grady, Atlanta, Georgia.

On 9/16/37 Gertrude Theresa Nichols, alias Jackie Wright, advised the Memphis office that she is presently living at the Monroe Hotel, 73 Monroe Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

**ATLANTA DIVISION AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA:** Is requested to contact Pauline Hargrove at the Henry-Grady Hotel and advise her that she should keep in touch with that office as long as she is in that office's territory, in order that she may be available as a witness in the event this case is brought to trial.

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United States Department of Justice

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Post Office Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
October 5th, 1937

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of September 28th, 1937 (Bureau file #7-576) calling attention to Bureau letter of July 26th, 1937 instructing that this office review the file concerning Milton Lett with a view to discovering leads whereby he may be apprehended, your attention is invited to a report of Special Agent W. E. Hopton, Oklahoma City, dated August 21st, 1937. Although his report was not formally announced as a review of the file, in fact the file had been reviewed by Agent Hopton prior to the reported investigation. His report covers the known contacts of Lett in Oklahoma and the undeveloped leads pending therein will receive attention within the very near future.

Very truly yours,

*C. W. Stein*  
C. W. STEIN,  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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Post Office Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
October 5th, 1937

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of September 28th, 1937 (Bureau file 7-576) relating to the prosecution of Harry Goldstein for the illegal sale of a .45 Colt pistol which was found in the possession of Alvin Karpis, please refer to the letter from this office dated September 27th, 1937.

Due to unavoidable circumstances I have not been able to proceed to Tulsa for the purpose of conducting the necessary investigation. However, on September 22d, 1937 Special Agent L. E. Kingman, Number One man in this office, was in Tulsa and had previously contacted Chief of Police Roy Hyatt and other members of the Police Department regarding this very same matter. It will be recalled that Special Agent Kingman originally conducted the investigation in Tulsa relating to the .45 automatic pistol. Accordingly, he was instructed to contact Chief of Police Roy Hyatt for the purpose of bringing this violation of a city ordinance to a head.

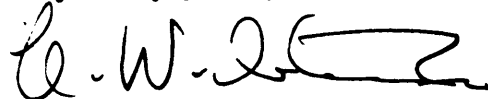
You will note that in the letter submitted by this office on September 27th, 1937 that it was of importance that Agent Kingman conducted this investigation inasmuch as the question of the conference had by Agent Kingman with Captain George Reif of the Police Department was in issue, particularly as to the activities of Officer Kiskadden, who had failed to file a complaint when instructed to do so by Captain George Reif.

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This matter will be followed up so that the Bureau  
can be advised of the ultimate opinion of Chief of  
Police Roy Hyatt.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'C. W. Stein', with a stylized, sweeping flourish at the end.

C. W. STEIN,  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
629 First National Bank Building,  
Omaha, Nebraska.  
October 6, 1937.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID.

Mr. George Howell, Howell Furniture Company, 2570 Leavenworth Street, Omaha, Nebraska, telephonically contacted the Omaha Field Office and requested that an Agent be sent to interview him. Special Agent D. J. Kennedy interviewed Mr. Howell, and submitted the following memorandum covering this interview:

"A woman named Mrs. A. C. Gleeson, 820 South 29th Street, Omaha, who owns a number of apartments and purchases furniture from Mr. Howell, told him that one of her former tenants was a woman named Mrs. Gladys Sawyer. According to Mrs. Gleeson, Mrs. Sawyer drank heavily and while in these drunken stupors, told Mrs. Gleeson that she was the wife of one of the Bremer kidnapers; that her husband was presently serving a life sentence at Alcatraz; that \$30,000 of the ransom money was buried near the Illinois Central Railway Station (which one was not mentioned to Mr. Howell), but that she was afraid to get it because the money was numbered and was hot. Mrs. Gleeson told Mr. Howell that Mrs. Sawyer is presently in Chicago; that one of the other tenants had recently been commissioned to sell Mrs. Sawyer's furniture for her and would undoubtedly know her address in Chicago.

"Mr. Howell requested that no mention of his name be made in this matter."

The writer and Special Agent J. L. Flood interviewed Mrs. Gleeson at her rooming house at 820 South 29th Street, Omaha. Mrs. Gleeson advised that for several weeks during April and May, 1937, Mrs. Gladys Sawyer occupied an apartment at her rooming house and that at no time had Mrs. Sawyer advised her of any of her past associations with criminals or any related information. Mrs. Gleeson advised that the information she received with reference to money or valuables being buried beneath the Illinois Central Railroad Bridge (not Station) was obtained from Mrs. Evelyn Caito, who also occupies an apartment in Mrs. Gleeson's rooming house.

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